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THE DRIFT TO THE CITIES

Three-eighths of the population of the United States live in cities. Such is the report of the census office on urban population.

The term "hayseed" no longer applies. The young man from the rural town or the farm is not an object of derision any more in the city. His attire is conventional, his deportment manifests culture, he is amply informed as to the tricks and schemes of villains, he is familiar with business customs and methods, and, in general, he shows himself to be in touch with the world and with affairs. This is because the newspapers that get regularly into the country are better than ever. News is carried out to the country daily. The young man supplements his reading with occasional trips to town.

It is not so many years since Henry George, a workman of high character and brilliant intellect, by his indomitable industry educated himself in the older political economy and then startled the world by "progress and poverty." Most of our readers will remember his claim that the increase of want and the increase of wealth side by side were due to lack of land. Land is a constant, while population increases and so Mr. George not only believed very earnestly himself, but made a good many others believe, that increasing poverty was due to increasing land monopoly and the power of the landlord to dictate rents.

But there is a factor actually at work which upsets Mr. George's conclusions. For if at one point of time half the people of a given tract of country are living in towns and the other half on farms there will be an average area of so much land required per capita. If, after a few years, there has been a heavy increase in the town population at the expense of the country population, it may easily come to pass that a less area per capita is required, for a town lot is very much smaller on an average than the tiniest country farm.

GAMBLING AND ITS SUPPRESSION

People talk, now and again, of abolishing gambling, and they succeed, now and again, of doing away in a limited area, with some form of it—as policy, pool or poker.

But as the world is organized they might as well talk of abolishing human nature as eradicating the gambling spirit.

The instinct to take a chance is the oldest of all instincts except the two instincts that preserve, respectively, the individual and the species.

As certain sociologists have pointed out, the primitive mission of gambling was to call society into being. It banished the ennui that afflicted the savage before the arts of conversation came into existence. It made men seek one another's company and rejoice in their fellowship. Through it they became social beings. To the purely brutal pleasures of eating and drinking, which were the occasions of the first reunions of primitive men, it added an intellectual and humanistic factor.

Gambling over the cards or the dice or the wheel comes more and more under the ban, because it no longer has any useful side.

"'Tis an invocation to call fools into a circle."

So the tendency of one class of governments is to suppress this form of hazard, and of another still wider class to regulate it, and monopolize its revenues, by the establishment of state lotteries where patrons may be sure the cards are not stacked against them.

President Wilson put in the day working on his annual message. With congress to meet in a few days, he probably figured that he had little to be thankful for anyway.

The Serbian army must have been much larger than at first reported, judged now by the number of prisoners the invaders claim to have taken.

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China is going back to the monarchial rule after a brief experience with a republican form of government is pronounced a failure—or else ambitious men are claiming it was a failure in order to restore the old order of things. Anyhow the republic is to be abandoned and, following the enthronement ceremony, the Chinese government will become much the same as it was immediately before the agitation and strife that gave birth to a republic heralded as evidence of the dawn of a true civilization for the Flowery Kingdom. Quite likely the Chinese people were not ready for a republic and there is evidence that some of those who advocated it and assisted in its installation were less concerned with the welfare of their country than with visiting vengeance upon their political enemies. Whether all sincere or not, they presented a thought too advanced for the popular mind of China to grasp.

Some one has figured out that Oregon has the following material things to be thankful for: For 17,364,000 bushels of wheat, valued \$14,582,760; for 15,456,000 bushels of oats, valued \$5,564,160; for 4,788,000 bushels of barley, valued \$2,489,760; for 713,000 bushels of corn, valued \$427,800; for 6,120,000 bushels of potatoes, valued \$3,182,400; for 1,040,000 bushels of apples valued \$915,200; for 556,000 bushels of pears, valued \$389,200; for 1,741,000 tons of hay, valued \$14,624,400; for 62,000 tourists who visited the state in 1915; for 290,000 cases of canned fruits, valued \$750,000; for a record catch of salmon.

The question of markets for Willamette valley produce is one of absorbing interest and should have been taken up years ago. The Commercial Club and the representative farmers who are meeting together for this purpose will accomplish much if they arrive at a satisfactory solution of the problem.

King Albert of Belgium and King Peter of Serbia have placed the capitals of their kingdoms that were on wheels and are at home wherever night over takes them. One of the biggest questions to be answered by the European war is the future of these two kings without a kingdom.

