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WINDBREAKS. The address of L. O. Williams before the Nebraska State Horticultural or using oats, sand, or any other The other day a dog came along their own misery. We were near them Sparks, "when they grow up to be where the charge for lodging and in cooking, in view of the possible it off," and at once went into his yard. Society is worthy of much coasidera- panacea to keep evergreens from dy- behind my cows. I keep none myself. when midnight struck, and with a men they're likely to go into politics, light is \$1.50 to \$2.50 a month, and usefulness of such knowledge to sol- took a cleaver and chopped his right tion. But why wait for governmental ing. Plant as any other tree ought The dog was minding his own busi- slow, shuffling movement the column just the same."—Chicago Tribune. aid, or to convert the people to the to be planted, without exposure to ness, but one of the heifers seemed began to move forward. At the upper populistic principle of governmental drying conditions; use industry in to consider him a suspicious character and we could see it breaking into dark ownership of railroads? Are not the cultivating and keep at it. During ter, and she set out to get away from segments, some of which disappeared Last year forgetful passengers left farmers themselves, who reap the benefits, interested enough in their own prosperity to take the initiative and make a concerted effort to plant trees as a windbreak? Judging from past experience the answer is: No! But to induce the government to do it for them. I have suffered, says the writer in Nebraska, and while they are not of frequent occurrence in that state, the high winds that sweep over the vast prairies are the great evapprators of soil moisture. In 1896 1 had an article published in the Farmers' Union of Chicago in answer to a method referred to was lever and shallow culture, creating what is termed a dust mulch, and is the same method employed by Professor Campbell of Hill City, Kansas. This new method of culture (which is not new) together with the planting of trees, are the great resources at hand. I then made this statement: "The one great remedy, and the one that would amelior-

ate the existing conditions and cause the desert to blossom as the rose, is in planting timber belts ten or more rods wide along every section line running east and west through the state. These would break the force of the wind, which causes a greater and more rapid evaporation than the sun, and not affect his larder. would also allow the snow that fell to be more evenly distributed." Now. instead of waiting for government aid and ownership, if each township would organize for a concerted action still; keep all growing. in tree planting, and plant trees each side of all roads, each side to have four or five rods of trees thickly planted and headed low, how beautiful would be the avenues, and how beneficial the effects? When the farmers decide to act in concert a petition to the railroad would secure hearty cooperation in planting trees along their pads, and thus a friendly feeling and doubt if such united action could secured, the state and county agrie Burlington railroad. The trees ere planted by the railroad, but fires wept through and killed many. After coming in possession of the farm, we trees plowed, thus preventing fire. In planting each side of a road or section line, the loss of land and the burden of planting would fall alike on all owners of farms, and as the results would be of equal benefit to all, so should the burdens. There has been a suggestion that in each school yard a tree be planted as a memorial to McKinley. What a memorial the great treeless prairie states could erect by a concerted action in tree planting. How desolate would be the most picturesque country of hill and valley without trees, and how picturesque would be the beautiful prairie with them.

One of the great leakages about the farm is allowing the manure of our barn lots to accumulate, and then ing of the snow to leach off into our creeks and waterways. You will need it all on your land. Remember, it is worth \$20 per ton, and ought to be on the soil instead of being carried off by the first freshet in the spring.

HINTS FOR THE HOME AND FARM.

Lazy stock, like lazy men, add nothing to the bank account. How many such are you feeding this winter? Stock should pay for its keep by work, growth, milk or some sort of tricrease. All that do not do this are "lazy" and the more such you have the poorer you are.

"The straw stack calf May make you laugh.

So cheap is its wintering: But its shivers and shakes profit all takes

· Is the winter's supply of wood or coal laid in? You will need it worse

after awhile, and you will have a worse time in which to get it. The man who is unwilling to take hold of anything but the blossom end of farm life generally finds himself with our swine during the winter enough slope for drainage. Before they had attacked and compelled the

walking on thorns, and he seldom gathers any fruit. It pays to give cows water with the chill taken off. There is no economy

them to a creek to drink. WINTER WHEAT.

The reports of the condition of wintre wheat are not very favorable. There has been some damage from the Hessian fly in some sections, but this damage is less than is usually re- rearing. ported. The average condition of the winter wheat crop is now about an average. The germination was good last fall and a good stand was secured. The weather has been very favorable this winter. More than the average amount of moisture has fallen and in many parts of the country the wheat has been covered with snow. Unless something unforeseen occurs, the coming crop of winter volume.

