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TOP O' THE MORNING.

The right place for the church in this world is the wrong place for the world in the church; just as the right place for the ship is in the sea, but it is absolutely fatal to have the sea in the ship.

Cook that 'possum right and send for me.

The food shortage also takes in food for thought.

Eat less and you will have less waste and less waist.

"When self the wavering balance shakes it is rarely right adjusted."

The Jacksonville Times-Union inquires: "What is whiskey?" It is a has-been.

In order to cut down the high cost of living, why not have "bird seed day" once a week?

A city's payroll shows whether the city is growing or not. Increasing payrolls make growing towns.

Snails are recommended for food and are said to be as palatable as oysters. Get a move on you and catch a few snails.

Have pennies here and pennies there, Every one for Uncle Sam; Carry brownies everywhere, They'll rattle loud through Amsterdam.

When a fellow goes back to his home town he thinks he has had a good time, even if the town forgot to pull off a banquet in his honor.

One of the things not to insist on at your boarding house is a planked steak. If you do you will get a blank stare. Call for a delicious shark steak.

If the Hoover menu is adopted in South Carolina, the fellows over there will no longer look as if they are puffed-up brownies moseying in and out among the crowd.

One of the war mysteries is why Japan still insists that she can not send troops to Europe. At the same time, she has just sent some war ships to Italian waters to chase Austro-German submarines.

The committee on eats urges the eating of rabbits in order to save meat expenses. Before eating rabbits, first catch your rabbits be careful not to waste \$1 worth of time to catch a 10 cents rabbit.

A yam prophet is without honor in his own country unless he knows that yam, fried yam, yam pie, yam patties, as baked yam, roasted yam, candied yam, fried yam, yam pie, yam patties, yam battercakes and the whole yam family.

The Agricultural Department reports that the crop of dasheens is short, but inasmuch as you have never gone crazy about eating dasheens, you won't feel the shortage. Same with a whole lot of things that you have not been used to eating.

A SURPLUS OF HOME PRODUCTS.

The encouragement of production and food conservation has "done the work" for New Hanover county. What the people of the county have done in the way of home canning, preserving and dehydrating is indicated in these lines taken from the local department of yesterday's Star: "If New Hanover county were suddenly cut off from all the rest of the world, she would have enough canned goods of various kinds to provision herself."

That was the impression of the committee which visited the various sections of the county to pick out the winners of the prizes offered by the enterprising American Bank and Trust Company, of Wilmington, with a view to the stimulation of food production and conservation in the rural sections of the county. What the committee saw in the way of canned goods was upward of a great deal. They counted 8,912 containers, representing the conservation of the contestants alone. These containers were small and large, including even barrels, for, under the rules of the contest, a barrel had to be counted as one container.

Only a few of the home canners contested for the prizes of the bank, hence no account was taken of hundreds of canners who have stored away great quantities of conserved products of every description. The county is full of these "good goods," and the more of them the better for everybody who eats—the home folks and the eating public generally. However, we want to see the producers and home canners and conservationists come out ahead on this deal, for over-production for the home circle and an unmarketable surplus would mean good-bye production, good-bye canning, good-bye conservation.

The real sufferers in that case would be the public. Unless the producers can get reasonable prices for what they produce or if they fail to find a profitable market for their products, in the future they will produce and conserve for home use only. In that event, the general consumer would have to go without or depend on commercial products not near so good and wholesome.

The Star is anxious to turn this production and conservation idea into a system that will assure profit for producers and plenty for consumers who necessarily have to consume to the best of their ability. Consumers without something to consume are in the worst sort of "fix," and that is exactly what this Southern country has been in because it has neglected the production of the food and feed stuffs that are imperatively necessary for us all.

Yesterday we asked Mrs. Annie Pad-dison Pretlow, home demonstrator for New Hanover county, whether or not a considerable surplus of the canned and preserved products was the result of all our strenuous combined efforts to encourage production and conservation. Mrs. Pretlow opened her eyes and said she never saw the like of home conserved goods in all her life, and that necessarily there would be a large surplus for sale if a market could be secured for the goods of the canners.

This is the point we want to come to. Our producers must have a market, else they can not be expected to go ahead and produce, unless they would like to do so for their health. Since they are not expected to do that and are not very likely to produce and conserve "just to be doing," they would quit the producing and conservation business in the coming year in this matchless producing country of ours. "Business is business," and unless we make production and conservation a pure matter of business and keep it on the increase, we will fall down on our job.

It would be a waste of time to have all this organization, all this talk, all this work, and all the waste of energy and interest that has secured results so gratifying, if we do not look after the biggest end of production and conservation. That is the market end. Without a market for surplus production, it would be useless for the banks and the citizens to encourage any more production. In fact, it would be foolish to encourage production to the extent that there would be an unmarketable surplus. What would be the use?

