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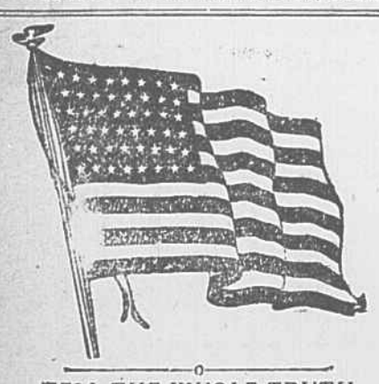

TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH.

IF the kind of talk Senator Goodykoontz used in the latter part of his telegram to Senator Sutherland regarding the Federal Trade Commission's plan to have the government take over the mining industry had been generally indulged in by mine operators months ago there probably would not have been any proposition of that character. The first part of the message might better have been left unsaid. It displayed a rather amazing lack of knowledge of what millions of Americans are thinking about the situation that confronts them, and of what has been going on in the countries that are at war. We have gone into this war and the man who expects business to be conducted "as usual" had better get out of business while there is yet time. There will be no disposition to interfere with private business except where such a policy will be for the general good, but to serve that the government will go far and have popular support all the way.

It is, however, right to fight the proposition that the mines of the country be operated for government account for the reason that the danger of a coal famine next winter which confronts large sections of the country, and which is the basis of the Federal Trade commission program, is due to the shortcomings of the railroads and not at all to the mining industry. It is gross injustice to penalize the mining industry for the collapse of transportation. In justice to themselves the operators ought to do everything possible to make this clear. They should tell what they know about conditions, just as Senator Goodykoontz did in the Sutherland telegram.

In the past they have pursued the opposite policy. They have kept quiet while the railroads were misrepresenting the transportation situation in efforts to get freight increases allowed, and they have refrained from making the kind of protests they should have made regarding the inefficient way in which the railroads have handled the coal traffic that is turned over to them. What effort was ever made, for instance, to tell the consumers that not a pound of coal turned out of the Fairmont district mines is weighed inside the state, where it should be weighed? How many of the consumers of coal know that coal cars are held up for days at a time at the place where the weighing is done waiting their turn at the scales? How general is the knowledge that coal cars travel from here to tidewater at the rate of 23 miles each 24 hours?—less speed than the wagon trains that carried freight between Baltimore and Pittsburgh made in the early days.

All of these things and many others of similar character helped to bring about the present dangerous state of affairs and to precipitate the proposal of the Federal Trade commission which has caused so much alarm and justified anger in coal mining circles. They ought to be brought to the attention of the people and of the authorities at Washington. If the coal operators of West Virginia will take a bit of advice from this newspaper they will send a delegation of earnest strong men to Washington with instructions to tell the whole truth about the transportation of coal, and let the railroads get out of the muss the best way they know how. Perhaps public opinion will be able to do what the blandishments and the protection of the operators have signally failed to do—get an adequate supply of cars and a reasonable degree of efficiency in handling the coal that is turned over.

GAS CONSERVATION.

MEMBERS of the West Virginia Natural Gas association are going to study conservation methods at their state convention which will be held at Parkersburg. At all events, according to advance reports of the convention plans, conservation will figure largely in the program. If the gas men are wise they will drink in all of this kind of knowledge that is offered to them, and then cry for more.

There was a time when the man with gas to sell thought only of getting the public to use lots of it. The fact that much of it was being wasted did not in the least trouble the conscience of the seller, so long as he was getting paid for it. That time has passed. In a recent annual report Secretary of the Interior Lane stigmatized the wasting of natural gas as a great crime against the nation and called for the utmost endeavor to put an end to it.

Even gas men who cannot take that view of it will understand the dollars and cents aspect, which makes it plain that unless a vigorous conservative campaign is undertaken millions of dollars which have been invested in gas distribution plants will be lost irretrievably. Or at least only so much will be recovered of it as the junk men are willing to give.