The stock raisers of lowa are organprice.

RULES TO BEAR IN MIND WHEN PLANTING TREES.

not waste time carrying water in hose | sight of him. they have been badly handled in the the important feature in the work. they praise did not cost us \$50.

And now the city farmer packs up his belongings and gives over the care of the farm to hired help, while he hies away to the city's glare, its many attractions. None but the wealthy can enjoy it. But the progressive farmer is not without his enjoyments, his papers, his music, his song. He is enjoying the fruits of hard spring, summer and fall labors, and the winter is his vacation, so to speak, with the bins and the barrels loaded with good things, and nothing to worry him, Come panics and hard winter, they do

NOTES.

No animal is profitable at a stand-

Do not destroy the flavor of butter by using too much salt. Love of live stock is one of the essential elements of successful stock

Feeding a little linseed meal occa sionally to stock is beneficial, keeping the system regulated.

Have you ever gone through your stable with a broom, sweeping the valry for best results and beauty of dust and cobwebs down that accumue entire country would be created. late in the vacant corners? Looked much better after you did so, didn't it? We'll wager that you appreciated Itural societies would offer prem- the effort, and the horses did too, if ms for the best windbreaks. It they could talk. Try it, friends. Then as said we had the finest grove along you can take your team from their stalls and not get your Sunday clothes covered with cobwebs and

dust. Commerce to feed a dairy cow for dairy purposes by the time she is a yearling. Then by breeding a heifer six months younger for dairy than for beef, you set going this much earand milk-ducts, while nature puts forth every effort to prepare milk for the youngster on the road. If left until older nature seeks to turn the surplus food into fat as having no

We are just in from a cold storage house, where we saw them opening up some barrels of Wealthy, grown in northern Iowa, and, by the way, they compared very favorably in quality with the Baldwin or the King. As this variety of apple can be grown abundantly in Minnesota and Iowa not dairying. Dairying means care as and keep so perfectly in cold storage, why would it not be a good plan to getting up at four o'clock in the mornplant out more of this variety and carry them into the midwinter mar- than the heavier tasks connected with

ORCHARD NOTES.

One peach tree having the "yellows" will infest the whole orchard. Got a good sprayer? If not, why

When did you last manure that or-

chard? Any insect eggs on the apple trees?

Scrape them off.

Any blighted limbs on the pear trees? But saw them off away below. The time to prune trees is when you are ready. You should be ready

They still call it San Jose scale, ig-

It chills the stomach and the whole

EARLY POULTRY.

The incubators must be started now if early broilers are wanted. The brooder and its proper man-

agement is more than half of artificial

Have regular hours for feeding, and you will always find the fowls ready at the appointed time.

If you want eggs to hatch and to sell from March to June, do not push your hens now; feed a maintenance ration and let them rest for six weeks. The droppings of poultry fed on grain and meat at this season are too uses is altogether too prevalent. It valuable to be wasted. Carefully would not be correct to go the length store in barrels, mixing with dry earth of saving that this should never be wheat will be above the average in and plaster, and keep for the truck done, but the fact should not be lost patch.

It is a saving of grain to grind it tring to prevent heavy shipments of for stock. If ground at home there is stock at one time, and thereby prevent a further saving of the toll, and this "flooding" the market and forcing is sometimes an unknown quantity, down prices. This movement is right. as different millers appear to have When stock raisers in other states join different rules for tolling. And then forces the thing will as surely be ac by grinding at home at frequent intercomplished as that day follows night. vals, the feed is always fresh and "Controlled marketing" compels the sweet. Most stock-keepers, nowadays, pays well to raise young cows for the have their own power.

THINGS THAT HURT.

the first three winters if the whole him. She ran about half a mile at into the night, while others stayed in trains on the London & Northwest- bottle is not marked, it is safest to stealing a quantity of valuable gold nounces as its subject for next Friday plot can be mulched with brush mak- the top of her speed and all the rest about eating their bread in the ice- ern railway 417 hats, caps and bon- use a glass measure. A tablespoonful quartz from a mine at Bendigo, New night, "Which is the hardest, to make ing some ground shelter and keeping of the cows after her. Pesult: A bound street at midnight. We drew nets, 617 umbrellas, nine sunshades is equal to half an ounce; and a tea- South Wales, though they had to a small boy go to bed at night, or to the winter sunlight from the foliage lot of excited cows, milk below par away into a darkened angle where we and 191 walking sticks, besides heaps spoonful of one drachm, or the eighth climb 7,300 feet of ladders to accom- make him get up in the morning?"until the trees get old enough to in the point of quantity and inferior could not be seen and for a space of rugs and bags.

other nursery. Do not expose the perhaps she steps a little away from and joined it again.

investment.

to an end.

