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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Bible Thought for Today

BETTER THAN RUBIES.—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye shall find life eternal; and they are which testify of me.—John 5:39.

The Producer Gets Trimmed.

There cannot be too dark a picture drawn of the producer's condition at the present time. Everything that comes from the ground is beaten down in price, and yet when it gets to rolling in the general scheme of distribution the price soars ten fold, and the ultimate consumer pays heavily to everyone who handles the produce.

A report is out that since a recent fight against the grain buyers of Portland the price of grain on the Pacific coast has been advanced to something near the price paid in Chicago. It took a fight to do it, if it has been done, and those fighting that fight found talent of the best and highest price arrayed against the producer.

There never was a time when those engaged in distribution had such a firm grip on the producer. There never was a time in America when the man who farms, mines or produces anything from nature's store house was as near bankruptcy.

On every hand the producer is getting trimmed and on every hand they are going broke by the thousands.

We would like to ask congress and the leaders of the nation if this in reality is not the great, big problem that confronts America.

Once the farm home in America is destroyed we have lost the balance wheel of our government. We have lost the basic principle of Americanism. We have lost the nest that produced the big men of the country.

Governor Hart Gone Dippy.

We used to think Governor Hart of Washington was about the proper stuff. We saw him stand firm on the bonus measure and force the poll tax through to pay for it, which was right.

But he has fell from grace. He has slipped a cog and never more can we point to the Washington governor as the man of the hour.

His undoing occurred when he fell for the "smile week" in which he proclaimed officially that everyone should smile, smile, smile.

That's right, governor, make 'em smile. The world is now operated largely on forced smiles, as you probably know. Force your cheerfulness. You remember Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

Hoover is going to start a "buy a sack of spuds" campaign. Hoover used the word potatoes instead of spuds, since he has become a citizen of the effete east. But no one cares what word he uses if he can find a market for Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho potatoes at a price that will pay for digging.

It has been demonstrated that "telephone love" does not stick under any circumstance. And yet the telephone is the greatest love-making machine that has been invented since Adam and Eve discovered the apple.

The Round-Up was bigger and thriller than ever. Pendleton enforced her dry order very well and people have found out they can have a good time and yet drink soda pop. Some have.

Because a girl was killed with a golf stick in Racine, Wisconsin, it will probably be in order for some long haired crank to begin a campaign against golf as a dangerous pastime.

If Oregon law takes hold of all those who violate it in elections and petition circulating that old law will have to work more than eight hours a day.

Who woke Charlie Hall up? He has pulled out of the governor's race and no doubt he wonders why he ever got into it.

We are now plugging along under the new tariff bill, which will be a fine excuse for the advance in prices of everything.

Editorials From Over the Nation

A NEW NATIONAL PERIL

Detroit Free Press: In the annual American number of the London Times which has just reached this country there is the inevitable article on prohibition. It contains nothing that will bring light to the American mind on any of the questions raised by the Yestarday act, but an interesting revelation of how one kind of British mind reacts to a dry environment appears in the following:

It is a terrible thing to be expected to eat a dinner which begins with elaborate dessert and to be given nothing but food water to drink. Dining (the use of the word is almost absurd) at the generosity of New York hotels and restaurants has become a gross and uncivilized thing. How many other of the graces of life will disappear with the loss of the art of dining? It is impossible to guess; but there can be no doubt that life, and with it numbers and character, can hardly fail to be profoundly modified.

One is moved to repeat that famous inquiry addressed to a waiter, "Is it only here we are drinking really into barbarism? This terrible nameless thing which we call dining is ruining American women of their grace and charm, it is dragging the and courteous men into the

A PERIL CUSTOM.

Omaha World Herald: While waiting for mathematicians to figure out how many Russian rubles are necessary to buy a ton of radium, word comes that a man in Duluth has made

accurate computations regarding the chain letter to him. He has found it unbroken for twenty times; a total of 1,994,197,991,131,504,259,119 letters have been written and more than two billion dollars spent in postage.

That only a small percentage of those receiving chain letters do more than throw them into the wastebasket is certain. If that were not so, within a few months all our time would be spent receiving and sending these foolish missives.

But the nuisance produced by such persons who fear had luck if they break the chain is said to be causing trouble to the mail service. And the postmaster general, Dr. Hubert Work, has issued an appeal to the common sense of the people to refrain from cluttering the mails with such stuff.

Apart from the foolishness of the chain letter business, the waste of time and money, and the disruption of mail service if this craze continued, there is the annoyance it brings to many persons who do not care a rap for a whole mail sack of such letters. And it is not rating the intelligence of one's friend very highly to send him or her one of the chain letters in expectation that the instructions will be carried out.

