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Senator Hiram Johnson's entry into the presidential race as a representative of the progressive republicans will certainly put pep into the campaign. Backed by a personality of rare magnetism, with a background made picturesque by the memory of his relations with Roosevelt, he will make even President Coolidge, with all the prestige of the administration at his command, look to his laurels, and that in spite of the fact that he comes from a far western state whose right to a presidential candidate has ever been denied.

If anyone wonders why the American farmer leaves his fertile acres and seeks a menial job in the city, let him read the article on another page relative to the importation of Chinese eggs. With Chinese coolies raising hen fruit for American citizens, on Chinese soil, and Japanese truck gardeners raising Thanksgiving turkeys on American soil, it is no wonder that the American farmers are standing with their backs to the wall. If these things continue much longer to be, even the American goat will lose his nanny.

Optimism is a grand thing. Optimism, properly applied, often produces results. Canby, our neighbor on the north, has abundant optimism. Nay, more, she is ever fruitful in schemes. Not long ago we learned that she was to have a cannery. Shortly after a creamery was all but a certainty. A few days ago we heard that a factory for the production of menthol was in contemplation. Now we are assured by the official organ of Canby "that a business opportunity for Canby is foreseen" in the location there of a factory for manufacturing fruit and vegetable graders. Verily, Canby is optimistic, or perhaps she relies upon the maxim, "To him that hath not much shall be given."

In early England a national law was passed to help out the merchants and a decree of fashion entered requiring a woman's skirt to be of a certain size and worn over hoops. Now comes the wise ones in America with a national campaign urging the consumption of more wheat under the slogan, "Eat it with toast." All this to help out the poor farmer. Why not "use more AMERICAN eggs"? The American hen is a humble fowl, but her product amounts to a good deal to the farmers.

The Farce Continues

The ready market created for public bonds by exemption of national, state, county and municipal securities from federal income taxes has laid a heavy burden on railroads, public utilities and other industries.

By reason of the outpouring of such securities with this privilege, industries which seek to provide for the expansion of transportation and manufacturing facilities required in the public service must pay higher interest rates to successfully compete in the money market.

In turn this must be paid by the general public in order that holders of tax-exempt bonds escape tax free on their income.—Industrial

Supreme Court Tinkers

It has been the favorite indoor sport of a few congressmen and senators to try and change the character of the supreme court of our country.

It has been a popular political pastime to air the grievances of reformers, labor leaders and radical politicians by attacking the valid-

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ity of the last court of resort for interpreting laws and constitution.

Senator Borah has been particularly savage in talking about five-to-four decisions and proposed a bill requiring that 7 out of 9 judges concur in pronouncing any Act of Congress unconstitutional.

Charles Warren, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, in the Saturday Evening Post of October 13, shows that the actual fact on this particular matter is that in 134 years of the existence of the United States Supreme Court, there have been exactly nine of these five-to-four cases in which an act of Congress was held unconstitutional.

Senator La Follette goes further and proposes to amend the Constitution so that if the Supreme Court or any inferior Federal Judge declares an act of Congress unconstitutional, Congress may, by re-enacting the law, nullify the court action.

Senator Borah's amendment would give a minority of two judges such tremendous monopoly of power that majority rule on the Supreme Court in rendering decisions will seem to any ordinary mind to be infinitely more fair than seven-to-two decisions.

The La Follette amendment would destroy the theory of equality between the three great branches of our government—the representative, executive and judicial.—Industrial News.

YANKS WIN THE FOURRAGERE

French Decoration Given to Organizations an Imitation of the Old Forage Cord.

The "fourragere" (originally a forage cord or rope used for tying hay or grain) is the French military decoration for bravery. Several generations ago the grain band was worn by soldiers as an ornament.

It is now a collective decoration which is conferred by the French and other European governments, a colored cord having been substituted for the band of grain, says the Detroit News. Fifteen American organizations were awarded the fourragere by the French government for heroic deeds in the World war. One of these, Section 649 of the American ambulance service, received four citations in orders of the army, and therefore was awarded the fourragere in the colors of the ribbon of the Medaille Militaire. The others were awarded the green and red fourragere of the Croix de Guerre for two army citations.