If it is carefully husbanded there is gas enough for years longer, but in order to make it last the men who own it and who distribute it must study how to make the best possible use of it, and then they must pass on this knowledge to the consumer. Most of the gas burning appliances in use in homes in the gas country are not what they should be, and it would be money in the pockets of all concerned if the public were taught how to use gas to the best advantage.

Also there would be less inconvenience and downright suffering when the temperature drops to zero and the consumption jumps up many hundred fold without the slightest warning.

SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS SUCCESS.

BY no means the least interesting article in yesterday's issue of The West Virginian was the announcement that the floor space of the Osgood store on Main street would be doubled, and the business statistics that went with it ,showing that the sales of this establishmnet have doubled since 1915.

D. M. Osgood is a good business man. His place "has an air," as the French say. It's one show window has distinction, and it must be a dull woman or man either who can go by it without subconsciously feeling that the man behind the window is a "live wire.' The same individuality goes into the advertising of the Osgood store. It creates the impression that the man who is responsible for it feels that the people of this town are themselves wide awake and entitled to the best and the latest; that Osgood believes in Fairmont and is willing to back that belief to the limit.

To some extent every business man can follow this formula and be rewarded with a degree of success corresponding to his merits. That it pays Mr. Osgood's splendid growth amply demonstrates. He is growing by leaps and bounds. There are other merchants in Fairmont who say frankly that they are slipping back. It is the old story. The personal factor determines between success and failure in every business. The success of Mr. Osgood and of other merchants of Fairmont in the past few years proves that it is not the fault of the town when businesses go back or stand still. Those who are in that condition had better be warned and show some initiative and put some brains and edge into their publicity before it is too late.

The great Red Cross campaign for $100,000,000 ended triumphantly last night. This is a huge amount of money literally to be given away within a week, but the best feature of it is that the giving was national in its character and was shared in by people of all walks of life.

It is rather late in the day to challenge the constitutionality of the Yost law, even for police court purposes.

It is apparent that if the Washington police withdrew their aid and comfort from the suffrage banner wavers the waving would stop—largely because the erstwhile wavers were in the hospitals.

Nation wide prohibition has reached the Senate. If all the Senators take time to express their opinions upon this and kindred topics the war will be over before the vote is taken.

Yesterday the dispatches brought a report of a submarine blown to bits by the gunners of a British merchantman and this morning news comes of a successful battle waged by an American passenger liner against a U-boat off the Irish coast. When the gunners see the underseas boat first there never is any doubt about the outcome, and as the ships that travel the seas increase in numbers, as they soon will, life in the underseas navy will be anything but a care free existence.

Yesterday the Interstate Commerce commission approved an increase of 15 per cent in the bituminous coal rate from this and contiguous states. If there were any prospect that this will mean anything more than larger revenues for the roads this news might bring joy at this stage of the coal problem for the operators.

Pittsburgh raised $3,735,237 for the Red Cross. Now ratch Pittsburgh crow.

What fine evenings to work in the gardens. Are you doing your bit there?

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

Wonder what kind of a holler French Hood would have put up if he had been Medvorich?

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Ossifers should never slap their prisoners.

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It's rude and then they never can tell it may never be done in the set the prisoner travels in.

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Don't smile. Those two hundred Chicago Chinese probably sang the "Star Spangled Banner" as well as an equal number of simon pure Americans could.

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Goodykoonts is off the reservation, and his railroad friends had better hunt bomb proofs if his telegram to Sutherland is a sample of what he can do.

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What has become of the guys who were about the cigar stores wishing they were under 31 a few days ago?

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Sheriff complains that the report of the Sunday shooting at Idamay was not made until three hours after the incident happened.

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Must have taken the fellows who saw it that long to get their wind and walk back home.

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No one was killed in that riot in Cork Sunday, but if there had been it would have been safe to bet that they died happy.

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See ex-Senator—with the emphasis on the ex—Chilton is going to open an office in Washington.

