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"Can the river business ever come back?" This is a question that is being asked in many sections of the country. While it may be a difficult question to answer, it seems more than probable that the answer would be "yes." Considering the new tariff regulations, etc., there is going to be more figuring on the cost of production, freight rates and other things from now on. It surely seems that river traffic will be given most critical consideration in the very near future and steamboats, in all probability, will be so numerous the coming spring and summer that residents along the river route will be howling for smoke consumers.

Kansas practically has doubled its average annual crop production in the last thirty-five years, according to figures compiled today by F. D. Coburn, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. In the period from 1879 to 1894 the average crop production was \$128,600,727 a year, while in the twenty years from 1894 to 1913 the average annual crop return was \$216,970,358. This includes the value of all live stock products, excepting that kept on the farms for breeding purposes. In the last twenty years corn has been the best crop in the state, the total yield for that period being valued at \$1,062,500,000. Wheat was next, with a total yield valued at \$869,500,000. Live stock products for the same period had a value of \$1,500,000,000.

**CORN SHOW WAS  
 SPLENDID SUCCESS**

More Than 150 Entries in Acre-Field Exhibit Alone; Sale of Prize Winners Interesting

The acre yield feature of the Southeast Missouri Corn Show held at Cape Girardeau, January 8-10, was a phenomenal success, bringing out more than 150 entries in the different counties composing the Third Normal School District. The contest was held under the direction of Mr. Babcock, of the Agricultural Department. Each contestant was required to fill out blank information card before planting his corn and was also required to give a story of the cultivation. The contest was open to everybody and it will be noted that the prize winner from Franklin county was a young woman, Miss Flora D. Dahl of Berger. The acre was measured in each case and the yield verified by a disinterested party and certified by him as correct.

The winner of the first prize (\$50 in cash) was G. W. Tisdale of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau county, on a yield of 99 bushels. The second prize was won by Eric Palmer, Eminence, Shannon county with a yield of 96 bushels. (This prize was \$25 in cash.) The third prize (\$15 in cash) was won by Hon W. D. Towe, Cuba, Crawford county, with a yield of 93 1-4 bushels.

**Scholarship Winners**

Those winning scholarships from the different counties were: Bollinger county, Elmer Sitzes, Cypress, 82 1-2 bushels; Cape Girardeau county, Glenn Hensley, Jackson, 82 1-2 bushels; Crawford county, W. D. Towe, Cuba, 93 1-2 bushels; Jefferson county, Emil Wallace, House Springs, 68 bushels; Franklin county, Flora D. Dahl, Berger, 45 bushels; Perry county, Reg-

inald Swann, Wittenberg, 71 7-12 bushels; Scott county, T. A. Wylie, Chaffee, 58 bushels; Shannon county, Eric Palmer, Eminence, 76 bushels; Stoddard county, E. J. Mahoney, Dexter, 82 bushels; Wayne county, Clarence Rubottom, Greenville, 50 bushels.

The indications are that the Second Acre Yield Contest, which has just been launched by Mr. Babcock, will be an even greater success than the first one just closed.

Those winning prizes on the bread baking contest from the different counties were: Jefferson county, Bessie Griffith, Hillsboro; Oregon County, Bertha Arnold, Alton; Franklin county, Sophia Ernst, New Haven; Cape Girardeau county, Mamie E. Pickens, Cape Girardeau; Stoddard county, Guida Goza, Advance; Martha Jones, Piedmont; Ste. Genevieve county, Agnes Siebert, Ste. Genevieve.

**Prize Winners in Demand**

An auction sale of the corn was held Saturday afternoon. The total receipts were over \$100.00, although only a part of the corn was offered for sale. One ear sold for \$3.25. A bushel at this rate would bring in \$390.00 and a barrel would net \$1950.00. The highest ten ear sample was sold for \$26.00, or at a rate of \$312.00 per bushel.

A large amount of corn is required to run the classes in the Agricultural Department of the State Normal School and after a third of the corn had been sold, Mr. Babcock stated that the Normal School could use the remaining corn unless some exhibit or particularly desired to get his own sample of corn. However, the school would be a bidder. The following is a list of samples sold and the prices paid:

1st, 10 ear Johnson county, grown by C. A. Grant, Zalma, bought by Jessie Angle, Advance, for \$1.75.

1st single ear yellow, grown by Chas. Schweer, Gordonville, sold to grower for \$1.00.

1st single ear white, grown by Joe Wing Hensley, Jackson, sold to grower for \$3.25.

2nd single ear white, grown by T. W. Tuschoff, Appleton, bought by E. J. Mahoney for 75 cents.

