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While Secretary Wilson is predicting goods crops he is not predicting a lower cost of living. He says the price of food are due to the increasing number of people who do not produce it. Urban and industrial population is increasing faster than the crop acreage. A newspaper in Chester county lately appealed to one of the learned men in Lincoln University to tell the people why fine farming lands in that country were waiting for buyers at \$30 an acre, and the professor replied that it was because the people who left the farms and went to the towns to sell tape and bang on typewriters and work as chauffeurs on trolley cars. If people are leaving the farms it might account for the difficulty of selling farm property. But this urban movement of population is raising the price of farm products it ought to make farming pay and tempt more men to go into the business.

A gentleman who has probably observed the tend of things at the post-office has handed in the following for publication.

"No letters will be delivered until received. If you don't get a letter or paper on the day you expect it, have the postmaster or clerks look through all the boxes and in the cellar also. It ought to be there somewhere and they like to look for it just to please you. If your friends don't write course the postmaster and the clerks, they are to blame. If they tell you there is no mail for you put on a grieved expression and say: 'There ought to be some.' They are probably hiding your mail for the pleasure of having you call for it two or three times a day. Ask them to look again." Exchange.

Examination in the schools, as they are conducted under the present system were given a severe raking over the coals by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Nathan C. Schaeffer in an address before a meeting of the public school teachers of Pennsylvania. In a nutshell he held that the merit of a pupil to advance to another grade should be left to the decision of the teacher and the examination plan of determining the question of promotion be abolished.

Examinations he characterized as the last resort of incompetent teachers holding that a pupil in preparing for an examination has in mind chiefly the answers to the questions and not absorbing the proper conception of the subject matter. Many successful educators hold this same view while many another, looking back on the nervous excitement which usually preceded the examination visit will agree that much better showing could have been made if the tests as to actual knowledge could have been brought out in some other way.

It wasn't a Missouri editor, but a printer's devil who was going through his first experience of "making-up" forms. The paper was late and the boy got the galleys mixed. The first part of the obituary notice of a peccunious citizen had been dumped into the forms, and the next hand full of type came off a galley describing a recent fire. It read like this: "The pallbearers lowered the body to the grave and it was consigned to the flames, there were few, if any regrets, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for years. Of course there was individual loss but that was fully covered by insurance." The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrows owed him five years subscription.

Family Secret.
"That's papa's picture," explained the little girl to the caller who was looking at a framed photograph on the piano. "You wouldn't know it unless I told you 'cause it's got a smile on the face."—Chicago Tribune.

Dodging the Water.
Constable—Come along. You've got to have a bath. Trump—A bath? What, wiv water? Constable—Yes, of course. Trump—Couldn't you manage it wiv one of them vacuum cleaners?—London Tit-Bits.

It is the common wonder of all men how among so many million of faces there should be none alike.—Brownie.

"Mothers day," was recently more or less celebrated throughout the country by newspaper editorials, magazine articles, special sermons in the churches, and entertainments, and Senator Burkett endeavored to have May 10 endorsed by Congress as Mother's day. What's the matter with father? He's all right! "Everybody works but father," Bet your life if it wasn't for father there would be little work done, or effected, in bringing in meat and potatoes.

The Baltimore Sun says, no American father has ever started a movement in congress or outside our legislative halls to celebrate the greatness and goodness of the male parent. And father doesn't need it, he is satisfied that he is the big pebble and honest duty brings its own reward. All honor and love and glory to mother, but let us not forget the "old man's" claims upon the good will, the esteem and even the admiration of his family. We have no desire to have father other than he is—a modest, industrious, necessary member of society—an indispensable factor in domestic economy. We would not under any circumstances say aught which would tend to make him "cheesy" and toss bouquets at him, and feel even in a slight degree what a really important person he is.

We admire father because he faces the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune with a patient courage and equanimity which if he were a soldier, would bring him fame and fortune. In our own view father is a hero. He is the epitome of the cardinal virtues. He is an inspiration to good deeds. We believe the time has come when the "old man" who has slayed from young manhood to the lean and slipped pantaloons stage, ought to be awarded his due meed of praise. He has effaced himself too long, doing his duty as a matter of course and spurning commendation therefore, it is time to force him into the limelight and exhibit him in all his excellence. We do not think there ought to be a Father's Day" any more than a Mothers Day. But we feel deep, down in our hearts that mother and the children ought to try to be good to the "old man" every day in the year. He spends his life in their service. The least return they can make is to recognize that father with all his frailties and limitations, is a forceful factor in civilization and in domestic economy.—Sunbury American.

AN ORDINANCE.
Specifying the materials to be used in the construction of pavements or sidewalks in the Borough of Laporte, on Main street between Court street and Beech street, and on Muncy street between Park street and Cherry street.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the Town Council of the Borough of Laporte and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that all sidewalks or pavements hereafter ordered constructed by the Borough Council on Main street between Court street and Beech street, and on Muncy street between Cherry street and Park street, shall be constructed either of plank, concrete or stone flagging.
Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
CHAS. L. WING, Pres. Protem.
Attest: F. H. INGHAM, Secy.
Passed by the Town Council of the Borough of Laporte, at regular monthly meeting May 5, 1908.
Not approved because ordinance is limited to certain streets, but would approve an ordinance of this kind if made general.
May 6, 1908. W. H. RANDALL, Burgess.

Passed May 14, 1908, by a 2-3 vote of Council.
F. W. MEYLERT, President.
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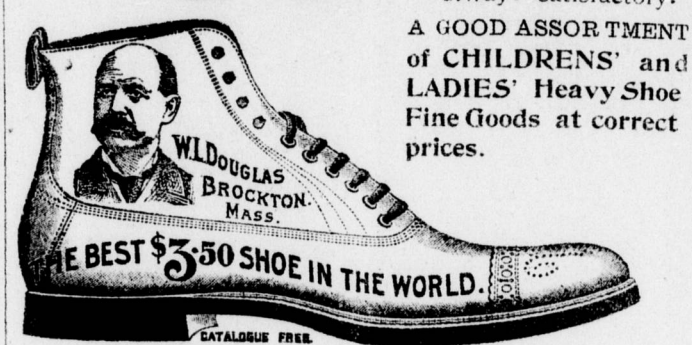
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