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FARMER BEN'S COI

I'm mighty glad that the state U regent has elected a new dean to the agricultural school instead of John W. Olson. I congratulate the regents in their effort to lift this important office out of politics. Olson's appointment always was counted as a political shift. Nobody ever thought he was competent for the place. Now they've sent to Washington and elected a way up scientist who knows agriculture from its A. B. C. and will handle the job exclusively for the best knowledge of farmin' and developin' farmer knowledge. There ain't any other school in the state so important. We are the big Bread and Butter State of the Union. We raised this year 100,000,000 bushels of wheat 90,000,000 bushels of oats, nearly 60,000,000 bushels of corn and so on right in Minnesota. If this ain't worth helpin' then no interest is. Our state agricultural school ought to be kept out of miserable politics and teachers picked wholly for their wisdom and farmer skill.

The spendthrift congressmen don't seem to care a rap that we're running behind right along in our finances thru awful extravagance trustin' to the uncertainty of havin' more revenue come in under the injurious Aldrich-Payne tariff law, and if there continues a increasin' deficit then they'll lay it over on the congress of 1912 to wrestle with this deficit. A tomcat would have better ideas of finance than this wild policy. There don't seem to be any idea of economy at all. Under our present watchdog of the treasury increase in appropriations has reached the billion mark annually something that was never hit before and which fairly takes the breath away to contemplate. The people who have to be taxed for all this extravagance are a pack of fools if they keep on votin' for the wide open congressmen who strut around in their fine clothes and live on the fat of the land in their idleness and never give one thought to savin' so as to ease their constitutions.

Farmer Ben ain't converted yet to senator Aldrich's new central bank scheme. Aldrich foisted the upward revision tariff bill on the country and now he's tryin' his hand at centralizin' all the money of the country. I ain't so sure either that I like the proposed postal savings bank project. It looks like instead of leavin' the folks' savings in every little locality to be in circulation locally the money put in the postal bank scheme would all be turned in to Washington or a few big centres and then go into the big central bank and the small banks which are the local life of every little community would be shy untold millions of deposits. I believe in keepin' our money distributed as widely as possible. I'd rather have it in 10,000 scattered banks than in one big one for the billionaires to control and handle. I tell you I don't know where this awful centralized money power will land us yet.

Just what Tawney's home organ, the Winona Republican, finds to gloat over so extensively and vociferously in the recent election of Bill Moxley, the Chicago butterine king, to congress passes our comprehension. Moxley will fight for a reduction of the tax on colored oleo and will back up the government officials who are workin' for this outrage. He certainly ain't any specimen of clean Roosevelt man. I tell you I can't see why anybody in this first congressional deestrick can see one particle of promise for good in the millionaire butterine manufacturer who is a Cannon man. I'm watchin' close to see how this fight for reducin' the ten cent tax on oleomargarine comes out. If there ain't a big enuf majority to reduce it in spite of the push and influence of the packer's trust then opposition in public to it will count. But if those on the inside see that there is sure to be a majority to reduce the ten cent tax the speeches agenset reduction will be made wholly for deceivin' the constituents at home while at the same time those makin' 'em may be in league with the gang that wants to smite the dairymen by reducin' the oleo tax.

So old Leopold, king of the Belgians, is dead. Before he turned up his toes he promised if he got well to amend for the atrocities in the Congo state but it was no go. He was one of the wickedest grafters on the face of the earth. He had a share in the unrighteous loot that came in tremendous profits from a system of slavery and abuse of the natives in Congo that has shocked the

The way the Congoese have plundered and maimed and killed and debauched would make a brass monkey's cheeks burn with indignation. The corporations which were in league with Leopold were after the immense natural resources of the Congo and they knew no bounds in compellin' the natives to gather them. The profits mounted up into the big numbers. The natives got practically nothin' and were not only cheated but enslaved and tortured to bear the white man's loads. Leopold had the gall to stand out agenset the demands of the civilized world and refuse to ease conditions because he was makin' millions out of the traffic.