GOING, BUT NOT ARRIVING.

Chicago Tribune: An article on the orthopedic work of the Reconstruction hospital of New York indicates that women who wish to avoid foot troubles will discard low heels and go back to high ones. A few years ago rationalists were trying by advice and ridicule to make the women adopt sensible heels, which were low. Gradually they did, possibly not because it was rational but because it became fashionable.

They also adopted short skirts and were enrolled as enfranchised citizens. Probably the one had nothing to do with the other, but anyway when they ceased sweeping train along the streets they went to politics. It may have been the long skirt that made men think the woman's sphere was in the home.

Paris now is lengthening the skirt, and if the Paris dressmakers so decide, the long skirt will be picking up the dust again. The low heel and the short skirt and votes for women are supposed to represent progress. So were The Hague tribunal and Mr. Bryan's peace treaties. So was the war to end war. We walk right in and turn around and walk right out again. What is progress? Change representing the profession of errors recognized as truths? The Dr. Evans of the next fifty years may be recommending cupping, the carrying of horse chestnuts, and the drinking of yarb teas as the means of keeping well.

MAIN STREET DRAMA.

South Bend Tribune: Again Main street has declared its independence from Broadway. This time the chauntica, a typical Main street institution, is the declarer. The demand of cities and towns throughout the land where the chauntica comes yearly for dramatic entertainment, led to the organization of forty acting companies this year to make the circuit. The companies were dependent on popular Broadway successes for their plays, but now the chauntica directors are seeking drama of their own which are attuned to the plain folk of the nation. "Redeemer of the soil" and, of course, clean.

To this end awards are offered for plays accepted after submission. Each play consisting mostly of men with high artistic standards. Three hundred dollars will be given for each play accepted by the board and a royalty of 5 per cent, guaranteed to be not less than \$3000, will be paid. The star attraction will appear on circuits throughout the country in 1923. The magnitude of the playwright's audience may be grasped when it is known that 51,000,000 admissions were paid during 1921 and that today 9,000 towns and cities in the United States have regular chauntica seasons. The drama contest may result in encouragement to playwrights of ability. The quality of the selection board is an indication that sentimental productions without an idea in them will not be given the preference.

WARM LUNCH FOR COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Wheeling Intelligence: "The little red schoolhouse," which has been the educational backbone of the nation, is at last getting some of the facilities and advantages which have long been enjoyed by the largest city schools. One of the latest is the warm noonday lunch. In our neighboring state of Ohio, through the efforts of country women, the warm lunch plan has been adopted for 147 schools in twenty counties.

All who have ever attended the one-room country schools have pleasant memories, but the cold noonday lunch is not one of them. It is much harder and more expensive for country mothers to prepare attractive cold lunches than attractive warm ones, and for this reason the lunches of children from the best prosperous country homes are sometimes subjected to rather brutal criticism from those whose parents are more prosperous. As a result, some of the poorer children have been known to throw their lunches away on the way to school rather than be exposed to the glances and scornful looks of their classmates.

The warm noonday lunch, prepared in the school room, under proper supervision, will insure proper nutrition for one meal a day at least, to every child. It is a way to understand what an excellent school this will have on learning capacity, and consequently on the quality of the product of our country schools, which incidentally is one of the biggest factors in our nation's welfare.

FRUIT SHOULD BE CHEAPER.

New York Mail: Street stands are selling peaches, pears, and apples at 5 to 10 cents apiece. The fruit crop is abundant this year, more so than usual. The rains have made everything grow and the late spring frosts were not severe. The shipments of fruit and vegetables are coming in quantities that tax the terminal facilities.

No one would know from the fruit stands and the grocery stores that there was not a fruit scarcity. The farm papers print the prices the farmers receive, which are low, much lower than during 1921. For some vegetables the commission men have not been paying the farmers enough to cover the freight bill and the cost

Some Family!



Here are Arthur S. M. Hatchinson (deceased) and his sister. They composed the most famous brother and sister literary couple in England. Hutchinson is the author of "If Winter Comes" and more recently "This Freedom." His sister is beginning to crowd him for literary honors with several books of her own.

of packages and parking.

Why is there this big difference between the low price to the farmer and the excessively high cost to the consumer, and who gets the difference? It must be due to what Governor Miller accurately called the "artificial and obsolete system" of distribution and markets. No grocer or street stand buys in car load lots. Few grocers and no street stands buy enough at a time to go to the expense of sending a truck over to New Jersey railroad terminals or to the downtown railroad docks.

