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BACK TO THE FARM.

Though the farmers remain gloomy, the agricultural prospect is hopeful, as far as the nation is concerned. For even while the farmers have been preaching that all the profit was gone from farming, there has been, and still continues, a plainly perceptible movement back to the farm.

This is a natural result of the industrial unemployment. Young men who came from the rural districts, unable longer to obtain paying work in the city, or any work at all, have been turning back to the land, knowing that there they can get a living at least. Not merely have unattached men done this, but families by the thousand, disillusioned alike as to the permanent profitableness of city labor and the attractiveness of life in industrial communities. "The advertising columns," remarks a shrewd business writer, "tell a silent story in the increasing number of flats and houses to rent."

Thus there is more farm labor available than there has been for several years. And thus the turn of the industrial tide countrywards suggests full crops again this year, in spite of all the talk about curtailment.

It is said now to be unlikely that there will be any considerable cutting of acreage except in cotton and tobacco and one or two other staples which have suffered severely from world conditions, and even in their case most of the acreage withdrawn will be used for substitute crops. The average farmer, moreover, however he may talk about "going on strike," usually succumbs to the instinctive urge when seed time comes along, and puts in his crops just the same, to the best of his ability.

Barring weather accidents, there will continue to be plenty of food. The farmers will do their part, as usual, in spite of unfriendly fortune and even in spite of themselves. May the city workers do as well, so that in the final show-down the farmers get the reward they deserve.

BERGDOLL.

It will be interesting to note Germany's stand on the subject of returning Grover Bergdoll to this country.

So far as Bergdoll personally is concerned, most Americans would be glad to have him permanently barred from this country and let it go at that. But when this draft dodger and fugitive from American law is allowed to live openly and in luxury in Germany while two of our soldiers are thrown into prison for trying to arrest him, popular sentiment will agree that it is time Uncle Sam took a hand.

According to authentic reports, the two lads accused of trying to kidnap Bergdoll were attempting to arrest him instead, and called upon German police for aid, only to be laughed at. These soldiers believed themselves to be acting in accordance with their duty, upholding the honor of their country and the discipline of the army of which they are a part.

No investigation or action which can be taken now will ever remove the blot which the Bergdoll case, entire, has put upon the history of the United States. But in order that there be no further disgrace caused by this unsavory youth, there should be no recession from the demand that he be returned at once for fitting punishment.

WINNING OF THE NORTH.

Vilhjalmar Stefansson, famous for his arctic exploration, his discovery of the "blind eskimos" and other things in this country at present and has been giving lectures about the north.

"The history of the world," said Mr. Stefansson before a club the other day, "is the history of the conquest of the frozen north." I suppose if Memphis, Egypt, had an advertising club like yours 3000 years ago, the returned traveler, lecturing before it would say that all north of the Mediterranean was a frozen sterile waste where nothing would grow.

"In the days of the Roman empire, the frozen north was all north of the Alps. Today we have the same old myth, considering the 'frozen north' all above the Arctic circle."

Whereas, says the explorer, the north is extremely fertile, with grazing meadows capable of supplying the whole United States with meat.

Now that the west is won, with the next field for adventure and pioneering and adventure be the mysterious north, which may be waiting at the west gate, for the touch of the hand of man to warm it into wonderful productive life.

If you want to know why Lloyd George signed a trade pact with the soviet government in Russia, read the part which specifies that the Bolsheviks will refrain from extending their propaganda in Asia and India. It isn't what Britain expects to get by the agreement that interests her; it's what she expects the Reds to let alone.

Somebody discovered that eight out of ten members of Harding's cabinet were college graduates, and

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

A man walked into one of the local restaurants this morning and ordered just a cup of strong black coffee. Now, in by gone days, this was a sure sign of the morning after the night before, but in these days of strict enforcement of the laws of prohibition (?) we cannot judge too quickly. It may be that he was only in love and needed a stimulant. We, who are not acquainted with the City bred Stills, hope so.

Presumably

Office Cat:
Respected Sir:—
If, as we are reliably informed, a man wearing the uniform of the U. S. Navy is called a "gob," should the little children hereabouts who wear pocket editions of that uniform be called "goblets"?

Anxiously,
ARTIE FISHEL.

Owning an automobile is great sport, but one of the main objections is that it always needs a new tire just about the time friend wife wants a new hat, or something.

How Old Is This Bath?
(Overheard in the La Grande Pharmacy.)

"I see you are not dating with Ruth any more. What's the matter?"
"My tailor bill got too high. Every time I left her, I had to have my clothes pressed!"

Needs Spanking, We'd Say.
The fellow who is musing and fussing around, scolding and complaining, reminds us of the little girl who called: "Muvver, I'm upstairs crying; come an' see what's the matter wif me."

The bankers say they have no money. Evidently money is occupying a quiet sector somewhere in pants.

A Fatal Flash
Silly kid,
Car slid,
Glass hid.

Right now we can't think of but two sure things. And they are that if you leave a small boy alone he'll let soap alone, and whether you leave Red Van Fleet alone or not he keeps right on insisting that he is handsome.

When a man is looking for trouble he never hires a detective to help him find it.

"The Horns
(Apologies to Poe)

Hear the autos with the horns—motor horns;
What a multitude of noises each laqueered mouth adorns;
How they shriek and howl
In the daytime and the night;
While the people, ever springing
And, each to the other clinging
In the nervousness of fright,
Dance, the time, time, time,
To the stren's shrieking rhyme,
Mid the turbulence of traffic, as
It warns, as it warns,
By the croaking of the horns, horns,
horns,
By the squawking and hawking
of the horns.

Lyle Stillwell tried to walk in a theatre backwards last evening to make the management think he was coming out.

Had it ever occurred to you that half the population of La Grande are women?

March Pictures—
Photographs hold a place of their own for prompt recollection of places visited and people met. Pictures of baby show her growth and progress and they are valuable mementos after she grows up. Out-door pictures are easily taken in March light. Fit up your camera with our best film and supplies. Bring your films to us for developing and printing.

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Somebody discovered that eight out of ten members of Harding's cabinet were college graduates, and



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head show it, but he can't keep away from business any longer. See him today at the Palace Confectionery.

Palace Confectionery Co.
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Coming soon, "Lightning Bryce," from business any longer. See him at Sherry's.
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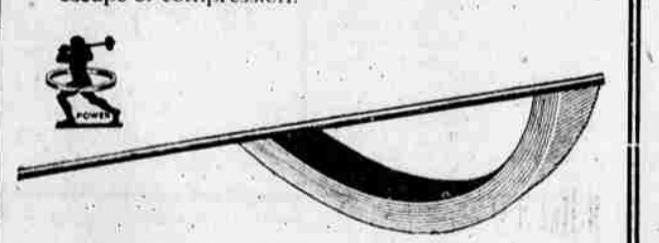
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