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The 1910 census showed that 8 per cent of the people of the United States could not read or write the English language. Worse than that, five eighths of this percentage show them to be native born. When we stop to reflect at our illiteracy, along come the statistics brought forth by the army draft and we discover the number is greater than in 1910.

We have boasted about our free institutions, our excellent system of education, but something must be lacking when 8,000,000 of our people can neither read nor write. Our citizenship has been sadly neglected. Foreigners have come to our shores and we have allowed them to shift for themselves or to be taken in hand by an element wishing no good to the government.

Statistics further show that a very small per cent of the immigrants who came to America in the last decade have become citizens. Still being aliens makes them more susceptible to any propaganda that comes along. Eighty per cent of the trouble makers in the strikes in the country are foreign born.

WILL NOT HURT FARMERS.

Census information of great statistical value is proposed to be taken from all the farms, beginning January 1, 1920. Farmers are requested to have facts and figures in readiness to respond to the many questions that will be asked. These include farm tenure, incumbrances, values, expenses, receipts, uses of land during 1919, 1919 crops, live stock of each class and grade, facil-

ities, tractors, autos, trucks, conveniences, marketing, fruits, nuts and forest products. So sharpen your pencils and figure up your records. The census department guarantees that information you furnish will be kept confidential, not only from prying neighbors, but from tax collectors. You will not be treated like a public service corporation, which has to make all its records public for auditors to pick on and distort in a way to inflame public prejudice.—Oregon Voter.

Oregon has 6000 open cases of tuberculosis at all times and between 9 and 10 per cent of all the deaths in the state are due to this dreaded disease. It is therefore at once seen how imperative it is that the great fight being waged against tuberculosis in this state should be continued. Funds for this humanitarian work are raised through the sale of Christmas Red Cross Seals each year. Oregon's budget calls for a sale of seals amounting to \$44,260, which means that in order to make the sale a success, five seals per capita must be sold. By the first of the month the sale will be launched in every city and hamlet.

THAT RAINY DAY

There are more ways than one of putting something away for a rainy day. The umbrella one obtains and guards most closely may be constructed of coal.

And the "rainy day" may be a day such as we have had—with coal miners out and the family coal bin empty. If you were one of those who had coal to burn you were more than lucky. You had learned the lesson of putting the right thing away for a rainy day.

Putting food away during summer and early autumn for the winter day, often more snowy and cold than rainy, is another indication that you know what sort of an umbrella may be needed in the future.

The farmer who fills his silo rightly interprets the ancient advice. So too, when he puts away the best ears of corn for next spring's planting, and exchanges perfectly good money for soil fertilizers.

Often the "umbrella" you put away for that rainy day is money in the bank, and believe us, there is no umbrella quite so desirable as the

one that is handy for your use on the rainy day, the cold day, the snowy day, the day when there's a shortage of coal, or food, or clothes, the day of unemployment, the day of hard times, the day when the wolf howls loudest at the door.

If the coal strike coal shortage did no other good (and we don't believe it did) it helped to drive home the rayhaired suggestion: Get while the getting is good—and save it.

HOW MUCH LONGER HANDS?

Was a time when man made everything by hand. He built strong, speed was secondary; permanence came first. Today, steel fingers cut, shave, weave, weld and do the work.

Was a time when fine handwriting was a proud accomplishment. Now comes a machine with ears and fingers. We speak and it automatically writes our words.

No more will we practice our choicest language on inky blots and cratchy pens. Ne'er will a bad hand cost a nation its conquest. Did not the Marshal Grouchy fail to retire up his picked troops in reserve because he misread Napoleon's scribble "The battle is won" for "The battle is on"?

Authors, rather than statesmen, afford the most interesting examples of writing. Thackeray could pen the Lord's prayer on his thumbnail. Hawthorne wrote so small some of his manuscripts could not be read. Horace Greely once wrote a note discharging a compositor. It was so badly scrawled, the man used it as a letter of recommendation to get another place. The signature alone was decipherable.

If man continues to live a push-button life, what will become of his hands? Science says we will breathe our food in the next era. Machines will do our work. Nature discards every organ that outlives its usefulness. Will hands go the way of tonsils, appendix, tails and claws?

DID YOU KNOW

That a committee has been formed in Holland to establish air service with Java and other Pacific colonies. That in ten days preceding the opening of the steel strike, Pittsburgh merchants took out \$100,000,000 insurance against "riot and commotion." That Governor Frank O. Lowden, Gilman Bldg. Heppner.

of Illinois, on a recent visit to Washington was enthusiastically greeted by Congressmen and Senators as "our next President."

That the Aero Club of America will cooperate with similar clubs elsewhere in arranging an aerial derby around the world, with prizes aggregating \$1,000,000.

That a British engineering firm has submitted to its government plans for immediate construction of giant commercial airships with dining, smoking and sleeping cabins.

That a million acres of timber land in Montana and Northern Idaho were burned over by this year's forest fires, in spite of the employment of 4,500 extra men. Seven of the fire fighters lost their lives.

That within a year Canada has made land grants to 3,768 returned soldiers and loaned them \$30,000,000. The government has arranged to buy 2,000,000 bushels of spring wheat to provide against a shortage next spring.

The Kaiser is reported recently to have gone through "the solemn ceremony of loading his revolver in the presence of his family," especially including the former Clown Prince, with the declaration that on the day when the Powers demanded his extradition he would shoot himself. It would have been impossible for him

to do such a thing save in the most theatrical manner, and it's dollars to doughnuts that he carried out the whole theatrical scheme by using a "property" pistol and blank cartridges.—Harvey's Weekly.

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Eleanor Field's Comedy "Their Baby"
Outdoor Scenic, "Sahara's Sands"
SUNDAY
Ethel Clayton in "Women's Weapons"
Monday, VIVIAN MARTIN In "Her Country First"
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The king comedy of them all is coming November 29 when we present **Charlie Chaplin** in **"Shoulder Arms"**
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