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APRIL 3, 1923

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts..... \$142,405.31	Capital Stock..... \$ 10,000.00
Overdrafts..... 631.76	Surplus..... 10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures..... 2,539.05	Undivided Profits..... 3,147.03
Liberty Bonds..... 11,657.15	Deposits..... 196,833.56
Cash and due from banks..... 62,747.32	Bills Payable..... None
<b>Total..... \$219,980.59</b>	<b>Total..... \$219,980.59</b>

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Editorial

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us lives some kind of a sermon every day.

The Great American Housewife

Every now and then some enterprising journal figures out the value to the nation of the great American hen. Again we learn how much we owe to the Iowa hog or we burst into melodious song over the virtues of some insect. Maybe we timidly venture the suggestion that it is time we gave a little thought of the value to the nation of the great American housewife. We dare not let fancy roam into the field of her sacrifice, her unending love, her mothering of the nation, for we would never conclude this writing, but we do not hesitate to say that her actual contribution to the nation's wealth is worthy of consideration.

There were approximately twenty millions of housewives in this country in 1920. Undoubtedly that number has increased. What was the housewives' contribution to the national income worth on the average? As much as the average pay of domestic servants? May we say \$500 before the war and proportionately more than that after the wages of domestic servants rose? Based on this ratio we find that in relation to wages paid for mental labor the housewives of America who in group formation seem so rarely to be considered contributed to the national income eighteen and one-half billions of dollars. Perhaps these women be visualized in terms of money value we may gain for them more respectful attention. Silent, patient guardian of the home, the housewife grinds out her weary day, gently and unostentatiously shaping the destiny of the nation, and as we view the nation she seems to have made a pretty good job of it up to date.

The Test of Good Management

Studied in dry statistics of the Department of Commerce lie in connection with the packing industry that may bring us to those disposed to hasty criticism. While the whole of this industry is not told sufficient facts are disclosed now that the packers have not had such a rosy time during the year 1921. It appears that the value of the products of the slaughtering amounted to \$2,200,942,000 in 1921 as compared with \$4,246,291,000 for the year 1919, a decrease of 48 per cent. True the business increased 33 per cent over the same period, but a sudden slump in one year of approximately \$2,000,000,000 presents a financial and economic problem of sufficient proportion to throw the best managed business world out of gear.

A remarkable tribute to the management of the packing industry is that the gigantic drop in the volume of business did not result in about impossible conditions in the retail market. Our packers may have complained of rising prices, perhaps at times they may have been justified, but they received the protection of some very able business brains remains undisputed. The packers have been under heavy fire, but fair play is a jewel, and while this newspaper fighting always in the public interest is ever ready to throw the light of publicity on conditions when they appear to be vicious, it is equally fearless and equally pleased to offer a word of praise when it is so obviously deserved, as it is in this case.

Punchette's



ISOLATION

The doctrine of isolation is being preached by politicians, but not by statesmen. They misinterpret and give a wrong construction to the utterances of Mr. Washington, in which he advised that America in her inception avoid entangling herself with foreign alliances.

The reason Washington gave that advice was that America was coming out of England, breaking away from the mother country, and could not afford to be involved in European alliances with other countries and thus incur more of the mother's prejudice and anger.

It is absurd to preach such a doctrine today. We are the superior power in the world. We are in the world. We are a part of the world. And we must pay our obligations, discharge our duties, and take our place by the side of the other members that make up the great world governments.

For us to be Pharisical and to go by on the other side is to receive the contempt of the world. The world is pleading, the world is hungry, the world needs us. America is responsible for the world's condition, which has been produced during the last two or three years. Had America taken her place at the table of the League of Nations, and cast the deciding vote, there would have been as a result, rehabilitation of the world's finances. Peace, progress, and prosperity would exist today instead of chaos and confusion.

MORE THAN A RAIN SHEDDER

African Chiefs Take the Possession of an Umbrella Very Seriously, According to Reports.

Some time ago, there was what the news described as unrest in the West African colony of Lagos; telegrams were dispatched between that colony and Great Britain, governors and deputy-governors were interviewed, and it was with difficulty that a native war was averted. The cause of all this commotion was an umbrella!

Now, in our country, as we all know, an umbrella is looked upon as a necessary possession—but not so in West Africa. There, among most of the native tribes, the umbrella is regarded as an emblem of royalty, and its possession is strictly confined to the chief or king of the tribe.

Therefore the indignation was intense on the part of one of these kings, when he found an inferior chief putting up an umbrella of his own. The king at once took a journey to Lagos, to lodge a formal complaint of the chief's treasonable conduct with the British governor.

An African king's umbrella is a very elaborate affair, and it often costs large sums of money. Most of the umbrellas for Ashanti and the Gold coast are made of gigantic size, some of them when open measuring ten feet across.

