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"Safety First" is still the motto of the Hohenzollern family.

No tribunal can try the kaiser half so much as he has tried the rest of the world.

"What will a clam-bake be without beer?" somebody wails. Maybe it will be a clam-bake.

Interest on W. S. S. is compounded quarterly; and when this is done for any individual, poverty is compounded daily.

If we ever get rich enough to own an automobile, we are going to back it up against one of Penrose's speeches, and run it by hot air to save gasoline.

The Christian Advocate says Carnegie's gift of a million to Vanderbilt University is an insult to the church. We're willing to be insulted that way any old time.

Yes, it is a cold world, if you want to look at it that way, but it may be warm enough for you in the next world. There is always something to look forward to.

Billy Sunday says that if the Lord would send him to hell he would depopulate it. Guess that's right. If we were there and saw Billy coming we'd certainly leave if possible.

An agricultural paper asks if there is any way to prevent bees from stinging while you are robbing the hive. Certainly. Let the hired man do it, while you take a walk of about 'steen miles.

No Johnny boy at the wheel of a new red car and a 10-cent cigar stuck in the corner of his mouth is going to consider it a crime to splatter the landscape with some jay pedestrian caught in the act of walking.

An agricultural exchange says that the farmer who is attending to his work finds plenty to do at this time of the year. The same might well be said of every man who attends to his own business, and at any time of the year.

Every time we have a little fire experience in the city of Plattsmouth we are compelled to show up ourselves in the way of poor fire fighting equipment. During the fire of last Monday evening we heard a stranger in the city make this remark, "What kind of a town is this, without a fire engine of some sort. Many towns a great deal smaller than this are equipped with up-to-date engines." Our insurance rates would no doubt be greatly reduced with better equipment against fire loss. There is a cause for the present excess rates that the old line companies have imposed upon the city of Plattsmouth, and it is about time we were finding out the cause. If modern fire equipment will do it let us get busy.

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Our neighbor got a new machine. Just the other day; He says it uses gasoline, And not alfalfa hay.

Information comes from Mexico that "the attitude of Gen. Villa toward the United States was one of sincere friendship," though Villa's sensitive soul was hurt by the action of the American troops who drove him out of Juarez. God deliver Uncle Sam from his greater friends!

No wonder congress refuses to mitigate the country's complaint that his constituents have been deprived of their constitutional right to representation. A community that elects a man like Berger probably deserves to be represented by a man like Berger.

HOW WILL SHE VOTE?

According to Mr. McAdoo, women will wield a powerful influence over the political destinies of the future.

He goes further, and asserts that women will not adhere to party lines which great issues are at stake, but will vote boldly for the thing which is for the public good, without reference to the party promulgating it. If this should prove true it will be the very thing which the great founders of the suffrage movement hoped to see.

In reiteration of his theory comes the information that the women in at least one state are being organized by their leaders along distinct party lines. State, county, town and ward have their leaders and political meetings. Party propaganda is to be extended as widely as possible, and along the same lines as those followed by the men. This is what the politicians hoped to see.

If the hope of winning the woman vote leads to higher ideals, better measures in each of the great parties, this party division will be a good thing. If it simply broadens the old style party politics by the addition of thousands of women who vote for measures not because of their soundness but because of the party which introduces them, politics will stay exactly where they were before the first woman voted. Mr. McAdoo's view is the ideal one. Whether it is accurate time alone can tell.

NEGRO UNIONS.

Political equality on the part of the negro in the United States, as everybody knows, has never been fully realized. In theory the negro has been the political equal of the white man. In practice he has seldom exercised his nominal rights in the south, and has not fully realized them in the north. This is a situation which right or wrong is not likely to be altered very rapidly. There is too much prejudice to overcome on one side, and too much ignorance on the other.

It is different with industrial equality. It may be only a difference of degree; but certain it is that the negro finds it easier to make his way in industry than in politics, and easier to win tolerance and justice.

The American Federation of Labor has now recognized this situation by formally admitting colored workers to its ranks. Heretofore the color line has been drawn pretty tightly by that organization. It has held back the progress of the negro race, and in all probability it has

not done the A. F. of L. itself any compensating good.

Negroes constitute one-seventh of American industrial workers. The new policy is, to say the least, a triumph for democracy. It is also calculated to help the blacks along the very lines where they most need development—the learning of trades, and participation in the higher living standards and educational opportunities that come with membership in the trade unions. It will help to lift them out of poverty and will make better citizens of them. And indirectly, the Federation of Labor may gain proportionately in power and prestige.

The negro will certainly contribute one asset on which the Federation today lays much stress. He is a loyal American, and can be depended on to do his part in keeping bolshevism and anarchism out of American industry.

VOLUBLE VOLTAGE

CHOP-SUEYED

All is not literature that litters. Procrastination and prosperity don't mix.

Lord bless both our eagle and our stork.

57 varieties are a derved sight too many.

If you know it all you know too much.

We are all willing Jones should pay the freight.

Put plenty of powder behind your projectile.

A round steak makes quite a square meal.

With 700 wives, how could Solomon be wise?

Europe is crucifying Christ all over again.

LATIN, GREEK AND ENGLISH.

A man whose children will shortly enter high school has been doing a little investigating as to their probable studies. He himself has some knowledge of Latin and Greek, and believes them, Latin particularly, to be of great use in the development and understanding of a good English vocabulary, and he is a little alarmed at the proposed banishment of these two studies from many high school and college courses.