Chicago is to have an auxiliary police force of 20,000 to deal with sanitation and cleanliness. And it will keep the whole bunch busy to make any kind of an impression on the dirt of that city.

Postal savings in this country have broken all previous records by totaling \$71,500,000, on October 31. Also, something to be thankful for.

And we might be thankful that the football season is over.



THANKSGIVING

The sun of peace serenely shines upon our figtrees and our vines, the justly famous dove, that blood-tired climes are sighing for, its pinions all unstained by war, is fluttering above. Your home, perhaps, is plain and poor, but in it you may dwell secure, and rest when evening comes; no howling foes approach your door, insisting on three quarts of gore, and death to sound of drums. You milk the cow and gather eggs, and no one shoots you in the legs, or prods you with a spear; war racks old Europe's weary strand, war stalks in almost every land, but Peace abideth here. All other benisons and boons seem cheaper than a dish of prunes, beside this mighty fact, that we have peace while others slay, and find upon our right of way no grisly dead men stacked. The groaning barns, and bursting mows, abundant crops and fertile cows, for which we render thanks, the rolls of butter we have churned, the mortgage that we lately burned, the money in the banks—all these are sordid things for which to send up anthems grand and rich, in ecstasy of praise; the dove of peace, the milk-white dove, that flutters this fair land above, 'tis that enchants our days.

Great Entertainment Will Raise Funds For Woman's Memorial Bldg.
Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—November 26th will be college and club night at the ice hippodrome.
The program includes: A hockey game between professionals and picked amateurs, a burlesque hockey game, a tag of war among the high schools, professional race, fancy skating, special stunts and grand march. There will be lots of lights, music, decorations and college.

We are going to have three bands and two glee clubs.
Trophies are offered for the best college, club or high school yell. Prizes are being given for the student who sells the most tickets.

The following will be there: Boxes have been taken by the Rotary club, W. L. Masters, J. Shannon, Mr. DeVaney, Charles Berg, the Multnomah club have taken five for their football team, occupying two. Hugh Hume of the Spectator, Oregon football team two. Beta Theta Phi has five boxes, Chi Psi two boxes, Alpha Tau Omega one, Phi Delta Theta one, Sigma Chi one, Kappa

Alpha Theta one, Phi Deltas, one, W. T. Foster, Reed college one, Zeta Psi two, Geo. W. Baker and city commissioners one, Mrs. Vincent Cook, Wellesly club, Michigan Alumnae, Dr. Katherine Marion, Oregon Alumnae, Dr. Wheeler and Miss Wold, Oregon Alumnae, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi four, Dr. Ralph Matson, Mrs. Thos. Honeyman, Chi Omega two, Mrs. Geo. Garlinger, Chi Epsilon Phi, Delta Gamma four, O. R. & N. three, represented by President J. D. Farrell, Mr. Wm. McMurray and J. P. O'Brien; Gamma Phi Beta six, Judge Gatens, Mrs. James Kerr, A. C. A., Oregon Alumnae for hostesses three, Mr. Sam Jackson of the Journal five. Sections have been taken by the Rotary, Multnomah, University of Oregon, Oregon Alumnae, O. W. B. & N. and Ad club, Progressive Business Men's club, Realty club and O. A. C.

The proceeds will go toward the woman's building fund of the State university. We want you to come.
MANY COUPLES WED.
Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—Twenty-five couples will combine matrimony and gastronomical feasts today in honor of Thanksgiving. All secured marriage licenses yesterday. There were but 17 marriages in Portland last turkey day.

THE MARKETS

All markets were closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and with the holiday coming on Tuesday, the chances are the markets in all lines will remain quiet during the week.

WHOLESALE MARKET

Grains

Hay, timothy, per ton \$14.00
Oats, vetch \$10.00
Oats \$9.00@10.00
Wheat 80@82c
Oats 35c
Rolled barley \$32.00
Corn \$40.00
Cracked corn \$41.50
Bran \$26.00
Shorts, per ton \$28.00
Clover seed 13@16c

Butter

Butterfat 33c
Creamery butter, per pound 35c
Country butter 30c

Eggs and Poultry

Eggs, candled, No. 1, cash 28c
Eggs, case count, cash 36@38c
Eggs, trade 37@39c
Eggs, storage 28c
Hens, pound 11c
Roosters, old, per pound 7c
Spring chickens, pound 11@11 1/2c
Turkeys, live 15@16c
Turkeys, dressed 18@19c