It just makes me tired to hear folks blow about the high price of farm products just now when they ain't sayin' a word about the awful prices charged for manufactures of every kind which are makin' millionaires out of the tariff protected trusts. You take oleo magarine and what is it but a lot of fallow and like which don't cost the maker eight cents a pound to make and yet they get double and treble profits on it and nobody seems to howl but let the farmer get a livin' price for what he raises and it's awful with lots. The farmer has been raisin' grain for less than it actually cost for years and tiggers show it. I can't see why a man who makes gloves and cloth and axes should always be expected to make a good round profit on his investment and time while the man who raises wheat and stock should have to take below cost price. This cost of farmin' is gettin' down to scientific tiggers. Any fool can tigger what the investment is in a farm, what seed and feed and help cost and how many bushels of grain to the acre is raised. And then you can tell what price for farm products is profit and what below cost FARMER BEN.

MINNESOTA 1909 CROPS

Table with 2 columns: Crop, 1909, 1908. Rows include Wheat, Oats, Corn, Barley.

According to advance crop reports received from Washington, Minnesota's wheat production this year will come close to the 100,000,000-bushel mark. This establishes a new record for this state, being 26,405,000 bushels above last year's product. Of barley, a crop much in evidence in the southern part of the state and which is being extended because of its usefulness in renewing soil, the Washington estimate is over 31,000,000 bushels. The oat estimate is over 89,000,000 bushels. Nearly 6,000,000 acres were given over to the production in Minnesota and over 1,300,000 acres to the raising of barley. The average price realized was 96 cents a bushel for wheat and 59 cents for barley.

One of the surprising things is the corn crop. It comes next to oats in point of production and acreage and realized those who planted it an average of 50 cents per bushel. Potatoes were another surprising crop. Of the barley crop board of trade statements are to the effect that nearly 75 per cent of the entire production was used in the brewing industry. Most of the buyers for this trade are located in Minneapolis and Red Wing. It probably is not generally known that Minnesota raises the best maltin' barley in the world. According to experts it comes first and the price paid, because of this fact, is the highest.

EVILS OF SOME AMUSEMENTS.

Theaters, dance halls, liquor and similar institutions and conditions are the most destructive to the young people of today and drag them from the church to lives of sin," declared Rev. C. O. Swan of the Swedish Emmanuel church of St. Paul, at the opening of the recent annual state convention of the young people's societies of the Swedish Lutheran church in Minneapolis. Rev. Swan's speech was strong, covering the dangers that beset young people. "Theater performances are destructive," he continued, "to the moral sense of the young people. Dance halls result in the acquaintance of bad company. Drink is the worst of evils. It results in crime, arrests and hundreds of disgraceful acts. "There are young people in every congregation who fall on their knees at the altar one night and the next night are partaking of festivities which the day before they had condemned. They should not participate in baseball and similar games on Sunday, and there are too many socials, too many coffee and cake festivals in the church at present. If these events were lessened more interest would be shown in religious services."

STILL BESIDE CREAMERIES

When congress passed the denatured alcohol bill, there were high hopes of cheap alcohol for heat, power and light. Visions of stills on every farm, transforming cornstalks, small potatoes and all sorts of waste into this product, filled the horizon of the immediate future. It was all to come in about fifteen minutes, and when half an hour passed with no stills, the people quit looking.

That was some four or five years ago. Since then most people have forgotten all about the law. Not so the federal and state agricultural departments. The years have been occupied with experiments. Experts have been sent to Germany to learn how its people have made alcohol, and the state experts in turn have gathered the results at Washington.

At first it cost 40 cents a gallon to produce it never has gotten low enough to compete with gasoline, though much superior to it in its power making qualities, and both cleaner and odorless. Now, however, "Uncle Tama Jim" Wilson, secretary of agriculture, believes his hired man have solved the problem, and he is ready to enter upon the second stage of his work.

He says: "We are expecting to get the cost down below 15 cents a gallon. It is only a question of a short time when American farmers will have district denatured alcohol stills, producing from waste products and solving the heat, light and power problem of the remotest regions of the country. We have long known all about making alcohol from corn; we are coming to know all about making it from the refuse of the farm."

And just here comes the second stage of introducing its manufacture. Having learned how at Washington, and having instructed the state agricultural schools in the processes, these will in turn instruct their pupils. Then comes the final work of establishing district plants, just as creameries have been made to dot the counties throughout the state.

