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Hoover's Committee Reports.

A summing up of conditions in industry, reported by the American engineering council's committee, discloses some of the basic causes for stagnation.

This information will doubtless come as a shock to many employers, individually and associated, who have felt that they had reached a high plane in efficiency and had their management systematized to such degree that all avoidable waste had been eliminated.

Restriction of output is laid at the door of capital and labor alike. Neither can evade responsibility for this count in the charge.

Another contributing cause has been the practice of "cost plus." In its principle, it is the sound way of doing business; in its latter day application it is the most destructive agency that ever assailed American industry.

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"In the Movies They Do It."

Pirate stories, and we commend them to the tired business man as a first-class "brain duster," always present the picture of an evil face, smoke-stained and lowering, just above the bulwark of the doomed vessel, with a wicked looking knife between the teeth.

It tells how a deputy sheriff aided in capturing two desperadoes near Bridgeport. He stripped, stuck his pistol between his teeth and swam across the North Platte river to an island, where the criminals, armed with rifles, were standing off a posse on shore.

Again, if the deputy were of such stature that he was forced to swim any considerable distance in the North Platte at Bridgeport, where the errant river meanders aimlessly all over a maze of sandbars and through such a multitude of channels that even the smartest can not tell which is the river and which the slye, then he couldn't tote a regularly ordained deputy sheriff's six-shooter, even in a holster.

Something is wrong somewhere with that story. We are ready to admit that the deputy crossed the river to the island, that he did carry a pistol, and that he did capture the fugitive Mr. Gans.

Partner of Providence.

Rain that was badly needed by the growing wheat and the sprouting corn has fallen generally in Nebraska within the last few days.

Just as it is the killing of the peach crop by frost rumored every year, so are premature predictions of calamity from dry weather made for other products.

Agriculture has been done and the rest remains with nature. Worrying about dry weather or about washouts will not affect the result in the least, nor is there any precaution such as it is possible in most other industries by which safety and success can be assured.

A Visit to Radium Land.

The illness that has befallen Madame Curie will prevent her visiting one of the principal sources of radium in the world.

To obtain a gram of radium, 250 tons of carnotite must be searched through and put through a refining process. One place in which this mineral is found is in narrow seams in the rather aptly named Undark mines of the Paradox valley of Colorado.

Radium is the most valuable element in the world, made so by its scarcity and by the difficulty in isolating it after it has been found. One gram, the product of 250 tons of ore hauled painfully over rough trails, costs \$120,000 and in size is about enough to fill a thimble.

No doubt Madame Curie would have liked to venture into the country where a great portion of the supply of the element which she discovered is mined, but in her visit to the Grand Canyon she will at least be in the neighborhood of the district where radium is found.

Stepping on State's Rights.

Ancient principles and beliefs are coming in for some rather rough treatment these days, especially at the hands of congress.

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Clearing the Way for the Camel.

Holding that the Volstead act repeals all parts of the internal revenue law not consistent with the later statute, the supreme court is gradually clearing the way for the enforcement of prohibition.

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A Farm Unit in Congress.

Closer regard and more effective work for the interests of the middle west are to be expected from the formation of what is known as the "agrarian bloc" in the senate.

No one needs have any fear that the farmers are going to obtain any special advantages that will react on the urban population.

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With warm weather, Sunday motoring accidents reappear on the front page every Monday morning.

At least the governor knows what Senator Norris' secretary thinks of him.

"Parting is such sweet sorrow," as the World-Herald said to Mr. Bryan.

June may have been named for Juno, but Jupiter Pluvius was around.

Hoover's Housing Inquiry

What Causes Stagnation in Building May Be Learned

(From the Boston Transcript)

The seven engineering experts who have been called upon by the secretary of commerce to aid the department in its search for a solution of the housing problem will find that the shortage is still acute.

In New York, which, perhaps, has suffered the most of all the great cities in the country because of lack of housing, there is prospect of another winter of acute shortage.

