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MICKIE SAYS



MICKIE WOULD LIKE TO BE BOSS ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES!

FARMERS' COMBINATIONS.

The debate on the food control act which passed the house of representatives has raised the old dispute over the propriety of including farmers' organizations in laws for the regulation of trade and prices. As usual, complete exemption was given the farmer. That, of course, was the expected result, for it is the policy of this country, to encourage combinations among the farmers formed for the purpose of selling farm produce and buying what is needed on the farms.

Within reasonable limits this policy is sound, but we do not suppose anyone will say the farmer ought not to be controlled if he forms a combination in restraint of trade. The farmer's moral obligations are the same as any other man's and his liabilities under the criminal law ought to be the same.

For any and all combinations there should be a restraining law. If the combination itself is desirable, then there should be some power outside of the combination acting in behalf of the unorganized public which will have power to regulate prices. If the combination is altogether undesirable it should be destroyed, and the fact that it is a farmers' combination does not make its standing better or worse than it would be if formed by men in any other business.

RECRUITING FOR A. E. F.

The War Department has recently issued telegraphic instructions to all Camp Commanders directing that recruits be received for the Infantry and Signal Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. Recruits having prior service may enlist for one year. Recruits without previous experience must enlist for three years.

Men enlisted for the A. E. F. will be sent immediately upon enlistment to the Overseas Replacement Depot at Camp Mead. Men who re-enlist for this overseas service will be sent to Camp Mead upon completion of their re-inlistment furloughs. Telephone operators, line men, and repair men and expert radio operators are especially desired for the service in Europe.

The electrical equipment and material and methods of installation in Europe differ somewhat from equipment ordinarily encountered in the United States. As an instance, the huge hooks worn by the line men give them a grotesque appearance, although they are doubtless safer and more comfortable than spikes, where poles are of uniform size.

CITY WILL SELL LUMBER.

In order to further assist in bringing prices back to normal Mayor William P. Whitaker, of Pocatello, Idaho, has announced his intention of instituting a municipal lumber yard which, he asserts, will be able to retail lumber at one-third less than the present prices. His plan is for the furtherance of home building in Pocatello.

AMERICAN TOYS.

The War Mothers are doing a patriotic thing in encouraging toymaking as a profession for returned soldiers who are wounded. It is a natural suggestion from the sentiment aroused by the shipment here of German-made toys, and the work of the War Mothers will probably arouse public opinion to approval of the development of this industry through the wounded men. There is no reason why a country of such resources as this should depend on any foreign manufacturers for its toys, and the wide field which the war has opened in this matter to native industry and enterprise could be occupied in no better way than by giving employment to the men who have lost their own work through their services on the field.

LEGION WILL OPPOSE DISLOYAL.

Persons of doubtful loyalty, and especially those whose disloyalty has been established, who seek legislative or other public office will be vigorously opposed by the American Legion, the national organization of American veterans of the great war. This action is urged upon the entire membership of the Legion through 3000 posts already organized, in a resolution adopted by the national executive committee in session at national headquarters in New York City.

INCREASE PRODUCTION

Census report indicates that in 1870, 15 per cent of our population were engaged in farming; in 1880, 13 per cent; in 1890, 14 per cent; in 1900, 13 per cent, and in 1910, 71 per cent. It is undoubtedly less than 11 per cent at this time. Prices will continue to increase until we get increased production, in spite of all the investigations in the world.

FRUIT OR VEGETABLES?

The annual controversy over whether tomatoes are a vegetable or a fruit has started in certain eastern papers. The solution is simpler than usual this year. If tomatoes are vegetables, why do the dealers charge fruit prices for them?

The high price of pork is said to be due to prospective demand from Europe. This is a look into the future which explains, at the same time, why a lot of people here will have to get along without it.

A boost of 25 to 30 per cent in the price of food is anticipated by restaurants, so will someone please tell the man who is getting along now on coffee and a roll for breakfast, how he is going to retrench?

In a Massachusetts seminary the prettiest girl there is also the best bread maker. And with such matrimonial prizes right at hand, Americans are bringing home 10,000 brides from France!