The man with clay, sandy or gravel bank. Better get your head to working now and look after all steel tools that they are properly greased. It will

DAIRY AND STOCK.

Roots are indispensable in feeding sheep. Overfeeding is as bad as underfeed

If the hay has been sprinkled, the dust would not keep the horse cough-

Encourage the dog and the cat. Feed them well and give them good care. They are useful on the farm. Good friend, raise your own mutton. If there is a single good reason why you should not we should like to know

Sheep will eat hav that is half weeds. Yes, but that is not the kind of feed they ought to have. Weeds and good solid flesh do not go together any more than clear johnnycake and good health do with men

It is not true that any kind of salt will do for dairy butter. Salt has a great deal to do with the quality and keeping properties of butter. Only the best should, therefore, be used. It may cost a trifle more to buy it, but the return will make up for that in a

Most any man can get up in the morning and throw a lot of hay into the manger for his cows. But that is O. unseen Spirit! now a calm divine well as feeding. Study, as well as ing. Gentleness and patience no less a herd of cows from which one hopes to make his living.

Did you ever think that your cows have certain rights which you are bound to respect if you succeed? And no cow ever lived which would not The chime of bells remote, the murmurdefend herself in these rights to the end. And she will make you pay for every infringement upon her claims.

A GOOD FEEDING FLOOR.

We saw one of our neighbors a few weeks ago feeding his hogs in a lot where the dust was several inches deep. A few days later it rained. Unhaunted Just as like as not the orchard has then his hogs were in mud to their not had a forkful of manure for two eyes. What farmer could expect to grow healthy hogs under such condinoring the fact that it is a louse that | five years ago hauled from the creek concerns the orchardist. The scale is during the fall several loads of gravel had a picturesque career. He was 11 some haughty, ignorant and abusive and, harmless; the louse does the mischief. and sand. During his leisure in the years in the senate. While colonel of tyrant of some labor union. fall, with but little work, and a few the Third Colorado cavalry he pur-The feeding of frozen swill and oth- barrels of Portland cement, construct sued a band of hostile Comanches 500 opera if it did not rob people of their er half frozen articles is the cause of ed a feeding platform that has been miles, captured them, recovered the freedom; that kind of work will not much indigestion and lack of thrift satisfactory. He built it with just spoil of several merchandise caravans be permitted long in America. months. This should never be done. the cement was dry he corrugated it chiefs to sign a treaty, which was afso that the surface would not be animal system, causes a temporary smooth. We are certain that with Shoup weighed about 300 pounds and standstill in assimilation and growth such a feed floor as this that at least was very tall. His rugged good naand requires unnecessary expendi- 10 per cent of the feed can be saved, ture and strong, shrewd character in letting them drink ice water in a ture of food and energy to bring the keeping the hogs out of the dust, in won him friends in national politics, cold yard, and worse still to drive animal back to its normal working the dry weather, and the mud when as they had as a mining storekeeper it rains.

> It is very hard to reconcile the interests of the producer and the consumer. The producer desires to receive high prices and the consumer desires to pay low prices. The only point that all agree to desire is the abundant production which makes moderate prices profitable and satisfactory to all concerned.

THE OLD MARE.

The plan of working mares until they are old and begin to fail and then of reserving them for breeding sight of that it is a principle of animal breeding that animals in the full than animals past their prime. It ewes or aged cows for such a use as to retain old and broken down mares.

As some farmers are situated it market.

LINE UP FOR BREAD

FEEDING THE HUNGRY POOR OF NEW YORK.

Pathetic Figures in Ranks of Those morning's milk thus solidified. Glad to Partake of the Bounty of Fleischmann, the Dead Philanthropist - Incompetents Predominate.

