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NEW RATIOS IN VALUES.

One of the curiously interesting phases of the economic situation is disclosed by the statement from the Department of Labor that the average weekly wage of the American worker in 1918 would pay for only 77 per cent as much food as in 1913. This and similar disturbance of value ratios has attracted the attention of economists and students generally, who are not yet agreed as to whether the effect is to be permanent or not. It is, however, generally assumed that the old relations between commodities and between commodities and effort will, never be entirely restored.

It is natural, perhaps, that the most marked change should be noted in food. This is basic; without a surplus of food, man can not give, time or effort to anything else. For five years the production of food was neglected as it never was in the history of civilization. The whole world was engaged in war; food producing countries were leaders in the destructive effort, put forth with utmost zeal and energy, and surplus stores of eatables were exhausted, while great areas were devastated by contending armies. The famine that ensued is not a remarkable manifestation in any sense.

The rise in food values under these conditions is but the natural and unavoidable result of lessened production and increased consumption. Generally throughout the world man is striving to restore something like the normal balance between supply and demand for food. But the changed relation of food to other articles for human use is not fully appreciated. In our own country there has never been a time when a bushel of grain would purchase so much of the soil from which it grew, or could be exchanged for as great a quantity of anything the

Wages have advanced, the selling price of all that is dealt in has been put up, until the artificial quotations current in the market have in considerable degree lost their meaning. Utter lack of stability in prices, except those of food articles, has characterized dealings for many months. This can not last, however, and as the selling value of food takes on more fixed and definite form, so will the others come to seek a level more nearly permanent than now prevails, but in an entirely new proportion to one another and to the stark necessities of life.

This is true because man must have food. It is the one immutable guaranty to the farmer that his efforts will be rewarded. It may be one of the unexpected results of the war that agriculture in all its ramifications has been brought to its proper place at the top of our industries, but the fact is not to be escaped.

Mr. Cummings in Sad Plight.

We feel soury for Mr. Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the 'democratic national committee, and who has just been selected as the keynoter for the San Francisco convention. In a world of beauty, of spring sunshine and full of the promise of summer's growth and autumn ripening, he sees no joy. His way ahead is through gloom, and the future looks black and murky to him. All because the republican congress refused to function as the democrats thought it should or hoped it would. The senate refused to ratify the president's treaty. That of course was bad, but Mr. Cummings overlooks the fact that twenty-one of the democratic senators went along with the republicans on this. Then the congress has not been able in six months to undo all the harm the democrats did in seven years. If the chairman of the donkey's steering committee will just content his soul in patience, he may see brought to pass all he now deplores as lacking. He might profitably spend a few hours checking up on what actually has been done, always excepting the doom pronounced on the democratic administration because of fatuous blundering. Hereln, though, may be found the secret of his sorrow. Nothing more hopeless can be imagined than the fortunes of the party Mr. Cummings now has the honor of leading. No wonder he rages in win! His salutatory at the great gathering of sachems should be dolorous enough for any-

A Popular Proposal.

Senator Smoot proposes a thorough reorganization of all the executive departments of the government, the elimination of scores of duplications, the speeding up of public business by doing away with interminable red tape, and in short the putting of national executive affairs on a business basis approximating that of the great industrial corporations of the country. His resolution provides, in a phrase, for the abandonment of wasteful and ridiculous cir sumlocutions in conducting the affairs of the government, and the substitution therefor of sound and direct business methods.

A Washington wire says wide approval is given the bill in congress. / The widest approval will be given it over the country, which tas not forgotten Senator Aldrich's statement sefore the war when a billion ran the government, that he could run it and save one-third of

Senator Smoot's plan, it is said, would save the taxpayers a clean billion dollars amually out of present enormous expenses of the de-

partments, loaded to the guards with useless employes appointed for the war period, who are still drawing salaries, with nothing else much to do. But aside from the saving, it would be a most refreshing reform for government affairs to be put on a real business basis at Washington, and the horde of partisan parasites dislodged from the payrolls.

The country would most heartily welcome the new departure.

Signs of Approaching Readjustment.

Shifts in the stock market are not always ndicative of the trend of the deeper currents of business, but something in the present situation suggests that brokers, bulls and bears alike, descry the approach of the inevitable readjustment. Spasmodic raids on the market are supplemented at the moment by other signs, of greater import. The address of Judge Gary to the steel men is quoted from in several particulars. For the public it contained the comforting information that the cost of steel is being held down that it may have some influence on the general course of prices. Financial experts point out an even more significant text in the remarks of the great industrial leader.

