

Not to Be Taken Seriously.
The senate just now is protesting that it is too exhausted by its tariff labors to take up the administration currency bill; and anyway, that to pass two reform measures at one session would be contrary to the rules of the senatorial union. Wherefore, word is sent round that the senate means to go on strike, that the currency bill will be kept in committee, that no quorum will be present for transaction of business, and that President Wilson will find he can not dictate to the august upper house of congress.

This journal suspects that most of this talk of a senate revolt will end in talk.

Progressives Properly Defined.
Secretary of State Bryan, speaking at Windsorport, Me., in behalf of William E. Pattison, Democratic candidate for congress, defined a Progressive as "a man who is ashamed to be a Republican and hasn't the courage to be a Democrat."

"The Progressives insist that they are Democrats," he said. "They are in spots, and we are glad of it, only we wish the spots were larger."

Referring to President Wilson, Secretary Bryan said:

"In the matter of the tariff he has taken the people's side. This bill is for the consumer, the average man, the rank and file, the man of the people."

MARKETS.
Prices on the local market, quoted by the Coast Line Market.

Turkeys, 16c.
Geese, grown, 80c. to \$1.00 per pair.
Young chickens, 50c. to 80c.
Beeswax, 25c. per pound.
Beef, 9c. per lb.
Pork 10c. to 11c.
Eggs, at 32c.
G. S. Hides, 11c.
Wool, 11 to 20c.
Produce, as quoted by the New Bern Produce Co.:

Turnips, 65c. per hundred.
Lettuce, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per crate.
Green cabbage, \$1.00 per barrel.
Oranges, \$2.75 to \$3.00.
Onions, \$2.50 per sack.
Apples, \$5.00 to \$6.25 per barrel.

Local cotton, as quoted by Geo. W. Taylor & Son:

Middling, 12 5-8; Strict Middling, 12 3-4 c.; Good Middling, 12 7-8c.

When my brain is rather flaccid and the thoughts come slow,
When my pegasus is hobbled and he just won't go,
When I can not find a subject with a fine-tough comb,
I can always make a showing with a cheer up poem
"Cheer up, the sun is shining,
Although it's dark as night,
And there's a silver lining
To every cloud in sight;
Just laugh at all your sorrow
And never weep or curse;
There's another day tomorrow,
And it may be worse!"

I am there with useful maxims which I love to teach,
Though I almost never practice anything I preach,
I am oftentimes discouraged with the greatest ease,
But I'm really very handy with such lines as these:
"Never mind your bitter plight,
Fight!
Don't you go and try to quit,
Hit!
When fate busts you in the mug,
Slug!
When she throws a ton of brick,
Stick!
Feeling groggy and all in?
Grin!
Take my dope—it's simon pure,
Sure!"

I'm the little cheer up poet with a heart aglow,
When my brain is feeling flaccid and the thoughts come slow!
—Berton Bralcy.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With **Theodore's Black-Draught.**

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, "with this place, with sick headache, and stomach trouble."

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theodore's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

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Theodore's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Theodore's Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get a bottle to-day.

Best Treatment for A Burn.
If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, it heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers. Adv.)

For political indigestion just try one of those party harmony dinners.

Croup and Cough Remedy.
Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have to fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c. and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all Drug-gists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. and St. Louis.

Tammany was right in line when Murphy took his shot at Sulzer.

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Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when electric bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool of Depew, Okla. writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c. and \$1.00. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

There were 28,000,000 copies of Bible sold last year, thus keeping it several laps ahead of the bad plays written.

Constipation Poisons You.
If you are constipated your entire system is poisoned by the waste matter kept in the body—serious results often follow. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will soon get rid of constipation, headache and other troubles. 25c. at Druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. & St. Louis.

The excuse given for the stealing of the "Mona Liza" sounds about as good as that some girls give for running away.

Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema.
The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the Civil War, have been treated by many doctors, none have given me the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Every sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all druggists or by mail, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

The bright boy is already picking out the longest stocking.

Mother Of Eighteen Children.
"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 168 pounds. I can eat anything I want to, and as much as I want and feel better than I have any time in ten years. I refer to one in Boone Mill or vicinity and will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by all druggists. (Adv.)

Remember the alegeris and shop early and cheerfully.

Good For Biliousness.
"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Fireston of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article or biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Adv.)

The price of eggs did not drop far enough to break the record.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

WILLIAMS' KIDNEY PILLS
Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pain in the back, and aching in the head, and a feeling of weakness and listlessness? Have you a feeling of heat in the face, and a burning in the eyes? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you. For sale by all druggists. Price 50c.



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SHOWS VALUE OF COURTESY

Cleveland Philosopher Believes He Has Found the Only True Pathway to Joy.

A wealthy Cleveland philosopher believes he has found the only true path to happiness and the secret of making people tread the path. It is appreciation and showing people that courtesy and consequent happiness pays in dollars and cents.

Incorporation papers have been filed for the Appreciation League of the United States by William Vernon Backus, founder of the new cult, talosophy, which he believes is to become world popular.

