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**IRRIGATION DOUBLES CROPS**  
The various reports of the government reclamation service show that crops grown under a system of irrigation average in value about twice as much as do the crops grown upon unirrigated lands. For example, in 1920 the average crops throughout the United States, including irrigated areas, was \$23.44 per acre; the average for irrigated lands alone was \$59.90 per acre, writes Edgar L. Hampton in Current History Magazine. A specific case of increased yield, for example in the Milk river project, Montana, an area of 24,832 acres, which under dry farming methods produced per year \$102,000, and as a result of irrigation produced \$790,000. Likewise, the Salt river project in Arizona (under the Roosevelt dam), produced last year \$96 per acre over 205,004 acres, a little more than four times the average for ten aggregate American crops. This aggregate crop, according to the 1920 census, was \$14,755,304,804, of which yield \$4,755,000,000 is credited to irrigation. The economic importance to the entire nation of this steady progress in western reclamation is also found in the various carefully compiled government lists covering the expenditures of the people, who reside in these various areas.

So long as Mount Everest's summit remains untried, men will try to reach that altitude. That is man's way with things that defy. For years Everest's peak has dared humans to come on—with threat of peril. And time after time they have stormed that height, only to lose. But the scaling parties that have followed each other have pushed the mark farther and farther upward. Defeat has taught man the dangers to be guarded against, the mistakes to be avoided. And the more that he has learned of Everest's perils, the more able to deal with them he has become. Another party is being formed to storm the height next year. It may reach its goal or it may not. But be this as it may, it is only a question of time when man will plant his foot upon that mountain's crest.

According to a statement in a responsible magazine, army aviation fatalities average 8 per cent per year. The death rate among active flyers is 42 times as great as that for other branches of the service. All the more credit to men like Kelly and MacReady, pushing their determined campaign for the conquest of the air. But, assuredly, such a death record is not a credit to any save those who defy it. In commercial aviation there is only one death to every 384,000 passenger miles. Why should the army flyer fare worse than the mail carrier? Has Uncle Sam done all he can to safeguard the lives of his khaki-clad birdmen?

Would you pound up and pulverize a ton of quartz, the rock so hard that it dulls a chisel, to get \$9.18? No? We agree. Money is not that hard to make. And yet the ore milled in the great gold mines of northern Ontario, Canada, during 1922, yielded only \$9.16 of gold for each ton of rock. Despite this, the average man yearns to join the boomers whenever he reads of a new gold stampede. Modern machinery can make a profit, under favorable conditions, from gold ore assaying only \$9.16 to the ton. But "modern machinery" means that it's a corporation game, not a one-man job as in the old days.

A distinguished British writer says much domestic trouble would be averted if wives learned cookery. A little more cookery by many wives and a little more workery by their husbands might help matters greatly and enable entire families to visit the movie once a week.

The men who pay for the tens of thousands of tons of propaganda carried by the mails are the most completely swindled people in this country. They don't even know that nobody reads the stuff, much less pay any attention to it.

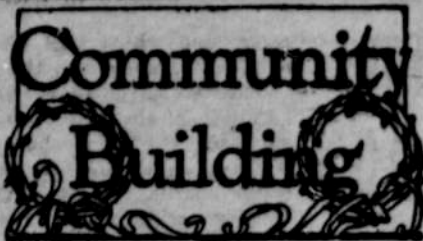
It may become a delicate matter for a college to decide just where it must draw the line between an education which impresses basic principles and one which undertakes to equip the student with a ready-made set of theoretical opinions.

We wonder how many of these eager young people who discourse regarding psychology, et cetera, have a vague idea of what they are talking about.

No doubt there is harmony between science and religion, but there are some religious men whose harmony with certain scientific men sounds like a discord.

Cuban murderer gets three terms in prison and two death sentences. It will make a good deal of difference to him which end of his punishments they start on.

Some persons stop working on Friday so they can get ready to loaf on Saturday.



**THE LITTLE TOWN**

I think God loves the little towns  
That go to bed at night;  
The little towns, all hushed and still  
Beneath the quiet light  
Of far, white stars. I think he loves  
The little yards fenced in  
With picket rows, where flowers nod  
In sleep themselves; the thin,  
Sweet, drowsy sounds of birds at rest,  
The yellow lamps that glow  
Through windows in the little towns,  
Where ruffled curtains blow  
Across their paths. I think he loves  
The old in those still places  
Who put away their toil at eve  
And sleep with tranquil faces  
Until the morn. . . Here it is day  
At night, the white lights glare  
Down in the passing faces. All  
Along the thoroughfare  
Is life and noise. There is no sleep;  
Young eyes are hard and bright.  
I think God loves the little towns  
That go to bed at night.  
Thus Irene Mary Davidson of Wichita Falls, Tex., one of the singers represented in "Voices of the Southwest," an anthology edited by Hilton R. Greer.

