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We cordially invite strangers to locate in Dwight, and all the people to trade with our business men and to call at our office or call us up and tell us your troubles. Local and Long Distance Phone No. 7.

We wish to remark once for all that Florence Sullivan is not a woman, and he doesn't look like it.

Everybody will be pleased to know that the murderer, Spencer, is convicted to hang, and even Spencer himself says that's just what he wanted. It is unanimous.

The Lincoln-Gettysburg speech anniversary was generally celebrated throughout the country, especially in the schools. We present the address in another part of the paper.

The man who discovered gasoline has just died at the age of sixty-eight. The man who discovered America has been dead 400 years. John D. Rockefeller who now owns both is alive and well and up and coming.—Ex.

This man Mouthrop, of Chicago, the minority member of the civil service

board, a so-called Deneen Republican, has about as much back-bone as a louse, and seems to be a political Republican-Democratic sucker. His end will be that he will not be respected by anyone. The people, parties or politicians have no use for a molly-coddle.

At last we have the real solution of living cheap under this beneficent free trade policy. It is figured that by substituting buckwheat cakes for the ordinary flap jacks on the breakfast table every morning, the average family of six, can save as much as thirty cents per year. We knew there was a key to the situation somewhere and this appears to be it.—Paris Beacon.

The Chicago Tribune is up against one of its old tricks. Someone put one over on the official organ of the sensationalists. Some one got up a fake set of questions for dental examinations and sold it to the Tribune for \$50. Upon investigation it was found that as usual the Tribune was a first class sucker. And still there are a few people who read that paper and really believe it.

We are in receipt of the Geneva, Ill., Republican—special Thanksgiving number. It presents twenty-four pages, six columns, printed on extra fine book paper. It contains fine half tone views of homes, business houses, parks, and portraits of many public men, writers of the city and public and private enterprises, and lots of advertising. It is a very creditable production and we congratulate Brothers Chas. B. Mead, the editor, and Cadwell P. Mead, the manager, and also the people for having such enterprising publishers in their city.

The next head camp meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America will be held in Toledo, Ohio, when the rate question will be settled finally for a number of years. The election of officers will take place and there is likely to be a red hot battle. The present officers are men of eminent ability and have advocated what they considered best for the perpetuity of the order in the rate question, and it will so develop as time goes on. The mere fact that they advocated an advance in rates, knowing at the same time it would encounter fierce opposition, and make them lots of trouble, is evidence enough that they were thoroughly honest in their convictions. People don't look for trouble.

About the only thing to be said in favor of the new tariff law is that it has not as yet produced a panic. Our

Democratic friends are so well satisfied on that score that they have entirely lost sight of the high cost of living, which this heaven inspired measure was supposed to cut in half. Now strange to say, the most optimistic advices from Washington on this score, are that no reductions are to be expected for months and possibly years. President Wilson himself is quoted as saying that he sees no chance of much appreciable difference, except possibly in the price of sugar. All this is very discouraging to those of us, who were led to believe last fall, that prices would tumble with the tariff mall and that nobody would have to work more than four or five hours per day, to break into the steam yacht and automobile class.

Editor Burt of the Henry Times rises to remark: Over in Sweden, report says, there is a movement to pass a law permitting women to propose marriage. We don't know just why there should need be a law in Sweden to set that custom going. Maybe the Swedish people have our habit of believing that nothing amounts to much until it gets printed in a statute book. Also, we won't undertake to offer an opinion on the women of Sweden. But there is no need of such a movement here; for any American woman of good looks and gumption, who really makes up her mind that she wants a particular man, seldom finds it hard to get him. She doesn't propose. Oh, no. She just twists him around her little finger until he can't wait to flop on his knees and offer her his heart and life. A whole lot of what you read and hear about the helplessness of women is chiefly interesting because it isn't so.

THE COUNTRY TEACHER.

The requirements of the country teacher are not many. She must be a primary, intermediate, grammar grade, high school teacher combined; she must be able to build fires, adjust fallen stovepipes, put in windowpanes, sweep, dust, split kindling wood, drive a horse, keep out of the neighborhood quarrels, know how and where to whip a bad boy, understand the school laws, raise money for libraries, keep all kinds of records, plant trees on Arbor day, be of good moral character and pass an examination in the branches of modern education. For these accomplishments she receives \$50 a month. Out of this she pays her board, buys her clothes, attends the summer schools, buys educational papers and books, attends county conventions and furnishes slate pencils for the pupils. What is left she adds to her bank account or starts a bank,

if she prefers. Unless something is done to reduce the wages school teachers will have a monopoly of the country and we will find in our midst a labor organization which will menace our free institutions and enslave our taxpayers.—Ex.

