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### GOLD, AND WHERE IT GOES.

THE American citizen need not worry about this country exporting a few millions or a few hundred millions of gold. The United States is a gold producing country just as it is a wheat producing country, and the exporting of one is no more alarming or unnatural than the exporting of the other. Our annual production of gold is about \$100,000,000 and we coin about \$55,000,000. In this connection it may be news to some to say that twenty-five states produce gold. North Carolina produces more than Georgia, which is the oldest gold yielding state in the union. Another thing that will surprise many is that Illinois produces considerable gold. This comes in connection with its lead crop. Experts say the total production of gold since 1492 is about \$15,000,000,000, and of this the United States has produced about \$3,500,000,000. Gold has been melted and remelted until all track of its original source is lost, and whether there is any of the metal left us from ancient times cannot be known, but the amount, if any, is trifling.

It is estimated the world's total supply of gold is now about \$10,000,000,000, or only two-thirds of the amount mined since the discovery of the new world. Shipwrecks and hoarded coins buried and lost account for part of the loss, but the greatest loss comes from the wearing out of coins, from use. When one considers how long a coin will wear and how slow is its abrasion, it seems impossible that billions of gold have been lost to the world through that means, but it is undoubtedly true. Taking the loss as estimated, as \$5,000,000,000, and allowing for the loss by shipwreck and through actual loss on land, and the amount of gold worn from coins in the past four centuries would amount to above \$3,000,000,000, or more than 5000 tons. The United States has now, according to a statement recently given out by Secretary McAdoo, about \$1,892,000,000, enough to let us wiggle along with comfortably for awhile.

### THE WAR SITUATION.

THE present warlike situation in Europe may be briefly summed up as follows:

Austria decided to revise its boundaries by subjugating the Balkan states, taking the assassination of Crown Prince Francis Ferdinand as an excuse, alleging that a Servian plot to overthrow the Austrian monarchy was at the bottom of it.

Austria's great ally and confederate, Germany, backed up the move and demanded that Russia and other nations keep hands off, thus "localizing" the war between Austria and Serbia and its small allied states. Probably this action on the part of Germany was at first a bluff, but the great triple alliance—Russia, Great Britain and France—formed primarily to maintain the integrity of all the European countries and to hold boundary lines where they are at present, stood firm and demanded that Austria arbitrate its differences with Serbia without recourse to arms. Russia especially could not afford to allow Austria to wipe out the Slav nations of the Balkan regions over whom the czar has long maintained a nominal guardianship, because of kindred racial ties as well as political reasons.

If the great war begins, all the other leading nations of Europe will be arrayed against the Austro-German federation, with several smaller nations maintaining their neutrality if possible.

It is up to the kaiser now to stop Austria's invasion of Serbia and back down, or measure arms with the nations of the powerful triple alliance. The time for bluffing has passed and the next forty-eight hours will probably witness the beginning of the greatest war of modern times, or the complete humiliation of the German kaiser by his acceding to the demands of the allied nations opposed to his policy.

A few weeks ago butter took a drop of about two and a half cents a pound, and the standpat papers at once jumped on the democratic administration for having put up a job that was ruining the farmer. Now butter is higher than before the drop. Will these same papers

accuse the democrats of causing this? The answer is yes. You see when a product gets cheap these papers at once appeal to the producer, and point out that he is robbed by a soulless party and a rotten free trade law. When the price of these same products advances they call attention of the consumer to the fact that they are getting cinched by heartless politicians and a free trade law that has ruined home production. Truly the tariff is made to do some wonderful stunts.

A dispatch brings the startling announcement that Milwaukee has closed 212 saloons. This on the face of it would indicate that Milwaukee must be about out of saloons after that move, but this would be a sad mistake. Milwaukee can still provide local liquid refreshment to her own, and no Milwaukee man or woman either need go abroad for a sup or two, nor need they go thirsty very long or far. Milwaukee, after this heroic closing stunt, still has one saloon for every 250 of her inhabitants, so there is no necessity of anyone suffering from aridity of the thorax.

