



The Office Cat

BY JURIS

MY PERFUMED LOVE
In a little Eastern village.
On a drear October night,
A livery stable keeper met a maid
Whose troth he'd plight;

Ganna Walska, temperamental Polish grand opera singer, has taken Harold F. McCormick, Chicago multi-millionaire, as her fourth husband.

His name was Sweet William and he held her against her will.

J. Bean: Can you dance?
V. Green: No, but I can hold'em while they dance.

A young man from Merrill called on a certain manufacturer in his workshop and the man of metals and machinery picked up a powerful magnet and said: "That magnet will draw 3 lb. of iron from a distance of two feet. There is no natural object on the face of the earth that has more power."

"I dunno about that," said the young countryman thoughtfully. "I know a natural object, wrapped in muslin and frills, that is drawing me every Sunday evening over three miles of ploughed fields."

Conan Doyle tells us that a man can take his favorite horse with him to heaven, and now just one more, Sir Conan, asks P. E., how about our auto, and will the old tag go there?

E. H. Thomas says a man with push can get there, but it takes the men with character to stay there.

A cow chased and hooked a woman almost to death the other day. Went crazy when he saw her calf!

The former valet of Emperor Charles of Austria has come to America to look for a job of "equal rank with his former one."

Sorry, they've nearly all been converted into garages now.

Old Lady: Oh, conductor, please stop the train. I dropped my wig out of the window.

Conductor: Never mind, lady, there is a switch this side of the next station.

What would you call a man who hid behind a woman's skirts?
A magician.

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Federal Reserve Report Indicates Healthy Tendency in All Lines

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Productive activity has increased notably during the past six months in all the major industries in the 12th federal reserve district, according to a report issued here today by John Perrin, federal reserve agent. There has been only a slight increase in the use of bank credit for commercial purposes, however, Mr. Perrin said.

Total loans and discounts of reporting member banks in the larger cities have increased but \$55,181,000 or 6.7 per cent since Feb. 1, when the low point of the year, \$818,102,000, was reached. Rediscouunts of these banks with the federal reserve bank on October 9 were near the lowest levels of the year. Recently their holdings on investments have declined slightly. The county banks, as a group, have borrowed only in small amounts during the current crop moving season. On Oct. 11 the total discounts of the federal reserve bank had declined to \$34,573,000, the smallest figure since member banks began to reduce their borrowings in December, 1920.

Interest rates in the principal banking centers were generally unchanged during the month. An exception was the rate on 30 to 90 day paper of customers in San Francisco, which at 5 per cent was lower than at any time during the present period of readjustment. The interest rate on bankers' acceptances advanced from 3 1/8 per cent on Sept. 15 to 3 3/4 per cent on Oct. 17.

Industry has been hindered recently in some sections by inadequate transportation service and in others by a shortage of labor. The lumber industry in particular has been inconvenienced. Partly as a result thereof production of lumber which is now approximately 100 per cent normal, has exceeded shipments and orders for four consecutive months.

The shortage of labor previously noted in the mining industry of this district continues. Average wages of all classes of mine workers were increased approximately 10 per cent during August and September. All the more important metals are being produced in increasing quantities.

In the petroleum fields of California, production reached the record figure of 406,838 barrels per day during September. Stored stocks on Oct. 1 totaled 56,259,301 barrels, the largest amount held in storage since February, 1916.

Building throughout the district continues active.

Permits issued during September were greater in both number and value than one year ago. According to the United States bureau of labor index, wholesale prices of building materials are now 16 per cent above their low point of March, 1923 and 17 per cent above the general level of wholesale prices.

Goods continue to be distributed freely at retail and wholesale. The value of sales of 31 department stores was 3.7 per cent greater than in September, 1921. In the wholesale trade, nine of the ten lines reported an increase in the value of their sales compared with one year ago. Dealers in six lines sold more goods in September than in August.

Charges to depositors' accounts (bank debts) in the banks of the 20 principal cities of the district again exceeded those of the corresponding month a year ago, this month by 7 per cent.

Business failures during September, 1922, were less than in the month since April, 1922, and were below the figures for September, 1921, in both number and amount of liabilities.

After advancing from 128 in January, 1922—the low point—to 155 in July and August, the United States bureau of labor index number of wholesale prices declined two points during September. Prices of the principal products of the district changed little during the month. An average crop of wheat, amounting to 96,659,000 bushels, has been harvested in the district. The movement to market was more rapid during September, but is still retarded by a shortage of freight cars and the reported hope of many farmers that better prices will prevail in future months. Threshing returns indicate that the California barley crop totaled 41,654,000 bushels, the largest yield since 1914. The large potato crop of the district has thus far been marketed with difficulty and prices are low. With the exception of apples in the Pacific northwest and grapes in California, the fruit shipping season is practically completed.

Livestock are being marketed in normal quantities.

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