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H. C. L.

It is seldom that three letters like H. C. L. carry such unusual weight or present so difficult a problem. Why should the retail price of pork remain so high when the price of hogs has declined nearly fifty per cent? And why do hogs decline when corn holds its present prices?

In the first place packers are holding vast quantities of pork waiting for the time when they can sell abroad. Such sales are almost impossible now because of the deplorable state of European finance. The rate of exchange is so high that the price of pork, plus the additional cost of international discount, becomes prohibitive.

Corn stays high; all grains are high. The outlook for 1920 is bad. Scarcity of labor will mean fewer acres planted, and Europe will increase its demand for our agricultural products. Germany, the moment the Treaty of Peace is signed, will be in the market for food. The H. C. L., it appears, will remain with us for some time to come.

There is only one remedy: increased production. Invoke wartime measures, make it impossible for any healthy man to be a charge on society. Let every man drag his own weight. America could feed the world, or a great part of it. But America cannot reap where she has not sowed.

AT LAST

A thing which promises to be one of the most important events in the history of our country is the organization of the middle class of America. Like all great movements, it had a small beginning. This is how it happened. Last Saturday, February 7th, two lawyers, two merchants and a machinist secured the incorporation at Brooklyn, N. Y., of the Middle Class or "White Collar" union. Within a few hours, one hundred and fifty members had joined the organization, and it is confidently predicted that, within ten days, fifty thousand more will have added themselves to the ranks.

This union is made up of the great middle class of America. It is open to everyone except a laborer, a capitalist, or a politician. It is a union formed for protection, like all unions are; in this instance from the onslaughts of the profiteer, on the one hand, and from organized labor on the other. It will include the doctor, the lawyer, the dentist, professor, accountants, department heads, small manufacturers, merchants, newspaper men, writers, contractors, builders, architects, in fact all the great intelligent class of people in this or any other country who constitute the backbone of civilized society.

Labor, now as well organized as the great corporations, has adopted all the tricks of the capitalist and seeks to exploit those who are unprotected, namely, the salaried men whose incomes have not been advanced to meet the high prices. The capitalist keeps one jump ahead of labor, and the two, operating often with joint purpose, catch the defenseless consumer, and grind him between the mill-stones of their own greed.

The importance of this movement can not be overestimated. It means that the great exploited middle class of America has awakened to the extremity of the situation. It means that they who have been so long oppressed in silence, have at last become articulate. It means that the enterprising, and the thrifty, the intelligent, the progressive, and the educated class of this country are going to have something to say about the country's destiny. It means that the custodians of American patriotism, American ideals, and American traditions are going to have a seat in those councils and forums which arrogate unto themselves the right to give or to take away the sunshine, the fresh air, the body's food and raiment, the right to live.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton Watson of Chicago announce the arrival of a daughter, Virginia Fairchild Watson, on Sunday, February 8th. Mrs. Watson was formerly Miss Estelle Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Clark of this city.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Keagle.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rae and family moved yesterday from their home in Central avenue to their new home in Waukegan.

Mrs. W. H. Brownlee and children returned home Sunday evening from Clarinda, Ia., where they attended the funeral of their husband and father, Mr. W. H. Brownlee.

Campbell Chapter will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday evening in Masonic hall. All members are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bullock are in Miami, Fla., where they will remain until the first of March.

Raymond Sheahan, Central avenue, has been confined to his home for the past few days with an attack of pleurisy.

Elmer Koon, the small son of Floyd Koon, Green Bay road, is recovering from an extended illness.

Miss Ella Krueger underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Highland Park hospital on Tuesday morning.

Miss Florence Nichols is able to be at work at the Greenside and Schweyer store after a short illness.

Mrs. William Bowden, West Central avenue, is recovering from a week's serious illness.

Mrs. William Witten is confined to her home in Central avenue by an attack of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, who have been visiting their sons in Detroit, have returned to Highland Park.

Misses Mary Mills, Beasie Fitzgerald, Helen O'Brien and Gladys Wink, members of the North Shore auxiliary participated in a theatre party at the La Salle theatre, Chicago, Monday evening. Mrs. Harry Mills accompanied the young ladies.

Walker Flinn of the Highland Park State bank is able to be back at work after several days' illness.

David Jones, a Lake Forest University student, has accepted a position at the Rasmussen shoe store, working afternoons.

Richard Turelli, Deerfield avenue, is able to be up after two weeks of influenza. He had almost recovered from the disease last week, but went out and suffered a relapse.

C. L. Harder returned Sunday from a business trip to New York City.

Mrs. E. A. Duffy is confined to her home, 621 Laurel avenue, by a serious attack of illness.

Misses Helen Hart and Margaret Leuer were Sunday visitors in Waukegan.

Miss Elsie Larson resumed her duties as bookkeeper at the Jeppesen grocery Monday, after recovering from a serious attack of illness.

Mrs. Ruth Riley has resigned her position as bookkeeper at the Koon garage.

