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WELL, ANYHOW:

A letter to the New York Times points out that the popcorn industry is booming and that the sales of one producer alone run to more than five million cans a year.

December employment in fifteen industrial groups showed a 0.7 per cent gain over November, with a 0.3 per cent gain in payrolls.

Carloadings in the week ending January 9 exceeded those of the previous week by 69,000 cars, or 13 per cent.

The sales of electric refrigerators during 1931, according to Electrical Merchandising, exceeded those for 1930 and 1929 in both volume and value.

Business activity in December, the Annalist points out, was about 1.23 per cent better than in November, production having picked up in the automobile, zinc and boot and shoes industries.

World cotton consumption for the season shows an improvement of from eight to ten per cent over that for the previous season, with exports of American cotton already 150,000 bales ahead of last season's.

Wheat, which sold for 55 1/2 cents a bushel on December 31, was selling at 55 1/2 cents on January 25, and cotton, which sold at 6.15 cents a pound in October, was selling at 7.00 cents on January 25.

Twenty million Americans bought tickets to the circus in 1931.

These are the essentials behind Japan's armed activities at Shanghai: Japan, having employed her strongest weapon—military force—to take Manchuria, has goaded China into employing her strongest weapon—the economic boycott—which in turn has goaded Japan into employing her strongest weapon again. Thus Japan, having used military force in Manchuria to extend her trade, is using military force at Shanghai to keep China from restricting it.—Outlook Magazine.

Many of the older folks here remember the late Rev. Allen whose death occurred Monday evening at College Corners, Ohio. He was for many years in charge of the Presbyterian church here and his keen interest in civic and business affairs gave him a wide acquaintance. He was a fine man, always trying to help other people, not only by advice but in more substantial ways, and his long life was filled with activities for good.

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stential ways, and his long life was filled with activities for good.

Congress has agreed that any increases in salaries for government employees made in this session will not become effective until July 1st of next year. It's just plain dumbness to give the increases when the government is in such a condition that it has an annual deficit of two billion dollars. There are more than a million men on the U. S. payroll right now and yet they talk about economy.

Pay your subscription this month and be assured of receiving the Daily Democrat by mail during the coming year. There is much you will want to know about—the primaries, elections, general news, court items, society, sports and features, all of which go to make up the paper. We will furnish it to you for less than a penny a day, which is a bargain even in these days when a penny is a penny.

The United States and England, supported by France, Germany and Italy will try to induce China and Japan to postpone war at least until the world is in better condition to meet it. Those five countries have had a taste of what follows and its unpleasant. They know the people will not tolerate a war these days without protest.

Politics is warming up. While much of the activity so far is not public it is known that numerous meetings are being held and that those who take interest in such affairs are trying to work out a program for the year which promises to be about as lively as we have seen in this country in a long time.

Senator Couzens says the railroads will have to reduce capital and charge off ten billion dollars from present estimated values. He may be right, about every one else is charging off forty or fifty per cent and if the railroads dodge it they will have a magic that few business men have shown.

Well, winter is over if the ground hog knows his stuff. Any way we don't anticipate any ten or twenty below zero temperature. It has been so far the mildest winter on record.

Household Scrapbook
—by—
ROBERTA LEE

Washing Gloves
When laundering gloves, wash them in warm soap water and rinse in tepid soapsuds, adding to the last rinsing water one tablespoon of glycerine. This method will make the gloves look like new.

Potatoes
When preparing potatoes, place them in a kettle to soak in cold water for an hour before cooking. After they have boiled and are ready for the table, they will be white and dry.

Caps
When the metal caps of bottles and jars are hard to remove try tapping the caps all around with a small hammer.

TWENTY YEARS
AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

Bluffton votes dry for third time. Miss Agnes Miller sews her finger around end of glove at Waring Glove factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Werling of Peble twp. entertain with oyster supper.

Mable Harb was surprised on birthday by the following friends, Grace Butler, Florence Cowan, Fay Hammell, Edna Steele, Jennie Lang, Bob Meyers, Felix Holtzner, Frances Vail and Ralph Howard.

Mrs. A. M. Anker has recovered from grip.

Chas. Eisecke was injured in an accident at the automobile factory. Little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson, has nail of left thumb removed, having masaled it in a wringer ten days ago.

