

# THE FARM NEWS

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### WILL LAND PRICES GET A SET-BACK?

There are those who predict a falling off in land prices in the near future, and claim that it will be hard to make settlements in the future. The following taken from the Tracer Star-Clipper may be of interest to those making such predictions:

The Taylor-Parker real estate firm of Tracer made more than 100 deals last year. They sold some farms from two to four times, at an increase of \$100 an acre in some cases. Other real estate firms in this part of Iowa also broke all records. Iowa never experienced such a land boom. As usual we had the pessimists with us. They predicted that many deals would never be closed. March 1st, the Iowa state fair, the purchasers would lose the \$1,000 or \$2,000 binding payment made. March 1st is long past and as usual the "doubtful Thomases" crowd were mistaken. More than a hundred deals, involving millions, were closed almost without a hitch. The pessimists also knew that the boom would burst and that land could be purchased this year cheaper than it sold last season. Again they are mistaken. Land prices continue upward. Last year the big movement started in northwest Iowa. This spring it has again opened up there and almost fabulous reports come from Sioux, O'Brien and other counties. Here are a few clippings from the Sheldon Sun and other papers in that vicinity:

"Fred Lamkin was a Sun-caller Monday. He reports the sale of his 80 acre farm, east of Hospers in Baker township, to Cornelius Struy of near Sheldon for \$500 an acre, or \$40,000. Mr. Lamkin's father bought a big tract back in the seventies of which this farm was a part, for \$1,000 a quarter or \$500 for an acre. He bought the entire tract for the price that one acre now sold for."

"G. Van Derberg has sold his 40 acre tract of land near Sheldon Center, for \$12.50 per acre. Not so bad for a 40-acre tract."

"John Westra bought the Brooks eighty-two miles northwest of Sanborn, last week for \$575 per acre. This property is \$45,000. The party selling to Mr. Westra formerly resided near Hull, who in turn purchased an eighty near Hull for \$800 an acre."

"Bert Fekelder sold what is known as the Hentges farm, three miles south and one and a half miles west of Sheldon, to Tony Swetz of Orange City, consideration \$46 per acre. Mr. Fekelder bought this farm only two weeks ago for \$375 per acre with the intention of making it his home in the near future. However, the opportunity to clean up nearly \$5,000 on the deal was too good to resist and a deal was made. The farm consists of 160 acres."

"C. Elliott sold his farm, containing 137 acres near Paulina, to a party near Remsen for \$490 per acre. Elliott bought the place two years ago for \$220 per acre. He makes a profit of \$270,000 in his two years of ownership. In addition, he has a 140 acre farm, the place not having to give possession until March 1st of next year."

"John Rensink, of Boyden, sold the Jim Smith quarter, northwest of Remsen, to D. W. DeGroot for \$500 an acre or \$50,000. Some deal."

"John Rensink, of near Boyden, who bought the D. W. DeGroot's farm for \$500 an acre, has now sold it for \$700 an acre to C. DeValois, of Boyden. Some profit, eh?"

"Sanborn Pioneer: The price of O'Brien county land is getting higher all the time. The \$350 per acre was the top in the vicinity of Sanborn, though one or two pieces were reported near \$400. That seems to be about the bottom price. This year the sales have been reported as high as \$575. We understand that during the past week owners of tracts lying on the proposed paved road between Sanborn and Sheldon have received offers of \$500 and \$550 per acre for them."

"We do not believe the land in north-west Iowa is any better than it is in north Tama, Grundy, southern Black Hawk and west Benton. It seems to bring more on the market, but we do not believe it will grow any more corn or grass. Much more surfacing of roads has been done up there, many more consolidated schools have been established. These things may have something to do with it. But Tama county land has not reached the top far from it. Prices will advance this year, and many farms will be sold before January 1st. For thirty years we have heard the old song that land will be cheaper soon. That day never came. The price will not come within the lives of the present generation."

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Many farmers in the vicinity of Kirton took occasion on Tuesday last to haul grain to Kirton, and during the afternoon kept Wm. Lindberg on the jump weighing their grain and writing checks for the same. He was paying \$1.66 for corn and a dollar for oats. Wm. thought to take advantage of the busy season among farmers and install a new dump in his elevator and had workmen on his job Thursday, but the colder weather of that day started the farmers hauling instead of planting and for a time Wm. was swamped, and the carpenters worked outside. Henry Schultz, who lives west of Kirton, was one of the farmers to haul grain, and he unloaded oats. He is working 240 acres of land in section 2, Otter Creek township, and is getting along fine. He is just starting in the white face cattle game, and for his foundation has some very good stock. He also raises Duroc hogs, and at this time has some twenty-two brood sows. Henry is an up to date farmer, and a credit to his township. He is also a reader of the Review.

