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Little Willie is ready to do his bit if somebody will declare a soupless day

There are indications that Mr. Hoover's efforts will eventually bring flour on speaking terms with the people

The senator from Wisconsin finds himself in such a hopeless minority in Washington that "as lonesome as LaFollette" has become a popular saying

Madeline wishes to know the admissible depth to which to cut the v-shaped waist. Really, sister, we know of no fixed limit unless it be the waistband

Colonel House may not have done much talking while in Europe, but from the results of his visit he must have had a spokesman who could talk some

The profiteers are after the scalp of Secretary Daniels because he distinguishes between "doing a bit" and "taking a bite." Longer life to you, Josephus

While the tangle continues in the affairs of the fuel administration we have always the consolation of knowing that spring is on the way and must come sooner or later

Chicago has been looted of \$2,000,000 during the past year by robbers. The reason the figures are so low is that the estimate doesn't include the activities of the food profiteers

New York City papers tell of an Italian who ate twenty eggs at one meal. That fellow is not only an alien enemy, but should be rigorously prosecuted for hoarding food supplies

One thing this way has done for us, it has convinced many Democrats that Republicans were human beings, and Republicans have been forced to admit that Democrats might even be Christians

If Mary's little lamb continues to grow in favor and financial value it is destined to seriously interfere with the activities of the mongrel cur. The country is already looking askance at the latter

The difference between the Russian and German views of peace was that Russia wanted peace with Germany, the latter wanted peaceful possession of Russia. Such a little difference to mar the harmony!

Reports of Boston's recent municipal election sound as though the scene was laid in the Tenderloin of New York or in the Dead Man's Gulch, Colo. Boston must surely have imparted a new brand of culture, or is it "kultur"?

We are confidently assured that government officials are hot on the trail of the food barons. They're running too darned fast. They get overheated and stop and rest when the wiley varments get a good lead again. Better take it slow and sure and land them.

As a sample of American thrift we might mention that pound is now around one dollar a pound, yet this country maintains 25,000,000 dogs at least 20,000,000 of which are totally worthless. These twenty million brutes are hereditary enemies of the sheep and are alone responsible for the inexorable scarcity of the woolies in this country

SCARCITY OF LIVE STOCK

When the war in Europe first began it was suggested by our agricultural department that our farmers and stock raisers devote greater attention to increasing the number of meat animals. It was pointed out that the large foreign demand would make great inroads in our supply. This was the result, but not all the result. The stimulated demand caused prices to soar to abnormal figures. These prices in turn caused all who had stock to push them to the market at the earliest possible moment, with the result that thousands of head of stock went to the butcher when they should have been kept on the farms.

Stock buyers inform us that for the past years the average weight of hogs especially has steadily declined due to the fact that heavy feeders have been practically exterminated and the lighter animals are being pushed to the market.

At a meeting of food administrators a number of states recently it was the unanimous decision after surveying the situation carefully that a concerted effort must be made to increase the breeding of hogs and cattle, and each state represented in the conference was given its percentage of increase to be attained.

But it is right at this point that the difficulty is encountered. The high prices have not only caused the immature animals to be sacrificed but thousands of valuable females have also been slaughtered which should have been kept on the farms. There is not a particle of doubt that the country is alarmingly short of breeders.

There is but one remedy. No owner of hogs or cattle should produce their kind. This should be made an iron-clad rule on the farms and ranches of this country for some time to come. Certain it is that if the past, or even the present rate of consumption of females is continued for another twelve months, the country will face something little short of a meat famine.

We are a meat-eating race. But meat must be grown and the animals must have dams. The only way to insure the supply is to conserve the females. This will have to be done, even at the risk of even higher prices then now prevail.

And as prices now range, this will be no sacrifice to the farmers, but rather a source of great revenue, as all will see if they will look at the matter in the right light.

FAKE RELIEF SOLICITORS

This is an era of high prices. Bankers and financiers generally tell us there is plenty of money in circulation. Naturally in flush times people are inclined to loosen up on their purse strings. This is commendable, especially in view of the many calls that are being made on the generosity of the public.

But if we are not very careful, much of our charity will be misplaced. There are legitimate calls that we must meet and we cannot afford to be humbugged. The Government must be financed; the Red Cross and kindred organizations must be supported, and it will take every dollar we can rattle together to meet these demands.

Aside from these legitimate demands, too, every now and then we are importuned to give to this "that and the other so-called relief" scheme. People with more patriotism than brains conceive that the soldiers are not being properly cared for, and a "bazaar" is promoted to give the needed relief. The people out of their loyalty and generosity respond liberally, with the result that if the promoters are honest and disinterested the soldier boys are deluged with a lot of junk for which they have no earthly use. In many cases, however, the promoters are "interested" more in themselves than in the boys, in which case proceeds are mainly eaten up in the form of salaries and expenses.

The Government has issued instructions for all the auxiliary work it wishes the people at

large to assist in carrying on, and it will be well for all to

turned up on their noses, that they be not duped. Not every young enthusiast, who can scare up a red, white and blue wash and take up a collection for a "cause" is to be encouraged. There are, as we have said, legitimate channels, thru which our relief can be bestowed, and we should be very careful to see that it goes thru these channels, that it may be sure of reaching the object for which it is given.