way up the block, to Broadway, and witness said it was. round the corner toward the entrance to Grace church," writes Geraldine Bonner of the "bread line," a charity in New York. "As we approached up skate and enjoy the air. They think funds, and thus conveyed his inten- who, when advertising in a matri-number of animals examined by the It hurts to have a strange dog sud- street we could see it, dim and mo- open for hours at a time. friends the kirk is urgently in need of affectionate disposition, willing to 762 dogs are included. Whether this It will always be found a good plan denly introduced into a herd of cows tionless, like a sinister black snake, It is their existence. It is a severe of siller, and, as we have failed to get make a good-looking bachelor happy," means that dogs are eaten in that to note all directions carefully that when none has been there previously. each figure a vertebra in its sinuous case of illness which keeps them in money honestly, we will have to see added the words, "Previous experience country is not explained. are given by the nursery one patron- If you are going to have a dog at all. length. The cold was intense and the the house at all. izes, and to observe every detail in start early with the calves and let men stood close together. Most of unpacking and planting the trees. Do them grow up accustomed to the them were silent; they seemed held "No matter how carefully you train in the deadly grip of the frost and your boys," remarked Uncle Allen shade each other. When this takes in quality. Costly dog. Costly race. watched them. Some took their place each tree is mutually helpful to Costly milk. No pay in such doings. loaves; hid them under their coats and every other in its vicinity. If one's Another harmful thing-hired man walked away rapidly with firm, quick Roast swan was a holiday dish in ornament you can depend on its betrees never start to grow at all the tired, a cow switches her tail in his steps. Others ate them then and there England last year with those who ing caste. reason nine times out of ten is that face. He yells like a Comanche In- with a hungry, fierce indifference. We could afford it. A fifteen pound bird dian. The cow sports and gets her saw several who, with the bread hid- cost about \$10. The flavor of the flesh If vinegar would preserve morals hundred dollars was raised to meet 92 to 98 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid nursery, and it will be well to try an- head as high as the top of the barn, den, went back to the end of the line is said to be a blend of goose and some men are sour enough to save the unpaid bills.—Richfield (N. Y.) Mer- prolonged immersion and rub the skin

trees a minute when taking from the the milker. Hired man yells some "From the huge pail of coffee at the package and planting. This is really more and swears a few rounds. door a man ladled dipperfuls into tin Things growing worse. Other cows cups and with his loaf of bread each grove like that," and yet the grove roar. Hired man gets up and kicks ing the coffee and biting pieces off the the cow. The cow kicks back. A loaf. Here there were a few desultory battle is imminent. You put in an remarks interchanged. But for the appearance and the disturbance comes | most part the whole business was executed in a grim silence. It was diffi-It does? Yes, but not before your cult to see what manner of men they cows have used up a good deal of were. One cannot stare at a brother energy in the excitement of the mo- in affliction, even when he is standing ment, and wasted energy never means at midnight in the 'bread line.' Many good milk or the usual quantity of it of those I saw looked as if they might Pay? Not much. If you can find a be of that vast class of incompetents the efforts of the labor unions through- kicked in and his face well stamped hired man who will not yell and kick. who live upon the city's generosity. out the country to destroy the busido it. You never will make a better But here and there a face struck your eye that was not the face of the drunk, the Postum Cereal Co., Lt'd, and at the children. By the Eternal, sir, a fleet the tramp or the beggar.

man with black drift, or alluvial under his coat and fled. A fresh-faced particularly the Postum Co. soil who neglects his plows. Spring lad, stalwart and ruddy, who looked This sprung from the refusal of C. appeals of the hundreds of widows bors and then giving loud, sheepish to purchase labor of the labor trustlaughs-the only sound of that sort to the unions. save time and profanity in the spring. He carried a new shovel in his hand unions in their conspiracy to "ruin" line."

> Walk for Their Health. ington, including all Kansas senators anyone who does not purchase from and representatives, are carrying pedometers and are doing immense walking stunts for their health. Senator Long and Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow are responsible for the new fad. Both had stomach trouble and they landed in a sanitarium. They chased about the hills and plains for a month. While they lost flesh, their stomachs improved and they even learned to cat five or six kinds of breakfast food. "Get a they gave upon returning. Within buy what they do not want. two days every pedometer in town

ty-five during the other six days.

On a Beautiful Day.

by a dream of storm

Governor's Long and Busy Life.

of Idaho, who is dead at the age of 68,

Cassini of Italian Ancestry.

ambassador to Washington, who has

just rounded out half a century of dip-

lomatic service, is of Italian ancestry.

his forefathers on the paternal side

having for eight generations back

been noted astronomers. His father

was called to the St. Petersburg ob-

servatory, and that is how the ambas-

sador came to be born in Russia. He

was an only son and was intended for

the profession of his forefathers, but

having no taste in that direction en-

tered the foreign office as an amanu-

he has been in the diplomatic serv-

Gives Friends Fine Tobacco.

know that he had forsworn the weed.

