

COMMERCIAL

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says:

A moderate reduction in commercial activity is to be expected at this time of the year, but confidence in the future is so strong that there is evident reluctance to assume seasonably quiet conditions.

There is no diminution in the activity of steel mills and iron furnaces, yet consumption keeps pace with production and new business holds the date remote at which shipment can be made in most departments.

"Bradstreet's" says: Business failures in the United States for the week ending June 14, 1905, 181 in 1904, 165 in 1903 and 177 in 1902.

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 6,701 barrels; exports, 341 barrels.

WHEAT—Quiet; spot, contract, 89¢; July, 83 1/2¢; August, 83 1/2¢; asked; steamer No. 2 red, 79 1/2¢.

CORN—Firm; spot, 57 1/2¢; 57 1/2¢; July, 57 1/2¢; August, 58 1/2¢; September, 58 1/2¢; 58 1/2¢; steamer mixed, 54¢; receipts, 20,882 bushels.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 47¢; No. 3 white, 46 1/2¢; No. 2 mixed, 45 1/2¢; receipts, 12,530 bushels.

RYE—Dull and easier; No. 2 Western, 65¢; export, 69¢; No. 2 domestic, 67¢.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 17¢; fancy creamery, 21¢; fancy ladie, 15¢; store-packed, 13 1/2¢.

EGGS—Firm; 18.

CHEESE—Firm and unchanged; large, 11 1/2¢; medium, 11 1/2¢; small, 11 1/2¢.

SUGAR—Steady and unchanged; coarse granulated, 4.00; fine, 4.00.

New York.—WHEAT—Receipts, 15,900 bushels; exports, 91,168 bushels; sales, 2,300,000 bushels futures.

CORN—Receipts, 59,125 bushels; exports, 21,098 bushels. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 96 nominal elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 92 1/2¢.

OATS—Receipts, 70,000. Spot strong; mixed, 26 to 32 pounds, 45¢; natural white, 30 to 33 pounds, 45¢.

CORNMEAL—Firm; kiln-dried, 2.00 @ 3.00.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; Western broilers, 26; fowls, 13 1/2¢; turkeys, 11¢; dressed, irregular; Western broilers, 20¢.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 29; do. yellow, 36 1/2¢; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 1/2¢.

POTATOES—Firm. Rose. Southern, per barrel, 4.00@5.00; do., Chile, 3.00@4.50; Southern, 1.50@2.75; Maine, per bag, 3.00@3.25; State and Western, 2.75@3.00.

Live Stock. New York.—BEEVES—choice steers firm; others steady; light bulls dull; bologna cows not wanted; others a shade higher.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Active and steady; sheep, 4.00@5.75; lambs, 8.65@9.00; yearlings, 6.00@7.50.

HOGS—Lower; goods State hogs quoted at 6.00@7.00.

Chicago.—CATTLE—Market strong; common to prime steers, 4.00@6.10; cows, 3.00@4.50; heifers, 2.75@5.75; bulls, 2.75@4.25; calves, 5.75@7.10; stockers and feeders, 2.75@4.75.

HOGS—Market strong to sc. higher; choice to prime heavy, 6.57 1/2¢@6.62 1/2¢; medium to good heavy, 6.52 1/2¢@6.57 1/2¢; butchers' weights, 6.55@6.60; good to choice heavy mixed, 6.52 1/2¢@6.57 1/2¢; packing, 6.00@6.65.

SHEEP—Market best strong; others dull; sheep, 4.50@6.25; yearlings, 5.90@6.50; shorn lambs, 5.25@7.50.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

Boston (Mass) carriage and wagon workers lost their strike through lack of a sufficient defense fund.

Street railway employees of Detroit, Mich., are agitating for an increase of scale from 23 1/2 to 27 cents an hour.

At the recent convention of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, in Cincinnati, O., a movement to organize a life insurance company for the benefit of union labor was started.



HITS AND MISSES. Dan Cupid is a marksman bold, His arrows tipped with kisses, And though the rogue is growing old, Dan Cupid is a marksman bold; For when he hits the mark, behold! 'Tis then he makes the Mrs. Dan Cupid is a marksman bold, His arrows tipped with kisses. —Puck.

HE'S THE BOY. Hotel Clerk—What did the great singer wish? Bell Boy—He rang to see if there was any one in the hotel who would run over a few things with him. Hotel Clerk—Send up a chauffeur.—Harper's Weekly.

