Cranks From All Sections Seek to See President

WASHINGTON .- The real president of the United States arrived in Washington the other day. He admitted it. "I come," he announced, as he stepped of the train from Keokuk, "to take possession of the White House Wilson was elected by fraud. I will drive out the usurper."

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"Welcome," said a cordial secret service man. "Permit me to escort you to the White House."

Whereupon the self-styled president was whirled to police headquarters. Eventually he held forth in pomp at the psychopathic ward of the Washington Asylum hospital.

ELECTED BY FRAUD In the last few months this institution has welcomed a few other presidents, the Queen of Canada (who had

come to ask Secretary McAdoo for \$500,000 for coronation expenses), the Most August Oracle of the People (including Mexico), numerous crack-brained inventors, miscellaneous "chums" of the president (who just wanted to chat with him), and sundry other members of the batty battalion.

One chap-educated and ostensibly intelligent-came all the way from California to arrest the president. He ran the secret service gauntlet at the Union station and calmly walked up to the White House before guards nabbed him.

Another sage came from New York with a weird tale of the shooting of 400 German spies on the Brooklyn bridge every day. He wanted President Wilson to have the same system started in Washington.

Eagle-eyed plake-clothes men stem the tide of cranks at the Union station. Only the cleverest crank can get near the White House. And it takes a sane

Why One Treasury Official Is Short on Vacation

BYRON R. NEWTON, as assistant secretary of the treasury, has had occasion to dispense a few hundred millions for the erection of public buildings. But such fiscal gymnastics are not helping him one bit when it comes

to recovering that \$50 of the Newton family's money which went up in smoke a few days ago.

As a result Mr. Newton, who sits all day in the home of the greenback and talks amiably with foreign gentlemen about billion-doilar loans, faces two alternatives. Either he curtails a vacation or he floats a personally conducted Liberty loan of his own to finance a much-needed trip.

It happened like this. A few evenings ago Mr. Newton wended his way homeward to dine with his family, and Mrs. Newton called his attention to two articles of which she thought the assistant secretary was in need.

One was a pair of garters. The other was the roll of bills-\$50 worth of them. Mr. Newton seized upon the garters and thoughtfully placed the bills inside the garter box. Then Mrs. Newton proceeded to impress upon him the urgent need of the vacation.

Next morning the frugal Mrs. Newton asked if Mr. Newton had put that money in a safe place. No wife would trust even an assistant secretary of the treasury when it comes to his own household finances. Her suspicions were fully justified. Mr. Newton searched his pockets, racked his brain, and then remembered he had put the money in the garter box. And a careful maid, it was later discovered, had cast the garter box into the fireplace.

It was a case of money to ashes, of vacation to the four winds, and Byron R. Newton back to figuring on the expenditure of hundreds of millions in new taxes, but not a cent for vacation,

Capital Crowded as Never Before in History

E VERY department of the government is engaged in drawing recruits to the national capital. More than 15,000 clerks, alone, have been brought here since the United States cast itself into the war. The regular public buildings

were filled to their utmost capacity long ago. In the big State, War and Navy building the corridors of every floor except that occupied by the three respective cabinet members are filled with desks and busy people. Outside, all over town, vacant office buildings have been rented. The other day I heard John J. Fitzgerald, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, who has much to do with the subject, declared that there was not left in





Washington a single building for rent. The rents of apartment houses have joined the aviation corps, and many natives have felt compelled to seek cheaper quarters to make room for the influx of war boomers. Houses of the best grade, long a drug on the market, are now in such demand that an unoccupied one is hard to find. Before Mr. Wilson and his Democrats came here this city was the favorite refuge of the rich and the overrich. Congress had exempted all form of securities from taxation in the District of Columbia and there was no income tax to annoy one. Since this ceased to be a haven for money and also since Mr. Wilson married a widow whose husband had seen "in trade" a lot of these people have abandoned their palaces and gone elsewhere, leaving their Washington windows planked and the grounds

Recreation Keeps President Fit for Hard Work

E ACH day sees the solution by President Wilson in a few hours of some great problem which in the old days before the war would have been given weeks and even months of consideration before a decision was reached.



