

A Personal Letter on the Question of Seed Corn

By J. W. Ratekin

TO MY FRIENDS, THE FARMERS:—

And when I say "My Friends" I mean just that. I know there are a lot of seed men who tell you how much they think of you and your family and the children (whom they have never seen) on the one hand, while they are trying to take your money away from you for low grade Seed Corn, on the other hand, and trying to make you feel good while they do it.

I can't hand you any of that bunk, because, for one thing, it isn't in my line, and for another, I wouldn't insult your intelligence enough to try to make you believe it—But I can tell you some plain facts about the Seed Corn situation this year that will mean money in your pockets and that means more to your family than a lot of hot air.

Nor am I going to tell you that I'm selling Seed Corn solely for your benefit. THAT'S another thing I believe you are too intelligent to swallow—BUT Growing Seed Corn has been my life's work—it's what I've done all my life and what I expect to do for the rest of my life. Our business has grown steadily for thirty-two years, and there's a reason why. There always is.

We grow our own Seed Corn—we know what it is and the conditions under which it was raised, and there's one thing it's a pretty good idea to keep in mind—GOOD SEED CORN IS SCARCE this year, and there are a lot of people—knowing that—who are figuring on a neat little profit by offering scoop shovel and elevator corn for seed, and much of it is 1914 corn too—at a price way below what good Seed Corn can possibly be furnished at.

They don't care what results you get from it NEXT FALL as long as they get your money for it THIS SPRING. They'll be doing somebody else next year. We've been here for thirty-two years and expect to be here as many more—we've got the goods and we're here to face the music and back them up. We don't try to sell you cheap, low grade corn unfit for seed at a cheap price, but we do sell you the very highest grade of Seed Corn at a fair price. If you try to save 50c per bushel by buying cheap, low grade Seed Corn, and get 20 bushels less per acre yield, I don't have to figure out for you how much you lose.

And one thing more—You hear a lot this year from men who have gotten themselves into the newspapers telling you that corn grown in Southwestern Iowa will not mature in the Northern Counties of Iowa, Illinois and Southern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, but once more facts are facts, and our Diamond Joe's Early White, Mammoth Early Iowa Yellow Dent, and many other of our varieties have been maturing in every county in Iowa, Southern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan for 25 yrs., but you do not hear these men trying to explain that. You can explain a whole lot on theory and it sounds good, but when you have got the actual facts to back you up, theory goes into the discard.

And FACTS ARE FACTS and RESULTS are the things that talk. Good seeds are bound to make satisfied customers.

And just remember one thing—if you have got to have an operation, you don't go to the plumber, do you? You go to the best specialist in that line you can find. Why? Because it pays you.

It's the same proposition with Seed Corn. Go to the man who makes Seed Corn growing a specialty, who knows what he is giving you for Seed Corn, and who will back it up in every way—let you test it, try it and if not satisfied, return it and get your money back. You take no chances.

Special Prices if you Order from this Advertisement before May 1st.

Diamond Joe's Early White.....	\$ 3 00
Early Iowa Yellow Dent.....	3 00
Early Iowa Silver Mine.....	2 50
Pride of Nishna Yellow Dent.....	2 50
Reid's Yellow Dent.....	2 50
Iowa Gold Mine.....	2 50
Silver King.....	3 00
Pride of North.....	3 00
Dakota Bloody Butcher.....	3 00

Sacks free, f. o. b. Shenandoah, Iowa.

Cut out this list and prices and enclose with your order and remittance, and same will go forward on first freight out of Shenandoah, subject to your approval upon arrival.

Write today! Address me Personally.

J. W. Ratekin

President Ratekin's Seed House,
Shenandoah, Iowa



At Last—A One-Adjustment Cream Separator

BEFORE you buy any cream separator, come in and look at the Primrose. But one adjustment is needed to keep it in perfect operating condition. This adjustment is a simple one for keeping the bowl at the correct height—an adjustment that you or your wife can safely make.

The adjustment is made from the outside of the separator by either raising or lowering the bearing containing the hardened steel point, upon which the spindle revolves. A slight turn with a screwdriver, perhaps once a year, does the work.

The Primrose is a well-constructed, close-skimming, durable cream separator, one it will pay you well to buy. When can you arrange to see it?

International Harvester Company of America
(Incorporated)

Primrose cream separators are sold by

L. E. BAUER, Cresco

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Furniture, Carpets and Mattings

UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES

CAVALRY STILL DRIVING SOUTH

Americans Are Bent on Capturing Villa.