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Going to find out what sort of a meal ticket his reputation of having a stand in at the White house is.

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The Moose missed a great chance to make a pot of money by not putting on a Most Unpopular man contest at the carnival.

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There's more than one man in this burg who is so unpopular that the people would pay money to express an opinion about them.

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The head writer who wrote "Big Air Program Before Senate" for yesterday's paper was not long on originality.

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A big hot air program is always before the Senate.

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They are letting the boys out of the camp without passes again.

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Must have discovered that the bad ones are broke.

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Any place in a jail if you have no money.

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Many a fellow who is a regular devil when his pockets are full will stand without hitching when his pockets are empty.

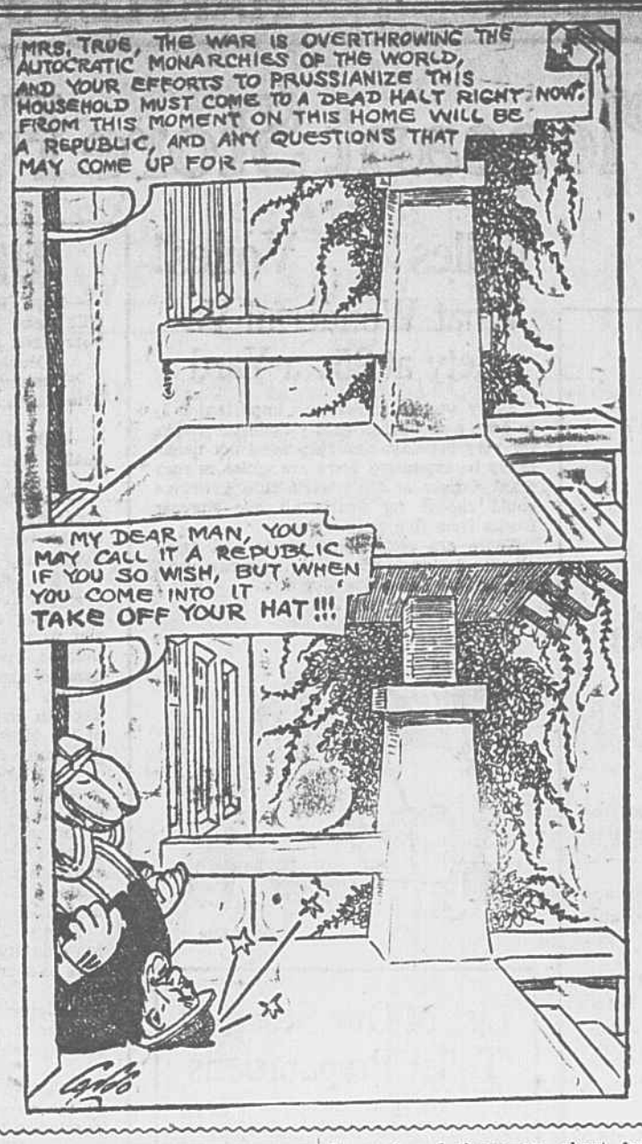
HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Mrs. J. F. W.: "Is the eating of asparagus inurious to the kidneys?"

No.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY GONDO)



Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

EXPORT ASSOCIATIONS.

From the New York Times.

Again the House has passed by a great majority, 240 to 29, the Webb bill for the promotion and extension of our foreign trade by permitting exporting manufacturers to form co-operative associations like those of foreign origin with which they must compete. There was a vote of 8 to 1 for it in the House last year, but in the Senate no action followed. It was taken up a month ago in the Senate, on a favorable committee report, and laid aside after a brief debate. What the House has now done should suggest to the other branch of Congress the expediency of concurrence without delay. The proposed co-operative associations or joint selling agencies are needed during the war, as Mr. Webb said, and will be very useful after peace comes.

