

# Mt. Scott Herald

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## POETRY OF THE CORN CROP.

We hardly look for poetry in the department of agriculture, least of all in the bureau of crop statistics. Yet the report just made for the crop conditions of October 1 show that steady association with dull and routine duty cannot entirely extinguish the divine spark even in a bureau slave, says Omaha Bee. Under the inspiration of the magnificent return for the corn yield, the statistician bursts forth: "The country's enormous corn crop has run unharnessed the gauntlets of dangers that faced it during the doubtful days and nights of September, and lays in the lap of mellow October 43,000,000 bushels more of ripened ears than it could promise at the beginning of the month." Very nice. Then the man of figures returns to his wonted habit, and tells us the yield will be 2,000,511,000 bushels, 318,000,000 more than for 1918 and on an acreage 5 per cent less. This is 150,000,000 bushels more than the five-year average. So perfectly has the crop ripened that it is practically all of highest quality, promising much more food in proportion than last season's yield, or that of any recent year. More and better meat at lower cost is contained in this.

The question is much discussed in the papers. What should the substitute for the saloon be called? The great significance of the question lies in the fact that there is to be a substitute. That is more important than what the name should be. A substitute by any name would be about all a person could ask for. Maybe it ought to be called Eden, Heaven, an Oasis or Home. Perhaps, however, home would not do, for to many people home is not much better than a saloon and not as good to those who do most of their loafing there. Still, whatever the name may be, home as a fact is the best substitute for a saloon. It is inhuman, almost criminal, the way some men have treated their homes—how they have turned their backs on their wives and children, as if they had no more interest in them than a kennel of puppies, says Ohio State Journal. It is hoped we will get a substitute for the saloon that will change all this, and give to a man a love of home, which is the greatest honor and good fortune he can have.

The Germans are said to be resentful towards France, to whom they ascribe much of the hard terms of the peace treaty. Why they gave France particular reason to love them after the war of 1870 and the terms then imposed on France, they do not attempt to explain, says Baltimore American. Perhaps they think that, like the roses which bloom in the spring, it has nothing to do with the case.

"Some of the men who profited most out of war contracts are famed for their piety," writes a Washington correspondent. We suppose they felt that they ought to exemplify the truth of the proverb, "The Lord helps those who help themselves"—and they helped themselves to everything in sight.

There are a great many important abstract questions concerning the fate of the world to be considered, but to the average citizen the price of shoe leather and the possibility of laying in a supply of winter coal take precedence of them.

If, as the pessimists predict, another big world war is coming, it is to be hoped the present peace treaty will be ratified before the next one comes along or things may be complicated.

There are some mysteries and perplexities which literature cannot solve. This is shown by the fact that even cook books issued by the department of agriculture could not avert a food crisis.

Stop and think. Why will a man cheerfully spend \$5 at a cheating third parlor and then shave "just once more" with a dull safety razor blade as a matter of economy?

Another demand of the time is for some man powerful enough to enable a fellow to put down two pounds of beefsteak where now he only deposits four ounces of liver.

There is more or less difficulty in finding places to store one's winter coal. Lots of people have no basements, and many of these haven't even basements.

## WHAT SHALL WE READ TO THE CHILDREN?

Miss Esther Fleming, librarian, has submitted the following list and reviews of books at the Lents branch library for boys and girls of all ages:

"Old Mother West Wind," by T. W. Burgess. No writer of animal stories for little children is more popular with young people than Thornton W. Burgess, whose tales of "Old Mother West Wind" and her children, Johnny Chuck, Reddy Fox, Peter Cottontail and their playmates, have been a source of so much delight. This is recommended for bed-time reading.

Bed-Time Story Books, by T. W. Burgess. Each book is devoted to the adventures of one animal, and tells of his pranks and his good times, his troubles, his enemies and his friends.

"Peppo," by C. E. Colodi. A story of the little rose-colored monkey who lived in the famous forest of "Guessit." A delightful animal story for small children.

