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NOT A MATTER OF CHOICE.

"IF I COULD have my way," says James J. Hill, "I should build a couple of warships a year less. Perhaps one would do. I would take that \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 and start at least one thousand agricultural schools in the United States at \$5,000 a year each, in the shape of model farms."

If everyone might have his way he would, if he could, without injury to his country, throw the whole navy into the scrap heap and melt up every rifle in the army. The appropriations could be used in scores of ways that would be better for the nation and humanity in general than maintaining forces of defense. But so long as other nations cast guns and assemble men-of-war, so long must we, for our own safety, do the same thing.

There has been a good deal of murmuring recently over what is considered dangerous meddling in Asia. One may rest assured that this

government will never go to war to protect the rich investors. Those men are taking their chances in China as they take them in business at home. Yet if Japanese immigration increases, if the conditions the Asiatics bring about on the Pacific coast become less bearable, and if they continue to replace white men at work because they will serve for a lower wage, the conflict is forecast with reasonable certainty. We have to have societies condemn war, however much everyone dislikes the idea of it.

Still, the model farm suggestion is a good one. It is possible that the federal treasury could spare the \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 a year without a strain. Indeed, these sums and more might be saved by putting a stop to such practices as, for instance, the free distribution of five-cent packets of cucumber seed.

JUDGE FOOTE ON LAWYERS.

Judge Foote, of Topeka, Kansas, perpetrated a good joke on his brethren at the bar, in a statement he made to a friend relative to terms used by the legal fraternity, in which there is a deal more truth than poetry. Said the Judge: "If I were to give you this orange I would simply say, I give you this orange. Should the transaction be entrusted to a lawyer to be put in writing, he would adopt this form: 'I hereby give, grant and convey to you all my interest, right, title, advantage of and in said orange, together with its rind, skin, juice, pulp, and pits and all rights and advantage therein, with full power to suck, bite, or otherwise eat the same, or give away with or without the rind, skin, juice, pulp, or pits, anything hereinbefore, or in any other deed or deeds, instruments of any nature of kind whatsoever, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.'"

That Minneapolis man who was arrested for eating dog meat ought to move to Marshfield where the citizens would be glad to see a number of canines devoured.

That New York man who stole in order to buy a tombstone for his wife's grave was conscience-stricken when he realized that his crime didn't help his wife to rest easier.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A Last-Call Rhyme.

Hurry,
Scurry,
Worry,
Jump,
Spy 'em,
Buy 'em,
Tie 'em,
Hump!

If a young husband fails to kiss his wife when he comes home all the girls notice it.

You can't tell the size of a man's bank account by the length of his daughter's feather.

"Auto knee" is the latest ailment in the calendar, but we are not likely to hear much of it, as it is being cured without an operation.

Spend your money on yourself, if you can't save it; don't give it to agents for something you don't want, and then feel like a fool afterward.

"Can we love more than once?" asks a magazine writer. Can we? Just study the divorce court records and figure out the answer for yourself.

The cause of woman suffrage has grown so much since last winter that there is a noticeable increase in the number of men who are learning to do housework.

As soon as a man becomes thoroughly skilled in certain work he begins to use words common people don't understand, and they lose all interest in him.

Last week an Omaha waitress married a restaurant guest one hour after she served his dinner. Evidently she was determined not to do any waiting at the church.

Sir Thomas Lipton says that it is great to be born poor, and Andy Carnegie thinks men ought to die poor. Between these two important events, however, there is the constant struggle with the cost of living.

If you are a short man don't let a book agent flatter you into buying

something you do not want by saying that you are tall and fine looking. In seven cases out of ten a compliment is used for purposes of robbery.

A southern contemporary says "one needs but have one serious thing to think about to avoid worry." The trouble with most of us is that we have so many very serious things to think about that we never can settle on just one. Hence the worry.

There is something reassuring in the news that it will require fifty men and several months' time to count the money in the United States Treasury, so that the new treasurer may know the exact amount he is to be held responsible for when he enters upon his duties.

