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THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

THE New York State Food Investigating Commission has issued a report of its Committee on Markets, Prices and Costs. This report deals with the food problem on some of its aspects, but not by a long way on all of them. Nevertheless some of the committee's findings are interesting. The committee finds for one thing that the consumers buying in small lots necessarily pay more than they would if they bought in bulk. They want these packages sent home instead of carrying them, and this, while they apparently overlook the fact, they must pay for. For instance they point out one example of a grocer, who got angry because a customer wanted him to deliver two eggs, and another half a pint of milk, the distance in each case being more than half a mile. The committee points out that the cost of delivery would be far greater than that of the material. While this is an extreme case, it serves to illustrate the point that the purchaser in small quantities, requiring delivery is himself to blame for the excessive price that must be charged if the grocer is to keep even. The committee goes so far as to say that for this reason the small retailer is forced to add 33 per cent to the cost of the article: on an average, and yet only makes 5 per cent profit by doing so. It also finds that "the high operating cost of the individual retailer makes his elimination inevitable." However, when he is "eliminated" it may console him to know he is only losing 5 per cent instead of the whole 33.

means of production and locomotion and of work of all kinds can labor strikingly demonstrate its firm determination to refuse to co-operate with this program of death, which is contrary to the ideas of progress and humanity." If churchmen, politicians, diplomats and statesmen, now so busy huddling in a gingerly fashion the problem of abolishing war, would ask the workmen of the world to settle the matter it would be speedily settled on the plan of Him who spoke nineteen hundred years ago of "Peace on Earth."

THE SOURCE OF MEAT TRUST.

WASHINGTON opinion is reported as looking upon the stockyards decision just made by the supreme court as sweeping in its character and probable effect. Be this as it may, that decision has at any rate touched upon the raw with reference to the powers of trusts. It confirms the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to prohibit favors by stockyard corporations to meat packers, which is the point from which the meat trust has drawn its vitality. To control stockyards is to control the prices of animals coming in and the prices of meat going out. Abolish every other cause for abnormal prices in respect of the meat supply, and control of the stockyards will still be effective. Perhaps regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission may not be the best way of paralyzing this vital organ of the beef trust, but it is at all events a hitting out in the right direction.

OLD TIME EMPLOYE TENDERS RESIGNATION

I. C. Sutton, who has been for twenty years an attaché of the state hospital for the insane and postmaster of the institution, has tendered his resignation which took effect last night. This step is very much regretted by the officials of the asylum with whom the veteran employe was a persona grata because of his unwavering courtesy and uniform kindness. Mr. Sutton came from the east to Oregon about 25 years ago. He is consequently ranked among the old-timers. He is well known to all the old families here and by many of the leading citizens throughout the state. With all his acquaintances he is held in high respect and is extremely popular. One of his sons resides here with his family. A second son is in Astoria, another in Oklahoma, and a daughter in Hood River. Mr. Sutton when he came to Marion county purchased a five-acre ranch near Salem which he still owns. Ill health necessitated the resignation from his position at the state hospital. He says that he keenly regrets to have to take this step. He speaks feelingly of the kindness shown him by his colleagues in the service and of the toleration and treatment accorded him at all times by the superintendent, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, and the other officers.

NEW COMMISSIONER MAKES BRIEF TALK

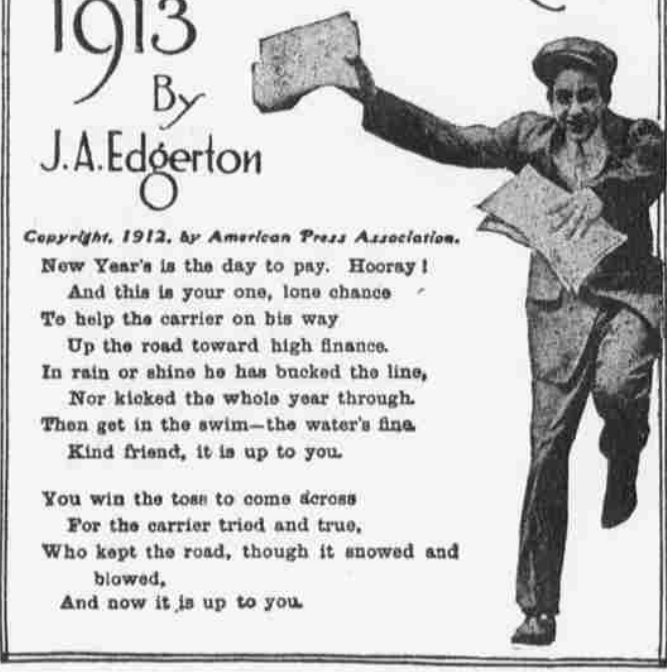
In a brief address yesterday afternoon, J. D. Mickle, recently elected state dairy and food commissioner, talked to the county school superintendents, who are assembled at the state house grading papers from the recent teachers' examinations.

