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REMEDY IN FARMERS' HANDS

"The farmers have the remedy in their own hands, and the remedy is to grow less wheat, turning their attention to the growing of more sugar beets, more sheep and more of other commodities of which there is a shortage in this country which has to be supplied by the importation of foreign products."—American Economist.

Yes; and the writer in the American Economist might go further and still remain within the truth—

He might say that if the American farmers, with the help of the American capitalists and manufacturers, would live fully up to their opportunities, there would be no call for the advice to raise less wheat—

For there would be no surplus grown here; it would be all consumed in this country, and more—

That is, if the American farmers, with the cooperation of the statesmen and the moneyed interests and the manufacturers of this country would produce all the sheep and wool we need; and all the flax fiber and linen goods and flax seed we need; and all the sugar we need, and all the other things that may be produced as raw materials and turned out as manufactured articles in this country, merely in sufficient volume to take the places of our imports of such articles, there would not be a bushel of surplus wheat to export.

We would need it all. Here is a theme and a field worthy of the attention of our greatest Americans in political, financial and industrial life.

HAWAIIAN CANE SUGAR PRODUCTION

Hawaii is the largest cane sugar producing territory of the United States. It had 53 sugar cane plantation companies in operation in 1921, with 239,710 acres planted to cane.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS NEWSPAPER

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How to Give a Puppet Show. (This is the first of a series of articles about the popular marionette show—how to make one, and plays to put on.)

If there is a club or group of boys and girls in any neighborhood that wants to make some money, and have a very good time, too, a marionette, or puppet show is just the thing. Any one can make the walking, talking dolls and the stage, and once you have them you may hold as many different shows as you wish.

Make Stage First. It is best to make the stage first, for then you can make the dolls to fit it. The stage for a puppet show is just like that in a real theater, only very small. The best thing to make it out of is a wooden box about two and a half or three feet in size, which you can get at the grocer's. Have the boards off on two sides and set it on a table so it is open at the front and top. Thus you have the floor, sides and back of your stage. The top must be left open, so the puppeteers may stand above and work the dolls.

Finish Stage Like Real One. To finish the front top of your stage like a real one, hang a "drop across, this being a piece of cloth 9 to 12 inches deep. Furnish the room with doll furniture. Do not have much furniture, or the strings of the puppets will get tangled in it.

Better Look Into It. There is more to this submarine warfare than appears on the surface.

mysterious letters stood for was the secret. A South End girl would have given her neck to find out. At least, we fondly supposed that she would.

THE SHORT STORY, JR. THE D. L. T. L.'S. Now who do you think let it out? What the name of the club was about; Though they promised so well Five girls had to tell That they'd "talked lots" there was little doubt.

When I was a high school kid with a long braid down my back, (yes, it was away back in the time before bobbed hair came in style), I belonged to the D. L. T. L.'s. The D. L. T. L.'s was a club—a very select club. Anyway we thought it was select. Only North End girls belonged and then only if they could measure up to our standards in manners, morals, and mischief, especially mischief. If a girl could think up exciting enough things to do we often overlooked the first two pre-requisites. South End girls were green with envy.

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THE BIG NOISE Magnus Johnson says he was elected to the senate because of the principles he stands for. As a matter of fact he was elected because of the voice he sits up with.

THERE'LL BE NO CORE Some Canadian Burbank is said to have propagated a coreless apple. At that, he may have taken a lot of joy out of life. The core had a definite value in childhood days and arts of diplomacy and merchandising were exercised in its procurement. Save the core.

BAD ACTORS It is reported that fifty-five Wobblies, including most of those recently sent from this county, are now in the bull pen at San Quentin. They're guilty of mutiny against prison regulations. They will not do any of the work assigned them, nor will they accept the discipline of the institution. They cannot behave even in the penitentiary.—Los Angeles Times.

A LITTLE TELL-TALE DUKE Evidently fired with enthusiasm by the spectacle of the success and publicity achieved by Margot Asquith in her all-revealing biography, the Duke of Manchester has ransacked the treasure chest of his memory and produced a thrilling article in the Sunday Herald of London. The Duke has been known for years past as an indefatigable and prolific writer of features, but the latest article has aroused the most excitement, as it reveals confidences and secrets between him and sundry American millionaires when he visited this country as an eligible bachelor in the long ago.