All of this is complicated and requires many different nerve cells and fibers. These changes are normally bound together by a maze of communication wires.

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The Hired Man's Winnings

That there is a disposition on the part of many men who a year ago would not consider work outside the centers of population to take jobs as farm hands is reported by various observers.

With changed conditions in the country and a realization that much of the attraction of the cities was artificial, men who were drawn to the towns by war industries are turning to the farms again.

The man who sticks to the soil may never have a large bank account as some of those who stay close to the pavement walks and streets, but he will have the pleasure of living in the open and if he is the owner of even the smallest farm, bought with the proceeds of the labor of his hands, he will derive from it a satisfaction which only those who have experienced the keen joy of walking on their own land can fathom.

The Worst Doesn't Happen.

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How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered successively, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

AT BRAIN SWITCHBOARD.

Yesterday we published a letter from a school teacher who was somewhat discouraged because of the difficulty in arranging a boy 8 years old to read.

The fault was something of a family characteristic, since his three older brothers had had the same trouble but to a lesser degree. He stammered slightly, which defect he had gotten from his mother.

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Nonpartisan Plans.

Omaha, June 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: A conference of the nonpartisans is full of partisan politics, as now practiced by the politicians of the republican party, but we are not here to discuss that party under the lead of Abraham Lincoln.

Our governor invited representatives of labor to a conference on the nonpartisan bill, which the governor signed. He pointed out the same stunt in the registration bill for the farmers.

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Does' Drove No. 1 Organized Here

Omaha Will Claim Grand Lodge Headquarters of Elks' New Auxiliary.

Formal organization of Drove No. 1 of the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does was effected yesterday afternoon at the initial meeting of the drove in the Elks' club rooms.

Dispensation for the organization of the first local lodge was granted officially by the grand lodge at the first annual meeting May 31.

Nominations of officers of Drove No. 1 were made at the meeting yesterday. Election will be in two weeks, according to Mrs. E. E. Stanfield, grand patriotic nacemina of the B. P. O. D.

Omaha will have the distinction of claiming the grand lodge headquarters and being the home of Drove No. 1 of the organization.

The B. P. O. D. is a women's official auxiliary to the Elks, organized with a state charter and ceremonial rituals.

Organization was effected following a break with the Ladies' Order of the Elks.

Mrs. Stanfield has received queries from many cities throughout the country for information concerning the organization of droves of the B. P. O. D.

Statue of Sacred Heart Presented to Creighton

A statue of the Sacred Heart was presented to Creighton university Thursday morning at 9 o'clock by the students of the various departments.

Brendan Brown, arts senior, made the presentation speech. Father Cassilly accepted the statue in behalf of the faculty and trustees of the university.

Nebraska Deaf School Commencement June 6

Commencement exercises at the Nebraska School for the Deaf will be held the evening of June 6 in the school auditorium.

Oral graduates are Archie B. Babcock, North Loup; Edmund F. Buemann, Osmond; Vivian L. Epley, Omaha; Ethel Irene McElroy, Wilber; John S. Reed, jr., Lincoln, and Viola A. Tikalsky, Verdigris.

Brendan Brown Wins Medal For Top Creighton Average

Brendan Brown, arts senior at Creighton university, was awarded the gold medal in philosophy. It is the first time the medal, which is donated by the Knights of Columbus, has been awarded.

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Governor Revokes Extradition Papers

Governor McKelvie has revoked extradition papers granted early last week for removal of H. A. Hulke, credit manager of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. here, to Winchester, Ind., to answer embezzlement charges.

Governor McKelvie said there was not sufficient evidence against Hulke.

Several others were indicted with Hulke by a grand jury in Winchester for alleged embezzlement in connection with the organization of the Marine Tire & Rubber Co.

Car Drivers Ask Extension Of Downtown Parking Limit

Requests that the parking limit on downtown streets be extended, poured in the city council yesterday.

General sentiment of the council seemed to be to cut rather than extend the limit.

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