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## The Agricultural Conference

The conference of farmers called by Secretary Wallace at the suggestion of President Harding will be one of the most important that has assembled in Washington for some time. Agriculture in this county and abroad is badly demoralized and a restoration of its prosperity is of vital importance to the whole world. A realization of the importance of the agricultural industry to the welfare of the whole country seems to have taken possession of the official mind, and same remedial plans are expected as a result of the Washington conference.

In many quarters it is believed that the conference should have been held many months ago. The delay in calling a conference probably was due to a lack of understanding of the real situation, or to a disposition of mind which took for granted that the farmer could extricate himself from a tight position without public co-operation and help.

It is much better to take a sympathetic view of the agricultural situation than to encourage an apathetic attitude that will result in a complete prostration of that industry, which today, as it always has been in the past, is the very

foundation of our national prosperity and of our individual welfare. If his industry is permitted to languish, the nation is neglecting the underlying source of its wealth.

If the Washington conference succeeds in giving to the agricultural situation the necessary relief and betterment, the reaction upon the whole business of the country will be immediate and salutary. Every farsighted business man is glad that President Harding called the conference and hopes that the causes for the stagnation of the farming industry will be discussed and remedies found that will restore it to a flourishing condition.

Secretary Wallace believes that this year will be a better one for the farmers. The paralyzing effect of the sudden drop in prices, he believes, is wearing off and farmers are looking to the future hopefully.

"Congress has indicated a willingness to enact such legislation as promises to be helpful," he said a few days ago.

"Farmers are coming to see more clearly that the task of putting farming on a sound basis is really up to them and that through organization they can reduce marketing costs. In this they will have increasing help from the department of agriculture and the various state agricultural colleges which now understand they must give the farmer the same sort of help in marketing that they have given him in production.

"Everything considered, therefore, we can enter the new year in a spirit of hopefulness and good cheer. I see nothing which indicates boom times for the farmer in the near future, but there does seem to be promise of better times both for the farmer and those whose business is largely dependent upon him."

## Answers to Questions

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Q. Please tell me when the first union depot was built.—E. W. F.

A. So far as we can ascertain the earliest record of a union depot in the United States is that built at Erie in 1865, which was followed by the one in San Diego, built about 1866.

Q. What is the probable life of a cottonwood log used to make a log cabin?—R. E. M.

A. The Forest Service says that the probable life of a cottonwood log is from two to three years. They say that this wood is not advisable for use for the purpose you mention. They suggest that you use either oak, pine or aspen.

Q. Please describe a guillotine and tell why it is so called.—B. P. P.

A. The guillotine consists of two posts united at the top by a cross beam, and furnished with grooves in which a broad blade of steel heavily weighted with lead is fixed. Machinery is set in motion and the blade descends by the impetus of its own weight on the neck of the criminal, who is fastened to a plank beneath. Death in this manner is instantaneous. The guillotine was named because the bill for installing such a method of capital punishment was introduced by Dr. Joseph Guillotine in the French legislature, 1790.

Q. When was the first railroad opened in Italy and who owned it?—T. V.

A. The first railway in Italy, a line 16 miles long, from Naples to Castellammare, was opened in 1840 and belonged to what was then the Kingdom of Naples.

Q. Is there any toll charged at Gibraltar?—S. H. W.

A. There is no toll charged at Gibraltar. Vessels passing through the straits are not obliged to make a call at the port.

Q. What was the first dictionary published?—E. L. D.

A. The earliest record of a dictionary is that made in Nineveh in the seventh century, B. C. The dictionary in its modern form dates back to the work of the Greek Sophist Apollonius, who lived at the time of Augustus.

## Musings for the Evening

"Hostile Eskimo Tribes at Peace." Headline. That's the only quarter on the globe where it is too cold for the natives to get hot.

"I reckon," said the first farmer, that I got up earlier than anybody in this neighborhood. I am always up before 3 o'clock in the morning."

