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PLenty of Food.

The latest report of the Agricultural Department promises abundant crops this year, in spite of decreased acreage. On the basis of the condition on June 1, it predicts a winter wheat crop the fourth largest in the country's history, with a total of 667,000,000 bushels. The spring wheat crop is expected to be about 50,000,000 bushels larger than last year's, and the spring and winter wheat together may total 60,000 bushels more than last year.

THE PRICE OF MONEY.

People are prone to forget that money is a commodity, subject to about the same laws as other commodities. Its price rises and falls. The "price of money," or as some economists call it, the "rent of money," has been abnormally high in recent years, along with the price of everything else. It has been coming down, and the business experts declare it is destined to come down further. This tendency will not be lost on prospective borrowers.

DEFIATION OF ORATORY.

The Board of Trade of Quebec has adopted a rule that speakers shall be limited to three minutes. If any speaker insists on more time, he must persuade the secretary beforehand that he has something unusually important to say, in which case he may be given 10 minutes.

MINERS MOVING OUT.

It is reported that large numbers of bituminous coal miners, hopeless of any early settlement of the coal strike, are returning to their homes in Europe.

THE UNFINISHED WORLD.

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THE DELAWARE TELESCOPE.

A wonderful telescope, costing nearly a quarter of a million dollars, is being built for the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O. The story of its giving is as interesting as anything it may hereafter tell of worlds beyond ours.

BRITISH SOUNDNESS.

There has been no more remarkable fact lately in international affairs than the steady rise of the British pound sterling in exchange value. Its normal value is about \$4.86. It has risen \$1.25 in a little more than a year, and is now within 35 cents or so of par.

FINANCING CANADA.

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It is no sure indication of peace and economic reconstruction in Europe. It might have been expected that British finance would register all this. The fact that it does not is a triumph for British energy and courage. Britain tackled the job of clearing away her war debris without any illusions or postponements. She refused to try to make both ends meet by making money out of nothing. She taxed herself to the limit, economized where she could, balanced her budget, and went ahead determined to do business as usual. And she has succeeded so well that she is prepared now to begin paying interest on the war loans she obtained from the United States.

There is a convincing lesson in this for other European nations who, tackling the same task less sternly and sanely, are now floundering in a sea of inflated and depreciated currency and resultant bad business. There is a lesson even for the United States. When the British government make a budget, the British parliament lives up to it.

LAND PERILS.

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To-day's Best Jokes and Stories

Sambo: "Looky heah, big boy, don't yo-all mess wid me, 'cause Ah's hard! Las' week Ah falls on a huzz saw an' Ah busts it—completely." "Rambo: "Call dat hard? Listen, man, Ah scratches de bath tub."—The American Legion Weekly.

Film Producer (seeking location): "You say your mistress is away? I suppose she wouldn't object to my taking a few scenes in her grounds?" "Tussy Old Retainer: "I don't suppose so, but you mustn't come 'round afterwards bothering her to buy the photographs!"—Passing Show.

Mr. Wadleigh, a gentleman waits to see you on urgent business." "Does he look prosperous?" "He looks poor." "In that case the urgency is his. Let him wait."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Mother: "Willie, I'm shocked at you. Do you know what becomes of little boys who use bad words when they play baseball?" Willie: "Yes'm. They grow up and become golf players."—Boston Transcript.

Professor: "What is ratio?" Student: "Ratio is proportion." Professor: "What is proportion?" Student: "Proportion is ratio." Professor: "But what are ratio and proportion?" Student: "I can only answer one question at a time."—The Villanovan.

"What is a flapper?" "A flapper, Henry, is the latest style cigarette holder."—Wesleyan Wasp.

"This paper says it'll rain today." "Well, why don't you buy some other paper?"—Lampoon.

"So you made this home-brew yourself? It smacks all right. I didn't know you had it in you." "I haven't."—Life.

Young Wife: "The trained nurse is going to teach me how to give the baby its bath." Young Husband (anxiously): "Don't you think we'd better send out and hire another baby?"—Modern Hospital.

