

CROPS MAKE GAINS

Weather Conditions of West Favorable to Market.

WESTERN SCARE PASSES BY

Question Still to be Answered is Whether or Not the Government Made a Mistake in Estimates of Crops—Supreme Court Decisions Has Good Effect on Conditions.

New York, May 9.—Such ideal weather conditions as prevailed in this neighborhood last week were not of course disputed in any degree over the entire country, but they were pretty nearly so and their effect was in the highest degree favorable to agricultural and general business interests.

Our Western friends who are engaged in a lively speculation for the rise in wheat, and are trying to bring to the front anything in the nature of a crop scare that they can, tried to make us believe that crop prospects were seriously affected last week by hot winds and dryness in Western Kansas, despite the recent cold weather and drizzling rain. But talk of this kind amounted to but little.

The one great factor in the crop situation at the moment is that the weather of the last ten days has allowed seeding operations in every section of the country to pass or practically pass to a successful completion, while the warm weather and clear skies have immensely helped the growth of grain already planted.

Government Estimates.

A question still to be answered is whether the government made a mistake earlier in the year in its large estimates of the amount of wheat in the country left over from last year's crop, or whether the farmers are holding these remnants of last year's crop for higher prices.

Whatever the truth is about this matter as disclosed by the event, the truth about the general agricultural situation is that the consumption of wheat in the United States is outrunning their production, and that comparatively high prices for wheat must be expected in future.

Revival of Business.

Expression is still given to the view in the financial district, although not as frequently as it was six months ago, that the unexampled recovery in business that has taken place since the 1907 panic has been chiefly due to the presence of monetary inflation. The subtle influence of redundant circulations, it is said, has been the chief influence in bringing this state of affairs about, and it is maintained by those standing on this general ground that the measure of prosperity which the country now enjoys is to a very great extent fictitious.

It is meant by this contention that the fortunate incidence at this juncture of the increased volume of the world's gold production has contributed to holding prices of securities and commodities at a higher level than might otherwise have been the case. A certain amount of attention must be paid to the argument; but the inflation that has taken place, if any inflation has at all occurred, has been caused by such underlying and primary forces of nature as not to be inflation in the ordinary sense of the word.

Just as the report of the United States Steel Corporation for the March quarter and the news of an advance in the list prices of many steel products was the business feature of the week before last, so the continuing strength of the iron and steel and copper markets and the announcement of the long awaited decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the commodity clause case furnished the feature of the week just ended.

DAILY COURT RECORD (Saturday, May 8, 1909.)

DISTRICT COURTS.

Court of Appeals. Assignments for May 11, 1909—present appeals: No. 37. In re application of Herman C. Wollast. Attorneys, F. C. Stone—F. A. Tennant. No. 38. In re application of Henry S. Blackman. Attorneys, C. L. Parker—F. A. Tennant. No. 39. In re application of Aurin M. Chase. Attorneys, A. E. Parsons and W. T. Hall—F. A. Tennant. No. 40. Lemp vs. Randall et al. Attorneys, A. C. Davis and M. C. Kenon—R. N. Kenon. No. 41. McFarland vs. Watson et al. Attorneys, W. Seibert—T. W. Fowler. No. 42. Daggan vs. Kaufman. Attorneys, A. B. Stoughton—J. L. Levy. No. 43. Lang vs. Green River Dairymen Company. Attorneys, E. T. Fensick. No. 44. Faudens vs. Miller. Attorneys, H. S. Mackay—S. S. Hodges. No. 45. Martin vs. Rowley. Attorney, H. A. Cagle. No. 46. In re application of Wright & Taylor. Attorneys, A. E. Wallace—F. A. Tennant. No. 47. In re application of U. H. Graves & Sons. Attorneys, F. W. Hackett—F. A. Tennant. No. 48. In re application of E. H. Taylor, Jr., & Sons. Attorneys, G. W. Hat—F. A. Tennant.

Equity Court No. 2.

Assignment for May 10: No. 50. Selden vs. Selden et al. Attorneys, W. D. Sisson & Barndale—Clayton. No. 51. Clarke vs. Clarke. Attorneys, Potbury—Andrews. No. 52. Leary vs. Leary. Attorneys, Darr, Perrier & Taylor—McNeill.

Circuit Court No. 1.