WHAT'S IN THE NAME. The Social Reformer—Is your mother at home, little girl? The Little Girl—No-o-w. Muvver's gone ter fight annuver liddy.—London Sketch.

VERY WELL, INDEED. "Why are lightning rods like waiters?" "Because they have to be well tipped to make them give good service."—Baltimore American.

HELPING IT ALONG. Oldham—I have decided to lay my fortune at Miss Dimpleton's feet. Youngun—Well, that ought to make it a trifle easier for her. Oldham—Easier for her? Youngun—Easier; to run through it.

THE ARRANGEMENT. Tommy—How do your pa and ma work? Johnny—Like the House and Senate; if one of 'em passes my bill the other kills it.

FEAST OF REASON. "Look at that Boston girl at the phonograph—she is actually smiling." "Yes, she is listening to Prof. Beacom's delightful dissertation on the 'Fungoid Diseases that Attack the Larvae of the Brown Tail Moth.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NATURAL. "Why does he behave in that silly fashion when he's with her?" "Oh! that's his fiancée; she simply owns him." "What has that to do with it?" "Well, under the circumstances, it's natural for him to behave like one possessed."—Philadelphia Ledger.

DIFFERENT. "Why do you go with Grace?" "I use her as a foil." "She says she's a fool about you." "She does? The deceitful cat!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

DOUBT. Teller—Of course, the note's a counterfeit. There is one very evident sign of that. Depositor—Oh, come. I don't see it's in the paper.

IT WOULD DEPEND. "A man in Providence, R. I., has left his heirs \$150,000 on condition that they live moral and industrious lives." "Well, I should think that might be worth while." "Of course it would depend altogether on the number of heirs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT SURPRISED. "They say," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that there is a blot on the Miggleston's escutcheon." "Well," replied her hostess, as she flung her rope of pearls over the back of a chair, "I ain't surprised. I've always told Josiah that I'd rather have brand new things in the house than any of the old stuff they get in these Italian castles."—Chicago Record-Herald.

AFTER PEACE. Redd—I see an amateur society has been formed for the "diffusion of the cult of the bagpipe," not only in Scotland, but in England. Greene—Move that matter also be referred to the coming peace tribunal.—Yonkers Statesman.

THE WRONG THING. "Professor," said Mrs. Lyon-Hunter, "I want to present Mr. Bull, Prof. Dumproser, Mr. Bull. The professor is the author of that learned treatise upon 'Genus: A Species of Insanity.'" "Ah!" exclaimed Mr. Bull, "charmed! Always delighted to meet a genius like you sir."—Catholic Standard and Times.

It takes 40,000 tons of copper a month to satisfy home and foreign demands.

MEXICAN WOMEN AT HOME. Have Few Outside Interests and Care Nothing for Athletics.

As the Moors practically controlled the commerce and education of Spain for over 100 years, the Spaniards acquired to a great extent the same ideas held by them of the education and treatment of women. And they in their turn carried these ideas to Mexico. In fact, the Mexican women of the upper classes were much freer under the Aztecs than they were afterward under Spanish rule.

Not so many years ago when a Mexican woman went shopping she remained in her carriage in the street and sent her servant into the store to call one of the clerks to wait upon her. He came out and received her orders and brought the goods to her for examination. This peculiar method of shopping was due to the old Mexican idea that a lady of good family should be exclusive and should shield herself from the gaze of the public, and in fact from every one except her own immediate relatives and most intimate friends.

The Mexican woman is naturally a home lover. She has no clubs to take her away from her home, and she has few outside interests. Even when she is philanthropically inclined, which she very often is, her ideas of life tend to make her place her charitable contributions in the hands of sister superiors of convents or directors of charitable institutions and works for use in the cause she has at heart.

The Mexican women of the middle and upper classes have never been athletic, at least since the Spanish conquest. This, of course, was due to the secluded life they led. But the women of the lower classes have ever been stout and muscular, for much work of a heavy kind has always been their lot. On account of her quiet disposition it is not probable that, for years at least, the Mexican woman will take the interest in athletics that is now being shown by her American sister.

In the Mexican schools the girl is taught many things in the way of needlework, painting, embroidery, drawing and designing, and these latter serve to fill in her peaceful, uneventful life after leaving school. To this must be added music. For here as in Spain and other Latin countries, most women of the middle and upper classes receive an excellent musical education.

