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Unable to interest the world at large and the country publishers in particular in their campaign to establish the meter-liter-gram system for general use in the United States, the World Trade club of San Francisco, which has been bombarding us with publicity literature for the past year or more, comes out this week in a two-color pamphlet entitled "Who Opposes Meter-Liter-Gram?" You've guessed it—the profiteers. We dislike the profiteers intensely, but why lay everything upon them. During the war all that was necessary to gain popular support was to shout "Pro-German" with a lusty voice, and now the profiteer is the national bugbear—the country's goat. If the World Trade club can establish the fact that milk will cost less money by the liter instead of the quart, we predict that the reform will go over the top with ten million votes to

spare. The club may consider this an invitation.

A communication (carbon copy) has reached us from the Nebraska millers, in which is divulged the information that at their annual convention, they sent out two telegrams, one to Mr. Herbert Hoover and the other to Will Hays, chairman of the national republican committee. In the wire to Herbert, the millers assure him that they have decided that he is the logical man to serve the people as president of the United States the coming four years. The millers go farther—they tell Mr. Hoover that they believe their endorsement represents "the best thought of a majority of the people," and that he "epitomizes all that is best and forward-looking in their aspirations." Our aspirations haven't been epitomized as yet, so far as we know, and if they were epitomized we fear that they would cluster around someone else. The telegram to Hays is also a marvel, but enough. We are awaiting a communication from the coal dealers which will intimate the public sentiment is epitomizing around Fuel Administrator Garfield.

There seems to have been a revolution, of a sort in dear old England. The woman suffragists, over there, have got practically everything they have been fighting for for the past decade. A woman has been elected to parliament. Four more have been appointed magistrates. True to the British style, they are "somebodies," one being the wife of Lloyd-George, another a celebrated authoress, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and the remaining two marchionesses, which sounds as though they ought to be fairly intelligent. These were appointed. Our one elected congresswoman turned out to be a rather colorless lady who raved whenever labor was under discussion and who embarrassed her colleagues by weeping noisily whenever she was called upon to vote on a question connected with the war.

Those who have been saying that Great Britain laid down during the war and let the United States do the fighting—there are some who cannot forget our traditional enmity with England—will be interested to know that the public debt of the United Kingdom has increased 157 pounds sterling since the beginning of the world struggle. The increase for other countries is given as follows: Germany, 123 pounds; Austria-Hungary, 89 pounds; Belgium and Italy, 74 pounds; France and the United States, 55 pounds; Japan, a trifle over three shillings. These figures show that the war cost Great Britain about three times what it cost this country. People are apt to forget that our allies were in the war a bit sooner than we were, though we spared no expense after we got in.

After all, we don't think capital ever worked labor as effectively as the radical labor-leaders are working it.—Columbia Record.

A THOUSAND MILES FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

M. T. Kippes of Marion, S. D., writes in this fashion to the Sioux City Tribune:

"A few days ago we butchered a 790-pound hog that let out 240 pounds of lard. Lard is selling here at 45 cents a pound. At this price the lard was worth \$108. We also have two fine hams, a lot of fine bacon and a fine bunch of homemade sausage.

"If we had sold this hog on the local market we would have received about \$85.

"What is the profiteer? It is easy to guess. When the city people or the fellows in Washington are hunting for the profiteer just pass up the farmer."

The above is just another way of showing that there is something wrong when pork chops out of 14 cent hogs sell for only 5 cents a pound less than pork chops out of 23 cent hogs.

One of the reasons why Mr. Kippes cannot sell his hog for anything more than a fraction of the market price of the pork, is the fact that he is a thousand miles from his neighbor when he tries to use the present distribution system for farm products.

If his neighbor were to buy the pork through the market, this is what would happen: Mr. Kippes would ship his hog to Chicago. Whether it went there or not would make no difference in the price paid to him, as the price paid at Sioux City is the price paid at Chicago, minus the freight. Therefore, so far as cost is concerned, every hog must go to Chicago from all this western country. There the hog is cut up by one of the meat packers. The pork is then shipped back to Mr. Kippes' neighbor. This means, of course, that somebody has to pay for the freight from Marion, S. D., to Chicago and from Chicago back to Marion, S. D. In addition somebody must pay for the very substantial shrinkage in the weight of the hog. By the time this is added to the price of the live hog at Marion, Mr. Kippes will find an explanation as to what becomes of at least part of the money that goes for the pork, but not into his pockets. Of course, both the consumer and Mr. Kippes must share this expense.

Now it might be argued that the local butcher should be able to rectify all this by paying for live hogs on the basis of the established price for pork. But there are reasons why he cannot do this or has not done so. Principally among these is the fact that he cannot utilize the by-products as does the packing house.

The National Consumers league, an organization trying to bring down the cost of living, is advocating independent packing plants. Herbert Hoover wrote the president that the remedy for the high cost of meat and the low price of stock was a more widely based market for live stock. Sooner or later, the packing house business will be decentralized. It is out of date. Times have changed and have left the packers with an enormous establishment built at Chicago, to which the stream of live stock must be forced from hundreds of miles away. In the end, the live stock will be killed near the place where it is grown. Any other system means economic waste to say nothing of monopoly.

The farmers and stockmen of this section have paid for a packing plant in years past again and again in shrinkage, high freight rates, commission and car shortage. Doesn't it look like a foolish argument to be endlessly paying for something we never get? Residents of this section will pay for a packing plant again this year. But a new chapter will be added to the story, we will have it. The realization of the Alliance Packing company fills the long felt want.

A woman dislikes men who understand her.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The men's club was entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lains. Important matters of business were transacted. Everybody present enjoyed the occasion. The club meets regularly the last Monday of each month.

The choir and orchestra of the church meet tonight with Mr. and

Mrs. C. H. Fuller, 624 Toluca. All members are urged to be present.

The meeting of the young people last Sunday evening was one of unusual interest. A number of the program represented in costume the different mission fields of the world. The interest in our young people's work is growing rapidly.

The monthly business meeting of the church will be held Wednesday

evening in the basement of the church. There are important matters to come before the church.

The religious institute begins next Friday afternoon with Dr. Verner leading. The meetings are to be held in the Methodist church. All Sunday school and church workers are urged to attend every one of the sessions.

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Spring Improvements

Already many building operations have commenced in spite of the earliness of the season. With the opening up of Spring we expect all kinds of permanent improvements to be made on every hand. The forward movement of the City of Alliance and Box Butte County is practically unquestioned.

New Homes and Business Houses

will be counted by the scores, possibly by the hundreds.

While this unusual development is going on is the ideal time for you to fall in line. No doubt you have been contemplating some improvements about your place—a new porch, a new barn, a new garage or shed—something, at least.

Why not take the matter into your own hands and build you a new home of your own? You probably need the place now, and it will be many months before building material can come down.

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