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# Our National Capital

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the  
 News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

## "TRADE AT HOME"

Washington, D. C., November 6.—The editor of every local newspaper in the country has been free in the use of the slogan, "Trade at Home." His clear understanding of the conditions of his community make it plain to his mind that if his town or city had what was naturally due it, that the local merchants would do a larger business; and while the editor is notoriously an unselfish member of society, he cannot help knowing that he has suffered with the rest of the community, and that his advertising columns have been thinned out by the mail-order houses, the department stores, and the balance of that sort of fungus that drains the commercial and industrial vitality of the small towns and cities.

Examination shows that the local merchants sell staple articles of merchandise that are called for by name, and he maintains the resale prices fixed by manufacturers—no matter whether the article is breakfast food, jewelry, drugs, shoes, shirts or socks; and he makes a reasonable profit. As a "bait" mail order houses cut prices on some of these staple articles, in order to make it appear that they "sell cheaper"; but their greatest effort is made to sell goods which they claim to be "just as good," but which are in most cases of inferior quality, at prices far above their actual worth. The local merchant must either do an honorable business, or close up shop. His principal competitor is the catalogue house and the mail order man, and those men actually make a larger percentage of profit out of their sales than the local merchant, who is so often mistakenly accused of overcharging. An outraged public rebelled against the old-time custom of barter and bargain, and forced the one-price system to be established in reputable merchandising, but the mail order and catalogue houses are "beating the old game" in a new way. Those are reasons why the Federal Trade Commission regards "price maintenance" as the biggest question it has to handle. It is expected that the Commission and Congress will sooner or later put an end to the methods of cut-throat merchandising which are playing havoc with the small communities, and doing no good to the large places, or to anyone else excepting the men engaged in these unworthy practices.

## Who Own the Railroads?

Time was when little Al Sid stuck up his hand and answered teacher's question by informing that "Vanderbilt, Gould and a few others own all the railroads," and the answer was correct. But the Interstate Commerce Commission finds that there are now 622,284 persons owning the railroads at this time. Although the railroads have complained bitterly about new laws for their regulation, the number of stockholders has been doubled in the last ten years. It is related that it took eight thousand American soldiers to wreck a Mexican railroad at Vera Cruz, although three directors of the New Haven are supposed to have done a more thorough job here at home. But three or four United States Senators regulated the whole railroad bunch and made the properties a safe investment for honest people. At least the figures seem to bear out this conclusion:

President Wilson is pardoning more prisoners than any of his predecessors, unless McKinley and Lincoln be excepted. At the rate "executive clemency" is being put into effect Mr. Wilson

## Milady's Furs

The United States is the largest producer of furs in the world. Our furs have been shipped to London every year, there to be dressed and dried, and then returned to this country, at an expense of fifty-two percent above the cost of the raw skin. To make the farce more complete the consumers of this country have paid a heavy duty on these same furs when they were returned. Americans do bone-headed things like this, and under normal conditions the custom might have continued indefinitely. But the Department of Commerce started buying seal furs, had them dried and dyed, and then sold them to American fur dealers. This is in a large degree responsible for the fact that furs are cheaper than heretofore, and purchasers are not so particular about the kind they wear. Since London is being eliminated it has been discovered that a whole lot of excommunicated animals including muskrats and polecats furnish very fine furs as a result of the new "All American Plan."

## "A Long Felt Want"

There is a lot of sputtering around Washington because President Wilson is going to remarry. However in social circles where things have been as "dead as a snail" since the Wilson administration began, there is a joy in the ointment since the marriage will give the White House a chateau. Plans for a giddy season of merriment are under way, and merchants, florists, garages, caterers, waiters, wine merchants and costumers, are agreed that an active woman like the future Mrs. Wilson will fill "a long felt want" and "start business going" in setting merry society a-whirling again.

## Iowa a Model

The Department of Agriculture is pointing to the State of Iowa as a model road-maker. A measure of control has been given to the state, and the results as compared to a supervision by the local forms of government, are splendid. Travel has increased so rapidly that the cost of maintenance has become as high as \$750 a mile in some of the eastern states. Experiments to make a type of road which can be maintained at relatively low cost, shows that the states are depending upon the various forms of bituminous macadam, concrete and vitrified-brick road.

## Eating Animals

One hundred million meat animals are slaughtered each year in the United States, and therefore it would appear that every person, including babies, eats an animal. Sixty per cent of all meat animals are slaughtered in establishments where there is federal inspection, and approximately one animal out of every fifty-eight is rejected in whole or in part on account of the meat being unfit for human use. Uncle Sam is doing his best to protect the carnivorous tooth from crumpling into meat infected by tuberculosis and other diseases, and the cost of the Federal Meat Inspection Service is now about \$3,375,000 a year.

## The World-Wide Desire

American manufacturers and jobbers are insisting that the Washington Government give them every opportunity to reach the markets of the world, and as usual the demand also calls for "the quickest route." The Com-

merce Department has established several branches in the large centers, and evidently the news has gone round, since there are applications for twenty-five additional branches in as many different cities. The Federal authorities have given assurance that they will throw the throttle wide open and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce is being expanded rapidly in order to meet the opportunities offered to our people by reason of the European war. There has been a great improvement in the nature of our foreign commerce, and the millionaire tourists have been obliged to stay at home to keep from getting shot by the American ammunition that has been going over the waters in ship-loads.

## CONCERNING SUFFRAGE

Just on the eve of the election in which the men of New York registered their opinion to the effect that women were not competent to act as voters, the secretary of Tammany Hall published figures showing that votes by the thousand are lost because the men do not understand how to mark their ballots. Last year the candidates for governor lost over 5,000; lieutenant governor candidates lost over 19,000, and the candidates for Supreme Court lost over 50,000. And he added that this ignorance was not confined to the tenement-house districts, as in the 23rd Assembly District known as the "silk stocking district," 1474 voters failed to mark their ballots for Assembly candidates.

A million women are vouched for by the leaders of the suffrage campaign as having put themselves on record as wanting to vote. As the largest number of men who ever voted in the state was little over a million and a half in the presidential election of 1912, it is only fair to say that if women are to be judged on the same basis with men, they show just as keen a desire to vote as the men do.

Down in Philadelphia at the convention of the National Safety Council the retiring president said that the greatest help the council could have would be votes for women. He came from Illinois where women have had a chance to show what use they make of the vote. But his plea fell on deaf ears in that city of brotherly love which forthwith proceeded to cast so heavy a vote against woman suffrage that it wiped out the favorable majority it had won in the state at large.

The president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs telegraphed to New York Suffrage Headquarters that instead of women losing interest in voting in her state the registration among women is increasing. "O, yes, we know that 84 per cent of the women of Los Angeles voted the first time they had the chance," says the quibbler about the expediency of votes for women, "but it was a novelty then. They soon tired of it." The telegram cited ought to-day that bogie.

## The Favored Sex

Women, we are often told are not sufficiently grateful for the privileges they receive on account of their sex. We, therefore, beg the two women stenographers, who have just won typewriting contests over men and women to remember that if they to-morrow take employment under the government they will have the privilege of receiving a smaller salary than the men they have surpassed.—Alice Duer Miller, in New York Tribune.

## ANNA CADOGAN ETZ

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