Pork, Veal and Mutton

Veal, dressed 9c
Pork, dressed 7 1/2c
Pork, on foot 5 1/4c
Spring lambs 6 1/4c
Steers 5@5 1/2c
Cows 3@4c
Hogs 3c
Wethers 4@4 1/2c

Vegetables

Cabbage 40c
Tomatoes, California \$1.00@1.25
String garlic 15c
Potatoes, ewt. 75c
Brussels sprouts 10c
Sweet potatoes \$2.25
Beets 40c
Carrots 40c
Turnips 40c
Celery 40@70c
Onions \$1.50
California head lettuce, case \$2.50@2.75
Green beans 12 1/2c

Fruits

Oranges, Valencia \$6.00@6.25
Oranges, Navel \$4.75
Lemons, per box \$4.25@4.75
Bananas, pound 5 1/4c
California grape fruit \$6.00@7.00
Dates, dromedary, case \$3.35
Pard dates \$1.60
Grapes \$1.40
Cranberries \$10.00@12.00
Pineapples 7 1/2c
Honey \$3.50

Retail Prices

Eggs, per dozen, fresh ranch 40@45c
Eggs, storage 30c
Sugar, cane \$7.00
Sugar, D. G. \$6.80
Creamery butter 40c
Flour, hard wheat \$1.50@1.40
Flour, valley \$1.20@1.15

Report Hop Sales Along the Coast At 12 Cents for Tops

Portland, Ore., Nov. 25.—There was a small spurt of hop buying along the coast during the last 24 hours but the principal activity was in Yakima and in the Sonoma sections.

Twelve cents was again paid for top quality offerings both in this state and in California and the high price was being offered in Yakima for similar selections.

Dealers attribute most of the buying to short covering, but this is merely a guess.

In this state Frank S. Johnson Hop company purchased two lots from growers in Yamhill county and a carload from dealers in Marion county, a total of two carloads. The price was around 11 cents a pound and the quality prime to choice.

Wolf Hop company purchased 60 bales of Heavy Beck at Aurora at 12 cents a pound. The Wolf company likewise purchased 48 bales from Gooding at St. Paul but the price is not announced.

T. A. Livesley & Co. were reported operating in the Sonoma, Cal., section with the purchase of 300 bales there at 9 3/4 cents a pound. Wolf Hop company purchased 200 bales in the same section at 12 cents for top quality.

Potato Market Slow

While showing practically no weakness, the market for potatoes is not so keen. Very little buying is now reported in the country. Dealers who were exceedingly anxious a short time ago to pay as high as \$1 a cental f. o. b. country points for selected shipping stock, are now out of the market entirely, at least for the time being.

Speculative interests are filled with potatoes. They have purchased about all the stock that they can take care of financially and the stocks have been stored in country warehouses. Little of this stock has been moved to outside markets, because the price paid here was generally above a shipping basis, being mainly in speculation for the future. Some small lots have gone forward to the San Francisco trade, but these shipments form only a very small per cent of the total purchases at the extreme mark.

Nevertheless, there is no disposition among producers to accept a lower price range; in fact, it is not the question of price in the market at this time, but of moving the stocks already purchased. The trade in general is inclined to the opinion that the future of the market is good, but none are looking for runaway values.

WEEKLY REPORT OF UNION STOCK YARDS

North Portland, Ore., Nov. 22.—Today's trading was very brisk in all lines, and was said by buyers and shippers both to have been the best for many days. Two cars of steers went at

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47, the day's top, with a good run of the medium kind at around \$6.50. All lines were exceptionally strong and somewhat higher than last week.	573 hogs 210-26.05
	49 hogs 190-25.90
	70 lambs 70-27.25
	358 wethers 94-26.25
	5 ewes 126-24.90

Dr. John Straub, of Eugene, Would Be Next Governor

Marshfield, Or., Nov. 25.—Dr. John Straub, vice-president of the University of Oregon, who is here on a lecturing tour, has announced that if Governor Withycombe is not in the race for the office again, he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

Cool Bay Times: Geo. Ross, who was down from his catching inlet ranch today, stated that this week he picked a lot of ripe wild blackberries. This is the first time in his long residence in Coos county that he has found the berries ripe in any great quantity as late as November.

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