In their homes, and in their own way, the Mexican women are delightful entertainers, and their knowledge of music aids not a little in their entertaining.

The piano always forms a very important factor in the entertainment at a Mexican house. No matter how small the gathering of friends, there is always some one who can play well, and his or her services are requested and always cheerfully given for a Mexican not only likes to help entertain his friends and his friends' friends, but he looks upon it as his duty to do so. With the piano also goes singing of the popular songs of the day.—Mexican Herald.

RAILWAY IN THE DESERT. Hedjaz Road Expects to Take Pilgrims to Mecca.

A recent report by the German Commercial Attaché at Constantinople gives some particulars of the railway, now in course of construction, which will ultimately connect Damascus and Mecca. The Hedjaz Railway is being made primarily on religious grounds, says the Pall Mall Gazette. Were it not for the certain prospect of attracting an enormous pilgrim traffic, the undertaking would never have been entered upon, for by far the greater portion of the twelve hundred miles of railway track will be laid in deserts and unproductive lands. The building is being carried out under German supervision, and as Turkish troops have been largely employed as laborers, the cost of the work will be comparatively small.

The line from Damascus to Maan—about one-third of the total length—was opened to traffic last autumn. From a commercial standpoint the only benefit likely to be derived from the line will be the opening up for cultivation of certain districts near the Jordan, which have hitherto been neglected for lack of means to transport the crops. Some branch lines, however, are to be constructed for industrial purposes. One of these, from Haifa to Deraat, would have been completed in May but for damage caused by heavy floods. This will increase the trade of Haifa at the expense of Beirut.

She Was Willing.

A very shy American negro wanted to marry a Miss Slowman, but could not pluck up courage to ask her for her hand and heart. He decided to ring her up on the telephone, and the following conversation took place: "Is that you, Miss Slowman?" "Yes."

"I've got a special question to ask you, Miss Slowman." "Yes?" "Will you marry me, Miss Slowman?" "Yes. Who are you?"—Home Notes.

ARTIFICIAL WOOD.

Frequent attempts have been made to use peat as raw material for the manufacture of artificial wood. The material must, for this purpose, be fully reduced to a fibrous condition, so as to produce a fibrous and mealy mass. This mixture is mixed with an accession of 2 parts by measure of plaster of Paris and 10 to 12 of water; and is subjected for considerable time to heavy hydraulic pressure in molds, then artificially dried, polished and oiled, painted or varnished.

A more simple process is to wash the peat, without destroying its natural fibrous state, and to mix the resulting moist with a mixture of hydrated lime and an aluminum compound (as, for instance, aluminum sulphate) and press it in molds for a short time in the moist state, after which the resulting plates are allowed to harden in the air. The resultant product needs only a comparatively low pressure, and this for only a short time; and is then set out to dry in the air. The resulting artificial wood is not hygroscopic, and in order to use it for the open-air work needs no painting or further impregnation. In view of the fact that the minutes, considerable quantities can be manufactured in comparatively small space and time.—Scientific American.

WOODEN LEGS.

"Several railroads in this country make their own wooden legs," said a surgeon. His auditor shuddered. "Rather ghastly that," "Ghastly in a way," the surgeon admitted, "but sensible, too. The railroads are by far the largest consumers of wooden legs. Why, then, shouldn't they have their own wooden leg factories?"

"There's something in what you say." "Of course there is," declared the surgeon. "Our American railroads kill, on the average, 3,000 people a year, and injure 40,000. With the killed we've nothing to do, but the injured, at 40,000 per annum, run up to the enormous total of 200,000 in five years, or 400,000 in ten years. Why buy wooden legs for all that army? Why not manufacture them direct and thus save the profit of the middlemen?"

"The Standard Oil Company, our greatest consumer of barrels, has its own barrel works. With the same wisdom some of our railroads, in order to curtail expenses, have their own wooden leg mills."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

NATURAL.

It was only natural that in the Beecher family the name of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was often quoted to the younger generation as one having authority.

On one occasion a grandniece of Mrs. Stowe became very angry at one of her little playmates, and stamping her foot, said: "I hate you and I don't want anything more to do with you, nor your manservant, nor your maid-servant, nor your ox, nor your ass."

Her mother, hearing the outburst, sternly reproved her offspring asking if she knew what she was saying.