AEROPLANES PROVE USEFUL

Excellent Work Done by Flying Corps of United States Army Now Operating in Mexico.

San Antonio, Tex., April 10.—General Pershing's report, received at army headquarters here, failed to reveal the position of the advanced columns of the American expeditionary force, but it was made known that cavalry columns, under Colonels Brown and Dodd, are driving south from Satevo with all speed.

Officers here had no information that either force had gone so far as Parral, but they said the receipt of such information would be no surprise.

General Pershing himself is moving south along the trail to Satevo, personally directing, so far as possible, the pursuit of Villa and the search of the mountains and plains adjacent to the trails being followed.

Before leaving his headquarters on the San Geronimo ranch, north of Gerrero, General Pershing said General Luis Rerrera, the Carranza general whose defection was reported, called upon him and that the two had discussed in a friendly manner the efforts being made by both governments to run down the common enemy.

The excellent work that had been done by the aeroplanes has been so marked that headquarters officials are anxiously awaiting reinforcements of that arm of the service, although it is now recognized that the machines being used are not of the type to give the best service.

General Pershing's reports indicate that the five yet in service are doing good work, both in scouting and carrying dispatches. It has been due to them that General Pershing has been able to keep in communication at all with the fast moving cavalry detachments.

HARDING OF OHIO CHOSEN KEYNOTER

Chicago, April 8.—Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio was selected temporary chairman of the Republican national convention by unanimous vote of the subcommittee on arrangements of the Republican national committee on the first ballot.

Other convention officers chosen were: Fayyette B. Gleason of New York, secretary; William F. Stone of Baltimore, sergeant-at-arms, and George L. Hart of Roanoke, Va., official reporter.

It was announced that all the members of the subcommittees were present when Charles D. Hilles of New York, chairman, called the meeting to order.

SUSPECTED OF KILLING SIX

Son-in-Law of Saskatchewan Farmer Is Arrested.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 9.—Mike Syrosizka, son-in-law of Prokoup Manchure, was arrested on suspicion in connection with the slaughter of six members of the Manchure family near Wakaw.

Police say they have information Syrosizka and Manchure quarreled several years ago and the son-in-law swore at that time he would "get even."

Royal Northwest mounted police, however, still are searching for trace of the murderer. Syrosizka's wife and two-year-old baby were among the victims.

FAIRBANKS FOR PRESIDENT

Indiana Republicans Endorse His Candidacy.

Indianapolis, April 7.—The Republican state convention adopted a platform here endorsing Charles W. Fairbanks for the Republican nomination for president, named Harry S. New and James E. Watson as its candidates for the United States senate and settled the question of delegates-at-large to the national convention. James P. Goodrich's nomination for governor in the primary was ratified.

1,200 STRIKE AT MILWAUKEE

St. Paul Road Repairmen Ask Increase in Wages.

Milwaukee, April 7.—Twelve hundred repairmen at the West Milwaukee shops of the St. Paul road are on strike.

The men demand an increase of 4 cents an hour over the present wage of 23 cents an hour.

Bank Bandits Get \$15,000.

Canonsburg, Pa., April 7.—Two men robbed the First National bank of Houston, Pa., near here, of \$15,000 and escaped in an automobile.

SIR G. A. LOWTHER.

Prominent British
Diplomat Is Dead.



Sir Gerard A. Lowther is dead in London at the age of fifty-eight. He entered the British diplomatic service in 1879 and served in several countries and was secretary of the embassy at Washington from July, 1899, until November, 1901. He was appointed minister to Chile in the latter year. In 1908 he was made ambassador at Constantinople, where he remained for five years. He was created a baron on Jan. 1, 1914.

ROOSEVELT WOULD LEAD REPUBLICANS

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 7.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt again is out in the open as a candidate for the Republican nomination for president of the United States.

The fight made by his followers to have him named when the convention meets in Chicago, June 7, will be carried on with redoubled vigor from this time, shred of all quibble and pretence.

The colonel's position, summed in a few words, is this: He is in a receptive mood, ready to head the fight against Wilsonism and for adequate preparedness and Americanism if the country wants him to and that desire is reflected in the action of the Republican convention.

The colonel made known his attitude in a conversation with a visitor from a nearby state who has been nominated for congress and expects to go to the Republican national convention as a delegate.

PHILIPPINE BILL IS FAVORED

Inular Committee Recommends That House Pass Measure.

Washington, April 8.—Passage of the Philippine independence bill was recommended to the house by the inular committee, just as passed by the senate, including the Clarke amendment to withdraw United States sovereignty within four years and empowering the president to take steps to institute a free and independent government.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax.

