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## YE RURAL SCRIBE

The country correspondent, whenever we chance to sight him, is usually pursuing the coy, elusive item. 'Tis he who takes his pen in hand, and with the best intention, recites events some two weeks old, that he forgot to mention, and tells us that a certain swain has got himself a motor. And that the girls will all look out, or, if they don't they oughter; and at the church cantata, he is very sure and certain. He jokes, he warns, he gives advice and also sympathizes. And punctuation—syntax, too, he utterly despises. When we are born he greets us with a welcome never chary, and when we die he flatters us in each obituary. He is a good old scout, and true, to every heart respondent. So let us doff our hats to him—the country correspondent!

—Tennyson J. Daft.

## FACING THE NEW YEAR

History is a record of extremes. It divides the eras of hardships, luxury, conquest, cruelty, lust, splendor, famine, industry, idleness, greed and pestilence.

Though it is writ on stone, paper and the minds of men that danger lurks in extremes, the lesson comes down the centuries to this day unheeded.

At this moment, hallowed by its Christian significance, a man is at his neighbor's throat for dollars. A year ago it was for principles and the principals were nations. Now principals are individuals, even as you and I.

The extreme that perpetuates all others is the present day disregard for that basis of all happiness, concord and prosperity—the Golden Rule.

It's a good rule that works both ways—benefitting him who applies it and bringing good to all humanity. In the practice of it you can never reach the extreme. The Golden Rule is self-modifying.

It engenders love—a fellowship with and affection for all mankind. Love is the parent of good, another word self-modifying.

Let's summon the good, the decency, the Real in us at this auspicious season and face the newday, the New Year, the new era with a new feeling for those about us and a better understanding for all that peace-on-earth-good-will implies.

All the fantastic economic patent medicines have been tried by Europe and all have been fruitful of misery—shall we accept certain demoralization by following them?—Herbert Hoover.

## WHY ARE THEY GLOOMY?

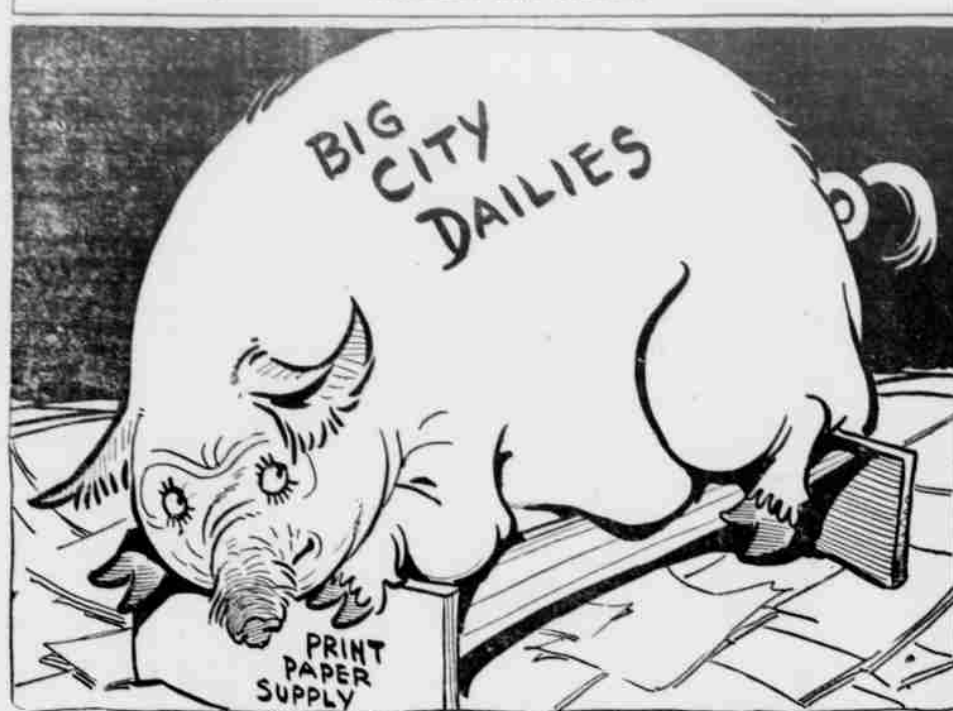
When the United States government shipped a load of alien Bolsheviks, anarchists and similar ilk to Russia the other day, we all imagined that they must have been a happy, well-pleased lot.

