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life, that its genuine beauties may be truly enjoyed.

The new art course should be a success, for it ought to have the effect of engendering true culture.

Concerning Railroad Revenue.

Whether the railroads of the United States have suffered in proportion with other industries is debatable. It is true, however, that the general condition of the transportation lines has steadily improved.

The figures summarized for the lines entering Omaha are taken from the bulletin for July of the Bureau of Railway Economics at Washington, and show:

Table with 4 columns: Railroad, Total Operating Revenue, Total Operating Expenses, Net Operating Income.

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Illiteracy in the United States.

Something of a shock is provided in the announcement from the Census bureau that 6 per cent of the people of the United States above 10 years of age are unable to read or write in any language.

In a land where all children are supposed to have a chance to learn at public expense, and where so many compulsory education laws are enforced with more or less of effectiveness, it is a national reproach that any should grow up in ignorance of the rudiments of education.

What is really needed is an awakening of certain elements of the social body to the menace that resides in this great mass of benighted citizenry. Some progress was made between 1910 and 1920 in the way of reducing the number of those unable to read or write, but it has been too slow.

Demobilization of the French Army

On the eve of the Washington conference, France will have virtually completed the demobilization of her war-time army.

Twenty Cents From Rockefeller.

The little girl who received two dimes from John D. Rockefeller displayed a wonderfully understanding heart. She knew the gift was made because the richest man in the world liked her singing, and it probably never occurred to her, as it did to many of her elders, that his appreciation could have been expressed by a much larger sum.

The trifling gift was made to show appreciation. By money is the only way in which some people can express their sentiments. The aged philanthropist, wishing well to the world, gives money in wholesale and retail lots.

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Back to the Farm

Longing for the Land Still Comes Up Among City Dwellers.

(From the New York World.)

It is reported by Mr. Getman, a specialist in agricultural education for New York state, that 32 per cent of the students in the state schools of agriculture, of which there are six, come from cities, and that 50 per cent of the letters sent to the bureau of farm settlement of the state department of farms and markets, in reference to the purchase of farms, come from dwellers in the cities.

But the same authority reminds us that a mere longing for the land is not a qualification for its profitable cultivation. The farm is no place for the inefficient and inexperienced. The successful farmer, it would appear from the demands now made of him, must be the most versatile of vocations, for he has to deal with weather, machines, animals, markets and railroads, as well as with the crops themselves and the pests that molest them.

Agricultural knowledge, which may seem instinctive in the farm-born boy, is, after all, due in large measure to the teaching of his environment and his experience, but in an increasing degree, to the guidance of science. This knowledge is within the acquisition of the city boys and girls, and the state has opened the opportunity to them to receive such instruction along with those who are country-born and rural-minded.

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The Bee's Letter Box

(The Bee offers its columns freely to its readers who care to discuss any public question, who request that letters be published, and who desire to be named as contributors, but that the editor may know with whom he is dealing, the Bee reserves the right to publish or withhold any correspondence as expressed by correspondents in the Letter Box.)

Let the Irish Emigrate.

Omaha, Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Now that the representatives of the Irish republic are in England, precisely as the American Declaration of Independence demands, let us hope the American press will take the opportunity to print and publish the principles of our American doctrine. No person claiming the rights of independence as set forth in our Declaration of Independence can refuse his sympathy to the cause of Irish independence.

Great Britain has no greater claim to ownership of Ireland than she had to the colonies, but our forefathers in their might of right established our independence, and no person dare deny that right. Now, has there come a time when the American press and American men will advise a nation like Ireland to abandon its republicanism and adopt English imperialism? Is it not a most unworthy, un-American attitude? How can a true American fail to rejoice when a republican people are at a declaration of independence the image and likeness of ours?

A few years ago China embraced republicanism. On that occasion Mr. Bryan wrote one of his most eloquent essays, but we fail to note Mr. Bryan or many other statesmen that seem impressed with the eloquent appeal for republicanism made by the president of the Irish republic now on trial in England. Behold that Irish republic, fighting for its life, ever uttering in its defense was first uttered by our own forefathers. Now when these Irish republicans hold up to all the world the great American flag, let no one, at least not an American, deny these sacred principles by advising Ireland to adopt English imperialism. America, do not allow the Irish to bring down the surrendering. MARY MALONE.

On the Farmers' Side.

Omaha, Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to give a farmer's idea how to improve conditions of affairs in good old United States. Stringency comes as soon as farmers' produce was lowered at the peak of good times, when corn was \$1.60 a bushel that made 60 cents per bushel for the farmer and the same for the consumer. That was too much? That gave him buying capacity. There is about 48,000,000 farmers in the United States. If they had money they would buy and keep the employees busy to furnish these various articles. We figure 20 hours' work to produce an acre of corn. I have traveled a good deal in Merriam, Hall and some in Adams counties and have heard from other counties, and corn is poor; make from 15 to 20 bushels per acre, say averaging 22 bushels; counting three-fifths for work would give 13 bushels for two and one-half days' work; at 18 cents per bushel would give 234 cents for the farmer and team and board themselves. How can a man buy much at that money?