There is no warrant for opposition on the ground that legalized use of such associations in export trade would or might lead to the making of combinations for the harmful control of trade at home. This would be prevented by the restrictions imposed in the bill. The Federal Trade Commission has shown that these are sufficient. Any attempt to evade them by means of combinations in the domestic market would be followed by prosecution. The Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws have not been repealed. Earnest support of the bill by the Federal Trade Commission should have weight. No one will say that the Commission is inclined to regard combinations and trusts here with favor. Within a few days it has asked for the prosecution of a group of lumber dealers.

Our exporters would be enabled by the bill to meet foreign competitors on equal terms. Before the war the most effective export associations were those of Germany. In the last year new ones have been formed in several countries. In the Senate, as in the House, there is a majority for the bill, and eventually it will be a law. Exporters would like to carry out their plans for co-operation. They should be encouraged now to work for preservation of the foreign trade we have gained and for an increase of it.

BITS OF STATE NEWS

The Mountain Echo which is printed at Keyser in the Mineral county fruit belt in its issue of last week printed the following: "While it has been a cold and backward summer fruit growers of this section are not yet ready to admit alteration of earlier predictions of fair fruit yield. On high ground, and in this section practically all the orchards are so located, no serious harm is reported since the formation of the fruit and while there has been much falling off of the early formations enough has been left to insure a good yield if there are no further unfavorable changes. The prospect of light crops in other sections will serve to keep prices a good figure and this will prove a benefit to the local producer."

The Weston Independent is responsible for the following: "Will Hitt of McCann's Run, a farmer who is trying to combat the high cost of living and feed Europe as well as his neighborhood, recently went into his potato patch and finding the vines in bloom, got busy and planted corn and turnips between the potato rows and put in beans also to keep the corn company. He is undecided whether he will try to harvest any other crop from this piece of ground this year, unless it be the potato bugs."

From the St. Albans Herald the following is taken: "Prof. Miller of College Hill presented the Herald man with a mess of turnips Wednesday, they have only been six weeks from the seed and they were about four inches in diameter. Mr. Miller said, upon presenting them to us, that Editors were sadly neglected by the people."

Snakes want new spring clothing just the same as folks. The only difference between snakes and folks is that the reptiles are not concerned about the styles. They willingly accept, so far as we know, just what the changing seasons and nature brings them. The spots, stripes and figures on the new garment might be identical with the old one—it matters not; but they change garments, anyhow, says the Tyler county News which relates the following story.

Up on Muddy creek the other day Allie Gregg found on the Jim Weekly farm at the head of Doe Run, a tributary to Muddy creek, a snake hide that measured sixteen feet and 8 inches in length. The exact type of snake could not be determined from the hide, but it is believed to be a black snake. The length was carefully measured and for fear that his word would be doubted, Mr. Gregg had other witnesses view the remains of the reptile. It is the largest snake hide ever found in this part of the country. Blacksnakes frequently grow to a length of seven to ten feet, but none of the huge dimensions of the one found on Muddy creek were ever discovered before.

This is a dry state; there were no magnifying fluids among the fellows who viewed the skin of the snake, so their statement can be relied upon. Doll Lawson was in from Muddy creek Saturday and brought to us the report of the discovery. Doll was "skeered" too. He vows that if snakes a[illegible] feet long hide and secrete themselves among the thickets up there it is about time for him to change residences.

The Sewell Valley correspondent of the Greenbrier Times says: Fayette county has for a long time claimed a large slice of Greenbrier county, which takes in Rainelle and will reach out at least three miles into the county. We hear that the county is preparing to run its line and make claim very soon. Should they get what they want it will do this district a great deal of harm.

