PRODUCER GETS IT IN THE NECK

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

A western newspaper paragrapher, who evidently does not hanker after rutabaga turnips as fodder, writes:

"We don't know why farmers produce rutabagas—that is their business. But they furnish the seed, use their own ground, do their own cultivating and harvest the crop for 2 1-2 cents a pound, for which the consumers pay 6 cents a pound. Three and a half cents a pound is the punishment wholesalers and retailers inflict upon people for eating rutabagas."

Which is rather neatly put, as it seems to me. If any one of my city readers who has been paying 6 cents a pound for rutabagas and kussin' the greedy farmer for his profiteering will kindly note the above explanation of who got his 6 cents and in what proportion it was divided, perhaps it may steer him on to another trail.

Along the same line, here is another incident: The other day I noted in a New York paper the heading "Prices Show General Decline on Market." Anything which suggests a decline of prices is interesting. So I looked over the short news article.

All of the prices which were reported as having declined were wholesale prices paid by city middlemen to farmers for farm products in quantity. The particular products involved were potatoes, asparagus, spinach, strawberries and butter.

There was no evidence that the "ultimate consumer" was enjoying any marked reduction, even in these specified articles. But the producer was "getting it in the neck" once more. His chance of securing enough money to hire a little help to produce more vegetables for later consumption wasn't improving any.

Somehow, I'm always reminded by such reports as this of the trite old fable of the goose which laid the golden eggs—and which the fool owner killed in order to hog the whole clutch at once. The result of his greed is well known. But his conduct has been repeated a good many times since that prehistoric day by other fools. "And the fools are not all dead, yet."

Here is another quotation from another bright newspaper paragrapher, this time from Texas:

"Being an optimist, we are confident that the world will ultimately develop a noble and enduring civilization, but if she ever does go completely to smash it will be because of inordinate greed on one side and ignorant desperation on the other. The process of breeding hog and hyena out of humanity is a slow one."

The worst of it is that the hogs think the hyenas are the whole cause of the trouble, while the hyenas are equally sure that the world would be a paradise if the hogs were all butchered off.

In which world-wide debate now going on the present writer's sympathies are frankly with neither, but with the man up the tree. The man who is neither hog nor hyena, and who has been driven to his insecure refuge by the tusks of the one and the fangs of the other. I should really like to see him furnished with enough machine-gun capacity to clear the ground in his immediate vicinity of both fangers and tuskers. At least to such an extent that he could raise a few crops without danger of their being rooted up by one set of beasts or of himself being devoured by the other.

You may have noted that there is fresh trouble in the milk situation. The farmers connected with the Dairymen's league report that it actually costs them over two and eight-tenths cents a pound to produce milk. Yet the price to be paid them has been "fixed" by the milk trust at about two and one-half cents a pound. That is to say, the milk trust offers the farmers of the states wherein the Dairymen's league is effective something less for their milk than it costs to produce that same milk.

Perhaps you're one of those who think you are paying too much for your milk as it is. Would you, however, take up for yourself or long continue if already engaged in a business which returned you less for your product than the cost of making it? Do you blame farmers for feeling and acting just as you would under similar conditions? And how do you figure that milk will become cheaper to you if any considerable number of dairymen, forced to the wall by constant losses, at last give up the bankrupting business, and thus diminish the already scanty supply of milk? Do you really suppose it will become cheaper when there's less of it?

Here is an authoritative statement of the real cost of getting a 40-quart can of milk from the farmer's wagon to the city stores:

Pasteurizing	15 cents
Freight	38 cents
City cartage	20 cents
Overhead	07 cents
Total	80 cents

The customary profit of the stores is stated to be one cent a quart. That makes the just charges on the milk, from farmers' wagon to consumers' can, $1.20 for the 40 quarts, or three cents a quart.

Assuming the weight of a quart of milk as two pounds—"a pint's a pound, the world around," you know—this gives the farmer a trifle over five cents a quart for the milk and the handlers three cents a quart for transporting and selling it at stores. How much more do you pay?

Perhaps you pay 15 or 18 cents a quart. Taking the lower figure of 15 cents, you will notice that the farmer gets a third of it or five cents for the milk; the distribution actually costs a fifth of it or three cents, making eight cents in all. The extra seven cents which you pay goes neither for the milk, nor for the transportation of it, nor for the pasteurizing of it, nor for legitimate profit, but to somebody, somewhere, who doubtless needs it to buy his limousines and town cars and keep them fed with gasoline.

"Hog" or "hyena?"

We'll leave that for you to say.

But when the farmer gets five cents of your 15, or at the rate of 33 cents of your dollar, and this mysterious inbetweener gets seven cents of the 15, or almost 47 cents of your dollar, which is the one for you to call names—whichever of those names you shall decide may best fit?

