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Editorial Correspondence

ELKHORN, Wis., Aug. 11.—Another brief motor trip to southern Wisconsin and lunch with some friends who have been forced, by the depression, to become "dirt farmers."

What a meal and what sweet corn! (Here is one product by the way in which the Midwest is supreme, and this tribute is from an ardent Pacific Coaster who raises his own.)
 Even more interesting than the meal was the talk and we believe the latter will be interesting to our readers. At any rate we are going to condense it in the shape of an interview with the host, as follows:

"I bought this farm over 25 years ago and as you know have used it as a country place. Had a farmer and his family on it, all the time, operated on shares, never paid expenses, usually was in the red, but I could afford it. Then—CAME THE DAWN! But I won't go into that. I am tired of this calamity talk and imagine you are. Suffice to say the factory shut down, I not only lost my shirt but my plus fours and my job, so we took our children out of school, closed the Chicago house, and moved bag and baggage up here. Hated to turn out Carl (that's the farmer) and his wife, but it had to be done. Didn't open our big house here, just moved into his. Here we have been ever since, and believe it or not, we not only like it, we are making money."

"Just a minute before you call me a liar. I keep books and can supply the evidence. I have been here nearly three years and have made money EVERY YEAR. Susan has helped (his wife), so have the children, even Skippy, the baby, has had his chores to do. But we have had outside help, too—a big crew during the harvest,—a man to milk the cows and wash the dishes all the time,—we all hate dish washing for some reason,—and of course we have electric ice boxes, washing machines and that sort of thing. Nor do I mean I am making money, but I DO MEAN, I am not only making a good living for myself and family, but a little over—have money in the bank at the end of the year,—and look at me, the misses and the kids,—never so full of health and steam. I even play golf now and then over the week end, but I find handling a pitchfork has ruined my wrist action and flexibility."

"One thing I can give you straight. For ten years I listened to the farmer on this place euss and moan about the farmer's lot and all that sort of thing,—trying to explain why this farm was a luxury instead of a paying proposition, and maintaining us slick city fellers had all the best of it. Alibi, alibi, alibi!"
 "NEVER AGAIN! If I ever leave here and go back to my desk at the pump factory—AND I HOPE I CAN, SOMEDAY—the next farmer that tries to spring that wheeze on me is going to get something he won't be looking for, and in a place he least expects to. I am going to show him there is one slick city feller who has been a farmer himself, and can hit out from the shoulder, not only with his paw, but with facts and figures."
 "THE BANKRUPT FARMER MY EYE! Look at the corn, and wheat, the pigs and chickens and cows I have around here. And look at the prices—butterfat that was 13 is now 21c; eggs that were 9 cents are now 17; hogs that were \$2.56 are now \$4.35! As for fryers and slaughter stock, the prices never have been bad!

"The lucky city feller, eh? LOOK AT MY PUMP FACTORY! Not a wheel turning. You couldn't sell a pump if you put a five dollar bill in every valve cup."

"But you CAN sell hogs; you CAN sell corn and wheat; you CAN sell butterfat and fryers,—every day in the year and for cash money. The market, I tell you, never fails. Prices may be low, but farm upkeep is low if you run it yourself,—and remember this, there is ALWAYS a cash buyer. I don't pretend to be a natural born farmer, but I think I am a fairly good business man, and I claim that is all any decent farm needs."

"I admit it can't be done without working and being on the job—perhaps I couldn't have done it if I had had a big mortgage to meet—but under any normal conditions it CAN be done, and I have my figures to prove it. Furthermore, I will make this declaration, and challenge any one to dispute it,—the farmer in this section to, with good land who knows his job, is better off, FINANCIALLY, in every way than any other business or professional man in the country!"
 "Put that in your pipe and smoke it!"

We did. We have been "smoking" over it ever since, and while there must be a catch in it SOMEWHERE, we don't know just where it is. No doubt we shall have to wait, until we talk to Charley Hoover about it—he is the master mind in finding flies in the agricultural ointment. In fact, nothing we would like better, than to take this "gentleman farmer" home with us and lock him in a room with Signor Poa Bulbosa. We wouldn't wager more than a six months subscription on Charley coming out first!

Hope our former pump magnate friend IS right. For if he is, then American agriculture is fundamentally sound; which means the country is fundamentally sound, which also means,—the pump business will immediately start to "come back."
 R. W. R.

