

## COURT OF APPEALS AFFIRMS CONVICTION OF PREBLE FARMER

EATON, Ohio, Nov. 29.—Court of appeals has affirmed common pleas court and a squire's court in conviction of P. O. Boston, Sugar Valley farmer, on a charge of having violated the prohibition laws. He was convicted about a year ago on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor and a fine of \$1,000 was imposed, \$750 of the fine being suspended during good behavior. The case was taken on error to common pleas court and the appellate court.

Boston was convicted in Squire L. T. Stephens' court in Eaton. Judge A. C. Risinger passed upon the case in common pleas court and affirmed the squire's court. A raid by officers on Boston's home resulted in his conviction. He paid a fine. A day or two later officers made another raid and found incriminating evidence. Boston contended the "evidence" found in the second raid was overlooked by the officers in the first raid.

On this point the appellate court says: "Prior proceeding is not a bar to the present action. The property upon which the present action is based was in the plaintiff-in-error's possession at the time of the present prosecution." Concluding, the court says: "We are in harmony with the opinion of Judge Risinger and are therefore, of opinion that the judgment should be affirmed." Judge H. L. Fennel rendered the opinion.

Democratic women of the third congressional district—Preble, Montgomery and Butler counties—will meet Saturday afternoon in Eaton for the purpose of taking action looking to formation of a permanent organization. It is expected temporary officers will be selected, at least, and possibly permanent organization will be effected by selecting permanent officers. Important matters will be brought up for discussion. The program for the meeting has not been announced, but it is expected addresses will be made by prominent persons in the district. The meeting will be held in the old Democratic headquarters in the Minor block, third floor, Main and Barren streets, now occupied by the Welcome Mission. The meeting will open at 2 o'clock. The local county Democratic Women's club expects to have a large representation of party women in the county present in the meeting.

Posting of opening prices of the Chicago and Cincinnati livestock markets is an innovation adopted by the Preble County National bank. The opening quotations of the markets, along with receipts, are received daily and posted in the bank lobby, on a neatly framed and lettered blackboard.

Annual election of officers of the Preble County Historical society will take place in a meeting of the society here Friday night in the offices of County School Superintendent W. S. Fogarty, in the courthouse.

### Great American Poet Promised, Says Root

Poems of American present day poets and the poets themselves were the subject of Prof. Merrill Root's lecture on "Human Values in Contemporary American Poetry," given before the Literary department of the Woman's club Tuesday afternoon at Morrison-Reeves library. That this country's modern poetry cannot be compared with England's but that America gives promise of producing a really great poet was the opinion expressed by Prof. Root. Announcement was made at the meeting by Prof. Harlow Lindley of Earlham college of the lecture Dec. 12, by Hamlin Garland, novelist and dramatist.

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## The Farm and the Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

### ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

A comparatively new publication, known as the County Agent and Farm Bureau, is a monthly. In the October number we find an editorial so greatly out of line with current expression on co-operative marketing that we give it space as showing the other viewpoint. In its analysis of what is wrong with farming, and the kind of remedies needed, the editor says:

"It is a fallacy at the present time to chase after the overworked idea of co-operative marketing as a solution to the question. We can show as many instances where co-operative marketing has tended to lower prices as where it has tended to increase them.

"The way to stimulation lies along different channels and that is co-ordination and united effort of all interests which profit from agriculture. The trouble with the co-operative idea is that it antagonizes a large army of distributors, many of whom are perfectly legitimate, but who are placed in a class with the illegitimate. Naturally these concerns, fearing the destruction of their business, are fighting back. Instead of getting back of the situation and giving it their united help, they have a tendency to throw obstacles in the way of the co-operative movement in order that it will fail and their own business continue to exist."

Without being controversial or attempting to give our own views in the premises we must admit that the editorial quoted at least provides food for thought. All the business of the world can not yet be handled on a co-operative basis, not even all the business pertaining to agriculture, but, undeniably, much of it can, and will be. There are numerous outstanding examples of the benefits of co-operative shipping and selling, so many of them indeed, that a whole page of this paper would only provide space to hint at all of them.

### The Cranberry Growers

So far as we are aware America is the only country where cranberries are grown and here only in three states: Massachusetts, New Jersey and Wisconsin. There is now a central selling organization for all cranberry growers. Formerly individual cash buyers toured the cranberry sections and bid what they cared to, which frequently was below the cost of production and handling. This condition was prevalent up to the year 1906, when steps were taken to get together and present a solid front. That year less than 400,000 barrels were grown in the three belts and these were mostly bought at a loss to growers and sold at big prices and good profits to consumers, the middle man then having it all his own way.

