

FARMERS TOLD TO STICK TO WHEAT

THE NORTHWEST CANNOT RAISE ENOUGH TO DEPRESS PRICES.

Commercial Record of Duluth Can See No Money for the Grower of Flax and Is Not Enthusiastic Over Barley—Dakota Oats in Demand on Their Merits and Increased Cultivation Is Urged.

Duluth, Minn., April 20.—The unusual lateness of the present spring is leading many northwestern farmers to hesitate as to what grain to sow. Letters received here by the grain trade convey this clearly and show that the farmers in many cases are considering the advisability of sowing some other grain than wheat and are figuring on what is best. This has led the Daily Commercial Record of this city, which may be said to reflect the sentiment of Duluth grain men, to address the farmers upon this subject. It says in its issue of to-day:

Which Will It Be? In view of the lateness of the spring season and from the letters received here from the country, it is apparent that many North Dakota farmers are already considering the expediency of seeding some other grain than wheat.

To such as are contemplating this, we say, don't do it. Take the very latest chance, consistent with good farming, to sow wheat. Under the most favorable circumstances, the northwest cannot raise enough wheat to depress the price this fall one iota.

Even had the conditions been favorable from the very start it is doubtful if the northwest would have raised a bushel more of wheat than would have found a ready market and at good prices.

The United States makes its own wheat price nowadays, and in spite of the fairly bullish outlook abroad at present, there is every reason to think we can and will make the world's price during the coming crop year.

It is impossible, in a short article like this, to go into the whys and wherefores of this belief, but that it is a fact must be apparent to all who have anything to do with wheat. It has taken five years to convert the trade and the chronic or professional bear to the belief that 80 or 85-cent wheat is not high-priced wheat. Now that they are educated to the price, it will take an equally long time to re-convert them, if it should appear that production was overabundant or excessive.

Therefore we say again, and in all confidence, that the northwest need have no fear of raising too much wheat.

North Dakota Oats. If however, it becomes an absolute impossibility to sow wheat and some other grain becomes an imperative necessity, then we would suggest that the farmer go lightly on barley and flax.

It may not be generally known, even to North Dakotans, themselves, but it is a fact that there are already a number of country raising better oats than come from Dakota.

The only reason they do not command larger premiums is that in other sections there is for the very singular reason that we do not get enough of them. If the Duluth and Minneapolis markets were getting larger receipts of North Dakota oats they would find other and better outlets for them than are now sought for, thereby bringing the superior quality to the attention of consumers who, at present, are ignorant that oats are handled here at all.

Another feature of the oats market, differing somewhat from barley and flax, is that the market is practically unlimited. During the past year a good export demand has existed and will always exist, at some price. With barley and flax, however, especially the latter, the market is limited to one particular purpose.

If more barley is raised than can be used by the maltsters, the remainder will go for feed stuff and for seed. All grades, malting and feed grades both, will suffer.

Still it should be remembered that an average yield in the Dakota last year would have produced about twice the number of bushels that were raised in that state.

Poor Outlook for Flax. Regarding flax it is hardly necessary to say much, because everyone has pretty well decided what he is going to do about it. Still it might not be amiss to call attention to some facts that may not be generally understood.

The average consumption of flax seed in this country has been about 20,000,000 bushels yearly, and the crops of 1901 and 1902 produced a surplus of about 12,000,000 bushels, over and above exports and home consumption.

The 1903 crop was around 25,000,000 bushels and there were no exports from it, so that deducting over 20,000,000 bushels for seed we will have a surplus of 4,000,000 bushels to be added to the 12,000,000 bushels carried forward from previous crops. In other words we will have on hand in this country on Aug. 1 next about 16,000,000 bushels of old seed.

As regards the present price of seed, \$1.16 for May, it is one of manipulation pure and simple. If our domestic prices were free of manipulation we should, rather than be obliged to seek an export level, and that would be around 80 cents, as seed is selling in foreign markets at 86 cents to 88 cents. It is barely possible that the one interest that is now making the price will continue to artificially enhance values, and, on the next crop, put the price to a still higher level. But at the present time they are deterred from doing so, if such is their desire, because any higher price would invite imports.