Communications

Truth About U. S. Army Air Corps. To the Editor:
 In an article by Arthur Brisbane, which appeared in the Mail Tribune some weeks ago, he made the statement that America's airplanes were poor and defective and that there were none having a speed of over 90 miles an hour. He gave as his authority for this statement a letter from General Mitchell. Knowing this statement to be incorrect, I wrote to Washington, asking for the number of planes available at the present time, and any information concerning our country's air forces that could be obtained.

I give as authority for the information herein contained, a letter from the adjutant general, Major-General C. H. Bridges, in which he enclosed a statement from Assistant Secretary of War F. Trubee Davidson. Here are the facts:
 America's air corps has at the present time 1,478 serviceable planes. The pursuit planes, which are the fighters, have a speed of well over 200 miles an hour; observation and attack planes have a speed of 200 miles an hour, while bombing planes, the slowest of all, as they have to carry 4,000 pounds of bombs and heavy armament, have a speed of 120 miles an hour. One of the most important requirements in the fighting plane is speed.
 Planes are being improved, accidents are becoming less frequent, pilots are being trained and the war department is doing all it can to increase the number of planes, but money is scarce. But everything that is possible is being done to improve the air defenses of this country.
 ALICE A. SAROVENT,
 Jacksonville, Ore., Aug. 12, 1932.

HERBERT S. BECKNELL IS TAKEN BY DEATH
 Herbert S. Becknell passed away at a local hospital Monday after a very short illness, at the age of 50 years, 10 months and 12 days. He was a former employe of the California Oregon Power company at Klamath Falls, Oregon. He leaves his wife, Ferhanna of Medford, Funeral services, in charge of the Peri Funeral Home, will be announced later.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
 Helene of Seattle.
 Poor Kangaroo Baby.
 With Bow and Arrow.
 Earth's Greatest News.

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 HEARST RANCH, San Simeon, Cal., Aug. 15.—Helene Madison, of Seattle, champion woman swimmer of the world is at present, four p. m., swimming and diving in the pool on this ranch. She flew up from Los Angeles this morning, with Royal Brougham of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, and tall young Mr. Schweger saw the pool and said "I want to swim."

The London omnibus driver, spent his one holiday in the year, riding over his own route, beside another bus driver, enjoying the fact that he was not driving. Helene Madison enjoys the fact that she is swimming, but not racing. In training, she is not allowed to dive, for that stiffens the ankles that must be absolutely loose and relaxed, for the crawl stroke.
 You would travel a long way to see that girl champion swim fifty yards at top speed, or dive "swan" fashion, and rise with half her body out of water.

Mr. Schweger, young Seattle giant, 6 feet 4, 210 pounds, swam against Miss Madison, and did not win, although he had two seconds start in 50 yards, and she seemed not anxious to beat him.
 It would have delighted any eugenicist to see that young couple. Her last race of the Olympics did not seem to satisfy Miss Madison.
 "I could not seem to get going, in the 400 meters," said she. However, she got going well enough to win the race against the best women swimmers of the world, and set a new world record.

Canada's agreements with Great Britain on tariff and business preferences are published and show that the "trade within the empire" plan has really back of it.
 Canada sells to this country more than to all the British empire, and must have considered carefully, the probable consequences of making ours a decidedly less favored nation.
 Production of white paper from quick growing pine in the south, needing only 11 years for regrowth, against 30 years for northern forests, is one of the things to be considered.

Baby Kangaroo, born here this spring, are learning how some of our best stock speculators have felt, since 1929.
 At first, the little kangaroo lives in a pouch on its mother's front, just below the forelegs. As time passes, the baby gets bigger, the pouch does not, and finally the kangaroo baby finds that he can no longer climb into the pouch. His struggles are pathetic, something like a speculator trying to even up.
 Finally he decides to be a kangaroo on his own account. The speculator must do the same.

In Cannes, on the edge of the blue little Mediterranean, a monkey escaped from a Gypsy camp, went to a fashionable tennis club and immediately bit Miss Rosika Dolly, one of the famous dancing twins and Miss Peggy Joyce, also well known.
 Walter Howey, who is here, says Darwin will be interested in that. If he had not been man's half brother, the monkey could not possibly have had the intelligence and artistic taste to pick out Miss Rosika and Miss Peggy, when the whole Riviera was before him, to bite.

Twenty miles back in the mountains, two bow and arrow enthusiasts, Howard Hill of Alabama and Opalaka Florida and a young friend are proving that the arrow will do all that bullets can do, by shooting deer, coyotes and other game.
 The arrow will kill at one hundred and fifty yards. Unlike the rifle, it makes no noise, does not frighten either deer in the herd, and the stricken deer, not knowing whence the blow comes, will often stand, awaiting the second arrow.
 Nothing is more dreadful than killing beautiful inoffensive creatures, but men's lives have depended on successful killing for a million years, and with youth, as with the adults that have never matured, it is useless to protest.