And if you really want to get cheaper milk, and have intelligence enough to know how much seven and eight come to when added together, which do you think is the one for you to put out of business—the farmer with his milk-giving cows or the limousine driver with his glittering car?

Now, there's no use beating around the bush or trying to stop an Atlantic tide with Mrs. Partington's broom.

Nor of trying to butter parsnips with soft words alone.

Nor of sticking one's head into a clump of weeds to shut out the sight of the oncoming mad bull.

Nor of ignoring hard facts and inexorable conditions.

If profiteers in the cities are making so much money that they can afford to pay workmen $10 wages where $2 wages were the former rule, then farmers, to obtain their former amount of help, must also pay $10 wages where $2 wages used to secure it. And, if they've got to pay five times the wages they used to, then they must get five times the prices they used to for their products.

What's the use of blinking and blathering about it? Five times two is ten, just as truly on the farms as in the shops and factories. It's a question of the simplest arithmetic. If the wages which must be paid for raising a bushel of potatoes or a peck of peas or a hundred of oats or a quart of milk are to be five times what they used to be, then the man who produces potatoes and peas and oats and milk must get five times as much for them—or crawl into his hole and pull the hole in after him.

There's no trick about crop production by which it can be accomplished without work—hard work, steady work, full-day work. And the crops must sell for enough to pay for that work or they won't be raised—can't be raised.

That's all there is to it.

If a man who used to get $2 a day on the farm can now get $10 a day in the city, he cannot be very harshly blamed for going where he can get it. If the farmer wants to retain him, he must equal the bid. And if that farmer made a bare living from the sale of his crops produced for $2 a day, how in the name of Daboll or any other arithmetician do you figure that he can pay five times as much wages unless the crops bring him in that fivefold return?

As a matter of cold fact, they do not bring anything like that quintupled price. Consumers kick like Kentucky mules beside a hornets' nest if they are asked to pay double, even.

The farmer simply cannot pay wages in competition with city industries with prices for his produce anywhere near present levels. Very well, then. You think the Egyptians were cruel slave-drivers when they demanded that the Israelites make bricks without straw. That impossible exaction drove a whole nation to its exodus, and changed the history of the world.

Do you expect twentieth century farmers to produce crops under worse conditions than those imposed on the Hebrews in Egypt? Do you expect them to furnish you food when they cannot get the help to plant it or cultivate it or harvest it? Do you demand that they create something out of nothing?

If you do, or if you blame them for conditions which are not of their making and which they are powerless to change, you are doing a great injustice.

Moreover, you're making a big mistake. And one which somebody, sometime, will have to pay for—to the last red cent!

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The arrival in the village within the past few days of over 200 men to make up the crews for the fleet of menhaden fishing boats that are undergoing repairs at the shipyard, has prove na very efficient stimulant on business and the stores at all times present a lively appearance. Since Saturday last, every train stopping here ha sbrought its quota of fishermen, the majority of them coming direct from Newfoundland and after each train the new arrivals with those at the station to meet them, form quite a parade on their way to the boats, each man with his sailor bag and usual suit case or two.

Charlie Buddington, the young son of Capt. and Mrs. Fred Buddington, has been in rather hard luck lately, suffering two painful injuries in as many days. The first of the accidents resulted in the loss of the end of his thumb when a knife slipped, severing the end of this member. The day following the youngster fell, striking his head on a rock and inflicting a deep gash over the eye. Both injuries necessitated the attention of a physician.

Miss Marion Jensen was given a surprise party by a number of young friends at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. G. Jensen, Monday evening.

Mrs. John Francis has entered the Lawrence hospita as a sugical patient.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles T. Potter of Norwich are at their summer home in Riverside avenue.

Miss Ada Davis will entertain the members of the Women's Guild at her home in Cove street this (Friday) evening.

Dr. Russell conwell of Philadelphia is to deliver his famous lecture ,Aces of Diamonds at the Baptist church here.

Murder in Soviet Russia.

The Russian soviets are said to have put to death only 8,641 last year. Murder and assassination must have become so monotonous there that many people are getting tired of it.—Houston Post.

WINDHAM

Mrs. Ada Larrabee entertained friends at auction bridge Friday afternoon. Her guests were Mrs. George Stiles, Mrs. Walter Abbe, Jr., Mrs. Guilford Smith of South Windham, Mrs. Florence H. Fitch and daughter and Miss Kellner of New York, Mrs. H. C. Hatch, Mrs. Chas. Larrabee, Mrs. H. S. Maine Miss Lucia Huxford, Miss E. C. Neale, Miss Sarah Johnson and Miss Gertrude Arnold.

