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THE FAITHFUL EARTH

Men sneered at the July weather, but men's friend, the good, old, brown earth, smiled over it. The reason is made plain in the United States crop forecasts.

Three billion bushels of corn—the fourth largest in the farming history of the United States.

An increase of 15,000,000 bushels of spring wheat.

A record crop of hay—33,000,000 tons.

The second largest crop of white potatoes ever grown.

Two bushels of apples for every person in the country.

The fourth largest tobacco crop.

Up in Canada the crop estimators say that the production of grains of all kinds will far exceed last year's harvest.

Even in Russia, where everything else has gone to smash, nature refuses to turn Bolshevik. The wheat harvest, says Moscow, is more than enough to feed the entire Russian population for a year.

Commenting on these statistical facts, a writer in the New York Herald says:

"It is marvelous the way that this planet, plagued by wars, strikes, grafters, tax-eaters and common or garden fools, manages to sprout enough food for the 2,000,000,000."

Now for prune picking and drying. It will make busier times, if possible.

The debt of the allies to the United States totals, in round numbers, \$16,000,000,000. Round numbers, all right.

Less than 100,000 votes separate the wets and the drys in Sweden. Which means that prohibition is nothing to laugh at, even in continental Europe.

The wets have promised beer to the thirsty within two years. If they get tired waiting for it while standing on one leg they can put down the other.—Exchange.

Carl Gray, formerly of Portland, now president of the Union Pacific, declares that the railroad shopmen's strike is dead. Too bad for the men who were misled; but the losing of the strike will be a good thing for all the rest of the country—including all the working people excepting those who lost their places and may not be able to find others as good.

The primary vote in Ohio shows that but a small percentage of women cast their ballots in the recent election. There was a falling away everywhere from what was expected to be the strength of the woman vote. Party pol-

itics in Ohio, as in every other state, that matter, is still very largely a man's affair, in which women, as a whole, take but a very mild interest.

Los Angeles county simply can't get away from it. There's a Johnson for United States senator, a Johnson for state treasurer, and a Johnson for state senator. Is there such a thing as too much Johnson?—Los Angeles Times.

HEAVENLY HEAT

Astronomers are said to have recently calculated the temperature of Betelgeuse, the vast fiery star which makes our sun seem like the flicker of a firefly. Betelgeuse is hotter than Aldebaran and is now indicating a temperature of 10,000 degrees centigrade.

An astronomer is a person who can tell how hot it is on a planet 40,000,000,000 miles away, but who cannot guess within 40 degrees of the temperature of his bath.

But, at that, some other star-gazer is apt to get out his thermometer and monkey wrench and give us another reading on Betelgeuse. He may show us that this remote orb is carrying a temperature of only 9470 degrees.

Everybody knows what that would mean. If the mercury dropped 520 degrees in a single night in this section there wouldn't be a

tomato left in Oregon. But when you start off with a temperature of 10,000 degrees, a drop of 500 or 600 does not cut so much of a figure. If a man is being cremated, a change of 100 degrees or so would not make any vast difference.

But if Betelgeuse is only running under a temperature of 9000 degrees it is still a hot place. Even Hades would seem like a cooling station by comparison. If Lucifer ever turned up on Betelgeuse he would be wiring for his Palm Beach suit.

But they are not bulletining the climate on Betelgeuse. We are told that it will be several trillion aeons before this star will be cool enough to permit the existence of living organisms. The dawn of creation will not strike Betelgeuse for 9,000,000,000 years—or is it trillions?

There is no one on Betelgeuse to inquire: "Is it hot enough for you?"

CROWN JEWELS

It is reported that the soviet government is about to offer for sale the Russian crown jewels and many art treasures that were flung from the castles of royalty and the nobility at the time of the debacle. An effort is being made to interest rich Americans in these precious stones or paintings. They might be glad to buy, but there is some question as to title, and it is not likely that the administration will consent to the admission of such purchases to this country. Nobody will care to take a chance on smuggling these treasures. About the only thing for the Russian plunderers to do is to break up the collection with a hammer and permit the diamonds to trickle into the market unidentified. They will lose much of their historic value, but that will be the surest method of getting real money.

SOME TIMELY THOUGHTS

If you want a practical proof of the general popular ignorance of the law of relativity, just consider the fashion in which folks talk about time.

Our relation with time is not what we are going to do with time, but what is time going to do with us. Yet who really gets the right perspective?

There are those who will talk of a laggard who lolls his way through life as one who "wastes time." But there again they are all wrong. Time is making waste out of him.

Possibly you yourself have talked about how you intend to spend time under certain more favorable conditions. But time isn't yours or any one else's to spend. If you could spend time, you could buy it also. And yet Rockefeller couldn't buy one second with all his wealth.

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"save time," you show you don't know, the first thing about what time means. You may need saving, but time doesn't.

