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Head of Daylight Saving Association Says Rural Folks Dropping Hostility

M'Cready Sykes, in Commerce and Finance Marcus M. Marks, president of the National Daylight Saving association, says that rural sentiment is coming round in favor of the reform. It is from the farmers that most of the opposition has come, and the farm sentiment was responsible for the repeal of the federal law. For the past two or three years in many of the cities and their adjacent territory we have had one standard time and a

Vime an hour later in the country. In England they have finally enacted daylight saving into permanent statutory law. Mr. Marks says that the most curious objection has come from a farmer of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, who complains that daylight saving has increased the divorce rate. He explained that where it prevailed the farmers finished their work an hour earlier than formerly and in consequence they went to country dances, where they fell a prey to the wiles of attractive girls, who wrought

such havoc among them that many divorces followed. The parent vote has been on the fence. It is hard erough to get small children to bed as it is, but some parents declare that to get a child asleep two hours or so before dark is almost among the things that can't be done. The saving grace of it is they may to some extent be trained into sleeping later in the morning. The argument based on the children's sleep seems to be answered by the experience of the Scotch. At the summer solstice the Scotch get only two or three hours of real pitch darkness. We recall attending a political meeting in Glasgow, when some of the audience began to think they had had enough speaking and demanded that the speaker come to an end, and one penetrating Lowland voice burst out with "It's ten o'cleck! We want to go hoom." So it was ten o'clock, but it was still so light that no lights had been lit in the hall, and when we came out on the street it was still real daylight. But no one has ever complained that the Scotch children do not grow into sturdy men and women with as fine and normal nervous systems as are to be found in the world.

What really caused the trouble with the standard system is that somehow we long ago got into the habit of dividing our working day in half not in the middle of daylight but an hour or two later. An office day, for example, is apt to begin at nine or half past and last till five, so that its middle point is about one o'elock. If it began at eight and ended at four we should have the extra hour of daylight without changing the standard. When we take the whole working day we have divided it still more unevenly, pushing far more than half of it into the post meridian.

A few years ago there was-it may exist yet-an odd survival of the old "sun time" in the mining camps tributary to Boise, Idaho, some forty or fifty miles away from the city. They still kept sun time, some forty minutes out of line with standard time, and if one did not look out he might miss connection with the stages leaving for town. The miners' insistence on the old standard time reflected, long after the cause had been forgotten, resentment against the railroad, which as originally built had left Boise to one side. Standard time was commonly referred to as railroad time, and the miners had so little patience with that particular railroad that had been so inconsiderate of their capital that they would not even recognize railroad time. That was the oddest bit of anti-railroad sentiment that we recall.

Bright Clothes For Men. Evansville Courier. The Count Romain de Tirtoff Erte, famous Russian designer of women's zowns, aided and abetted by the New York Cutters' Club, is trying to convert American men to brighter dress, especially for evening wear. Our women, he says, dress well,

"Ah, ciel! Are they not terrible? Their clothes make me suffer. At the opera one sees the women, gorgeously dressed, harmonizing with the ensemble. Then the men, with their horrible black clothes! They spoil everything. Ah, mon Dleu!" "Yet," he concludes, "it can be changed. Slowly, perhaps, but it can

and are a joy to behold. But the

be changed. I personally do my little bit. I have no black evening clothes. One suit of brown, one of violet-quiet colors like that. One must go slowly at first." Quite so! There is nothing more Table Steadied by \$20,000 Book.

From the Montreal Gazette.

An Antwerp art collector, with an observing eye, spotted & book under a table leg in a saack where he had climbed the sairs hunting for rare antiques. The woman in whose home the volume was sighted offered him a chair while he recovered his breath from the climb and on examing the book he found it to be bound in hu-man skin. He obtained the work from the woman who could neither read nor write, and sold it for \$20,-000, half of which he then gave to the woman, it is said,

upsetting to a conservative country and sex than a flagrant attempt to change sartorial styles and bring a little color into formal dress. It is worse than an attack on the constitution or golf rules. Yet the Cutters' Club, the other evening, at a banquet, showed mannikins in blue dress suits and the ceiling did not fall on them, or the diners throw dishes at

Eventually we may get as far away from the present funeral fashion as Mark Twain did with his white dress suit. For the present, mauve and blue are quite revolutionary enough; anything more might bring a sentence of deportation.