With the bungling, inefficient manner perishable foods are handled in New York city it would seem that the retail cost would not be greatly lowered if the farmers gave away their vegetables and fruit.

Ever merchant and other business men in New York should be interested in solving this problem, because the more money the average family pays for food the less they have to expend for clothing, furniture and everything else.

SHARP SHOTS

Mr. Ford may shut down, but never up.

After a vacation is spent, the vacationist usually is.

About all the modern home is used for is a starting point.

When no one is doing, two stomachs usually say it with bones.

Another internal triangle is an indulgent deal, a smart-Aleck boy, and a pistol.

Two are required to make an induction effective: the court, and the fellow it is supposed to enlighten.

The voice of the people has its good points in a modest, but it gets quicker results as a chorus.

About the only thing that has less holding power than an industrial agreement is a small-town jail.

Some men are like rivers. A river may have a very small head, but it has a great flow at the mouth.

The enormous sale of take radio stock would indicate that the birth rate has increased since Harlan's time.

It might be worse. The government at Washington still flows and each day sees a new filling station erected.

The melancholy days are here; the saddest days in years; men to longer use their heads; they're graded by their tails.

Being dear sake of a veto, why don't senators even up their hearts and promise to pay congress a million dollars each?

Posteriority must object to the hard stand on it, otherwise there is any muscle-building quality in those modern dances.

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ABOUT JEWELRY

This department has some beautiful new hair ornaments—Barrettes, combs and brilliants that are so popular now. Bar pins, clasps, brooches, etc., are also new and their beauty can only be appreciated when you see them. Visit this section often when you're in this store.

BEAR STORY IS THRILLING

THE PARK, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—That Union county has been the scene of many thrilling adventures that rival fiction is a known fact. And many of them have had their comical side, as well as the tragedy. The following story is told by John B. Hunter, living above Union, as it was told to him by the principal in the tale.

"I'll never forget the greatest bear fight I ever had," said J. W. Boyie, an old pioneer of Union county, now a retired farmer of The Park, and residing in Washington.

"I was a very young man at the time. My uncle and I were hunting cattle when we spied a big cinnamon bear going down hill towards Catherine creek.

"I had an old pistol, recently acquired in a trade for a watch and before uncle had time to stop me, I had fired and hit the bear. He lit as light as he could run down hill.

"I started at once to shoot cut him and head him off but from where I was running I could not see the bear at all, although uncle could see both of us from where he stood, watching the whole show.

"The fact was that I was then ahead of the bear, and he was right after me. Uncle saw the danger I was in but could not help me a bit.

Correct this sentence: "I do not care for another piece of pie," said the small boy: "I'm afraid it wouldn't be good for me."

"I believe that I was traveling fast," but Mr. Brain was going one way but, for he reached me and all he did was to give me a heavy slap in the seat, sending me tumbling down the steep hill. The bear never stopped, but went right straight ahead.

"Picking myself up, getting over my scare, I began to look for the red gentleman, when I spied him not fifty feet away, sitting straight up as nice as you please. I took a good rest against a tree and fired, aiming between his big eyes. He fell like a bag of meal.

"I walked up to my supposedly dead bear, proud as a peacock, but he was still breathing. Placing my left hand on his big neck, I poked my pistol right in his ear and fired. My pistol snapped! He moved his head and growled! I fired again and again it snapped! The third time it snapped some more; and by this time the bear was up and I was heading down stream.

"I ran and ran—the faster I went the faster he came after me. I lost my hat, my pistol and neckerchief. That bear's nose was right at my heels; I could hear him snuffing and breathing and I could feel his nose on my legs.

"I ran until I couldn't run any more, and I gave up the fight. It was all off. For the thousandth part of a minute I thought of everything I'd mean I had ever done—and— I fell down.

"I waited to feel how it was to be eaten alive by a cinnamon bear. My eyes were closed but after a few minutes of great suspense, not feeling his teeth in my precious flesh, I slowly opened my eyes, and—???

"Uncle's big black dog was pointing by my side, exhausted from the run he had had with me.

"The bear went the other way."

NORTHWEST FIRE FIGHTING HEAVY

(By Associated Press.)
SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 23.—Fire fighting in Inland Empire forests this summer furnished employment to 900 men through the forest service office here, according to figures compiled by C. E. Knorr, in charge of the office. The men went to four forest ranges in Idaho and three in Montana as trail builders, cooks and fire fighters. Equipment used in fighting fires and outfitting the men is now being returned to Spokane, for storage until next year.

Fall Photography Is Fascinating

During the Autumn Months Nature is sometimes melancholy—sometimes gay. If you would like to picture her in these fickle moods—invest in a

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