Wisconsin organized the first sales company. This was in 1906. A year later separate exchanges were organized in New Jersey and Massachusetts and shortly after the American Cranberry Exchange was organized and now does the cranberry selling business of the world. As a result cranberry growing has become profitable. Nor can we see that the public has been held up. Prices reasonable to consumers as witnesses the quart or pound figures quoted by your grocer for that Thanksgiving and Christmas delicacy. Thus encouraged the cranberry farmers have increased production to around 600,000 barrels, every barrel of which is in demand at a fair profit to the producer.

Lacking co-operation the cranberry business was going rapidly on the rocks. Through co-operation the in-

dustry was saved, not merely to the property of the growers but to the benefit of the whole country and to the delectation of all the lovers of "cranberry sauce."

### Fruit and Truck Marketing

The Federated Fruit Growers are just getting into action in a broad way. Organized by the American farm bureau as the outcome of the labors of the committee of 21, it will take hold in earnest, the first week in January. We are now to have a new fruit and truck marketing plan in the hands of men who are trained in the business. The gigantic marketing service of the North American Fruit Exchange, which has been successfully handling fruits and vegetables for co-operative bodies for nearly 12 years, will now swing into line and every grower that desires may take advantage of its protection and experience during the coming year, through the local growers' associations. The grading and packing is properly supervised and the selling organization takes care of the market end of the business, and this to the general welfare of all producers, according to their lines and seasons.

### An Outpouring of Cattle.

The receipts of cattle at the seven principal markets in October totaled 1,476,388 head. These markets were: Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Sioux City and St. Louis. This showed an increase of 265,277 over that of October 1921.

Receipts for the first ten months of 1922 were 8,976,334, a gain of 1,375,105 over the same period of 1921. Chicago handled 2,532,278; Kansas City, 1,391,721; Omaha, 1,468,756 and St. Louis, 1,125,482. Every market recorded a substantial increase, Chicago gaining 247,295; Kansas City, 249,227; Omaha, 223,181; St. Louis, 256,322, and St. Paul 260,237.

In an analysis of these figures we find that the increase represents liquidation and turnover. Adverse financial and weather conditions led to the unloading of cattle from the Rio Grande to the Canadian line, drought in the southwest, especially in New Mexico, having caused premature marketing while other thousands of cattle were shipped here and on in search of food and water. Many of these cattle have left one market, only to reappear in another after a short feed, so that they have been counted twice, this making the increase more apparent than real.

There are no indications at Washington that there will be any undue haste in permitting the Armour-Morris-Wilson merger.

### Putting Bees to Bed.

In every section where bees are kept apiarists differ in their opinions as to when bees should be put to bed in the cellar. "If the last flight is used as the signal," says one keeper, "it is not always safe to leave them outdoors until after Thanksgiving. This year the weather has made it possible for the bees to live out doors much later than usual."

"During the last decade bees have been able to take flight two or three times in the Chicago district, after the

## SOLON'S DAUGHTER READY FOR DEBUT



Miss Leah Crago.

The season of '22 and '23 promises a crop of unusually pretty debuts in Washington society. Among these is Miss Leah Crago, daughter of Congressman Thomas S. Crago and Mrs. Crago of Pennsylvania.

first of December. But this is by no means the rule. What applies to Chicago territory comes pretty near to being true in Wayne county. The recent light snow storm was the signal to many who now have their bees snugly housed and we feel that the time for complete protection or the storing of hives in warm winter quarters is here. Bees are too valuable to be allowed to freeze, to say nothing of the humane angle of the matter.

### National Wheat Week

A Paris cable informs us that the French people and colonists are to have a national wheat week, January 22 to 28. This has been arranged by the government in an effort to free France from dependence on bread and also to develop wheat growing in the colonies by encouraging them to grow bread stuffs enough for home use and to help feed the mother country.

Five commissions will hold meetings at which will be outlined the best methods of selecting seed and of intensive farming, so as to get more and

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Each angle of the subject will be dealt with in the greater detail by the best French experts. Afterward means will be studied of putting this collective knowledge to work through legislation, educational propaganda in the industries affected and patriotic appeals to the people.

### Mr. Baruch's Views.

Bernard M. Baruch has been incessantly at work during the past three years trying to get eastern bankers and business men to appreciate the farmer's needs. In the west the task has not been so difficult and a number of prominent bankers and manufacturers have taken decided stands in favor of helping agriculturists out of the hole into which deflation plunged them.

"The farmers are now taking the bit in their teeth," said Mr. Baruch, in a recent interview, "and for my part, I have seen nothing so far in what their leaders in the house and senate are advocating and desire put into legislation to which any fair-minded man can object."

"An examination into the facts will justify a change in the system of credits and a change in the system of marketing the farmer's produce. The farm bloc, headed by Senator Capper, is advocating the passage of a bill in the present congress providing for increased credits, the more orderly marketing of farm products, the encouragement of the cattle raising industry and for general productive efforts, which is certainly worthy of passage."