The second farmer said he was always up before that and had part of his work done.

The first farmer thought he was a liar, and decided to find out. A few mornings later he got up at 2 o'clock and went to the neighbor's house. He rapped on the back door and the woman of the house opened it.

"Where is your husband?" asked the farmer, expecting to find the neighbor in bed.

"He was around here early in the morning," answered the wife, "but I don't know where he is now."

Premier Briand says that drinking water in dry America isn't so bad. "I don't know whether it was done out of courtesy for me," he is quoted in a Paris dispatch, "but I drank water sometimes that reminded me of Bordeaux, and sometimes I actually thought I was drinking Burgundy."

Bullfighters in Spain have gone on strike. Too had the throwers never do that.

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## TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

### STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN

Much of life is a series of set-backs. The boy works. The young man works. The grown man works. Then there comes a day when his harvest fields bear in abundance. He builds a fine home.

Hardly does he open his halls before fire destroys it to the ground! What does he do? Give up? Oh, no! His is not that kind of a make-up. The very next morning he RE-builds—as Edison did a few years ago, before the ashes were yet cold.

History is full of instances where Fame didn't even smile until the white sheets of Winter had well arrived. Starting all over again is no disgrace, no matter how old you are or how miserable your failure may look to you.

The only disgrace is—not to start all over! When it comes right down to facts, we are all perpetual "start-overs." Each day finds us with the memory of lost hopes and unachieved aims like broken vases scattered at our feet. But we must walk beyond them.

Try to feed upon fresh resolves—until they nourish your soul into a being that is not afraid. Yes, start all over again—today! Map out new plans. You will find a thrill in that process alone.

It is much better to have lost yesterday—and won today, than to have won yesterday—and lost today.

## Who's Who in the Day's News

The special senate committee that had been appointed to investigate conditions in Haiti recently completed its labors and announced that it would recommend to congress that American marines continue their occupation of the island.

Commenting on the committee's decision in the matter, Senator McCormick, chairman of that body, declared: "It should be borne in mind that the vast mass of the Haitian people, kindly, gentle and generous, live in a state of almost primitive poverty and ignorance. For generations there had been no roads in Haiti prior to the arrival of the Americans in 1915. There are few trails and few towns. There was almost no education. Perhaps 98 percent of the people cannot read or write.

"All had been a prey to the revolutionary movements which swept the country with increasing frequency until the massacre of the political prisoners in the jail at Port-au-Prince in July, 1915, was followed by the murder of President Sam in the French legation by the mob which dragged his dismembered trunk through the streets of Port-au-Prince while his head and limbs were carried aloft on the bayonets of the rioting soldiers.

"Under these circumstances it is not surprising that, naturally rich though Haiti is in agricultural resources, exports and revenues have fallen far below those of Porto Rico or Cuba, where with similar soil and like climate under orderly government the industry of the people has produced a great export trade.

"For example, in area, Haiti, which is three times as large as Porto Rico

## Alkali In Soap Bad For the Hair

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and has twice its population, in 1919 exported products to the value of \$21,000,000, as against Porto Rico exports of \$7,000,000, while in 1920 she exported products to the value of \$19,000,000, as compared with Porto Rico with \$150,000,000.

## After Dinner Stories

Ireland is the country where shopkeepers are sometimes such amateurs of business that the main thing to be achieved is not selling merchandise, but the pleasant social intercourse with neighbors which running a shop involves.

"I see where you have a fine fish shop opened in Ballynascran," says one of the characters in a Somerville and Ross story. "We did have," the friend replies, "but it's closed this month past."

"I wonder why was that now?" "Well, the man that ran the fish shop complained that morning, noon and night people was bothering him for fish, fish—nothing but fish."

An old negro had been engaged to give the basement a thorough cleaning. On inspection, it was discovered that she had not touched a certain closet.

"No, ma'am, I didn't," she said, in excuse. "I read a story once about 'Blue Beard,' and I never opens no closets now 'bout him' told to."