"And then on the fifth green." "Pardon, old man, but is this going to be an eight-hole story or only a nine, because I have to meet a train?"—Life.

Wary Willie slouched into the pawnshop. "How much will you give me for this overcoat?" he asked, producing a faded but neatly mended garment. Isaac looked at it critically. "Four dollars," he said. "Why?" cried Wary Willie. "That coat's worth ten dollars if it's worth a penny!" "I wouldn't give you ten dollars for two like that," sniffed Isaac. "Four dollars or nothing." "Are you sure that's all its worth," asked Wary Willie. "Four dollars," repeated Isaac. "Well, here's yer four dollars," said Wary Willie. "This overcoat was hangin' outside yer shop, and I was wonderin' how much it was really worth."—Los Angeles Times.

"The evidence seems to show," said the detective, "that the thief wore rubbers and walked backwards." "Then we must look out for a man with receding gums," remarked the wag of the force.—Boston Transcript.

His Sister: "Were you annoyed when Margaret sharpened her pencil with your razor?" He: "Twice! After I'd given up trying to shave and to write with the pencil."—Boston Transcript.

Dugald M'Tavish, the all-round athlete and sportsman in the village, entered his name for all events in the local Highland games. The first event on the program was the half-mile, and of eight runners Dugald finished eighth. "Dugald, Dugald," said a fellow Scot, "why do you not run faster?" "Run faster!" he said scornfully, "an' me reservin' myself for the bagpipe competition."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mistress: "I've lost the key to my writing desk, Marie. Go and look in the old trunk in the kitchen—you might find an old key that will fit." Marie: "It's no use, madame. I tried them all long ago, and none of them fit."—Le Matin.

The proof of a people's ignorance lies in the number of things it is afraid to make a joke about. One thing a strike doesn't settle is the striker's grocery bill. Mayonnaise dressing is of man's life a thing apart; 'tis woman's whole existence. Dispatches from Ireland are meager now. Doubtless they are too busy dispatching one another.

"It" has a vague and meaningless pronoun until some man says: "I know where you can get it." Be modest. The smaller the diamond, the better its chance to escape the charge of being past.

choir indicates that he is suffering as much as you are.

We seldom envy those who are far ahead of us, but only those of our class who are one jump ahead.

Just because a law is necessary, humanitarian and reasonable, it doesn't always follow that it is unconstitutional.

That new orchid called "Sophr-laocattleya" makes it a little more difficult to say it with flowers. Peanuts are a veritable family. In the summer they see all the ball games and in the fall they serve in politics.

It is the duty of every man to learn enough about the radio to take an intelligent interest in the conversation. With Beveridge booked for the senate, there is no particular reason why Glass should not aspire for the White House.

Our friends are those in whom we imagine good qualities; our enemies are those in whom we imagine bad qualities. It's a hard life. If you live in the lowlands, the floods will get you; and if you live in the mountains, the revenue men will get you.



Use Organdie. For your best bib and tucker this season use organdie. Or dotted Swiss, if you prefer. See green with white and black dots, bright red with blue dots, blue with green dots are favorite combinations.

The fire department was called out Friday about 7 p. m. to Mr. P. P. Bryan's home on Wright St. The cause of the fire was that what appeared to be a fuse was only a false fuse, and when a fire was made in the stove, the few shingles, which covered the stove pipe, caught on fire. Heretofore gas had been used, and therefore a fuse was not necessary. The fire was soon extinguished, and only a very small damage was the result.

One cut that takes a long time to heal is a wage cut.

Candidates Cards FOR CONGRESS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. I also wish to take this opportunity to say that if elected I shall endeavor to faithfully discharge the duties of the office and to merit the confidence and support of the people. ANDREW J. BETHEA, Candidate for Congress. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Entrance Examinations

Entrance examinations to the University of South Carolina will be held by the County Superintendent of Education at the County Court House, Friday, July 14, 1922, at 9 a. m. The University offers varied courses of study in science, literature, history, law and business. The expenses are moderate and many opportunities for self-support are afforded. Scholarships are available. For full particulars write to President W. S. Currell, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

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OUR RAILROAD PROBLEM A Series of Editorial Discussions of the Menace to Business Resulting From the Starvation of Our Transportation System and Suggestions to All Concerned in the Return of Prosperity.

