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BUSINESS CONDITIONS SOUND

There has never been a time in the history of the country when it faced the immediate prospect of war with a foreign power with so little disturbance to the business pulse or with greater unity of every interest that contributes to its prosperity. With patriotic fervor all elements of the country's population have responded with alacrity to the call of duty. There is a whole-hearted willingness to meet every requirement for mobilizing the country's resources of strength to the fullest extent.

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THE PACIFIST IN ACTION

Mr. Henry Ford makes it clear that in lining up behind the President and offering his automobile plant to the Government for war purposes he has not abandoned his pacifist principles. He still regards war as the greatest of all calamities, but if the United States is forced to fight he is ready to make its fighting count. He says he can build 1,000 small submarines and 3,000 motors a day at his Detroit works, and that he is "ready to do that, or any needed proportion of it, without profit."

In his opinion, "a pacifist is the hardest fighter you ever saw when he finally is crowded into taking up arms," and he believes that if war comes we shall see in President Wilson "a real pacifist in action, and he will show you fighting that these roaring lions never dreamed of."

We still think Mr. Ford showed lack of judgment when he sent his peace ship to Europe, but there is evidently no discount on his Americanism. And if he can make 1,000 small submarines a day, he can accomplish far more in bringing the war to an end than by a thousand peace boats.

It would be a curious thing if pacifists like the President and Mr. Ford should accomplish what all the allied fighting men have not been able to do.—Baltimore Sun.

AT THE END OF THE TRAIL

We who knew him in the days before the city swallowed him up (that was 40 years ago) had forgotten all about him until the other day, when the morning train rolled in and we stood ready to help unload the coffin and then to follow it to the place on the hill prepared for him. Every now and then someone like him comes home to stay, and it is the same story so far as we who remain are concerned. Not until the train comes to a standstill and the baggage car door is thrown open do we remember—and sometimes it is poignant. When the city took him he was young, and, though bearing a grievous burden, he went hopefully. When the city gave him back to us he was an old man broken by many griefs, and desolation looked up from the dead face, where on the majesty of the final peace more often sits enthroned.

What the city takes and what it gives back are always different. Sometimes it steepens them in folly and returns dead wrecks, whereon we look and read an ancient regret for things that might have been better—and perhaps in the end, happier. Again, it swallows them up in the vortex of the great unceasing, pitiless economic struggle, and having sapped brain, body and soul, returns to us the empty shell that once housed our friends. That is what it did to him.

Are not some fated to be bound to the wheel and others to walk in the glad places, and at the end of the Dolorosa way is not there heavenly compensation? Perhaps, but somehow down deep in our hearts will continue the bitterness of an ancient revolt because of empty and joyless lives the deep resentment because of that blind fatality which ever and again we see in human aspirations and many of our lives are passing in tragedy.—Tom Bodine, in the Paris (Mo.) Mercury.

EVILS OF READING

A St. Louis judge has gone on record in favor of the farmer as making the best sort of juror. Not satisfied with the general statement, he proceeds to tell why.

He says that the farmer reads a great deal of stuff in the papers and magazines. They get muddled in their minds in consequence. Fantastic notions are fostered about the right or wrong of capital punishment, in consequence of which they are not to be depended upon when it comes to rendering a suitable verdict.

How different with the farmer, according to this same authority. The farmer doesn't read the papers very often, and the magazines still less frequently. This is a blessing from the standpoint of good jury material. He isn't troubled with modern problems or modern thought.

Naturally under these circumstances one has a jurymen that is a jurymen.

Coming from the chief metropolis of the State that has acquired fame for desiring to be shown, this resume of conditions would seem to explain the necessity. There are times, of course, when the perusal of a certain class of papers or magazines might be the undoing of a promising jurymen. It is of record that one talesman under consideration to sit in a sensational case was asked whether he ever read a particular publication. His answer was that he did not, as he always shaved himself.

Passing over this possibly irrelevant detail, however, it is feared that the St. Louis judge is on the wrong tack. Most farmers read their papers with religious regularity. Horace Greeley spoke to them of old as one having authority. Today they have their dependable favorites, whose utterances are as the law and the gospel. It is more than probable also that the publication of the details of modern movements are for their particular delectation and consumption. Do not most of the great movements issue from the country—if not from Missouri, then from the pulsating districts to the immediate westward?

It is suggested that while the St. Louis judge is mistaken in his conclusion, his premise is correct. Newspapers and magazines make the archaic form and expression of the law intelligible to the masses. The city man dips and skims, missing much that is good. With characteristic thoroughness the country man absorbs and remembers. Hence, in his day in court he is qualified to render just judgment, which not even the judicial charge can serve to thwart. When the newspaper and the countryman meet right is bound to prevail!—Washington Post.