In addition to these many other organizations had their colors decorated with the Croix de Guerre, but had not the two necessary citations in army orders to receive the fourragere.

Angler Fishes of Strange Forms. The family of the angler fishes contains more strange forms than any other.

Living on the sea bottom and seeking their prey by stealth, angler fishes do not need powerful swimming muscles, says the Detroit News, consequently the size of the body and tail has become considerably reduced, so that the head, relatively to the size of the body, is unusually large and villainously ugly.

The rays of the back fin are very long, and the foremost is provided with a flaglike flap of skin at the top, extremely sensitive to touch, and playing a very important part in the capture of its food.

The Pilgrimage. When the faithful followers of Mohammed reach the Holy City on a pilgrimage they must be garbed in seamless cloth, must have four baths before they go to kiss the black stone, then must travel seven times about the city, three times running and four times walking, then must run up and down some of the sacred hills, then must go to Mt. Ararat, stand on the summit all afternoon and repeat their prayers, then return to Mecca, on the way stopping at a village to sacrifice a goat, a sheep or a camel, then cast seven stones at each of several cairns. Then they may shave and cut their nails, the pilgrimage having been concluded.—Ohio State Journal.

LOSING THE CAPITAL HELPED

Philadelphia's Growth Showed Moving of Government Was a Benefit on the Whole.

Would Philadelphia have been a greater or lesser city had it remained, as it was for a quarter of a century, the seat of congress?

It was the capital of the republic under the Constitution for ten years. Pennsylvania was quick on the trigger to capture the national capital, says Girard in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Hardly had the ink of the signers dried upon the original copy of the United States Constitution before Philadelphia and Bucks county together offered to give the nation a block of land ten miles square.

That offer to the country made in the name of Pennsylvania was presented to congress.

The federal government was to have exclusive jurisdiction over that territory, but the city of Philadelphia itself, as it then existed, was to be excluded from the offer.

To further the move and make this the permanent national capital, Pennsylvania, which then owned Independence hall—always called state house in that day—offered congress the use of that building. It was then the state capital.

Congress took it for ten years. In the meantime Hamilton and Jefferson indulged in a political game of chess.

Hamilton swapped votes to remove the capital south to the Potomac and Jefferson yielded votes in favor of the government's assumption of state debts.

Seeing that Philadelphia has expanded two millions during the time Washington has grown a quarter of that perhaps Pennsylvania owes Hamilton and Jefferson a special monument for taking the capital away.

BANDITS FOILED BY A GIRL

How a Landlord's Daughter in Solis, France, Trapped Gang of Italian Robbers.

A large number of southern Italians are employed on reconstruction work in Solis, which was within the area occupied by the Germans. The authorities have had little difficulty with them until the other day, when a band of six held up the customers of a local cafe.

The six entered separately, ordered drinks, then appeared to quarrel. In their quarrel they drew knives. Thereupon the proprietor ordered them to settle their dispute outside. His intervention evidently was the awaited signal, for he was overpowered and his customers ranged against the walls, while two of the band stood guard at the door. Thereupon they began to relieve everybody of valuables, and when resistance was shown a sharp prick of a knife followed.

The bandits had reckoned without the landlord's daughter, who, on the first signs of the robbery, slipped out a back window and aroused the neighborhood. When the bandits emerged with their spoils they were met by a discharge of shotguns. Four of them dropped in their tracks. The two survivors surrendered and were taken to jail.

Where Bananas Come From.

The ordinary fruit-stand banana is grown chiefly in Jamaica, Costa Rica and other parts of tropical America. Some attempt has been made to grow them in California, Louisiana and in other states with warm climates, but this is more or less of an experiment because the plant cannot endure the slightest frost. As a novelty, a few banana plants have borne fruit in colder climes, but under special protection. It is interesting to note that the best and most tasty bananas are not known to most of us because they are too perishable to ship any distance. In the East Indies there are bananas that grow over a foot long and about two inches thick. These are not exported, but are used for home consumption.

Funeral Before Death.

Funeral services for an aged couple who are still alive were conducted recently at Kochi, Japan. The man, who is the proprietor of a fashionable restaurant, and his wife are both seventy, and it was their desire that their funeral should take place before their death.

