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BOOST! - Don't Knock

PANAMA-CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 10.—Preparations for the Pacific fleet of the United States to welcome President Wilson and the Atlantic fleet when the chief executive and the great international armada come through the Panama Canal in March are going rapidly forward.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE U.S.?

"What is the matter with the United States?" As I have been residing in London since the beginning of the war, I have been hearing this question asked on all sides.

Why are there not fifty American drummers in London right now, trying to sell \$200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of the goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria?

Among the most enthusiastic of those who attended the opening of the Panama-California Exposition here on New Year's eve is John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union.

"Every American should see the San Diego Exposition," said Mr. Barrett after spending several days in going over the grounds.

SOLVE FARM HELP PROBLEM

Score of Tenant Houses Being Built for Accommodation of Men With Families.

Year-round farming, with diversified crops that furnish something to sell at every season, tends to make uniform the labor needs of the farm.

Score of little tenant houses are being built this year as a solution of the labor problem.

CONCRETE SHUTS OUT FIRE

Used to Conquer Flames Which It is Feared May Still Be Raging in Arizona Mine.

As a protection against a fire which raged several years ago, and which still may be smoldering, concrete bulkheads have been constructed in some of the old drifts and raises of an Arizona copper mine.

Value in Goodwill Friendship.

Optimistic Thought.

THE RURAL PRESS

The Local Paper a Most Useful Agency on the Farm—The Pulpit and School a Trinity of Influence That Must Be Utilized in Building Agriculture.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union

A broad campaign of publicity on the subject of rural life is needed in this state today to bring the problems of the farmers to the forefront.

The rural press, the pulpit and the school are a trinity of powerful influences that the farmer must utilize to their fullest capacity before he can occupy a commanding position in public affairs.

Every farmer in this state should subscribe for the local paper, as well as farm periodicals and such other publications as he may find profitable.

A Noble Task.

In too many instances the country papers, mimic the city press by giving prominence to scandals, accidents and political agitation.

It has a higher and nobler task. Too often the pages of the city dailies bristle with the struggle of ambitious men in their wild lust for power.

Now go back and advertise. Get ready for the most tremendous business boom that any nation ever had.

The Power of Advertising.

The influence of advertising is clearly visible in the homes and habits of the farmers, and the advertising columns of the press are making their imprint upon the lives of our people.

The farmer is entitled to all the advantages and deserves all the luxuries of life. We need more art, science and useful facilities on the farms, and many homes and farms are well balanced in this respect.

The farmers are in need of personal leadership. They have political leaders, but they need local industrial community and educational leaders.



THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL CENTER

A Broader Sphere for Religion—New Field for the Rural Church.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union

The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest, the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be starved while the spiritual nature was overfed with solid theological food.

The country towns and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community, if an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness.

Social Needs Imperative.

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment and have, as a rule, a vague conception of the meaning of pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment, as well as instruction, to its membership among the young.

Universal Instinct for Play.

In providing for enjoyment the church uses one of the greatest methods by which human society has developed. Association is never secure until it is pleasurable; in play the instinctive aversion of one person for another is overcome and the social mood is fostered.

It is plain, therefore, that the church which aims at a perfected society must use in a refined and exalted way the essential factors in social evolution and must avail itself of the universal instinct for play.



Trade With Our A...

QUALITY!

is a much abused word, but it is a word that describes the material I use and my workmanship better than any one I know.

"SHACKAMAXON" EXCLUSIVE FABRICS

Only the best Domestic and Australian pure live-wool is used in the making of "Shackamaxon" Fabrics. The Quality is There.

Let me show you Samples

W. S. Wilson, THE TAILOR

67 Main Street Downers Grove, Ill.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

We want a few more customers for good pure, fresh milk and cream from a half Jersey herd.

FOR SALE—1-ROOM HOUSE, WATER, gas and bath; good repair; best location on north side; paved streets; all assessments paid in full; price \$2,400; easy terms. Inquire Chas. Haller, 134 E. Main St., phone 1253. 1-15-34P

Report of the condition of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, at Downers Grove, in the State of Illinois, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1914.

Table with financial data including Assets, Liabilities, and Capital Stock. Total Assets: \$291,981.22. Total Liabilities: \$291,981.22.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1915. W. H. EDWARDS, Notary Public.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters advertised below will be sent to the Dead Letter Office on February 15, 1915, if not called for prior to that date.