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"The Grizzly," by Enos A. Mills. After reading this fascinating account one is ready to agree with the author that the grizzly is the equal of the dog in intelligence, and not inferior to the lion in courage, and that he is no enemy to man but a friend, rather, to be cherished and preserved from the extinction that threatens his race.

"The Princess and the Goblin," by George MacDonald. The fair princess, the enchanted tower, the cavern of the cobs, the fight in the king's palace, are woven into one of the most fascinating of fairy tales.

## DEBT OF SMALL NATIONS.

Some time ago an interesting discussion took place in the London press as to the debt which the world owed to the small nation. It was shown how some of the world's greatest leaders and teachers had sprung from peoples that had no pretensions to power, and how the small nation was often able to take the lead in working out some great social scheme or form of government, the development of which would have been difficult amidst great masses of people. In these latter days, this seems to have been especially the case with Canada. For although, territorially speaking, Canada is one of the greatest of nations, in point of population she is still one of the least. And Canada has certainly taken the lead, recently, in many questions of first importance, says Christian Science Monitor. It cannot be recalled too often that, at the greatest crisis of the war, she led the world in proclaiming national prohibition, and that she followed this up by instituting woman suffrage, and laying down the great democratic law that everyone who enjoys the protection of the state should take his share, according to his ability. In its labors. And now Canada bids fair to give the lead in the solving of another great problem, the great problem of the hour, namely, the labor problem.

Although action on the matter has been, to a certain extent, delayed by the war, there can be no doubt that there has come over public opinion during the last five years a very great change on the question of prisons and prisoners, says Christian Science Monitor. With the pitiful results of "envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness" spread out before it, the world, or at any rate a large part of it, has taken very rapid strides toward that vantage point whence it can be clearly seen that such passions have never built and can never build anything or safeguard anything. And so the two great societies in Great Britain which devote themselves to reform of the prison system are preparing to renew their labors with vigor.

In refusing to naturalize a foreigner Chief Justice McCoy of the district supreme court, did what will be generally approved, says National Tribune. He said in that the present condition of the country's unrest we could not be too careful in admitting foreigners to citizenship, and he would not admit any that did not have a fair working knowledge of our form of government and the duties of citizenship. American citizenship should be highly prized and not be bestowed without careful consideration.

Good printing is the dress of good business; that's the kind we do at the Herald office.

## Epworth League Watch Party.

Thirty-eight young people of the Lents Methodist Episcopal church, members and friends of the Epworth League gathered at the parsonage on New Year's Eve, where they were led in a pleasant evening of clean, wholesome Christian companionship by Rev. and Mrs. Sibley, the hosts for the evening. Games, with contests, and delightful refreshments served; followed by an hour of devotional service, carried those present beyond the mid-night hour into the New Year. The League recently reorganized, has just completed a Sunday afternoon study of the text "Christian Americanization," and now starts the New Year with its regular devotional meetings at 5:15 each Sunday afternoon.

## W. C. T. U.

The Lents W. C. T. U. met Tuesday of last week with Mrs. McKinley, 6127 92nd street. Mrs. J. Allen Dunbar has left with Mrs. McKinley books which the late Mrs. Addison left to be given to the members of the union.

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## Kern Park Christian Church

The monthly business meeting of the Kern Park Christian church will be held at the home of Miss Hazel Mulkey, of 6180 83rd street. All members and all who are interested in the society are requested to attend.

The regular weekly prayer meeting of the C. E. will be held Sunday evening, January 11. The topic, "A Strong Character and How it is Attained," will be presented by H. E. Hall.

Clyde Beckelhymer and Roy Long, of the Crum and Babcock apartment, have returned home from a week's Christmas vacation at the home of Roy Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Long, near Harrisburg. Miss Freda and Miss Ruby Long and Miss Mayme Gan have also returned from a ten days' visit at the Long home.

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