

AMERICANS, BOOBS, PAYING GOLD-BRICK PRICES—MEREDITH

The rub who bought the gold brick used to be a whimsical novelty in the life of the nation. The yokel who paid \$47 spot cash for the Masonic Temple used to be a stray bit of color in the news of the day. Today—take it from the United States department of agriculture and its secretary, Edward T. Meredith—the nation is a collection of gullible suckers walking around with exposed bank rolls.

The famous American public, than which there used to be no "famous," has become in the last five years as naive as a girl with her first hair net. It has, by its semi-indifference, brought upon itself a high cost of living and a dollar worth 30 cents.

Food Should Be Cheap.

"Food today," said Mr. Meredith in Chicago Tuesday, "should be as cheap if not cheaper than it was six years ago. There is more food per capita being produced in the country."

Mr. Meredith produced figures. The figures showed that in the last 30 years the production of grain on the farms had increased from 226 bushels per capita, to 406 bushels per capita; that since 1880 production has increased 25 per cent per acre; that cotton has increased from 36½ pounds per capita to 60 pounds per capita; that milk has increased from 80 gallons per capita to 96 gallons per capita; that wheat from six bushels to eight bushels; the six leading cereals from 38 bushels in 1874 to 52 bushels in 1919.

These and a succession of similar figures marshaled by the secretary of agriculture point plainly in his opinion, to the fact that production on the farms has not fallen off, but increased—that following the natural laws of supply and demand, the cost of food should not have increased.

Enter Gold Brick Boobs.

Enter, however, the great, wise American with the nervous bankroll. Ten years ago a man going to buy a pair of shoes for \$5 would no more have thought of buying a pair for \$10 than he would have thought of eating them.

Today the citizen entering a shoe store or any other kind of a store will come through with any kind of a price asked—and no questions asked by him. It is the same in the groceries, in the restaurants, theatres and all other places where the great American rubs is shedding his bank roll.

"We have become a nation of silly spendthrifts," said Mr. Meredith, and the result is we are being trimmed right and left by everybody and anybody. The newspapers prepare the American for his trimming. They keep writing about the high cost and the higher cost of living. The result is that an American when asked some preposterous sum for an article, sighs and says: 'Prices have gone up.'

"Prices are hundreds per cent higher in some places than they should be. But that is not my field. That is up to the department of Justice."

Suburban News

GREENSFORK, Ind.—Dorothy Gwin, the famous Stackhouse, Inn, Duff, Inns, Stackhouse, Cuba Sowers, Earl Stackhouse, Diamond Bawden, Myrl Stackhouse, Eugene Davis, Kenneth Gates, Frank Duff, and Robert Hennel, met at the home of Mary and Robert Myers, Saturday evening. Games and music were enjoyed by all....John Ellis is sick....Miss Mary Ragen returned Tuesday from Richmond, where she spent the weekend....Melba Thornburg is sick.

CAMDEN, O.—Miss Mary DuVall has been home from Dayton the past week suffering from a felon....Miss Ruth Freitag was home this week end....Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kenworthy and daughter were Camden shoppers Saturday....The Philanthropic club will hold their regular meeting with Mrs. John Sizelove Tuesday evening....Mrs. Anna Klopp and Mrs. Gertrude Garrot will entertain the young ladies' class of the Presbyterian Sunday school, Wednesday....Mrs. J. E. Randall has been called to Richmond on account of serious illness of her father, John T. Stubbs. Mr. Stubbs was stricken with paralysis Sunday evening....Mrs. Daisy Frettag, who has been sick with grippe, is able to be at her work in the post office again....Mrs. Mary Marshall has been suffering from lumbago.

PLANS TO CLIMB PEAKS OF ZION NATIONAL PARK



Miss Theima McMurrin, attired in her climbing costume.

Miss Theima McMurrin is one of several Salt Lake City girls who expect to explore and climb the innermost recesses and heights of the New Zion National Park this spring and summer. Their costumes for the trip will include knickers, woolen socks which will be pulled up over the knees, ankle-high boots, heavily hobbnailed, woolen shirt and a soft buckskin coat.

Franklin county—Eugene Howard was in Brookville Sunday....John Miller was able to be out last Saturday....Born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Mullin, a baby girl, last Friday....Mrs. Mary Everett is ill....Emmett Apsley and family have the measles....Morrie masters has appendicitis and one of his children has mumps....Paul Newham and wife moved on the Olive Smith farm north of Roseburg last week.

CLARK'S STATION, O.—Mrs. William Holt has the measles....F. Van Fleet and family were in Greenville Saturday....Chalmers Reigle and Ed Downing were in Greenville Saturday....Traffic on the Big Four railroad was tied up a short time when a truck was pulled from a freight car at Clark's crossing, last Saturday....Clara Stinson is recovering from an attack of influenza....Benjamin T. Miller, of Palestine, was here last week. Frank Van Fleet, son of Ferdinand, spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Van Fleet, of near Coletton.

PROSPECTIVE ELOPERS, HEED!
Kentucky Gretna Greens
May Be Closed by Law

Prospective newlyweds of Richmond or Indiana, who wish to keep their marriage a secret for a while and who "fly" to Newport and Covington will be dealt a hard blow if a bill now in the Kentucky legislature is passed.