Mr. Mickle pleaded for co-operation on the part of the school men in bringing about a better grade of dairy stock and dairy farms in Oregon. He said that much more than is believed could be done along this line by the schools, and heartily advocated the industrial work in which the schools are engaged under the leadership of Mr. Alderman.

Albany Raised the Money.

Albany, though she had \$87,000 yet to raise for her college on December first, made a vigorous campaign, and with the coming of the New Year, has the satisfaction of knowing that her efforts were crowned with success, as she secured the \$50,000 necessary to complete the \$200,000 she had to raise to secure the \$50,000 offered by J. J. Hill in Portland Tuesday.

CARRIER'S ADDRESS 1913



By J.A. Edgerton

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New Year's is the day to pay. Hooray!  
 And this is your one, lone chance  
 To help the carrier on his way  
 Up the road toward high finance.

In rain or shine he has bucked the line,  
 Nor kicked the whole year through.  
 Then get in the swim—the water's fine.  
 Kind friend, it is up to you.

You win the toss to come across  
 For the carrier tried and true,  
 Who kept the road, though it snowed and  
 blowed,  
 And now it is up to you.



You know the guy of the days gone by  
 Who did the lightning spiels  
 For Old Man Jove. Say, but he was fly  
 With wings fastened on to his heels!

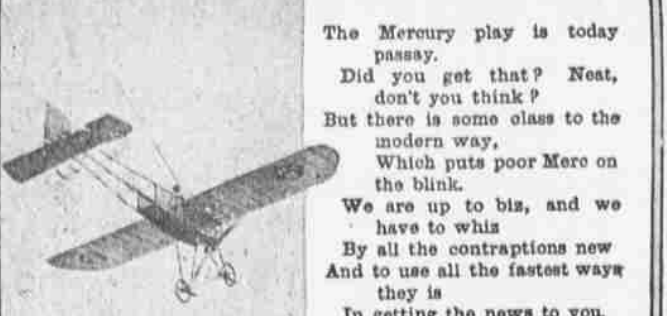
This Mercury kid he carried the news,  
 But if he was here—well, say,  
 He'd have to use those wings on his shoes  
 At carrying "papes" today!

The Mercury skate brought up to date  
 Would fly in the same old way;  
 He'd be Johnnie, Merco, and he'd  
 work like a Turk  
 Delivering "papes" today!

We have it right on that fly-by-night,  
 With the phony wings on his heels,  
 For in air-planes we take our flight  
 And on "red devil" ottymobiles.  
 The fast "ohoo-choos" now carry the news  
 When hitched to the "paper" train,  
 And the "papes" we drop kerfop without stop  
 From a high flying air-ya-  
 plane.



The Mercury spiel with the  
 bird wing heel,  
 He reely gives me a pain,  
 For how would he feel in a  
 ottymobile  
 Or a bloomin' air-ya-plane?



The Mercury play is today  
 passy.  
 Did you get that? Neat,  
 don't you think?  
 But there is some class to the  
 modern way,  
 Which puts poor Merco on  
 the blink.

We are up to bis, and we  
 have to whiz  
 By all the contraptions new  
 And to use all the fastest way  
 they is  
 In getting the news to you.

It is your turn now to avow  
 and allow  
 The wonderful stunts we do  
 And to give us a "Thank  
 you!"—you know how—  
 For getting the news to you.

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy was Found.

Miss Minerva Henniger, Upper Eben, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured."