HOW LIFE CALCULATES

Reason cannot select correct premises; she can only prove the premises you give her. "Oh, what a wonderful creature is man", exclaimed Ben Franklin; "he can find reasons for anything he wishes to do." That is the trouble with reason as a guide. Reason cannot guide. Reason is always guided by something else behind it, which supplies the premises from which reason makes its calculations and records. Reason is a calculating machine. Give it correct premises and it will compute and record the right answer every time. But reason has no power of choice in the matter of premises; like any well regulated calculating machine it automatically accepts the premises fed into it. You have but to watch your own thoughts carefully to prove this.

Who or what, then, is responsible for the choice of premises that you feed into your calculator? It is life itself which uses reason. It is life itself which creates reason, the calculator. And why does life need reason? Life needs reason to weigh, compute, compare and record life's intuition and experiences. Without the calculator and recorder, reason, life would endlessly duplicate its experiences and intuitions without learning anything from them. Life is the creator, reason the creature. Life is the actor, reason is acted upon. Life is positive and reason negative. To depend upon reason as guide is to exalt the machine above the mind that made it.—The Nauticus.

A NEW FIRE HAZARD

As a result of the general use in the homes of the people, because of their convenience, of small electric devices, such as pressing irons, curling irons, toasters, electric pads or blankets, electric plate warmers and electric sterilizers or heaters, a new form of fire peril is coming into prominence as a cause of much destruction. This hazard can only be removed by the users of such devices taking the precaution to disconnect the current when they are through with using it.

That such precaution is seriously neglected appears from the statistics of fires occurring. For example, the Actuarial Bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in one day noted approximately one hundred reports of fires from this cause, out of a total of two thousand of losses in the day's reports, and it estimates that small electrical devices are causing fires at the rate of 30,000 or more in the course of a year.

A characteristic example of the hazard is that in which an electric pressing iron is left on the ironing board, with the current turned on, and then forgotten. In such a case the fire may not occur until some hours later, often breaking out at night.—Times-Dispatch.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Mr. John G. Runalduo continues ill. Mr. W. F. Hibbs has purchased a Ford car. Mrs. A. C. Crouch has been sick for several weeks. Mr. R. L. Brown who has been quite sick, is improving. One sleigh was seen on the streets of Manassas this morning. The Lutheran Church has placed a set of new books in its library. Mr. H. Thornton Davies, who has been ill of pneumonia, is improving. Dr. L. F. Hough has been confined to his home in Washington by illness. Mr. George Ayres, of the Stone House neighborhood, has been quite ill. The Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute was in session today at the court house. Miss Julia Maloney, the elder daughter of Mrs. A. A. Maloney, is ill of pneumonia. Mr. George W. Hixson, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is improving slowly. Miss Elizabeth Hiner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Hiner, has been quite sick. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hornbaker this week have been confined to their home by sickness. Mrs. L. Frank Pattie will entertain the Auction Bridge Club this afternoon at her home on East street. The board of supervisors of Stafford county is discussing the advisability of building a new court house. Mrs. James Brown, of Water-view Farm, below Buckhall, was taken to a Washington hospital on Wednesday. Miss Sarah Davis, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sprinkel, of Lee avenue, has been on the sick list this week. The Auction Bridge Club was entertained Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, at their home on Grant avenue. Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, of the State Board of Health, will give an illustrated lecture tonight at the Baptist Church, beginning at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Francis Norvell Larkin entertained at Bridge on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. S. H. Griffin, who recently moved to Manassas. A George Washington symposium will be held at the council room of Ball Run Council, No. 15, Order Fraternal Americans, next Thursday evening. Mr. Wilbur Brawner, of Hickory Grove, whose hand was badly crushed in a corn sheller last Friday, was carried to a Washington hospital. The postponed meeting of the Manassas Civic League will be held at the Town Hall Monday evening. Committee reports and other business will be considered. The woman's rest room is closed until Monday. Mrs. Roberta Lynn, who has charge of the rest room, has been confined to her home by an injured ankle. Miss Isabelle Hutchison and little Misses Susan Ish and Annie Harrison, the two little granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Westwood Hutchison, have been quite sick. A license was issued here this week for the marriage of Miss Lydia E. Horn, daughter of Mr. D. H. Horn, and Mr. J. H. Flory, son of Elder S. H. Flory, all of Nokesville.