"Little Miss Beecher promptly replied: "Yes; the Ten Commandments." "Well, do you know who wrote them?" The child, looking much disgusted, answered: "Goodness, yes! Aunt Harriet did, I s'pose."

ECONOMIC.

"Madam," said the wanderer, respectfully, "to my request for a trifle of cold lunch I beg to add that you may regard me as wholly unshaken by the popular clamor against meat as a diet." "But the canned is bad, isn't it?" she asked, as she prepared a sandwich. "No-o," replied the guest, "but such use of a can to me represents painful and manifest waste. A can, madam, is designed for beer."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

UNPREPARED.

Adam Zawfow—Have you named the new baby at your house? "Yes; but we haven't found a name for his twin sister yet."—Chicago Tribune.

NATURAL DEDUCTION.

The Friend—Is your new book being well received? The Author—I guess so. The publishers went into the hands of a receiver last week.—Chicago News.

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE.

A trained nurse says: "In the practice of my profession I have found so many points in favor of Grape-Nuts food that I unhesitatingly recommend it to all my patients."

"It is delicate and pleasing to the palate (an essential in food for the sick) and can be adapted to all ages, being softened with milk or cream for babies or the aged when deficiency of teeth renders mastication impossible. For fever patients or those on liquid diet I find Grape-Nuts and albumen water very nourishing and refreshing. This recipe is my own idea and is made as follows: Soak a teaspoonful of Grape-Nuts in a glass of water for an hour, strain and serve with the beaten white of an egg and a spoonful of fruit juice or flavoring. This affords a great deal of nourishment that even the weakest stomach can assimilate without any distress."

"My husband is a physician and he uses Grape-Nuts himself and orders it many times, for his patients."

"Personally I regard a dish of Grape-Nuts with fresh or stewed fruit as the ideal breakfast for anyone—well or sick." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

In any case of stomach trouble, nervous prostration or brain fog, a 10 days' trial of Grape-Nuts will work wonders toward nourishing and rebuilding, and in this way ending the trouble. "There's a reason," and trial proves.

Look in pkgs. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

THEIR FIRST VOYAGE.

Mr. Ryetop—This here travelers' guide says that new tourists should beware of Mal De Mer when they cross the ocean for the first time. I wonder who Mal De Mer is, Maria?

Mrs. Ryetop—Mal De Mer? Gracious Hiram, I bet he is one of them thar card sharks that hangs around in the smoking-room looking for greenhorns.—Chicago News.

SYMPATHETIC, BUT HELPLESS.

Mournfully consider the plight of the young Illinois woman who broke her right arm while trying to button her waist, which buttoned up the back! It is not for mere man to express an opinion as to these high mysteries, but he may recognize and admire humbly a martyr to the science of clothes.—New York Sun.

MORE OF HIM.

Miss Mugley—The idea of his calling me homey. I may not be very pretty, but I'm certainly not as homey as he is.

Miss Pert—No, dear, but that's simply because he's bigger than you.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

THING LOOKING UP FOR FATHER.

A Long Island card has just decided that a physician cannot collect a double fee for twins. The law is beginning to have a little regard for father.—Minneapolis Tribune.

HOW HE GOT IT.

Said the physician to the merchant: "A vacation will put you at your best." So the merchant ceased to advertise. And soon got the much-needed rest.—Columbus Dispatch.

Even the boastful man has but little to say about his gold-brick investments.

Instead of marrying for money alone a man ought to brace up and rob a bank.

"American criticism of poetry," says the London Academy, "is a plant that has not yet fully blossomed; there will be more of it in the course of another hundred years or so."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies.

Dr. H. J. Henneman, Oakland, Neb., writes: "I waited before writing to you about my sickness, catarrh of the stomach, which I had over a year ago."

"There were people who told me it would not stay cured, but I am sure that I am cured, for I do not feel any more ill effects, have a good appetite and am getting fat."

"So I am, and will say to all, I am cured for good. 'I thank you for your kindness. 'Persuna will be our house medicine hereafter.'"

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ALL HAIL PE-RU-NA. A Case of STOMACH CATARRH.



Miss Mary O'Brien, 306 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "Persuna cured me in five weeks of catarrh of the stomach, after suffering for four years and doctoring without effect. In common with other grateful ones who have been benefited by your discovery, I say, All hail to Persuna."

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