There can be no question that anything less than \$1.25 per bushel at terminals is a poor price for flax, and a losing proposition, but there can be no hope of getting that price before 1905, except by artificial and manipulated markets.

One other feature of the oats matter, as compared with barley, is that the latter is a crop easily damaged by unfavorable harvesting weather. Even a heavy dew stain will take a few cents off the barley price, and such weather as we had last fall will knock 10 cents to 15 cents off the price of an entire crop. The Commercial Record is confident that, in advocating wheat and oats in preference to barley or flax, it is taking a position that will be more than borne out by events the coming year.

DAYTON'S DAYTON'S DAYTON'S DAYTON'S DAYTON'S DAYTON'S DAYTON'S

Sensational Price-Sacrificing Sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Garments

Second Day Timely Lace Curtain Sale THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY. Second Day Timely Lace Curtain Sale

Bargain Booth No. 1—Ladies' Night Gowns 49c Each—FINE MUSLIN—49c Each. Two styles—hemstitched and tucks, insertions and tucks, full length, full width, regular sizes; great value, little money. 49c

Bargain Booth No. 2—Remnants Reduced Linen damask remnants are marked cheap for rapid selling to-morrow—all desirable lengths, 2 to 3 1/2 yards; among these you will find such high grades as John S. Brown & Sons, Wm. Liddella, Richardsons, Andrew Ried, and many other high grades; all marked at about One-Third Less Than Regular Price. Some all linen Damask Remnants going as low as, per yard. 50c

SILK LEADERS OF THE NORTHWEST Dayton's Daylight Store Formerly Goodfellow's. Seventh St. and Nicollet Av.

Geo. D. Dayton, Pres. J. B. Mosher, Vice-Pres. D. D. Dayton, Treas. Robert E. Esterly, Credit Man. Frank H. Carlston, Director.

Starting Thursday, at 9 o'clock, we'll sell at the lowest prices ever known in the history

of Made-up Garment Selling, \$19,000.00 worth of Suits, Coats, Skirts and Waists for about \$9,500.00, comprising the entire purchase of our Mr. Rasmusen, who just returned from New York, where he was enabled to secure at half their actual cost, hundreds of fine garments. This extremely advantageous purchase was made possible by the lateness of the Spring season, which greatly affected the orders usually expected at this season of the year. \$19,000 Worth of Finest Stylish Suits, Coats, Skirts, Waists for \$9,500 Thursday at 9 o'clock all lots will be ready for you, arranged conveniently for easy choosing.

Suits - Suits AT HALF AND LESS AT HALF AND LESS

- Lot 1 At \$10 Suits Worth to \$22.50. Materials—Cheviot and Broadcloth, Fancy Mixtures; Styles—Eton Blouse and Military Jackets, silk lined; Man Tailored; each Suit tastily trimmed; sizes 34, 36, 38 and a few size 40; 25 Suits in all. Every one at Half Price and Less. Lot 2 At \$15 Suits Worth to \$35.00. Materials—Voiles, Etamines, Panamas; Styles—Blouse, Collarless Eton. A few Military Walking Suits; Man Tailored; elaborately trimmed; Skirts trimmed to match jackets; Sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 75 Suits in all; \$25 Suits, \$27.50 Suits, \$29.50 Suits, \$35.00 Suits—all at \$15.00. Lot 3 At \$20 Suits Worth to \$39.75. Materials—Broadcloths, Cheviots, Voiles, Etamines; Styles—Eton and Blouse Jackets; silk lined; pouch sleeve; Lace in cuff; Skirts cut with graceful flare; the best selling Suits of the season; sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44; 50 Suits in all; all at nearly Half Price. Lot 4 At \$25 Suits Worth to \$45.00. Materials—Broadcloths, Nub Voiles, Fancy Mixtures; Styles—Blouse and Eton Jackets; Silk Drop Skirts; Jackets and Skirts elaborately trimmed; Colors, Blue and Black; Sizes, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44; 20 Suits in this collection at nearly Half Price.