Assignments for May 10: No. 461. Price vs. Watertown Door and Sash Company. Attorneys, Wm. G. Gardner and E. N. Hopewell—J. J. Darlington. No. 2095. Tucher vs. Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company. Attorneys, L. N. Newmyer and L. H. David—McKenney & Flannery. No. 21. Elliot vs. Thompson. Attorneys, A. S. Washington—Levin. Fisher & Co. No. 23. Notall Polish Manufacturing Company vs. Bowen. Attorneys, H. W. Whistley—Burtyn Marlowe. No. 2033. Goldenberg vs. American Ice Company. Attorneys, Mark Stearns—G. P. Hoover. No. 46. Blanton vs. Washington Railway and Electric Company. Attorneys, J. C. Davis—C. A. Douglas and G. P. Hoover. No. 67. Mader vs. Newcomb First Insurance Company. Attorneys, W. H. Richards—Baker, Sheehy & Hopson. No. 27. Thomas vs. De Winter et al. Attorneys, J. W. Bolter—E. H. Marshall.

Circuit Court No. 2.

Assignment for May 10: No. 28. Oriani vs. Parsons. Attorneys, D. Rothchild and A. L. Newmyer—Bishop & Woodard. No. 213. Potomac Electric Power Company vs. Moore. Attorneys, D. D. Sullivan—Hayden Johnson and T. H. Patterson. No. 20. Polon vs. Capital Traction Company. Attorneys, R. S. Hildner—R. H. Perry & Son and G. T. Denney. No. 25. Mackenna et al. vs. Greene. Attorneys, L. J. Matzer—H. E. Davis.

Criminal Court No. 1.

Assignment for Monday, May 10: United States vs. Frank W. Smith. Kelly, Osborne, Henry Johnson, and Clarence G. Kelly.

VIEWS OF PEOPLE ON MANY TOPICS

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

Sincerity.

Editor The Washington Herald: One of the greatest and noblest qualities of which we can be possessed is sincerity, for one who is sincere tries to do what he professes to do. How necessary for our welfare that we should be sincere in love, in friendship, and in business, inspiring wherever we go, and all with whom we come in contact with, confidence in our genuine sincerity, and fidelity of purpose.

Sincerity has for its foundation the solidity of the rock. In love affairs, of what vital importance is it that we should undeviatingly pursue the course of honesty and sincerity in our attitude, leaving no cause for distrust or misplaced confidence.

In looking back over our lives, we recall many who have professed to be our friends. But alas, how few of them can we count among our true and sincere friends to-day, who through all the trials and difficulties of this life, have stuck to us through thick and thin; and oh! what a blessing those few true friends have been to us! Sincere in all their actions, a perpetual path of sunshine have they made for their friends, strewn with roses, from the beginning, even unto the end.

The business stability of a nation depends, primarily, upon the sincerity of one man in his dealings with another. Everywhere there is trust, and a breach of that trust almost invariably entails loss, lack of confidence, and a general depression of activity, for every time one man writes in his check book to another, it means a lowering of the standard of business efficiency.

So much of our happiness, success, and general prosperity do we find dependent upon sincerity, that it would seem to be one of the greatest essentials to a successful life. HARVEY S. WILLSON.

The Habit of Right Doing.

Editor The Washington Herald: An unusually timely talk for the present era of grace rounded out the discourse of Dr. Radcliffe at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, the subject being the habit of right living, based upon Luke iv: 35, where it is related that, as his custom was, He (the Christ) went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day. He showed through the media of many illustrations how successful the accomplishment of right purpose in any direction is achieved only by persistent application of the well-formed rule until it becomes fixed, habitual, and almost automatic.

This was applied to church-going, family worship, and the like, and to Sunday-school children whose nonattendance upon church worship had brought an alarm of church degeneracy, the end whereof was said to contemplate. The pastor remarked incidentally that in former years the children were educated not to attend church when they felt like it, but to accompany their elders to the family pew as simply a matter of course, and that with a morning session of Sunday school followed by church service, and the same in the afternoon, and no pupil was supposed to pass out, omitting the church service without a written permit from home. Moreover, if any were tardy at Sunday school they were detained in the lobby—a cold place—until the opening exercises were through, when the delinquents marched in abashed and resolving the thing should not occur again. We thought nothing of leaving breakfast or dinner unfinished on untasted plates, but a "tardy" mark on the register. As for the superintendent, Christopher R. Robert, of honored memory, it is a matter of record that for a series of years he had every Sunday been in his place on time.

