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Commander Peary's Charges
Against Explorer Cook.

Peary's charges against Cook have at last appeared. They have, as we all know, been for several days before the Peary Arctic Club and that body no doubt feels it its duty to let the world know all about the matter. The charges are signed by Peary himself, with U. S. N. after his name, by Bartlett, the master of the S. S. Roosevelt, by D. B. McMillan and George Borup, and, last but not least, by the faithful Friday, Matthew Henson, who accompanied, as they say, his master to the north pole, the color of his skin saving him from the jealousy of the "commander" who would permit none of the white men of the party to participate in his glorious triumph.

Of course no sane man will reach a final conclusion from these charges. They are speciously drawn. They are, moreover, cleverly executed. But Peary can scarcely expect an enlightened people to accept off-hand a chart which he declares to have been drawn by the two Eskimo boys I-took-a-shoo and Ah-pe-lah. Surely intelligent people will never accept such evidence as superior to the word of an American who has given his life to exploration and scientific research, against whose character there stands no justifiable reproach and whose very education and pursuits are a warranty that he cannot be classed as a common liar.

More especially is this the case as the Eskimos who, Peary claims, drew this chart and gave him evidence absolutely contradicting Cook's story are the same young men who, Cook declares, accompanied him to the goal of his ambition, and whom he has already taken steps to have brought to this country to testify as to his achievement. And apart from any consideration of Cook's moral character, it is quite impossible to believe that he would be guilty of the folly of entrusting his reputation, his whole future career, to a couple of uneducated Eskimos who shared with him, according to Peary, the secret of one of the most outrageous frauds ever attempted upon an audience worldwide in its extent. If he did so, he can only be looked upon as a madman, and his dignified, gentlemanly behavior in the face of Peary's rude onslaught, aided and abetted by a negro henchman, seems to lift him out of that category.

Of course we know next to nothing about the technical side of the question; but the following paragraph from the charges has attracted our attention:

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"well-known minister." "Well-known," forsooth. So is Billy Patterson, so is Tom Walker, so is Mrs. Harris, so are many, many airy creatures of a fond imagination. Trot out the name of that "exchange" that we may pin it down to an explanation, and if, by chance, it should "make good"—"us" for post mortem preparation and anticipated exit via the Halley comet.

There's some underground diplomacy being worked politically in Florida. Don't get caught in the wreck—Lake City Index.

In the name of Mercy, dear Brother Thomas, don't keep up these dark hints, which threaten to produce nervous prostration, but talk out in meeting and relieve the dreadful tension.

Now let us do a little more toward helping out the Tri-County Fair which will be held in Pensacola November 9-12. By that time there should be Irish potatoes large enough to make a creditable display.—Foley (Ala.) Onlooker.

That is a good resolution, and Baldwin county may rest assured it is no mere anxiety to send over those potatoes than Pensacola is to see them and admire them.

High diving, looping the loop and kindred performances are a sure although slow means of committing suicide. One of the performers of the first named has just broken his neck in San Francisco. One would think morphine, chloroform or even carbolic acid a so much easier method of reaching the final bourn, being instant in action and saving the victim such a long delay ad terrible nervous excitement.

BOOST, BOOM, BUILD—THAT'S ALL.

Graphophone manipulators are about the only kind not trying to break a record.

Secretary, Knox means to clip Crane's wing even if he doesn't chop his head off.

Crane, Minister to China, is one of the vast army of those who "wish they hadn't spoke."

Look out now for Moonshine in the Tampa Times—or the Greenville, S. C., variety, charming and effective.

The St. Petersburg Independent calls Blaine "the plummmed knight"; but he never did get the presidential plum, the one he had set his heart on.

The president must have felt that "touch of nature" which "makes the whole world kin" when he stood in the presence of those big trees in California.

They say Live Oak will give the Confederate veterans the best kind of entertainment on the 29th when the great old soldiers will hold their reunion in that city.

Editor B. M. Heckard, of The Dunellen Advocate, is improving that paper each edition, which shows the sagacity of Messrs. Bittinger and Carroll, the new owners, who placed him in charge.

Jacksonvillians are all agog over their military carnival which will be held during the week commencing November 22nd, and which from present appearances promises to be a success; for it is being well advertised.

Uncle Sam has startled Tampa into what will probably result in a wonderful activity in laying new pavements and sidewalks, by ordering the postmaster of that city to cease delivering mail on 111 blocks deficient in one or the other of the improvements named.

The county commissioners of Polk county have determined to do away with the iniquitous convict lease system upon the expiration of existing contracts, and to put the prisoners to work on the roads. This is a move in the right direction—a good example to other counties which hang on to the evil.