Pure, rich blood makes good, strong nerves, and this is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies and enriches the blood, cures so many nervous diseases. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablet called Sarsatable.

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 \* THE ROUND-UP \*  
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Stanfield is to have its big rabbit drive New Year's day. It will be the biggest event of the kind ever pulled off in the state, as Spokane, Walla Walla, Baker City, in fact all Eastern Oregon, will have delegations there.

The town of Lawson, Harney county, will move five miles to a point on the line of the Oregon Eastern railway, now building.

Klamath Falls expects the general agricultural department to establish an experiment farm somewhere in Klamath county, and not far from the city.

Grants Pass is getting busy over its proposed railroad to Crescent City, or some coast point, and engineers have about completed drafting maps of the first 20 miles out from that city.

The Rosarians hit Oakland Monday, as a result Oakland surrendered and promised to send a delegation of at least 500 to the Portland Rose Show.

A. P. Bateham has sold all but 20 acres of his 200-acre fruit farm, near Mosier for \$85,000, and has moved to Portland.

The Albany city tax levy this year is 13 mills.

The receipts at the Portland post-office for the year 1912 were \$1,108,128.05, as against \$1,004,428.71, or in round numbers an increase of \$104,000 for the year, or about \$300 a day for each day of the year.

Portland's bank clearings for the year 1912 averaged \$2,000,000 for every working day in the year.

Multnomah county had 3656 marriages in 1912, or exactly ten every day.

Forty energetic farmers met at Oak Grove school house near Albany Saturday afternoon and voted a 5-mill tax on their district for putting crushed rock on roads. They have started a movement the end whereof no man can foresee.

Conditions for sheep are reported as unusually good in all parts of eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon ranchers in the more arid sections are experimenting with thornless cactus as a dairy food, and are pleased with results.

SEE IF YOUR CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

IF CROSS, FEVERISH, BILIOUS, GIVE DELICIOUS "SYRUP OF FIGS" TO CLEANSE ITS LITTLE BOWELS.

Look at the tongue, Mother! if coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's insides, the stomach, liver, and 30 feet of bowels are clogged up with putrifying waste matter and need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When your child is listless, drooping, pale, doesn't sleep soundly or eat heartily or is cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, or is full of cold, give a teaspoonful of Syrup of Figs, and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile will gently move on and out of its little bowels without nausea, griping or weakness, and you surely will have a well, happy and smiling child again shortly.

With Syrup of Figs you are not drugging your children, being composed entirely of luscious figs, senna and aromatics it cannot be harmful, besides they dearly love its delicious taste.

Mothers should always keep Syrup of Figs handy. It is the only stomach liver and bowel cleanser and regulator needed. A little given today will save a sick child tomorrow.

Full directions for children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the package.

Ask your druggist for the full name, "Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna," prepared by the California Fig Syrup Co. This is the delicious tasting, genuine old reliable. Refuse anything else offered.

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Now for prices that paralyze all calamity howling competition. No 20 or 30 per cent.

But See the Prices

- 9c Percales, yard . . . 5c
- 8 1-3c Apron Gingham, yard 5c
- Dress Gingham, yd. 7 1-2 and 8 1-3
- 45c Dress Goods, yard . . 25c
- Pretty Silks worth up to 50c 75c  
85c yd, now 25c 35c 49c
- Dress Goods worth up to 65c 75c  
85c yd, now 25c 35c 49c
- Cotton Bats, each, . . . 4c
- 1000 yards of Outing Flannels,  
yard . . 4c, 5c, 6 1-4c, 8 1-3c
- \$2.00 and \$2.50 Coatings  
now yard . . 75c and 98c
- Remnants of Wool Dress  
Goods . . Half Price
- \$1 Corduroy Velvet, yd., . 69c
- 500 pairs of Women's Shoes  
now only 98c and \$1.25
- Ladies' \$4.50 and \$5 Sweaters  
all reduced to . \$1.95
- Ladies' High-class \$6.50 and \$7  
Sweaters, now only . \$3.50
- \$1 High-class long Corsets, 49c

Extra Sp'c'l  
 GIRLS' COATS  
 98c  
 \$1.50  
 \$2.50  
 \$3.50

New SUITS and COATS  
 Worth Double  
 \$4.50  
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