Services at the Lutheran Church, Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, pastor, for the coming week will be as follows: Sunday—Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m.; Wednesday—Choir practice at 7:30 p. m. William Greany and Lester Henry, former students of Villanova College, Villanova, Pa., have enrolled at Eastern College. They were football stars and special lights at Villanova in basketball and baseball, respectively. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give an oyster supper this evening at the manse, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The men and older boys of the church are invited to attend. There is no admission fee and no charge for the supper. Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, pastor of the Lutheran Church, officiated last Thursday at the marriage of Miss Daisy Palmer, of Bristow, and Mr. George W. Wright. Mr. Wright, who is employed in Manassas, is the son of Mr. Charles Wright, of Paris. Harry T. Burleigh, of New York city, will appear at the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth next Thursday, beginning at 8 p. m. He will be assisted by Jean Kelly, contralto and the students of the school. A small admission fee will be charged. Miss Amy Gough, daughter of Mr. Joseph Gough, of Nokesville, and Mr. Forrest Carter, also of Nokesville, were married here Saturday by the Rev. Edgar Z. Pence, pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. David Carter, of Nokesville. The ladies of Grace Methodist Church are completing plans for their annual bazaar which is to be held in Conner's Opera House next Thursday. Washington's birthday. Turkey and oyster dinners will be served and ice cream, cake, candy and fancy articles will be on sale. The book party, which was scheduled to be held last night at Ruffner Building, has been postponed to Monday night at 8 o'clock. Candy will be sold and members of the Osbourn and Lanier Literary societies of the high school will hold a spelling match. Ten cents' admission will be charged. Aubrey Keys, alias John Beavers, alias William Shaw, was indicted for a felony this week at the February term of circuit court of Loudoun county. Keys, it will be remembered, broke jail in Manassas last summer and a few weeks ago, after stealing a horse in Leesburg, was caught at Spotsylvania Courthouse. The result of his trial has not reached Manassas. The body of Mrs. Margaret Sorg Lathe, who died Tuesday in Baltimore, was brought here today for burial at Buckhall, her former home. Mrs. Lathe is survived by her husband and two small children, of Baltimore; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Robertson and Mrs. Mary Sorg Flaberty, of Bockhall, and two brothers, Mr. Howard Sorg, of Baltimore, and Mr. Walter Sorg. The Manassas High School basketball teams will play two games again tomorrow night at Conner's Hall. The girls' team will play the girls from the high school at Remington, Fauquier county. The boys' opponents belong to the Southern Railway team. The first game will be called at 7:45 p. m. An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged at the door. Mrs. Walter L. Sanders, of West Street, is the hostess of the Bethlehem Good Housekeepers' Club on the afternoon of Saturday, February 17, at two o'clock. The subjects for the afternoon are as follows: "Installation of Water," "Household Sanitation" and "Household Insects." The members are requested to come prepared to discuss these very interesting subjects. Rev. Alford Kelley and Miss Isabel Kelley went to Washington yesterday to hear Gypsy Smith, jr., the evangelist. It had been expected that a large number of persons from Manassas were forming a committee to confer with the evangelist concerning his visit to Manassas in the spring, would attend the afternoon meeting yesterday. When it became known that no afternoon meeting was to be held the trip of the committee was abandoned. Services at the Manassas Presbyterian Church, Rev. Alford Kelley, pastor, for the coming week will be as follows: Sunday—Sunday School at 10 a. m.; subject, Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son; preaching at 11 a. m.; subject, Christian Education; Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 p. m.; subject, Using What We Have; Union meeting at 7:30 p. m. (Baptist Church) in the interest of the Gypsy Smith campaign. Wednesday—Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.; subject, Religion and National Education. Worship with us if your church has no service. Rev. J. F. Burks will hold services at Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and service with celebration of the Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday at 11 a. m. Miss Louisa T. Davis, of Leesburg, will visit the church in the interest of the Auxiliary and make an address at the church at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The women and girls of the church are invited to attend. A service also will be held at the church on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. At this time all communicants, as well as the children, are invited to attend. Instruction will be given on the First Principles. About a month ago Mr. M. C. Hazen, chief of the District Engineers Office, had the misfortune to lose one of his young horses. The horse felt gay, slipped and fell and never rose again and last Thursday he lost one of his jumpers from tetanus. His men discovered the nail in the frog of the foot and worked to save the horse, but could not. Mr. Hazen owns a large stock farm in upper Prince William. It was also published in the Washington Herald, that Mr. Hazen's father-in-law, Mr. Peter Curtis Smith, was found dead in bed, Thursday evening at their Washington home, No. 817 C st., S. W. Mr. Smith was a printer in the Bureau for many years and was widely known in the city. Warrenton Times, February 15.