And, of course, the most absurd thing of all is to talk about "killing time." Just wait long enough and you will find the right relativity. Anyhow, time has eventually killed every being that has been created since the days of Adam.

And yet some little mankin will tell the world that he is just killing time.

SWEETENING THE PUGS

The New York boxing commission is garrisoning the ring, all right. The commission now assumes the prerogative of inquiring into the domestic life and moral behavior of the pugs. If a hard guy beats up his dame every Saturday night he cannot hope to get any ring engagements.

Battling is to be done by gentlemen only. If an athlete's marriage and divorce record is not straight he will not be permitted to box in the state of New York. Kid McCoy's nine wives would be liable to bar him from the ring in Gotham. The commission is doing the Will Hays and Judge Landis stuff to the boxing game and when they finish the cleanup only such unsullied characters as Jess Willard and William J. Bryan will be eligible for engagements.—Exchange.

EUROPEAN FINANCE

A compromise has finally been reached between England and France. Short term treasury bonds are to be accepted by the allied reparations commission for the 1922 payments. Payments due in 1923 are to be discussed and arranged later. It is to be hoped that these nations come to the realization by that time that their own ends can best be reached by compromise and cooperation.

Relations between nations are much like those between individuals. Two self-centered individuals with different interests can get along peacefully only by compromise and cooperation. Life is possible only through compromise.

Impossible reparations have been imposed upon Germany. The result has been that Germany has stupidly led herself to the brink of bankruptcy. Not, however, by a well thought out program. Rather it has been the natural psychological result of the preposterous reparations. Suppose you were on the brink of bank-

FUTURE DATES

September 7, 8 and 9—State Elk Convention, Klamath.
September 16, Saturday—D.A.R. to observe National Constitution day.
September 17, Sunday—National Constitution day.
September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up.
September 24, Sunday—Annual Y.M.C.A. "Setting up" conference, Wallace farm.
September 27, Wednesday—Oregon Purchaser Livestock association to meet.
September 28 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State fair.
October 5, 6 and 7—Folk County fair, Dallas.
November 7, Tuesday—General election.

THE UP-LIFT

This is the explanation given by an Italian review, without documentary evidence, according to Le Petit Parisien, the great Paris newspaper.

A WONDERFUL OPENING—IF YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO KEEP IT SHUT

This story is told of a certain astute party who was called to the witness stand as an expert in a serious litigation.

His replies to counsel and attorneys were marvels of rapid thinking.

His knowledge of the subject discussed was almost uncanny in its grasp of detail.

Moreover, he was versed in the law to a degree which enabled him—or forced him—to express himself in the most precise language, his "ifs," "ands" and "buts" just where they should be, his sentences absolute periods.

Counsel was delighted with the witness.

He urged him on, drew him out until he had given vent to a

perfect torrent of information on the case in point.

Prosecution avoided him as it would an adder.

The jury retired and returned. The case of the state was upheld. The defendant was adjudged guilty.

Some time later the astute witness met one of the jurors and asked him how such a verdict could have been rendered in the face of his testimony.

"Just one reason why," replied the juror. "You said so much we couldn't understand you."

Which is much to the point, whether or not it is true.

Too much talk has cheated many otherwise good men out of prospects and property.

"Don't spout and you'll never spill your brains and your opportunities," is the way Old Man Trick used to put it.

Your mouth is a wonderful opening—if you only know enough to keep it shut. (Usual per cent off on this generalization.)

NOT QUITE DEAD

New York is to have another big hotel, a 15-story building to cost \$29,000,000. It is increasingly apparent that prohibition has killed the hotel business.—Nashville Lumberman.

THE UPLIFT

How can people complain at the high cost of living when they can get jazz-band renditions of "Oogie, Oogie Wa Wa" and "Deedle Deedle Dum" on the same record for a trifle of 85 cents?—Exchange.

Allan Ryan, who recently went bankrupt on the New York stock exchange with liabilities of \$30,000,000 or so, disposed of his tangible assets at a creditor's sale the other day and the amount realized was \$8100. Looks as if his creditors would not even get the half of 1 per cent allowed under the Volstead act.

A Spokane man played 22 rounds of golf and made 198 holes on a nine-hole course in a single day. He began at the first glimmer of dawn and kept it up until darkness had set in. He covered a total of 53 miles in the 15 hours and wore out three caddies. He took a pint of ice cream and four raw eggs at starting, but had no other nourishment during the day. This is believed to be the marathon record for golfers. When the human engine can run all day on a quarter's worth of ice cream it has a Ford skinned.

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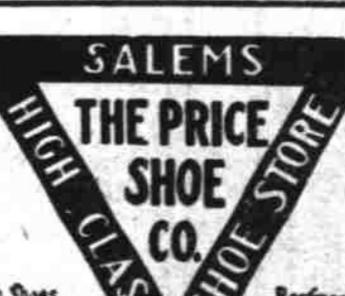
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