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MOST ABUNDANT YIELD LAND HAS EVER KNOWN

So says the Manufacturers' Record, Speaking of Crop Prospects Everywhere.

SINGS SONG OF PROSPERITY

Fruit Trees Breaking Beneath Load, Wheat, Corn and Oat Equal to Largest Ever Garnered, Cotton Field in Good Condition.

With the present crop prospects of the country as a basis for optimism the Manufacturers' Record says:

"Taking the whole country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Lakes to the Gulf, the crops were put into the ground under more favorable conditions of weather and of cultivation than ever before. An abundant supply of labor due to industrial depression, made it possible to thoroughly cultivate it since. With the exception of limited areas, weather conditions have been remarkably favorable, and as a whole the outlook indicates the most abundant yield which our land has ever known. From a fruit trees everywhere are breaking beneath their load; the wheat and corn and oat crops promise to be equal to the largest ever garnered, or, if they fall short at all, only to the extent of a few million bushels; while throughout the South the cotton and corn fields are in splendid condition, freer from grass than for many years, and the sugar plantations of Louisiana indicate an exceptionally favorable out-turn as compared with last year.

"Everywhere the song of prosperity is heard in the agricultural regions, and once more, with his work well begun, the farmer has already much more than half passed the danger point, and can now almost with safety count on a continuation of the splendid prosperity of the last four or five years.

"Under such conditions, and with reviving industrial activity, evidences of which are seen in many directions, the time is near at hand when every idle locomotive and every idle car will be in demand, and then once again there will be a scramble for transport-

tation facilities greater than has been the scramble of the railroads for freight during the last six months. We have turned the corner, and ahead of us is the long straight road of business prosperity."

June records show continued activity in building operations in Southern cities. Building permits during the month in Baltimore, Md., represent \$668,050; in Norfolk, Va., \$179,450; in Richmond, Va., \$246,707; in Knoxville, Tenn., \$62,910; in Memphis, Tenn., \$254,855; in Birmingham, Ala., \$553,995, and in Dallas, Texas, \$129,860. Savannah, Ga., issued permits for thirty buildings, and Jacksonville, Fla., issued permits for sixty-two buildings. In the latter city during the first six months of the year permits were issued for 390 buildings.

"Little Fun Now and Then."

JOOST SO.

In the late financial stringency a clerk in one of the New York banks was trying to explain to a stolid old Dutchman why the bank could not pay cash to depositors as formerly, and was insisting that he be satisfied with clearing house checks. But the old German could not grasp the situation, and finally the president of the bank was called upon to enlighten the dissatisfied customer. After a detailed explanation of the financial situation, the president concluded:

"Now, my good man, you understand, don't you?"

"Yes," dubiously replied the Dutchman, "I think I understand. It's just like dis, ven my baby wakes up in der night and cries for milk, I give her a milk ticket."

WISE CHOICE.

Senator Beveridge, at a dinner in Washington last month, told a story about a statesman of the past.

"Like many a statesman of the past," said Senator Beveridge, "he drank too much. And one Fourth of July morning, on a platform hung with flags and flowers, before the court house of a Western county town, facing an audience of farmers and their families that had come from miles around, the statesman arose to deliver the Independence day oration in a slightly intoxicated state.

"He was not incapable of an oration, but his unsteady gait, his flushed face and disordered attire spoke ill

of him, and the audience hissed and booed.

"He held up his hand. They were silent. Then he laughed scornfully and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, when a statesman of my prominence consents to appear in such a little, one-horse town as this, he must be either drunk or crazy. I prefer to be considered an inebriate."

TOOTHsome BUSINESS.

Isabel D'Armond, the attractive little sonnette who will create the part of the cashier in "The Girl Question" when the Askin-Singer Company present that play at Wallack's Theater, August 3, has a little niece whose father's business is that of a sampler of teas. The other day the little girl had this explained to her. She thought for a moment and then said: "Aunt Isabel, do you know what I want to be when I grow up?"

"No, I don't know," replied Miss D'Armond. "What do you want to be?"

"A candy sampler," answered the little girl.

UNIONIZED.