Returned From Charleston

Mrs. Clarence W. Watson who had been the guest of her niece, Mrs. Arthur Burke Koontz, in Charleston, returned home yesterday. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Helen Quarrier Miller, who had been the guest of her cousin, Miss Caroline Ward, for the last several weeks. Mrs. Watson has as her guests at Fairmont Farms, her cousins, Clarence and Jere Wheelwright, sons of Jere Wheelwright, of Baltimore, who arrived here this morning.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN said:

"I will study and get ready and sometime my chance will come"

Born in the woods, in the poverty of a log cabin, Abraham Lincoln had little chance to get an education. But he was so determined to succeed that he brushed obstacles aside; he made the most of what slender advantages he had (he once walked forty miles to borrow a book); he used every spare moment for study; his chance *did* come and he was *ready!*

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K. OF C. PICNIC WAS A PLEASANT AFFAIR

Dance in Evening Brought Successful Occasion to An End.

An enjoyable dance at Traction park last evening completed successfully the annual picnic of the Knights of Columbus. Following the outing for the children at which 300 were entertained during the day, the pavillion was utilized for dancing and the Knights and their ladies enjoyed an evening of dancing to music furnished by the Fairmont orchestra.

The committee in charge of the event and to whom the success of the day is largely due was W. E. Hartman, chairman; P. J. McGraw, F. J. Hessian, G. J. Jackson, R. M. Flatherty, Ralph Hart, F. A. Brennen.

Rev. Father Boutlou, Rev. James Egan, of Fairmont, Rev. Francis L. McFadden, of Grant Town, and Rev. C. J. Kluser, of Mannington, were present during the day as were also the Sisters of Charity of St. Peter's Parochial school.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSUMERS LEAGUE NEEDED.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., June 25.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—Fairmont is pretty well blessed with organizations of one kind or another, but there is one more that is neded. This city ought to have a Consumers' League.

It is believed by practically everybody in Fairmont, that this is an expensive place to live in. High prices have left the ordinary workingman, with almost nothing after he has bought barely enough of the necessities of life. This charge against the city, if untrue, ought to be proven untrue. If it is true, there ought to be some way to stop the daily robbery of the consumer by merchants who by their organization are able to procure higher prices than the market justifies.

Uniontown markets are advertising fancy new potatoes at 75c per peck, ordinary potatoes, new, are selling at 60c per peck. In Fairmont they are 55 CENTS PER GALLON. Sugar in Uniontown is $1.75 for 25 pounds. Two merchants in Fairmont, Harrison's department store and the Cash Grocery on Walnut Ave., are offering it at $2.20 per 25 pounds while the others are asking as high as $2.35. Beans, meat, canned goods and almost everything else can be bought cheaper in surrounding cities, and prices here have forced people to the mail order houses.

A Consumers' League could either see that local prices are brought down nearer to those of our neighboring towns, or that the justice of the present prices be proven, and our merchants given the support of the entire city.

BEN STUNG.

When I got mad yesterday evenin' Ma sed not to let the sun set on my wrath but I sed I cudn't stop it settin'.

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Russian People Need Many Locomotives

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Locomotives, locomotives and still more locomotives are the fundamental need of Russia today, according to Prof. Lomonosoff, railroad minister, with the Russian mission.

"Quite frankly I can say to you, our American friends," he said, "give us locomotives and we shall give you military success. Russia needs at once 1,000 ten wheel American locomotives to put her idle cars in operation; another thousand with an appropriate number of cars to free congested freight terminals and another 850 annually to meet deficiency between Russian manufacture and her needs for renewal and new construction.

"The United States," the Professor said, "is Russia's great hope in this program and negotiations are now in progress which are most promising.

THE HEART

How It Acts In Every Day Life

The human heart, in a healthy man weighs but eleven ounces. It beats from long before birth until death, in an average lifetime, about seven million times, allowing seventy beats to the minute. Every twenty-four hours this slight organ performs labor equivalent to lifting a ton of material eighty feet into the air. If the blood becomes poor, and filled with poisons from diseased kidneys, the heart is not only starved, but poisoned as well. It soon becomes exhausted and unable to meet any extraordinary demand which may be made upon it. Supply pure blood; get the kidneys to working; tone up the feeble stomach! Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery purifies the blood, relieves the kidneys and tones up the alimentary canal. Give the heart the food it needs and it will continue to work till the natural end of life.

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