Costumes and Evening Wraps. All Costumes that sell for \$125.00, Special Sensational Sale Price \$50.00 All Costumes that sell for \$100.00, Special Sensational Sale Price \$45.00 All Costumes that sell for \$85.00 and \$75.00, Special Sensational Sale Price \$37.50

Shirt Waist Suits, Silk Shirt Waists, Dress & Walking Skirts, Rain Coats, Covert Jackets

- Linen Shirt Waist Suits—blouse waists, skirts trimmed with Cluny lace; colors are tan, blue and reseda green. \$35 Suits for \$20 \$25 Suits for \$17.50 \$20 Suits for \$12.50 ART EMBROIDERY HALF PRICE SATURDAY. See Nicollet Avenue Window. All Silk Crepe de Chine Waists Crepe de Chine colors are blue, tan, black, white, made over silk lining; the sizes are 34, 36, 38 and 40. These are worth \$8.00 and would sell readily at \$8.00 in the regular way; for this Special Sensational Sale, our price will be \$4.95 ART EMBROIDERY HALF PRICE SATURDAY. See Nicollet Avenue Window. \$18.50 to \$25.00 RAINCOATS for \$15.00 \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15.00 RAINCOATS for \$10.00 NOTE:—These Raincoats are of a superior quality of cravenette, very stylish in cut, well tailored; colors tan, blues, blacks, Oxfords. There are a few novelty Brilliantines in this lot that are specially desirable now. Lawn and Madras White Shirt Waists THREE BIG ATTRACTIVE COLLECTIONS \$1.50 quality, new spring models, special. 75c \$2.00 and \$2.50 quality, new spring models, special. \$1.25 \$3.00 quality, new spring models, special. \$1.75 New Shantung Blouse Jackets, New Shantung Traveling Coats, Covert Jackets, at \$8.95 A regular \$13.00 value, made of very fine quality Covert, silk taffeta lined, fly front, tailored seams; sizes 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. ART EMBROIDERY HALF PRICE SATURDAY. See Nicollet Avenue Window. Covert Jackets, at \$12.50 A regular \$16.50 value in two smart styles, both taffeta lined, one with military shoulder and cape—the other is corset shape; sizes 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. Dress and Walking Skirts Sacrificed—FOUR VERY LARGE LOTS PRICED RIDICULOUSLY LOW. LOT 1—Materials, meltons, chevots, fancy mixtures; worth to \$5.00. \$3.16 special. LOT 2—Materials, meltons, chevots, fancy mixtures; worth to \$8.50. \$4.95 special. LOT 3—Materials, meltons, chevots, fancy mixtures; worth to \$12.50. \$6.95 special. LOT 4—Materials, meltons, chevots, fancy mixtures; worth to \$25.00. \$9.95 special. New Taffeta Blouse Jackets, New Taffeta Traveling Coats.

Daylight Basement.

Go-Carts, handsomest line in the city—Folding Go-Carts, worth \$3.00, only \$2.49. Folding Go-Carts, with reclining back, body mounted on springs; worth \$5.00, \$3.49. Special sale on entire stock of trunks, Thursday only. Get our prices.

Boys' Velocipedes, medium size worth \$1.50, only \$1.25. Larger sizes at \$1.49 & \$1.69. Tricycle Wagons, full size, regular price \$3.50, \$2.95. Boys' Express Wagons, strongest made steel gear, well braced, five sizes, worth to \$1.60—No. 4, 69c; No. 5, 79c; No. 6, 89c; No. 7, 99c; No. 8, \$1.25. Malacca plated Tea Spoons, set of 6, only 9c.