BERT C. WHITE.

Atchison Antiquities. While this isn't an old country, compared with European nations, one may see a number of ruins standing around the street corners chewing fine-cut—Atchison Globe.

Leave It to the Girl.

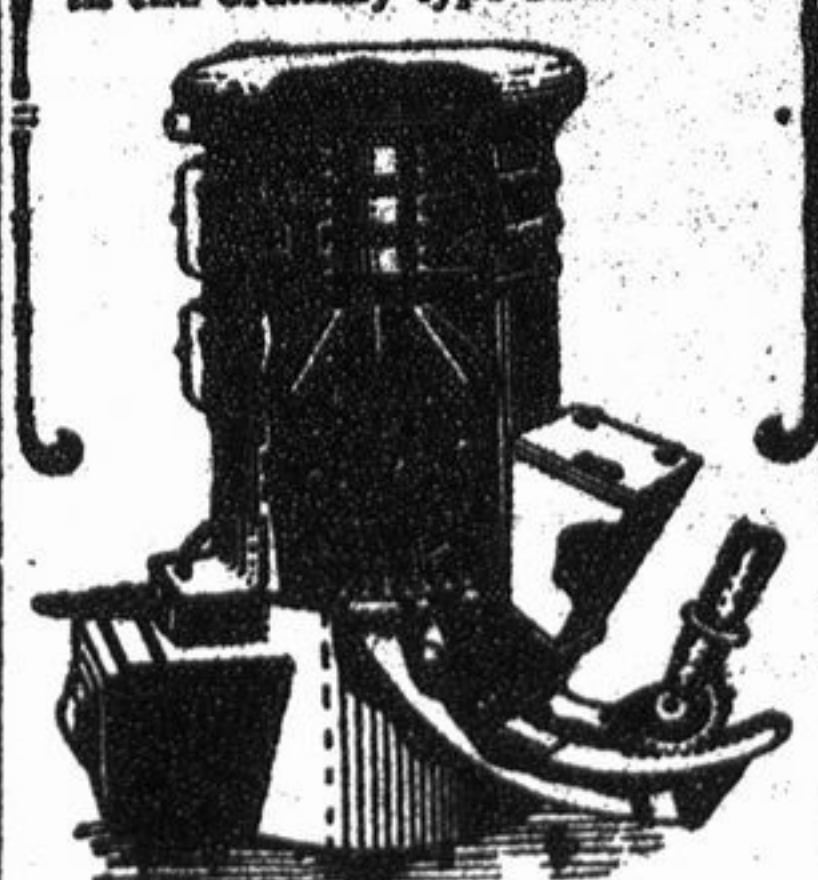
"Mr. Moneybags, what are you going to make of your son?" "I can't make anything of him, but he's got a girl who's making a monkey of him."—Buffalo Express.

Something to Forget.

The man who knows all about women should forget it if he values his own peace of mind.—Atlanta Journal.

UNDERFEED BOILERS

The Williamson coal-burning principle—all the fire on top—turning smoke and gases into heat—means a saving in coal bills of 50% to 65% EVERY WINTER.



An Underfeed Boiler is the best investment. Come in and see one. Installed by J. H. Frankenfield

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FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC GRANITE AND MARBLE

CEMENT BORN VAULTS

Telephone 25 R. North Dearborn

RHEUMATISM SUFFERERS GIVEN QUICK RELIEF



Pain leaves almost as if by magic when you begin using "S-Drops," the famous old remedy for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Gout, Sciatica, Neuralgia and kindred troubles.

Our End Season Clean-Up Sale

Everything in the store reduced for 10 days.

Radical Cut in Price on odds and ends. Latest style regular \$3, Sale Price \$1.98

Morris Shoe Store

84 South Main St. Downers Grove, Illinois

The Wright Hotel

Formerly the Miller House

Open for Business

All newly decorated and furnished throughout. We will be pleased to have the old patrons and customers and can assure them of good service.

Meals at All Hours

L. W. WRIGHT, Prop.

MARGARET AIRD

Shampooing Scalp Treatment Face Massaging Manicuring Work done at your residence Lyman and Orchard Streets DOWNERS GROVE

Daily Optimize Thought. He gains enough who is 25 of a year.