As was to be expected, the Republican party will continue to be the prohibition party, in a feeble way. Dr. Poling, head of the prohibition forces, says he will stand with the

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.
 Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not so disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

TREATMENT OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

If the mild attack of cri, grip, sore throat, or if you must show your knowledge of the orthopedic surgeon. If the advice of a private specialist is not available, perhaps your city or state health authorities maintain a clinic or a hospital where skilled orthopedic care is available to citizens free of charge.
 Passive and active exercises in a bath or swimming pool have proved remarkably effective in restoring the function of paralyzed muscles. There is a danger of overdoing if the patient is not under the supervision of a physician experienced in this method of treatment. Everyone knows it requires less effort to support or move weight under water. This is the reason why re-education of the paralyzed or paretic muscles is promoted by such treatment.

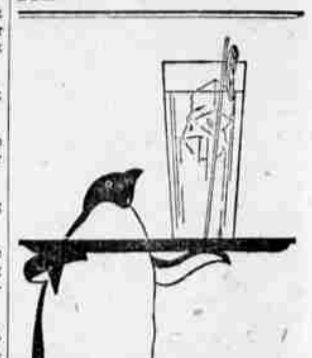
No brace, splint or other apparatus should be used unless under the supervision of the physician. Deformities or contractures developing when such ill-advised supports are employed even for a few weeks without skilled judgment may preclude ultimate recovery.
 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
 Resuscitation.
 In a local drowning tragedy described in clipping you traced that efforts to revive were continued for half an hour. Please comment on this—Mrs. L. H.
 Answer.—The persons who desisted from efforts to resuscitate within two hours should be censured for gross negligence.
 The Boy Grows Up.
 I am 17, and in my senior year in school. Until recently my parents had a store and did not care whether I got in at 9 or 11. Now they have sold the store and object to my coming in at 11. I want to build a miniature car but my parents object, saying when they buy a car I can drive it. Are they ashamed to have me ride in something I make myself—J. S. Jr.
 Answer.—You should be abed before 11 o'clock if you are to get your nine hours rest. If you were my son I'd be glad to have you build a car of your own.
 Preserving Watermelon.
 I have read that watermelon can be stored for the winter by this process: Give the melon a coat of shellac, then bury it in the sand and next winter it will be fresh. Shellac contains a large amount of wood alcohol. Would there be any danger of wood alcohol poisoning?—Mrs. A. T.
 Answer.—No.
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Republicans, because Republican victory "will safeguard some of the gains made under the 18th amendment."
 Let us hope it will not safeguard the gains in bootlegging, racketeering, gangster crime and drunkenness among children.
 A new Hapsburg baby is born. Prince Stefan, grandson of Queen Marie of Roumania, son of Archduke Anton of Hapsburg and Princess Ileana of Roumania.
 As a prince, the baby will probably not be important, few thrones will be inherited, when he is full grown, and many more princes may be working in Henry Ford's factory.
 Most interesting about this new Hapsburg is the fact this his own mother nurses him. The baby weighed 7.7 pounds, a fair average and measures 21 inches from head to toes.
 The manufacturers' sales tax is coming. You may write it in your table, or bet on it, if you prefer. The retail sales tax, which would cause endless confusion, and be unworkable, is NOT coming, nor any general application of the state retail sales tax, reported to have worked well in Mississippi.
 Berlin sends the most important news of today, and of this century. If it means commercial release of energy that holds together the electrons and nucleus of the atom, with the added possibility of manufacturing the elements at will, gold, platinum, etc., it will be the greatest news of all time.
 Two German scientists, Lange and Brauch, using an artificial "thunderbolt" of 2,500,000 volts have split an atom of lead, releasing energy equivalent to 15,000,000 volts.
 If you turned all the lead and iron in the world into gold, that would mean nothing. To release atomic energy would mean everything, for it would provide power unlimited, like water and air.
 The energy locked up in the atoms of oxygen and hydrogen in two teaspoonsful of water, would drive the steamship Leviathan twice across the ocean.
 But do not sell your coal mines or good oil stocks. Things move slowly. A little steam engine was shown in Alexandria in the Serapion, but before the birth of Christ. But men waited long for the steamboat and locomotive.
 How that atomic energy would enderly ANYTHING, level mountains, fill in oceans, drain, irrigate, develop everything, abolish deserts, that are the earth's cancers. It could not, however, abolish human greed, the desire to have too much. Only time and education can do that.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 24 and 10 Year Ago.)
 TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 August 16, 1922.
 (It was Wednesday.)
 Farmers of valley urged to raise soy beans.
 The Mail Tribune announces it will print no communications over 300 words in length, "on any subject however important."
 Trigonon oil well prospects look bright.
 Jesse Winburn donates \$5000 to campaign of Walter M. Pierce for governor.
 Crater Lake stage does a rushing business.
 C. of C. forum speakers declare time "has come to do something about new water supply, as the present one is petering out."
 Deadlock continues in rail strike, though all Espree lines are kept open.
 TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 August 16, 1912.
 (It was Friday.)
 "Single Tax Exposed," subject of an address at the Nat.
 Rapid progress made on new Bear Creek bridge.
 Mayor Canon returns from Portland and reports that Wilson will carry the state though the "Bull Moose sentiment is strong in spots."
 Sudden change of weather causes people to shiver.
 Farmers of the valley sign up for electric lights.
 Medford Country Club will open August 24. Arrangements have been completed for an indoor baseball game, tennis matches, supper dance and golf tournament. "Most of the work in this new enterprise was performed by H. Chandler Egan and Hal Bingham."
 Clarence Darrow, noted lawyer, acquitted on attempt to bribe juror in McNamara trial.
 Also, the very resistance of the air to a moving body will be forced to do its part in carrying the weight, thereby reducing the cost of construction and make for higher speed.
 The meaning of triple A, double B company is, The American Aero-Auto-Railroad Co. Make it short and say Arco, indicating the speed of an electric arc, and you will see a brilliant future for the railroad company, which companies are the main artery of commerce and travel, but under the present system, these railroad companies are greatly handicapped, out of date, and on the downhill grade. The Interstate Commerce commission has stated that 54 per cent is a fair return to the railroad, but with an operating cost of 85 per cent, together with taxes, cost of repairs and improvements, there is no 54 per cent left for Mr. Stockholder, and he is left without his dividends, hence the plight of the railroads. Nor is there hope for the future of anything better under the present system. Something has to be done, and the Arco system can do it. The Utopian age of railroading is about to dawn.
 Propaganda advocating a railroad to Crescent City and securing government aid for its construction, makes the thinking man pause to consider. Additional railroads of the present system will not solve the railroad problem of the country. Something must be done, yes—but do it right.
 Let Oregon lead the way to new and better means of transportation, and turn the eyes of the world upon this new type of railroad in southern Oregon, a railroad which will advantage everyone.
 Do you question the possibility of its construction from either the financial or the practical standpoint? Before you judge, be at least fair and try to inform yourself by finding out about the system. It is Oregon's opportunity! Shall we grasp it?
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 FLORENCE—Al Higley of Vancouver, Wash., opened tailor shop in rooms in Sines building.
 TOLEDO—Much work being done on Lincoln county roads.
 ASHLAND—New gasoline pump installed at Automotive shop.