J. D. Hale sells business established in 1882 to E. L. Carroll.

Arthur Beery arrived home from the Phillips lines where he was stationed for two and one half years.

Govt. Bureau at Indianapolis announces another cold wave with a drop in temperature to ten degrees below zero.

Miss Margaret Elzey left this morning for Rockford, Ohio to spend the day with friends.

—and the Worst is Yet to Come

PLANES SOUGHT
BY RESCUERS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

ing on a flight from Glendale, Cal. to San Francisco. Unreported since Lieut. W. A. Cooke, Jr., a passenger, jumped by parachute to land uninjured in Sequoia National Park.

Occupants of a plane reported heard to crash at Soda Springs, Calif., high in the Sierra Nevada. No trace of the plane has been found.

Two other missing aviators were located.

Francis H. Rust, mail pilot, was found seriously injured in his wrecked plane near Marcellus, Mich. He crashed during a mail flight from Chicago to Kalamazoo, Michigan.

George T. Douglass, mail pilot, located unharmed at an emergency landing field at Locomotive Springs, Utah, where he had been isolated from the world for 15 hours.

Two clues which indicated the Century-Pacific plane might be located today were investigated by rescue workers who covered a wide area.

Buzzards were sighted circling over Modelo canyon at a point where trees appeared to be broken down. A searching party was dispatched to the spot to determine if the plane had come down here.

Hunters at another mountainside reported a wide swath cut through the forests as though made by a plunging plane. This clue also was to be investigated.

A squadron of army planes continued to hunt for Lieut. Hoffman but had no clues on which to base their search.

Planes and boats were called to continue a hunt over the waters between Bimini and Miami for some trace of the missing airplane there.

Guineas Adopt Brood Albion, Neb.—(U.P.)—Two guinea hens belonging to Mrs. J. F. Thompson, went "native." They went into a cornfield and adopted 20 young wild pheasants and raised them successfully.

Outstanding style note brought out by the premiere was the return of feminine frills and turbelows. All the smartest evening gowns had short puff sleeves.

Many stars wore wraps and gowns of the same material. In the case of Bebe Daniels, this was gold metallic cloth.

Only Bebe's wrap had leg-of-mutton fur sleeves. Her gown was Empire model.

Lace gowns were much in evidence, with pastel shades replacing the deeper hues of winter.

Coiffure, too, showed a more feminine note. Norma Shearer wore a coronet of braids, while Fay Wray displayed old-fashioned bangs.

HEY, THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER.

Now that Edward R. Tinker is the big gun at Fox, the Hollywood wise-crackers are referring to movieville city as the new "inker-toy."

SNAPSHOTS OF "MATA HARI"

If Greta Garbo attended the Hollywood premiere of "Mata Hari," she wore a disguise—and a better one than dark glasses. Her glamorous rivals, though, were well represented. Tallulah Bankhead arrived early in company with Adrian, fashion designer for Paramount. Then, just as the lights were turned out in the theatre, I saw Marlene and Josef Von Sternberg make an inconspicuous entrance. Only a few nights before Marlene's own new picture, "Shanghai Express," had received its first preview.

Barring Greta, most of the important stars in Hollywood turned out for "Mata Hari." Some inter-

ested today were investigated by rescue workers who covered a wide area.

That when Chic Sale travels he carries a portable electric kitchen which folds into a trunk—also a negro chef?

INSPECTION
TO CONTINUE

Dr. E. E. Coshaw is continuing his work in Union township inspecting flocks of poultry for tuberculosis. He states that almost three-fourths of the farms reporting have had T. B. have by following poultry practices recommended by the extension department of Purdue overcome the infection. The percentage of infected flocks in this particular township considered light. The principal cause of anthrax poultry uncovered so far seems to be due to internal parasites; round worms and tape worm the inspector states. These parasites can be overcome by brooding chicks on clean ground and in clean brooder houses with a thorough clean-up of the laying house. Worm eggs cannot be killed with any known disinfect but they can easily be killed by the use of heat. Boiling hot lye water is recommended for use in cleaning the brooder house and the laying house.