CLEAN COFFEE POT

Tea and coffee pots should be thoroughly cleaned daily. After the grounds or leaves have been emptied out, rinse with cold water, then wash in clear, hot water.

Where The Profits Go.
From the Chicago News.
A group of farmers were talking at the village store and one of them asked: "Do you think it pays to keep poultry?"
"Well, no, I can't say that I do," was the answer, "but I'm sure it pays my son Jim."
"How's 'that?" asked another man,
"Well, you see, I bought him the

"Well, you see, I bought him the fowls: I have to furnish their feed; I buy the eggs from him and he eats them."

Sales of ordinary life insurance in the United States for February are \$611,480,000. This is \$64,959,000 more than in February of last year, according to figures just issued by the Life Insur-ance Sales Research Bureau of Hart-ford Connecticut.

PLAY

By Hal Cochran. What do you mean, when you solemnly say, "I guess that I'm getting old?" I'll bet you've forgotten the secret of play, if the story were truthfully told.

You can't limp around in an old easy chair and spend all your time just a fretting. If that's what you do—well, it seems only fair that the age ache's the thing you

are getting.

Too often we fail at just facing the truth 'cause it's easy to loaf life away. We know that there still is a calling of youth if we'd

only get pep up and play.

Real vigor and vim will keep people in trim though a great many years have been tolled. When you let such things halt, well, it's just your own fault, if you have to admit that you're old.
'Come on there, young fellow,
don't simply be yellow, but put up an age fight that's real. If you'll learn how to play, you'll agree, when I say, that you're only as old as you feel.

"Hedging."

Emil Hofsoos, in Forbes Magazine. Hedging is the process of protecting one transaction by means of another. For example, a country elevator buys wheat at \$1 a bushel from the farmer, and this \$1 includes, let us say, a 3cent profit for the elevator. To hedge, the elevator sells an equivalent amount of wheat futures. Then, when the cash wheat is sold, futures are bought, thus cancelling the previous futures transaction. Now, since one transaction is a sale and the other a purchase, no matter which way the market goes, the gain on one will be offset by a loss on the other. The original trading profit of 8 cents a bushel, which was included in the selling price, is thus protected against the fluctuations of the market. Without this protection, the original profit might have been wiped out entirely. Theoretically, therefore, the hedging process gives perfect insurance against loss. In brief, the beneficial economic

effect of hedging is this, that by making it possible for grain dealers— elevators, millers, etc.—to avoid speculation, it at the same time makes it possible for them to operate on a smaller margin of profit. These smaller margins react to the benefit of the farmer by giving him a higher price for his grain, and to the benefit of the consumer by limit-ing the price he must pay for the finished product.

CANDLEMAS O hearken, all ye little weeds That lie beneath the snow, (Se low, dear hearts, in poverty so low!)

The sun bath risen for royal deeds, A valiant wind the vanguard leads; Now quicken ye, lest unborn seeds Before ye rise and blow.

O furry living things, adream On Winter's drowsy breast, (How rest ye there, how softly,

Arise and follow where a gleam Of wizard gold unbinds the stream, And all the woodland windings seem With sweet expectance blest. My birds, come back! the hollow sky

Is weary for your note, (Sweet-throat, come back! O liquid mellow throat!) Ere May's soft minions hereward fly, Shame on ye, laggards, to deny

The brooding breast, the sun-bright The tawny, shining coat!
—Alice Brown, in the Indianapolis

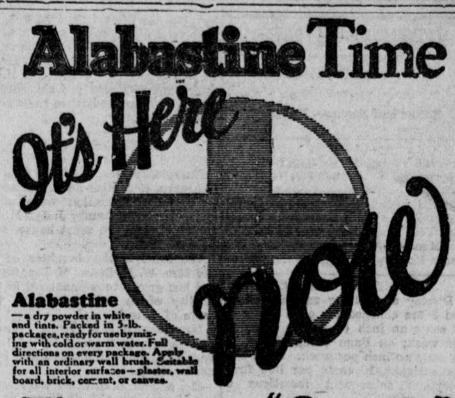
A Real Optimiet. From Kasper, Stockholm "What's an optimist?"
"A man who carries a corkscrew!"

Clate Tinan, in Kimball Graphic. To my way of thinking, S. J. John son of Mt. Vernon has given the Mitchell Republican the best definition of a standpatter, viz: 'A standpatter is like a setting hen. She is perfertly satisfied with her nest, though the eggs may be rotten."

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