Well, business is business, and our business is to go right on encouraging production. Along that line we have encouraged production and given prizes for production and secured results. That is only a start, however. We have not reached the limit, because there is something else to be done to keep up production till it will enable North Carolina to export food and feed stuffs, after having all that is needed to supply our own necessities.

We are told that there is now no market for our surplus of home canned products because the merchants are not in the market for them. Some of the home canners say they can't find a market for their goods and that they will lose money on the kind of production and conservation that hasn't got any market. Unless, however, a market can be found, how many enthusiastic producers and conservationists will listen to our yawp next year?

Nevertheless, there is a market for these goods, for they are superior to any commercial product we ever saw. Our home products do not have to stand back on that score, so it is a mistake for merchants to refuse to handle them at a reasonable price. If they won't, Baltimore will, and then they will be relabeled and shipped right back to us for consumption. A Baltimore concern has been advertising for all the home canned goods it can get. Why? Because they are the very best of all.

CAN ALL ENEMY INCENDIARIES.

A new kind of conservation in this country would seem to be to can all enemy incendiaries. Evidently they are at work in this country, for too many suspicious fires have occurred, and the particularly suspicious thing about them is that the commodities and properties destroyed are necessary to America's prosecution of the war in Germany. The Baltimore waterfront fire last week, with a property loss of some \$8,000,000, is but one of a series of such fires.

The belief in government circles at Washington is that fires of this description are of enemy origin. It is practically certain that the Baltimore fire was the work of German agents or sympathizers. Previous to the fire in the Maryland city, Mr. Herbert Hoover, national food administrator, issued a timely warning against the danger of fires presumably of enemy origin or instigation. Mr. Hoover referred to the recent fire in New York by which a large amount of wheat was destroyed, and to the fire in a western stockyard in which thousands of cattle were burned to death, as the work in all probability of German agents, and he pointed out that the number of disastrous conflagrations in various parts of the country during the last two months had been so much above the average as to indicate very plainly to insurance men that they were due to incendiary activity. The Baltimore Sun is satisfied that the disastrous fire there was the work of enemies in our midst. Says the Sun:

"The great fire which has just swept the Baltimore and Ohio piers in this city, causing a loss of millions of dollars and carrying death to a number of employees, follows quickly and significantly upon the heels of Mr. Hoover's warning. There is no doubt that it was of incendiary origin, and there is little doubt that the incendiary was of German origin. If this and preceding fires serve to avert others of a similar character, we may count them as useful, though severe, danger signals. But unless they do awaken us to a very positive peril, we may have to face far worse disasters. Two things seem to be evident. One is that a great menace from pro-German emissaries still exists in the United States, and the other is that we do not realize its extent or its malignancy."

New York city has just taken drastic steps to meet this danger so far as the water front is concerned. Under an order issued by United States Marshal Power, of Brooklyn, all German aliens employed in shipyards, drydocks, machine shops and manufacturing plants along the water fronts of Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island and State Island must be immediately discharged, permits granted to German subjects allowing them to reside or work within the water front zones become void, and such persons must seek new homes beyond the limits of the prohibited areas.

Whatever the origin these calamitous fires may be, every one of them are national disasters at this time. They should be stopped. Drastic steps and more caution should be exercised. The Sun urges as a precaution that the drastic steps taken at New York following the fire there must be taken at Baltimore and everywhere. Says the Sun:

"The Baltimore and Ohio conflagration emphasizes the importance of adopting the same rule in Baltimore and everywhere. And not only a rule that will protect shipping piers and all waterfront industries, but a general system of protection that will make incendiaryism difficult and extra-hazardous. For we may be very sure that if the Kaiser's incendiary corps cannot reach water fronts or railroad stations they will apply the torch elsewhere, and will utilize opportunities to start conflagrations at sea, and every unguarded point. Prussianism cannot yet put us to the sword in this country, but it is evidently mobilizing the other of the war twins—fire."

There can be no doubt that cities with water front properties of value to this country in this war should be carefully guarded. Sooner or later, the government will have to utilize the port of Wilmington and every other port on the South Atlantic. Are they sufficiently safeguarded?

BOOSTING HOME PRODUCTS.

The Atlanta Constitution calls attention to the fact that November 15 is "Georgia Products Day," and it will be enthusiastically observed all over Georgia in keeping with a custom inaugurated a year ago by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. The chief feature of the day's observance throughout the State will be a number of "Georgia Products" dinners, the menu cards of which will be restricted as far as possible to home produced viands.

On "Georgia Products Day" a year ago a series of banquets was held throughout the State, and the Constitution says "the guests in each instance sat down to boards laden with as great a variety of as fine foods as the most discriminating epicure could desire—and every morsel of it was produced within the boundaries of this State."