## Lessons in Correct English

Don't Say: Bricks and steel IS the material of which it is constructed.

Each man and each woman there WERE satisfied with the rule. Everybody there WERE satisfied with the decision.

Say: Bricks and steel ARE the materials of which it is constructed.

Each man and each woman there WAS satisfied with the rule. Everybody there WAS satisfied with the decision.

## Time to Face the Facts

"So much has been said against the use of patent medicines that I have had a strong prejudice against them. But after four years doctoring with six different doctors, without results, for acute indigestion, gastritis, constipation, appendicitis and other ailments, I was said to possess, I was encouraged to try May's Wonderful Remedy, seeing what it had done for a friend similarly afflicted. I also was entirely relieved of my trouble, and am sure this medicine will do all and more than is claimed for it." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Clem Thistlethwaite's 7 drug stores, A. G. Lukon Drug Co. and druggists everywhere.—Advertisement

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## SANTO DOMINGO PROBE ATTACKED AS A WHITEWASH



Horace G. Knowles.

In a bitter attack on the recent senate investigation into conditions on the island republic of Santo Domingo Horace G. Knowles intimates that the findings of the committee amounted almost to a whitewash and that in reality conditions surrounding the American occupation and administration of the island "were scandalous and deplorable in the extreme."

Mr. Knowles was minister from the U. S. to the republic for seven months during the Taft administration.

## Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

The best evidence of the stability of Richmond industries and the prosperity of the city during 1911, which had been advanced, was the annual report of Wayne township trustee, James Howarth, as to the public charities.

Comparison of the reports for both years shows that in 1911 the total

## Actress Tells Secret

Tells How to Darken Gray Hair With a Home-Made Mixture

Jolene Williams, the well-known American actress, recently made the following statement about gray hair and how to darken it, with a home-made mixture:

"Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home that will gradually darken gray, streaked or faded hair, and make it soft and glossy. To a half-pint of water add 1 ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 ounce of glycerine.

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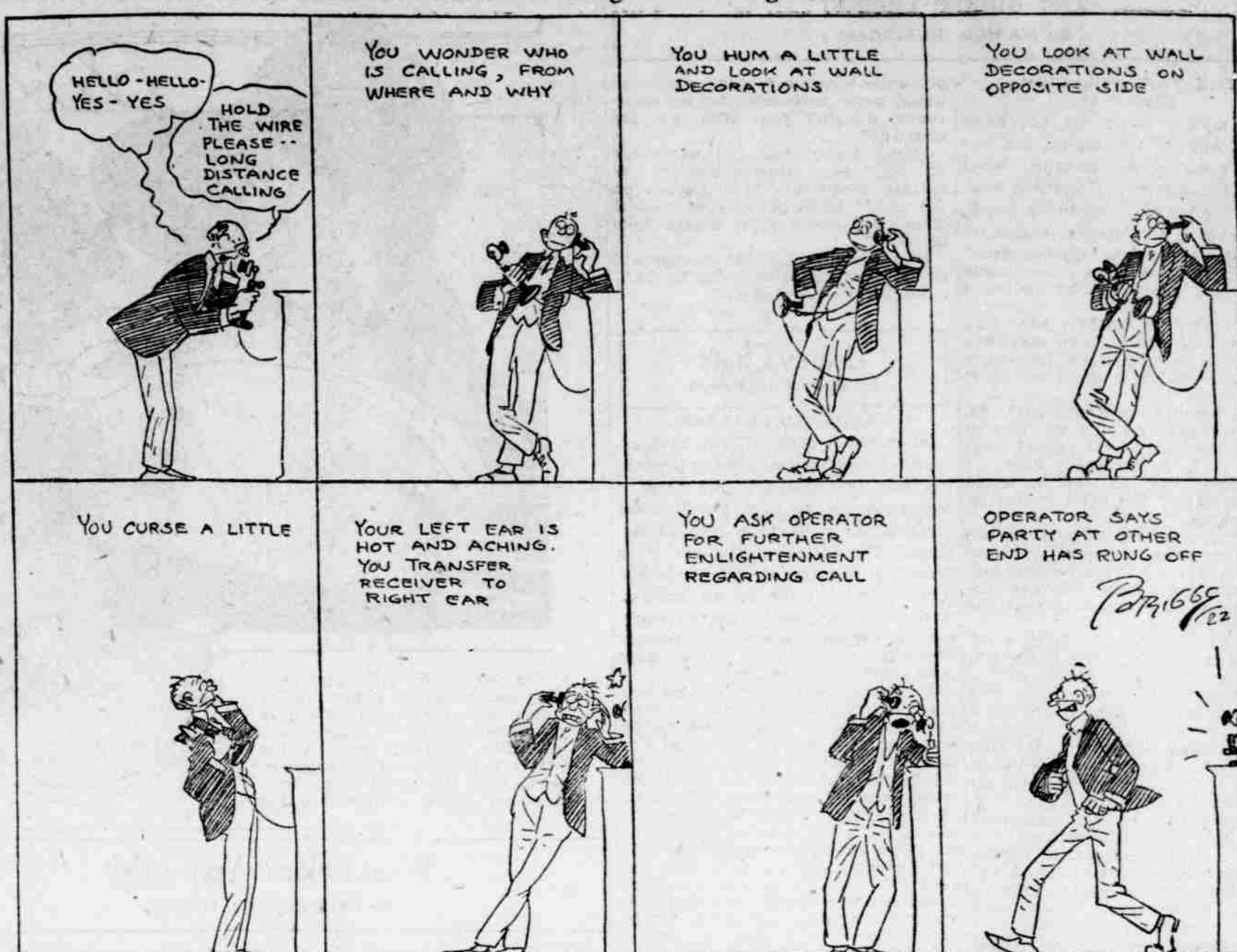
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## Tedious Pastime—Waiting For a Long Distance Call