What profit has it really been to cut the price on hogs and cattle? The butchers charge nearly the same for meat as they did when cattle and hogs were high. I have sold fine heavy hogs this summer for 5 cents per pound, and in a shop Monday they wanted 35 cents a pound for ham. It should have sold for 20 cents. It is just making middle men rich, and that is all. They seem to be in a combine or union and won't come down. Now if the unions and laborers would try and meet the farmer half way their cost of living would be cut in the middle. The trouble of the unions is they want to boost prices all of the time instead of trying to buy cheaper. The higher wages they get the less we get. Middlemen must have their profit. Why don't the laborers come out in the little stores and be barbers or blacksmiths. We need someone with a heart, as they all charge war prices now. For the stuff we have to buy we have to give from 2 to 15 days' work to get one day's work in return for our work. Now, Mr. Editor, how can we get good times by making very much of our money while this prevails?

Now we would be glad to take the railroad work or any of your union laborers' work at a 4 cent drop and then we would double our wages and have less risk. Let them come and farm. The corn on an average farm would scarcely pay the taxes. Every time the legislature meets they saddle some more burdens on us. Sure, we are tired of the farms. All we want is an opportunity to go to town, and some one cries "raise more stuff." We are raising too much of everything now. Double the price of our commodities if you want good times. W. H. BRICE.

Man's Widening Sphere.

The angel-food cake which took the first prize at the Topoka fair this year was baked by a man, and now it has leaked out that the baker was a woman. The blue ribbon Hutchinson a year ago were made by C. W. Stamey, a paving contractor in the Salt City. The biscuits were exhibited by Mrs. Stamey because her husband, fearing a host of friendly jokes, would not permit his name being used.—Kansas City Star.

A MAN'S PRAYER.

Let me live, Oh, Mighty Master, Such a life as men should know, Tasting life and death and joy, And not too much of woe. Let me run the same old race, Let me fight and love and laugh, And when I'm beneath the clover Let me be my neighbor's mate.

Here lies one who took his chance In the busy world of men; Battled luck and circumstance, Fought and fell and fought again; Won sometimes, but did not crowing; Lost sometimes, but did not whining; Took his beating, but kept going; Never let his courage fail.

He was fallible and human, Therefore loved and understood; Both his failures and his wins; Whether good or not so good; Keep his spirit unshaken; Never lay down on a friend, Played the game till it was finished, Lived a lifetime to an end.—From the Postoffice Clerk.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make a diagnosis nor prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

WHAT WILL KEEP OFF SCURVY?

Old-fashioned scurvy is practically unknown now in this country. Nevertheless there is some mild scurvy and in addition a considerable number of people are somewhat below par because of a mild scurvy. Many babies are a little pale and flabby and cry when picked up because of mild scurvy. They cry because their joints are tender in certain areas. Many children have joint pains which are mistaken for rheumatism, but which are due to scurvy. Many adults have a little swelling of the gums and a little bleeding there because of the same condition. These conditions always are more in evidence in winter because of the more limited diet at that season.

A recent number of the Modern Hospital carries a diagram showing the values of a number of foods in the element which prevents scurvy. The table was prepared by Miss Henry for use in the School of Home Economics at Ithaca. It is necessary to remember that it is more than two years old and knowledge as to these food substances is accumulating monthly.

Fresh cows' milk is antiscorbutic, but richly so. Considerable quantities must be consumed to get a sufficient dose of the antiscorbutic principle. Milk from cows fed on grass contains considerable of this principle. From cows fed on silage and dry feed, very little milk powder, unswetened condensed milk, milk sterilized at 250 degrees Fahrenheit and old milk both raw and pasteurized have lost all of this principle. Milk powder made by heating at 240 degrees for a few seconds is antiscorbutic.

Fresh orange juice is highly antiscorbutic. If kept on ice for three months it loses half its antiscorbutic substance. Orange juice can be dried without losing this substance. Fresh orange peel is highly antiscorbutic. Preserved lime juice is antiscorbutic. Preserved lime juice is not. Lemon juice is on a par with orange juice. Grape juice is not very efficient. Prune juice is not at all so.

Fresh carrots, young carrots boiled twenty minutes and dried young carrots are quite effective antiscorbutic. Old carrots cooked for try-five minutes or cooked in acid water are not antiscorbutic. Raw carrot juice carries some of the principle. Raw beet juice has none of the principle.

Fresh cabbage is in the lemon and orange juice class. However, cabbage loses this principle rather readily on cooking, drying or storing. Cabbage dried at 160 degrees retains more of it than the same vegetable at 104 degrees.

Out kernels contain none of it.

In the family stock. For example, if you are obstinate and your intended to eliminate your offspring would be useless for obstinacy.

Firstly and lastly

The price question is secondary—what you get for your money is what counts—that's the why of

THE LANPHER HAT

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