Miss Helen Hart of Oakwood avenue was confined to her home last week by an attack of the influenza.

Floyd Koon is still suffering from illness at his home in Green Bay road.

Mr. Bowers, a gardener at the C. T. Boynton home in Sheridan road, is ill at the Highland Park hospital.

Mr. Jack Searles who was an employe of Geell's pharmacy has resigned his position and has accepted one with a Chicago concern.

Mrs. Abbie Bastin who was called to Ann Arbor a week ago owing to the illness of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Brotherton, Jr., and their eldest boy, returned home Sunday. The Brotherton family were on their way to recovery when she left them.

Dr. J. V. Francis and son, Henry, of Troy, O., were the guests for a few days last week of Mrs. J. L. Miller. They left Monday for their home in Troy.

Mr. J. H. Frakes left Tuesday for Detroit where he was called on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. George Avery. The funeral was held Monday.

Mr. W. C. Roth left Monday evening for Mason City, Ia., where he has accepted a position as general agent for the Great Western railway.

Miss Helen Hill left Monday for a three months' visit with relatives in Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Emmett Hots are at Palm Beach, Fla., where they expect to remain for a month.

Mr. Thomas Hennessey of Chicago was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Donnelly.

Dr. Vernon Noble of St. Mary's O. was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Booth.

Mrs. Lloyd Sheahan who spent a week with her mother in Neenah, Wis., has returned home.

Mrs. William Saah who was taken suddenly ill with the grippe at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Brown in Waukegan three weeks ago is slowly improving.

Dr. P. C. Wolcott who spent the past three weeks in the south will return to Highland Park the latter part of the week. He will take charge of the services at Trinity church on Sunday.

The five weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. De Muth of Bellingham, Wash., died suddenly Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, as the result of influenza. Mr. and Mrs. De Muth were former residents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Free returned Sunday from Clarinda, Ia., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Free's brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Brownlee.

Albert J. Nafe, Jr., of Clark street, who is employed as night chauffeur by the M. T. C. of Fort Sheridan is confined to his home under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Frank Walker of Grayslake died last week following a two weeks' illness of influenza. The funeral was held last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Walker was the wife of a former resident of this city.

Mr. M. Mahler, who has been occupying the Leslie McPherson house on S. Sheridan road, for the past year, is building a fine home on Waverly place.

Mr. Albert Mitchell of the Rustic Kennels left Sunday with about a dozen dogs for exhibition at the New York dog show. Mr. Alex Smith also has a number of prize entries. The show will also be given in Philadelphia and Boston before coming to Chicago.

Coale & Son have sold the Thompson house on St. Johns avenue to Dr. Leigh Watson of Chicago. They have also leased the Henry Maechter house to Earl Well for the summer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Dent, the new assistant, is suffering from an attack of influenza.

The Friday afternoon children's story hour will be discontinued.



A Floral Valentine

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Choice pot roast of Native Beef	23c	Beef tongues, sweet pickle, the lb.	36c
Leg of Mutton, short cut, choice	35c	Oscar Mayer Bacon Squares, lb.	35c
Veal Roast, leg or loin, the lb.	38c	Green Hams, finest eating hams, whole	36c
Pork Loin Roast, selected, whole, lb.	32c	Fancy Florida Oranges, sweet and juicy, doz.	48c
Spare Ribs, lean & meaty, lb.	25c	Smoked Boneless Pork Butts, lb.	42c
Flank Steak from native beef, lb.	28c	Finan Hattie, Gorton's Best, lb.	30c
Lamb or Veal Stew, choice cuts, lb.	28c	Beef Hearts, fresh and fine, lb.	18c
Oscar Mayer's Famous Approved Frankfurts, lb.	25c	Young Beef Loin, fresh and fine, lb.	18c
Leaf Lard, Bell Shaped, lb.	28½c	Calves Sweet Breads, large white breads,	65c

SPECIAL:

Clover Valley Fancy Brick Butter, lb.	68c
Libby Snow White Saur Kraut, No. 3 cans, the can	20c
Good Luck Milk, 3 large cans for	39c
Good Luck Oleo, none better, the pound	41c
Purina, the perfect whole wheat flour, 5 lb. package	48c
Calumet Baking Powder, 1-lb. can, the pound	25c
Libby Asparagus Tips, large size can, the can	39c
Fancy Dried Apples, 2 lbs.	45c

UNIQUE AFFAIR GIVEN BY DANCING CLASSES

Valentine parties were the features of the dancing classes at Elm Place school yesterday afternoon. Red hearts decorated everything from walls to the white dresses of the girls and valentines of every shape and size flew merrily about. Many friends of the members were guests and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the games and dances.

A new series of lessons begins

next week Wednesday, open to all children of Highland Park. The classes are in charge of the Humphrey School of Dancing and are proving a most successful feature of Elm Place school activities.

OSSOLI CLUB

"Charley's Aunt," a three act comedy, will be given Saturday evening, Feb. 21, at the Highland Park club under the auspices of the Ossoli club.