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THE FARMER IS GETTING THE SHORT END

Today the farmer receives only 14 cents for the calf hide which enters in a \$12 pair of shoes, and the skilled workman gets \$1.60 for making them, so that the cost in reaching the consumer is over \$10.

"A big strong man cannot pack enough steer hides into a shoe shop today, to pay for one pair of shoes.

"An ordinary bag of wool weighs 200 pounds and one man cannot handle it. If he could the entire lot would not buy a suit of tailored clothes weighing 3 1/2 pounds.

"It takes four bushels of my corn at present country prices to half-sole my shoes, and half a wagon load to pay my hotel bill here for two days.

"I could not carry into one of your thirst parlors enough cabbage to purchase a glass of soda water.

"Thousands of bushels of apples are rotting in Ohio orchards this minute, while apples are sold at ten cents apiece by your Chicago fruit vendors.

"Dark Virginia tobacco of a good grade is down as low as a cent a pound, as testified before the Senate Agricultural Committee.

"Two thousand sheep sold recently in a Chicago stockyard, and netted the shipper only 34 cents a head.

"The average farmer in America has not made as much this entire season as the average coal miner has in one day."

The above are paragraphs from a speech of George M. Wilbur, farmer, of Marysville, Ohio, last Wednesday, to a group of Chicago business men at a luncheon at Hotel La Salle. He talked on "Country Economy vs. City Extravagance."

But Mr. Wilbur insisted that the farmer is not a quitter—

That he is going ahead with his work, taking his losses cheerfully, and willing to risk the future.

"By the time the violets bloom in the spring, you will be back in the swing of commercial activity and reasonable earnings which will make the next few years ones of happiness and success for all"

Said Mr. Wilbur—

"If we produce more, sell at a narrower margin, recognize that certain losses are inevitable, and therefore the sooner accepted the sooner mended."

That is the message of cheer of a representative farmer to the business world—

And he added this message: "Labor, too, must swing into line, avoid useless expenditures and be willing to work for wages that employers can afford to pay."

It is the old message of work.

And Mr. Wilbur should have added the necessity of ample protective tariff duties, which, as an Ohio man, he must know are assured.

It is a piece of cheering news, that the Salem dehydration plant is to send to the markets next year three times the amount of prepared fruits and vegetables put up this year; and that there is to be erected in connection with the Salem factory in time for the next crop year a large cold storage plant. Dehydration has come to stay, as the most important conservation process known to the world; and Salem is the dehydration center of the whole earth.

It is the closed season for Democratic "lame ducks" in Washington.

Slogan subject tomorrow, cherries. If you have a suggestion, it is your duty to tell the slogan editor.

You will be surprised, when you see the forthcoming Welcome edition of The Statesman, at the comprehensive way in which all the important industries and ad-

vantages of Salem and the Salem district are covered. It will be done better than ever before.

It will be some moons before another Englishman gets by in this part of the world on interim certificates.

There are a number of good things coming to Salem in 1921; including important developments in the flax industry, and in other lines not yet ready to be given

to the public. Salem is going to keep on growing. This is official.

December 21 was the shortest day of the year. The Democrats are keen to swear that November 2 was the longest.

PANTS AND CIVILIZATION.

What the Irish question is to the British empire the Philippine problem may be to the United States. The Filipino agitator is clamoring for his independence, although it is not pretended that the islands will thrive and prosper as well as they would under the suzerainty of Uncle Sam.

Of course, if the Philippines were given unlimited freedom the United States would still be expected to come to their aid if some other foreign power attempted their conquest. America has gone too far into the islands to escape the ultimate responsibility for their government.

Like the Irish, the Filipinos are divided among themselves. One faction of Sons of Liberty is quite capable of naming a dummy president after the manner of the Sinn Fein. The day may shortly come when delegations of Peppery Filipinos will labor with the Britishers to make demand upon Uncle Sam for their freedom.

Filipino bonds will be offered for sale on the Paris bourse—the proceeds to be used to finance the revolution against the fiendish oppressors from New York, Los Angeles, Salem, Chicago and Cuzco.

There is the making of a situation quite as complicated as the tangled web created by the Emerald Isle. The Filipinos have taken to quarreling in the family about it. There are hundreds of islands in the Philippine group and the inhabitants of many of them have only a vague conception of Uncle Sam. They recognize no duty or obligation and the difference between Spanish and American rule means nothing in their young lives.

Even the Filipino politicians are full of argument. One faction finds its nest feathered and bread buttered the better under the friendly eye of Uncle Sam, while another expects prestige and riches through its yelps for liberty and independence.

