

The Detroit Times hereby joins with the U. S. postal service, the Michigan Food and Dairy Commissioner...

AND HERE IS FOR A CLEANER DETROIT THE YEAR AROUND

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." With which fact in mind, the citizens of Detroit should be found cooperating with a will today in cleaning up Detroit, front and back, in the barns, and bear in mind, UNDER THE PIANO, ALSO, so to speak.

In waiting until this late hour to take up the subject of clean-up day in this column, this newspaper has timed itself with the object of getting attentive hearing for a CLEAN-UP DAY suggestion.

At any rate, here is our suggestion: If you HAVE cleaned the backyard and the alley, KEEP THEM CLEAN. The spirit in which you entered into the clean-up crusade of a day, was fine, but the same spirit should be your's THE YEAR AROUND.

A large enough garbage can to answer the purpose between collections, costs nothing compared to what drugs and the services of the doctor cost. It is as easy to lift its cover, dump the garbage and cover it again, as it is to dump garbage in the alley and let it scatter the length of your back fence.

What the Government is Doing

By RAYMOND PULLMAN, Times Washington Bureau, Metropolitan Bank Building.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—David Fairchild, agricultural explorer in charge of the office of seed and plant introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture, waits to interest farmers and fruit growers of the United States in the production of a commercial scale in this country.

PASSION FRUIT CULTIVATION

The passion fruit, a table delicacy which is common to South America, the West Indies, Australia, South Africa and several other countries. The passion fruit, whose scientific name is passiflora, is a delicious fruit, which has a taste resembling that of the grape, but which usually grows as large as an ordinary peach.

FRUIT USED FOR SALADS

The passion fruit is eaten as are grapes, and is also used considerably in many countries in the making of ices and fruit salads. In the West Indies, the countries of South America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand the fruit is now raised in the open and sold for table purposes.

In some countries the growing of passion fruit in greenhouses has become a profitable industry. A few years ago, when Mr. Fairchild was in Edinburgh, Scotland, he was surprised to find that there the passion fruit is grown profitably in greenhouses.

is quite easy when the process is understood.

Uncle Sam is now prepared to furnish information on the construction of modern, sanitary buildings for the housing of all kinds of live stock and poultry, but up to the present time Congress has not provided any but ream with money to collect and disseminate information.

WANTS BETTER BUILDINGS

on the construction of modern and safe buildings to be used for human habitation or for commercial or industrial purposes. This fact was brought out during the past week by Richard L. Humphrey of Philadelphia, who has been in conference with officials of various bureaus of the interior department, in which he was formerly employed as a structural engineer in the technologic branch of the geological survey.

The waste of structural material is one of the worst wastes of natural resources, according to Mr. Humphrey. In his opinion, the great need of today is the encouragement of the construction of buildings which are proof against fire, earthquake, tornado and flood.

LOSSES DUE TO FIRE

present loss through fire waste is more than \$1,000,000 a day. Fire loss per capita in the United States is higher than in any other country in the world, running from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a year. In Europe it is approximately one-eighth as much.

"Since 1904 congress has appropriated money for restricted investigations of structural materials for the use of the government. This work was first carried on in the geological survey, and is now done by the bureau of standards. I hope that the time will come when these investigations can be broadened out so that they will cover both structural materials

and methods of construction of private buildings to be used for all purposes, including residences, factories and office buildings. What is needed is something in the way of a standard method of constructing which will bring about more substantial building and will make our cities safe from the danger of fire and tornado.

"Practically all the buildings destroyed in the recent tornado in Omaha would have been unscathed if they had been substantially constructed. The loss in fire in San Francisco was \$350,000,000, and almost any city of the United States is subject to suffer similar loss from fire at almost any time.

NOTABLE INSTANCES

Francisco was almost any city of the United States is subject to suffer similar loss from fire at almost any time. What we need is proper encouragement of better building from the government, better building codes from cities, and thorough enforcement of building codes. The trouble is today that if one city enacts a good strong code some business interests will go to another city and construct factories and buildings where the laws are loose.

Politics and the Japanese Question

The more the anti-Japanese agitation is studied, the more clearly it appears that Mr. Wilson's cautious, moderate, diplomatic course was admirably adapted to the situation. The president most circumspectly refrained from seeming to coerce the sovereign state of California or to interfere in her domestic affairs.

As a result of this moderate tone, combined with the delay and second thought that has come with more accurate knowledge of conditions in California, it seems likely that the cause of sanity will prevail and that reckless politicians will be discredited. Partisan politics, it has been assumed stops at the water's edge, but the politics represented by Governor Johnson stops at nothing.

We're All A-Fishin'

BY FRANK R. LEET



Pop sez that this world we live in is one big fishin' pond. An' we've all been fishin' fer somethin' since th' time the first day dawned.

"Let There Be Light"

EXTRACT FROM PRESIDENT WILSON'S ARTICLE IN THE WORLD'S WORK

The prosperity of this country depends upon the interests of all of us and cannot be brought about by arrangement between any groups of persons. Take any question you like out to the question—let it be threshed out in public debate—and you will have made these methods impossible.

From Another Point of View

Lots of people go out for pleasure on Sundays, while others ride motorcycles. There's reason in all things, with the possible exception, perhaps, of a desire to spend a second summer in a tent. Of course, it's different, when the person is a bug collector, but even then he ought to be able to get all the known varieties following any rain.

In Germany a tango dancer has been sentenced to six months in prison, and it strikes us that Germany has about the right idea of tango time. France last year imported American coal, valued at \$126,755. France must have the same make of furnace as ours.

Nip Plot To Kill King. MONTPELLIER, France, May 5.—A plot to assassinate King Alfonso of Spain when he comes to France to visit President Poincare was discovered here yesterday.

Attacks Duke With Knife. MANHEIM, Germany, May 5.—A workman armed with a knife attacked Grand Duke Friedrich of Baden, as he was leaving the railroad station with his consort yesterday afternoon.

Fire Injures Twelve. SHERIDAN, Ind., May 5.—Twelve persons were injured and damage estimated at \$150,000 was done by a fire here yesterday afternoon.

Daughter Blesses Greek Queen. ATHENS, Greece, May 5.—A daughter was born yesterday to Queen Sophia, making the fifth child in the royal household.

Osgar Cleverly Saves a Historic Film by His Presence of Mind

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