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THE FARMER

What is it the farmer wants in the way of legislation? Is our government being asked to regulate the amount of rain and sunshine so that abundant crops may be raised, with a minimum of labor? Or is our government to regulate the minimum prices at which the farmers' products may be sold? Or is our government being asked for a bounty upon all farm products payable to the actual tiller of the soil in proportion to his success? How would the last plan help the farmer whose crop had been devastated by a cyclone or hailstorm? If the farmer is to receive a bounty upon the products of his labor, as the railroad operator has upon his, will these two industries be willing to pay higher taxes, that all manufacturing industries, all mining industries, all shipping industries, all labor may receive a bounty upon their products? In what way is the farmer to be relieved, when, through shiftlessness his crops are a perennial failure, while his neighbors' under exactly similar conditions are a huge success? Is the farm relief bill designed to make the berry boxes still smaller, while the berries in the box

rise? Is it destined to establish a standard grade, weight and price for wheat? At one time one dollar a bushel for wheat was selected as the standard price, but when wheat rose above \$1.50 that year, the scheme to standardize the price of wheat was voted to be impracticable.

I have tried to find out just what it is that the farmer expects our government to do that will relieve and benefit him as a class. Portland has a public market at which the producer may sell at retail. The cry was raised that the "middleman" was absorbing all the profits. But if such a retail market was established for the farmer, the latter would eliminate all the middleman's profits and they did. You ask what becomes of it? Being a patron of that public market I can't say that it was taken off the price I pay. There is a Market Master in charge of that market whose duties include the prevention of gouging by the producers. This is done by placing a price on each commodity offered for sale, that is, the extreme height of the market. Of course, that means that Portland's public market each day becomes a restraint of lower prices. It is hinted that the price has the sanction of those selling like commodities, and that vendors often appear in these sales booths who never produced a thing they sell, but these rumors are attributed to the jealousy among competitors in this market.

Uncle Sam thought high protective duties on manufactured articles made it possible for factories in this country to charge the American people from 10 per cent to 33 and one-third more than they charged the people of Europe for the same article and farm machinery is one of these articles. Does the farmer want the same high protective duty that will enable him to sell his product in Europe 33 and one-third per cent cheaper than it sells to

Americans?

Does the farmer want the same bonus that Uncle Sam gave the railroad companies of the country at the close of the war?

Maybe it would not come amiss to suggest that Uncle Sam place the farmer upon the same plane with the ship-building industries, i. e., on the cost-plus basis.

Surely it is time that we had a new deal. Mr. Mellon will now deal the cards, but watch closely there, remember brother Mellon dealt the cards at the recent election in Pennsylvania. Give the farmer a new deal. Let him shuffle, cut and deal the cards to himself, so we may know exactly what he is expecting Uncle Sam to do for him. Let him show how his scheme will work out and if affording him practical relief put it into effect. Let the politicians in Washington save his time and the people's money by refraining from introducing vote soliciting farm relief bills that he knows cannot get to first base. Let our congressmen and senators get down to honest to goodness brain work and devise a means for farm relief regardless of politics and stock exchanges. When the farmer has been taken care of, it will be time for labor to seek like relief.

THE VOICES OF NATURE

Out yonder in the hills, voices are calling. The branches of the trees sway and rustle, 'tis the voice of the light winds, which coupled with the blazing sun, lulls one to slumber. A sound as of tinkling silver falls on the ear, and breaking through the wood, a streamlet of ice-cold water is seen cascading down the mountain and hastening seaward, rejoicing on its way in various notes as it encounters obstructions or flows placidly between green banks. The cawing of a crow in a dead tree top, the cackling of a kingfisher the faint but musical notes of the wren, the more piping screech of a blue heron in the marshy margin of an inland lake, are voices that help to make up the great orchestra of the wilderness. Silence itself is a welcome voice to the tired and weary, which may be disturbed by the antlered deer serenely browsing in near by thicket, unaware of any danger or the near proximity of man. A chickadee with a voice so weak it carries but a scant dozen yards, yet sounds in the ear as loud as the notes of a bugle, and may be drowned by the rapid whirring flight of a partridge disturbed in his meal from a berry bush. The forest is filled with voices a sth night settles down. The monotonous chirp of the cricket and katydid, the hoot of the owl, the raucous cry of the loon on the bosom of the lake, the falling of a dead limb from a tree, emblematic of decay and death, the crackling of the campfire, and many mysterious and unknown sounds that always accompany the darkness.

But to the tired dweller among men, weary of their voices, their shams and vices and shallowness, their uncharitableness and hypocrisy their selfishness and greed, their wild pursuit for things material and no thought for the things spiritual, the voices removed from civilization are as music to soothe the jaded nerves, to arouse in man a sense of his own shortcomings and send him back among his fellowmen with an awakened conscience to strive for their uplift, to strengthen his own character and to bless Nature for the voices that called him to listen.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

Did congress eventually pass out having nothing more to "investigate" or just die a natural death with its boots on?

If one thinks we have a monopoly of the "crime wave" in this country, let him read the dispatches coming from foreign centers. The only difference is over there they punish.