Count Arturo Cassini, the Russian

in his early years.

ice ever since.

ened rocks and dells.

was bought up. Statesmen may be sell it at the best price he can get just | villainous epithets common to labor seen rushing about as though engaged as he would sell wheat, but he has no in a six-day walking match. In order right to even intimate that he will obto get the full benefit of the new struct the business, or attempt its ruin "cure" each lawmaker must walk at because the owner will not purchase least thirty-five miles a week-ten of him. miles on Sunday and the other twen- The unions have become so tyran-

Comes forth from thee, rejoicing earth hills and houses, all distinctly And thy great ocean slumbers every-The mountain ridge against the purple clear and strong, with dark-And cloudless brightness opens wide and insulted and his life made more mis-The song of birds in whispering copes pipe wrench to stop a leaking pipe The distant voice of children's thought-And maiden's song, are all one voice to him. He cannot put a little mortar Amid the leaves' green mass a sunny Of flash and shadow stirs like inward carriers' "union" is up in arms, and if The ship's white sail glides onward far has no "union" label on it the bakers' or "union" preceeds to make life miserable for him.

foot, unable to lift a hand to better George Laird Shonp, first governor himself or do the needful things, without first obtaining permission from

right and left of their liberties.

ers dominate even the chief Execu-This is a government of and for the people and no organization or trust shall disp. ce it. But the unions try it every now and then, led by desperate men as shown in their defiance of

children, destruction of property and murder of American citizens during Senator Beveridge of Indiana, who the past two years is perhaps ten meridian of vigor are more likely to does not indulge in tobacco, has as times the volume of crime and abuse produce and rear vigorous progeny fine brands of cigars as can be found perpetrated by slave owners during at any committee-room in the capitol. any two years previous to the civil of all our people, by the formation of would be about as wise to retain aged Good smokers so testify, after ample war. We are in a horrible period of a Citizens' Association. opportunity for an expert opinion. lethargy, which permits us to stand Strange to say, most of the large and idly by while our American citizens splendid assortment of weeds came are abused, crippled and murdered in to the Senator as Christmas presents | dozens and hundreds by an organizafrom friends in Indiana, who did not | tion or trust, having for its purpose,

So cold is winter in some parts of A curiosity in the matter of bell noon on the 31st there would be forty- and was lost in the attempt. three strokes.

State Owns Diamond Fields. don the judge asked a witness whethprofit by a 13 per cent export duty. | change her mind.—De Finod.

Unwitting Distinction.

All the Danish beauties get out and A Scotch minister was in need of the loneliness of the deserted, icy nothing at all of being out in the tions to his congregation: "Weel, monial paper for "a nice young girl, official meat inspectors in Germany. what a bazaar will do for us."-Lon- not necessary."-London Answers. don Tit-Bits.

for board and lodging \$10 a month. diers, sailors or colonists.

For the Amateur Nurse.

part of an ounce.

When a man wears his piety as an

Sailors' Attachment for Pets.

There are many instances of ship-Russia, that milk is delivered, not in ringing is to be met with at Furburne, wrecked men risking their lives to preter and organ of the mind and of a can or jug, but as a frozen, solid near Cambridge, England. The church save the ship's cat, and a few years the heart. In repose, as in the great black. A Russian woman once sum- bells there not only ring the hours of ago a sailor escaping from the wreck variety of its movements, it is full of moned another for having, during a the day, but at intervals also the date of a barge off Highland light, Massa- complex characteristics. It talks even quarrel, knocked her down with the of the month. Thus, at 12 o'clock chusetts, went back to save his pet while it keeps still. All that is neces-

> Cheer for Rejected Lovers. Rejected lovers need never despair!

The black diamond fields in Brazil There are four and twenty hours in a has been fitted with a motor, con-"Long before midnight it extends er it was a fact that people had be- belongs to the government, which day, and not a moment in the twenty- nected with a contrivance which from the door behind the bakery, mid- gun to collect old weather cocks. The farms them out, and makes a further four in which a woman may not creates eighteen perfectly natural Wanted One Unsophisticated.

That man must have been a wag

Berlin has ten homes for poor girls boys as well as the girls take lessons "And if thy right hand offend thee cut

Nervy Robbers.

When administering me.icine, if the plish the theft

> \$100 on a Full House. A full house greeted Dr. Griffin Sun-

people of Battle Creek.

and under all conditions.

terference.

citizenship.

Second—To energetically assist in

maintaining law and order at all times

their rights to manage their property

and to dispose of their labor in a legal,

lawful manner without restraint or in-

Fourth-To insure and permanently

another, in all the relations of life.

ness enterprises in Battle Creek.

