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H. T. Newcomb Gives Facts of Interest to Wage Earners.

From 1896 to 1904 the average retail cost of the ordinary articles of food used in the United States advanced no less than 17 per cent (16.96, to be more exact)—that is, the purchaser of food for a family had to pay \$1.17 in 1904 for the same quantity and quality of food that \$1 would purchase in 1896. These are official statistics compiled by the highly skilled experts employed by the federal government, and every housewife knows that they do not overstate the advance. Other necessities of life have advanced in cost with approximately equal rapidity.

Unquestionably wages ought, generally speaking, to have advanced somewhat in proportion to the increase in the cost of living. In private employment this has apparently taken place, the average wages per hour reported by the federal bureau of labor being 17.36 per cent higher in 1904 than in 1893 and the average weekly earnings 12.76 per cent higher. The advances thus represented are spread all over the country; they characterize every private industrial enterprise and have benefited all classes of workmen employed in private undertakings.

How is it with public employment? A few undertakings conducted under public ownership employ labor like that similarly serving private employers in the same communities, and in these cases the public rate of wages has slowly been advanced somewhat in proportion to the advance in the wages privately paid. But where any American government, municipal, state or national, is the sole or by far the largest employer of a particular class of labor the advances to meet increased cost of living have been so few that the ordinary investigator will be unable to discover a single instance.

Throughout the postal service, among the 25,000 clerical employees at Washington, in the customs and internal revenue services there have been no advances in pay to meet the rise in cost of food, clothing and shelter. The pay of letter carriers, for example, remains precisely where it was fixed twenty years ago by an act approved on Jan. 3, 1887.

The largest printing office in the world is that maintained at Washington by the government, and there the federal government employs a large force of intelligent and highly skilled workmen. A change in the basis of payment in 1899 from the piece work to the per hour system prevents comparisons with dates prior to the change, but wages have remained stationary since March 3, 1899, although the official statisticians report that the cost of food has advanced since the rate of wages was fixed by statute fully 12.25 per cent. During the same years the wages of printers in private book publishing or job printing establishments advanced throughout the United States as follows: Compositors, male, 14.67 per cent; compositors, female, 20.30 per cent; press feeders, male, 22.41 per cent; press feeders, female, 21.27 per cent; pressmen, 11.75 per cent.—H. T. Newcomb.

DO YOU OWN A HORSE?

Electric Light Plants Are Like Horses In Some Respects.

The subject of depreciation is well worthy of the careful consideration of those who are prone to ignore that item in estimating the cost of light supplied by municipal plants. But a more people own horses than lighting plants it may be helpful to consider depreciation as applied to horses.

You pay \$250 for a five-year-old horse. That's the original cost. If you borrow the money you must pay interest on it. If you don't borrow it you lose the interest you would get if you didn't buy the horse. Either way it's interest. You feed the horse, and perhaps hire a man to take care of him. That's operating expenses. You get him shod occasionally and call in the veterinarian when he is sick. That's renewals and repairs. After a few years, in spite of the best of care, the horse is no longer capable of doing the required work and is sold for \$50, a loss of \$200 as compared with the original cost. That's depreciation. If you haven't laid that by year by year out of the horse's earnings, you've got to borrow it to buy a new horse, and you may not find it easy to do so if you haven't repaid the original loan. That's what happens to municipal plants that don't provide an adequate depreciation fund. A NATIONAL GRANGE PAPER.

One Will Probably Be Established During the Year.

What was considered one of the most important matters that came before the recent meeting of the national grange was that relative to the establishment of a weekly national grange newspaper. The resolution set forth that the Monthly Grange Bulletin now published does not meet the requirements of the Order, that more frequent communication between the members of the Order is a pressing necessity, but in view of the fact that there was not time at this session to arrange the details it was resolved to refer the entire matter to the executive committee of the national grange, with full instructions to start a first class weekly national grange paper if, after consultation with the various state masters, it seemed advisable to do so.

Laporte Township Audit.

George Karge Tax Collector, in account with Laporte Twp. for year ending March 4, 1907
 To amt. working road tax..... \$5.79
 do per capita tax..... 46.00
 do special road tax..... 674.60
 Expenditures..... 21.70
 By exonerations..... 34.99
 By returns..... 1.74
 On commission at 5 per cent..... 1.74
 Paid Treas. when on duty..... 304.99
 Retain at 5 per cent..... 16.00
 Commission 5 per cent..... 9.32
 Paid Treas. on face of duplicate..... 108.53
 Commission at 5 per cent..... 5.43
 Balance uncollected..... 172.79
 674.60

Harry Flester in account with Laporte Twp. as Treasurer for supervisors,
 To amt. of duplicate..... 422.56
 do per capita tax..... 149.00
 Recd. from W. J. Kernan Col..... 83.80
 do Geo. Karge Collector..... 113.62
 Received from Wm. Low..... 100.00
 do F. H. Farrell, Co. Treas..... 2283.00
 do Laporte Boro..... 3.00
 do L. R. Gavitt, temp. loan..... 86.25
 Amt due Treasurer..... 22.77
 3635.44