Mr. William L. Larkin, of Spray, N. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. A. Larkin. Miss Bernice Comer, of Washington, spent the week-end with Mrs. J. F. Burks. Mr. John Whitmer was the guest of Miss Dollie Miller Sunday, at her home at Strasburg. Mrs. Margaret Whittington, of Washington, last week was the guest of Mrs. Bernard Trimmer. Messrs. G. H. May, and B. F. May, all of Catlett, Fauquier county, were Manassas visitors Monday. Mrs. W. M. Longwell, of Gasaway, W. Va., this week is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. D. Waters. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burks, of Idaho, this week were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Burks at the Rectory. Mrs. Roger W. Payne, of Front Royal, a former resident, last week was the guest of Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lewis were among the Manassas people who went to Washington last Saturday to see "Ben Hur." Mrs. James Low and little son "Billie," of Washington spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Gallehue. Mrs. M. P. Allison, of Rappahannock, during the week was the guest of Mrs. E. A. Roads, at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Swaringen and their little son attended the Virginia newspaper conference last week at the University of Virginia. Mrs. Raymond Hulfish and Miss Laura Hulfish, of Havre, Montana, are the guests of Mrs. Hulfish's mother, Mrs. Edward J. Evans, in Alexandria. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nash this week have been the guests of their daughters, Mrs. George Berger Cocke and Mrs. Robert W. Adamson, in Petersburg.

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ROLL OF HONOR Roll of honor for Gold Ridge School, Miss Mary A. Weber, teacher: Russel Barbee, Len Bridwell, Claud Ellicott, Thomas Potter, Ellis Cook, Irenis Cook, Omer Earhart, Mabel Barbee, Grace Barbee, Mattie Barbee, Elizabeth Cook, Edna Earhart, Frances Earhart, Jessie Ellicott and Lucile Horton. ROLL OF HONOR Roll of honor of Bradley School for January, Miss Pearl Long, teacher: Lottie Dove, Elizabeth Dove, Gladys Robinson, Ruth Bibb, Hazel Young, Ethel Robinson, Goldie Beavers, Claude Bibb, Sydney Lawler and James Priest. A CARD We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the illness of our baby. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Robertson.

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ABOUT PEOPLE WE KNOW Mr. Walter Akers spent yesterday in Washington. Mr. C. B. Allen, of Gainesville, was in town today. Mrs. W. T. Thomason spent Saturday in Washington. Mrs. B. C. Cornwell is spending the week in Washington. Mr. George W. Payne was a Manassas visitor Wednesday. Miss Helen Payne spent Sunday with Miss Mary Ann Whitmer. Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Davis, of Headley, were in Manassas Wednesday. Miss Isabel Kelley has returned from a visit to friends at Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Edwin Cookrell recently spent a few days in Bristol and Wisc. Tenn. Miss Eva Breeden visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Breeden on Monday. A party of Eastern College students went to see "Ben Hur" in Washington Saturday. Miss Virginia Rowzie, of Rappahannock, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Roads. Mr. Winfield Athey, of Chester, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Athey. Miss Edna Taylor, of Middleburg, is the guest of her sister.



SOUTHERN RAILWAY PREMIER CARRIER OF THE SOUTH SCHEDULE

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- SOUTHBOUND.**
- No. 9—Daily local, 8:30 a. m. Deliver connection at Orange daily except Sunday, to O. O. for Gordonsville and Richmond.
 - No. 43—Daily through train for Charlotte, 10:03 a. m. will stop at Manassas on flag.
 - No. 17—Except Sunday, local from Washington to Warrenton, 8:22 p. m.
 - No. 15—Daily local for Warrenton, Charlottesville and way stations, 5:12 p. m. Pullman Parlor Car to Warrenton.
 - No. 41—Daily through train, 10:45 p. m. stops to let off passengers from Washington and Alexandria and to take on passengers for points at which scheduled to stop.
- NORTHBOUND.**
- No. 18—Except Sunday, local from Warrenton to Washington, 7:40 a. m.
 - No. 16—Daily through train between Charlottesville, Warrenton, Manassas and Washington, 9:05 a. m.
 - No. 14—Daily from Harrisonburg to Washington, 9:47 a. m. Pullman Parlor Car.
 - No. 19—Daily local, 2:10 p. m. Connection at Orange with C. & O. Railway from Richmond and Gordonsville.
 - No. 23—Daily, 5:03 p. m., local train between Harrisonburg, Manassas and Washington.
 - No. 44—Daily through train between Manassas and Washington, 8:25 p. m.
 - No. 35—Daily through train, westward and stopping cars for Washington and New York, 10:20 p. m., stops on flag.

- WESTBOUND.**
- No. 19—Daily local for Harrisonburg and intermediate points, 9:40 a. m.
 - No. 21—Daily local to Harrisonburg, 5:00 p. m.
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The Modern System

By C. H. REEVES

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Mr. Sampson Waters glared at pretty Miss Jones, the new employee in the haberdashery department of the great Fitton store.

Miss Jones had been at work a week, and Mr. Waters had taken a decided liking to her. After gallantly praising her to see that the road was made easy for her, he had ventured on a familiarity when they found themselves alone in the doorway for a moment. Now the tingle of pretty Miss Jones' hand across his cheek smarted still.