In the Philippine assembly one Senator Santos expressed the feelings of those who prefer American rule. The senator thinks that civilization manifests itself in payment. He says that a million or so of Filipinos are training for independence by running around without any pants on. He says that a freedom which demands the right to run around with even an undershirt is not the freedom which epiches. The patriotism which exacts the right to bear arms is not the sort to wander about in bare arms and bare legs. Unless the natives of Luzon can be trapped and put in trousers, Senator Santos thinks they are not fit for national and legal independence. No League of Nations would welcome a country that comes to it with nothing on but a oneseide belly-band and a nose ring. The sports and cock-fighters of Manila look swell in their duck suits and Panama hats, but there are millions distributed over the other islands who never heard of a pants-pressing parlor and whose limbs have never been incumbered by a union suit.

Unless a man can tie a four-in-hand and grasp the mysteries of a silk shirt he has no place in the Temple of Freedom.

So says a Filipino senator. Pants are the sign and symbol of civilization.

That is where the Irishman has the edge on the Filipino.

ALL OUT FOR THE TOURIST.

(Los Angeles Times.)

Hotel men say that there will be the usual rush to Southern California from the east as soon as the Christmas and New Year holidays are ended. Railroad men confirm the statement and declare that they have the reservations to prove it. The news is welcome because it proves that large numbers of people beyond the Rockies who got the California habit during the war are content to retain it. There are many other resort districts pulling against this state at the present time; more so than at any other period since the war was informally declared off. The old world with its battlefields, Canada with its winter sports, Bermuda, a fairland two days from New York, and Florida, California's great but friendly rival, all are proclaiming their special fitness to win the American tourist this winter. Europe is making a special effort now to get the traffic which it lost during the great conflict. It realizes more than ever the importance of the American tourist who travels swiftly and far and spends liberally. Many temptingly written

advertisements are now appearing in the great eastern newspapers calling attention to the delights of Switzerland in winter, of cruises de luxe to the Mediterranean, of tours in Egypt and of sunny days in the south of France. But thousands of those who knew Europe well before the war and who have since become acquainted with California unite in saying that the charms of the golden state outclass those of even the fairylands beyond the sea, and it is not necessary to make an uncomfortable ocean voyage to get here. The tourist can travel to Los Angeles leisurely by auto or swiftly by luxurious fast trains, and if he has a mind to do so he can fly.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE IS OURS.

If all the republics of South America and Central America voted unanimously against the Monroe Doctrine their action would not affect the validity of the policy. For the Monroe Doctrine is not a "regional understanding," as Mr. Wilson was content to have it described in his covenant. It is a national policy of the United States. It is a national determination that the western hemisphere shall not be subject to European political intrigue.

The people of this republic have long been glad that the people of the southern republics approved the Monroe policy. They would regret to see any change in the spirit of their neighbors in this respect. But this, which has stood between South America and Europe for nearly a century, is our wall; and although other republics may enjoy its protection, nobody can remove a stone of it except ourselves.—New York Herald.

WHAT IS A LEAGUE?

There are wide differences of opinion as to what a League of Nations really ought to be. A good many people think that President Harding can wave his arms and call a new League into being, in spite of the fact that 46 countries find the one they have working fairly well. Some folks have the idea that a League ought to be a card index and others think it should be a telephone number. In the one case it would be a filing cabinet for treaties and agreements and in the other it would be a sort of a police station to receive hurry-up calls. Then there are some folks who figure the League as the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of Politicians—a sort of a federation of diplomats and porch-climbers. It will be necessary for the League to have a court with teeth in its judgment in order to show the world what it really is.

WELL WORTH IT.

Advices from Washington are that the cost of inaugurating presidents has risen almost 100 per cent in four years. Pretty near all the items of expense that marked the induction of Woodrow Wilson into his high office have doubled since the war. It is going to cost like the dickens to inaugurate President Harding, but the sentiment of the average American is that it is well worth it and there is no disposition to kick at the price. It is a good deal like buying a wedding ring.

THE SHRINKING HILLS.

If your chimney settles an inch don't worry. Geologists tell us that the Andes mountains have settled 60 feet recently. The first of the year is always settling time, but it is tough that Aconcagua should lose 60 feet of its once impressive stature and shrink to a mere striping or 22,263 feet.

GOOD WORK.

Herbert Hoover's relief machine for Europe has a distributive organization at 3000 different points in the war-tossed country, but only 46 salaried representatives. That is what might be called benevolent efficiency. Other charity organizations may aspire and imitate, but they cannot achieve.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Hail to dehydration! Salem will dehydrate in 1921 three times as much as in 1920.

And there will be a big cold storage plant to help take care of

our surplus fruits and vegetables. So Salem will decidedly increase her importance as the dehydration center of the world. This means big things, for dehydration is the greatest conservation process ever discovered, and it is destined to save billions upon billions annually. Dehydration is the magic thing that will largely save the waste

of the world; the thing that will postpone the fulfillment of the dream of Malthus indefinitely— For, even with present production, the saving of the world's waste will allow of a population several times the present number of the world's peoples. The great thing in dehydration for Salem is that it leaves all the money here at home—all the money excepting that paid for the

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