

STOCK NEWS

Chicago	May	July
Corn	\$1.85	\$1.67%
Oats	\$1.04%	89%
St. Louis Cash:		
No. 6 White Corn	.....	\$1.93
No. 3 White Oats	.....	\$1.12 to \$1.13
No. 4 White Oats	.....	\$1.11
St. Louis Stock Yards:		
Hogs 15,000	.....	lower
Cattle 2,300	.....
Sheep 1500	.....

LOCAL MARKET

New Corn	.....	\$1.95
Oats	.....	\$1.04, \$1.05

Missouri farmers in twenty-one counties this year will plant an acreage of 17 per cent less than in 1919, according to a survey conducted by the Associated Industries of Missouri. Two reasons are assigned for this fact—a shortage of labor and a tendency among the farmers not to hire hands when they can get them, because of the high wages demanded. Farms in the twenty-one counties are short about 3,000 men.

The Associated Industries sent questionnaires to the County Farm Bureau agents and to the editors of newspapers. The questions, and the replies received from the twenty-one counties, follow:

1. Is there a shortage of farm labor in your county? Nineteen counties answered "Yes" and two "No."
2. About how many farms are in need of additional labor? Only ten counties gave figures, which totaled 2,983, or an average of nearly 300 farms to the county.
3. What percentage is this of the total number of farms in the county? The aggregate number of farms short of labor was 23 per cent of the total in the counties represented.
4. How many men would be required to overcome the shortage? Only eleven counties gave figures, the aggregate of which was 3,240 men, or an average of nearly 300 to the county. If this average held good throughout the state, the shortage would be 34,200 men.
5. Is it likely that a considerable acreage will remain out of cultivation if the shortage is not relieved? Fourteen counties answered "Yes" and five "No."
6. If so, what percentage of the usual acreage? The aggregate was 17.5 per cent of the normal acreage of the counties represented.
7. What is the prevailing scale of wages in your country for farm labor? The answers showed that the average wage by the day is a little more than \$3, and by the month, including board and lodging, is \$55. The lowest wage by the day was \$1.50 and the highest \$5. The lowest wage by the month was \$35, and the highest \$90. The average daily wage during harvesting was about \$4.00.
8. Can farm hands with families find work and accommodations for their families in your county? Sixteen counties answered "yes" and two "no," but several of those answering "yes" said the accommodations were limited and often poor.

In supplementary letters the farmers assert that at the present market prices for their product they cannot compete with other industries for labor. Because of this, they say, many farmers are planting only what they will need for their families and stock. This is not as much as it used to be, it is stated, because the young men are leaving the farms and going to the cities where they can make wages which were once unheard of.

The twenty-one counties from which these answers came were: Andrew, New Madrid, Webster, Johnson, Charlton, Bails, Pettis, Cole, Buchanan, Lincoln, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Clark, Marion, Dent, Grundy, Pemisacot, Lewis, Scott, Crawford and Saline.

The losses sustained by farmers of Callaway county during the past several months through dogs and wolves attacking their sheep reached a climax, Friday night, when dogs entered the flock of John W. Creed, near Auxvasse, and caused a loss estimated at close to \$500. Thirty-five sheep were killed outright and 15 others were maimed so badly that they will either have to be killed or will die.

The potato bug can be easily controlled by applying arsenate of lead. Put one ounce in 3 gallons of water and apply with a sprayer or even a whisk broom. Put on when bugs appear. The bugs which ruin cabbage plants can also be got rid of by spraying. Further information will be gladly given by me while I am at the service of the people of Mexico on Saturday, in the Chamber of Commerce. All who are having garden or orchard troubles should call and discuss them with me.

A. GORRELL.

Col. Jeff Woods has been dated to

cry a sale in Bloomington, Ill., May 22. He says Ledger advertising pays as he only started his notice in the Ledger three days ago.

Sixteen boys and girls have joined the Pure Bred Calf Club which is being organized in this county by Dr. H. P. Gregory. By the latter part of the summer he hopes to have forty or fifty members so that a car load of calves can be bought with the intention of having each member receive one animal.

It is Dr. Gregory's plan to get pure bred Jersey yearling heifers, if possible; but he may have to get six or eight-month-olds, he says. The Mexico banks have agreed to finance the scheme so that the boys and girls who buy the calves will not have to put up any money. After they have kept the calves a year they will be brought together and sold at public auction. If, during the year's time, a calf dies, the owner will be recompensed by some mutual insurance arrangement.