Numerous special boards have been given special problems for solution. Seldom does any board reach a decision without the president's assistance. Usually a board will become deadlocked after considering a question for several weeks and will rush to the White House for the president's advice. Sometimes the president will go to the office of the board itself to ender his assistance.

Then after the whole situation has been laid before the president he will

consider it for a comparatively few hours and announce a dicision. Sometimes the decision is given as that of the board. More frequently the president announces 't and takes the responsibility himself.

In the whirlwind of events it probably is thought outside of Washington that the president has little time for entertainment. Nothing is further from the truth. Each morning at 8:30 he goes for a game of golf. He is away from the White House until 10:30. After a bath and a change of clothing he is ready for the day's business. Most of his work is done between eleven in the morning and one o'clock in the afternoon, when he has lunch. After lunch he receives two or three callers and then goes out for a drive through one of the city's par's.

In the evening he goes either for a drive or to the theater. One evening out of every week he spends at a vaudeville show. Another he devotes to a current theater attraction, frequently a musical comedy. Sometimes he takes a turn around the Speedway after the theater before returning to the White

The president accomplishes a great deal of work each day and undoubtedly he could do more if necessary. He believes, however, that a certain amount of relaxation is necessary to keep him in the best possible trim. It is only when there is business of a very pressing nature that he foregoes the theater and his golf game

FIGHT PLANT DISEASES

Campaign Planned Against Destructive Maladies.

Special Work Will Be Undertaken to Reduce Epidemics of Black Rust In Spring Wheat Areas-To Improve Storage Methods.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Destructive plant diseases which annually make heavy inroads into the crops of the country, are to be attacked with renewed energy by the United States department of agriculture. The extended work is made possible by appropriations carried in the food production bill which has just been enacted by congress.

Special work will be undertaken by the bureau of plant industry with a view to reduction of the destructive epidemics of black rust in the spring wheat areas and reduction of the injury from grain smut, especially in the central and western states. The bureau also will place in the field additional expert pathologists to advise country agents especially in the control of destructive diseases of potatoes, beans and truck crops, and will undertake special surveys to determine the causes of injury in regions suffering heavy losses from plant diseases in order that control measures may be undertaken promptly.

In addition to its work for the control of plant diseases, the bureau of plant industry will seek to stimulate the conservation of food products by demonstrating proper methods of storing such crops as may be stored in common storage, by improving the methods of storage, and by demonstrating the drying of farm products.

PLAN FOR GOPHER TRAPPING

Most Effective "Set" for Trap is in Main Runway-Twelve-Inch Iron Spoon Is Useful.

The most effective "set" for the gopher trap is in the main runway, A, and not in the lateral run, B, that leads to the surface mound. This necessitates the use of two traps per setting, one in each direction; but the results are so much more certain and quicker that the catch per trap per day is greater than where but one trap is set in a lateral run, where it is often filled full of dirt by the gopher. A common stiff-handled 12-inch iron spoon is of great assistance in finding the main run, and in properly placing the trap. This spoon had better be supplemented by a light, short-handled shovel, for the man that is afraid to dig will never get rid of his gophers.



Gopher Trapping.

The freshest mound should be selected and the probable direction of the main run determined by noting the dissolved in butter. Butter cannot angle of the dirt-plugged hole. The mounds are usually situated one or two feet distant from, and nearly at right angles to the main run.

SOLVE FARM LABOR PROBLEM

Department of Agriculture Endeavoring to Bring About Better Organi-

zation of Labor. (From the United States Department of

Agriculture. The extension of the activities of the United States department of agriculture dealing with the farm labor problem is made possible through the food production act, which provides funds for this purpose. The department, in co-operation with the department of labor, has been endeavoring to bring about better organization of the labor remaining on farms and to call into service available labor which heretofore has not been fully or regularly utilized in farming operations. Repre sentatives have been detailed to co-operate with the state officials in charge of labor matters, the state agriculthe county or local township labor committees or representatives.

The food production act, by making available additional funds, will enable the department to render still more effective co-operation with the state and other labor agencies, both in determining local labor needs and supplies. and in effecting economic distribution.

