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GOOD BUSINESS.

One of the finest illustrations of cooperative enterprise of an international sort noticed by the Observer is that of the Pacific Northwestern Tourist Association. This association embraces the states of Oregon and Washington and the province of British Columbia. Its purpose is to bring to the attention of the tourist public the world over the advantages of these three mountain and ocean districts for holiday purposes. The association has functioned for some time now and has proven its worth to all three of the districts interested.

There is no doubt but that in the districts mentioned there is for the tourist everything that a tourist could wish for in the way of recreation, entertainment and recuperation. Alongside, California offers little that is really worth while. The work of the association has been to acquaint the world with the facts. Results already achieved have shown that the efforts has been of decided benefit. Not only has the stream of tourist traffic been immeasurably increased at small expense, but permanent settlement has been induced and all three districts are the better off today because of this enterprise.

In the judgment of the Observer this is a work that should be continued. Not only that. It should have greater encouragement than it has had heretofore. For the amount expended thus far notable results have been achieved. It is certain to men who know the value of well planned publicity that these results might be doubled if the means were forthcoming from the governments interested. The movement is international and of the sort the Observer would like to see extended. It means profit in permanent as well as seasonal ways. It would not be good business for Oregon, for instance, to drop out of the triumvirate.

AFRAID OF JAPAN AND BRITIAN.

Current discussion of the armament question shows that the only opposition to disarmament that amounts to anything in this country is based on fear of the British and Japanese navies. Everybody wants to limit armament expenditure if it can be done safely. The issue, therefore, becomes simply a question whether America has any reason to fear the Japanese or British navy if all three countries should agree to stop competitive building.

Information at Washington shows that at present the Japanese naval strength is about half as great as ours and the British about twice as great. If Japan and America both carry out the present building programs, their relative strength will not be materially changed. Japan will have a slight advantage in battle cruisers, but in capital ships, destroyers, submarines and airplane ships, and therefore inferior in complete fighting power.

The issue as between Japan and America seems clear. Our navy today could easily dispose of the Japanese navy if occasion arose, and could dispose of it almost as easily if all nations finished all the warships they now plan to build. What of the use of spending billions if the situation is to be substantially the same afterward that it was before the expenditure?

The American-British problem is a little more complex. The British navy presumably could sink ours if the two were to meet now in a finish fight under equal conditions. It could probably do the same five years hence if we keep on building fighting craft, though not so easily as at present. Obviously, if we want to surpass the British navy, we shall have to keep on, after 1925. We can do it, eventually, but it will take billions.

Is it worth while? Do we need a navy greater than Britain's, or as great?

Putting aside traditional fear or prejudice, and looking at historical and actual facts, we find that for a hundred years we have had no serious trouble with Great Britain, while all the time she has had a navy stronger than ours. On several occasions her navy has protected us or cooperated with ours. Her relations with us are now more friendly than ever, and there is the strongest motive on her part for such friendliness—Britain's own self-interest. She cannot get along and hold her scattered empire together and keep her place in the world without American support. She knows that to attack America would be her ruin.

This same self-interest pulls the teeth from the British-Japanese alliance. Britain is as little likely to attack America on Japan's score as on her own. The treaty of alliance, contrary to the usual impression in this country, does not bind her to such action. A prominent British statesman has recently, in a public statement, emphasized the fact that, by the terms of that treaty, neither Japan nor Britain is obligated to join the other in a war against a nation with which the non-belligerent is on friendly terms.

LOBBYING AT WASHINGTON.

Senator Kenyon's recent philippic against lobbying should not go unheeded, either in Washington or in the outer zones that Washington is supposed to represent. He declares that the national capital is swarming with lobbyists.

"You cannot go to your office," he reminded his fellow-senators, "you cannot get through the corridors anywhere, without having some of these lobbyists talking to you about bills in Congress."

There are the "oil lobby," the "lumber lobby," the "farmer lobby, the "sugar lobby" and about as many other kinds of lobby as there are business interests in the country. With the start of tariff legislation the past has naturally multiplied. Steel, wool, cotton, leather and all other industries that hope to benefit by a new tariff send their representatives, or employ professional lobbyists already quartered in Washington.

Most of the lobbying is said to be paid for; it is free, rather than public spirit or legitimate self-interest, that actuates the men who seek the ears of congressmen. The thing is sure to grow much worse with the beginning of the new administration unless stern measures are adopted. For the protection of the law-makers, and also the executive officials, something should be done.