This constitution has been signed

suffering all sorts of indignities, in-

convenience and losses from the gen-

eral hell of labor union strikes, pick-

eting, assaults and other interfer-

ence, proposed to move, providing

lute protection can be guaranteed by

man and to the manufacturer fair-

ness, justice, steady work and regular-

of wage paid elsewhere for like serv-

from well authenticated reports from

reports issued by the Government

Department of Commerce and Labor

can also be used to show the standard

rate, and it is expected later on that

this government bureau will furnish

weekly reports of the labor market

from different centers, so that the

workman when he is ready to sell his

labor and the employer when he is

ready to buy, may each have reliable

information as to the market or ruling

The newcoming manufacturer also

agrees to maintain the sanitary and

hygienic conditions provided for by

the state laws and to refrain from any

lockouts to reduce wages below the

standard, reserving to himself the

right to discharge any employe for

The Citizens' Association on its part

agrees to furnish, in such numbers as

workmen who will contract to sell

sary is to know its code of expression.

Artificial Sea Waves.

At Munich a large swimming bath looking "sea waves" a minute.

Inspect Dog Meat. In the last report concerning the

In Tunbridge Wells, England, a In some of the London schools the man read in his Bible the passage: hand off.

Notice. A band of robbers succeeded in The Hickstown Debating society an-Cleveland Leader.

Benefit of Warm Baths.

day morning at the M. E. church at means of keeping the skin clean and the quarterly meeting service. One healthy. The temperature should be

"New System of Cultivation of the Semi-Arid Lands," which appeared in the writer often hears men passing the Chicago Tribune of which a marked copy was sent me. The new marked copy was sent me. The

The only place in the United States | thrusting what it has to sell (labor) | a permanent condition of peace, pros- | run amuck, by adopting the "Battle that guarantees freedom from strikes, lockouts and labor warfare is Battle

Something Like Frost.

Odd Collection Mania.

In the course of a law case in Lon-

Fond of Fresh Air.

What Passengers Leave.

Roast Swan.

Creek, Mich. The story? The work people, merchants, lawyers, doctors and other citizens became aroused and indignant at ness of one of our largest industries- cause he tried to earn bread for his open threats in the official union pa- of American men of war would assem-"We noticed a young man having pers that the entire power of the Na- ble there, clear for action and blow ly soil need give but little attention the appearance of a gentleman who tional and State Federations of Labor something off the face of the earth, to his plows in winter, so as to keep was without an overcoat and had was being brought to bear to "punish" if reparation were not made for the them in good condition, but woe to the gloves on. He took his loaf, thrust it the industries of Battle Creek, and blood of one of our citizens.

will find him with a plow so rusty that like a boy in from the country, was W. Post to obey the "orders" of the it will mean a trip to the plow works, embarrassed and ashamed. He kept unions to take the Postum advertising dered by labor unions? How do we any other organization, and to support for wage workers. But we do not for making jocular remarks to his neigh- away from various papers that refused | try to protect the thousands of intelli-

be heard in that dismal assemblage. Mr. Post was ordered to join the subject to the tyranny of the heavily and had evidently been working and "put out of business" these pubamong the snow shovelers. For these lishers who had worked faithfully for and their like Fleischmann, the baker. him for years and helped build up his must have established the 'bread business. They had done no wrong, but had found it inconvenient and against their best judgment to buy labor of the labor trust. It seems a | forth the reply that has now passed A number of public men in Wash. rule of the unions to conspire to ruin

them upon their own terms. An inkmaker or papermaker who tailed to sell ink or paper would have orders of any labor union. If they the same reason to order Post to help win these publishers. So the peddler in the street might stone you if | the captain on the bridge and in comyou refused to buy his apples; the mand." cabman to run over you if you refused to ride with him: the grocer order the him, and so on to the ridiculous and villainous limit of all this boycott nonsense, in trying to force people to

If a man has labor to sell let him

nous and arrogant with their despotism that a common citizen who has some time to spare and innocently thinks he has a right to put a little paint on his own house finds he must have that paint taken off and put on again by "the union" or all sorts of dire things happen to him, his employer is ordered to discharge him, his grocer is boycotted if he furnishes him supplies, his family followed and erable than that of a black slave before the war. If he drives a nail to repair the house or barn the carpenters' "union" hounds him. He takes a and prevent damage to his property and the plumbers' "union" does things to a loose brick on his chimney or the bricklayers', plasterers' or hod he carelessly eats a loaf of bread that