A long cortege of "mourners" left the Kochi park, and all the procedure of the funeral service according to Buddhist rites was carried out in regular order at the Hongwan temple. After the service the couple entertained many of the "mourners" at a dinner, given to celebrate their longevity. They believe that the "funeral" has given them a new lease of life.

The Way of Fate.

"Even when a man gets elected to office he's liable to complain of his lot."

"It's a way fate has," said Senator Sorghum. "When a man gets what he wants it's liable to be handed to him with trimmings that will make him wish he hadn't wanted it."

Soothing an Indignation.

"Isn't there any way of quieting this man who is always making such a fuss about being a taxpayer?"

"Only one that I know of," answered Senator Sorghum. "I'm doing the best I can to get him a job somewhere as a tax collector."

Parasitismous Bug.

Professor (in zoology laboratory)—What insect lives on the least food? Bright Puppl—The moth. It eats holes.—Upper Iowa Collegian.

RAILROADS SET EIGHT RECORDS IN YEAR 1923

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At least eight new records in transportation service to the public have been set by the railroads this year.

This was disclosed in the report of Directors of the American Railway Association, just received by the Southern Pacific Company, reviewing results of the program to furnish adequate transportation to the public, adopted early in 1923, and telling of plans to continue this good work for the rest of the year and in 1924.

The new records established are as follows:

(1) The railroads, from January 1 to October 1 put in service 134,636 new freight cars and 2,963 new locomotives—a larger number than in any similar period during the last ten years.

(2) A larger number of locomotives and cars have been repaired and put in serviceable condition than ever before in any equal period.

(3) The railroads handled more freight business between January 1 and October 20 than in any corresponding previous period. The number of cars loaded with revenue freight was 40,545,920. This compares with 34,220,426 in 1922 an increase of 18 per cent; and with 36,827,588 in 1920, the previous record year, or an increase of 10 per cent.

The box car surplus in the grain producing states has been the greatest in history.

(4) The average miles moved by each freight car daily in the first 9 months of the year was 27.6 miles, and in September reached 29.2 miles. This compares with 23.5 miles in the first 9 months of 1922, 22 miles in 1921 and 24.5 in 1920. This figure is based upon the total number of freight cars owned, whether in transit or not.

(5) Because of these increases in facilities resulting in the more rapid movement of cars a record breaking business was handled without congestion and with practically no car shortage or embargoes for the first time in years.

(6) The amount of freight service rendered with each car was 511 tons carried one mile daily during 8 months of 1923, which exceeds the record of any previous year, and surpasses that of 1922 by over 31 per cent.

(7) From January 1 to October 1 the number of tons of coal dumped at Lake Erie ports for movement by boat to the Northwest was greater than in any previous year. The program of providing coal for the Northwest was completed much earlier than in any previous year, thereby making available additional locomotives and cars for other commercial interests during the fall and winter months.

(8) A greater amount of railroad coal has been placed in stockpile storage than was ever heretofore stored by the railroads, thereby making available additional locomotives and cars for general commercial service during the fall and winter months.

The railroads have spent \$1,303,244,000 for new equipment and other facilities this year up to October 1, a record amount.

In addition to these expenditures the Class 1 roads in 1922 expended \$1,668,573,271 for materials and supplies used in operation and maintenance and this year will have spent \$1,800,000,000 by the end of December for this purpose.

Altogether the Class 1 roads in 1923 will have spent over three billion dollars for equipment and facilities, materials and supplies. This money has gone to the industries of the country and is one of the prime causes contributing to their expansion and the employment of labor, which, in turn, has been a major factor in the increase in domestic demand for both the products of industry and the farm.

Fair Income Needed

The Association points out that a continuance of these enormous capital expenditures, which are necessary if the public is to be adequately served, depends on such net income to the carriers as will permit a fair return on the property now devoted to the public service and will make it possible to secure the new capital which is imperatively needed. Attention is called to the fact that despite the unprecedented volume of traffic successfully handled this year, the railroads have not earned even the moderate net income permitted by the Transportation Act.

The Association also voiced the appreciation of the roads for the cooperation of the shipping public which has greatly assisted the handling of equipment. Their continued assistance is sought.

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