Our railroad situation recalls Mark Twain's famous complaint about the weather. "Everybody talks about it," he said "but nobody DOES anything about it." Herbert Hoover, testifying before the Interstate Commerce Commission February 4, 1922, made the very serious statement that unless the railroads start—not eventually, but now—enlarging and improving our transportation machine, certain things must happen. He did not say "may happen"; he said "must happen." And what are these certain things that we must face at the first peep of prosperity? Inconvenience in getting satisfactory sleeping car space? A few days' delay for factories all over the United States with full order books and empty work benches, "closed for lack of cars"; advances of \$1 to \$3 a ton on coal. Premium of 20 cents a bushel for cars in which to load grain. The bitter hardships of unemployment. Complete industrial strangulation.

Now, the business men of America know that Hoover is not given to loose talk; and further, that he knows what he is talking about. They know that the conditions he forecasts would mean panic—a panic bringing far more serious consequences to every line of business in this country than anything we have seen. These men are credited with world leadership in initiative and result-getting abilities when once aroused to the imperative need of quick and effective action. What, then, are they actually doing to meet this threatened disaster? The astounding fact is that the year sitting idly by, while three conflicting interests conduct a long-winded debate on the proposition "Resolved, that the other fellow should pay the bill!"

General Alarm Sounded

Threatened with conflagration, a general alarm is sounded. Instead of the rushing fire department, a talkative gentlemen calls and explains that he has an unpaid bill for equipment which he would like to see settled before anything else is done; and a committee from the firemen's organization serves notice that this is a good time to discuss salaries; and the water company suggests readjustment of its city contract. Put the fire out first. We face one paramount need. Our transportation plant must be enlarged without delay. More cars, more terminal facilities, more trackage, more motive power, more

Government Savings Securities

Acting Postmaster, Sumter, S. C., of the local post office says that the sustained popularity of Government Savings Securities in the Fifth Federal Reserve District is indicated by a report just received from Howard T. Cree, government director of savings for the district. According to the director, the people of this district invested in nearly three-fourths of a million dollars worth of Treasury Savings Certificates during the month of May. The exact figures compiled from two hundred and sixteen post offices and in the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond are \$718,633. This is a highly favorable contrast with the receipts from the sale of savings securities in May, 1921, which were only \$301,293.

The amount of these certificates sold in May, 1922, for each state is as follows: Virginia \$159,275; West Virginia \$133,625; North Carolina \$122,625; District of Columbia \$112,225; Maryland \$38,880; South Carolina \$27,425. In addition there were sold through the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond \$104,525, making a grand total of \$718,633. "This sum of nearly three-fourths of a million dollars," said the postmaster, "will mature and may be collected in May, 1927, and the original investment will increase 25 per cent in the five years. This is an exhibition of financial wisdom, which should be imitated by thousands of others who, in vain hopes of getting rich quick, put their savings in schemes of questionable character, when there is no certainty of return of either principal or interest. It is better to be sure than sorry."

DO YOU REALIZE IT

There are so many people who keep their money at home or carry it about on their person, without the least thought of the risk they are taking, not only of losing their money, but their lives as well. Murders are almost of daily occurrence, the object in nearly every case being robbery. Banks are established not only to make money for their stockholders, but are a protection to the public. We not only guarantee you 100 per cent safety but we will allow you interest on your deposit. Is this not worth your serious consideration? Think it over and bring in what you have. It matters not how little.

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Star Arrives



Elsie Mackay, known as "Poppy Wyndham" to British movie fans, arrives in America with her father, Lord Inchcape, from whom she was estranged several years ago following her debut in films.