"The program before the present congress is a constructive one. A movement to improve the condition of 40 per cent of the population will certainly benefit the other 60 per cent as well."

It is very easy to find fault or to pull down but to rebuild is another matter. If there ever was a time when we needed constructive legislation that time is right now. Nor is it a question for radical agitation and settlement nor the play of partisan politics, but for the use of discretion and common sense, not merely at Washington, but in all the state legislatures so shortly to convene.

### VETERAN PHYSICIAN DIES

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 29.—Dr. S. D. Shepard, 83 years old, a practicing physician in Indiana cities for sixty years, died here yesterday. He came from Johnson county to Anderson, 20 years ago. He leaves the widow and four children.

### Turkey and All Trimmings

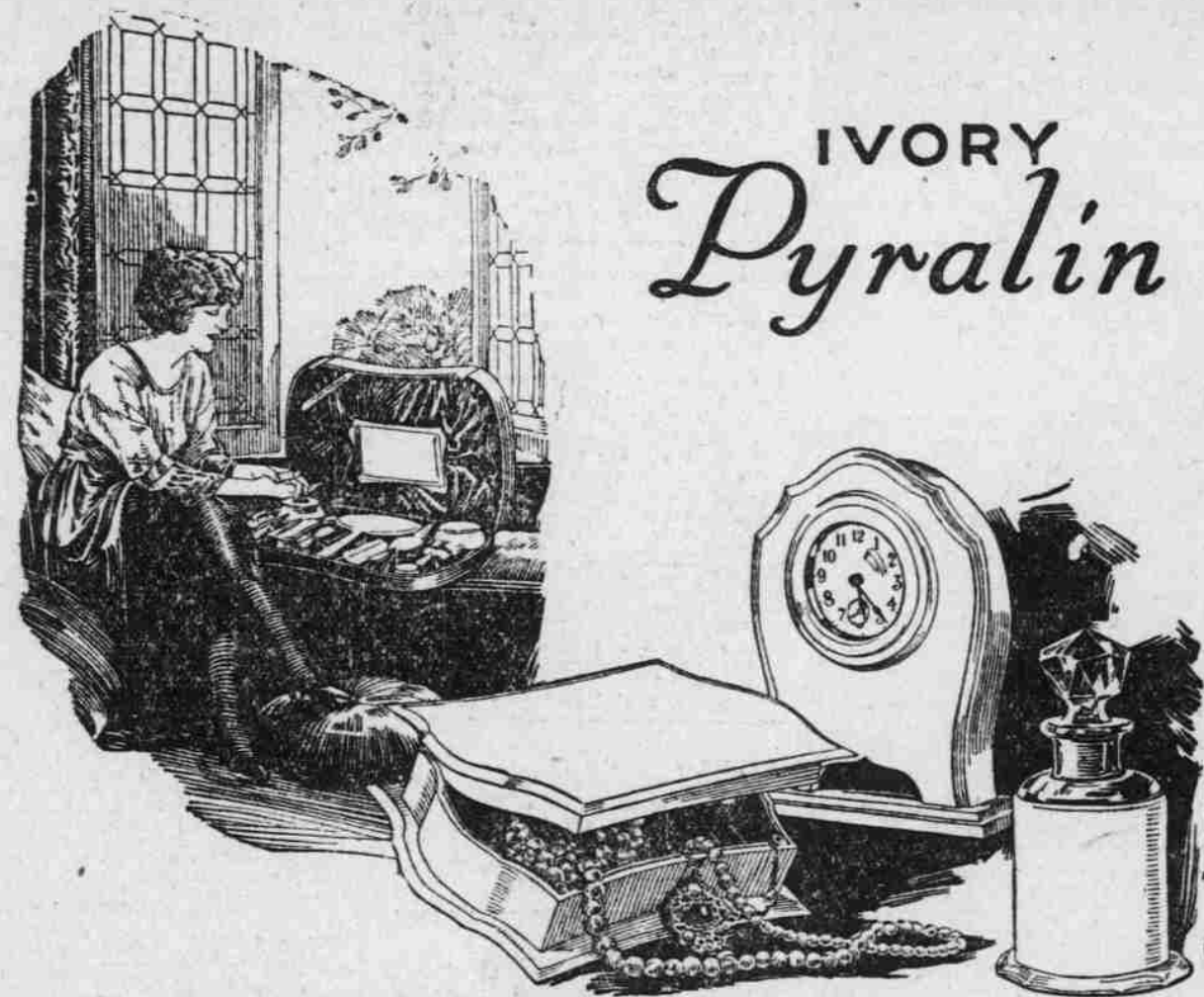
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