Floridians are great on selling Northerners sandlots at drugstore prices, but opposed to institutions of learning. Therefore a Negro college in course of construction at Miami was dynamited, injuring 8 persons.

In France a condemned female murderer is never referred to as Mrs. or Miss, only as "The" Blank. In this land of puritanical descendants siesk lawyers crown them with flowers of virtue and "unwritten laws" put justice to shame.

What a glorious specimen of democracy is our government! In November, we are to elect a new house of representatives and thirty-two senators, but this new congress will

not meet until December, 1927. In the meantime or for thirteen months we shall be governed by the same bunch of deadwood we elect at the coming November elections.

A good idea of how the people feel about prohibition can be gained by the acts of congress. One of the last before adjournment was to pass an extra appropriation of \$2,686,000 for prohibition forces. There were only 34 votes against it.

One who speaks or writes homely truths is not likely to be very popular among his hearers. Honesty, integrity, a clean heart, leaves us not open to the charge that "Conscience doth make cowards of us all."

A conference of German physicians meeting at Eisenbach adopted a resolution against all forms of prohibition laws, declaring that legal restrictions of personal freedom would lead to race demoralization. It may be left to a discriminating world to compare prosperous America with the present Germany soused in beer and wine.

Members of a reptile study club announce they have caught on an Atlantic sandbar nineteen "terrifying hog-nosed snakes with dreadful hisses," which they will send to Harvard university. From accounts coming from the great institution of learning, a sight of them ought to discourage bootlegger patronage.

Accused and in jail on a charge of killing his own daughter, a girl of twenty-two, is a Seattle man. He may have thought that as he brought her into the world he had a right to send her out again. But if he did he got the fiendish idea through the fumes of booze in his head.

Civilization is slowly progressing from West to East. Boston jubilated a few days ago on the first air mail to arrive in that great center of culture, etc. Out here in the West the air mail has been in operation so long it has ceased to be a novelty.

Singing of the Star Spangled Banner in New York City was the occasion for bringing out the police on a riot call recently. We have maintained for some time past that the chief city of the Atlantic coast should apply for admission into the United States.

Much ado is made by the newspapers of the circumstance of the occasional shooting by enforcement officers acting in the line of duty of some brigand bootlegger. Killing is to be deplored in all instances but when the murder is committed by those who defy the law we hear very little about it from the same newspapers.

If the saloon should ever come back it would have a hard time to find a location. All the prominent corners are now taken up by gas stations and beauty parlors.

Congress might help resolve itself into a huge investigating body and have done with it. Inasmuch as most of the members are at all times "investigating" something, or somebody, they might as well get on the job instead of trying to pass laws half of the people do not respect.

"Another" civil war in China predicted. There are so many going on there now it is hard to see where there is room for more. However, they will help boost the umbrella business.

Mary Roberts Rhinehart, very able novelist and short story writer says men do not marry women they suspect, and women today deliberately undressing their bodies, after some mistaken idea of attraction, self-indulgence and pleasure-loving, are women suspected. But such language falls on many deaf ears, on mothers with budding girls, who tilt matronly noses at anything suggesting modesty and decency.

Never in the history of this country has there been a time when every family was so near financial independence as the present. This is not astonishing when it be taken into consideration that we are advancing in intellectuality, in a desire to do more and better work, and to practice thrift and frugality. The youngest nation on the earth, our progress is shown when separated from the customs, superstitions and backwardness of the old world.

The police Gazette of Richard K. Fox which made a specialty of chronicling all the crime and nasty news of the world was in a class by itself and so objectionable that many states barred it from circulation in their territory. But the metropolitan press of the present time not only can hold a candle to that smut sheet, but totally eclipses that smut sheet in the filth and obscenity they daily circulate to the public. And the public, it claims, demands it.

One of the greatest aides to escape the criminal has is the publicity given his act after committed. All he need do is watch the daily

papers as to tips as to the activities of the authorities to apprehend him and govern his movements thereby.

Mrs. McPherson, the Los Angeles evangelist, who asserts she was kidnapped to account for her disappearance for several weeks, on her first appearance again in the pulpit, of her own church told her congregation she blamed the devil for her unfortunate experience. Does not this in many ways good woman

know that her statement is contrary to the teachings of the man of Nazareth whom she professes to follow and has set up a church to worship? To acknowledge the devil is contrary, also, to the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me."

Just think, John, we don't have to pull down the shades; we're married now.

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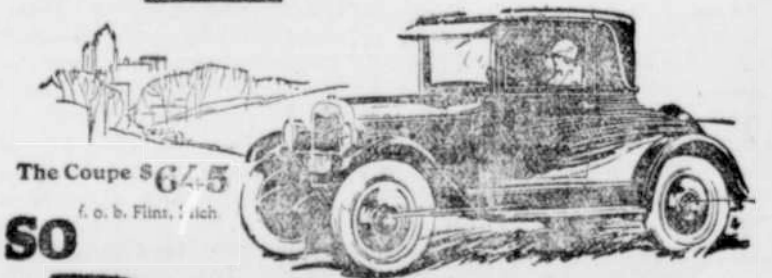
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