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GETTING TOGETHER.

This is an after-the-war phrase and a present day need, slowly but surely working its way into general acceptance. There must of necessity be classes in this as in every other country, and by the harmonious co-operation of these we are the better for them.

The world's economy requires a fifty-fifty or almost even division of population between city and country. When the producing population falls below this it results in shortage of the food supply and consequent enhancement of values.

To secure and preserve this essential balance of population should be the aim of governments, and of the trade labor and agricultural councils of the country. The law of supply and demand is always a powerful factor in this direction, but abnormal conditions, an outcome of the war, has put this law to a certain extent out of joint.

To regain the needed balance, present conditions call for all the encouragement that we can possibly give to agriculture. While the high cost of food is a great disadvantage, even a hardship, to the people, and while we earnestly look for lower prices, it should be the last thing to decline.

By getting together is the sensible way to reach these desirable conditions. People of all classes have been learning lessons in the bitter school of experience, which they are now disposed to turn to profitable account. They have also grown in intelligence and are the better able to grapple with great issues, and the greatest issue of today is, how best to get together and solve those important national problems in a manner to bring about universal harmony accompanied by the greatest good to the people.

THE HOG'S EXAMPLE.

The hog is not a classical instructor but on the hypothesis that "imitation is the sincerest flattery" it is certainly a popular one. Its imitators in human form are numerous. When it takes full possession of the feed trough to gorge itself to the exclusion of all others, its example is emulated by bipeds of supposedly higher intelligence.

Another characteristic of the hog, not applicable to the profiteer, but to another class, is that when fully gorged he will roll off into a contented sleep, from which if you attempt to arouse him he will answer with an indifferent grunt.

About a year ago the people of this province elected a combination to look after the public affairs of this country. Little was heard or seen of them thereafter until feed day came around. Then all was excitement and activity. Everything "TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE" was to be taxed to fill the trough.

CURRENT COMMENT

One of the latest acts of the Arsenal Government was to make provisions for the province to take advantage of the Dominion Government housing grants. While renewal votes for this purpose were before parliament the Hon. N. R. Rowell pointed out that British Columbia had taken up \$750,000; Manitoba, \$1,580,000; New Brunswick, \$1,250,000; Ontario, \$1,750,000; and Quebec, \$600,000, with P. E. Island as usual, because of her sleepy government, left out in the cold.

In another health vote—that of \$200,000 to campaign against venereal diseases—the Island government is again shown to be in default. The Hon. Mr. Rowell, quoting the terse and forcible expression of the late Sir Osler, that "gonorrhoea is the sterilizer of the race, while syphilis is the killer," stated these facts indicated that this campaign is needed in Canada as similar campaigns are needed elsewhere.

There was just grounds of complaint at the cold reception given by the Hon. McKenize King to the delegation of War Veterans who waited upon him on the occasion of his visit to this province, last winter. They could get no commitment from him as to any definite policy in relation to the treatment of returned soldiers, which he evaded by a promise to appoint a committee of his followers at Ottawa to deal with the matter.

That the sugar situation is too much in the hands of profiteers has been made evident by recent disclosures. Prosecutions in both Canada and the United States, has so far failed to abate the evil. The enormous earnings and dividends of refineries is an effective evidence against them, at least in the judgment of the public.

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FORGIVENESS.

How suret we are of our own forgiveness from God. How certain we are that we are made in His image, when we forgive heartily and out of hand one who has wronged us.

THE PILGRIM WAY.

But once I pass this way, And then—no more. But once—and then, the Silent Door.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

BY DELLA E. STEWART

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The false pride which keeps us from admitting that we have been in the wrong and which makes us resent bitterly any criticism of our undertakings, is a very dangerous thing. Dangerous, because it limits our accomplishments and loses for us the advantages of every circumstance in return.

There's another false pride which keeps us from many a pleasure that we might have and gives us dissatisfaction with our circumstances in return. It's the variety which keeps us from buying anything but the most expensive which we cannot afford.