So the white slave is tied hand and

It would all seem rather like a comic

Some smooth managers have built up the labor trust in the last few years, to bring themselves money and power and by managing workmen, have succeeded in making it possible for them to lay down the law in some cities and force workmen and citizens to "obey" implicitly, stripping them

They have used boycotting, picketing, assaults, dynamiting of property and murder to enforce their orders and rule the people. They have gone far enough to order the President to remove certain citizens from office because the "unions" weren't pleased. That means they propose to make the law of the unions replace the law of this government and the union lead-

ensis. He was then 18 years old and law and support of lawbreakers. The "union" record of assaults. crippling of men and even women and

upon us whether or no. Suppose an American in a foreign

city should be chased by a mob, caught and beaten unconscious, then his mouth pried open and carbolic acid poured down his throat, then his ribs with iron nailed shoes, murdered be-

And what answer do we make to the gent citizens who, with reason, prefer not to join any labor union and be of any organized body whatsoever. paid rulers of the labor trusts? Upon a firm refusal by Mr. Post to

join this criminal conspiracy a general boycott was ordered on Grape-Nuts and Postum all over the country, which set the good red blood of our ancestors in motion, bringing into history: "We refuse to join any conspiracy of organized labor to ruin publishers, nor will we discharge any of our trusted employes upon the can make their boycott effective and sink our ship, we will go down with

This set the writers in labor papers crazy and they redoubled their abuse. manufacturer to discharge certain | Finally one of their official organs people because they did not patronize | came out with a large double column in denunciation of Battle Creek, calling it "a running sore on the face of Michigan," because it would not become "organized" and pay in dues to their labor leaders. The usual coarse,

union writers were indulged in. The result was to weld public sentiment in Battle Creek for protection. A citizens' association was started, and mass meetings held. Good citizens who happened to be members of local unions, in some cases quit the the citizens of Battle Creek on the unions entirely for there is small need | following broad and evenly balanced

of them there. The working people of Battle Creek are of the highest order of American mechanics. The majority are not ity of output. union members, for practically all of the manufacturers have for years declined to employ union men because of disturbances about eleven years ice, under similar conditions, the rate ago, and the union men now in the to be determined from time to time

city are among the best citizens. No city in the state of Michigan | competing cities. The tabulated wage pays as high average wages as Battle Creek, no city of its size is as prosperous, and no city has so large a proportion of the best grade of mechanics who own their own homes.

So the work people massed together with the other citizens of the organization of the Citizens' Ass'n with the following preamble and constitution: Whereas, From 1891 to 1894 the strikes instigated by labor unions in Battle Creek resulted in the destruction of property and loss of large sums of money in wages that would

have been expended here; and, Whereas. These acts caused serious damage to the city and in a market way delayed its progress at that time;

Whereas, Since the year 1894 the | cause. citizens have been enabled, by public sentiment, to prevent the recurrence of strikes and labor union disturb- it is possible to obtain, first-class ances which have been prevalent else-

their labor at the standard price for where; and, such period as may be fixed upon, Whereas. The employers of this city have steadfastly refused to place the agreeing not to strike, picket, assault other workmen, destroy property, or management of their business under the control of labor unions, but have do any of the criminal acts common maintained the highest standard of to labor unionism. Each workman rewages paid under like conditions any- serving to himself the right to quit knee, wear the hated collar of white where in the United States, and here- work for cause, and the Citizens' As- slavery, the union label, nor prostitute by unanimously declared their intent enforce the contracts between employes of this city, a large percentage ployer and employe, and to act en of whom own homes and have famimasse to uphold the law at all times. lies reared and educated under conditions of peace and the well-earned prosperity of steady employment, have steadfastly maintained their right as ever, but will make individual confree American citizens to work withtracts with each employe, those conout the dictation and tyranny of labor tracts being fair and equitable and union leaders, the bitter experience of guaranteed on both sides. the past offiering sufficient reason for Thus from the abuses of labor determined stand for freedom; and, unions and their insane efforts to ruin Whereas, The attitude of the citi-

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.-Name.

Article 2.-Objects.