Don't worry about the departing aliens or the money they will take with them. Wave them a glad farewell.

High Cost of Living and the Remedy

The public having curtailed its buying of pork and beef the live stock market at Chicago reflects lower prices. But lower prices would not necessarily follow a slackening demand in this country. Foreign buying has to be taken into account. It is the sum total of the two demands that influences the market. For the present, it chances, there is also a slackening of overseas orders, due to the decline in foreign exchange, which means a decline in the purchasing power of the British pound

sterling, the French franc and other European monetary units.

The British pound sterling, for example, the most stable of all European units, is down to \$4.22. The normal rate of exchange was \$4.86. The pound sterling today will buy only \$4.22 worth of American produce at our market quotations.

The French franc, worth normally nearly 20 cents in our money, is now worth but a fraction more than eight cents. The Italian lire has gone down from 19.30 cents to 9.61, and the German mark from nearly 24 cents to five cents.

That makes American commodities enormously dear, as measured in European prices, and as exchange rates fall further prices advance correspondingly and foreign buying shades off.

We now see that the law of supply and demand is not dead. It was only napping under wartime conditions, and now that the war is over it must be taken into increasing consideration.

The way to bring down the high tide and diminish consumption. Of course, ways must be found to curb profiteering, but profiteering is only cost of living is to increase production. The far greater influence of diminished world production due to war's destructiveness and the withdrawal of 40 to 50 million men and women from peace-time occupations.

It is quite plain—nothing could be plainer—that the remedy for high prices must be sought in increased rather than in diminished industry, and in more moderate buying.

Every strike by workers tends to cut down production and put up prices.

Every man or woman who slacks on a job is helping to send up the cost of living.

Every manufacturer or dealer who takes more than a moderate profit is fanning discontent and interfering with a safe solution of the problem.

Every wasteful and extravagant person is interfering with a return to more tolerable conditions. —Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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Your decision must be WHICH TRUCK to select. It is a big question not to be decided until you have every fact, every data of cost before you. On that basis ONLY can you make a selection that will justify the required expenditure.

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TEST 1 REASONABLE INVESTMENT

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TEST 2 ECONOMICAL SELECTION

Trucks are means of economy. It is not an investment to buy a truck that will increase your transportation costs. Find out what it will actually cost you to transport your merchandise.

TEST 3 SIMPLICITY

Skilled experienced labor costs money. You don't want to increase your labor hire because of your trucks' investment. Before making your choice take any worker in your delivery department, give him a few simple instructions, see whether or not the truck is simple enough for his unskilled abilities.

TEST 4 EQUALIZED BALANCE

From front fender to rear lamp bracket maximum efficiency of operation requires even distribution of weight, work and wear. The motor must not be too light for its load—the frame must not be heavier than is necessary. Consider whether or not there is proper co-relation of size and parts.

TEST 5 OVER CARRIAGE

Do not buy a one-ton truck and expect it to do a 3 1/2-ton duty. But the truck you do buy should be built to allow for a reasonable margin of overload. Buy the size truck that your business needs. Do not invest in a 5-ton truck for 1-ton labor. Nor should you buy a 3 1/2-ton truck to do the work of a 5-ton truck.

TEST 6 CONTINUED OPERATION

Accidents will happen, and some repairs are inevitable. Select the truck of a design so standardized that repairs will never keep your truck out of service.

TEST 7 ESTABLISHED MANUFACTURE

A truck made by a maker having limited resources is a questionable investment. Be sure that the maker of your truck will be able to continue in business as long as you do.

TEST 8 DEALER DEPENDABILITY

The dealer is the agency that is directly responsible to you. Be sure that the dealer from whom you buy your truck is as reliable as your own banker. Do not buy a truck from a dealer that has a reputation of shifting responsibility.

TEST 9 NON-RADICAL DESIGN

Radical changes and principles are experimental. Do not buy an experimental truck. Keep within approved design and principle.

TEST 10 SPEED POWER

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