DOGS OR SHEEP, WHICH?

There is a saying in this country, and it has grown into an adage, that the legislator who desires to commit political suicide has only to introduce and father a dog law, and the people will attend to the obsequies.

Yet the one thing which the various states stand urgently in need is just such legislative timber—men who are willing to forego political preferment if by so doing they can confer a great boon upon the country.

We are told that by the time neither clip is made wool will be worth two dollars per pound. This in a country than which there is no better in the world for sheep raising.

What must be the amazement of the peoples of other countries when they are told that the only reason Americans are not sheep raisers is because of the dog—that the average citizen prefers his dog to his sheep, and if he must be without either one the sheep must go.

Statistics tell us that this country to-day is maintaining 25,000,000 dogs—an average of one to every family in the land. Placing the cost of maintenance at a conservative figure, these brutes will consume as much as half their number of human beings, saying nothing of their depredations. This is equivalent to feeding twelve and one-half million people or more than it will cost us to feed every soldier we will ever send to France.

But the mere feeding of this horde of useless animals is by no means the big item. The great expense lies in the sheep menace which they constitute to the sheep-raising industry. We would not be so unjust to the canines as to allege that all are addicted to sheep killing, or even would be if there were sheep available to be killed. But the uncertainty as to the guilty individuals brings the whole race under suspicion.

However, this country is now paying dearly for its devotion to the dog. It is conceded by all that his dogship is the one great deterrent to the sheep industry. In sections of the country where the people have had the wisdom to prefer the sheep to the dog, prosperity has been a welcome guest. But these communities are rare and over a large part of the country, the dog ranges at his own sweet will.

So long as wool was cheap and easily procurable from other countries, the question as between the dog and the sheep was not so pressing, and the American householder could be left in possession of his expensive luxury. Now, however, when the fleecy staple is conspicuous for its scarcity, the decision should be put squarely up to our people. The dog or the sheep—

which?

Son-in-law Nicholas Longworth says of the proposition to tax congressional salaries: "The force that compels us to commit this atrocity is fear of our own political skins." Yes, and the political skin that harbors a nature capable of characterizing the proposed tax as an "atrocity" should be promptly removed and hung on the fence to dry.

If, as Col. Lewis alleges, the ordnance equipment of Pershing's army is "an outrage and a disgrace" somebody should be made to walk the plank. If an atom of personal feeling has been permitted to interfere with the protection of these men, the guilty parties should feel the avenging power of an outraged people. "Personal feelings" can have no place in the war program, and the parties encumbered with them should be relegated to the hindmost seat in private life, if not to some place more secluded still.

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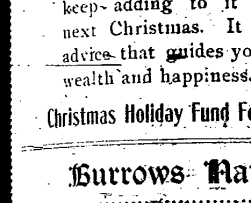
Start the New Christmas

EVERYBODY at Christmas time, but as much to spend as those who started a Fund a year ago and have money this Christmas didn't wish they had.

THE BEST TIME is right now. Deposit your Christmas buying keep adding to it next Christmas. It's advice that guides you to wealth and happiness.

Christmas Holiday Fund

Burrows



Do your bit. Farmers in the vicinity of both are planning the organization of a Farm Bureau Feb. 1st.

Dr. L. S. Burlingame, a former friendship dentist, has located in Detroit.

The ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Trulove is suffering with blood poisoning in one of his arms.

There will be a union prayer service at the M. E. Church, Friday afternoon, between 2 and 4 o'clock. Come.

The Hook & Ladder Company will hold their annual dance, Tuesday evening, January 29th, at Rice Orchestra.

Mayor Davis, of Hornell, has appointed a woman, Mrs. Blanche Babcock, as a member of an important city commission.

Now is the time to plan your next season's garden. Order your seed soon so you will not be held up by a shortage next spring.

Wilmer Cronk, George Calhoun and George Mattison are the trial jurors serving at a term of Supreme Court at Belmont this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Randolph, of N. Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grandall, of Alfred, started for St. Petersburg, Fla., Monday, for the winter.

Mrs. Clara Cradall, who was taken ill while at the Post-office Tuesday, has not fully recovered at this writing. She is at the home of Mrs. Bourke on Drake Street.

A broken flange on a car on the Lackawanna Railroad near Bath caused sixteen cars to be piled up on the bridge over the Colchester river, Monday afternoon.

M. C. Kelley, a highly respected resident of Whitesville died Monday of last week, after a lingering illness. He was 84 years of age and lived in that community over fifty years.

Registrants are receiving their cards from the local board where the only claim for exemption is upon dependents. Other claims have to be referred to the District Board, which will take longer to get returns from.

The military census taken last summer shows that there are 485,000 people living in New York State between the ages of 17 and 50 years. In Albany County there are 19,576 men and women exactly equal in number, 9,288 of each.

The urgent need for Red Cross supplies is now, during the winter weather. In our comfortable homes let us remember our soldier boys fighting for our homes and our nation and do our bit to help them by the knitting and sewing needles.