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## Better Times Ahead

EXPERTS say that important problems are confronting agriculture. It is estimated that the population of the United States will be near 150,000,000 souls within twenty-five years and these experts are wondering where the food they will eat is coming from.

Conservatively estimated, it is said that 38,000,000 acres will have to be added to the nation's present actual crop land to support a population that the United States will probably have in 1950.

That can mean only one thing—that the demand for products of the farm is going to increase constantly and that the consequent reduction of supply will operate for the benefit of the farmers of the United States.

The tillers of the soil everywhere have been downcast and heavy of heart. Being dropped suddenly out of a cloud of affluence for a few years afterwards, it is little wonder that farmers became discouraged at the sudden change which took away their war profits and made it practically impossible to make much more than a living off their land.

But they should not be too impatient. The troubles that have beset agriculture for the past few years are going to come into its rightful place in the business world, such as it never did before.

It is but natural to reason that in due time, farm products are going to become scarce on account of farms abandoned and farmers being attracted to the higher wages of the industrial centers. This condition, combined with increased demand, due to the constantly growing population, means better times ahead.

The depression is only temporary. The law of compensations is going to bring the pendulum back.

All farmers need to do is to be optimistic and keep pegging away. There is a better day coming—and when it comes, the tiller of the soil is going to be sitting on top of the world where he belongs.

Paint improves houses and barns and automobiles but it never helps faces any.

## Health Teaching

HEALTH teaching must begin in the public schools, a speaker told the National Tuberculosis convention, but it has to be carried on in the home and parents have to be entirely in sympathy with the program before the schools can accomplish much, influential as they are.

Children's habits are formed at home before they become of school age. If they are not required by their parents to take baths as frequently as they should to cleanse their teeth and take care of their body properly, no amount of teaching will accomplish that which is desired.

Once upon a time a school teacher sent the parents of a particularly unclean child a note asking that he be sent to school clean. The teacher received the following reply:

"Willie ain't no rose. Learn him, don't smell him."

Teachers can accomplish little in the modern health crusade in the public schools when parents take this attitude.

## A Paradox

A WRITER in a big city newspaper says that business men have few flowers for congress and its tax law, but that judged by the standards of the parliaments of other great nations, congress has done some good things and not many foolish ones.

He points out that Germany, France and England are on the verge of a precipice, with business issues at stake that would raise the hair of business in America, and that if the United States were operating on the European plan, we might have Brookhart or Heflin for president today, because the government has been defeated on the soldiers' bonus, Japanese exclusion and the Mellon tax reform.

The conclusion is somewhat of a paradox. Congress is not entitled to any credit for the stability of our government, as compared with the hectic governments of Europe.

If it were left to congress, someone of the Brookhart or Heflin stripe would be president, if congress is to be judged by the way it has voted.

But fortunately, our constitution does not permit calling an election every time a "crisis" arises or the president is not supported by congress. If it did, we would never know when we get up in the morning who our president was.

We in the United States have the good fortune to have been started right by a group of wise and far-seeing men, who understood the tyranny of a minority, an example of which we have just seen in congress.

Of course, congress did a few good things, not the least of which was the defeat of the Muscle Shoals and the McNary-Haugen bills, both of which proposed unwarranted raids on the treasury at a time when the popular demand was for economy in government and tax reduction.

## The Makeshift Tax Law

THE makeshift tax law was signed by President Coolidge, not because he approved of it, but because it was an improvement on the old law in some respects. The president said a new law was necessary to reduce taxation and bring about some reforms. The measure he signed will result in some direct reduction in taxes, but it is not only lacking in reform, but adds one undesirable feature.

While the law scales down federal taxes to the lowest level since the war, the reductions are made mostly where the taxpayers will note the cut personally, rather than feel it in their living expenses.

Hence it is a political measure—a vote-getting law. It is held out as a sop to the voters because there is going to be an election next fall. Congress refused to follow the recommendations of a tax expert, the secretary of the treasury.

But a congress which has been controlled by a small radical minority could not be expected to follow the recommendations of any sane thinker.

Instead, the congress passed a bonus law that will require the raising of \$2,250,000,000 in additional taxes, not counting the expense of administering the law, and then enacted a tax law that reduced the federal revenue close to \$400,000,000 a year.