SELECTION OF GARDEN SEED

Advisable to Do Work in Fall From Plants Known to Have Been Satisfactory in E ery Way.

To get the best returns from the garden we must have good seed; and in order to get the best seed it is often advisable to do our selecting in the fall from plants that we know have been satisfactory in every way. There are great possibilities in plant breed ing through seed selection for the gardener or farmer who will devote a little time to this work. Some money can be saved, too, by saving a portion at least of our own seeds at spare times during the summer and fall. Another advantage in home saving of seeds is that we can thereby be sure of planting nothing but perfectly fresh seeds in the spring, while if we buy, it is impossible to be sure that the seeds are good.

******************* SILO ESSENTIALS

The walls must be airtight. The walls must be smooth in-

The best type of silo is round. The roof should be water-

The materials out of which the sile is build should be strong enough to withstand great press-

sllo should be placed as near as possible to the place where the sllage is to be fed. One hundred tons of sliage will feed 25 hend of stock for

200 days. A silo 14 feet in diameter and 25 feet high will hold 100 tons

of silage.

Any kind of good sile is a valuable piece of property on the farm where live stock is to be

FODDER IS EASILY HANDLED

Illustration Given Herewith Shows Convenient Method Suggested by Nebraska Man.

Fodder may easily be handled in the tollowing manner: Use 2 by 4's for brackets. Bolt the upper pieces to the wagon box and insert the lower one between hound and axle, writes F. Harnly of Odell, Neb., in Farmers Mail



Handy Fodder Loader.

and Breeze. One-inch piping will do for the truck to work on. Use a small block and tackle, hooked to the front of wagon, to draw the shock over.

AMOUNT OF SALT IN BUTTER

On Every Dairy Farm There Should Be Scale That Will Weigh to Ounce or Finer.

While it may be pardonable to estimate the weight of butter in a churn ing, which some are able to do with surprising accuracy, it is never a good plan to "guess" at the weight of the salt required for churning. On each and every farm where butter is made there should be a scale that will weigh to ounces or finer and both butter and salt carefully weighed before the latter is added to the former.

The amount of sait to add to butter varies, first, according to the requirements of the market, and, secondly, according to the method of making butter. No butter should contain over about 3 per cent of salt. This is above the maximum that can be properly contain more than 16 per cent of the moisture and inasmuch as water is the only dissolving substance in butter it can readily be seen that the amount of salt that will dissolve in butter it limited.

GOOD FARM POTATO STORAGE

Bulletin Issued by North Dakota College Describes Building of Cellars and Pits.

A bulletin on farm potato storage has just been issued by the North Dakota Agricultural college. It describes the building of potato cellars and pits that can be made cheaply. There may be greater need of such storage this fall than usual. It may be difficult to secure cars when they are needed, and if degging is delayed for lack of cars, there will be danger of the potatoes. freezing in the field. Towns have often taken up the local supply of potatoes, but this year nearly everybody in town has raised enough potatoes for their own use, so that the farmer will either tural colleges, the county agents and have to store or ship his surplus potatoes. A pointo cellar or pit on the form will also cut out the time that it would take to haul the potatoes to

HOME-GROWN SEED SUPERIOR

That From Many Garden Vegetables Can Be Saved for Next Year, Such Beans, Peas, Etc.

Many garden vegetables which cannot be used may be allowed to go to seed and the seed saved for next years' planting. This is true of beans, peas, lettuce, radishes, squash, pumpkins, endive, spinach, early turnips, etc. Home grown seed which has not mixed in often superior to that bought on the market.

INFERTILE EGG IS FAVORED

Proper Handling and Marketing by Producer Would Increase Number Quite Perceptibly.

The production of the infertile egg and the proper handling and marketing of eggs by the producer would increase tremendously the number of marketable eggs each year by diminishing the quantity that are rendered unfit for food.

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SOILED EGGS ARE DISLIKED

Splendid Idea to Place Nests Where Hens Must Walk Over Clean Straw Before Reaching.