Farmers can organize denatured alcohol companies and build stills. They can be made adjuncts of creameries. Or private capital can erect them, after the manner of centralized creameries. In any and all these ways this new industry can be introduced and made a success.

ROOSEVELT TROPHIES ARRIVE

That Colonel Roosevelt is shooting straight out in East Africa is evidenced by the large consignment of skins and skeletons of the animals which recently arrived at the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

The skins are the outer coverings of many wild animals the scientific names of which would be all Greek to the layman. However, to the scientists of the Smithsonian Institution the names of dikdik, hartebeeste, steinbuck, impalla, wildebeeste, eland and gnu, are as familiar as the word dog to the average American citizen. There are also in the collection skins of lions, leopards, hyenas, giraffes, a black rhinoceros, hippopotamus, and several species of the rare wart hog.

If the second consignment of specimens is as large as the first it will require more than two years to complete the work of mounting them, and it would require a good amount of space in the new \$3,500,000 National Museum building, which is nearing completion, to accommodate the exhibit. The first consignment consisted of van after van load of barrels and casks and boxes, on each of which some facetious individual had marked in large white letters "T. R."

Many boxes of birds and numerous species of rats and different varieties of rabbits, moles, mice, and other small mammals, came along with the shipment. Some of these specimens, it is claimed are far more valuable than the larger animals. In this collection the warty rat is considered the rarest specimen. He has two warts on his lower lip, and is considerably larger than the ordinary rat. This is the only specimen ever brought to this country. This animal is carnivorous, and lives on the less hardy members of its tribe. The skeleton and pelt of this animal has been given special care at the institution so as to avoid all danger of a mishap to it. The bird collection was perfectly preserved before it was packed in East Africa, and each specimen arrived with every feather in place. The task of attaching the names and classifying the bird exhibit will have to wait until the experts with the expedition in Africa return to this country.

According to the officials of the Smithsonian Institution a more interesting and well-preserved collection of animals and birds has never before reached this country in a single consignment.—Technical World Magazine.

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SAW FIFTY MOOSE IN THREE DAYS.

Those who fear that the moose is becoming extinct in this country need but visit the new National Game Preserve in Minnesota. Here the moose, deer and other wild animals, protected by the Government, are increasing to such an extent that Carlos Avery saw over fifty moose in three days in a trip through this section.

Mr. Avery in describing his trip in the December Recreation, says: "For him whose interest may center in seeing or photographing game, June offers the greatest opportunities. In this month the moose may be found in great numbers feeding on the fresh new grasses and juicy water lily stems and roots in the sloughs and lakes. At this period the animals do not exhibit much fear, and permit canoes to approach them with comparative unconcern. Excellent daylight photographs may be obtained under these conditions if care and judgement are exercised. Red deer are often seen during the morning and evening hours feeding along the water's edge. Occasionally a high black bear rewards the keen observer with an interesting exhibition of cautious animal curiosity. Wolves are numerous, but crafty and cowardly, often heard, but seldom seen. The harmless porcupine with stupid indifference to danger may dispute the trail at any turn. A glimpse of a disappearing lynx or wild cat might possibly reward long and persistent search. The streams and their banks harbor a great variety of fur-bearing animals—many mink and muskrat, occasional otter, beaver, marten and fisher. Waterfowl are not especially numerous but frequently seen. That great American bird of freedom, bald eagle, nests in the branching tops of many a dead pine and screams defiance at every intruder. The osprey, eagle, the great white owl, the hoarse-voiced raven and a number of varieties of grouse are among the larger interesting common birds. The Canada jay, with impudent familiarity, cheerfully shares your food and camp. The hermit thrush, with sweetest note of all the wild songsters, shyly sings his love song to his mate in the thicket near your tent. These are some of the wild creatures the observant traveler and nature lover will meet and enjoy.

NOTICE. The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Austin National Bank of Austin, Minnesota, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, at four o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing five directors for the year ensuing, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated Austin, Minn., Dec. 13, 1909. P. D. BEAULIEU, Cashier.

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