First-To insure, so far as possible.

everyone who does not "obey" has zens on this subject has been the evolved this plan which replaces the means of preserving peaceful condiold conditions of injustice, lockouts, tions and continuous prosperity, in strikes, violence, loss of money and marked contrast to the conditions exproperty, and general industrial waristing in other cities suffering from the dictation of trades unionism; it is balance and fairness between emtherefore Resolved. That the continuance of peace and prosperity in Battle Creek perity. The entire community pledged offer is declined." can be maintained, and the destructive by public sentiment and private act to work of outside interference avoided restore to each man his ancient right under the combined effort and action

> happiness." Other cities will be driven to protect their workpeople, merchants and citi- which they have a right to use for zens as well as their industries from the blight of strikes, violence and the losses brought on by labor unionism

perity and steady employment to the Creek plan," but this city offers industrial peace now, with cheap coal and good water, first-class railroad facilities and the best grade of fair, capable and peaceable mechanics Third—To protect its members in known.

Details given upon inquiry of the "Secy. of the Citizens' Ass'n."

Identification

maintain fair, just treatment, one with The public should remember that there are a few labor unions conducted Fifth-To preserve the existing on peaceful lines and in proportion as right of any capable person to obtain they are worthy, they have won esemployment and sell his labor, without teem, for we, as a people, are strongly being obliged to join any particular in sympathy with any right act that all such persons in their efforts to reget that we seek the good of all and sist compulsory methods on the part organization, whereas even the law-Sixth-To promote among employabiding unions show undeniable eviers a spirit of fairness, friendship and dences of tyranny and oppression when desire for the best interests of their they are strong enough, while many employes, and to promote among workof the unions harbor and encourage men the spirit of industry, thrift, faitheriminals in their efforts to force a fulness to their employers and good voke of slavery upon the American people. As a public speaker lately Seventh-To so amalgamate the said: "The arrogance of the English public sentiment of all of the best King that roused the fiery eloquence citizens of Battle Creek, that a guarof Otis, that inspired the immortal antee can be given to the world of a declaration of Jefferson, that left Warcontinuance of peaceful conditions, ren dying on the slopes of Bunker and that under such guarantee and Hill, was not more outrageous than protection manufacturers and capitalthe conditions that a closed shop ists can be induced to locate their busiwould force upon the community. These men burst into rebellion 'when Then follows articles relating to the king did but touch their pockets." membership, officers, duties, etc., etc., Imagine if you can their indignant protest had he sought to prohibit or restrict their occupation or determine by the great majority of representathe conditions under which they should earn their livelihood," and to assault, beat and murder them, blow up their houses and poison their food other cities, where they have been

if they did not submit. The public should also remember that good, true American citizens can be found in the unions and that they deprecate the criminal acts of their fellow members, but they are often in

they could be guaranteed protection. bad company. The subject grew in importance un-Salt only hurts sore spots. So, the til it has reached a place where absohonest, law-abiding union man is not hurt when the criminals are de nounced, but when you hear a union man "holler" because the facts are terms which guarantees to the workmade public, he has branded himself as either one of the lawbreakers or a sympathizer, and therefore with the mind of the lawbreaker, and likely to The newcoming manufacturer become one when opportunity offers. agrees to maintain the standard rate That is one reason employers decline to hire such men.

> A short time ago inquiry came from the union forces to know if Mr. Post would "keep still" if they would call off the boycott on Postum and Grape-

> This is the reply: "The labor trust has seen fit to try to ruin our business because we would not join its criminal conspiracy. We are plain American citizens and differ from the labor union plan in that we do not force people to strike, picket, boycott, assault, blow up property or commit murder.

> port his family nor \$30 for an eye We try to show our plain, honest regard for stordy and independent workmen by paying the highest wages

We do not pay thugs \$20 to break in

the ribs of any man who tries to sup-

in the state. We have a steady, unvarying respect for the law-abiding, peaceable union man and a most earnest desire to see him gain power enough to purge the unions of their criminal practices, that have brought down upon them the righteous denunciation of a long-suffering and outraged public, aut we will not fawn, truckle, bend the

sociation further pledges its mem- our American citizenship under "orders" of any labor trust. on our business and with "union" gold choke the throat and still the voice The new industries locating in Bat- raised in stern denunciation of the tle Creek will not start under any sort | despotism which tramples beneath an of labor union domination whatso- iron-shot heel the freedom of our broth-

You would gag us with a silver bar and muffle the appeal to the American people to harken to the cries for bread of the little children whose faithful fathers were beaten to death

while striving to earn food for them. Your boycott may perhaps succeed in throwing our people out of work and driving us from business, but you cannot wrench from us that priceless fare, and inaugurates an era of perfect | jewel our fathers fought for and which every true son guards with his life. ployer and employe, a steady continu- Therefore, speaking for our workance of industry and consequent pros- people and ourselves, the infamous

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