

Marketing is Great Problem

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

The World Will Never Starve.

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has never been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation, and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forest, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to a market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tilling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds that of our increase in population.

The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,250,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The average annual world crop for the past five years, compared with the previous five years, is as follows:

Crops—	Past Half Decade.	Previous Half Decade.
Corn (Bu.)	3,934,174,000	3,403,655,000
Wheat (Bu.)	3,522,769,000	3,257,526,000
Oats (Bu.)	4,120,017,000	3,508,315,000
Cotton (Bales)	19,863,800	17,541,200

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only three per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent if a remunerative market can be found for the products. In textile fibres the world shows an increase during the past half decade in production of 15 per cent against a population increase of three per cent.

The people of this nation should address themselves to the subject of improved facilities for distribution.

Over-production and crop mortgage force the farmers into ruinous competition with each other. The remedy lies in organization and in co-operation in marketing.

MAY RECOUNT BALLOTS

There is great interest all over the state in the decision of the Supreme Court expected next week on the question of the re-count of the votes cast on the Home Rule and Prohibition amendments in the four large cities of the state. The whole question hinges on whether the Secretary of State can act on implied authority. The law provides for holding ballots for 30 days for a re-count to correct errors, but is somewhat vague in providing for the actual re-count. If the court refuses a recount because of this lack of direct legislation, the General Assembly will be asked for a law necessary to make a re-count possible and to prevent a repetition of corruption and fraud of which there is much in evidence in Cincinnati and other places.

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We received a letter from Philo Drake, who is visiting at Grange Drakes', in Durand, Mich.

Glenn Benjamin, wife and little daughter spent Sunday in Ridgeville at his mother's.

All our school teachers, except Vere Chidsey and Edith Aylard, attended the teachers' meeting at Leroy last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vial of Richfield have come to spend the winter with their daughters, Mrs. Fred Lee and Mrs. James Crum.

The ladies of the Disciple church will serve dinner at Theo. Chapman's on Thursday, Dec. 3, while the men have a wood bee for the church.

Howard Chapman is the champion corn raiser of Medina county, as he raised the most corn to the acre.

Alex Gibbs and wife were in Medina over Sunday, at W. J. Kingbury's and attended the meetings at the Disciple church.

The Mothers' club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 2, with Mrs. Harry Waite and the program will relate to Christmas.

George Harrington was in Cleveland Sunday to see Ernest Popowsky, who is still in a hospital.

The Odd Fellows furnished the supper Wednesday night for the masquerade dancers.

Mrs. George Deuble entertained Saturday evening in honor of her birthday.

The meetings at the M. E. church will continue this week, to which all are invited.

Mildred Perkins, aged 12, died last Saturday and the funeral was held on Monday. She was a daughter of Tom Perkins and wife and had been an invalid from two years old, caused by infantile paralysis.

A man who has been boarding at Mr. Popowsky's was arrested and taken to jail in Medina for stealing corn and vegetables.

The trustees settled with Wm. McHugh last Friday for our new brick road and the latter treated them along with the clerk, Wm. Peters and Wm. Bowman of Medina, to an oyster dinner.

Friday, Nov. 27, will be the 25th wedding anniversary of E. C. Miner and wife, and on Thursday they will entertain the following: F. H. Handy and wife, Loren Miner, wife and daughter Isodene of Medina; George Coleman and family, Ola Miner and Mrs. Alice Miner and son Verne.

The following will entertain on Thanksgiving: At Grant Chidsey's will be Al Sprague and family of Cleveland, Frank Clement and fam-

ily of Medina, Mrs. D. Sprague and Walter Falley and wife. At Mrs. E. Leinseder's and Tony Manley's will be Charles Leinseder and wife and Fred Leinseder and family. At Will Strong's, Mrs. Nellie Aylard and son Cecil of Medina, Ernest Barry and family and Ethie Wyman and wife. At Burton Blakeslee's, in Strongsville, F. H. Gibbs and family, Roe Moxley and family, Harry Vaughn and family, Albert Root and wife and Carroll Damon and wife.

RICHFIELD

Supt. Garman and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Woodruff and wife and son Jay attended the foot ball game at Oberlin between Oberlin and Case School.

The ladies of the M. E. church and Congregational church will serve dinner at Grange hall, Thursday, Dec. 3.

Churches of our village will hold union services alternately every Sunday night the coming year.

About 60 attended the dinner given by the Grand Army ladies at Grand Army hall, Nov. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Eastworth are still in Albany, where they went on their wedding trip.

C. P. Townsend is sick. W. C. Kilbourn has purchased an auto.

Mrs. Asa Carr has gone to Cleveland for the winter.

Prof. Garman took I. J. Woodruff and family to Oberlin Saturday.

The oyster supper at the Congregational church Friday evening was well attended.

H. B. Humphrey is home from Cuyahoga Falls sanitarium, not much improved in health.

The Hickox family has moved to Akron and Mr. Gandee has moved on to the Hickox farm.

Richfield Grange will meet next Saturday. The program will consist of subjects appropriate to the Thanksgiving season.

E. L. Hale and J. B. Payn attended Pomona Grange at Tallmadge last Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. Hughes of this place was chosen deputy for Summit county.

The annual union Thanksgiving service was held at the Congregational church last Sunday with a large attendance. Rev. Dr. Luce of Cleveland delivered the sermon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kincaid, a daughter.

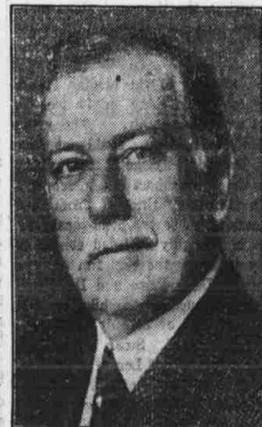
There was a law suit before E. L. Hale, Justice of the Peace and a jury at the town hall last Saturday. Mr. Montgomery sued Mr. Reed for breach of contract. Montgomery won and Reed gave notice of appeal to common pleas court.

The ladies of the G. A. R. gave their annual dinner to their husbands and invited friends last Friday.

The funeral of Albert Hipsley, whose tragic death has been recorded in these columns, was held last Thursday at his late residence and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Eastman was the officiating clergyman and the K. O. T. M. funeral service was given.

The floral tributes were beautiful. Relatives were present from Akron, Cleveland, St. Louis, Mo., and West Haven, Conn. Deceased leaves a wife, son, daughter, sister and several brothers in this country and an aged mother in England.

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There were 685 votes cast at the last municipal election in 1913, which would necessitate at least 274 names to call an election. At the recent election there were 837 votes polled, and if the same number turn out at the Beal law contest, the winners must secure 419 votes.

The election will probably be held on Tuesday, December 15.

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