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Secretary Cunningham of the Iowa Farm Bureau, sent a couple of days in Indianapolis recently, attending a meeting of the state secretaries of the central region group of states affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation. This central region group includes the states north of Kansas and west of Pennsylvania and east of the 105 meridian—if you know where that is. The meeting was a sort of get-together and get-acquainted session. The several states in the group have practically the same problems to wrestle with. Grain farming, livestock and dairying are the chief lines in all, while transportation facilities—or lack of them—are pretty much the same throughout.

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Mrs. Leon J. Voorhees, of Anita, has realized \$242,000 from an investment of \$250. She invested \$250 in an oil property in Oklahoma and on Monday of last week received a check for \$30,000 which is the third she has received since the investment. The first check was for \$72,000 and the second one for \$90,000. Mrs. Voorhees is a near relative of O. E. Taylor, formerly of the Review force, but now located at Idaho Falls, We trust she will remember O. E. along about Christmas time.

### THE BEGINNING OF CORN

The Journal of the Illinois State Horticultural society tells how experts of the agricultural school of the state are taking up the culture of Reid's Yellow Dent corn since the death in 1910 of the man who spent his life bringing it to perfection. The widow of James L. Reid and his two children are preparing to keep pure the strain he evolved on the Illinois prairies and the college men are helping.

There is probably more Reid's Yellow Dent raised in Iowa than in Illinois, but the progress of corn, as of other things, is westward. Reid's father brought him from Ohio when he was a small boy in the year Iowa was admitted to the union. His uncle had preceded him to Illinois, and discouraged by the corn he found in that state wrote back for his brother's family to bring several bushels of Ohio corn for seed. The Ohio corn was not Yellow Dent, we know now, but it was a fairly consistent corn, slightly copperish below the surface, and matured late in the fall.

This corn was first planted in Illinois in 1846. For seventy-two years thereafter the Reid family kept the strain pure, grading it against the influence of the local fields and gradually by selection improving the depth of the grain, the color of the kernel and the size of the ear. James Reid early in his boyhood dedicated his life to this corn. From the crib and bins he chose the best ears he could find for the next year's planting. It was in the days before farm bulletins but as surely as the scientist he had found the way to breed corn.

In 1880 James Reid made up his mind to leave the family farm for new fields and taking with him a few bushels of his best seed corn he moved to Kansas. For eight years he struggled with land and weather that was meant for wheat. In 1888 the hot winds dried up his corn plants and caused total loss of his crop. At the end of that disastrous season he returned to Illinois, to find that his opportunity lay there. His father's farm was "conceded to death" and by crop rotation, a practice little known then, he revived the soil and continued to improve his corn. As soon as he completed one improvement he began another. When he died he had grown in to his corn high yield qualities, uniformity of color and size and hardness.

Just now Iowa farmers are more concerned about the backward season than the history of corn. But the story of the grain that was defied by the Indians and is life to millions will never lose its romance. The purity of a vegetable family is maintained by vigilance and hundreds of boys today are carrying on the work James Reid started.

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### SECRETARY MEREDITH TALKS

Speaking to members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at Atlantic City, New Jersey, recently, Secretary of Agriculture E. F. Meredith said: "The farmers of the United States could sell their livestock and crops for one year and with the money received they could buy all the railroads in the United States, together with all the rolling stock and other equipment. If they wished to go out of the farming business entirely, they could sell their farms along with their crops and livestock, and with the money they receive buy all the railroads, all the manufacturing establishments and all the mines and quarries in the United States. They could, with their income from livestock and crops for a single year pay practically the entire national debt."

"Few people realize that the food stocks in the larger cities at any one time are sufficient only for a few weeks or months at most, and if the steady flow of farm products should be seriously interrupted by city population would face starvation."