An Irishman working with a railway section crew, under the supervision of a rabidly union foreman, was advised that he would have to become a member of the union if he wished to hold his place, states Short Stories. Accordingly, Pat came to work with a union card in his pocket, and was allowed to continue his labor.

That afternoon, however, the new union man was found to be missing from the ranks. He remained away from his work about an hour. Upon his return the foreman jumped on him with both feet, figuratively speaking, and took him seriously to task for his apparent neglect of duty.

"See here, you Mick!" he roared. "What d'ye mean by playing off on your work like that? What d'ye think you're doing—givin' an afternoon tea? Say!"

"Well," replied Pat, calmly lighting his pipe, "Wasn't yez after tellin' me that I had to belong to the union? Sure yez did! An' I done it, didn't I? An' I bought meself a suit of union clothes, an' a pair of union shoes, an' a pair of union socks, an' a union hat, an' begobs, along formist two o'clock I happened to want a drink ur wafer, an' I wint, like the good union

man that I am, down to the Union depot for to get it."

Pat held his job.

ENCLOSED FIND.

A little boy was reading the story of a missionary having been eaten by the cannibals.

"Papa," he asked, "will the missionary go to heaven?"

"Yes, my son," replied the father. "And will the cannibals go there, too?" queried the youthful student.

"No," was the reply.

After thinking the matter over for some time the little fellow exclaimed: "Well, I don't see how the missionary can go to heaven if the cannibals don't,—Holland's Magazine.

It's most too hot to write a line,

The flies are awful bad; They, and the heat, are quite enough To drive a fellow mad.

AT THE CENTRAL MARKET.

"Mr. Butcher," said the patron with the infant in her arms, "will you please weigh my baby?"

"Sure!" responded the busy butcher, depositing the little human bundle on his scales. "Just sixteen pounds and a quarter, Mrs. Riley."

"But," commented the watching parent, "your scales register but sixteen pounds."

"You're right, madam," said the butcher, reddening as he took another look. Then, turning to the bookkeeper behind the desk, he called out, "Annie, take off that quarter of a pound!"

Germ's Cannot Hurt A Sound Body.

When you are in good health and the world looks bright, it is because the white corpuscles, well supplied with ammunition, are fighting your fight for you all over your body. It is when your opsonins are deficient, and your soldiers are fighting a losing battle from head to foot, that the aches come and life seems flat and unprofitable. Your ills are only the after effects. To be logical, you should greet your friend with, "How are your opsonins?"

This, then, is the welcome message that recent discoveries have brought us from the field of battle—that germs are powerless to affect a healthy body in which the vital resistance is maintained by good habits of living. Alcohol, tobacco, and

other such drugs, whether narcotic or stimulative, are aids and comforts to our invisible enemies. Too much food, especially hearty food, such as meat and beans, forms supplies for the commissary department of the enemy, instead of for the brigades of white corpuscles.

On the other hand, every breath, drawn deeply into the lungs, of fresh sun-warmed air, is a direct blow struck at our foes and on the side of our defenders. Every sip of pure water aids the forces of life. So too, does every motion of walking, running and other exercises—when exercise is not excessive. Every mouthful of pure food adds fuel to the flame of life.

So, too, does every pure thought; this is to say, every cheerful, normal action of the brain when uncontaminated by gloom, morbidity, or any of the poisons of pessimism. Thus you can aid your bodyguard to fight the attacks of the invisible army of germs by the adoption of a few simple principles, and the attainment of a little real, up-to-date knowledge on the subject of hygiene; and by combining can help each other in the war that must ever go on.—Michael Williams, in "Success Magazine."

SEX CONTROL IS PRACTICAL.

Good Times Mean Girl Babies—Hard Times Produce the Boys.

Control of the sex of infants is a practical proposition, according to Dr. Kraft, secretary of the American institute of Homeopathy. Dr. Kraft says he has discovered no new principle, but has shown the practical application of one originating with the evolution theory. The principle, he says, is based on the law of the survival of the fittest.

It is well known to scientists, asserts he, that savage races and races which exist where the conditions of life are hardest, produce a preponderance of male children. From this fact he deduces that nature recognizes in the female the weaker sex. Thus, he says, in times of plenty females are likely to predominate. Some thinkers on the subject even go so far as to state that the hard times produce male children.

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