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GOD RETURNS FULL MEASURE.—And the angel of Jehovah called unto Abraham a second time, and said: In blessing I will bless thee, and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.—Gen. 22: 15-18.

Since Mitchell's resignation is accepted, he is free to continue his crusade for adequate national defense. Generals and admirals can prepare themselves for a barrage surpassing anything in their previous military experience.

CAPPER ON THE FARM PROBLEM.

Senator Arthur Capper, leader of the agricultural bloc in the United States senate and big farm journal publisher, has definite ideas on the agricultural situation in this country, what causes it and how it can be improved. In an article in the New York Times last Sunday he discusses the whole problem in a forceful, logical way that should aid many urban citizens to appreciate what the farmer is up against and why he is seeking governmental help. He says, in part:

To one cause, excess or surplus production, may be traced some of the most serious ills of agriculture. It is largely responsible for inadequate returns, discontent, discouragement, debt and inability to make progress because of lack of means, so evident in the farming industry.

The prices of agricultural products are largely determined, not by the bulk of the production sold in the prosperous domestic market and consumed by folks having a relatively high standard of living and incomes sufficient to maintain it, but by 10 to 20 per cent of the production—the excess or surplus—that usually is sold in a foreign, competitive market, to folk whose standard of living is far below that prevailing in the United States and whose incomes are much lower than ours. That 10 to 20 per cent surplus to a great extent makes the price for our entire production and it is, has been, and may continue to be, a low price.

We take it for granted that the removal of this cause—surplus production—is impossible, at least for the present. The only hope for a cure seems to be to work out a method whereby the surplus may be controlled and its evil effects obviated. If this surplus can be separated from that part of our food production needed to supply the domestic market and its effect on the sale of that production eliminated, then the surplus need no longer cause distress.

So long as we have a surplus production we must find a market for it abroad. A system must be worked out that will move this surplus into foreign channels, sell it for what it will bring, and then distribute the loss properly among the producers. This must be done in a way that will sell the remainder of their crops—that needed to supply the domestic market—free from the sag of the excess production and at a price sufficient to return an adequate wage and profit.

Two measures now before congress—the Dickinson bill and the McNary-Haugen bill—attempt to solve this problem. Each has objectionable features. It is understood that Secretary Jardine is favorable to the Dickinson bill, which is based on the theory that if a federal marketing commission will mobilize the surpluses of farm products and sell them in foreign markets the remainder of the crop on the domestic market would rise to the extent of the tariff on the products. To make good its losses the federal commission is required to levy an equalization tax upon all producers of surplus commodities.

Without some means of regulating our surplus we have no assurance as to future prosperity. But with the surplus problem provided for agriculture should come into its own and the farm will be what its importance to the nation's life should make it. It is as vitally important to the consumer that American agriculture be made a fairly and a safely profitable industry as it is to the producer, to general business and to the nation. It would be a suicidal policy for us to become a food-importing country like England and eventually be at the mercy of an outside source of supply.

The whole problem, as Senator Capper sees it, is that the American farmer must pay American prices for the things he buys and must receive foreign prices for the things he has to sell. The American manufacturer buys at a domestic price and sells at a domestic price, due to his tariff protection. It is similar protection that the farmer desires, not by tariff schedules necessarily, but through the control of crop surplus. It remains to be seen if congress can work out effective control during this session.

OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



THE TAKE OFF

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OFFICE CAT SOLONS ENJOY OLDER STYLES

To the Lady Who Wears Short Skirts: "As she shows, so shall we peep."
Sarcasm is saying what others are too polite to say.

HEALTH NOTE.
The exercise that reduces the waistline most quickly consists in placing both hands on the table and pushing back.

A man is known by the company he keeps from yawning.

ANSWER THIS PLEASE.
Just why can you call a girl—a chicken but not a hen.
A terror but not a fright.
A kitten but not a cat.
A vision but not a sight?

A scientist has just discovered that plants grow better if the day is prolonged with artificial light. Further investigation proves that the plant which profits most from this treatment is the electric light plant.

Proprietor of a new barber shop in Baker displayed a sign reading: "We trim you properly!" and then wondered why he couldn't get a customer.

Folks who used to sit down and develop their wishbones now buy anything they wish on the installment plan.

There's a woman in New York society who claims she belongs to the nobility because she was born in Dutchess county.

Prohibition has done some good. A Russian poet refuses to visit America because of it.

ADMIRATION
I have always
Admired
Beautiful women,
My wife has
Always admired
Intellectual women.
Thus we have
Soldom admired
The same women.

Bridget (who is giving a month's notice): "Please, ma'am, I've got a place at an asylum."
"But, Bridget," protested her mistress, "you've had no experience whatever, have you?"
"Well, ma'am," said Bridget, with a smile, "I've been here nearly two years."

Good times are coming back, says a news item. Yes, to those who hustle out and bring them back.

(By Charles P. Stewart)
WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—"Ain't it surprising," observed a haberdasher I know, "how old-fashioned congressmen are?"
"I'd never particularly noticed it myself."
"Gosh! yes," said the haberdasher, "particularly senators. The lower house ain't so bad. They're mostly younger men. I guess that accounts for it. But the Senate's full of old roosters who can remember back to the Civil War, and a lot of 'em stick to the same old styles they wore then."

"Would you believe it?" continued the haberdasher, "I sell suspenders to half a dozen senators. Say, they can't keep their pants on with belts."
"There was a lot of jokin' about Magnus Johnson's suspenders, Gosh! if folks did but know! He ain't the only one by any manner o' means. When he was out speech-makin' Magnus had a habit of peelin' off his coat and vest. That's how he happened to get found out."

"But if you could look underneath the whole Senate's coats and vests, I'd bet you'd find suspenders on 35 per cent."

"Haven't you noticed," queried the haberdasher, "how many senators wear these old style straight collars, rolled over a bit at the corner's and open in front, to give their adam's apple free play?"
"And black string ties?"
"They ain't been good styles since I been in the business, but those old boxes won't stand for nothin' else. Why, I saw a picture of Daniel Webster once that had on one of those collars and ties."

TEACHERS ASK MORE PAY

SALEM, Ore.—Whether teachers employed in the Salem schools shall receive salary increases probably will be decided at the polls at the May election. This was indicated at a meeting of the Salem school directors.
The school board is without funds, teachers, and any salary increases must have the sanction of the voters.
It was said that the Salem school district pays the lowest salaries to its teachers of any first-class district in the state.

WOMAN FILES CANDIDACY
HILLSBORO, Ore.—Mrs. Emma Bryant, school superintendent of Washington county, has announced her candidacy in the May primaries for the republican nomination to the office of state superintendent of public instruction.
Mrs. Bryant states that she believes a more equitable tax division can be devised and that the educational opportunities between the urban and the rural child should be equalized.
The Portland schools afforded Mrs. Bryant her elementary and high school education. She is now serving her fifth year as Washington county school superintendent. She was elected president of the state association of county school superintendents at its recent convention.

SALEM GIRL ACCUSED.
MEDFORD, Ore.—Thlamook county officers arrived here to take in custody Miss Mildred Watt, 19.

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