Dr. Coshaw is glad to accompany the county agent on special calls and in response to two such calls in the past week it was found that the flocks were infected with T. B. On both these farms, old birds had been held over with the pullets. In one case, 60 birds were given the T. B. test, 19 of these birds were pullets and the remaining 50 were old hens. None of the pullets showed any reaction but 38 of the 50 old hens were reactors. This is a 76 per cent infection among the old birds. Many of these old birds showed no outward symptoms of the disease whatsoever. While it is the best practice to dispose of the old laying flocks as soon as they go into a molt, old birds may be kept with safety if they are kept separate from the pullet flock.

"If you ever see me drunk again, you can take off my wooden leg and split it up for kindlin'. I guess that d-n thing would burn well."

The parrot broke into laughter and then said in a gentle voice, "God is love."

"My wife taught him that," said Bumpy. "He's good company. Dear me, Suz! Guess I'd 'a' caved in long ago without him."

It would seem that the bird performed an important service in that little home. It was like the spirit of the dead.

"Nobody ever see you drinkin'!" said Bony. "I suppose you get drunk thinkin' o' Cy Doolittle an' the scenery."

"Well, it's all over, an' I just as soon tell you boys suthin' if you'll keep it a secret. It's very private."

The boys indicated their respect for his confidence with unusual emphasis. Bumpy winked and sat down and pulled up his right trousers leg to the knee, exposing most of his wooden member. On one side was a little shelf with a hole in it and a cork in the hole.

"Ye see, all I had to do was buy a bottle o' whisky an' fill up my leg with it. That of leg holds enough to see snakes with. When I wanted a drink I'd lift my pants leg an' stick a straw in the hole an' shift a part o' the load a little higher up. I call it my happy New Year leg."

The boys laughed.

"Yes, sir, my of leg an' me is goin' to behave."

He took down a fiddle hanging on the wall and said: "Here's the main shaft of the fun works."

He tuned its strings and played "Money Musk" and "The Sailor's Hornpipe." The bird sang joyously and Bony danced a jig as Bumpy played. He hung up the fiddle and said to Bony:

"If you'll run down an' bring up that turkey an' the butter, I'll start the doin'."

The boy ran and fetched them.

The bird indulged in a weird chorle.

Bumpy smiled and said: "Well, Dick, you've never learnt how to make a fool of yourself as I have. I've got a waagot in my brain."

Dick whistled a bar of the old bugle call for assembly.

Bumpy picked up a broom, shouldered it and marched briskly across the room as if obeying the call. Returning to his task he said:

"We have great times—three bird an' me. When I go a-tinkering I take him with me, carry him on a stick behind me, fastened to my pack. He amuses the family while I work. Everybody loves him."

Bumpy had a jolly way of bullying the boys.

"Go an' wash yer hands an' comb yer hair," he said. "By Jeez! I anybody would think that you was settin' down with common folks to a plain dinner. If any o' my rich friends should come I want ye to look right."

Bony had a nervous habit of winking and wrinkling his brow when amused.

"Stop screwin' up yer face that way," Bumpy would command. "Lord! Seems so the devil had stepped on yer big toe. It makes ye look like Mrs. Smelts."

"Who is Mrs. Smelts?" Bony asked.

"Well, sir, I reckon she's the humbly woman in the world. Lives in Pilearn. She'd wilt ye down. Smelts is dead. He must 'a' died lookin' at her."

So the time went until the turkey, well browned, and baked potatoes and fried fish were on the table all smoking hot. Then Bumpy brought to the banquet a pot of delicious coffee and a jug of cold "with a little edge on it." The feast began.

Bumpy kept the boys laughing with an account of the singular adventures of Dick and himself on the road. In telling these stories he was wont to use the first person plural. Even when speaking of his own thoughts he said "we" as if out of respect for his comrade. It was different when he told of Pickett's charge at Gettysburg and of crawling into a clump of bushes with a bullet in his breast at Cold Harbor. There was generally a note of vanity in his stories. Some of them gave the impression that he was a man of amazing courage and fortitude. Then the scars!

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The House
of the Three
Ganders
by Irving Bacheller

CHAPTER III.—Mortyson, known lawbreaker, is overruled by Colonel Blake, who is the district attorney, and his father passes out of Shad's life. With Bony, he passes a visit to Bumpy Brown. A girl, young and pretty, comes to Brown's shack, inquiring for him. Shad applies himself diligently to his neglected education. Two years pass.