Those who have joined the club, fourteen boys and two girls, are as follows: Ralph Jesse, J. L. Acton, of Benton City, William Ira Tinscher, Cloyd Dunn, Paul Dunn, Jack Gregory, Carl Berrey, of Rowena, Bennett Williams, of east of Mexico, William Shepard, Jr., Lucille Sullivan, J. William Rogers of west of Mexico, Samuel Edward Davis, Leland Summer Davis, of west of Mexico, Durand McGee, Mildred Pimpel and William Armstrong.

BENTON CITY ITEMS.

Mrs. J. J. F. Johnson and daughter, English of Mexico, are spending a few days with Mrs. A. F. Romans. — Mrs. W. H. Hutcherson and children returned home Sunday, after spending a week at Palmyra visiting relatives and friends. — J. J. F. Johnson and Ed Hildebrand shipped a load of hogs to St. Louis Monday night. — Chris Eriaman and Bert Miller shipped a load of hogs to St. Louis this week. — Miss Cora Cox has returned home from a few days' visit in Wellsville. — Mrs. Will Fuhrer died at her home Monday evening. She was only sick a few days. — Mrs. Hibbert has gone to Iowa to visit her daughter, Mrs. Glen Johnson. — Claude Carter and wife, of near Venice, spent Sunday with his mother. — Several from here attended the class play of the Wellsville high school Monday night. — Dr. and Mrs. May, of Porto Rico, are here visiting relatives and friends. — Mrs. Joseph Carter spent Saturday with home folks in Mexico.

HATTON—CONCORD.

Miss Hattie Bailey has been on the sick list the past week, but is better at this writing. — Barton Lam of Centralia is visiting his brothers, John and Henry Lam this week. — C. L. Emmons is spending a few days visiting relatives in Mexico. — Charlie Porter is sporting a new Ford car. — George Bratton has bought a small home in Centralia and will move there coming week. He has rented his farm out where he lives. — Speck Huddleston and wife were shopping in Mexico Saturday. — Miss Underwood of McCredie has been employed to teach the Concord school this fall. The school was offered to Miss Hattie Bailey who taught a successful school there last year, but Hattie refused as she wants to go to College this year. She believes in learning more, Hattie is a graduate of Auxvasse High School and has taught for the past two years. She is one of the best young teachers in the county. — Claud Wood was in

The May Victor Records are here. **WORRELL, The JEWELER.** d2 wit

Richard Kent is visiting his aunt, Mrs. George Wiggs, in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Income Tax Notice.

Your income tax will become delinquent June 2.

CHAS. P. ARNOLD, County Collector.

NORTHEAST BENTON.

Mrs. Irving Precht and children of Moberly are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Hildebrand. — Robt. Hankins has traded his Oakland automobile for a Hudson car. — Rev. Franc Mitchell filled his appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Owing to the bad weather no services were held at night. — A meeting of the cemetery association was held in Benton City Saturday p. m.

NOTICE:—The person who picked up the \$10 bill in front of Walter J. Sannebeck's market Saturday afternoon is known. Return the bill to the Ledger office and receive reward. d&wit

GOVERNMENT LAND.

Very valuable and subject to irrigation for information as to opening for filing, irrigation rights and club rates including railroad fare, meals, lodging, etc., address IDAHO DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, 1010 Gloyd Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. wit

Dick Stuart, of Laddonia, spent Tuesday night in Mexico.

JUST UNLOADED.

A car of Kokomo Woven Wire Fencing, both stock and heavy poultry fence. 119-2t wit

DRY AND SAPPINGTON.



"Daddy, what is that queer-looking crack in your glasses?"

Observing daughter is not the only one who notices that "queer-looking crack" in Daddy's glasses. Everybody notices it. It mars his appearance; it makes him look old.

KRYPTOK GLASSES THE INVISIBLE BIFOCALS

Kryptoks (pronounced Crip-tlocks), without that conspicuous age-revealing "crack" or seam, give the convenience of NEAR and FAR vision in one pair of glasses. There is not the slightest trace of a seam or bump. The two powers (the lower for close work, and the upper for distance) are joined together in one solid, smooth, crystal—clear notwithstanding the fact that Kryptoks look exactly like single-vision glasses, they enable you to see both near and far with equally keen vision. That's why they are known everywhere as the "invisible bifocals."