Rev. W. M. Brown was the delegate from the local church to the state conference of Congregational churches in New Haven on Tuesday. Rev. Arthur W. Clifford will represent the church at the International conference in Boston, from June 29 to July 6.

Mrs. Charles C. Abbe of New Jersey has hired one of the Weir houses in the court.

Mrs. R. T. Pegrum attended the W. C. T. U. convention in Central Village last week.

Mrs. J. Alden Weir, Miss Dorothy Weir and Mrs. J. A. Rutherford of New York arrived at Mrs. Weir's summer home here Tuesday.

The graduating exercises of the Center grammar school will be held in the Congregational church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The graduates are Inez Hopkins Ethel Light, Stephen Palmer and John Sherman.

The Misses Johnson and Mrs. H. C. Hatch gave a card party Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. William Fitch of New York. Mrs. H. C. Lathrop, Mrs. C. R. Utley, Mrs. H. S. Maine and Miss Josephine Bingham played 500. Mrs. E. K. Leffingwell, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. George Stiles of South Windham, Miss Neale, Mrs. Ada Larrabee, Miss Kellner of New York, Miss Lucia Huxford, Miss Gertrude Arnold, Mrs. W. P. Huxford, Mrs. Charles Larrabee and Misses Sarah and Clara Johnson and Mrs. Hatch played auction bridge. The hostesses were assisted in serving refreshments by the Misses Florence Fitch and Sara Abbe.

Mrs. Alexander McLean is the guest of Mrs. Walter Parsons, of Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. C. R. Utley, Mrs. Ada Larrabee and Miss Emma Larrabee were guests of Mrs. F. F. Webb of Willimantic Wednesday.

The informal teas served at the library for the last two or three years have proved very popular and will be resumed this year, the first one being served by Mrs. H. C. Hatch and the Misses Johnson.

Keeney Lathrop will be graduated from the high school this year.

Miss D. Frances Campbell who has been teaching in Pelham Manor, is at Mrs. R. G. Waterous'.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Guild and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. MaGuire have returned from Poughkeepsie, where they attended the commencement exercises at Vassar, Miss Harriet Guild being one of the graduates. Miss Guild will take a year's rest at home before taking up the study of medicine.

W. F. Maine and sister, Mrs. Arthur Williams spent Wednesday at Groton Long Point.

At the semi-annual business meeting of the C. E. society Sunday evening Paul Hopkins was elected president.

BLISSVILLE

Local residents approached on proposed electric service have subscribed 100 per cent. It will take some time to erect poles and install the necessary equipment, wires, etc., nevertheless the work has begun. The committee has had a satisfactory interview with the Ponemah Mills company representative.

Thus far but two candidates seek the nomination for senator in the Shoestring district. Both aspirants are residents of Lisbon—Fred Ballou and James Graham—and both are members of the town committee. George Helmboldt, the third member, states that he enjoys the situation.

LISBON

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. A. Northrop preached again at Newent church Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds returned home Tuesday night after spending nearly three weeks visiting their son, Rev. Maurice Reynolds in Housatonic, Mass., at Mrs. Reynolds' former home in New York and with her sister, Mrs. William Hoag and family in Westfield, N. J.

Walter A. Hyde, superintendent, and Albert J. Bradlaw, assistant superintendent of Newent Sunday school, attended the semi-annual conference of the New London County school association in New London Tuesday as delegates.

Mrs. W. S. Foote of Yantic spent Sunday at Mrs. J. H. Kennedy's.

Mrs. M. S. Carter returned Tuesday after passing a week with friends in Lebanon and Thursday she went to Worcester to visit her cousin, Mrs. F. A. Fuller.

It is gratifying to her many friends to learn that Miss Ellen Willcox is an honor pupil in the graduating class at the Norwich Free Academy.

General Pablo Gonzales

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General Gonzales, long regarded by Carranza as his staunchest supporter, has now joined in the revolution. He executed a stragetic move by severing both railway lines extending to Vera Cruz.

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BRIEF STATE NEWS

Danbury.—Under the new act an increase of $150 is granted most of the loca lpostoffice employes, making the maximum salaries $1,800. It was expected that the salaries would be raised to at least $2,000 a year. The men had asked for a maximum of $2,400 a year.

Meriden.—Edward T. Seery of Meriden, who was wounded and gassed in the world war, is undergoing treatment at the Hartford hospital.

Rocky Hill.—The Rocky Hill Methodist church held a memorable service Wednesday evening, June 9th, when the mortgage was burned.

Portland.—Hemlock grange entertained the Central Pomona this week at Hemlock hall. Preparations had been made for about 300 guests.