United States Steel corporation's vaults will for the immediate future at least carry a greater reserve of cash than ever. Profits are going into reserve rather than dividends, in order that the enormous business of the giant concern may be safely and economically financed. This had a reflex on the price of its stock, as speculators are looking for the big dividend payers, rather than those that offer less returns but greater safety. The plan of the steel company is being followed by other important concerns, whose managers are reported to be taking care of day-to-day transactions from earnings instead of by short-time borrowing.

Declaration by an important mercantile concern of a 40 per cent stock dividend indicates the magnitude as well as the fecundity of its business, and a disposition to fix in permanent employment a considerable part of the enormous surplus accumulated during the war period. This concern is not alone in adopting this device for making certain of capital for the future against a day when money may not be so plen-

Another sign that will bear watching is the situation in Japan, where speculation as well as too rapid industrial expansion has brought such financial disruption as amounts to a veritable panic. Counterbalance this by the recovery in progress in England, and the belief that the end of our era of post-war business expansion is coming. This does not mean a panic, but that industry and commerce are seeking a firmer

Success in Business-Failure in Wedlock.

A remarkable wife has been made the subject of a glowing eulogy by her husband in an eastern paper. After describing her talents as a housekeeper and cook, and disclosing her earning ability in the management of a small business to which she devotes five hours a day, as \$5,000 a year, he rapturously declares her a "perfect wife" on a straight 50-50 basis as a

This couple lives on \$3,600 a year, attend theater or opera twice a week, and spend two months every summer in the Adirondacks. Each year \$1,400 of her salary and all her husband's earnings are velvet. 'So they are "getting on" antler's are those of a dilemma.

tioned by the husband, and presumably there are none. If not, away goes the claim of perfection, so far as wifehood is concerned. A perfect business partnership it may be, or a perfect companionship for utilitarian purposes, but no married life which does not include children approximates perfection from either the civil or religious standard. Marriage is sadly perverted by many in these days. It came into being for the sake of children. Without them it is a dead husk of social convention. This pair, so exultant over their business success, have forgotten their duty to the state and their race. If all marriages were conducted on their plan the world would be depopulated in a hundred years.

The family is the foundation of society, the strength of the state, the sole hope of the future of humanity. There is no real family without children, and no matrimonial success-only a more or less agreeable association of two people of opposite sex for convenience.

The Recent Cabinet Meeting.

It lasted one hour and fifteen minutes, with Dr. Grayson watching the president every minute-for what?

Secretary Daniels said after the meeting that the president did a good deal of laughing and told several funny stories. The president entered the meeting on one hour's leave from his physician, presumably to consider grave public matters of pressing importance. It was the first time he had met some of the members since he was stricken last fall.

With the brief time at his command, and the former grim-dispatch of business-making every moment count-an eastern paper dislikes the report of the joking informality of the president. "What a misfortune of even tragical proportions it may prove," says that paper, "that the country has no capable head for the government." We think this a nervous view of

But a time limit by the physician, and his close watch on the president, is indubitable evidence that the president is far from fit. His convalescence has been slow indeed, and his condition must still remain serious when such remarkable precautions are taken by the one man who knows exactly what his patient's dis-

Villa is reported to have gushed at once to Sonora to aid in the revolt against Carranza there. This is a sure sign that good pickings lie over the mountains.

May 1 has been designated as "patriotic" day for Nebraska by the governor. His idea is good, but we ought to have 365 each year. -

The Allies are said to be willing to take over the Armenian mandate. They are weldome to it.

Why talk about buying "cheaper" things, when "there ain't no such animal?"

April snows mean June pastures for Ne-

How many winners did you pick on the ballot? Nebraska women take to voting gracefully

A Line O' Type or Two

A Belle Aware, There was a young lady from Delaware Whose face was a fright, she was well aware. Sald sher "I confess that I dress like a mess, But nobody cares what the hell I wear.

MAYOR BROWN of Medicine Hat tells the world that the mercury never shrinks below minus 30 in his progressive city. No matter how cold it is, they always get a breeze, and they have to sleep under blankets.

(From the Orlando, Fla., Reporter-Star.) he continuous line of autos going to the about three o'clock formed such a procession that residents all along the line ran to the doors to see what was happening.

Academic Isolation. Sir: If ignorance of Holy Writ be a sign this talk about having the intelligent of academic aloofness, your inimitable correspondent, Indigent Professor, must be as far removed from the press of circumstance and the busy marts of trade as are the snow-capped Andes. To think of a s. c. intellectual who is not hep to the fact that it's the "love of money," etc. O temporal O mores!

