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Have you a little potato in your home? If so, put it in the safe.

Good roads are essential, but that is no excuse for paying a graft premium to have them built.

Manufacturers will take advantage of the wave of overallphobia to advance prices—bet on that!

We note that several newspapers have adopted as a slogan, "Give us white paper or we die." The situation is very alarming.

We know Mr. Lodge's record, so in some ways we prefer Mr. Washington, Mr. Adams, Mr. Webster or some other total stranger for vice president.

Should Hiram Johnson upset calculations and be nominated at the Republican convention you would see "big business" taking a very affectionate interest in the Democratic convention.

Bryan for Army Bonus; Tax on "Big Business" Advocated to Raise Fund.—Headline.

Another brilliant Bryan idea that the country shouldn't wait twenty years to adopt.

Jeff Wilbur, a Clackamas county person of ill repute, after being convicted of a violation of a liquor law, jumped his bail and departed for parts unknown. Eventually he was found, returned, and promptly paroled, escaping a jail sentence of a year's length. Would some poor devil convicted of stealing a pair of shoes fare as well? Yet men wonder why there is "bolsheviekism" in this country.

It will be perfectly agreeable to most folks when the maximum rate of interest is five per cent, and in the course of human events that day will probably arrive, but the state of Oregon would be rushing the season very disastrously to itself in embracing such an opportunity now. While the state of Oregon has always taken great pride in being first, here is an occasion when it would be greatly to its advantage in being last.

An Ohio congressman in a recent speech let go the following parody:

Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to reason why,
Their's to vote 'Nay' or 'Aye'
As the boss ordered."

This was aptly illustrated during the reception of the league of nations-peace treaty in the senate. The Republican members voted down all amendments offered by Democrats and on the final vote 20 Democrats, zealous advocates of the proposition, voted in the negative because President Wilson so wished it.

THE RHYMING SUMMARIST

Old Engine Three of the I. & M.
Stands silent as a tomb,
It is extinct, has run its course,
No longer will it boom;
The toot that tooted a hearty toot
For many, many a day,
Cannot toot
Or even hoot,
The toot has hit the hay.

Now if you have a little toot
And can make a little noise,
And that little noise will do some good
Among the girls and boys—
Then let your toot just toot its toot,
Let it echo to the hills,
For a little toot
Thrown in to boot,
Is better dope than pills.

If there's something amiss about your toot,
It sounds croaky or is sick,
Plug a mop rag in the vent
And stop the measly kick;
For the world doesn't care a tinker's tink
About any person's toot,
If it is ill
With pique to spill,
And snivels out the soot.

AN OPENING SPRING POEM

(Morrilton, [Ark.], Unit.)
Now quacks again the genial duck,
The friendly pig is squealing,
And soon the cackling hen will cluck—
Her call is spring revealing.
The earth its products multiplies,
And the men the scheme sees thru it;
Danme Nature he would cap'talize
But nature beat him to it.
He finds himself caught in the surge
That captures cows and chickens
And the he drifts on ruin's verge,
He's happy as the dickens.

Feeding Chickens By Telephone

"Yes, we had a patron once who fed his chickens by telephone," said a telephone man, "and here's the way he fixed it: He put the chickens in a box and set them directly under the telephone, then he wrapped some chicken feed in paper and hung it loosely from the clapper of the telephone bell. At noon he simply rung up his house; the vibration of the clapper dislodged the fastenings; the paper fell down and the feed dropped in the box—
"Then there was the case of a certain telephone that acted queerly at times, as if the receiver was being left off the hook. We inspected it, but whenever the lineman got to the house, the phone was always O. K. But one day the troubleman dropped in casually—and here's what he found: The lady of the house was darning the family stockings and was using the end of the telephone receiver as a substitute for a darning ball! It makes a very good one, too, but the telephone company doesn't recommend its use for that purpose.
"And I might tell you about the lady who called 'central' one day and said something like this: 'I'm going over to a neighbor's house for a little while and my baby is asleep. I'll just leave the telephone receiver on the pillow by its head—if it wakes up and cries, couldn't you sing to it?'"

Silver Foxes Live High

Silver foxes on a ranch at Hungary Hollow, near here, are epureans and live on the fat of the land, according to a Regina (Sask.) dispatch to the New York Evening Sun. This need not be wondered at, for silver foxes literally are worth their weight in gold.

The little aristocrats are fed as expensively as guests in the best hotels. The meat served them is kept in a perfectly regulated and spotless refrigerator. It consists of the choicest cuts of tenderloin steaks and pork chops, with a little horse meat added by way of variety. The foxes have shredded wheat, prepared as carefully as it might be for some wealthy and querulous invalid. Other breakfast foods, cereals and vegetables pamper the appetites of the little beasts.

The ranch is tightly fenced in with wire eight feet high and sunk in the ground several feet. The fox houses are constructed on scientific hygienic plans. They are kept scrupulously clean.

The success of this fox ranch on the Canadian Pacific railway and of several others near Winnipeg has demonstrated that the prairie provinces are as well adapted to breeding silver foxes as Prince Edward island, which is the world's center of the industry.

A number of silver fox farms are operated in the United States. In the possibilities of enormous profits the industry seems as alluring as gold mining.

The Figures For It

(From the Portland Journal.)
Census authorities figure it out that in America a baby is born every 10 seconds, somebody dies every 18 seconds, a marriage takes place every 25 seconds and a divorce every 25 minutes. They also conclude that tuberculosis, by improved methods of treatment, has dropped to third place as a destroyer of American life, that pneumonia has risen to first, and heart disease gone to second place.

No Flaw in the Advertising

(McMinnville Telephone-Register)
There is said to be a flaw in the legal proceedings granting Mary Pickford a divorce, but for advertising purposes it is as good as they can make them.

Going Crazy In Illinois

Burglars broke into the grounds of the Illinois State Insane Asylum and stole \$800 worth of liquor. It must be great to be crazy in Illinois.—Albany Democrat.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Joint Representative for Polk and Lincoln counties, subject to the will of the Republican Voters at the primary election May 21st.

GEO. T. GERLINGER.

Over the Alps In Tanks

France's task of beating swords into plowshares included the conversion of tanks into something having peace-time value. Some have been employed for towing canal barges; others have become agricultural tractors; others have made their way into the factory, where they carry loads from place to place. But the most novel conversion is no doubt that of the mountain-climbing tanks, now available to tourists of the French Alps of Savoy. Shorn of its coat of armor and its fighting equipment, the tank boils down to a very powerful caterpillar tractor. Provided with seats so arranged as to get the most seating capacity of a given floor space, it becomes an excellent passenger-carrying vehicle for traversing rough terrain. Indeed, in the mountain-climbing the service tanks are called upon to cross brooks, uneven grounds, logs, brush, tall grass, and so on, not to speak of the steepest rises.

Preachers Hard Hit

With government experts announcing that \$1,500 is the lowest salary upon which a family can be decently maintained and suggesting budgets for none lower, ministers have a discouraging outlook. Such things as hospital bills are almost impossible to meet, and yet every normal family has some illness in its midst every year. Accordingly the Interchurch Movement, while on its way to obtain higher averages in salaries, will assist by providing free care in its institutions.

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