The bill requires that all marriage licenses to be advertised and issued at least four days before the wedding. Many couples heretofore have shook the dust of Richmond from their feet for a day to "trot" to Newport or Covington, to "put it over." If the bill passes, these two cities may cease to be Gretna Green.

Juvenile court authorities are backing the bill.

Richmond Is No Exception

RICHMOND PEOPLE COME OUT AS FRANKLY HERE AS ELSEWHERE.

Richmond people publicly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. This paper is publishing Richmond cases from week to week. It is the same everywhere. Home testimony in home papers. Done's are praised in fifty thousand signed statements, published in 3000 communities. Richmond people are no exception. Here's a Richmond statement.

Chas. M. Scott, 121 N. 7th St. says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good success and I sincerely recommend them to anyone troubled by kidney disorders or a weak and lame back. Should I ever have a return of the trouble, I would surely take them again. I think there is nothing better for the kidneys."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Scott had. Foster-Miburn Co., Mgrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Advertisement.

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The Farm and The Farmer

BY WILLIAM R. SANBORN

TALKS WITH BANKERS.

The following brief interviews with well known country bankers will interest both city and country readers, because the subjects discussed are of importance to all. The prosperity of the nation is the basis of all prosperity.

E. M. WEAVER, of the Farmers Bank at Milton—No farms have been sold around Milton lately, that we know of, although there were quite a number of transfers in 1919. Land values are held steady and our farmers are content to hold and to continue to farm as usual, unless they get a price which suits them. Believe all the sales made are already on record and none are awaiting transfer on March 1.

No Talk of Reduction.

Have heard no talk of reducing acreage this spring, except that the farmer will depend on himself and family to do the work, and because help is scarce will plant only what the family can care for. Some may cut down hog production for different reasons, but we have heard no talk of this. There are various opinions as to growing wheat. Not much building in prospect, except that we are to have one of the best township schools in the state, to be built this year.

R. S. HIATT, cashier of the bank at Dublin—Quite a few farms were sold in this vicinity last year, probably a dozen or more, and at high prices compared with pre-war land values. As to tenant changes there will be a number of them, in Wayne and over the line in Union County. No, I don't think farmers will feed as many hogs as usual, in fact now and then a depositor has said that he would cut his feeding 50 per cent, using less feed and doing less work, also taking less risk as to lower markets.

LITTLE BUILDING EXPECTED.

Have heard no talk of cutting general crop acreages, though some must for lack of help. While there may be some building done on the farms, probably will, we know of none in sight in Dublin right now. We have plenty of money to loan for new buildings and would be glad to put it out. Our deposits are 15 per cent over those of February, 1919.

JOSEPH BLOSE, Cashier of the Centerfield State Bank—Farmers are wondering if there are to be further losses on hogs which have been fed on high priced rations, and as to the future of the live stock markets? Many Sell Brood Sows

Many have sold off a number of their brood sows and are planning to cut down on grain and increase their pastureage. How general that idea may be, am not prepared to say.

KNOW OF NO FARMS THAT HAVE BEEN SOLD WITHIN A MONTH, OR LIKELY TO BE SOLD SOON, BUT PRICES ON LAND ARE WELL MAINTAINED.

AS TO DECREASE IN GENERAL FARM CROP ACREAGE, THERE WILL BE SOME. ONE FARMER TELLS ME THAT HE WILL CUT DOWN CORN A THIRD, AND PLANT BUT 50 ACRES.

THE BEST THING FOR STEADY USE IS MULSIFIED COCONUT OIL SHAMPOO (WHICH IS PURE AND GREALESS), AND IS BETTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN USE.

ONE OR TWO TEASPOONFULS WILL CLEANSE THE HAIR AND SCALP THOROUGHLY. SIMPLY MOISTEN THE HAIR WITH WATER AND RUB IT IN. IT MAKES AN ABUNDANCE OF RICH, CREAMY LATHER, WHICH RINSES OUT EASILY, REMOVING EVERY PARTICLE OF DUST, DIRT, DANDRUFF AND EXCESSIVE OIL. THE HAIR DRIES QUICKLY AND EVENLY, AND IT LEAVES THE SCALP SOFT, AND THE HAIR FINE AND SILKY, BRIGHT, LUSTROUS, FLUFFY AND EASY TO MANAGE.

YOU CAN GET MULSIFIED COCONUT OIL SHAMPOO AT ANY PHARMACY, IT'S VERY CHEAP, AND A FEW OUNCES WILL SUPPLY EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY FOR MONTHS.—ADVERTISEMENT.

Schools on account of the scarcity of teachers is almost beyond stating in adequate terms.

"Hundreds of young people must be turned toward the profession of teaching in our state if we are to keep anything near the Indiana standard of teaching efficiency."

"We are very anxious to have held in every city, town and township in the state during educational week, one or more public meetings bearing on the welfare of the public schools, the scarcity of teachers, the pay and other features of the teacher's work, and matters kindred to these topics."

INDIAN CHIEF BLOWS OUT GAS, HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—U. M. Sun Kim, chief of the Kayuse Indians of Umatilla county, Oregon, who was en route to Washington on business for his tribe, was found asphyxiated in a hotel here today. The police were of the opinion that he had blown out the gas. On a string about his neck was found four small chamois bags.

Why Druggists Recommend Swamp-Root

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