SAPIENT STUDENT.

THE LATE MRS. KAN. (From the North China News.) Further interesting facts in connexion with the funeral of Mrs. Kan at Hongkong are that some 25,000 people took part in the procession, which monopolized the whole of the Chinese funeral paraphernalia in the colony, additional material being brought from Canton for the occasion. There were 36 bands playing Chinese music There were 36 bands playing Chinese music and five European. Two coffins were borne in the procession, and it is suggested that one of them was intended to deceive the devil, who was assumed to follow the first coffin—a "fake." The real coffin was carnied by 40 coolies in red livery and sailor hats. It is said that similar processions are to be held in Shanghai and Canton.

"WHAT," asks a reader, inclosing a disquisish on lingerie, "is 'futurist underwear?"
Well, off-hand, we should guess that it was the sort worn by the lady who descended the stair-

TRAINED OBSERVERS.

Sir: Where do the advertising artists get the idea that a stack of wheats, or any other kind, contains four cakes? R. A. C.

"DENIMS have greatly increased in price since the movement to wear overalls began, speakers said at the labor meeting."

Throw away your overalls and get a barrel. Of This and That.

Sir: Friend Teacher (eighth grade), Hart had no flies in the army camps. class upon the courtesy shown in Wilson's and flyless this summer." said the fat Lansing's notes to each other, Levy Beizer man. "They tell me there are no quickly replied, 'Yes, they said that, but I think flies in Havana. Maybe there are both were thinking something else.' have the word 'scallop' to use in our spelling lesson, and Sam Nesitat was so cock-sure he knew the word that he did not trouble to use his dictionary, so his sentence appeared. The Indians use to scallop their captive. That reminds me—in another grade the word was 'symptoms.' will find on a dead horse in South The pupil wrote 'Symptoms means signs;' sentence—'The symptoms pointed to New York. My August Kosetzke announces on a paper, which lies before me, that 'a great debate spoke the other night, and he quoted the answer given by a high school pupil to the ques-tion. Tell what you know about the Magna The answer read, 'Magna Carta was great general in the army. He was killed in the Battle of Gettysburg and his wife, Molly Carta, seized his gun, pointed it at the enemy and cried, "Shoot if you must this old gray

"ON the antler's horns which hang over the big fireplace is a bit of soft blue material which serves as a contrasting note."-The New York Evening Telegram.

The only horns more remarkable than an

THE AMATEUR BREWERS.

"Here's a bottle of beer I wish you'd try." THE overalls brigade should add wooden

shoes to the outfit. That sort of sabotage might put the fear of God into the profiteers. THE AMAZING BILL HOUND. Sir: The following from a favorite collection artist ought to balance 'em: "This bill has been on the books long enough, and if pay-

ment is not received at once we will take steps that will amaze you." R. E. A. "THE petrified forest of Arizona continues to hold a weird charm for the tourist. Auto-

mobilists never tire of journeying to this region, where the mysteriously hardened tree trunks are scattered over the desert wastes of New Mexico."-Haynes Pioncer. We never can remember whether Arizona is in New Mexico or New Mexico in Arizona.

DID THEY SPELL IT WITH AN 'E?' Respected Sir: Notice on the employment bulletin at the U. of C.: "Wanted, man to teach swimming at the girls camp this sum-

Allowed all priveleges of the camp." Line on the right! C. T. S. forms on the right! Noah L Was the Original Wet. Sir: I quote the following from Webster's Dictionary, showing that Noah lived consider-ably ahead of his time:

"Arid: Wanting in interest or life; dry."

K. M. H. PEOPLE-that is to say, men-talk airily of

gingham as if it were cheap. FAR BE IT FROM US-

(From the Daily Northwestern.) Mary Nearing, L. A., '23, announced her engagement to Ernest H. Nye, L. A., '23, Scribbler, last night at a Kappa Delta sup-

"FOG Horns Spoil Wood's Hole as Site for Wilson's Summer Home."-Headline.

"MRS. GERTRUDE TRIPLETT has pur-chased the Stork hospital in Florida street."-What a late spring we are having!

SUGGESTION for the amateur brewer's

Twas schrummsschrurumm and the yeast toves Did gyre and gimble in the hops. B. L. T. Did gyre and gimble in the hops.

