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## ALASKAN MEAT SUPPLY.

Mayor Lomen of Nome, Alaska, addressing the annual conference of the American Game Protective association in New York, advocated repeal of state laws prohibiting the sale of venison, asserting that the supply of venison thrown on the market would go far to relieve the food situation. Reindeer, of which there are now about 160,000 in Alaska, with prospects of their increasing to millions in twenty years, would furnish enough meat resembling beef "for everybody" if a third of the animals were slaughtered annually, he said. The first Lapland reindeer imported into Alaska 28 years ago were 1,250 animals of both sexes. Mayor Lomen declared. About 100,000 of their offspring had been killed since then. With a population of only 40,000 white persons in the territory the supply of reindeer, which is now on the same basis as beef cattle, is too great for domestic consumption, he said. Mayor Lomen urged crossing the reindeer with American caribou and domesticating the breed. He said that besides being rapid breeders and a prolific source of food the reindeer is a good arctic work animal.

Extravagance in the purchase of ornaments is contributing materially to the shortage of gold and silver, declared Charles W. Henderson, geologist for the United States geological survey, at a luncheon in Denver. "Residents of this country expended \$90,000,000 for gold ornaments last year, \$51,000,000 in 1918, and \$38,000,000 in 1915," said Mr. Henderson, "which amounts to \$21,000,000 more than the total production in the country in 1919. France is spending even more than the United States, and the price of gold in the French republic has increased from 3,400 francs per kilogram to 6,800 francs, and platinum from 6,000 to \$6,000 francs." With an exodus from Europe of expert gold and silver workers there are in New York 90 per cent of the workers of the world in this craft, making Maiden lane in New York city the headquarters for gold, silver and platinum ornaments.

Massachusetts parents who had named their baby boy Woodrow Wilson lately appealed to the courts for legal permission to change the youngster's given name. The custom of naming babies after famous public men has its drawbacks not only for the children themselves but also for the names so honored, says Baltimore American. Recently a deserter whose trial and conviction attracted widespread attention was found to be named Grover Cleveland. Parents owe something to their helpless offspring in giving them the burden of a great name they may wish either in later life to repudiate or else have to live up to.

Four hundred years since Magellan, is the gist of an exclamation that will be on many lips in Manila, if not in other cities of the Philippine islands, on March 15 of next year. Magellan discovered the islands on that day, in 1521. There is a hint of the many changes that have come to the islands since they were first known to Europeans, in the fact that the quadricentennial will be celebrated by joint action of Filipinos and Americans now composing the predominating population.

## VANISHING FARM LABOR.

The department of agriculture has been looking anew into the question of farm labor, and its report is packed with discouragement. Constantly rising wages—they have about doubled since 1914—have not served to check the steady decline in the number of agricultural laborers, at least in many sections of the country. A recent federal investigation covered nearly 4,000 farms in New York state. During 1919 the population of these farms decreased 3 per cent and the number of hired men decreased more than 17 per cent. In the same region wages in 1919 were 80 per cent higher than in 1914; for 1920 they averaged \$52 a month as compared with \$45.50 in 1919. The government report carries a warning that the reduction in the number of laborers means a very serious fall in food production, which will be further hindered by the prevailing high cost of implements and supplies, says Chicago Evening Post. Every official report, whether it deals with labor, with the outlook for the winter wheat crop, or with farm abandonment, tends to confirm the fear that America faces a precarious food situation.

According to the physicians of the Cook County hospital, Chicago, what looks like a cure for the world-long disease of leprosy has been found. This opinion is based upon the record of two cases now in the hospital, both of which show such remarkable progress toward a cure that ultimate recovery appears certain, says St. Louis-Globe-Democrat. The remedy is simple consisting of injections of sodium glycinate, with associate treatment. It is marvelous how simple were the remedies for many diseases that for ages baffled medical skill when once they were found, such as the treatment for hookworm, the prevention of yellow fever and malaria, etc. This is not only true in medicine but in all applied science, where very simple things indeed elude human search for many years, only to astonish the world by their simplicity in the end.

The world certainly continues to "shut up like a telescope." It is less than a year since a letter dispatched from Canada crossed the Atlantic and was delivered in Ireland within twenty-four hours. The air way between London and Paris has become an institution taken for granted. And now there comes the news that Chelmsford, in England, has spoken to Centocella, just outside Rome, by means of wireless telephony. From Chelmsford to Centocella, as the crow flies, is just about 1,000 miles. How would the paleolithic man, who undoubtedly was the first settler at Chelmsford, have regarded the possibility of such an achievement? Probably only a little more skeptically than the inhabitant of Chelmsford, or anywhere else, two or three decades ago.

The deceased wife's sister, after a long and tortuous campaign, succeeded in getting legislative sanction to marrying her brother-in-law. Now the deceased husband's brother has started to travel the same rough road, parliament, apparently, being less tender to the lonesome woes of widows than to those of widowers.

Washington reports that the save-money-on-meat movement has been a great success throughout the country, the people taking kindly to the cheaper cuts and eating them with relish. And the market page displays a heading, "Cheaper Beef Cuts Higher." And there you are. Evidently a clear case of cause and effect.

Florida has an overall and catlike club of prominent men and women determined to forego other garb until they bring down the cost of clothing. Elsewhere barefoot clubs are being organized to bring down the price of shoes. The approach of summer lends impetus and encouragement to this campaign.

David said in his heart that all men were liars, and in his day they knew nothing about campaigns such as American politicians stage, and he never read the counter claims of rival presidential campaign managers.

The claim is advanced by a scientist that it is possible to regulate the supply of rain. Where science has fallen down completely, however, is in its failure to have regulated the demand for drinking water.

The divinity that doth hedge a king is no longer believed in or respected by the common people. Burglars have looted the villa of King Christian of Denmark.

It is getting so nowadays that unless a man can have several special privileges he wants to pull down the pillars of civilization.

The old saying that nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so, does not apply to the high cost of living.

We are in favor of a law that will decree at least one year in every fifty free from strikes and elections.

## FIT QUOTATION



"Don't show your ignorance by quoting Hamlet as the one who said he'd rather be a dog and bay the moon."  
"Well, it is an apt quotation, anyhow, for wasn't Hamlet a great Dane?"

## SUSPICIOUS



"She asked me to meet her by the garden wall."  
"Yet you seem apprehensive."  
"Yes! I'm afraid she intends to throw me over."—Awgwan.

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