

The "Bichloride of Mercury" seems to be the route that some people are going now days.

"Wm. Jennings Bryan Supports Currency Bill" is a heading which has appeared in several papers recently. No more 16 to 1 for William.

The prospects seem to be good that the republican party will get together long before the next election. The ill-feeling which existed seems to be mostly a thing of the past.

In the recent vote in the Modern Woodmen of America a majority of those voting voted to continue the present vote. That will settle it until the next head camp meeting. Not one-tenth of the order voted at all.

About the first real safe and sane act regarding Mexican affairs is the order that Americans in that country must be protected. There has been a lot of talk about this before but it is hoped this time it will not prove idle talk.

The tariff bill, about as it is, will surely become a law. The democrats have the votes and they will pass it. Why not quit talking and let it go at that, and let the people judge whether they want it or not. The next election will decide whether they do or not.

Former Governor Hadley of Missouri and United States Senator Borah of Idaho would make ideal presidential and vice presidential candidates for the republican party in 1916. What do you think about Hadley and Borah? It sounds good and it ought to mean a get-together of republicans everywhere. With such a ticket and such a union, the party can be restored to power in 1916.—EX.

A local preacher, at the conclusion of one of his sermons, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman, and child, with out exception, rose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a care-worn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in his last

summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only man not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren here who just stood up are my subscribers, and—" "Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.—Joplin (Mo.) News-Herald.

A young man residing in Mattoon recently purchased a shirt which was manufactured in the east. Rolled up inside of it he found a note from a young lady who had worked on it in which she said she would be pleased to correspond with the buyer of the shirt, provided he was matrimonially inclined. Of course the young man answered it on perfumed paper and used his rosiest language, stating how glad he would be to marry. In a short time he received an answer saying in sharp language that the lady had been married three years and now had two children. Upon investigation why it was too late, it was all explained by the fact that the shirt had lain upon the shelves of the local dealer for several years. He did not believe in advertising.—EX.

ONE WAY TO LOWER FOOD PRICES.

The Stephenson County Fish Club is circulating petitions to the state game and fish commission to set aside as state fish preserves the Rock river and its tributary lakes and creeks, including the Pecatonica; the Fox river and its tributaries, and the Desplaines, Kankakee and Mazon rivers and their tributaries and connections.

There is now no restriction on fishing in these waters and the extensive use of seines of small mesh is rapidly diminishing the fish supply and threatens to exhaust it. The petitioners urge that all forms of seining be prohibited and only hook and line fishing be permitted.

These petitions should be granted for many reasons. From an economic standpoint the most important is the conservation of food supply. Meat is the prime factor in the "high cost of living" problem. And fish is "meat" in food value, despite an ancient ecclesiastical distinction.

There is practically no limit to the number of fish that might be raised in the waters of Illinois. Kansas is making rapid progress on Professor L. L. Dyche's plan to have a fish pond on every farm and to keep the running waters well stocked. New York has begun arrangements to stock its waters with 400,000,000 trout within three years.

Illinois should take steps at once to stop the use of seines in all the smaller streams and keep them well stocked

with the best food fishes. Aside from the healthy sport that angling is to all the boys—old ones as well as young—the state should do all in its power to increase the supply of flesh foods.—Inter Ocean.

POWER OF MIND OVER NERVES.

Have you noticed that the pessimist is always an invalid? He may be upon his feet and moving about, but he is never free from ailments and complainings. Do you believe his pessimism is due to his ailments? No; his ailments are due to his pessimism. Pessimism is as destructive a force in one's health as it is in one's purpose and performance. The pessimist seeks the shadows and willfully deprives himself of the life-giving sunshine. The sun, the flowers, the trees and the green earth smile at him in vain. The trill of the birds, the murmurous whisper of brooks, the organing of the wind as it comes cavalierly through the trees, kissing the silence into song, are all dead to his dulled ears. He hears only his own groanings.

Can one thus out of harmony with the forces of life hope for health? Never. Health is harmony. Discord is ill health. Optimism—happy, buoyant, wholesome optimism—counts more for health than do all the rest of the laws of hygiene.

Mankind will never begin to approach perfect health until we realize that illness is not misfortune alone, but self-inflicted wrong. We recognize this clearly enough in dipsomania. We can trace consumption or pneumonia to a cold carelessly contracted. We know that smallpox, the plagues and infectious fevers are due to uncleanness of person or surroundings. And so on.

Enlightened science is relentlessly fixing responsibility for all our ailments, small or serious, upon ourselves.

Any honest physician whose practice is largely among the idle rich will tell you the most common disease he encounters is neurasthenia, an ailment brought on by evil power of mind over nerves. Hypochondria, which breeds in idleness as malaria breeds in stagnant pools, atrophies the nerves and rots the body. The common tendency to magnify small ailments, in order to excite sympathy or because the mind is given nothing else to dwell upon, causes these ailments in time to become real and serious.—EX.

FUTURE MEAT SUPPLY.

