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A combination of alfalfa, corn and hogs is a combination that will make any country rich, even one handicapped by high freight rates.

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More recent experience has demonstrated that corn can be successfully raised in this section. In this connection the Ontario corn show was a revelation.

tion. The winner of the sweepstakes prize at that show showed a production of 121.7 bushels per acre, and nearly all the prize winners showed a production above 100 bushels an acre. Measurements of both the product and the ground upon which it was raised were made by properly authenticated committees, so that there can be no question as to the reliability of figures.

These results were not obtained by special efforts made upon single acres, as is being done in eastern and southern states where unusually large crops have been produced by prize winners, but each was obtained from a 14-acre field of corn.

Among the 24 or more exhibitors reported, the lowest yield noted was 63.6 bushels per acre, a production in itself that would make the old corn producing sections of the country green with envy. From that the yield ran up to the 121.7 bushels secured by the winner of the sweepstakes.

With cheap alfalfa to raise the pigs to the fattening period and with cheap corn to "top" them off, southern Idaho and eastern Oregon should within a very short period become the greatest raisers of hogs in the world, and it is our belief that this will be the result of recent developments.—Capital News

Oh, well, if we can't use up all of that \$25,000 in paying rabbit bounties at half a cent each; the balance can be used for improvements on the court house, or possibly there might even be enough left over to start a new court house and thus forestall the wicked attempt on the part of Ontario to present the county with a \$25,000 building.

Say! young man and all other men, get your new hat at Spiers. All new styles. No shopworn back numbers.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Dr. Milbank Johnson, chairman of the Los Angeles municipal charities commission, says charity begins at home. "Has it occurred to many who eagerly hearken to Europe's cry that they have not contributed to the relief of our own unfortunates?" he asks.

Dr. Johnson's remark was inspired by contemplation of efforts to raise funds for the relief of stricken Europe, while in his own city there was a condition which he described as "awful." He does not condemn charity which reaches across the ocean in a foreign land, but he seriously questions whether "the greatest of these" is a charity which overlooks distress at home, says the Portland Journal.

Nobody begrudges Europe whatever help her war sufferers may secure from America. But with winter upon us, with jobless men and hungry children in our own midst, charity should not depend entirely on calls by cable for stimulation to action.

Europe in her misfortune is still fortunate. Her needy furnish a spectacle, and many people—too many—are stirred only by a spectacle. Therefore the response to cable calls for help is large. America is sending shiploads of provisions and clothing, and America could be engaged in no worthier undertaking.

But, as Dr. Johnson says, charity begins at home. Because the family living in the next block is doing its best to conceal its distress, because the family does not appeal to a love for the spectacular, that is no reason why the truly charitable should overlook human necessities close at hand to relieve distress in foreign lands. The period of unemployment is upon us; the holiday season is near. The hungry Belgian child would share its crust with the hungry American child. Can charity here in the United States do less?

Among the items in the county expense budget as published by the Journal last week we note that of \$1000 for office furniture and IMPROVEMENTS; also an item of \$2000 for board of prisoners and IMPROVEMENTS. What is the idea of combining the sums for improvements with these other items? Why not specify how much of that \$3000 is intended for improvements and how much for other purposes? After being assured by Vale boosters during the county seat fight that the court house was all right and didn't need any fixin' it comes with something of a shock to the confiding taxpayer to be called upon to dig up a thousand or two dollars for repairs.

When the editor of a country paper starts in on Monday morning to get up something for his paper in the way of interesting local news and finds, after nosing around, that nothing has happened in the town or community that he can write up, and nobody gives in any personals or local news, and every fellow he talks to says, "I don't know a thing," and his liver is not working just right and he feels as though he had just as soon loop the loop with Lincoln Beachey as to go to work—that's the time when he would like to turn the job over to the "Smart Aleck" who thinks he could get up a better paper than the editor and not half try.

For Sale.

Twenty head of yearling steers and a few small pigs at my place near Nyssa. J. C. Beam.

Diplomacy.

Old Gentleman—"Well, my boy, and when does your birthday come?" Boy (who has been cautioned not to fish for presents)—"Oh, it passed by a long time ago—a year next Saturday."—Life.

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