The coverings of these umbrellas are of colored silk—the brighter the better, with very deep fringes. The largest umbrellas are carried over the heads of chiefs, by bearers while other bearers steady the umbrella by cords attached to the uppermost parts.

One state umbrella had for its apex a silver eagle standing on two silver cannons, while another umbrella had a gold hen on the top, the hen being surrounded by numerous chickens, to represent the chief and his tribe.

CHANGES IN "OLD FAITHFUL"

Yellowstone's Famous Geyser Has Slightly Lengthened the Periods Between its Eruptions.

Old Faithful, Yellowstone's most famous geyser, has slightly changed the period of its eruptions.

According to the observations of the park naturalist and the rangers, the geyser now spouts on an average every 64.8 minutes. Last year the average period was 65 minutes.

The alteration in Old Faithful's "tempo" does not indicate any lessening of its vigor or "faithfulness." On the contrary, Naturalist M. F. Skinner's observations show the mighty fountain to be increasing in volume. The change is believed to be due to an alteration in the subterranean tube of the geyser.

For the last year or so, Old Faithful has acquired a habit of occasionally throwing out small rocks. The passage of the rocks through the tube is believed to have enlarged its dimensions slightly, this in turn being responsible for the lengthened period between eruptions and the increased volume of water.

A number of other interesting changes, lending a constantly varying interest to the mysterious manifestations of the park's performing natural wonders, also are reported by official observers.

That Word "Corker."

The American word "corker," meaning a person or thing of superlative quality, is only a slang use of a legitimate English word. Corker, in its original sense, meant a conclusive argument. It probably originated from the finality which a cork thrust into the mouth of a bottle stops all ingress or egress of material in it.

The relegation of the word as used in America to the limbo of slang by the dictionary writers has neither weakened the word nor limited its use.

The word "corker" is a perfectly good word. It expresses precisely a shade of meaning that needed to be expressed, and the chances are that it will be a word of good and regular standing long after the bones of the last living dictionary writers have thoroughly bleached.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Newspaper Accuracy

E. A. White of the Detroit News, after long investigation, finds that daily papers make only one error in every 3,350 opportunities for mistakes. This country recently celebrated the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and history has pointed out the very spot where they landed. Now a scientific discovery that at the time the Pilgrims landed this spot was under sea. Which leads Mr. White to ask, "If history cannot report a fact correctly in 300 years, ought we expect a newspaper to be unflinchingly accurate in six or eight hours?"

Diphtheria Germ in Wild Horses

Wild horses running on the open range and never in contact with human beings have been found to be infected with the diphtheria germ, according to Dr. H. W. Schoening of the pathological division of the bureau of plant industry, at Washington. This fact, he claims, indicates that the diphtheria organism is widespread in the soil and is not carried to the horse by some human being, as has been held.

As She Appeared to Him

Miss Sarah Mallin—He was of the generation appreciates me. I was born too soon.

Max Muller—Quite so. I believe you'd be a pretty young girl right now if you had only been born about 25 years later than you were.

Caterpillars "Lunge"

Caterpillars breathe through holes in the sides of their bodies.

The Truly Happy Man

It is not right to call the man who possesses much riches happy, but the man who is not in grief.—Apologetes.

One Thing That Die It

A small boy was undergoing his first experience with the business end of a bee. The bee stung the lad on the arm and it soon began to swell. Showing the arm to a friend, he said: "A bug with a big nail pushed it in my arm."—Indianapolis News.

Old Age Recovers

The French Medical Record says Mme. Froux, born in 1630, sold at 35 a small property for an annuity of \$800, which she drew regularly for 12 years. A surgeon named Poltrun died at 140 and was buried in 1525.

Lake Froze in June

Asahikawa and districts in Hokkaido, Japan, suffered an unusual drop of temperature on June 24, 1922, all the lakes and streams freezing. Such an experience at that time of the year has only been recorded once before in those localities. That was 35 years ago when the rivers froze on July 2. Serious damage was done to crops.

The Grand Canyon

The term Grand Canyon applies to that part of the Colorado river which lies in northern Arizona. It is a gorge 317 miles long, 4,000 to 5,000 feet deep, and from one to fifteen miles wide at the top.

When Fame Comes

No man can be said to have made a conspicuous success in his chosen field of endeavor until he begins to elect him an honorary member of organizations; he doesn't want to belong to any more than a rabbit.—Ohio State Journal.

Many Plants High in Life Scale

Plants are really animate things. They lack the power of locomotion such as most animals have, but they are capable of movement. Some of them are a great deal higher in the scale of life than some of the low-order organisms classified as animal.

Leisure

Employ thy time well if thou meanest to gain leisure; and since thou art not sure of a minute throw not away an hour! Leisure is time for doing something useful; this leisure the diligent man will obtain, but the lazy man never; a life of leisure and a life of business are two things.—Franklin.

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