Arbiters of fashion in New York have decided that the automobile is so common that it is no longer an appropriate vehicle for the real salt of the earth, and that to be ultra fashionable just now, one must have a span of splendid horses. We don't go much on fashions as a general thing, but can heartily commend the indorsement of a real live horse as about the proper thing.

Congressmen draw 20 cents a mile mileage, but the railroads get only three cents a mile. Is it possible the Pullman porters hold the congressmen up for the other 17 cents, or do they hold the country up for that sum?

As U'Ren is of the opinion we have too many laws, it naturally follows that he initiates a few bills and prepares a few more for the legislature, to prevent us having too many.

Will someone kindly explain just what kind of a joker U'Ren has in his statement that he can do more for prohibition outside of the party than as its candidate.

All praise to the Luther Burbank of the long ago, who, starting with a cucumber, gave humanity the round-bellied and delicious watermelon.

Has anyone heard anything about a place called Mexico during the past few days? Somehow it seems to have been wiped off the map.

### WHAT TO SEND THE PAPER.

(By J. H. Cradlebaugh.)

The statement's in the Bible, we are told, and so believe: "It's better for humanity to give than to receive;" And this applies especially to monies, ink and lice. Likewise it goes with custom oil and also with advice. So here's some of the latter, for the man who mightly reads. And appreciates the Journal, as to things the paper needs. Along with some suggestions and a hint or two about Some other things it easily can wiggle on, without.

We do not need a letter from some foreign watering place, Nor a two-column clipping, just "to help to fill up space;" Nor Maymie's winning essay all about "the higher life," Nor Elbert's dissertation on "the duties of a wife." Our appetite for love tales—that was satiated long ago, Likewise our ardent longing for the sob-tale full of woe; For our exchanges have good things we are free to clip at will. If our scissors do not fail us or our paste pot get a spill.

But when Mayme and young Elbert, growing older, swap their vows, And you've got a "quiet wedding" raising turmoil in your house, That is something that our readers will be pleased to know, and you Will confer a lasting favor just by "phoning 82. The stork—somehow we never could keep cases on that bird, And to list his promised visits would, of course, be quite absurd; And besides he has a haughty way, and holds himself aloof, So we'll thank you if you'll call us when that bird "comes off the roof."

Should Death his chilling fingers on some near and dear one lay, Give us the last sad "personal" of him who passed away— The name, the age, the place of birth, the day of funeral, The brief biography, in fact, which after all—is all. The neighbor's horse that ran away, or mayhap 'twas his girl; In either case drop us a line or give the phone a whirl. A fire, a flood, a loss of crops, we'll none of these refuse, For they are what the paper needs, its daily food—the news.

An extra erop of anything, another orchard set, The meeting at the school house, and just why the "meeting met," And if your folks go visiting, please tell us where and who, And send the names of other folks who come to visit you. Remember, too, the local page is but the resume (Be sure to get the accent) of the doings of the day. So just cut out the fillers, the essays and the views On tariff and all other things, but send the local news.

### Old Mother Hubbard

Old Mother Hubbard, she went to the cupboard, to get her poor dog a bone, but when she got there the cupboard was bare, and so the poor dog got none.

Then old Mother Hubbard she sat down and blubbered and roared the scandalous treats: "They're surely inhuman, to rob a poor woman of even the bones and the crusts. I'll write to the papers and show up their capers, and prove that we need a reform; I'll skin them completely, and do it up neatly, while I am indignant and warm." The old woman's neighbors, who stuck to their labors, had plenty of grub in their fist, they promptly made payment for bonnets and raiment, their bow wrens were rolling in fat. But old Mother Hubbard, she idled and rubbered, at suffragist meetings, and such, and so she was hollow, with nothing to swallow, while sensible beldames got rich. The

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### RYAN'S MARKET GETTING POPULAR

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WHAT SHOPPERS FOUND AT THE PUBLIC MARKET  
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Early dwarf corn..... 10c  
Rhubarb, lb..... 1c  
Beets, bunch..... 5c  
Spiced fruit vinegar, quart..... 10c  
Fresh buttermilk, gallon..... 15c  
Big carrots, 2 bunches..... 5c  
Beans, gallon..... 5c  
Squash, each..... 5c  
Chickens and ducks..... 23c  
Fryers, 3-lb. size..... 50c  
Mammoth blackberries, box..... 4c  
Peaches, each..... 1c  
Sweet apple cider, glass..... 5c  
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With baskets on their arms, the shoppers thronged the public market today.