Essex.—County Commissioner George B. French of Essex is once more able to attend to his duties in the office of the county commissioners.

Winsted.—Miss Isabel Alexandra Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller Taylor of 414 Riverside Drive, New York, married at noon Thursday Harold Edwin Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones of Winsted. The ceremony was performed in the cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Hartford.—Over $140,000 was involved in the transfer of property at No. 90-92 Church street from David K. Strong to Samuel Kantrowitz this week.

Bristol.—Arthur J. Clements and L. M. Wilson, both of Hartford, bought the Palace theatre here for $85,000 Tuesday. The theatre is located on North Main street.

Bridgeport.—Miss Betty Shepard, daughter of Mrs. Arthur B. Lake of Bridgeport, and Louis C. Raegner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Raegner of New York, were married at noon Wednesday in New York at Grace church.

Salisbury.—Miss Lois Church Scoville, daughter of Mrs. Nathaniel Church Scoville of 19 East Fifty-second street, New York, and Donald Judson Warner of Salisbury, were married in New York on Wednesday in St. Thomas' church. Rt. Rev. N. S. Thomas, S. T. D., and Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires officiated. Mr. Warner is a son of Judge W. T. Warner and Mrs. Warner and was graduated from Yale, class of '06.

The Deserted Continent.

While we are getting acquainted with South America it may or may not be in order to state that nobody is predicting a dry South America in ten years.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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Corset Covers, in French and fitted styles, of Nainsook and Muslin, round and V shaped neck, prettily trimmed with laces and embroideries—

At 65c — Value 75c
At 75c — Value 89c
At 89c — Value $1.00

Other good values in Corset Covers up to $1.98.

CAMISOLES

Crepe de Chine and Wash Satin Camisoles, in white and flesh color, trimmed with fine laces—

At $1.29 — Value $1.50
At $1.69 — Value $2.00

Other good values in Camisoles up to $3.98.

MUSLIN DRAWERS

Women's Drawers of fine quality Muslin, Hamburg trimmed—

At 79c — Value $1.00
At $1.29 — Value $1.50

CREPE GOWNS

Crepe Gowns, in white and pink, low neck models in several styles—

At $2.29 — Value $3.00
At $2.98 — Value $3.50
At $3.98 — Value $4.50

WOMEN'S CHEMISES

Envelope Chemises, of excellent quality Nainsook, trimmed with fine laces and embroideries—

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At $1.89 — Value $2.25
At $1.98 — Value $2.50

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At $1.39 — Value $1.75
At $1.98 — Value $2.75

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At $1.29 — Value $1.50
At $1.98 — Value $2.25
At $2.19 — Value $2.50

Other good values in Gowns, at $2.79, $3.19 and upwards.

Two More Days of Our Spring Sale of Notions and Small Wares

It will end when the store closes on Saturday night. Economical women will wisely take advantage of this opportune sale, and provide for both present and future needs while they are specially priced.

THREADS IN THE NOTION SALE

Coats' Machine Thread, numbers 40 to 100, black, white or colors, 100-yard spools, at 75c a dozen, a spool 7c
10c Willington Basting Thread, 200-yard spools, black only, all numbers, at 7c
10c Grant Button Thread, black, white or brown, at 8c
5c Pennant Basting Thread, 100-yard spools, black and white, all numbers, at 4c
5c Richardson's Button Hole Twist, 10-yard spools, all colors, at 4c
10c Basting Thread, 250-yard spools, white only, 40 to 70, at 8c
12½c Coats' Machine Thread, 150-yard spools, all numbers, at 10c
50c Barbour's Linen Thread, 200-yard spools, all numbers, black and white, at 35c
27c Glasgo Lace Thread, 500-yard spools, at 23c
25c Kerr's Lustre Twist, 300-yard spools, black or white, at 21c
5c Merrick's Darning Cotton, at 4c
8c Mercerized Darning Floss, in colors to match silk hosiery, at 6c
10c Clark's O. N. T. Crochet Thread, at 8c
10c Kerr's Silkateen, at 8c
8c Cashmere Mending Wool, at 6c
10c Dexter's Knitting Cotton, white, at 8c
17c Shamrock Linen Thread, 100-yard spools, all numbers, black or white, at 12c
25c Richardson's Silk Thread, all numbers, all colors, at ... 20c

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One case of Women's Union Suits, low neck and lace knee—Special prices, extra sizes 79c, and regular sizes 69c
One case of Women's Union Suits, low neck and shell knee—Special prices, extra sizes 79c, and regular sizes 69c
One case of Women's Union Suits, Bodice top and shell knee—Special prices, extra sizes 79c, regular sizes 69c

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Middy Blouses, an excellent assortment, regular value up to $2.50—June sale price $1.89