More than that, similar dinners were held concurrently in cities in other states, where former Georgians were sufficiently numerous as to organize themselves into "Georgia Societies," and out of such dinners Georgia received advertising of a wholesome sort and the value of which it would be difficult to compute. Georgia Products Day is simply a systematic and effectual plan to boost home products, the best of all in either North Carolina or Georgia. We all know that, but we do not seem to act in accordance with our knowledge. We ought to buy home products above all others, because they are better. If we would only give the preference to home products and boost them as the Georgians are doing to emphasize their superiority over all others, we would encourage the greater production that is so necessary to make North Carolina independent of the West and North.

CURRENT COMMENT

Scotland county "went over the top" in the Second Liberty Loan campaign and reports an oversubscription of \$82,716, which so far as that has been learned is a record for any county in the State. The oversubscription was nearly twenty-five per cent. The county's allotment was \$277,200 and the total amount of bonds purchased by its citizens was \$359,916. There is cause for pride in this achievement, but this record could have been doubled without extra burden to any one, had there been necessity for it.—Laurinburg Enterprise.

Business people will not be apt to overlook the fact that the new rates for letters and postal cards go into effect on Friday. On and after that day a postal card will require two cents to carry it through the mails, and out-of-town letters, three cents. Letters may be mailed for two cents at the main postoffice for any letter-carrier station or suburban branch connected with it, but the three-cent rate will apply to mail for first-class offices, such as Woodbrook, Hallethorpe, Lansdowne and others which are inside the territory covered by the Baltimore office but are not of it. The three-cent rate will also be applicable to letters addressed to Canada, the Bahamas, Cuba, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dominican Republic, Dutch West Indies, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Leeward Islands, Mexico, Newfoundland, New Zealand and Panama. To other countries the letter rate will remain at five cents. The ordinary correspondent may forget this change of rates if not reminded of it repeatedly in advance. Hence this reference to the highest cost of letter writing. In case of doubt we would suggest that it will be better to put three cents on a letter, even for a nearby point in the surrounding country, than to take any chances. You can express your patriotism in terms of one additional cent even when it is not strictly required. In this way letter writing may become a form of patriotic effort.—Baltimore Sun.

The extremist has his uses. Sometimes he is needed to counterbalance the ultra-conservative. Perhaps the people who are demanding that this Government declare war on Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria in addition to Germany are useful in counterbalancing the people who want us to retract our declaration of war on Germany and quit the whole struggle. Aside from this function, however, there is no useful purpose to be served by such movements as that of the American Defense Society which is urging war against Germany's allies as well as against Germany. The question involved is one which the reasonable "man in the street" knows perfectly well is beyond him. He is not familiar with all the currents that must be considered by the pilots of the ship of state in regard to this intricate problem. He is willing to leave the question to the pilots, who do know the currents and in whom he has learned by experience to repose much confidence. Probably this is an accurate representation of the state of mind of the public with respect to the question of a declaration of war against Germany's allies. The great majority of the American people are content to leave this question to the President and they will do what his great wisdom and his superior knowledge of the facts recommend as the best thing to do. It is entirely possible that a declaration of war against Germany's allies would facilitate the victory of the United States in the great struggle it has entered. If this is the case and if the President tells us that it is the case, the people will support him loyally in taking the necessary steps.—Charleston News and Courier.

So far as legerdemain is concerned, there are girls who can make a perfect goose out of a prune.

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Freemont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. GODDEN, 925 Napoleon St., Fremont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. FLORENCE ISLELLA, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.

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TO DEDICATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUILDING

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Knights of Columbus building at Camp Greene will be dedicated Sunday morning at ten o'clock, for which occasion a special program has been arranged. The sermon will be preached by Rt. Rev. L. Haid, O. S. B. D. D., bishop of North Carolina. The dedicatory services will be conducted by Father W. J. Stephenson, chaplain of the building, assisted by Father R. R. Rankin, chaplain of the 47th regiment, U. S. A. and Father Gerald P. Treacy, chaplain of the 39th regiment, U. S. A. Special music will be furnished by the Charlotte people, and one of the regimental bands at the camp will probably furnish music.

To Help Nature Shed a Bad Complexion

Beauty devotees are enthusiastic over the beautifying qualities of mercerized wax. Nothing discovered within recent years accomplishes so much, so quickly, without harm, at such small expense. The principal reason for its wonderful merit is that it works in harmony with physiological laws. Instead of the complexion becoming greasy, it actually takes off the aged, faded, sallow, freckled or blotchy surface skin—gently, gradually, causing no inconvenience. It is Nature's way of renewing complexion. When the natural process is retarded because of deficient circulation or nerve tone, mercerized wax comes to the rescue and hastens the skin shedding. The new complexion which appears is a natural one, youthful, healthy, exquisitely beautiful. If you've never tried mercerized wax, get an ounce of it at the drug store, use at night like cold cream, washing it off in the morning.

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