THE CHERRIANS are advertising Salem as the city of welcome.

Who art the three prettiest girls in the Salem district?

All the towns of the Salem district are invited to get into the poultry contest. Perhaps one of the three prettiest girls in the Salem district is in Silverton, or Stayton, or Turner, or Aurora, or Hubbard, or Dallas, Independence, Monmouth, Dayton or Falls City.

FUTURE DATES

- July 28, Saturday—Printers and publishers of the Willamette valley to picnic at Silverton city park. July 29, Sunday—Union church services, Willson park. July 30, Monday—Second term of Willamette university summer school to open. July 31, Tuesday—Annual picnic of Marion Community Club federation, state fair grounds. August 1 to 29—Annual encampment of Boy Scouts at Canasida. August 5, Sunday—1923 Oregon industry to picnic at Clackamas. August 10-9—National guard rifle matches at Clackamas rifle range. September 19, Wednesday—Willamette university opens. September 24 to 29—Oregon state fair.

Lost, strayed or stolen—the Democratic party in Minnesota.

Senator Underwood is back from a trip to Europe and says he must have time to make up his mind as to what he wants to do about running for president. He possibly wants to consult Father-in-law Woodward first.—Exchange.

As a result of the visit of President Harding to Alaska he finds that the woes of the country have been largely magnified. Many things require adjustment, but the principal idea to be inculcated is to make Alaska a permanent homeland of tomorrow instead of a bonanza land of today. In the meantime the capitalists who are seeking to grab all the things worth having in Alaska must and will be restrained. Much fog has been cleared from the Alaska situation by the visit of the president.

The allies are getting out of Constantinople—again. Now if something could be done about the dogs.

Since the adoption of prohibition, in 1917, the consumption of milk in the United States has increased from 84,612,000,000 pounds to 102,562,000,000 pounds. More babies get milk now. More workmen carry a milk bottle instead of a beer can in their dinner pails.—Exchange.

POLICE BUSINESS

Lots of folks need jacking up every now and then. The police department reports to the mayor that 93,438 persons were charged with misdemeanors in Los Angeles during the year ending June 30. This is about 50 per cent higher than was ever known before. There were 82,488 convictions, so that there must have been something to the charges. It seems, however, that 59,189 of the cases were for violations of the traffic laws and ordinances. This is a new business for the courts that has been developed within the present generation. There are still numbers of drunkards and bootleggers, but the speed maniacs outnumber them three to one.—Los Angeles Times.

HELP FROM FAILURES

Our past failures father our future philosophy; today sprang out of yesterday's folly. Each day is indebted to the sufferings of the day before. Education is even the child of sweat and groans.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

THE WEDDING RING

There are now fourteen different styles of wedding rings, while in grandmother's day there was but one. There's only about one pattern of ball and chain, but it seems to hold 'em better than a dozen fashions in wedding rings. There is no safety in numbers. It would seem that by introducing variety in bridal rings some folks developed a passion for a full set.

BOTH ENDS MEET

In an eastern town an undertaker proved also to be the community's favorite bootlegger. The two occupations seem almost happily interlarded. There was no waste in coffin varnish of embalming fluid. After he had served a customer faithfully in his capacity of bootlegger he could put on his crepe necktie, call in a handful of pallbearers and complete the other angle of his profession. There was no robbing Peter to pay Paul. He was simply playing double-headers.

SENATORIAL INVESTIGATORS

Senator Brookhart of Iowa has returned to Washington from Europe after a sojourn of several weeks as the guest of the Bolsheviks at Petrograd, with what he considers very valuable information for the state department. So great was his concern that he has decided to call upon the secretary of state the morning of his arrival in the national capital.

Judging from the press reports of his interviews with the newspaper men he seemed to expect that the recognition of the Bolshevik government would be concluded before the day ended. Later dispatches indicate, however, that Secretary Hughes was not very powerfully impressed by the information imparted by Senator Brookhart.

It is possible that the secretary of state knows something concerning the record for accuracy of Senator Brookhart as an investigator. Before leaving for Europe the Iowa senator did some investigating concerning the operation of the American railroads. On March 14 he disclosed to the Prairie Club at Des Moines what he had discovered. He said that the operating expenses of the railroads in 1921 and 1922 under private operation were \$1,200,000,000 more per year than in 1919 under government operation, despite the fact that the wages paid employees were less than in 1918.