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It isn't a pleasure to saturate your stomach with vile nostrums or to shock the tender membrane of the nose and throat with disagreeable sprays and douches.

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PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

Up To Its Undertaking.

The October issue of the Pensacolaian is an excellent one, and it is standing squarely up to its undertaking—the development of Pensacola, Escambia county, Florida, and the South.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Advocates "Boosting Game."

John E. Stillman, collector of customs at Pensacola, contributes an article to the October Pensacolaian in which he urges everybody to get into the "boosting game," and quotes from Collier's on account of the big booster organizations that have built up the Pacific slope in wealth and population. That account is instructive.

The California Promotion Committee is at the head of some two hundred different town boosting clubs; the Oregon League is composed of nine—these organizations, headed by the Portland Commercial Club, Seattle, and the other large cities of Washington have vigorous organizations. It is estimated that fully a million dollars has been raised for booster work on the Pacific coast for 1909, not including the contribution to the Alaska-Yukon exposition.

The sums Florida has spent so far for such purpose look insignificant indeed alongside of these three states. It may be said that these states are richer than Florida is. The foundation of that wealth was laid when they were no wealthier than Florida is now, in liberal advertising, and their present wealth and populousness are due to that persistent publicity.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

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VOX POPULI.

DIDN'T KNOW WHAT
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Editor Pensacola Journal:

I have been reading quite lately one of the volumes of Miss Strickland's Lives of the queens of England and if Secretary Wilson had posted himself before making the statement that the American laborer is living on choicer food than Queen Elizabeth had prepared for her he would not have made the assertion.

I read in August, 1501, that the Princess Katherine, the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, embarked at Corunna and landed at Plymouth England on 2nd of October. This princess had been betrothed five years previously to Arthur, son of Henry the 7th, and was now in her 16th year. Arthur was 15. The progress of this royal party of lovers was very slow; the princess traveling inland on horseback and the bridegroom towards the sea to meet her, also on horseback. Katherine's party being caught in a terrible rain-storm, had to stop at a town named Dogmersfield for the night. The landlord of the inn being taken by surprise upon the arrival of this distinguished party, soon armed and ready to defend his house as the vast majority do, the following items of ex-

pense will be fairly representative:

Groceries \$6.00 to \$7.00
Rent 4.50
Water and fuel 1.00
Laundry 1.75

Out of the balance must come funds for medical services, medicines, clothing, shoes (a pair for some one of the family every week, perhaps), life insurance, car fare, bread, tea, milk and the sundry items that will bob up in spite of the strictest economy, besides coal in winter and school requirements. Not much left there for a ham at 17 cents per pound and all hands able to get away with a pound at a meal each.

The poorer classes in effort to keep up a presentable appearance first stain themselves in bodily necessities, thus opening the way for disease and consequent expense—foolish and false, yes, but we are considering facts. The uncouth optimist guardian of the country's agricultural interests, Hon. James Wilson, belongs NOW at least to that class to whose interest it is to cajole the worker into THINKING he is prosperous even at one buck per day.

This dollar-a-day-with-meat argument is in line with another statement presumably coming from Uncle Jimmie's prosperity dispensary. The aggregate value of farm products last year was 77,780,000,000 dollars, but the interesting fact was not added that this sum divided as it was among 13,000,000 persons engaged in farming pursuits meant about \$500.00 for each or about \$1.80 per day, a sum considerably less than the average mechanic receives.

It is difficult to comprehend how a man can, even with closest economy, feed, clothe, educate a family, pay rent, taxes, insurance and yet indulge in the luxury of straw or prime cuts of even the prosaic beef.

NOT—The answer is—he CAN.

MR. BENNETT CRITICIZES
SEC. WILSON'S STATEMENT

Editor Pensacola Journal.

The average American working-

man may have meat three times a day even though his income be but one dollar per.

This is an assertion ascribed to Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, and which led The Journal to intimate that the venerable James W. was emitting heated gases through the slit in his face and incidentally it may be added that the old gentleman was permitting his lip work to reach his auditors through his silk tie or talking through his hat.

It would be interesting to know by what mental process our "Boss Farmer" arrived at the conclusion that the workingman can contribute three times a day to the coffers of the three barons on a wage of one dollar. Cold facts such as can be supplied by even a well-paid skilled laborer prove the fallaciousness of such argument of Uncle Jim.

The constant, slow but steady in-

crease in the cost of living to the poor is having its effect in starvation by degrees.

A specific case might be sighted

which has its duplicate in millions of instances, to prove that meat "once a week" is not enough even for a man earning \$3.00 per day which is a very high wage rate, \$3.00 per day, which is a very high wage rate, \$3 per day or \$18 a week. For a family of five, renting their house as the vast ma-

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