

THE CONGRESSIONAL FRONT
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TRAY - THRICKLE, THRUPPENCE, THRENCE ?

What would you call a 3-¢ piece for short? Congress has authorized the Treasury Department to coin 3¢ pieces if it determines the need for it and doubtless the need will arise in order to save precious metals. We now have 3¢ stamps, 3¢ newspapers, 18¢ cigarettes and a host of items which would make a 3¢ piece convenient. A 3¢ piece might challenge the ingenuity of name-coiners for an adequate name to go along with penny, nickle and dime. The last 3¢ pieces were made in 1890. What would you call it?

TRAILERS.

Tire and Rubber shortages at first impelled the Federal Public Housing Administration to curtail it's program for the purchase of trailers but as acute housing shortages began to appear in various sections of the country, it was determined to purchase an additional 5000 trailers in November, 2500 in December and 2500 in January. If the program is completed, it will mean that the FPHA and other housing agencies of the government will have purchased a total of 30,000 trailers.

CONGRESS AND GEOGRAPHY.

There are 435 members of Congress. Of this number, 129 are from the 16 southern states. Only 15 of the 129 come from essentially urban areas whereas the other 114 represent areas or districts which are more than 50% rural. Of the 306 remaining members in Congress, 152 represent urban or city areas while 154 represent areas more than 50% rural. If you add 114 and 154 the total is 268, which is more than a majority of the Congress who represent rural areas. This constitutes something of a clue to trends and tendencies. Similarly in the U. S. Senate, the 32 Southern Senators represent states where a rural element predominates. And to this number 40 Senators from northern states where a similar condition exists and the total number of 72 accounts for nearly three-fourths of the United States Senate.

CUT YOURSELF A SLICE OF CAKE'

A vice-president of a bank applied for one of the top administrative jobs in Washington. A few days later, the director of this Washington agency asked the President of this same bank to recommend a man. He recommended the vice-president, altho he did not know that the vice-president had made application. So the vice-president was hired and came to Washington at once to assume his duties. A few days later, a letter was forwarded to him from the bank. The letter had been written by the head of the agency where he was now on duty. It informed him that he was not suited or qualified for the job. Ain't Nature wonderful. Cut yourself a piece of cake?

AT LAST! AT LAST!

Wages for Santa Claus in 1942 may be higher than his wages in 1941 without constituting a violation of the wage stabilization rules and regulations issued from Washington. So says the War Labor Board in a release dated December 4th. However, it adds a proviso. It wants to be sure that he is in truth and in fact a real Santa Claus and so it adds this proviso: "Provided that the term Santa Claus shall be construed to include only such persons as wear a red robe, white whiskers, and other well recognized accouterments befitting their station in life, and provided they have a jovial and kindly disposition and use their high office of juvenile trust to spread the Christmas spirit of good will among all men, women and children." At last, Washington has taken over Saint Nick.