The above made four services, after which the father, thoroughly honored by his eleven children, gave an hour or more to afternoon prayers and instruction in the production of favorable offspring as fathers. Our custom of having the surname follow the male line, a convenient one though it is, is a custom only. If some power were suddenly to eliminate our slum population, their places would be speedily filled by others. The noble relief workers direct their efforts to the wrong end of the problem. Excessive wealth in the hands of a few is a sort of continual debauchery, injurious not only to its possessors, but also to others. It is the wealth secure to its owners. Descendants from the wealthy populate the slums. Man prides himself as being far above the brute. Yet he is the only animal that maintains slums. Each of us is a creature of the future. If a specimen of the so-called civilized race should be forced to grow from infancy to manhood without instruction or with instruction from his kind, he would be as low as the lowest. Hence it is that man requires instruction, and one of the most important uses for his cultivated mentality is that which enables him to direct and decide between a pleasure of the present and the comfort of the future. And a future comfort of a parent is involved in the welfare of his children. Among the lower animals parental care ends with the end of the offspring's infancy.

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And their children shall rise up and call them blessed."

As to family worship, each morning before breakfast children and servants must every one be present, each with Bible, the verses read in turn by all, the youngest spelling out the verse, while all waited with deliberation and patience. In the father's absence from home the same form of service was observed, save

Courage.

Editor The Washington Herald: In his instructive letter—indeed, beautiful little sermon—in your issue of last Monday, Private Dainell says: "I do not know what courage is," and asks: "Do you?"

While courage is classic for "cor," the heart, yet old English "corage" (heart, mind, will, courage) make it complex. I do not know what it is. I can only be heart, from old English "herte," "herte," "hearte," or Anglo-Saxon "hearte," and akin to old Saxon "harta," from something else Teutonic. I do believe that as that hollow, muscular organ called the heart, contracting rhythmically, keeping up the circulation of the blood, is strong or weak; so is courage strong or weak, whether or not the heart is the seat of the affections or sensibilities, collectively or separately, as love, hate, joy, grief, courage, and the like, or the seat of the understanding, or the will.

There are as many shades of courage as colors of the rainbow. I will try to draw distinction between two—between courage and bravery. I stand on a street corner, see an approaching runaway to a vehicle in which is a human being whose life is in danger. I measure the distance, time the arrival, plan rescue, boldly calculate my personal danger, harm, hurt, mutilation, probable death, yet spring forward, seize the reins of the runaway, and save a human life. It is an act of courage, an act of reason, of thought, a quality of the mind enabling me to see counter danger and difficulty with firmness, without fear, without fainting of heart. Again, I see an approaching runaway, and without any thought of personal harm, hurt, or consequences whatsoever to myself, I leap forward, seize the runaway, and save a human life. That is an act of bravery, an act without thought.

Indeed, in my writing the foregoing without thought of the consequences may be an act of bravery, but the expense of courage. ANDREW JORDAN GREEN. May 7, 1909.

Genealogy and Co-operation.

Editor The Washington Herald: In your issue of April 5 last it was intended to show, under the above caption, that the welfare of the Caucasian race required that the individual be neither extremely rich nor extremely poor; that the working and the wealthy classes are not permanently divided in successive generations, and that those of the present time, by inaugurating an intelligent co-operative movement, can prevent the fall of poverty on their descendants.

One of the two most glaring evils that result from our present industrial methods is the continual creation of victims for our slums, and the other is the application of the lesson that is taught by the efforts of Europe's pauper principles to make conjunction with the pocketbooks of America's plebeian plutocrats. It would be worse than useless to review these evils if they were beyond remedy. But before considering the remedy let us include some additional facts. The successive rival claimants to the throne during the wars of the roses in England were all descended from Edward III. There are now several persons whose right to the British throne precedes that of Edward VII. Emperor William of Germany is reported as favoring a scheme to kick the impoverished members of his nobility out of the family.

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While it is true that the United States government has announced its intention to take any official action relative to the massacres in the Turkish empire, the moral influence of the American people can accomplish much toward preventing a repetition of the same. JOHN A. CROWLEY.

Sam Davis.

Editor The Washington Herald: In your editorial this week in reference to Sam Davis, of Tennessee, you assert that he was a "spy" and "was accordingly hanged as a spy—all fair and square enough, as those things go when a nation is in a state of war." As this statement mars what in other respects was a commendable article, The Washington Herald should correct this injury to the memory of that gallant youth.