Sample grown by T. A. Wylie, Chaffee, sold to C. M. McWilliams for 50 cents.

Ten ears Boone County White, grown by E. J. Mahoney, sold to Seth Babcock for \$26.00.

Ten ear sample white corn grown by Farrell Ames, Dexter, sold to E. J. Mahoney, for \$3.50.

3rd ten ear Ried's Yellow Dent, grown by Chas. Schweer, Gordonville, sold to grower for \$2.25.

Ten ear sample Boone County White, grown by E. J. Mahoney, sold to grower for \$1.50.

2nd 100 ear white corn, grown by S. B. Hensley, Jackson, sold grower for \$2.50.

1st 100 ears yellow corn, grown by J. E. Mahoney, Dexter, sold to Ed Zwilling, Dexter for \$3.90.

3rd, 100 ear sample white, grown by L. H. Gals, Hayti, sold to W. H. Stubblefield for \$3.50.

4th, 100 ears white, grown by Field Bros., Cape Girardeau, sold to E. J. Mahoney for \$2.50.

5th, 100 ear sample white, grown by Chas. Schweer, sold to Martin Baird, Clarkton, for \$3.75.

2nd, 100 ears yellow, grown by S. D. Hensley, Jackson, sold grower for \$4.00.

1st, 100 ears white, grown by E. J. Mahoney, Dexter, sold to Ed Zwilling, Dexter, for \$19.99.

1st, St. Charles White, grown by John Henderson, Hayti, sold to W. H. Stubblefield for \$1.50.

1st, 10 ear white, grown by E. C. Tuschoff, Appleton, sold to Martin Baird, Clarkton, for \$12.25.

2nd, Boone County White, grown by Charles Schweer, Gordonville, sold to W. H. Stubblefield for \$3.50.

3rd, ten ears Boone County White, grown by Field Bros., Cape Girardeau, sold to E. J. Mahoney, Dexter, for \$1.50.

1st, ten ears yellow, grown by E. J. Mahoney, sold to grower for \$8.00.

2nd, ten ears Reid's, grown by N. D. Browning, Jackson, sold to G. W. Tisdale, Gordonville, for \$2.00.

**The Farm Inventory**

Now that the first of the year is here, the question comes up: Are you going to start the new year right by taking an inventory of your worldly possessions? Most of the business men will take an inventory of their stock to see whether they are any better off than they were this time last year. They want to know whether they have made anything during the past year.

The farmer, as a rule, is not in the habit of taking an inventory, yet on account of the complexity of his business, he needs to know whether he has gained or lost during the year. Most farmers, it seems have a horror of keeping any kind of record and especially so, if they feel that they are losing. There is a good deal of money invested on the farm, and surely it is as important to know how much there is invested here, as it is for the business man in town to know what he is worth.

Right after the first of the year is the proper time to begin. The inventory is the one important record that should be kept if it is desired to show the gain or loss on the farm, and should precede all other records.

The taking of an inventory is a simple operation. It should be conducted in a systematic manner, in order that nothing will be omitted. It is usually the practice to go from one building to another listing each article as it is seen, with the value of each.

There are various ways or systems which may be used in this work. Probably the simplest form is that used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington. There are several subdivisions under which are listed all property belonging to each class. These subdivisions are as follows:

1. Land, including buildings. No. of acres and value.
2. Live stock: Horses, mares, mules, colts, etc. Cattle: Dairy and beef cows, calves, bulls, etc. Swine: Sows, boars, pigs, feeders, etc. Poultry: Hens, roosters, etc. Other stock.
3. Machinery and tools: List all machinery and tools. The larger pieces should be listed separately, but the small hand tools can for convenience be put down in a lump sum. This is not advisable. If each tool is listed, we have a good opportunity for locating missing tools.

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4. Feed and supplies; such as corn, wheat, hay, silage, cement, rolls of fencing, etc. These items should be put down at the farm prices.

5. Bills receivable: All accounts due the farmer should be put down with the information about each transaction complete, for future reference.

6. Cash on hand and in bank: An accurate statement of the cash you have.

The sum of all the items mentioned above will give the farmer's total assets. From this should be taken all bills payable by the farmer, including notes on the farm or farm products. The difference gives what the farmer is really worth, or his net worth. You should be careful to get all the values as near correct as possible. If you get a midway point between what you think you are worth when the tax assessor comes around, and what you think you are worth when you want to sell out, you will have a fair valuation.

This, briefly, is the method used in taking the inventory. If there are any points which are not clear, the State Normal will be glad to explain in detail.

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