**NOT ALL TREES DESIRABLE**  
Many Not Suitable for Planting on City Streets, Government Horticulturists Assert.

The need of trees on town and city streets is so apparent that no argument is necessary to induce municipalities and individual owners to plant and care for them; they not only make for the beauty of a city but for the health and comfort of its citizens, is the assertion made by Robert H. Moulton in the Dearborn Independent. Strangely enough, however, and notwithstanding the numerous tree-planting programs which have been carried out all over the country in recent years, there still exists a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the kinds of trees best adapted for city streets.

In recognition of this fact, and with a view to obtaining scientifically exact information on the subject, government horticulturists have for a long time been experimenting with a variety of trees in different localities throughout the nation. The result of these experiments, which have just been announced, has been to upset many previously conceived ideas on the subject.

It has been determined, for instance, that oaks are the best trees for street planting. It is probable that oaks have not been more widely planted because of the prevalent belief that they are slow growers, and because in the North they are rather difficult to transplant. A white oak, however, which is one of the slow-growing varieties, will reach the same height as a sugar maple in the same period of time, and maples have been used more widely than oaks for street ornamentation, despite many unsatisfactory characteristics. Elms are given second place in desirability for city streets by the government experts, and sycamores third. Maples are considered less desirable than has been generally supposed. Except the Lombardy poplar, most varieties of poplars are not recommended.

**Man-Made Scenery.**  
Next to lower taxes and a good five-cent cigar, what this country needs more than anything else is to rid its highways of the billboard scenery that has sprung up like mushrooms along the principal routes. Where once we rode through the country to admire the scenery, we now return saturated with the merits of underwear, gasoline, hotels, soft drinks, collars, cheese, tires, garages, candy, overcoats, dollar watches, foot powder, cold cream, curling irons, soap, shoes, etc. etc. etc. And the presentation isn't even artistically done, for the average billboard, a monstrosity in itself, is made doubly so by the color combinations it is daubed with. Man has improved on nature in many things, but not on scenery, particularly commercialized scenery. Give us a rest from pills and pains in our leisure moments.—Grit.

**City Garden Work.**  
The local campaigns for the cleaning and beautifying of cities and the promoting of gardening were reinforced by the "national garden week." This is a worthwhile work, and Indianapolis should realize with some pride that it was one of the first cities to take it up. It began with the cultivation of vacant lots by people who were glad thus to eke out their living. The man who introduced the idea was Mayor Pingree, of Detroit, who, in the hard times of the latter nineties, obtained the use of lots over the city. The papers at first saw only the absurd side of it, and poked fun at the mayor by calling him Potato Pingree, but since then thousands have had reason to bless the man who started the plan.—Indianapolis News.

**Roses for Beautifying.**  
As a means of beautifying the city, the St. Charles (Ill.) Garden club is urging that roses be planted in every garden, preference being given to the Columbia rose, which is hardy and blossoms all summer.

**A Model City.**  
Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia, is a "model city," laid out with a central town in perfectly square blocks, containing public and business buildings. Outside of that is a belt of public parks and gardens.

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Tomato growers of Roseburg have agreed to appoint a committee to fix a minimum price for this year's crop and all will abide by the committee's decision and will refuse to sell under the price fixed.

John Clark, one of the most widely known police officers in the west and ex-chief of police of St. Paul, Minn., and of Portland, died at his home in Portland. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy.

Fines collected through the activities of the state prohibition department during the three months ended June 31, totaled \$35,111.44, according to a report filed with the executive department at Salem.

Answer to petitions of the cities of Seattle and Tacoma looking to reopening of the Columbia basin grain rate case was filed with the interstate commerce commission by the Oregon public service commission.

Pitcher Fred Reynolds, with Ionia in the Central league last year and sold to Decatur in the Three-I, which released him, is to get back in his old territory with Grand Rapids.

A yarn was started in Los Angeles that Harry W. Verton had been picked to succeed Jack Miller next year as manager of the Seals. San Francisco club officials immediately denied it.

Scott Charley Ellis of the Phillies liked Pitcher Tony Welzer of Muskegon so well that he offered \$3,000 for him on behalf of the Philadelphia club, but the Muskegon management refused.

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