There is an obvious remedy at hand. At the beginning of President Wilsons administration the Senate, aroused by a similar situation, at the President's suggestion created a "lobby committee." That committee still exists. It does not seem ever to have done much except investigate, but, presumably, it understands the situation thoroughly, and can act if it chooses. The public will feel safer if it shows signs of activity.

A good many critics "blames the buyers' strike" for the fall in prices, when they ought to praise it. That fall was due to come, and the only blamable people were short-sighted business men who refused to make the re-adjustment voluntarily and naturally.

Inasmuch as an "American princess" is said to be footing King Constantine's payroll, it's a clever idea on somebody's part, to speak of the affair as a "Checko-Greek alliance." Only, of course, Constantine isn't a Greek.

One of Mr. Harding's troubles arises from the fact that the best minds do not always mind the best.

Buy your Wright's Condensed Smoke now at Putnam's. 1-15-tf

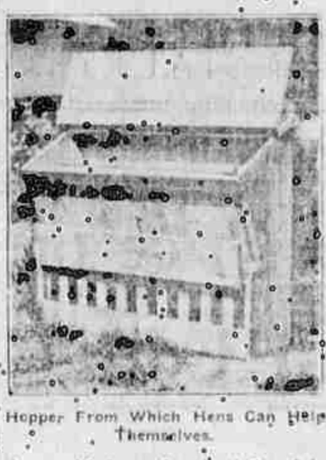
POULTRY

FEEDS FOR BACKYARD FLOCK

Dry Mash Is Recommended in Addition to Assortment of Grains and Table Scraps.

In addition to the grain and the table scraps given a backyard flock it is well to feed a dry mash. This dry mash is composed of various ground grains and is placed in a mash hopper or box from which the hens can help themselves. The advantage of feeding such a mash is that the hens always have access to feed, and this tends to make up for any faulty, inexperienced, or insufficient feeding. The hens do not like the dry mash so well that they are likely to overeat, but it will supply a source of feed in case they are not getting enough grain feed. The dry mash also provides a suitable medium for feeding beef scrap, a certain amount of which may or may not be necessary, depending upon the amount of meat scraps available in the table waste. If the hens show a tendency to become overfat it may be desirable to close the mash hopper during a part of the day and allow them access to it only during a certain period, preferably the afternoon.

A good dry mash, recommended by poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, is composed of equal parts by weight of corn meal, wheat bran, wheat middlings, and beef scrap. Another mash is composed of three parts by weight of corn meal and one part beef scrap. Still a third mash, which has given excellent results, is composed of one pound of wheat bran, one pound of wheat middlings, 6.5 pounds of beef scrap, and 16.5 pounds of corn meal. The beef scrap used in the dry mash is usually the most expensive ingredient, but it is an essential part of the mash and very efficient for egg production. It should not be eliminated or reduced unless the quantity of meat in the table scraps is considerable or unless some other product can be substituted for it. Fish scrap when available, may replace the beef scrap, or cottonseed meal can be used to replace one-half the beef scrap in the mash. No attempt should be made to replace more than half the beef scrap with cottonseed meal, as the results in egg production and in the quality of the eggs will be unsatisfactory.



Hopper From Which Hens Can Help Themselves.

Green-cut bone can often be purchased from the butcher. This material when procured fresh makes an excellent substitute for beef scrap. It should be purchased in small quantities, as it cannot be kept fresh for any length of time and when spoiled may cause severe bowel trouble. It's best fed in a trough not oftener than every other day, allowing about one-half ounce per bird. Should severe or continued looseness of the bowels follow the feeding of green-cut bone, it should be discontinued or the quantity reduced.

VICE OF FEATHER PLUCKING

Some Authorities Attribute Habit to Lack of Scratching Facilities While Confined.

Among the annoying vices that fowls in confinement will contract is that of feather plucking. The reason for it is not clearly established; some attribute it to the birds being kept in close quarters devoid of scratching facilities, while others are of the opinion that it is a lack of meat in the ration or a want of green stuff. But whatever it is it is a nasty vice. Changing conditions will sometimes bring relief; others advocate a change of ration giving stuffs of a cooling nature to which has been added a pinch of salt. If only one or two hens are guilty in a flock they had better be killed before others take up the habit. Paring down the beak so that it will not close tight to nip or pull out the feathers will be found effective. The busy hen with room to turn around in and green, wholesome food scarcely ever contracts this vice.

HENS BETTER THAN PULLETS

Older Fowls Are Preferred for Breeding Purposes—Cockerels Most Satisfactory.

Usually hens make better breeders than pullets. Cockerels, if well grown and matured, often give better fertility than older birds. However, cock birds that have proved good breeders should be used.