Like most of the senator's generalizations, this would be highly important, if true; for it would indicate that the railroads were charging excessive freight rates to cover what might be termed "watered" operating expenses. But the official reports of the interstate commerce commission are a flat contradiction of the senator's figures. In 1919 the operating expenses of the railroads were \$4,399,715,515. In 1922 they were \$4,455,650,215, an increase of less than \$56,000,000 in place of \$1,200,000,000.

commerce commission reports, the wages paid to railroad employees averaged \$179 a year more in 1921 and \$136 a year more in 1922 than 1919. It will be recalled that congress increased the pay of the employees at the time the roads were turned back to their owners, so the railroads are still paying war-time wages. If the average wage had been no higher in 1922 than in 1919 the cost of operation would have been \$214,000,000 less.

When one stops to consider how far Senator Brookhart missed the mark in his statements concerning our railroads, where he had every opportunity to get the facts, one begins to appreciate how much confidence the secretary of state would be justified in placing in his reports concerning conditions in Russia.

Senator Brookhart is one of the class of investigators who have a faculty for seeing only what they want to see. They make up their minds about a condition first and investigate afterward; and every thing that fails to conform to their preconceived opinions is rejected.

No one will seriously doubt that the Bolsheviks were prepared to supply the Iowa senator with statistics to prove any assertion he might want to make. They have a way in Petrograd of supplying statistics while you wait. If Senator Brookhart desired to place his plea for recognition of the soviet government on the argument that the per capita wealth in Russia is now greater than that in his own country the soviet commissioners would have supplied him with duly attested statistics to prove that assertion.

When a reckless investigator offers the testimony of scoundrels to support his assertions the secretary of state is justified in making a few independent investigations before he acts. The state department has maintained unprejudiced investigators in Russia for the past two years; and it is upon their reports, not those of strolling politicians, that the administration relies for its information.

In his interview Senator Brookhart relates that he visited the French foreign office in Paris and supplied it with the information he had gathered in Russia about the stability of the government and its willingness to side with France against Germany in return for French recognition. As the French government also maintains its own investigators in Russia it would be interesting to know the opinion of the head of the foreign office concerning the competency of United States senators as investigators.

Some other senators, by the way, have been making personally conducted investigation tours in other parts of Europe this summer. It makes one fairly shudder to consider the mass of misinformation that will find its way into the Congressional Record when they are given "leave to print" what they found when congress reconvenes.

Now a discussion is raging in London as to whether the Duke has violated the traditions of nobility in retailing these hitherto buried secrets and gaining so much publicity. Inasmuch as his grace states that he is divided between choosing a career in the Hollywood films or the Canadian gold fields, with his preference for the former, there may be method in his bid for wide publicity.

In the circumstances one may be pardoned for joining in the wondering inquiry of the young lady whom he scorned.

Did the three most beautiful women—especially the daughters of poultrymen—in the Salem district note the offer to send one of them to be Queen of Egg Day at the Petaluma fair, in the Slogan pages of The Statesman of yesterday morning? It is a chance to advertise this section as a poultry producing district—and it costs nothing; nothing but the trouble to send in the two photographs. We will win if we lose—win the chance to show the people of the greatest poultry district on earth, and poultrymen everywhere, that Salem is a poultry center and aspires to the premier place in the world in this respect. If we win, the Salem district lady chosen will have a free trip and a wonderful time, as the guest of honor of Petaluma and the county that is the home of Luther Burbank; and she may, at her option, choose one of the contestants as her chaperone—any other lady. And her chaperone will also have a free trip and entertainment. Please hurry with the photographs. Let us think of missing the chance.

Bavaria Seeks Water For Power Purpose

MUNICH, July 26.—Bavaria will have one of the world's greatest power plants when the canalization of the Middle Isar River is completed.

Seven thousand workmen engaged in constructing a canal bed for the river which will make it possible to develop an electric current aggregating 450,000 watt hours yearly. This will result in a saving of 500,000 tons of coal annually, the cost of which has been estimated at 400,000,000 paper marks.

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