amount expended was \$3,915.01, as compared with \$4,946.13, the expenditure during 1910, or a reduction of \$1,031.12. This showed that during the past year that very little idleness among the laborers was evident.

It had been generally supposed that 1910 had been the most prosperous year in the history of the country, but according to the records of charity expenditures, this was not the case in this city.

## Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

### THE COUGHER

I go to church to hear the pastor explain, with pious stress, how we must walk, to dodge disaster, the paths of righteousness. His earnest arguments remind me of things I ought to do; and then some pilgrim just behind me begins to cough a few. He coughs in Dutch and Greek and German, he coughs in Cherokee; his coughing spoils a high class sermon, and simply maddens me. The pastor, in the manner priestly, attempts to look resigned; but he'd fain give that cougher beastly three good swift kicks behind. I go to hear a high class singer, who has a world wide fame; I say, "This treat will be a dinger, and I am glad I came; and when she's finished I shall proffer such tribute as I can;" but just behind me sits the cougher, the noisy ker-swoosh man. And when the singer trills some ballad, the bore behind begins: he coughs his whiskers full of sated, and every cough is twins. And he'll sit there and cough and strangle and bark and whoop and choo, until his neighbors fain would mangle his person. P. D. Q. He makes the tears of brave men trickle, makes women wring their hands; and cough drops only cost a nickel, and there are many brands.

### A BAD CASE

She—How much do you love me, dear?

He—As much as you love yourself!

One of Robert Louis Stevenson's earliest publications was a scientific paper, contributed to the proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. It deals with the effects of forests on climate.

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## After Dinner Tricks



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The trick is accomplished by gumming a one-cent and a two-cent stamp back to back. The stamp is exhibited as an ordinary one-cent stamp. With very little practice the stamp can be secretly turned over by the right fingers, so that it apparently is raised in denomination.

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[From the New York Evening Post] In telling of Europe's monetary woes, James Bryce, former ambassador from Great Britain to the United States, recounted recently a story

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