SUCCESS TO THE "SPUGS"

The Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving, better known as the "Spugs," is extending its activities throughout the country, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. The society was organized last year in New York and quickly obtained a membership of 5,000. Mrs. August Belmont, president of the society, outlines its purposes thus:

We propose to decrease the cost of the gift and increase the good will; to make the heart of Father Christmas rejoice by little acts of kindness, unselfishness; by putting thought into the gifts we send our dear ones. Give generously, but from your heart, with all your thought. Don't make a business of giving, make it an art. Don't waste what should be a season of good will freely given.

The Christmas gift habit, in itself a beautiful thing, has grown into an abuse. We give, as we live, beyond our means. We give, often, not because of sentiment but because we anticipate a gift. We spend money we cannot afford on gifts for persons for whom we do not particularly care. After fretting and worrying over the adequacy of our gifts we quit a season of what should be Christmas cheer but instead is an annual annoyance and nuisance.

Moreover, we give too many and too costly gifts to children. We destroy their illusions, we make them over-sophisticated and we rob them of all sense of proportion.

The true Christmas spirit means remembering those whom we love by remembrances within our means. It is a joy to do that. What Christmas has degenerated into is an annual orgy of waste giving. All honor to the "Spugs" for their efforts to bring Christmas back to the joyous holiday it was intended to be!

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL?

The International Live Stock Exposition, to be held at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, is the world's largest and best show of live stock.

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It presents for inspection the best draft horses, the best cattle of all the beef breeds, including their grades and crosses, the best sheep of all the breeds, with grades and crosses, and the best hogs, with their grades and crosses, that the breeders of the United States and Canada can produce.

It is educationally adapted to the farmer, the breeder, the feeder, the ranchman, the student, the business man, the women of farm and city, and the public in general.

No person at all interested in the progress of agriculture can afford to miss this greatest and first of all live stock shows.

INCOME TAX MUDDLE.

While there is some diversity of opinion as to the wisdom of an income tax in time of peace and still more diversity of opinion as to the justice of a graduated income tax levied without regard to whether the income arises from the enterprise of the taxpayer or not, there is one thing about which all seem agreed: The law itself cannot be interpreted without a maze of contradictions, and the amount of bookkeeping it will require under any interpretation will be a burden on business. The instructions sent out to the collectors of internal revenue makes confusion worse confounded. A study of them would drive the traditional American Solomon, a Philadelphia lawyer, into Bedlam.

One of the provisions is that the income shall be collected at the source. What constitutes the source is one of the first problems. If the banks, which collect coupons on bonds, are compelled to make collection of the tax they will be confronted with the embarrassment of withholding money legally due many coupon holders, whose income is exempt from the tax. How is a banker to know whether \$50 he may collect for a customer is a part of an income of \$3,000 or \$4,000 in excess of exemp-

tions? This phase of the situation is giving grave concern to bankers throughout the country, who are between the devil and the deep sea, being liable to suit for collecting an income tax from an individual who is exempt, on the one hand, and subject to prosecution by the government if they refuse to collect, on the other hand. The fact that the law is retroactive, compelling bookkeeping on matters that required no such attention in the course of transaction, adds to the difficulties for the first year. Some of the features, says the Globe-Democrat, will probably be cleared up by regulations issued by the treasury department, which will then become the law instead of the statute enacted by congress.

The corporation tax enacted during the last administration is collected in a simple manner. Each corporation makes a sworn detailed statement to the collector of internal revenue, giving much information valuable to an expert in determining the accuracy of the statement of net earnings. This statement must be sworn to by responsible officers of the corporation and must be returned under heavy penalty, within a specified time. A false statement is punishable as perjury. The tax has yielded much revenue and the collection has been easy. Under the old personal income tax a similar method was used. It is questionable whether the theorists who sought to devise a method of preventing all evasions of the new income tax will get any more revenue than could have been secured under the old method. About all they will have accomplished by their complex methods will be the addition of great expense of bookkeeping, much of it falling on institutions, that have no financial interest in the matter.—Paris Beacon.

The parcel post business has experienced a most wonderful growth during its short life and especially since Postmaster General Burleson reduced the postage in the first and second zones to one cent per pound, after the first pound, which is five cents. The local office has made arrangements to handle any influx of business that may be occasioned by the holiday rush with the same expedition as at other periods.

Notice.

On and after this date the Dwight blacksmiths herewith agree to do business only on the thirty day basis. This means that all bills become due and payable the first day of each month.—Adv. 45-4W

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