Moors' Holy City.

Sheshaun, in Morocco, is one of the few cities left in the world whose streets have never been trodden by a white man. It is the holy city of the Moors, and is so jealously guarded that no European explorer has ever been able to enter it.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By Rusco—

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I'd hate to be the guy who lives
In advertising pages;
He waltzes about in underwear
Although a blizzard rages.

Nowadays a baker's dozen means about eleven.

Wouldn't it be awful if everybody were to take one of those Be-Your-Own-Boss correspondence courses.

Judge Taft, of Los Angeles, Calif., says everybody ought to think it over seriously for ten days before he gets married.

By that time he'll either have changed his mind or spent his license money.

Recently triplets came to the home of a family in St. Catherine, Ont. They named 'em Faith, Hope and Charity, in order of their arrival. Had they been quadruplets, the fourth probably would have been christened Calamity.

Jesse James did a lot of mean things. But he never tried to rent a $10 house for $20 and make the tenant pay his own water bill.

The average man has all the respect and deference in the world for the weaker sex. That explains why so many of 'em will see a woman hang on a street car strap—they believe the physical exercise will be good for her muscles.

In referring to a musical show inadvertently as a "muscle" show we believe one of our esteemed contemporaries was more or less right.

The "pen" is mightier than the county jail.

The harder it rains the more soft water we get.

Once upon a time a lawyer met a fool and his money; the next day the fool met the lawyer with his money.

A friend of ours, and we are not modest in admitting that, in our unimportant opinion, says that another thing that jars the sox off a married man is the fact that if he tries to save any money he gets a reputation of being mean to his wife.

Chiropractic seems to be on the increase.

It's a cracking good profession.

OH, WELL, THEN.

Comes now a La Grande man, who insists that the greatest thing in life is the corner druggist who doesn't object to delivering postage stamps and charging them on the book.

OPTIMISTIC POME.

For my Blessings I am Thankful.
THANKFUL!
And, if I had a bankful
Of coin I'd buy a turkey,
But I haven't got the means;
So, I guess that I'll eschew it,
Let the wealthy guys go to it,
And I'll be almighty grateful,
For my plate of pork and beans.

We asked Frank McKennon yesterday what is a porcupine. He informed us that it was a rat with its hair done pompadour.

The quickest way we know of to become both a long distance runner and a pole vaulter is to get out in the middle of the street and give three cheers for the ex-kaiser.

Many who send Christmas cigars certainly know the ropes.

If we had liked the gifts as well as those we gave it would truly have been a Merry Christmas.

Many a small auto represents a big mortgage.

A goose is supposed to have about the least intelligence of any living creature. This is from statistics compiled for the Office Cat by Ray Blystone. But we have never heard of a goose arguing politics on a streetcar.

TALK PAYS.

(Greensburg, Ind. [illegible])

CHICAGO.—Mrs. [illegible] Talk [illegible] up for arguing in a hotel lobby.

"$10.00 and no cost," said the judge. "We won't argue."

We may be crazy on the women subject but facts are facts—the only secrets between some women are what they really think of each other.

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We have it on reliable authority that a [illegible] patient [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the following testimonial after to a La Grande doctor: "Dear doctor, your tablets have done me a whole lot of good. I will never hesitate to recommend them to any person, and etc."

Naturally, the good physician was filled with a sense of elation as he read the testimonial.

However, he did not know that the patient had punched holes in the said tablets and used them all this time as buttons for buttons instead of taking them according to directions.

We don't know whether prohibition has caused it or not, but what has become of the uncorseted watchie frequently seen about the streets a year or two ago?

JILTED

I loved a girl once in my life,
She was as playful as a kitten,
But when I asked her to be my wife,
She handed me a mitten.

ANOTHER POME.

The folks who would rend
The nerves of a saint,
Are those who pretend
T' be something they ain't.

The man who first rolled Christmas cigars must have died long ago but his dreadful work goes on.

"A baby walrus," we read in an exchange, "will eat fifty pounds of codfish a day." Causing us to wonder what the baby walrus's dad works at and how much he earns.

WOT'S THE ANSWER.

Daughter wears wool hose and wears them on her limbs, while mother wears cotton stockings and wears them on her legs.

NOTICE.

The Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen will hold a joint Installation on Thursday evening, January 20th, at the K. of P. Hall. The program will start promptly at 8 p. m.

1-17-3t — H. C. BALL, V. C.

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Walling's

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Children's Union Suits	98c to $2.43
Men's Union Suits	$2.87 to $3.69