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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Seed Grain Question

The harvest is upon us and whatever the weather is from now on will be of little consequence. The only good thing that can possibly be done by considering the present conditions, is to study the best and safest methods of carrying on our farming operations for next year. A lesson has been taught us, now let us profit thereby. In the meantime, let us consider the seed grain question, which is a very serious one. Ward county will not much more than produce the seed grain required for next year. Some farmers will raise more than they need, others not enough. The wheat raised, will no doubt make excellent seed, but steps should be taken and at once, to retain all of this right in Ward county. We should not ship a bushel of wheat, oats, barley or other grain out of the county that will make good seed. If this grain is shipped to the terminal elevators, it will only have to be shipped back in the spring, and the farmers will have to pay the freight both ways. The Independent suggests that the bankers form an association to buy the grain as it comes in, and hold it for seed. The bankers are probably the most heavily interested, and it is up to them as well as to the rest of us, to see that every bushel of good seed remains right here. The bankers would no doubt find this a profitable investment, besides the farmers would be saved the freight both ways, a no small item. The county will no doubt have to come to the rescue of a large number of farmers and it matters little when this seed is bought, for buy it the county must. If such a thing is possible, the Independent would like to see the county buy seed this fall and hold it until the farmers need it in the spring, or until such a time as every farmer knows how much seed he will need, and how much he will have to depend upon the county. The county could no doubt buy this seed much cheaper this fall than in the spring, and thus the farmers would be saved a good many thousand dollars. We publish elsewhere in this issue the law pertaining to the seed which the county must furnish. We want suggestions from our farmer readers. Let us hear from you. Your suggestions may prove to be very valuable.

Relief Afforded Needy Farmers

The last legislature passed a law, provided that those who are in need of seed grain, can obtain relief by applying to the county commissioners. The act follows:

Sec. 1. In any county of the state where the crops for any preceding year have been a total or partial failure by reason of drouth, hail or other cause, it shall be lawful for the board of county commissioners of such county to issue bonds of the county under and pursuant to the provisions of this act, and with the proceeds derived from the sale thereof, to purchase seed wheat for the inhabitants thereof who are in need of seed grain and are unable to procure the same, whenever said board shall be petitioned in writing so to do not less than one hundred freeholders resident in the county and said board at a meeting called as hereinafter provided to consider said petition, shall by a majority vote determine that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Sec. 7. The fund arising from the sale of said bonds shall be applied exclusively by the said board for the purchase of seed grain for residents of the county who are unable to procure the same; provided, that no more than one hundred and fifty bushels of wheat or its equivalent in other grain shall be furnished to any one person; provided, further, that in any county in which it is necessary to procure seed grain under the provisions of this act and the parties taking advantage of the same are unable to obtain feed for their stock for the putting in of the seed grain, the county commissioners may, in their discretion, purchase and deliver to such parties who are unable to procure in any other way, such amount of feed as will in their judgment enable said parties to put in their seed; such feed to be furnished at actual cost, the amount to be paid for such feed to become a part of the seed lien on the crop raised from the seed furnished to such party under the provisions of this act.

Farmers Are Heedless

A large number of farmers in this vicinity, the Independent is informed, have not heeded the words of advice from those versed in scientific farming, for a very large majority have done nothing as yet towards summer fallowing what land will prove next to valueless this season for crops. Unless the crops promise to yield fairly well, it is much better to plow them under, thus putting your soil in the very best condition for the coming season. From the history of farming, one learns that by following the plan of summer fallowing, one not only rids his land of noxious weeds, but puts it in such a condition that the farmer is sure of getting nearly double the ordinary crop. Farmers, it will pay you to do a large amount of summer fallowing.

According to reliable statistics, more than 15,000 American farmers who were lured to the Canadian Northwest, thru wonderful tales of this modern Eldorado, have come back to the states within the past nine months. More than ninety thousand Americans with several million dollars' worth of chattels went

into this country last year, but the conditions have not suited all of them. Many disposed of their farms in Minnesota, North Dakota and other states before going, and now return with their money scattered to the winds, wishing they had not been in such a hurry. It generally pays one well to consider at some length the conditions that will confront him upon his arrival at his destination. So many in order to secure land at all, had to go away back from the railroads, or else take the inferior land closer, which has been passed up by thousands. And then there was the first crop to consider. Unhappily, the drouth has struck the Canadian Northwest this year. The winter wheat might be said to be a total failure and the spring wheat little better. "About all we have left in Alberta, are posts and sunshine," a friend of the editor of the Independent writes from south of Calgary. The Independent has ever contended that the North Dakota farmer, who is comfortably situated, had much better remain right here than take chances in Canada or any other of our own states for that matter.

In 1889 the state of Minnesota experienced a season similar to that of North Dakota this year. The crops looked to be practically a total failure early in the season, and the wheat grew very short, the heads being but from a half inch to an inch long. The latter end of the season was most favorable for the filling of these heads and the result was many fields of twenty bushels to the acre, wheat that looked good for nothing earlier in the season. North Dakota will not harvest a big crop this year, in fact it will be much smaller than usual, but the farmers should be pretty certain that the wheat will be next thing to worthless before abandoning it. Many fields are going to surprise the farmers. It may be hard to cut and to thresh, but it will pay to make the effort. The Independent believes that there will be some surprises among many of the farmers in the way of better crops than they were figuring on.

The damage done by the gophers this year has been tremendous. Many a farmer would have had a fair crop, despite the hot dry weather, had it not been for the ravages of these pests. It doesn't do much good to fight this evil after a good sized gopher family has been raised, consisting of children and grandchildren. Every farmer knows that the time to get to them is in the early spring before they have begun to practice one of the fundamentals of arithmetic. Multiplication is no name for the way these prolific little animals increase in numbers. They appear as tho by magic, and when you think you've got them pretty well thinned out on your own farm, you are compelled to extend your hospitality to those growing on adjoining farms. There's only one way to cope with them and that is for everybody to make a concentrated effort to eradicate them when their numbers are not so great.

The Bottineau News, an insurgent paper, wants to know why the insurgents should support Gov. Burke and asks if it is because Burke failed to appoint either Marshall or Miller, both insurgents, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Johnson. The insurgents will not readily forget the Governor's attitude in the matter of this appointment, and they will hardly take any part in further building up a strong Democratic machine in a state that is normally republican by a great big majority. Besides, Burke had the office two terms and should be satisfied.

A number of the subscribers of the Independent who were in arrears have come thru, since our urgent request a week or so ago, but it seems that a number are rather careless. The government actually means business and will enforce its ruling just as fast as the inspectors can cover the field. We know you do not want us to be placed in a serious predicament for the sake of a dollar or so and you certainly do not want the paper stopped. Kindly see that your subscription account is settled as soon as possible. We do not desire to drop you from the list.

With sheep selling for a song in Montana, because of the drouth on the plains, this ought to prove the very best time for the North Dakota farmer to invest in a few sheep. These energetic little animals eat what is usually otherwise wasted, enrichen the land and clean the soil of foul weeds. Besides, with only fair success, counting the wool clip and the offspring, sheep in North Dakota will pay about 100% on their investment annually. Can you put your money to better use?

D. M. Noah, the murderer, serving a life sentence at Bismarck, wants to appeal his case to the supreme court. Noah, no doubt, thinks because that court was easy enough to grant him a new trial on a mere technicality, after he had entered a plea of guilty, he might secure another trial if the matter was presented to that august body in the right way, and we don't believe that the degenerate is very far from right in his deductions.

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