"Farmers hesitate to pay high wages because, unlike other industries, there is no opportunity for a quick turnover or to pass the increased cost along to the consumers. Farmers are repeatedly assured from one source or another that prices of all commodities will be lower this year than last. This may or may not be true, but the farmers know that the slump in livestock prices since last July has cost them several hundred millions of dollars. They are now faced with the problem of whether to pay high prices for all the things they have to buy, with the prospect that after harvest, when they come to market their crops, they will be compelled to accept lower prices for everything they have to sell; or whether they shall cut down the initial expense of production by harvesting less carefully in equipment, supplies and hired labor, by reducing acreage and number of livestock. The latter course means smaller production. This is a matter which concerns every business man and every consumer. The food situation during the next twelve months will depend on what answer the farmers give to this difficult problem."

"The problem of securing for the farmer prices which will enable him to maintain production is difficult. Attention must be given to better and more economical methods of grading, storing, marketing and distributing of farm products. The department of agriculture is organized to develop each of these essential factors every business man and every consumer. The food situation during the next twelve months will depend on what answer the farmers give to this difficult problem."

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### GOVERNOR LOWDEN AND THE COW

The cow is a most wonderful laborer. She takes the grasses of the pasture, and the roughage of the field, and converts them into the most perfect food for man. In that food there is a mysterious something which scientists have found essential to the highest health of the human race, and which can be found nowhere else. Men have sought for centuries the fabled Fountain of Youth. The nearest approach to that fountain which has yet been discovered is the udder of the cow. Without her milk, children languish, the vigor of the adult declines and the vitality of the human race runs low. Millions of these gentle unobtrusive foster mothers of man have become the victims of this war. The world faces a shortage of dairy products. Let us of Illinois help meet this shortage in every way we can.

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The Ida County Farm Bureau will hold a big county picnic at Ida Grove about the middle of June. This was decided upon at a meeting of the bureau last week. The bureau also decided to cooperate with the breeders' association when they put on their annual stock show in September. A "Community Fair" is planned and persons residing in any part of the county will be invited to exhibit stock. At the meeting the bureau went on record as urging the state federation to submit to all state and congressional candidates a questionnaire that would compel candidates to define their attitude on various matters relating to agriculture.

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Early in April the English hog market was decontrolled and prices promptly advanced to record levels. Hogs that had been selling at around \$18 per hundredweight promptly advanced to \$27. Little pigs of a sort which formerly sold for \$2 or \$3 each were bought by feeders at \$20 a head. The British are anticipating unprecedentedly high hog prices. This situation should be reflected in American hog prices in the rather near future.—Wallaces' Farmer.

### "DRINK MILK" CAMPAIGNS SUCCEED

Milk is plentiful on practically every farm in the middle-west, yet comparatively little is drunk by farmers' children. In fact, less milk is drunk by farm boys and girls, taking the whole country over, than by city children, statistical show. This, in spite of the fact that milk is cheaper and fresher in the country than in the city. It is said that this accounts for the fact that the proportion of under-nourished children in the country is larger than in the city.

To get more children both in the city and in the country, to drink more milk is the endeavor this year of the dairy division of the United States department of agriculture, co-operating with the state agricultural colleges. During the last year six milk campaigns have been carried on in Connecticut, four in New Jersey, six in Massachusetts and one in each of a dozen other states. The increase in milk consumption following a campaign has been from 1 to 33 per cent.

Iowa, during the last six months, has been making a special effort to improve the health of its school children in the state by inducing them to drink more milk. The work started last October with a "milk week." During the six days of lectures and demonstrations 31,900 people were reached directly and 300,000 indirectly. Libraries, schools and clubs co-operated in the work, and during the week 4,500 school children wrote essays on the value of milk.

In one Iowa county among 208 rural school children only 144 drank any milk at all before the campaign, and but 5 brought it to school for lunch. Since then an increase in consumption of milk amounting to 15 to 25 per cent has been made in the various counties in the state and thousands of rural school children are now carrying milk to school for lunch.

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Harm Mueller, successful and prosperous farmer near Ackley, "took a dip" in stocks, and by reason of his unfamiliarity with the game, the place

ing of too much confidence in the "con" talk on the part of the salesman, has just been completed. According to estimate, it appears that Mueller had invested all the way from \$170,000 to \$190,000 in various concerns that appear to have little or nothing back of them.

C. D. Fink, residing in sections 13 and 14, Goodrich township, has just completed a system of water works on his place, and now has under course of construction a new hog house, being built of tile. The new building is being erected just across the road to the west from his other buildings.

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