Waters was the superintendent of the haberdashery department, and the dreaded tyrant of all the girls. They knew that their positions were at the man's mercy. Nobody had so much influence with Fitton as he. A word was as good as a command, it was said.

Fitton had never run his store very successfully. He had inherited it which was the principal reason. He learned more and more on his employees. He was an old man, and when his daughter, now at Vassar, came to the ownership—well, Mr. Waters smiled. He expected the general management of the sales department. And Fitton had as good as promised it to him.

There were stories about him, concerning Nelly Gregg, who had disappeared from the store a year before. One of the girls had seen her on Broadway late at night, and Nelly had shrunk from her and hurried away. That Waters was a married man was known, and the girls often speculated what sort of woman had been willing to take him.

Of course, the man was at his ease among the rowdy element, but many a

"You're a little peach, girle," he said. "I'll wait for you at the side door at seven tomorrow."

At seven o'clock he met Miss Jones as by appointment and escorted her to the surface car. "We'll get supper out there," he said. "Lobsters and beer. Then we'll take in the shows."

All the way to the restaurant congratulated himself upon his partner. Miss Jones was well bred, there was no doubt of that. She was in a class by herself. He began to anticipate an enjoyable summer.

"What's that umbrella for?" he demanded.

"Why, it might rain, you know," faltered Miss Jones.

Mr. Waters roared with laughter. "Yes, and it may snow, or hail," he mimicked. "Say, if you ain't the limit! But I guess I'll educate you."

They had supper together at a flashy restaurant, filled with overdressed youths and girls. Under the stimulus of the beer Waters became exuberant in his professions of admiration, and he hardly noticed that Miss Jones only tasted hers.

"Now for the shows," he said, "Scenic railroad first, kid. I'll show you something."

They entered a car and shot down a declivity into a dark tunnel. Mr. Waters seized Miss Jones in his arms and clasped her to him, while he kissed her again and again. When they emerged into the light he saw that she was crying. She clutched her umbrella tightly.

"Well, of all the dead sports!" he exclaimed. "You'd carry that umbrella to your wedding, I guess, Dorothy."

Miss Jones returned no answer. They took in a number of other shows. "I must be going home now," said the girl, as they passed the terminal.

Mr. Waters laughed. "Come and have a whisky," he said. "I'll cheer you up. Say, what's the matter? You look as if this was your funeral."

"My father will wonder where I am," faltered the girl.

"Ah, cut it out," said Waters. "Say, Dorothy—" and he whispered something in her ear.

The girl turned and looked at him fixedly. In the intense light, among the moving crowds, they might have been alone, for none noticed them, each person was bent upon his own amusements.

"It'll be all right," coaxed Mr. Waters. "I took to you from the first minute I saw you, kid. I said to myself, 'that girl's a good-looking if ever there was one. And she needs a protector.' Then fellows at the store are a pretty tough lot! Now, if you treat me right I'll treat you right, I swear. My wife's going to leave me—yes, I know you'd heard about her from those old hens behind the counter. They're always ready to stick a knife into a fellow. Anyway, she's going to leave me, the Lord be praised, and I'll do the right thing by you just as soon as I can get the divorce. What do you say, girle?"

At that moment, before Miss Jones could answer, an elderly gentleman, with a scholarly look, which would have made it almost impossible to identify him with the ownership of a department store, came slowly toward them from the crowd. Mr. Waters cursed under his breath. It was Mr. Fitton.

"Say, there's the boss," he whispered to the girl. "Be a good sport, kid, and play up to me."

"Good evening, Waters," said Mr. Fitton casually. "Seeing the sights?"

"Yes, sir," said the manager.

"I came down to have a look about me," said Mr. Fitton, watching Miss Jones rather intently, and then looking inquiringly at Waters.

"My sister-in-law, sir," said Waters. "Came up to town from Pennsylvania this morning, and the wife asked me to bring her along to Coney and show her the sights."

"I am surprised to hear you say that, Waters," said Mr. Fitton, mildly. "How, sir?" inquired the other, unabashed.

"Because she happens to be my daughter," returned his employer. "Just home from Vassar and studying the methods in the store in anticipation of the day when she will take hold."

"You going to take hold soon?" said Miss Dorothy. "I'm sorry for what I did to you yesterday, in the doorway, Mr. Waters. I'm sorry I didn't say more. But I'm going to now."

"And before anyone understood what was happening, she had deftly unfolded her umbrella and pulled out a lithe and very interesting horsewhip."

