COST OF LIVING

Figures Juggled by the Administration Officials to Sustain Its Policy and Credit.

As an illustration of how figures may be juggled to prove most anything that is desired, Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, who prepared a report on the cost of living, which report is being used for campaign purposes by the Republican committee, gives a few comparisons to bear out his contention that the increase in food stuffs has been on the average inconsiderable.

A comparison is made between the cost of butter and vinegar. The former, it is shown, has increased in price 112.9 per cent. and the claim is set up that this increase is overcome by the decrease of 88 per cent. in vinegar.

By comparing these two articles the cost of living remains stationary by setting a 12 per cent. increase in the price of butter against a 12 per cent. decrease in the price of vinegar, yet the butter bill of the average family must be fifty times as great as the vinegar bill.

In Mr. Wright's table on fuel and lighting we find that the average price has risen to 139.8. This table includes a number of different kinds of coal, candles and petroleum, also coke and matches. Coke and matches show a decrease in price, while all the others show an increase:

Increased in price:	
Anthracite coal, chestnut	137.7
Decreased in price:	
Matches	85.4
Average for both articles	111.5

Which goes to show that the cost of fuel and lighting has not increased a great deal, although many men will think that the decrease in the price of matches is hardly a fair set-off against the increase in the price of coal.

HOW PRICES HAVE INCREASED.

Concerning the alleged "statistics" furnished from the National Bureau of Labor and given circulation by the Republican Campaign Committee with a view to showing that the average wages earned in comparison with the cost of living is equal to, if not greater than under Democratic rule, a few figures may not be amiss.

It seems to be an uncontroverted fact that wages have not increased within the past ten years to any perceptible degree, and the "statistics," prepared under the direction of Hon. Carroll D. Wright, admit that the cost of food has increased approximately a little over 5 per cent.

In his figures, Mr. Wright submits a table showing prices which have increased and those which have decreased. In the column of increases the commodities most essential and therefore mostly used appear, while in the opposing column, many of the articles enumerated are by no means necessities.

The table follows:

Increased in price:	
Flour	104.5
Butter	112.9
Codfish	118.6
Cheese	121.6
Potatoes	126.2
Beans	130.2
Milk	127.5
Eggs	193.6
Average price	129.3
Decreased in price:	
Soda Crackers	90.5
Vinegar	88.0
Dried Apples	72.8
Prunes	67.8
Nutmegs	67.1
Soda	64.6
Rice	87.0
Corn Starch	93.6
Average price	78.92

ALMOST SELF PRAISE.

Coming somewhat in the light of a man endorsing his own note, or felicitating himself, is a letter published recently in Paris from the pen of former Minister Bunau-Varilla, sustaining President Roosevelt's course in the Panama coup.

Inasmuch as Minister Bunau-Varilla was Mr. Roosevelt's guide and ally in the snap judgment taken upon the Republic of Colombia, and inasmuch also as he was one of the chief beneficiaries under the whole transaction, he could hardly do less than applaud the act.

FRICK TO COLLECT FUNDS.

A special telegram to the New York World, from Pittsburg, says:

"Henry Clay Frick has been appointed the financial head of the Republican campaign in western Pennsylvania, the object being to use him to secure financial aid from the manufacturers of this section."

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Ordinarily no man is rich enough to escape that certain sense of elation which comes from picking up a nickel on a sidewalk, but when a railway postal clerk finds such a coin in a mail pouch where it has worked out from insufficient wrappings not only does he miss this elation, but it may provoke profanity.

For a nickel lost in a pouch of mail in transit becomes a matter for national concern. It comes to view perhaps just as a pouch of mail is emptied upon a sorting table, and when it has broken away from the bunch of letters and cards and circulars, rolled to an open space on the table and there settled down, heads or tails, with a noisy spinning dance, the clerk who first sees it is "it."

A necromancer could have no more idea than the man in the moon as to what particular package it rolled out of, and if he had and should tell the postal clerk the clerk wouldn't dare try to restore the coin to the original package. That would be too easy altogether.