Duluth, April 8.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, \$1.20½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17½@1.20½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13½@1.16½. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$2.10½.

St. Paul Grain.

St. Paul, April 10.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.21@1.24; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17½@1.21; No. 2 Montana hard, \$1.15½@1.19; corn, 74½@75½c; oats, 42¼@42½c; barley, 65@72c; rye, 94@95c; flax, \$2.13½.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, April 8.—Wheat—May, \$1.16; July, \$1.14; Sept., \$1.12½. Corn—May, 75c; July, 76¼c; Sept., 76c. Oats—May, 44½c; July, 43½c; Sept., 40c. Pork—May, \$23.17½; July, \$22.80. Butter—Creameries, 33½@35c; Eggs—19@20½c. Poultry—Springs, 19@19½c; fowls, 19c.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, April 8.—Wheat—May, \$1.18; July, \$1.18½. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, \$1.23½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.19½@1.22; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16½@1.19½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.11@1.16½; No. 3 yellow corn, 74½@75½c; No. 3 white oats, \$42@42½c; flax, \$2.14½.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, April 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; steers, \$8.00@10.00; cows and heifers, \$4.20@9.10; calves, \$6.50@9.10. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; light, \$9.30@9.80; heavy, \$9.25@9.40; mixed, \$9.35@9.80; pigs, \$7.50@9.10. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; native, \$8.25@8.85; lambs, \$8.75@9.00.

South St. Paul Live Stock.

South St. Paul, April 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,00; steers, \$5.00@9.00; cows and heifers, \$5.00@7.75; calves, \$4.00@8.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.00@8.00. Hogs—Receipts, 1,333; range, \$9.20@9.35. Sheep—Receipts, 300; lambs, \$5.50@10.50; wethers, \$6.00@8.25; ewes, \$3.50@8.00.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

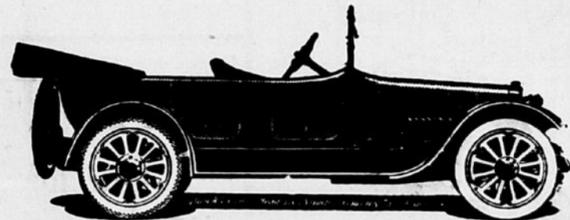
The enamel finish of the steel body can be restored to its original lustre until the car literally looks like new.

This is constantly being done by owners after months of use. The enamel is baked onto the steel at intense heat. Dust and mud and neglect may dull its appearance—but the gloss finish is still there, waiting to be brought back by a simple process of cleaning.

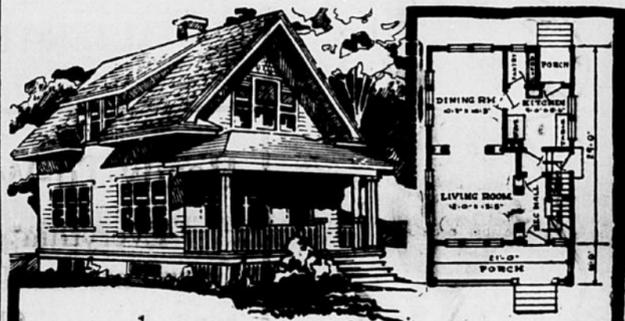
It will pay you to visit us and examine this car

The gasoline consumption is unusually low.

The price of the Touring Car or Roadster complete is \$785 (f. o. b. Detroit.)



CRESO AUTO COMPANY



Leaves Nothing to be Desired

Here's a home to be proud of! Notice how pleasing the exterior appearance is. It's simple, yet not too plain.

Now look at the first-floor plan. Doesn't it just about tell the whole story for a complete arrangement of rooms downstairs?

The living room and dining room are fine large rooms opening into each other. The pantry and kitchen are arranged to the housewife's convenience—they save many a step in the daily work of preparing the meals. All the rooms are well lighted and well ventilated.

Come in and let us show you the second floor plan of this home. We can also show you designs of other modern homes that can be built at a very reasonable cost.

It's no obligation on your part. Our complete plan illustrations are at your disposal.

C. S. ALEXANDER

The Kellogg Music Store

Is being remodeled and refitted with talking machine booths where machines and records will be demonstrated at all times. A good line of

Victor-Victrolas, Records and Supplies, R. S. Howard Pianos, Cable-Nelson Pianos, Violins, Guitars, Supplies and Musical Goods of all Descriptions will be Carried.

The Sheet Music Department has been enlarged and 10c popular hits will be specialized. Old and new customers are invited to call and look over this New Stock as only standard goods at popular prices sold here.

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