The Price Tag On Friends.

And now once more we list our friends,
On each a value place;
We write them down and by each name
A certain price we trace.
A few there are we hold most dear,
Two dollars each we'll spend.
On Christmas gifts for them this year,
This makes "the two-spot friend."

Now then, a few we like real well,
We oft seek their advice,
We must not mean appear to them,
A dollar is their price.
This list too large must never grow,
Or ruin will attend,
And thus it is we come to know
The Christmas "case note friend."

Now comes a list, the longest list
Of all, and note it well,
For it contains more honest friends
Than I have space to tell.
In gifts that we shall send to them
No thought of favor enters;
A necktie or a handkerchief,
Must do for "fifty-centers."

And yet when summing up the list,
The "two-spot gifts" for show;
The "dollar present" goes to pay
A friendship that we owe.
But most of love and sentiment
I'm certain always enters
Into the simple little gifts
We send to "fifty-centers."

"TAKE SILVER, LEAVE HENS"

Thieves Ignore Protest of Indignant California Woman.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 22.—That hen thieves desist from robbing a coop because eggs are so awfully expensive was the request made by Mrs. J. Baker, an elderly woman.

The hen thieves continued their work, unmindful of the woman's presence. The robbers did not disturb the sterling silver plate in the house. Mrs. Frederick Koon, the daughter of Mrs. Baker, went calling. Mrs. Baker heard a squawking in the hen house and discovered two men transferring hens to a wagon. "Take the silver, but leave the chickens alone!" she cried. "Don't you know eggs are 60 cents a dozen?" The men ignored the protest and the roosters, taking only the money making hens.

CARRY MAILS AT DEAD LOSS.

Peters Says Small Roads Lose Money On Mails.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Practically every small railroad in the country carries the United States mails at a dead loss, according to Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad Company, who called upon President Taft to pay his respects.

The appropriations made by congress for carrying the mails, Mr. Peters declared, are utterly inadequate and he stated that he would take up the subject with that body this winter. Mr. Peters says his road receives \$44,000 a year for carrying the mails and the expense is \$135,000. "We would stop handling the mails entirely," said Mr. Peters, "but for the inconvenience to our patrons."

CHOICE stationery at WALKER'S STUDIO.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
All parties having taxidermy work at my place are requested to call immediately and get same or it will be sold for cost of labor.

O. O. LUND.

"OLD KENTUCKY HOME" by the Chicago Newsboys Quartette TO-NIGHT.

HILL WILL RUSH ROAD.

Says Steel Laying In Deschutes Will Begin June 1.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—"We expect to begin laying rails on the Oregon Trunk line not later than June 1, next, and by the following autumn will have our railroad constructed into Central Oregon," said J. J. Hill, veteran railroad builder, here last week. "The work preliminary to laying the track is being prosecuted just as rapidly as the employment of men and the expenditure of money make possible."

"No," was the terse but positive reply of Mr. Hill when asked if he would extend the Oregon Trunk line to San Francisco. However, there prevails a very strong suspicion locally that there is no necessity for Mr. Hill to construct a road into the California metropolis. There is every reason to suspect that the empire builder has acquired an interest in the Western Pacific and that the real terminus of the Oregon Trunk line is Lakeview, to which point the Western Pacific is now extending its line. This would afford Hill an entrance to California, the goal he has long coveted.

FIGHT FIRE WITH BUTTERMILK.

PENNIMORE, Wis., Dec. 22.—A plentiful supply of buttermilk saved the little town of Peach Grove from destruction by fire when the plant of the A. F. Habberman Creamery Company was destroyed. When the 500 people of the town realized that the creamery could not be saved, they set all efforts on saving the house of Wenley Garlach, adjoining. A bucket brigade was formed, and with 500 buckets of buttermilk secured from the creamery the Garlach home was saved. Had the fire communicated to the Garlach residence it is probable that the rest of the town would have gone.

AUTOMOBILE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Magnes & Matson have arranged for free automobile service to their store all this week. Phone 68-J and the auto will come.

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