The following are the historical facts in the case: Sam Davis, aged seventeen, enlisted, May 1, 1862, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in Dr. Ledbetter's Company, the Rutherford Rifles, which became Company F, afterward Company I, First Regiment, Tennessee Infantry. He was detached in June, 1862, by order of Gen. Brazeal, and assigned to Colonel's Scouts. On November 30, 1862, he was arrested in Giles County, Tenn., while carrying mail from Nashville to Gen. Bragg's headquarters. One of the letters carried in his pack was of military importance to the United States. To which charges, the accused pleaded as follows: To the first charge, and specifications, "Not guilty"; to the second charge, and specifications, "Guilty."

The court found the accused guilty of both charges, and he was executed at Pulaski, Tenn., November 27, 1862. After a lapse of over forty-five years, in reviewing the facts in this case, it must be admitted by all fair-minded persons that the military law and rights of belligerents that Sam Davis was innocent of the first charge, and consequently should have been treated as a prisoner of war. He was captured fifteen miles from Pulaski. He pretended to no disguise, but had on at the time of his capture his arms and the Confederate uniform.

At his trial no proof adduced to show he was in any other capacity than a courier or letter carrier, and consequently performing his duty as a soldier. His execution was at the time denounced by many of the Federals as a needless assassination and an act unworthy of civilized warfare.

In addition to this, his youth, intelligence, and his heroism in refusing to betray his trust to the last certainly should have induced a noble-hearted commander to give the prisoner the benefit of every doubt. The fact that he was found guilty by the court and executed does not prove he was guilty, for by the same process of reasoning you could justify any action of any court, even the crucifixion of Jesus.

ASK THE BOYS. I'm nothing, and I'm something; When snowflakes whirl and wing, I'm small, and I'm immense, Because I am a knothole, In this old baseball fence.

ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE. Lower left corner down, against head.

But it is not so with man. He sees beyond his own life. The consequence is that he can do things that cannot be done by a creature of the present. He has a satisfied feeling as long as he neglects a duty. His duty is to change his habits. While he owes a duty to himself, which is easily fulfilled, he also owes one to posterity. Men of past ages are excused on account of their ignorance. But those of the present are not thus excusable.

As a man is a creature of preceding causes, it must follow, from the standpoint of absolute justice, that whatever he does—no matter how noble or commendable. But this does not mean anarchism. Protect itself society should and does. But it should be done in salvage and not in savagery.

Authorities on political economy ascribe even humbler motives to modern nations-day authorities agree on the efficiency and economy of modern combination, not only in the so-called trusts, but also in the labor unions. By adding to these two factors those of modern machinery and man's mentality, we get a quartet of powerful factors—selfishness, co-operation, machinery, and mind. Hereof the world has never known such a combination.

Next week another contribution to the subject will be offered. H. H. SWERINGEN.

Love of Money.

Editor The Washington Herald: When the people of the United States cease to harken to the cry of the oppressed and downtrodden of other lands which have been established and maintained by the founders of our government, and which always have constituted a predominant trait in the character of the American people, in this connection, however, it may not be amiss to state that the increasing love of money—that so-called spirit of commercialism—is causing some of our cherished and time-honored ideals to disintegrate. This fact is attested by the indifference and apathy manifested by the press throughout the country toward the recent appalling series of massacres of Armenians by the now deposed Abdul Hamid over the matter before Congress. Suffice it to say that the attitude of the majority of the newspapers of the United States toward this burning question is, in fact, unprecedented. This shocking indifference is a consistent one, and the opening decade of this century. That such are possible in this enlightened age surpasses human credulity. The horrors of the Bulgarian massacres have been repeated in the Armenian massacres of Asia Minor, and in Europe Turkey, Turkey, Tarsus, Adana, and other cities have been laid in ruins and strewn with thousands of Christian corpses, while the powerful nations of Europe, animated by motives of avarice and political jealousy, look on with impunity. The culture-faced Abdul Hamid, whose long reign has been notable for its record of blood and lust, is Sultan no longer. Mehemmed Rehad, his brother, took the matter before Congress, and other cities have been laid in ruins and strewn with thousands of Christian corpses, while the powerful nations of Europe, animated by motives of avarice and political jealousy, look on with impunity. The culture-faced Abdul Hamid, whose long reign has been notable for its record of blood and lust, is Sultan no longer. 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