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The net result of Col. Roosevelt's latest expedition is that there will be one more river to cross.—West Union (O.) Record.

## GROWTH OF THE 24-HOUR DAY.

The government of Uruguay has just decreed the use of the 24-hour day. All time will be registered from 0 to 24 hours. Italy and Belgium are the only other countries that have adopted this system, and in both of them it is well established.

This is a logical reform, but the change would involve tremendous inconvenience. Fancy changing every clock and watch dial in the United States alone. Yet what reform does not involve inconvenience. Readjustment can never be an easy process in this highly complicated age.

## THE CALL FOR REAPERS.

Kansas is tearing her hair, wringing her hands and crying aloud in agony, for more than 40,000 men to help harvest her enormous wheat crop. Kansas is not alone in this dilemma, many other western States being similarly distressed. It is safe to assert that 200,000 men are needed and needed now. Do the unemployed of the Pacific coast want this work? Do the unemployed of the eastern cities want it? If they do want it, how can they be transported to the scene? One of the problems of the immediate future is going to consist of how to transport our unemployed from the scenes of their unemployment to places where employment awaits them, and to learn how to induce men used to the handicrafts of shops and railways to take kindly to farm labor as a temporary refuge from starvation or riot.

It would be interesting, too, in this connection, to test the sincerity of some of the noisy agents of the unemployed in the East and the West by offering free transportation to the grain fields and good pay upon arrival. Farm work comes within the range of easy utility, and any man with muscle and a will can soon master its most difficult phases.

But a greater problem in sociology than how to get unemployed men to seek temporary employment in the grain fields at harvest time, is found in how to induce millions of the population which now congest the cities as non-productive encumbrances, to become small farmers, and interested in farm work as proprietors.

But Kansas is bleeding as usual, and thus time the harvest is white, and immense, while the reapers are few, and the need urgent.—Huntington Herald Dispatch.

## THE GERMS IN MILK.

Living bodies, both great and small, are usually found in a definite place. The bacteria found in milk are indeed a mixed collection. The fact that certain organisms are frequently found in milk does not necessarily mean that they originate in the udder, but rather directs the search toward the focus of infection from which they find their way into the secretion of the mammary gland. It is known, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, that while the colon group is frequently found in water and milk, its natural habitat is the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals. The experts of the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry in Washington have been investigating the sources from which the streptococci may gain entrance into milk. The foremost possibilities are: contamination with feces, which must always be considered as a possible source of contamination; the presence in the herd of one or more cows with infected udders, and the cow's mouth, which is known to contain streptococci. Its habit of licking the flanks and udder provides a more or less direct connection between the mouth of the cow and the milkpail.



### THE DAILY NOVELETTE.

#### The Capture.

"Retreat, retreat, retreat, retreat!"  
Cried Gen. B. Bonanza.  
"All right," said Mexican Pete,  
"I'll take a cocktail, too-za."

Gen. Bonanza, just then chief of the Mexican Federals, peered through his field glasses over the top of the improvised breastworks of chili con carne sacks.

"Place de Construction!" he swore savagely.  
There was no doubt about it. The kanki-elad army was making for the breastworks and making for them fast. Overhead a few Mexican zither birds the steady tramp of the advancing horde, all was silence.

"The dogs have broken the armistice!" hissed the General. "Sombrero! There must be thousands of them!"

Still cursing roundly he gave the order to retreat, and his army of 212, already in correct sprint position, spurred for choice of horses. But at that moment another kanki-elad army breasted the opposite hill. They were cut off, checkmated, surrounded!

Quick as a flash Gen. Bonanza flung down the coat of his uniform, tore off his comparatively white shirt, leaped to the top of the breastworks and waved it wildly as a signal of surrender. Both armies closed in without the firing of a single shot, but the General was so incensed when he learned that they were only American war correspondents foraging for interviews that he stalked in his tent and refused for hours to come and let them snap his picture.—Louisville Times.

## The Ripley Rubaiyat

(Read before the Ripley "Discussion Club," by Hon. Chambers Baird.)

RUBY I.  
Let seasons slowly come and swiftly pass:

We hail and toast them with inverted glass.

For since, the county and the town went dry

We have no spirits of our own, alas!

II.  
The stars that Omar saw, we see them yet;

The summer sun still makes us sweat and fret;

For weather is a changeless, changeless thing,

And when it's dry, too dry, and wet, too wet.

III.  
Let floods offend us in a tawdry tide;

Let rains descend—we pause, and go inside,

And talk of kings and things unsettled yet;

And who has told the truth and who has lied.

IV.  
For this we know, that when the time shall come,

When Roosevelt and Bryan both are dumb,

We shall not hear the music of the spheres;

For other statesmen still will make things hum.

V.  
They talk in vain who roar upon the stump;

No more we take our water from the pump;

The barber shop's the place where statesmen reign,

And things are settled there before we jump.

VI.  
The waves still beat upon the sounding shore;

We fight for peace, but we shall fight no more;

The office is the candidate, not man,

And each campaign's a crisis till it's o'er.

VII.  
Shall love entice you in its downy fold,

Or hate affront with haughty eyes and hold?

Go seek the highest goal of earthly aim,

And come with hands adame with gleaming gold.

VIII.  
Then shall my days run swiftly to the last,

In joy, in pain, until the die is cast;

Nor shall I fret of what the future be,

But know Life's greatest mystery is the past.

The thread trust was dissolved under a decree of the Federal Court in New Jersey.

The Clayton Anti-Trust Bill was completed in Committee of the Whole by the House and laid aside awaiting a final vote.

Lionel Brown, the young son of Jack Brown, was killed when the home of his father, near Rockport, was destroyed by a cyclone.

The French government will furnish Col. Roosevelt with a special permit placing him on the same footing in his trip as that of a former ruler.

The State Board of Equalization completed its work and compiled its report.

Land assessments were increased by the board from \$351,625,429 to \$364,511,395; assessment of town lots from \$296,970,527 to \$299,306,656 and personal property from \$116,490,578 to \$119,697,138. The dog tax amounts to \$103,040, and exemptions to \$80,758,649.

Following is the report for Mason and a few other counties:

County Assessed Equalized Tax

Boone \$7,182,070 \$7,182,070 \$35,910

Bourbon 16,445,890 16,445,890 82,229

Boyd 9,339,762 9,015,826 50,079

Boyle 9,242,542 9,406,867 47,484

Bracken 3,408,242 3,793,281 18,066

Breathitt 2,369,797 2,554,088 12,770

Camp 24,551,511 25,288,896 126,444

Carter 2,665,583 2,665,583 13,327

Clark 12,332,535 12,737,682 63,688

Payette 37,200,705 37,200,705 186,003

Fleming 6,129,147 6,129,147 30,645

Fulton 5,092,347 5,092,347 25,462

Greenup 2,975,419 3,207,453 16,037

Harrison 7,707,513 8,342,762 41,113

Jefferson 204,800,820 204,800,820 1,024,454

Kenton 31,833,255 31,833,255 159,166

Lewis 2,224,009 2,062,138 15,261

Lincoln 7,026,871 7,026,871 35,134

Mason 10,537,340 10,537,340 54,224

Mont 6,529,494 6,796,574 33,988

Nicholas 4,706,317 4,706,317 23,292

Robinson 1,021,256 1,021,256 5,178

Rowan 1,209,414 1,209,414 6,050

Total for all counties, Assessed \$445,845,623, Equalized \$464,273,838, Amount of Tax \$4,321,145.

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