By amt. road work..... 1088.44
 Paid pathmaster..... 270.01
 Repairs to road machine, tools etc..... 19.09
 Fuel..... 3.50
 Blank books..... 1.85
 Dynamite..... 20.09
 Supervisors' expenses..... 91.95
 Printing and advertising..... 37.30
 Paid Collector..... 10.00
 Tools..... 56.84
 Judgments paid..... 214.59
 Printing and advertising..... 17.00
 Paid for plank..... 124.86
 Paid Geo. Karge former Sup..... 130.08
 I Recd. posting election notices..... 2.00
 Treasurers commission..... 62.14
 Tax paid to Geo. Karge Collector..... 101.59
 Worked on face duplicate..... 357.42
 Amt of rebate..... 7.43
 3635.46

Jacob Jacoby in account with Laporte Township as Overseer of the Poor for the year ending March 4, 1907.
 Bal. in Overseer's hand at last audit..... 359.43
 By one day attending settlement..... 2.00
 Balance in overseer's hands..... 357.43
 359.43

Harry A. Hess, in account with Laporte Twp. as overseer of the Poor for the year ending March 4, 1907.
 Recd. from P. Peterman outgoing O. P. F..... 209.26
 J. H. Gaven, cost suit and Remley suit..... 10.05
 279.25

One day attending settlement..... 2.00
 Amt of office..... 25
 Balance in overseer's hands..... 268.00
 270.25

Statement of Indebtedness.
 Amt judgments outstanding at last audit..... 3658.57
 Temporary loan from L. R. Gavitt..... 86.25
 3744.82

Amt. paid in 1906..... 1096.11
 Orders outstanding..... 86.26
 Judgments..... 2652.46
 3744.83

We the undersigned auditors do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 ERNEST H. BOTSFORD, Auditor.
 HENRY KARGE, Auditor.
 LEE R. GAVITT, Auditor.
 H. E. BOTSFORD, Town Clerk.

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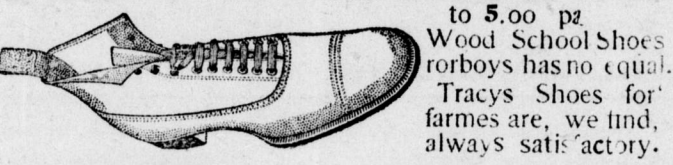
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Short Talks on Advertising
 By Charles Austin Bates.

People generally read advertisements more than they did a few years ago. The reason is to be found in the advertisements themselves. Advertisers are more careful than they used to be. They make the advertisements more readable. Some of them even become, in a way, a department of the paper, and people look for them every day with as much zest and pleasure as they turn to any other feature.

This is true of many department stores all over the country. In many cities there is just one man who appreciates the value of such interest. He breaks away from the old set style. He tells something interesting in his space every day.

There are lots of interesting things in business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper—look at its local news columns, and its telegraph news, for that matter, and you'll see that the majority of the items are more or less closely related to some business fact.

Dress these facts up in a becoming garb of words, and they will find readers, even though they be in a "mere advertisement." Let the merchant come down off his pedestal and talk in his ads.

He needn't be flippant—far from it, but let him not write as if he were addressing somebody afar off, and telling him about something at even a greater distance.

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Williamsport & North Branch Railroad TIME TABLE

In effect Monday, Sept. 25, 1906.
 Read down Flag stations where time is marked

AM	PM	PM	PM	AM	AM	AM	ST. TOPEKA	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
10:15	12:50	4:30	5:21	6:30	10:30	7:50	Williamsport	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45
10:20	12:55	4:35	5:26	6:35	10:35	7:55	Williamsport	8:05	8:20	8:35	8:50	9:05	9:20	9:35	9:50	10:05	10:20	10:35	10:50
10:30	1:05	4:45	5:36	6:45	10:45	8:05	Williamsport	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00
1:10	4:45	6:45	7:36	8:45	11:15	8:15	Williamsport	8:25	8:40	8:55	9:10	9:25	9:40	9:55	10:10	10:25	10:40	10:55	11:10
1:20	4:55	6:55	7:46	8:55	11:25	8:25	Williamsport	8:35	8:50	9:05	9:20	9:35	9:50	10:05	10:20	10:35	10:50	11:05	11:20
1:30	5:05	7:05	7:56	9:05	11:35	8:35	Williamsport	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30
1:40	5:15	7:15	8:06	9:15	11:45	8:45	Williamsport	8:55	9:10	9:25	9:40	9:55	10:10	10:25	10:40	10:55	11:10	11:25	11:40
1:50	5:25	7:25	8:16	9:25	11:55	8:55	Williamsport	9:05	9:20	9:35	9:50	10:05	10:20	10:35	10:50	11:05	11:20	11:35	11:50
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