We try to surround ourselves with an Italian villa atmosphere when the surroundings of a simple cottage are more in keeping with our purse. We encounter all sorts of difficulties in keeping up the pace, find subterfuges and petty deceits almost necessities, learn to be false and small-minded, snobbish and fretful.

is now in the position with regard to sugar supplies as to be able to make shipments to this country. Any by an amendment to the criminal code profiteering in sugar is made an indictable offence.

The promise in the manifesto of the Bell Government, to reduce the number of officials, is still being shamefully observed in the breach. Their latest decision is to "augment" the already increased list of officials, by appointing forty-five TAXATION assessors. Three of these are to be appointed for each electoral district. These men are now to be selected because special qualifications for the task, for it has been decreed that political service is the only requisite.

Apart from the effort of the Government to procure a purchased Conservative endorsement of their TAXATION measures, a question of justice in valuations, in many instances, will arise, requiring more than ordinary intelligence to adjust. As one instance; a tidy industrious farmer puts all his earnings into new buildings and improvements upon his farm. It is beautifully equipped, neatly painted, artistically hedged and a credit to himself and the locality.

Hungary Is Under Boycott

(Special to The Guardian.) VIENNA, June 21.—Hungary was practically isolated today as the result of the international labor boycott of the postal, telegraph, telephone, railway and navigation employees of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Italy have joined in the ban which the international Trade Union has placed upon Hungary.

Recent Proceedings In Parliament

OTTAWA, June 21.—The Commons had a great variety of business before it yesterday. It was the first Saturday sitting of the session and the attendance was small.

But people are so apt to take us at our own valuation? Those whom we wish to attract would not desire our acquaintance did we become simple in living? Very likely. But if our standards of life are those of desiring to inflate our own values beyond true worth and of wanting friends who like us merely for our surroundings, why not change them?

A plain acknowledgment to ourselves of our real circumstance and a firm resolve to have what we can really afford and none else, to be what we really are at heart, and stop all thought of posing for what we are not—these would bring us peace of mind and the enjoyment which comes of perfect sincerity with one's self and with the world.

A bill to amend the Canada Grain Act requested by the grain growers of the west and having the approval of the Board of Grain Commissioners was advanced through the resolution stage and given first reading. The purpose of the measure Sir George Foster explained was to prevent the farmers losing payment for grain delivered to elevators. It is provided by one clause that a farmer may demand a marked cheque for grain delivered to a country elevator, all that cash certificate must be redeemable on demand within 24 hours failing which the owner may demand a warehouse receipt for a similar quantity of grain.

Before a bill providing for the retirement of certain members of the civil service was given second reading it met with some scathing criticism. This measure is to provide a temporary plan to retire some officials in the government service who do not come under the super-annuation act. It is the intention of the government to bring down a permanent plan next year and Hon. K.A. Calder invited the co-operation of the members in making the present bill as good as possible.

The principle of the bill as drafted is that the government-in-council may retire any employees who are too old, in poor health, have any physical disability, lack of experience or for any other reason are not considered to be giving good service. In their case however some allowance is to be made the person according to age and length of service. Within the last hour of the sitting estimates totalling \$347,440 were voted.

REPRESENTING WOMEN AT BOTH POLITICAL CONVENTIONS



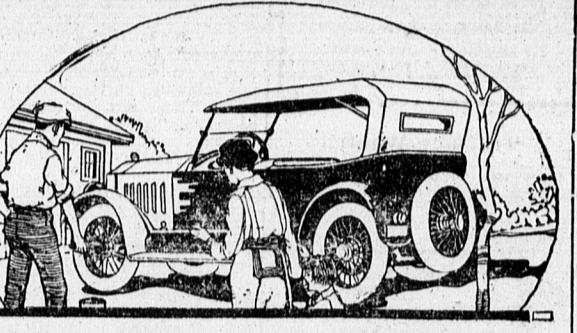
As chairman of the District of Columbia Division of the Southern States League of Women Voters, Mrs. Theodora Tiller, after attending the Republican National Convention at Chicago, transferred her activities to San Francisco.

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