"Great Caesar!" shouted the manager, putting up his hands. "Don't use that on me. I'm sorry, Miss Fitton. If I'd have known who you were—"

Whirl! The lash coiled itself about his legs, and he leaped and yelled with agony. Instantly a crowd gathered about them. Whirl! It descended on the manager's back and shoulders. Waters turned to fly, but the crowd, shouting approvingly, barred his way. The way the girl plied the lash was something to be remembered, everyone agreed. In half a minute Waters was sweltering in the ground in agony. And the lash never ceased till Waters slumped from sheer pain and terror. Then Miss Dorothy broke the butt across his shoulders and left him.

"You see, father, dear. It takes modern methods to run a department store," she explained to the old gentleman, who had reluctantly agreed to meet her there that evening.

And, escorted by a cheating thief, their auto rolled away.

PUBLIC ROADS

GOOD ROADS ARE NECESSARY

Well-Graded and Drained Earth Road, When Dragged Regularly, is Quite Satisfactory.

Two very striking facts present themselves to those who have noticed our country roads this season. The first fact is that proper drainage is vitally necessary in order to have a permanently good road. The second fact is that a well-graded and drained earth road, when dragged regularly, will give us a passable and fairly good road even under abnormal weather conditions. Some of the best roads we have passed over this season have been simply dirt roads receiving log-drug treatment. Some of the worst roads we have gone over this season have been expensively made graveled roads which have been bad simply because of lack of drainage.

The fundamental principle of road building, after all is said and done, is to grade our roads and provide drainage that the water can get away.

Sentiment in the middle West seems to be gradually settling down to the opinion that good roads are a necessity and not a luxury. Building roads for automobile owners now means building roads for farmers and not for city people alone. The farm tractor and the farm truck of the future will further emphasize the importance of good country roads. The only thing that must be insisted on is that roads must be made of the best materials at hand, and the work must be done under the supervision of those who understand road-making. This supervision naturally adds to the cost. Another thing that must be understood is that maintenance of the road year after year, prompt attention being paid to repairs, is just as necessary as the first construction.

We predict that good-road building will continue to be one of the most popular subjects for discussion for the next few years. The proposed federal aid for road building, providing \$75,000,000 to be spent during the next five years when a similar sum is raised by the local community, means that a national system of roads is to become



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The modern scheme of protecting road surfaces with sprayed oil has developed a new method of patching holes. Gravel is mixed with a heavy road oil, which acts as a binder. This is prepared in advance and carted to the place where the patching is to be done. Less gravel is needed than when it is used dry, because the hole need be filled only level and tamped, while with the ordinary method the patching gravel must be heaped above the normal surface of the road. Where patching on a large scale is to be done, a concrete mixed can be used to prepare the mixture. — Popular Mechanics Magazine.

METHOD OF PATCHING HOLES
Gravel is Mixed With Heavy Road Oil, Which Acts as Binder—Use a Concrete Mixer.

Loss Money on "Boarders."
Some farmers would be better off if they sold their cows and bought milk and butter. Yet they don't realize that they are losing real money on every "boarder" in their herds. Test each cow.

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"I'll Go With You to Coney."

modest girl shrank from the thought of attracting him. And Mr. Waters felt particularly vicious toward Miss Jones.

He went up to her that evening, just before closing time.

"I want to speak to you," he said. Miss Jones put down her account book and waited patiently.

"I guess you weren't feeling well this morning, kiddo," he said. "That was a pretty raw thing you did. I wouldn't stand if from anyone but you. How about Coney tomorrow night?"

"I don't know what you are talking about," said Miss Jones, turning scarlet with indignation.

"Well, then, I'll explain," said Waters, leaning heavily upon the counter. "Mr. Fitton thinks a good deal of me in this store. He doesn't care what goes on so long as the sales keep up to the mark. He leaves me to keep them up in any way I think best. And what I say goes with him. Get that?"

Miss Jones nodded.

"Get anybody to take care of you?" pursued Mr. Waters. "Living at home or alone?"

"If you mean that as a question," answered the girl, "I live at home with my father, and he supports me."

"Well, six dollars wouldn't go very far," answered Mr. Waters thoughtfully. "Still, I guess you'd hate to go home and tell the old man you'd lost your job, wouldn't you?"

"I certainly should," answered Miss Jones.

"Now you're talking sense," said Mr. Waters. "Well, then, I want every girl in my department. And not little spitfires. So you'd best make up with me and come to Coney tomorrow night, and I'll give you a good time, kid. What?"

Miss Jones bit her lip and reflected. "I'm sorry for what I did this morning," she said penitently. "And I'll go with you to Coney."

"Now you're talking sense," said the manager, mollified. He glanced quickly about him. "Let's kiss and make up," he added.

Miss Jones extended him a frigid cheek, but Mr. Waters seized her face in his hands and kissed her on the lips. She closed her eyes with tears and

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Lime Up to the "Limiting Factor," Not Beyond—After This Help Out With Manure and Phosphates—It is Only in That Way You Can Get the Best Returns For the Cash Investment.

