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WAR AFTER THE WAR.

The German shipping companies have 800,000 tons of new ships in Hamburg harbor, awaiting peace to seize a share of the world's transportation. That item of news indicates the fierce competition of trade that is to follow the war.

Brooks Adams' commercial definition of war is an intensified competition. When war's form of competition ceases, it is to be relieved by another form of competition more intense than anything preceding the war.

The sentimentalists who were disappointed by the war are destined to be disappointed by the peace. The lion and the lamb are not then to lie down together.

If the good offices of the United States can contrive to end the war, well and good. But peace will not mean that pacifism is in the saddle. It will not furnish Mr. Bryan, Mr. Ford and their ilk opportunity to crowd their doctrines on the world.

We shall find, indeed, that not only is military preparedness required, but also industrial preparedness. We shall need a proper tariff and a wise management of business.

MAGNETS COUPLE CARS.

In Berne, Switzerland, powerful electric magnets are used in switching and coupling cars, thereby eliminating the hand coupling which costs many lives annually.

The only chance for a non-partisan tariff commission is to select men who have never given the tariff a thought. And even then they will cease to be non-partisan if they begin studying.

Observance of the motor vehicle laws, is becoming quite the thing. Numerous drivers now indicate which way they are about to turn, and instances are quite frequent where machines are stopped while street cars are taking on or discharging passengers.

If England can blacklist American business firms, why can't she likewise blacklist American merchant vessels, thereby making certain that she has no rival for the carrying trade of the world?

President Wilson assures the nation that the troops are at the border to guard the nation and that they are needed there. We supposed the troops were down there for their health.

Don't worry about the rain. It will come. Iowa has never had a crop failure and is not going to start now.

Theoretically, government ownership is alluring, but in practice it dispels all illusions.

Many a man's head would be worth more if it were turned into a cabbage.

Dinner Stories

"I told you last Sabbath, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "that you should all try to make some one happy during the week."

Little Robbie was full of mischief and during his first year at school hardly a day passed that he was not sent to stand in the corner.

"Don't you think we could get the building to build a round schoolhouse this time, father?" he said.

Dozens of old graduates were back, they talked a lot about themselves and a lot more about others not so fortunate as to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller and children of the city started on a trip overland to Nebraska Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nachtrieb and children left for an extended visit in Salt Lake City, A. D. Shaffer will act as foreman at the round house during Mr. Nachtrieb's absence.

Mr. W. O. Bagley of New York City is visiting at the J. E. Varnum home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hendricks are spending the week near Okonohj Lake. They went overland.

Miss Gladys Egthoff returned home from a visit in Keokuk at the Ray Campbell home.

Mr. Wm. Smith and daughter Marjorie returned home from visiting relatives in Iowa.

Loran Ogden and son of Unionville went through here on their way to Libertyville to work on the grade for the C. R. I. & P.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cole and baby of Wyconda, Mo., drove overland for a visit at the C. C. Weber home.

Mr. Frank Kephart and daughter Helen are visiting at Washington with relatives.

The social given by the Women's club for the benefit of the band boys was well attended. The ladies cleared \$20 well.

Miss Agnes King of Mt. Pleasant arrived for a visit at the Wedly Lutz home.

Miss Nell Brown went to Muscatine to spend the week end with friends.

Frank Lee of Des Moines was in the city on business.

PARALYSIS TAKES TOLL. Ft. Dodge, July 27.—Infantile paralysis took its first toll in this vicinity when Luverne De Groot, the 2 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. De Groot of Rolfe, died from this disease.

The boy is the eldest of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. De Groot. He is a nephew of Mrs. C. O. Bardue of this city.

REFUSES STIMULANT. Ft. Madison, July 27.—Because, he said, whiskey had sent him to prison, and he is going to make his sentence break him of the habit, George Glider, doing five years for larceny in Cedar Rapids, refused to take a stimulant when the prison physician sewed up his mangled hand.

Glider's hand came in contact with a rip saw and the member was a mass of blood and severed arteries, tendons and flesh.

TO BE SOLD FOR JUNK. Cedar Rapids, July 27.—At the second attempt to sell the Chicago, Anamosa and Northern railroad at public auction at Corghen there were no bidders and it begins to look like it will have to be sold for junk and discontinued.

CHURCH DEDICATED. Sully, July 27.—The Reform Church of Sully was dedicated last week. The afternoon services were conducted by Rosendal, of Leighton, after which refreshments were served.

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Courier's Drawing Puzzle



Can you finish this picture? COMPLETE THE PICTURE BY DRAWING A LINE THROUGH THE DOTS. BEGIN AT NO. 1 AND TAKE THEM NUMERICALLY.

The Owls in Court

By Frederic J. Haskin

Washington, D. C., July 26.—In one of the towers of the old building of the Smithsonian Institute here dwells a pair of ordinary barn owls, which are undoubtedly the two most important owls in the United States.