Rockford Register-Gazette: Inside of 90 days, in all probability, the new tariff act will be in force. The policy

of the bill in placing meat on the free list will be in operation and we will be enjoying its benefits. The idea of its promoters was that this step would make meat cheaper all over the land. The administration has already taken steps to further this plan. Here we are at least to experience, if not enjoy, the full benefits of the free-meat clause. We can get meat from Argentine and Australia, duty free, and make the most of it. In fact the free-trade clause on meats has already had some effect, for it frightened some of our own cattle-growing farmers into getting out of the cattle business. They shipped their steers and cows to market ahead of time, ill-fitted for the block, rather than take their chances under the free-trade plan. According to some of the abettors of the free-trade measure such farmers ought to have their farms confiscated. At least similar threats have been made in warnings against other Americans who did not like to continue to do business under the new conditions.

The free-meat provision of the new law will apply to all the supply we can get from the southern hemisphere. According to late information neither of the principal sources of supply will have much to spare to Americans. It is not expected that their shipments to our ports will amount to more than a small percentage of the total supply. The administration has sent experts to both countries in the south to encourage their exports to the United States.

Here is the difference between the two party policies on this question. The democratic plan is to place the home live-stock in competition with conditions in all other countries, no matter how much it discourages home production. In meat, for instance, it will encourage the one or two per cent of the supply which foreign nations can furnish us, and discourage the 99 or 98 per cent which we get from the home production. The republican policy, on the other hand, would be to encourage the home cattle grower. If the business of the latter is remunerative the supply will gradually increase. The increase of the bulk of the American supply by a moderate per centage would materially affect prices, while under free trade the American demand for foreign cattle may have no perceptible effect beyond advancing prices in the country of their production. In Argentine it is said that the conversion of range districts to grain has already advanced prices for cattle of late by 50 per cent. Which policy carries best promise for the consumer?

Russia is showing a marked preference for automobiles of American make.

WISE EDITORS.

Peoria Journal: President Wilson says he believes there are insidious influences at work to precipitate a war between the United States and Mexico. Horrors! Does this mean another investigation? Let's have the war.

Springfield Journal: The Decatur Herald suggests that Chicago convert its useless voting machines into cash registers. Too late, gentlemen. That trick has already been turned and its merry beneficiaries have already found other depositories for the cash.

Freeport Journal: While the publicity given the Medill McCormick episode by the Record-Herald will not altogether meet the approval of right thinking people, McCormick is only getting a dose of his own medicine which he has so often administered to others through the Chicago Tribune.

Waterloo Courier: This is the age of too much Wilson. A Missouri editor, reading the headline, "Wilson in Washington," arises to inquire: "Which one—the president, the secretary of labor, the ambassador to Mexico, the western Missouri district attorney, 'Tama Jim,' or Huntington?"

New York World: Chicago now has a problem worthy of her gray matter. Shall the new women police be called policemen, policeladies or copettes?

Detroit Journal: There are more commuters working in San Francisco than in New York, though both are very pleasant cities to live outside of.

Springfield News: Congressman Underwood declares that if any manufacturer attempts to reduce wages or discharge employes because of the effect his tariff measure may have upon the business of the country, the machinery of the government will be called into play to "hang him as high as Haman." Under the Wilson dictation, the executive is to become the whole thing. No wonder the friends of representative government are becoming alarmed.

Elgin News: London newspapers do not seem to have a very high opinion of Secretary of State Bryan. Besides calling him an ambitious idealist, the Daily Mail advises him to keep his country out of trouble before attempting to run the whole world. But perhaps the most serious charge and the one that comes nearest the truth is the one that he is a most thoroughly inexperienced diplomat. Such seems to be the general opinion both at home and abroad.

THAT REMINDS US

That it is often a lack of brains and heart that keeps tongues wagging.

That many homes have skeletons in some closet, and it isn't a good plan to criticize until some thought is given to that.

That a boy in school who was being taught subtraction wanted to know "how much would be left if you took four quarts of milk from two cows."

That a woman who has been on a vacation and left her husband keeping batch was asked: "How did your husband get along while you were gone?" "Well," she says, "he'll not advertise for a job housekeeping."

POSTOFFICE NEWS

The Dwight postoffice will, in compliance with its established custom, close at 10 a. m. for the day, Labor Day. There will be no deliveries of mail. Those being served on rural or city delivery routes may call between the hours of 8 a. m. and 10 a. m.

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the office in this city on September 13, 1913. Application blanks and full information relative to the examination and the requirements may be had by inquiring of Earl Losee, who is secretary of the board of civil service examiners.

Rural Carrier Walter L. Baker suffered a bad accident with his motorcycle while on duty Monday morning. Mr. Baker had stopped at Henry Kamm's box to deliver the mail and in mounting kicked the clutch in and caught his right foot between the sprocket and chain, badly mangling the first three toes. Mr. Baker finished his route before having his foot dressed.

Coins in Rural Mail Boxes.

The attention of postmasters at rural delivery offices and of rural carriers is again directed to the fact that rural carriers are not required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should inclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins and, when accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

Carriers who lift coins not so inclosed, wrapped, or deposited will do so purely as a matter of accommodation and not by any direction or requirement of the Department.



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