Some men are dead lucky. They just sit tight, doing nothing in particular to get along, when a plum falls into their laps out of a clear sky. People suddenly begin to make a liking to some corner of a town. Nobody knows why. Old residents leave the homes that were always good enough for them, before, for houses with modern improvements in the new section. So real estate booms, the land-poor get rich and the property of the thrifty of former days, runs down. New railroad branches are spreading over the country and cheap farms become valuable, because the get-away for general crops or market and orchard specialties is easy. No extra horses and wagons have to be kept for long hauls and the children have a better chance for good schools.

Most of us get the go-by from fortune and it's natural to get sour, especially over the good luck of those who have never deserved it. But what's the use? To cultivate a bilious habit only makes every day's work grow harder.

All very well for "Cheerfulness Societies" to preach the "New Thought" and that kind of thing. The trouble with them is that they just talk and never give a practical idea.

There are lots of things that bring increase, which we do not earn. Look out of the window at that frozen plowed field, the clods thawing and cracking in the sunning. It is working and making plant food for next season's growth. It is the winter with its elements of hard weather that crack and leach the soil particles for new supplies for further crops. We can figure the value of that unpaid action of frost and thaw in dollars and cents, for it is what keeps a sufficient supply of plant food available in the soil to make about twelve or more bushels of wheat, year after year. Deduct from this the actual cost of plowing and seeding and what is left, say the value of eight bushels per acre, is your unearned increment.

Well, it is not much and then everybody gets it, so what is the use? Just this, that you can buy this book of winter action for fishing more fertility out of the soil, with common sense, and that is something that everybody has not got. Just see! Try to wash axle grease off your hands in clear water. How much good does rubbing do toward getting them clean? But, soap or put ammonia in the water. How about it then? Now, that is chemical action, it gets dirt loose. And chemical action gets plant food loose. Ammonia would do it, lye would do it, but they cost too much. For price and results there is only lime, and the strongest is the cheapest. Lime and winter weather for getting the biggest unearned increase from the soil. But mind you, they will only get out the plant food that is ready for solution. It may not make more than a fair crop. More lime than the right amount may force a larger one, but generally it does not pay. That is where extra plant food comes in, to give a better return for your labor. Lime up to what the professors call the "limiting factor," not beyond. Then help out with manure and phosphates. Then and only then will these costly additions give you the best return for the cash investment. That is profit. Winter weather and common sense give you all of nature's unearned increase and that plus profit spells prosperity.

BENEFITS OF FARM LOAN ACT

Ways in Which the New System Aids Farmer in Financing His Business.

By reason of the facilities created by the Federal Farm Loan Act, which was passed last summer, it will be easier in the future for a farmer to secure money to make needed improvements or for the purchase of live stock, and it will be easier also for the landless man to purchase a farm, according to a recent publication of the Department of Agriculture (Farmers' Bulletin 762) entitled "How the Federal Farm Loan Act Benefits the Farmer."

The Federal land banks established under this act will stand ready at all times. It is expected, to lend money to farmers on farm-mortgage security. The interest charges will be not more than 6 per cent, nor more than 1 per cent above the rate paid on the bonds sold by the banks. If 4 1/2 per cent bonds should be issued, therefore, the rate charged on loans would be 5 1/2 per cent or less. There will be no commissions or bonuses. The loans will be made for periods of time ranging from 2 to 40 years, thus doing away with the trouble and expense of frequent renewals.

The payment of a certain part of the principal annually or semiannually, with the interest, will be required. The total payment, including the interest, will be the same for each year, and will be just large enough so that the entire principal will be paid off at the end of the period. The annual payment thus required to pay off a loan of \$1,000, with interest at 5 per cent, in 20 years, is \$67.24.

"In the Spring Time."

"The fellows at these here Cross roads makes me 'fired,'" said Bill Norris to Doc Morgan, who had just stepped into Norris's store as the last of the farmers were coming out, and some were already heading back. "I was a-tryin' to shed to pick up the women folks at the meeting house for home."

"For why?" said Doc. "Chewin' the rag about all the trouble news in the papers! What's eight hour days to them as has to work fifteen? What's coal shortage in New York to them as burns wood? They ain't runnin' the railroads!" Bill broke out hotly.

"Well, no, Bill," said the doctor, smiling, "but give them time and they'll come around to seeing where their business books up with the country's. Did you notice that every railroad man expects the trouble of car shortage to break out worse in Spring? Better nurse the trouble talk and get in orders and car-space this Winter, for Spring needs."

"Oh, you can't get them fallers to buy nothing till they have to have it," said Bill grudgingly, but with a hope and ready for argument. "It don't pay to store seed, it eats interest. It won't do to store fertilizer; it might get damp. Who wants to handle lime twice? That's the talk. Right from the car to the field, I've heard it before."