Every day Dr. A. K. Fisher, of the Biological Survey, the government's leading authority on owls, ascends into the dark tower and examines the daily report of these ambassadorial birds. Said report is in the form of little balls of feathers, fur and bones, which are disgorged by the birds after they have eaten all the digestible portions of their prey.

Washington is one city where all birds find a welcome. It is a city of naturalists, for in addition to those in the government service, there are a number of others that make their homes here.

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Evening Story

AN EXPERIMENT IN DINNERS.

By Fanny Gray.

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After two weeks of blissful honeymoon in his modest new home, Harry Carr firmly believed that all newspaper jokes about newlyweds, including wife's biscuits, cranky cook stoves, burned steaks and the like, were just newspaper jokes and nothing more.

Hadn't he been living upon the fat of the land? Hadn't his meals been right on time, everything cooked to a turn? Why, something really ought to happen, or he would be taking on again the superfluous pounds he had such a struggle to throw off.

She so fulfilled his ideals in other ways it never occurred to him that any credit for the smooth-running household could be due to any one else, and, to do Molly credit, she was a capable, bright, up-to-date young woman, quite equal to most of the duties that fell to her.

"Now don't go and try to get up a regular dinner tonight, honey. I'm eating too much, anyway. And I won't have you getting all hot and tired working over a stove!"

"That's very sweet of you, Harry; but don't imagine that we can't have dinner just because Bridget is out. I shall enjoy getting it. And I don't think much of wives who set out cold bites because they're lazy. You'll see!"

"All right, pet, suit yourself, but remember any kind of a meal with you opposite is good enough for me. It's a feast just to look at you."

"Oh, how lovely! Of course I'll be on time. Don't miss the early train!"

"Well, I wish you luck!" And Bridget laughed good naturedly as she went down the walk.

"What new monkey business is this?"

"Yes, with mother or cook near by, I suspect," answered her friend.

"Come on out and let's see how bad it is," suggested Mrs. Webster.

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al, had revealed a little, dried up, hard piece of beef, utterly unfit to serve. The mayonnaise, having refused to mix, stood in a bowl on the table.

"What shall I do? Of course my pride is hurt and I hate to tell Harry, but I suppose I must."

"Will you let me suggest?" asked the neighbor. And at a nod from Molly, she proceeded:

"Why tell him that you tried to get a dinner at all? He has suggested the theater, you say. It would be most natural for you to have a light supper to save trouble, as you may be going out."

"But I told him this morning that I didn't mind the trouble and that I was going to get dinner."

"Never mind. People sometimes change their minds. I don't want to corrupt your morals but I advise you to do as I say. If you will, I can help you."

"Do I get some food or do we stay at home tonight? No nice dinner, no Hippodrome, you know."

"I guess I can get dressed in time," said Molly demurely, and, hand in hand like two children, they went into the dining room.

"Bully supper, Molly. Took my advice after all, didn't you? I'm glad you didn't spend the afternoon fussing over a hot dinner."

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STATE COUNCIL RAISES VALUES IN THIS COUNTY

Levies on Live Stock Are Boosted By Action of Executive Body

ASSESSMENTS ON RAILROADS MADE

Amount Upon Which Tax Is to Be Declared Will Be Almost a Million

The valuations on assessable property in Wapello county made by the state executive council over and above the local assessors' figures, have been received at the county auditor's office.

The average valuation of farm land, which was set at \$60.92 last year, is unchanged. On colts, one year old, a raise of twenty-one per cent is noted while those which are two years old are raised thirty per cent.

The local assessors place the valuations on the properties and after a checking in the auditor's office the figures are certified in to the state department and the council goes over them and makes changes such as have been noted.

Have Railroad Values. The assessments on the railroad and express companies operating in the county have also been received at the auditor's office.

The full table showing the number of miles in the county, the actual value per mile and the assessed value per mile gives: C. M. & St. P. R. Co. (Kansas City division)—no. miles in county 27.31, actual value per mile \$32,668; assessed value per mile \$18,167.

C. B. & Q. R. Co. (main line) no. miles in county 26.723; actual value per mile \$24,188; assessed value per mile \$8,547.

C. R. I. & P. R. Co. (southwest division) no. miles in county 7.72; actual value per mile \$31,196; assessed value per mile \$7,799.

Wabash railway Co., no. miles in county 9.803; actual value per mile \$19,284; assessed value per mile \$4,821.

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LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

BY LEE PAPE

Mr. Parkins came to see my sister Gladis last night, and they were in the parlor setting on the sofa and talking and me and my cuzin Artie was outside in the hall wawking on our hands and feet playing we was horse and giving vetch other terna riding on etch uthers backs, Artie making a pritty slanting horse on account of his arms being so much shorter than his legs, and all of a sudden he sez, I wonder how it feels to be krazy.

G lets pretend we are and see if Gladis and Mr. Parkins know the differences, I sed.

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