Slain by Chinese.
 PEIPING, China, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Lieutenant Robert H. Soule, assistant military attaché at the United States legation, reported from Sainfu today that Henry Erval, an American employed by the China United States Motor company of Hankow, had been slain by Chinese soldiers near Sainfu last month.
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America's Future Railroad.
 To the Editor:
 In your paper of Tuesday, August 9, 1932 you published an article about the German-Rail-Zeppelin, a monorail, gyroscopic balanced construction of a speed of more than 175 miles per hour.
 Of course the German, idolizing their Zeppelins, will construct, to keep their railroad up to date, a combination of the Zeppelins airship and the present railroad system. We, as Americans idolizing our airplanes and automobiles, also see the new era in railroading dawning, and we construct not only the most up to date, but also the best possible system. We are going to surpass the speed of airplanes and have our minimum speed at 200 miles per hour. We embody a safety into the construction to be trusted by the faintest of hearts, combined with a comfort unsurpassed. A cost of construction and operation low enough to enable the present railroad company to change to this system, and a fare reduced yet bringing increased returns to the stockholders of the road. Buses and trucks will be as the railroads of the present system are now, without fares and freight and the highway will revert to the use of the private driver, hence taxes for highway upkeep will be reduced to the minimum.
 The triple A, double B, will not have a track laid on ties on the ground. Nevertheless, it will not be trackless, nor is it that impractical idea, a monorail or overhead construction.
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