JAMES CHARLES DAHLMAN. The cow was once a grand and influential quadruped, who wore a pair of spreading horns upon her handsome head. Although her price was trifling small, she lived on grass and air and

often made her owner a resplendent millionaire, who rose from branding yearlings in surround-ings rough and raw to be the cowboy mayor of impulsive Omaha. For that's what James Charles Dahlman did. A sprightly son of fame, he horned a hole in politics and played a winning game. He held that city waterworks, while useful in their way, provide a practical effect, but do not fit with play; that where a life of pep and joy is ardently desired a liquid more intensified is properly required.

erly required. And so he hung the banners out and bade the world rejoice, to fit in gay and giddy moods, performance to its choice. He raised the lid a little bit to let the steam escape, while not enough to jar the clouds or set the earth agape. He ran the race for governor, a democratic wet, and got what many democrats traditionally get.

But James has not retired for good to simple private life. Again we'll hear his war whoop ring and see his scalping knife. They've placed him on the siding in a small appointive job, but he will find his own again and lead the thirsty mob; indeed, our primest Puritans would doubtless be distressed if they believed that Jim and Joy could always be suppressed. Next subject: Irving S. Cutter.

How to Keep Well By Dr. W. A. EVANS

OVERHEARD.

Three men boarded the train at 10 clock p. m. about 100 miles out of maha. Passengers for that city The conversation of the three men related to building dams, bridges, railroads, court houses and other THEN OUT ON THE STREET THERE AROSE
SUCH A CLATTER.

I RAN TO THE DOOR TO SEE WHAT WAS
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OUT OF THE DOOR TO SEE WHAT WAS ment with the government of Peru. The job was good for five years and the pay was \$15,000 a year. "Can he do it?" asked the fat one.

'Sure he can," replied the one with "Give him the money and er." "But what's there to support of an intelligent rank and file?" "Nothing to it," said the man with glasses. "Didn't he clean up with glasses. "Didn't he clean up Cuba? Where was the intelligent cooperation of the rank and file? Didn't he make Panama healthy? He tion from the West Indian negroes who make up the labor population there. No, sir. What you need is the money and the power, that's all. See how he kept the death rate of the army down because he had the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power. Fifteen thousand the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the power is the self-and little girl while under quarantees and the self-and little girl while under girl while under quarantees and the self-and little girl while under gi money and the power. Fifteen thousantine with scarlet fever. Her house sand dollars a year! That's no pay will be furnigated before I get the for that job," said the reader.
"Oh, all those health fellows are

"I notice that John D. pays Think of what John would have charged as his rakeoff "But that is different," said the fat man. "John D. was the great-

a commodity universally used. He was entitled to big brokerage. "Right you are," said he of the the building of the Panama canal possible? What did anybody ever do that made more change than what 'Gorgess' did in . Cuba and

what grew out of it everywhere in Central and South America?"
"Well, those health people do make people change. They do get big results. Why don't they ask more for what they do?"

Here the conversation shifted slightly. Said one: "I wonder why omebody don't try that army health stuff on a civilian population? They "When I remarked to the wish somebody would make Omaha "They tell me there are no We none in that country." "Don't you think it," said the man with specs. 'Go into any little place 40 miles

> Danger Seems Slight. M. M. H. writes: "The dress-maker, already having material in

her house before getting quaran-

were compelled to sit up until 1 a. m. over General Wood's address of Satorday, so fairly reported in Sunday's Bee, a feeling of sincere regret arose in me as 1 reflected upon the poslarge buildings. They were probably engineers and contractors. Presenty one picked up The Bee-and read aloud a dispatch telling that General nation and ultimate election to the nation and ultimate election to the presidency of a thoroughly tested, full-blooded American. I have followed with unflagging interest the action of our political leaders as we have approached and entered upon the current campaign, and I frankly admit that with such a big list of splendid citizens to select from, it was difficult to reach a satisfactory conclusion as to which should be professed. Leaveld as to which should be cyred to the conditions that now distress us. preferred. I could not overlook the unsurpassed bravery of such citizens as Senators Johnson, Borah, etc., displayed as they went forth to certain antagonist, when they began their pattle against the vicious league of nations, for the administration's pathway was strewn with the wrecks

> clothes. Will there be any danger I have two little children for whom must be careful?"

REPLY. The danger that scarlet fever wil be carried by a dress is practically nil. However, in order that you may feel easy in your mind, sun and air est merchant in the world. He the dresses for two days before hav changed the methods of marketing ing your children come in contact the dresses for two days before hav-

An Interesting Fact.

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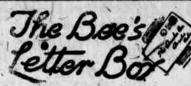
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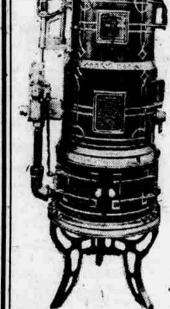
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