If what they preached is true, this country is a mighty bad place in which to live. Our government is a despotism. Our people are starved, oppressed and enslaved by capital. Nothing good comes to the vast majority in this land of gloom and tyranny. And here they were—these Bolsheviks and fiery-tongued orators—going away, far away from all these things. More, they were going to Russia, the paradise of their orations. Still more, their pockets were stuffed with the money their easy-working jaws had brought them.

Were they happy? They were not. They were the most down-in-the-mouth steamerful of passengers that ever left New York. Most of them were just about ready to burst into tears.

We can't understand this. But wait! Maybe that shipload of gloom was because the voyagers

## HOGGING THE TROUGH



The above is an apt illustration of the news-print situation as it exists today. And it has all been brought about through a piece of legislation known as the excess profits law. This law is designed to bring revenue into the United States treasury, but it does not work out that way, and it does ultimately, hurt the country newspapers. You ask why.

Because newsprint is becoming scarce and the scarcity is brought about through the increasing demand of the big city papers for more print-

will now have to go to work.

To jail with the rich speeder or the poor speeder. The man who jeopardizes life by reckless driving should be placed where he can't hurt anybody but his selfish self.—Oregon Voter.

## ASYLUM NOTES

That plaything of the asylum known as the Oregon system is a very popular toy these merry days. A year and a half ago the people approved a whim of the inmates by passing a law attempting to reduce the prices which publishers of country newspapers could charge for their advertising. Seeing that they can go as far as they like, and the silly public will applaud, the "nuts" now have prepared a measure to fix the legal rate of interest at 4 to 5 per cent. It is as logical and just as the newspaper rate law passed in 1917. And other laws equally logical and just should establish the maximum price of wheat at 50 cents a bushel; eggs at 20 cents a dozen; butter at 20 cents a pound; overalls at 75 cents a pair; wagons at \$60 each; automobiles at \$250 apiece, and so on.

But why make so many bites of a cherry? Let's clean up the whole job at one gulp. We hereby propose one great, grand constitutional amendment, making it a crime to dwell in Oregon and try to make a living, and providing imprisonment for life as the penalty for such violation. Let the measure appropriate all the resources of the state to construct a penitentiary for incarcerating the guilty, with C. S. Jackson, in court jester's costume, as commander of the guards.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

## THE BONA FIDE FARMER

It is provided that the directors of the new Farm Bureau Federation shall be "bona fide" farmers. This is a brief and blunt way of stating a fundamental requirement, but it doesn't end there. It opens up the whole question of the selection of farm leadership.

Cream rises to the top. Born leaders are irresistibly pushed forward, and others fitted to assume responsibility are quickly loaded with it. But ambition, egotism, and plain, unmixed nerve also lead others not qualified for sane leadership to push into the front ranks and strive for places at the head of the procession. This second fact is more important than the first because in it lies the danger. These two classes of leaders are always in evidence: the able and the self-chosen.

To-day, more than ever before, false leadership is gaining ground. Shallow-minded men with persuasive and aggressive manners—coupled with a certain shrewdness that enables them to impress the body of their followers—are leading large groups of sound-minded men into dangerous situations.

The whole world cataclysm has been the result of following the

paper. More advertising space is being bought by the large corporations. Of the millions of dollars being carried on in national advertising campaigns at the present time, from 60 to 80 per cent of the amount would go into Uncle Sam's coffers as excess profits, were it not so expedient.

The enormous amount of advertising has caused the metropolitan papers to increase the size and number of their pages and the demand for newsprint, has, as a consequence, become serious. The coun-

try newspaper is being hit the hardest. He is the little fellow and in many instances he has been forced entirely out of business. It looks like a case of a newspaper being forced out of business on account of too much advertising. The Gazette-Times has been fortunate in being able to get an adequate supply of newsprint, but unless the production of paper is greatly increased in the near future, a situation will confront all newspapers which will have to be met with level-headed legislation.

## HIGH HEELED SHOES

Every physician, every nurse, every physiologist, every scientist, who discusses the subject, condemns styles of women's footwear. American women can no longer pity the poor female aristocracy of China, who deformed the childish feet. The situation in this land of supposed intelligence is nearly as bad. Women are poking their toes into pointed shoes and elevating their heels upon wooden pegs—just to obey fashion.

The result is injured health, and sure and ample bills of the doctor, in the end. The first trouble comes in corns and callouses, then possible bunions. Then the back weakens. Then internal troubles manifest themselves. The medical world is attributing an appallingly high percentage of female illness to the abominable high heels.

If the women have not strength of character sufficient to stop the ruin which confronts them, the legislature of the several states will act as a matter of future generations.—Pendleton Tribune.

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