Bread or Cake Box, heavy japanned tin, worth to 95c—Small, 29c; Medium, 39c; Large, 55c; Extra Large, 69c. Bread Raising Pans—extra heavy tin, four sizes, worth to \$1.25. 10-qt. .59c 14-qt. .69c 17-qt. .79c 21-qt. .95c. Malacca plated knives and forks; will wear cheap silver ones, for boarding house or lake, worth \$1 set of 12 pieces, only 69c.

North Star Refrigerators are guaranteed to use from 25 to 50 percent less ice than other makes. All have cork filling, the greatest insulator known to science. We have them plain, white enamel and porcelain lined. Prices no higher than inferior makes, ranging from \$65 down to \$39. Indiana Hardwood Refrigerators, dry air circulation, 4 sizes, worth to \$15.00—No. 0, \$5.95; No. 7, \$8.75; No. 1, \$10.75; No. 2, \$11.95. Sold on easy payments if desired.

WOMAN ACCUSES SHERIFF

SMITH OF LE SUEUR CHARGED BY MRS. KRITZER WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT. Le Sueur, Minn., April 20.—Mrs. Lizzy Kritzer, a young woman living near this place, has filed a written complaint with Justice George J. Dressel, charging Sheriff Joseph Smith of Le Sueur county with having criminally assaulted her. The Kritzers live on a farm which they rent of Sheriff Smith's father. Sheriff Smith called at their home about two weeks ago, according to the complaint filed by Mrs. Kritzer, and persuaded her husband to drive to town for a keg of beer. Mrs. Kritzer's father-in-law, who also lives at the house, went out to do some chores. Mrs. Kritzer alleges that while she was alone in the house with Sheriff Smith he assaulted her. A complaint has also been lodged with the county attorney, but that official has taken no action, and Smith has not been arrested. The matter will undoubtedly be brought to the attention of Governor Van Sant by some citizen if charges are not made by the authorities. Mrs. Kritzer is 18, and bears an excellent reputation. Smith is serving his second term as sheriff and has been a popular official. He has a family.

SOO CHANNEL CONDITIONS

Ice Strengthened in Hay and Mud Lakes by Cold Weather. Special to The Journal. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 20.—The Soo channel has opened between Round Island and Upper Hay lake, where there is considerable current. In Hay lake and Mud lake the ice is still solid, the cold weather of the last few days having strengthened it.

ST. PAUL MAN DIES IN FIRE

Peru, Kan., April 20.—Mr. Dye of St. Paul, Minn., was so seriously burned in a fire here that he died a few hours later. The fire destroyed the home of his son-in-law, V. L. Small, and Mr. and Mrs. Small were dangerously burned. The body of Mr. Dye will be taken to St. Paul for burial. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Going East?

There is no train service that for speed, comfort and elegance, compares with the East Mall and the Pioneer Limited, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Tickets 328 Nicollet avenue, W. B. Dixon, N. W. P. A., St. Paul.

Lea & Perrins' Sauce THE ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE Seasoning:—In arranging the table be sure that a bottle of Lea & Perrins' Sauce is within easy reach. When poured over the meat it will stimulate appetite and promote digestion. JOHN DURCAN'S SONS, Agents, NEW YORK.

SUNNY AGE and PURITY Guaranteed by Government Stamp. BROOK See that the bottle bears Internal Revenue Guarantee Stamp. WHISKY AGE and PURITY. Guaranteed by U. S. Government. Tell people what you want; you're pretty sure to get it in The Journal's "Want" columns. Only one cent a word. Journal "Want Ads" are the most profitable result-producers in the northwest. Only one cent a word. "Wants," be they large or small, can be filled quickly at a small cost in The Journal. Only one cent a word.

Pure Blood Get your system into shape for the trying days of spring and summer. IRON-OX purifies the blood by its marvelous tonic effect upon the stomach, bowels, liver and kidneys. Cures Constipation. Fifty Iron-Ox Tablets in an attractive aluminum pocket-case, 25 cents, at druggists, or from THE IRON-OX REMEDY CO., DETROIT, MICH. Lyman-Ellis Drug Co., Minneapolis, Minn., Northwestern Distributors.