By and by Bony had his turn. He knew all the droll sayings and misdeeds of Amity Dam. While Bumpy was filling his pipe he turned to Shad Mortyson and said: "Boy, you ain't done a thing but laugh an' listen. Slip yer belt on the pulley an' keep the works a-goin'."

It was then that Shad's remarkable gift for imitation was discovered. He told a number of the stories of Pluise Scott, reproducing the droll dialect so faithfully that his friends roared with laughter. They sat talking the hours away until the sun was low. Suddenly Bumpy arose and began to pick up the dishes, saying: "And there lay round upon the ground great heaps of so'gers."

Bumpy used this rymned picture as a kind of tailpiece to every situation. There was a touch of satirical humor in it. Doubtless at the lodge and at other places where old soldiers were wont to gather he had been fed up with bloody tales of the great conflict.

There was a rap at the door. Shad opened it. A well-dressed, handsome young lady about twenty years old stood looking at the boy with an expression of astonishment in her face. She uttered no word of greeting.

Her manner was haughty when she said, "I want to see Mr. Brown."

She said: "I want to see Mr. Brown."

She turned away as she spoke. Bumpy changed color. With a look of surprise and embarrassment he said:

"All right, I'll be with you in a minute."

The girl descended the steps and disappeared. Bumpy put on his coat and hurried out-of-doors saying:

"Set down, boys. I'll be with you soon."

He closed the door behind him and followed the young lady. Through a window the boys saw them walk together into the edge of the thicket where they stood talking.

"Who is that?" Shad asked.

"Darned if I know," was Bumpy's answer. "But I'd like to set an' look at her for a week."

"She is pretty—no mistake," Shad agreed.

Soon the girl went away.

Returning Bumpy stopped in front of the shack. The boys went out to him. He did not speak of his mysterious caller. He finished his work. He put some tools and clothing in his pack basket.

"Well, boys, we'll go along with ye," he said cheerfully. "Dick an' me are goin' to Bolton tonight so we can begin work in the mornin'."

Two small green sticks having four crochets were lashed on either side of the basket. They sloped upward and backward. A lashed rod lay in the lower crochets. This was Dick's saddle. The rim of the basket helped the bird to balance himself when necessary. He leaned himself on his cage. Dick laughed joyously and shouted "Come on," and flew to his perch behind the pack basket now on the back of his master. In a moment, settled on his perch he soberly declared:

"Money makes the mare go."

The boys laughed. It was indeed an outfit as curious and as amusing as any that ever took to the road. Bumpy stopped suddenly and turned to his two companions and said:

"By Jeez, boys! We've had fun an' well have some more. I like you. If any one o' you ever 'ds a friend or a home, come to

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Lessons In English

Words often misused: Do not say, "I do not know if she is going." Say, "whether she is going."

Often mispronounced: Accent both noun and verb on last syllable, not the first.

Often misapplied: Exhaustion, serve the hi and the ar.

Synonyms: Constraint, coercion.

Word Study: "Use a word in times and it is yours." Let us create our vocabulary by using one word each day. Today's word: Meretricious; alluring by show; gaudily and deceptively namented. "One is often deceived by meretricious display."

Modern Etiquette

—by—

ROBERTA LEE

Q. How many cards does a leave when making the first of the season?

A. One for each woman in a house, one for the host, and one each grown son with whom acquainted.

Q. What is the invitation to a wedding ceremony customarily engraved on?

A. On the first page of a sheet white note-paper.

Q. When receiving dinner should the host be with the guests?

A. Yes.

CONGRESS TODAY

—by—

SENATE

Senate continues debate on employment relief bill.

Metzger subcommittee continues hearing on bill to regulate bus and truck traffic.

Foreign relations committee considers treaties and the resolution to forbid export of goods to Japan and China.

Frazier subcommittee continues hearing on bill to refinance mortgages.

Banking and currency committee considers nomination of son McCarthy to directorate reconstruction finance corporation.

House: Continues discussion of interstate department appropriations bill. Ways and means committee continues tax hearings.

Merchant marine committee continues investigation of shipboard.

Labor committee continues hearings on bill for federal employment relief.

Rivers and harbors committee begins hearings on New Jersey improvement projects.

Thieves Halt Wire Service. Fort Scott, Kan.—(U.P.)—Telegraph service was halted for almost a here when thieves stole 2,000 of wire from poles along the Ft. railroad tracks.

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