## Unusual Values in Summer Furniture.

It is the annual summer furniture clearance time and straightening up of stocks. The idea is to get the quantity of summer merchandise down to the smallest possible volume—the result is bargains. Reduced prices all along the line. It is certain that there is no other season of the year when a dollar will do so much work as now. We will crowd your dollar full of value. Come and see.



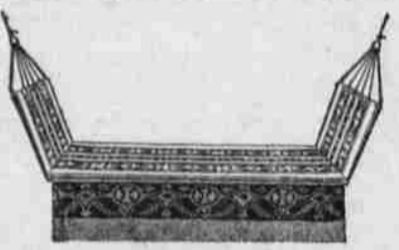
### Old Hickory

Old Hickory comfort chairs and rockers at a substantial summer saving.

- Arm Chair, regular \$5.25, summer sale price.....\$4.30
- Arm Chair, regular \$7.50, summer sale price.....\$6.45
- Arm Chair, regular \$9.00, summer sale price.....\$7.65
- Arm Rocker, regular \$6.00, summer sale price.....\$4.95

### COUCH HAMMOCK

No. 5 Couch Hammock, similar to cut, covered in heavy khaki colored duck, with soft cotton filled 20-pound mattress, woven wire spring base, pocket for magazines and papers, sells regularly for \$9.50. Summer sale price.....\$7.50



### Refrigerators

Refrigerators at a big saving. Since summer is just about half over, this offering has added interest.

- No. 1—Regular \$10.00, summer sale price....\$ 7.75
- No. 404—Regular \$15.00, summer sale price....\$11.75
- No. 428—Regular \$27.00, summer sale price....\$19.00
- Standard—Regular \$35.00, summer sale price....\$27.50
- McCray—Regular \$60.00, summer sale price....\$42.50

### HAMMOCKS—At the following prices no home should be without one this summer.

- Regular \$1.50 value, summer sale price..... 98c
- Regular \$2.00 value, summer sale price..... \$1.55
- Regular \$3.50 value, summer sale price..... \$2.75
- Regular \$5.00 value, summer sale price..... \$3.95
- Regular \$7.00 value, summer sale price..... \$5.55

## Buren & Hamilton COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS

in the Ryan building, opposite the Marion hotel. As early as 6 o'clock the farmers brought in their fresh produce. Buyers and sellers mingled in stirring trade, exchanging city shekles for garden truck and fruit. Fifty dozen ears of pearlykerneled early dwarf corn were brought in by C. C. Russell, of Central Howell road. Russell is a professional gardener, having carried away many prizes at the Oregon state fair, and his corn and vegetables vanished like mist before the sun. C. H. Taylor, of Turner, had a case of honey on sale. It sold the old-fashioned eastern way of 15 cents each or "two for a quarter." The ladies of the Christian church, represented by Mrs. E. Gillingham, had a long table display of frost-d cakes, salt-rising bread, choice fresh strawberries—an out-of-season delicacy—and "Dutch" cottage cheese, which was meant to sell by the pint but went "in one grab" to a single purchaser, "dish and all." Peter Harmon, of South Salem, had a good display of vegetables, his stringless green beans were "some" Kentucky wonders. Dairy butter was the contribution of J. B. Hawthorn to the steadily growing display at the new public market, and C. A. Mutha,

### AMERICAN MAY ACT FOR THE GERMANS

Minister Herrick to Take Charge of Embassy in Paris Following Departure of German Ambassador. Washington, Aug. 1.—That the German ambassador had left St. Petersburg was reported at the White House today. Ambassador Herrick, America's retiring representative in France, cabled that a plan for placing the affairs of the German embassy in Paris in the United States ambassador's hand was under consideration. The administration was quite willing that this arrangement should be made following the German ambassador's departure from the French capital. Ambassador Sharp, the United States newly appointed representative in Paris, would soon relieve Herrick, it was stated, but the latter would remain indefinitely to help his successor. Official messages from Europe said the outlook there was "not encouraging."

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