No, it is a lost nickel from the moment the clerk has to see it spinning there before his eyes, and according to the tender governmental conscience the clerk has to get ready for the inauguration of about $18.43 worth of fuss over it.

For himself he doesn't dare to go to bed for a short nap until he has got rid of his 5 cents' worth of responsibility to the government for the action of the fool person from whom the nickel was parted. He digs up his printed form for such occasions printed and provided and at once fills out a long blank, describing the coin, telling the circumstances of its being found and whether it landed heads or tails on the table, naming the pouch from which it was emptied, the number of the train carrying it, the date and a few other details.

This report, with the nickel, goes to the headquarters of the postal division in which the car was operated, and from these bonded officials, by the same general red tape route, the small coin finds its way to the seat of national government and to the fund representing the great constituency of the postoffice department, which persists in sending money in envelopes through the unregistered mails of the service.—Chicago Tribune.

PITH AND POINT.

The man who changes jobs frequently never has a good one.

When company goes there is a feeling about the house that suggests an easy old shoe.

It is the opinion of every mother that a boy never loses an opportunity for attempting to break his neck.

Because a friend shows a desire to be sympathetic don't pull the family skeleton out of the closet to entertain him.

As a man gets older he finds that more of his friends are visiting the cemetery when they go riding than formerly.

The people who are used to good things when at home are very patient with the poor accommodations met away from home.

It often happens that a girl who is not disciplined enough by her parents gets the kind of a husband who disciplines her too much.—Atchison Globe.

There Was One Who Did Not Laugh.

Mark Twain once expressed the following sentiments to a young woman who had not smiled at a thing that he had said during an impromptu reception in his honor at Bryn Mawr college, to which his daughter had invited him. All the young ladies but one were in a state of great glee during the humorist's address; all but one had laughed heartily at every witty remark. Just as Twain finished he turned to the young woman who had not laughed and said in an undertone: "You are the only sensible one here. I have not said a single amusing thing. If it were not for the conspicuousness of it I would like to press your hand."—Success.

Direct Evidence.

The lawyer shook his finger warningly at the witness and said: "Now, we want to hear just what you know, not what some one else knows or what you think or anything of that kind, but what you know. Do you understand?"

"Waal, I know," said the witness, with emphasis, as he lifted one limber leg and laid it across the other—"I know that Clay Grubbs said that Bill Thomson told him that he heard John Thomas' wife tell Sid Shuford's gal that her husband was there when the fight tuk place and that he said that they slung each other around in the bushes right consid'able."

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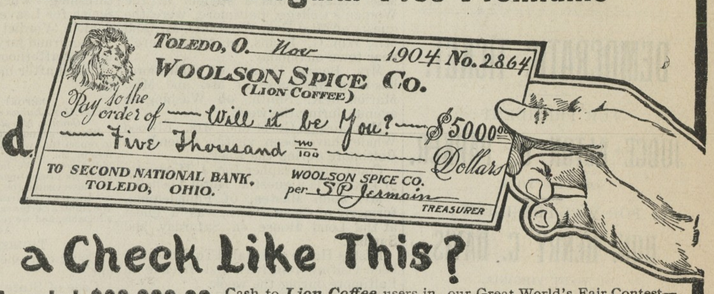
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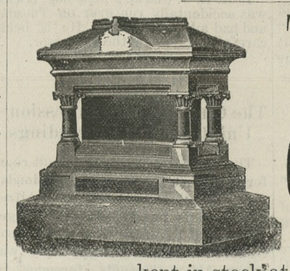
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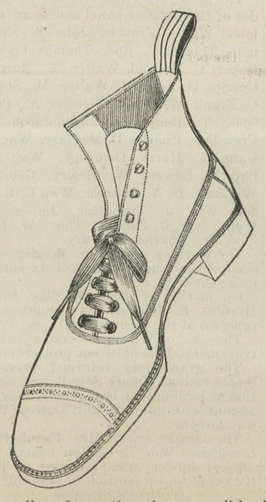


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