But congress is not worrying about how much revenue is cut off and how much expense is added. Congress saw to it that the reduction in income tax payments was made effective this year so that the voter will have a visible manifestation of the reduction.

There's an election next November and voters must be made to understand that their congressmen have been working to their interests—reducing their taxes.

The congressmen who will be up for re-election in November are not worrying about how the holes in the federal government's pocketbook will be plugged up after the election.

The main thing is to get in office—then, perhaps, another makeshift can be put over to meet the next emergency.

A hickory stick in the hands of father is worth a dozen canes carried by daughter.

## Bad Boys

THE former governess of Nathan Leopold, one of the self-confessed slayers of young Robert Franks in Chicago, says the death of a bird or an animal never seemed to have any effect on him, except, perhaps one of curiosity, when he was a lad.

He was always head-strong and had no respect for his parents, she adds. In other words, he was a bad boy.

And the plight in which Leopold now finds himself is the fate of bad boys. The boy who will not listen to advice from his elders is destined to have his name on the role at some penal institution.

Parental guidance is essential and young folks who are not compelled, if not willing, to follow in the paths that are shown to them, will come to no good end.

Leopold had a mania for killing and collecting birds. He regarded life lightly—all too lightly. "I should give a damn" was his choice code as a boy.

Boys and girls who resort to the familiar phrase, "I don't care," express the same sentiment, though in more polite language. Unless this tendency is arrested by careful parents, a sad future awaits them.

Parental discipline, even if enforced with the rod, is still the hope of the nation.

People get blue even in a brown study.

## Farm Price Index Up

AGRICULTURE as a whole now stands to gain the greatest economic leverage since 1919, due to the Jackening urban demand for industrial products which may be expected to result in some easing down in wages and prices of things that farmers buy.

This is the conclusion of the department of agriculture June review. It is the work of experts and is built largely on theory, but even theory some times works out in practice, and everyone is hoping that a brighter time for agriculture is just around the corner, as the economic outlook now indicates.

The review says that altho agriculture has arrived at the best general balance since 1920, farmers should be cautious else the favorable prospects may be upset by the tendency to overdo poultry, corn, butter and potato production, and to cut down too far on wheat, beef cattle and hogs.

Farm products moved up slightly in price during April and non-agricultural commodities came down slightly, resulting in raising the general purchasing power index of farm products to 76, as compared with 74 the first three months of the year.

## Good For America

ARTHUR BRISBANE says, "Each of five Paris newspapers has a million or more circulation because all parts of France look to Paris for news, while in this country only one daily circulates a million copies, because Americans feel the real newspaper is one in their own neighborhood. That is good for America."

No country so large as the United States could ever have been developed with all its people in every nook and corner fully informed on local, state and national questions without the 14,000 country daily and weekly newspapers which give immediate information to rural communities on all subjects.

America's country newspapers are the safeguard of its domestic institutions.

## Statesmanship Gone

A PUBLIC official in a modern Congressional investigation is covered with political slime, forced to resign, the charges against him dropped, and the mud guns turned on to another victim. Proving charges seems a secondary consideration.

This system does not seem honorable, just or fair. If continued, it will be impossible to get any man who cares for his family or his name to serve his country in a public office for regardless of guilt or innocence, political enemies can blacken him in such ways that it is practically impossible for him to defend himself.

Statesmanship seems to be a thing of the past, except in rare instances, and dirty commercialized politics for the benefit of cliques, groups and blocs has taken its place.

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pulley attach a rope and bind the rope around the tree. The results are obvious.

One cause of poor reception has been discovered to be caused by the screws holding the contact plates and the nuts on a tube socket being loose. Also the nuts holding the screws in the rheostat work loose and rattling results. Tighten all screws and nuts from time to time.

A crystal cuts expense. Sets using a crystal detector and four amplifier tubes draw only half as much current as sets using a soft vacuum tube detector and four amplifier tubes.

A little vaseline placed on the terminals of a storage battery will prevent corrosion.

Many complain that their set worked all right last week but won't work now. Examination proves nothing amiss, even the batteries being all right. Often the trouble lies in a connection which has become corroded through the use of too much soldering flux. This may not show on the surface. Better rewire the whole set.

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