It is distasteful to the buyer to handle dirty eggs, and the breeder should provide clean nexts to avoid soiled eggs. Have the nesting boxes where the hens must walk some distance over dry straw before getting to the nest, and even in wet weather the feet will be clean before reaching the nest, If eggs become soiled either brush the dirt off with a dry cloth or allow it to remain. In no case should eggs be washed before selling on the market. Washed eggs always spoil quicker in storage than soiled eggs. The water applied to the shells removes the gelatinous covering that helps keep out the air and preserve the eggs. When this covering is removed, the air, germs and molds find

been washed and should refuse them. Nests should be protected from the sun, rain, dew and dirt, and eggs from stolen nests should be used at home and never placed on the market. Buyers are paying good prices now for eggs and the producer can well afford to sell none but first-class goods.

their way into the eggs and cause a

loss. When eggs present a shiny ap-

pearance, the buyer knows they have

PROTEIN IS ALL-IMPORTANT

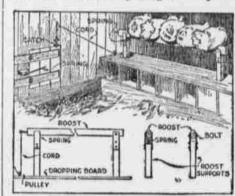
Meat or Milk Should Be Furnished to Chicks Where Supply of Insects Is Difficult.

Unless the range is exceptional in its supply of insect life, along with all grain, weed seeds, etc., that the chicks pick up, there should be mixed in the feed some kind of animal protein, such as meat or mifk. A good grade of commercial meat scrap, although it does cost 31/2 cents a pound, is well worth the price, to balance the ration. There is a great deal of difference between a good grade and a poor grade of meat scrap. When purchasing buy the best. Meat scrap varies from 40 to 60 per cent animal protein. ing wood in mining structural works, The reason the purchaser desires it is for the animal protein. The difference in price between the two grades is immaterial as compared with the difference in the per cent of protein. Always demand the 60 per cent meat

OPENS POULTRY HOUSE DOOR

Spring, Operated by String Attached to Roost, Releases Opening When Fowls Are Ready.

Those in the habit of shutting their poultry houses at night to prevent disturbance or loss by night-prowling animals, will be interested in a contrivance that makes this unnecessary. The principle of the mechanism, as illustrated, is that the opening to the poul-



Door Opened Automatically.

try house is closed after the fowls have gone to roost, and in the morning when they descend from the roost, the door automatically opens, and they are free to go out. The spring door opens inside, with hinges at the side, and a suitable bumper. The spring has just sufficient tension to cause the door to open when the catch is released.-Popular Mechanics Magazine.

RULES FOR HANDLING EGGS

Greatest Enemy Is Heat to Both Fertile and Infertile Product-Some Suggestions.

Heat is the great enemy of eggs. both fertile and infertile. Farmers are urged to follow these simple rules, which cost nothing, but time and thought and will add dollars to the poultry yard returns:

1. Keep the nests clean; provide one nest for every four hens.

2. Gather the eggs twice daily. 3. Keep the eggs in a cool, dry room or cellar.

4. Market the eggs at least twice a week. 5. Sell, kill, or confine all male birds as soon as the hatching season is

GOOD GRAIN-LAYING RATION

Mixture Suggested for Hens Without Use of High-Priced Wheat-Feed In Dry Hopper.

In these days of high wheat prices, a good laying ration may consist of the following: Three parts cornmeal and one part beef scrap mixed together and fed in a dry-mash hopper. In addition a scratch ration consisting of equal parts of cracked corn and oats should be fed twice daily.

Back Lame and Achy

There's little peace when your kidmay be nothing more serious than dull backache, sharp, stabbing pains, headaches, dizzy spells and kidney irregularities, you must act quickly to avoid the more serious trouble, dropsy, gravel, heart disease, Bright's disease. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that is so warmly recom by grateful users.

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Concrete Is Preferable. Steel is going up, and concrete, as a result is coming into wider use. Rallway bridges, for example, which used always to be of steel, are now often of concrete. A beautiful concrete railway bridge is being built across the James river at Richmond, Va., and It is much prettier than a steel bridge. For like reasons, concrete is replac-

being waterproof. The Argentine government will install an electric voting machine in its chamber of deputies.

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