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MUTTON AND YOUR DAILY MEAT BILL

If you would cut the cost of living, abandon the pig and steer and buy sheep.

The cheapest beef that can be bought in the Tacoma market is the brisket, which is pretty poor stuff, and it costs 10 cents a pound.

Good mutton for stewing can be bought for seven cents in local markets, while round steak of beef costs 18 cents a pound.

Ham is 20 cents, but a leg of mutton can be secured from the butcher for 12 1/2 cents a pound.

All along the line mutton is cheaper than either pork or beef.

The discrepancy is due practically to the fact that the American people have grown to be beef and pork eaters and have overlooked the nutritious and wholesome sheep.

The demand is for beef or pork—and the dealers make you pay for it.

Just as they make you pay 20 cents a pound for calf's liver now which you used to buy for five cents—a demand has been created for it by educating the people to like it.

In view of this the National Wool-growers' association has started a campaign to educate the people to the use of mutton. They know as soon as the people learn to eat mutton the demand will force the price up and raising sheep will become more profitable.

In the meantime the people who buy sheep now will get the benefit of the low price.

And an epicure will tell you that for something real fine there is nothing in the meat line from a porterhouse roast to a corn-fed gobbler that beats a leg of lamb.

SAVE THE FIREMEN'S PENSION PLAN

The history of the firemen's pension fund in Tacoma would make excellent reading for a jokebook.

In theory the law contemplates that a firemen's fund shall be established from which money shall be drawn to pay those who because of their hazardous employment are injured or to compensate the families of those who are killed.

Commissioner Mills thought it going a little strong yesterday when a fireman pulled money out of the fund for a boil. But that is not as bad as some of them.

The Times believes heartily in a pension fund for firemen, but the operation of the present one in Tacoma is such that enemies of the whole system of municipal or state pensions are getting a lot of arguments to bolster them up and give a black eye to a really meritorious scheme.

The city commission will do well to give the pension plan immediate attention.

IN THE SPAN OF ONE LIFE

The fact is recorded that "Charles Davenport, aged 97, inventor of the locomotive cab and pilot and the builder of the first wrought-iron bridge in the United States," has just died at Zoar, Ohio.

Such facts and a little reflection show what wonderful, what gigantic strides, the world is making in an inventive and mechanical way. In that man's lifetime have come all the present railway locomotives, all the modern steel structures, both bridges and buildings, for the steel buildings were based on the steel bridge principle, and all that has come about through the employment of those principles in mechanics.

And can anyone doubt that the next century will bring forth achievements fully as marvelous?

After hearing that Frisco Chinese orator recently it was a foregone conclusion that the Commercial club here would endorse the recognition of the republic of China.

Once more the city commission dodges responsibility on the testing of Green river pipe and shifts it onto "experts."

The house has passed a resolution authorizing the appointment at a salary of \$60 per month of a messenger to the committee on the disposition of useless papers.

Manchurian Chinese have taken to wearing canes and tight shoes. The march of civilization is just spoiling some mighty fine heathen.

"And I say you're a first-class hog!" replied Ma. "Well," said Pa, "with first-class hogs worth \$4.85 per 100 on the hoof, your gentle answer sure turneth away wrath."

"Good cooks are more necessary than governors," says Hon. Tom Marshall. Nice vice-president, a fellow who doesn't know that cooks are governors!

Sarah Bernhardt got \$30,000 for posing for a moving picture film. Says she didn't do it for the money but for art's sake. She's about the only woman on earth who can really get away with a story like that.

Some of those eastern gold-bug democrats are sitting up nights to worry about Bryan's being too big for Wilson's cabinet.

Well Let's Smile awhile

MR. SKYGACK FROM MARS. HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FATHOM MOTIVES OF CERTAIN WANDERING EARTH-BEING SOLE AIM IN LIFE SEEMS TO BE IN GETTING RID OF PACK-BURDEN BY GIVING AWAY CONTENTS YET DAILY HE REAPPEARS TO DO IT OVER WITH THE SUPPLY UNDIMINISHED.

TOO BUSY TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT. The messenger from Mars surveyed the multitude which had gathered to meet him with undisguised interest.

Yes, It Sounds as Though It Was a Wedding. There was a wedding at the congregation Shaari Shomoyin at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A woman of Charleroi, Pa., who had smoked for 80 years, died the other day, aged 97. It is said she smoked one pipe for 25 years.

Wars Have Started Over Less. Commodore Cox sold his horse to Godfrey Drayer, Jr., and then it went dead.—Alliance, O., Review.

Russian postage stamps have never borne portraits of a czar, but they will next year, when there will be an issue commemorating the 300th anniversary of the reign of the Romanoffs.

JOHN WISE SAYS: "Dose Fettle, th' Beelzebub sport druggist, says he can't anyways near supply th' demand for balsam an' whisky, especially since he ran out o' balsam."

Outbursts of Everett True

WELL IF YOU'RE TOO NERVOUS TO SIT DOWN, LIE DOWN!! CASWELL OPTICAL CO. MASONIC TEMPLE 734 ST. HELENS AV.

Hominy and Honey Is Poets Health Secret



Joaquin Miller, Poet of the Sierras, and his daughter, who is his constant companion.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 10. — Hominy and honey may once more be regarded as something good to eat. Joaquin Miller, the California poet, has made the discovery.

If An Angeworm Can Think, Can a Goldfish Warble? Sure!

If you have got a gold-fish in your home teach him to sing! If you have a gentle cat with a white spot over his left eye, teach him the multiplication table.

Keep Ahead By Telegraph

In the Holiday Rush No time to write letters and wait for mails during this busy season. Western Union services will enable you to speed up your business.

LATEST MARKET REPORT FOR TACOMA HOUSEWIVES

- Fruits: Grapes, 2 lbs. 25c. Japanese oranges, 60c box. Strawberries, 20c box. Huckleberries, 2 lbs. 25c.

- California Head Lettuce, 2 lbs. 15c. Celery bunch, 5-6-10c. Cucumbers, 2 for 25c. Tomatoes, 1 lb. 15c.