"Yes, but all cars for high priced goods and the big tows in March, is nothing for Ashby Station till June, is different. What's the good of big market prices, when the crops are starved

POTASH SAVINGS

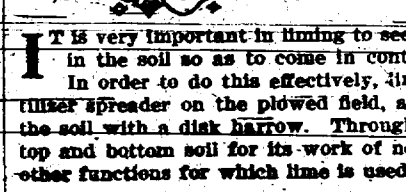
War Cut Supply and Potato Growers Learned Lesson.

SOIL HELD RICH STORE.

But After Two Years of Flourishing Crop Something Else is Needed to Lessen the Soil's Holding Power For Potash—This is the Special Function of Lime.

The success attendant on potato growing with the use of a fertilizer containing a high potash content has long been well established. The experience has been so well advertised by the representatives of the German potash industry in this country that the regular potato fertilizer was expected to be distinguished by containing ten percent of this element. As a commercial interest was involved in pushing a successful commodity, it may be assumed that this percentage was liberal to say the least. Successful potato growers have, as a rule, been liberal users of such high potash fertilizers. The limit to their crops, as far as the using up of one of the plant food elements is concerned, was not determined by shortage of potash. If the growing crop used up all the nitrogen in the fertilizer, then the potash and phosphoric acid, over their bal-

LIME SPREADER AT WORK



IT is very important in timing to see that the lime is thoroughly incorporated in the soil so as to come in contact with all the acidity that may exist.

In order to do this effectively, lime should be applied with a lime or fertilizer spreader on the plowed field, after which it should be well mixed in the soil with a disk harrow. Through this method the lime reaches both the top and bottom soil for its work of neutralizing the acids and performing the other functions for which lime is used.

A FEED TO IMPROVE THE EGG YIELD

Many farmers, in feeding their birds, overlook the fact that beef scrap or some similar feed is very essential during the winter months if a good supply of eggs is to be obtained. A convenient method of feeding beef scrap is in a mash made of three parts cornmeal and one part each of wheat bran, wheat middlings, and beef scrap. Skimmed milk or buttermilk may be used in place of the beef scrap, but if the supply is limited, some scrap also should be fed.

In experiments conducted by the Department of Agriculture, it was found that for the first four months pellets fed a ration containing beef scrap produced, on the average, 41.5 eggs, while those fed the same ration without the scrap produced only 18.7. The cost of feeding the latter birds was 2.3 cents higher for every dozen eggs produced than in the case of the pellets fed beef scrap.

The birds should have plenty to eat, but they also should always be eager for each meal. If one-third of the scratch grain furnished them is fed in the morning and two-thirds at night, the birds will take more exercise than if they receive all the grain they desire in the morning. Good scratch mixtures may be made of equal parts by weight of cracked corn, wheat, and oats, or of two parts of cracked corn and one part each of wheat and oats.

Other directions for the winter care of birds are contained in a new publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, Circular 71, Office of the Secretary, Winter Egg Production.

anced proportion to nitrogen, was either lost by drainage or stored.

Now it is characteristic of the absorbent quality of the soil that it holds potash with great tenacity. Even when it is introduced with a fertilizer beyond the soil's power of retention, it is not lost to any material degree by drainage, even in a wet season, because of the strong absorptive power of the subsoil, for this element. During periods of drought, when there is an upward movement of moisture, on account of strong surface evaporation, from the soil and the leaf surfaces of the crop, the potash is carried from the subsoil back into the surface soil. So it moves back and forth.

Now, since potash from Germany has been out of the question and fertilizers are used, at present, in which there is little or none of this material, the crops have been as large as usual. This fact is fully explained, by its property in relation to soil absorption.

The result of the war will be an education to our farmers and truckers which will save them from spending, in the future, so much money for potash.

A successful North Carolina farmer reports: "My soil is a sandy one and each acre usually claimed to need potash. And yet I two seasons with out it my crops of potatoes have been as good, or better than before, when I was using ten per cent in the fertilizer."

Still the potato crop takes potash from the soil and there is a limit of availability of this element, when the accumulated hoards falls below a certain amount. This is because the smaller it becomes, the very strong absorptive power of the soil allows too little to be taken up by the circulating soil water to properly feed the growing crop, though absolutely there may still be a large amount present.

Now here is where the valuable property of a soil amendment comes into play. It is the signal property of lime that it has the power of lessening the soil's holding power for potash. Lime takes its place in the soil combination and liberates it to the soil moisture for the crop's use.

Two years ago potash in the fertilizer should be a limit of risk for a prudent potato grower like the one we have quoted. Resort to the soil amendment we have called attention to would then be in order. The application had best be a moderate one, to be repeated in the following seasons.

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