"Talosophy: The Art of Making Happiness Epidemic" is the title of a little book published by Mr. Backus, setting forth the philosophy of talosophy, which is to have every "Tal" report employees in any vocation for courtesy instead of discourtesy.

Every member of the Appreciation League is to be provided with cards blanked to permit filling in the name and business address of a clerk, conductor, postman, collector—any one at all. Then there are spaces in which to place a cross after any one or all of the words, "Attentive, Cheerful, Sympathetic, Helpful, Courteous and Polite."

"The idea is to have all of our members make out and mail these cards whenever they find an employe or other person who shows them courtesies," explained Mr. Backus. "We then notify the employer of this report and keep a complete filing record of the name of every man commended."

"When an employe has received three 'courtesy reports' he is entitled to a special letter from the league secretary to his employer and a badge of merit bestowed by the league."—Cleveland (O.) Dispatch to the New York Herald.

DUELING DONE AWAY WITH

Once Considered an Art, and Prevalent Everywhere, Legislation Has Abolished It.

"Dueling in this country is almost a lost art, and once it was an art," remarked Henry J. Weaver of Richmond, Va., at the Shoreham. "Yet every little while we hear of men engaging in this method of settling their differences. Only a few weeks ago two men in Mississippi, Fivain in business and politics, fought to the death. It was not an unusual thing in this enlightened capital for men to fight duels before and immediately after the war."

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"It was a resident here in the seventies, when John P. Young, then the editor of a morning newspaper here and a prominent lawyer, made all arrangements for a duel on the historic Bladenburg dueling grounds. The principals had gone so far as to appoint their seconds, and it is interesting to note that the second of one of the men was then an assistant secretary of state, which shows that there was no great prejudice against dueling. The duel was prevented at the last moment."

"It was not until the duel between Page McCarty and Mordocai, in Richmond, in which the latter was killed, and McCarty badly wounded, that the legislatures of nearly every state in the Union passed laws against dueling. The McCarty-Mordocai affair was the cause of the almost universal section of the states against dueling, and I think there is not a state now where in dueling is not forbidden by statute. But even laws cannot prevent occasional duels, and I presume never will."—Washington Herald.

Equal to the Situation.

Two lawyers in New York were walking along the street discussing the subject as to whether the Irish were as witty as they were reputed to be. No. 1 didn't think they were. "All right," says No. 2; "here comes one now. You stop him and ask him a question."

"When Pat came along No. 1 says: 'Say, Pat, did you know the devil was dead?'"

Pat looked very thoughtful for a moment, then slipped his hand into his pocket, drew out a coin, and handed it to the lawyer. "Well, well! what's this for?" asked the lawyer.

Says Pat: "Burr, indeed, in the country where I came from we always give alms to the orphans."—National Food Magazine.

Bacteria in Public Baths.

Electrolyzed sea water, poured into swimming pools in small quantities, has proved to be an effective sterilizer to be used in the fight against noxious bacteria. Its sterilizing action is so great, as experiment has shown, that thirty gallons will keep the water in an 85,000-gallon tank clear and free from bacterial organisms for several days. And the electrolyzed sea water costs only about \$10 per 1,000 gallons. The need of such a sterilizer is shown by the fact that in a fresh-water pond of 100,000 gallons, used by 200 bathers, the bacteria have been known to increase from 500 to 242,000 per cubic centimeter (about 1-16 cubic inch) in one day.—Popular Mechanics.

Women Legislators.

Miss Nettie Traux and Mrs. Anna B. Miller are members of the Wyoming legislature, and both have used their efforts to aid the cause of education in the state. Miss Traux has been a teacher for many years in Minnesota, and Wyoming for four years. All the important school bills introduced were passed at the last meeting of the legislature with her as chairman of the education committee.

Popular Advice.

Chicago's health commissioner advises young men to take a kiss whenever the girl is willing, regardless of alleged germs that linger on ruby lips. Now, there is a man of sense. Many a staid young fellow has thus been beset with the germs that made a man of him.—Pittsburgh Post.

Earliest Nails Were of Brown.

Nails of the earlier nations were of brown. The nail used by Jack in killing Hecuba was a wooden tent pin. Up to the nineteenth century nails were mostly forged, the first cut nails being made by Jeremiah Wilson in Rhode Island in 1778.

Baseball Getting Popular.

Baseball is becoming more popular every year, and the wise ones predict that it will replace football in the same way that football replaced Rugby. However, it is a game with a mixture of football and baseball, and the ball is struck like the football, only round instead of oval.

You will appreciate this advice on shoes

\$4.00

You hear a lot, these days, about shortage of cattle, high cost of living, and so forth. Of course shortage of cattle affects the leather market. You can't buy "cowhide" shoes, if there's no "cowhide" to make them from, and if there's a scarcity of cattle, there's a scarcity of hides and a scarcity of LEATHER Shoes. You get this point.

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The name SELZ on a shoe means they are made of leather throughout, and are guaranteed in a way that leaves no doubt, that they are going to give the wearer better service and longer wear than usually expected, because they are honestly made.

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