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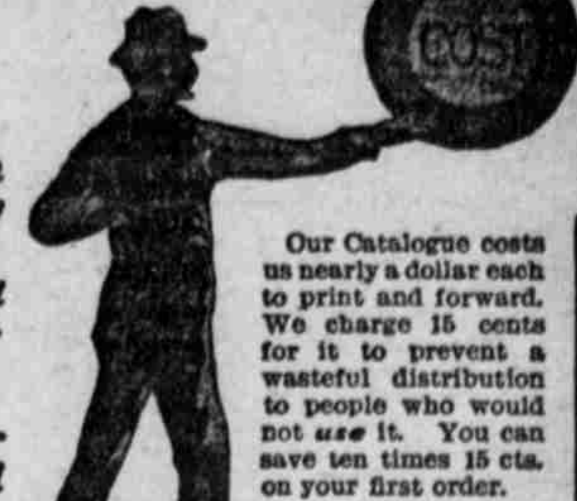
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Hadn't you better send for our catalogue today?

Fill out the slip to the left and send to us with 15c and the catalogue is yours.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago



Our Catalogue costs us nearly a dollar each to print and forward. We charge 15 cents for it to prevent a wasteful distribution to people who would not use it. You can save ten times 15 cts. on your first order.

Subscribers' Advertising Department

Advertisements under this head will be accepted from subscribers at the rate of 6 cents per word each insertion. Those having real estate, live stock, poultry, books—in fact, anything for sale or exchange, are invited to make use of this department. The same care will be exercised in excluding unreliable advertisers that is used in other advertising columns of the paper. By using this department a number of subscribers would be enabled to start a profitable real estate agency. You may be the possessor of something not needed by you, but desired by others. This department will enable you to communicate with them. By using this department exchanges may be made between subscribers. For instance:

John Doe owns a piece of real estate in Nebraska, but lives in Ohio. Richard Roe, who lives in Vermont, contemplates moving to Nebraska and is on the lookout for a bargain in real estate. He sees the advertisement of John Doe's property, correspondence follows and a sale is effected without the intervention of a real estate agent and the payment of an agent's commission. Thus both are profited by the transaction. What is true of real estate is equally true of scores of other forms of property. The rate, 6 cents per word per insertion, is the cheap-

est form of advertising admitted to the columns of The Commoner. The advertisements will be printed in the following form and under appropriate headings:

FOR SALE—100 acres good land, four miles east of Holly Hill, Neb. Frame house of five rooms in good repair, fruit, running water, 6 acres alfalfa, 140 under plow, balance good pasture. Price, \$2,000; terms easy. John Doe, Holly Hill, Neb.

Articles offered for exchange may be advertised in the same form. Quack nostrums, and all other forms of objectionable advertising too often admitted to the columns of the press, will be excluded, not only from this department, but from the paper.

If by any chance rogues should secure the insertion of misleading advertisements the publisher wants to know it, and the subscriber offering proof of the rousery will receive the publisher's thanks and the advertiser will be exposed and excluded from the columns of the paper for all time.

The advertisement in this department will be set in the style and same size of type as the above sample advertisement. Payment for each advertisement must accompany the order. It is the hope of the publisher to make this department of service to the subscribers to The Commoner. Those who patronize it will be put in touch with upwards of half a million readers each week.

Mitchell an Extraordinary Man.

It is becoming clearer and clearer every day that John Mitchell, the young president of the united mine workers of America, is a man of extraordinary parts.

Mr. Mitchell is only thirty-three years old, and yet he carries himself in his tremendously responsible position with the dignity, reasonableness and acumen which would seem to be possible only to a man of many years and large experience.

Before the strike commission in session at Scranton Mr. Mitchell delivered one of the most remarkable speeches that were ever made before any tribunal.

For splendid and yet simple eloquence, for cogency and all forcibleness, for the calm judicial spirit, blended with the quiet but determined man-

hood which knows its rights and dares its rights maintain, it would be difficult in all the annals of oratory to hit upon a speech which might be fairly pronounced its superior.

For completeness of statement, for the true laconic genius which is able to put much in little, and for the real, genuine logic of principle which says to all the world: "I feel that I am right, and here I stand," the following is equal to the best in Webster or Demosthenes:

"It was the united mine workers of America that conferred with the president of the United States in relation to the submission of the issues involved in the coal strike; it was the united mine workers of America that was requested by the president to end the strike; it was the united mine workers of America that declared the strike at an end; it was the united

mine workers of America that sent the men back to work; and it is the united mine workers of America that is pledged to accept the award of this commission."

There must have been a manly light upon the young president's face as he spoke those powerful words! We cannot help feeling that had a great artist been there to catch the look of truth, justice and determined valor upon the speaker's countenance it would have made a noble and a thrilling picture!

It was a great occasion, a great cause was at stake, and there was a great man there to defend the cause!

John Mitchell further demonstrated his ability, as well as his simple, straightforward manliness, when he successfully ran the gauntlet of the multitude of astute lawyers who were trying to entangle him.

The legal thrusts came thick and fast, but Mitchell parried them as rapidly as they came, and when the battle was over he stood master of the arena.

There is something magnificent in this young man's quiet yet determined dignity, in his great good sense, and in his splendid self-control.

We are not permitted to be specially informed regarding the inside workings of the world and its events, but, as the good old folks used to say, it looks as if the election of John Mitchell to the presidency of the united mine workers of America was a bit of "special Providence."—New York American.

History of Herefords.

Mr. T. F. B. Sotham of Chillicothe, Mo., has published a very valuable book entitled "History of Hereford Cattle," by T. L. Miller, the book including a history of the Herefords in America, by Wm. H. Sotham. It is printed on excellent paper, with profuse illustrations, and will be an invaluable addition to the library of any dealer in Herefords. Mr. Miller claims to prove conclusively that the Hereford is the oldest of the improved breeds of cattle, and he certainly makes a strong case for the now famous white face. Mr. William H. Sotham, who has brought the book down to date in America, has been for fifty years a breeder of Herefords, and is in position to speak with authority upon the development of the animal in the United States. The book is so thorough and the statistics so complete that it will be found useful to the breeders of other varieties of cat-

tle. Further information in regard to the book can be obtained from the publisher.

Frank Norris

The death of Frank Norris, the well-known American novelist, is to be regretted. It is easy to believe that Mr. Norris had not yet accomplished his best literary work. His work showed an ever increasing strength, and it was easy to note that as he grew in strength he departed further from what might be termed a Zolaesque model. A little more than a year ago Mr. Norris announced that he was engaged in a work that would depict the story of the American wheat crop, beginning with its production in the wheat fields of the west, its distribution through the great center of Chicago and its consumption by the peasants of the old world. This he was pleased to call "The Epic of the Wheat." The first book, "The Octopus," dealt with the wheat fields of California and was one of the most powerful novels of recent years. No man whose veins run red blood can read that novel without feeling stirred to anger against the grasping corporations that drained the life blood of the poor men who invested their all in the wheat lands of the California valley wherein the scene of the story is laid. The second book in this "Epic of the Wheat" is now being given to the public in serial form in the Saturday Evening Post and is called "The Pit." The scene is laid in Chicago and from the opening chapters it would seem that the story's plot hinges around the great wheat corner of a few years ago. It is to be hoped that Mr. Norris was permitted to finish the last story of the epic before he was called upon to lay down his pen forever.

According to an Associated press cablegram the municipal council of Cienfuegos, Cuba, has appointed H. J. Reilly of New York to draw plans and specifications with the view of the constructing of a market waterworks and sewer system at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000.

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