Just by way of experiment, he made up a list of common words, to be submitted to pupils for definition, as he says, "not the nomenclature of botany, of faunal-naturalism or anatomy, but ordinary words, one story above the street."

He persuaded the teachers in his home high school to try these words on pupils who had had training purely in English, and also those who had received some instruction in the classical languages. The result was illuminating.

The students of English revealed a knowledge of their native tongue so inaccurate as to be appalling, while students of Latin and Greek had little or no trouble in defining the same words correctly.

Later the same lists were tried in widely separated districts of this country, and in each case the result was the same, the classical students displaying the better knowledge of English.

The results of his findings are published in the July Atlantic magazine, and a perusal of the article should furnish both amusement and food for meditation.

No matter what one's business in life may be, a good vocabulary is a good asset. If the best way to secure a flexible and comprehensive knowledge of English is to learn some Greek and Latin, it may be well to think it over a little before condemning these studies as a futile waste of time.

SPRAY THE COW.

The lowering of the milk supply in fly time is an evil from which the farmer or dairy man need suffer very little if he will spray his cows as faithfully as he does his growing plants and fruit trees.

There are many preparations suitable for these sprays, and formulas for them can be obtained from any

county agent or agricultural bureau.

Stables should be kept clean and manure piles sprayed with fly eradicator to keep the flies from breeding. If in addition to this, bossy is sprayed frequently herself, she will repay these attentions to her comfort by as steady a flow of milk as is her habit when flies are few.

Another precaution against the fly nuisance is the screening of stables as carefully as houses. Of course it would be impossible to keep the fly pest down to as small numbers in the stable as in the house, for manifest reasons, but screening, cleanliness and spraying will do much toward it.

THE ATTIC PHILOSOPHER.

Alexander Graham Bell has beaten the weather man. He placed a big refrigerator filled with ice and salt, in his attic and led the cold air down through an asbestos covered pipe into a room below. He keeps the doors of this room closed and the windows opened from the top a little to permit the exit of the warm air.

The result has been a temperature of 65 degrees in this room when the mercury outside registered 100.

It is a very simple solution of a very old difficulty. Only two or three things stand in the way of everybody's doing it. The first of these is the only one necessary to mention. That is the cost of ice.

Ice is already so high that few of us can contemplate putting it in the attic, and even if we did install the ice-box per directions we would have to sweat so paying for the ice that all the good of the low temperature would be lost.

It would be much simpler if some scientifically inclined person would invent some pills such as Alice-in-Wonderland took, which would make people small enough so they could creep into the family ice-box along with the milk and butter, or better still if some way could be found to lower the price of ice, so that anyone who feels the heat could afford an extra cake to sit on while he earned his daily bread.

PROFITEERING BUTCHERS.

Every housewife has long been convinced that she was paying too much for her meat. It was difficult, however, to place the blame. Everybody concerned—cattle-raiser, packer, independent wholesaler and retailer—was busy "passing the buck" to somebody else. The department of agriculture now seems to have settled the question. After a careful investigation, it announces that prices are not justified, and that the packer is partly to blame for the high price of beef particularly, but the retail dealer is most to blame.

Packers have been paying lately about one-fourth less for beef on the hoof than they paid on March 1, and have reduced their selling prices. They seem to be making a little more profit than formerly. But the retailers have not lowered their rates in accordance with the wholesale rates. Paying about 25 per cent less for this meat, the retail dealer has hardly lowered his selling prices as much as 10 per cent. For some cuts he has not lowered them at all.

This is not true of every meat dealer, of course. Many have dealt fairly with the public, giving the consumer the benefit of the wholesale reductions. But the average retailer has been turning into exorbitant profit for himself this drop in cost which ought to have gone to his customers.

The department has made these facts public in order that the consumers may themselves take a hand in remedying the situation. If every purchaser knows the facts, and demands to know exactly why her butcher is charging the same rates he charged last spring, or anywhere near the same, retail prices may soon reach their proper level.

This would have a wholesome effect on the whole meat industry. People who need meat would be able to buy more of it, and the re-

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IN THE COUNTY COURT.

From Thursday's Daily. This morning in the county court was heard the petition of Mr. James E. Greuber and Mrs. Fern E. Greuber husband and wife, asking that adoption of Noble Eugene Homan, be granted to them. The child who is but 17 months of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Homan of near Murray. The hearing was had and the adoption allowed, the boy becoming the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Greuber.

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FILMS THAT BIND.

Modern pictures are to help North and South America to become better acquainted. An all-American film organization with headquarters in Washington, D. C., recently gave its purpose as that of a film clearing house, facilitating the distribution of pictures illustrating the commercial and industrial activities of Central and South America. It is going to make a special effort to put its information into the school and colleges of North America.

North Americans need to learn a good deal more about the peoples in the continent to the south of them. The medium of the motion picture can not serve as a complete educational course. There will have to be much studying besides of languages and customs on the part of individuals. But the pictures will serve as a stimulus, arousing interest and developing sympathetic understanding of our Pan-American friends.

Of course, the immediate purpose back of most of this educational work is commercial. It is intended to open the eyes of the United States business man to the best methods of securing South America's trade. Inevitably, however, it is going to create clearer appreciation of the people themselves, and so develop the possibilities for real friendship into that mutual goodwill which foresighted people have been urging for so long.

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