Call and let us give you further information concerning these universally approved bifocals.

PILCHER'S

Established in 1898

Mrs. B. F. Wells is in St. Louis for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. May, of Farber were in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday.

The many friends of George Will Robertson will be sorry to learn he is suffering with a crushed foot.

Mrs. Oretta Brown has returned from McArthur, Ohio, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Alf Moore.

Use White Rose high test gasoline—more miles per gallon—less carbon deposit. 123-2t; 13-2t

AUDRAIN SERVICE GARAGE.

Miss Ethel Reed, instructor in vocational home economics in McMillan High School during the year just ended, left Mexico Wednesday for her home near Nevada.

PLENTY

Plenty of John Deere and Black Hawk Corn Planters. Come in and let's talk it over. d2 wit

DRY & SAPPINGTON.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our loss and bereavement of our loved one.

MRS. A. H. SCHUTTE AND FAMILY.

FARMERS EXCHANGE

RATES—10 cents a line an insertion. A line consists of 5 words.

FOR RENT:—160 acres of blue grass pasture. See W. H. COIL, Benton City. 10-3t-p

FOR SALE—John Deere power Cane Mill and 12 foot evaporator. J. F. NEWBERRY, Benton City, phone Mutual. 11-2t

FOR SALE:—White Rocks eggs; premium stock; \$1.00 a setting, or 2 settings for \$1.50. Phone 853. 51t-p

LOST:—Winter laprobe, between Barnes Ford bridge and Mexico, Saturday morning. Return to Ledger office. wit

FOR SALE CHEAP:—Marsailles cylinder corn sheller; A 1 condition. FRANK ROGERS, R. F. D. 4, Mexico, Mo. d1w1-p

FOR SALE:—Good Ford Touring car, 1918 model, first class shape. S. T. TORREYSON. d1w1-p

Buy your auto accessories at the AUDRAIN SERVICE GARAGE. 123-2t; 13-2t

Clay Payton, of Rush Hill, was in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Citizens Bank, Benton City, will be held at the office of the bank in Benton City, Mo., Monday, May 31st, 1920, for the purpose of electing seven directors for the ensuing year, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Meeting convenes at 9 o'clock A. M. J. J. F. JOHNSON, President.

W. H. COIL, Secretary. 13-2t

Reliable old line Hall Insurance on Growing Crops. C. A. WITHER-SPON, Savings Bank Bldg. wit

FARMERS NOTICE.

The Producers Grain Co., have a car of alfalfa, molasses feeds, cattle fattener, oil meal, etc., on the elevator track. d1w1

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surface of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrrh conditions. Send for treatment free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. 241 Franklin St. Hall's Catarrh Pills for constipation.

Services at Olivet.

The Rev. J. O. Hall will preach at Olivet Sunday morning, May 23rd, at eleven o'clock. All are cordially invited.

J. L. NICKERSON, Pastor.

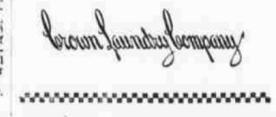
LEDGER CLASSIFIED ADS PAY.

We Haul Your Troubles Away Every Week In A Truck

Wash day, especially in the warm weather, is always aburdan hanging over the head of the woman in the house.

If you let us do your family washing you will find we can save you money and bring you much satisfaction.

Send us your washing we will return it to your satisfaction.



Always Lower Prices To Be Had HERE

John Wanamaker and a lot of the big merchants throughout the country are raising a great commotion by announcing reduction price sales. We have been selling at a reduction all along without any flare of trumpets or bands—simply giving the people the best groceries to be had for less money than they could be bought elsewhere and making these prices as a regular thing not a special sale occasion.

Here Are A Few Suggestions In Money Saving Prices We Are Showing A Lot Others In Our Store.

FLOUR	SPECIALS	Fancy Northern Potatoes in 2 1/2 bushel bags for bushel
Hard Wheat High Patent, per hundred \$7.70	Pure Lard in 50-lb tins, per lb. . . . 25c	Dandy Brooms, each 50c
Hard Wheat High Patent, per 48-lb. sack \$3.85	9 O'clock Washing Powder, 6 for 25c	2 packages Post Toasties 25c
Soft Wheat High Patent, per hundred \$7.50	Large box matches 5c	Crackers in 7-lb boxes, per lb. . . . 20c
Soft Wheat High Patent, per 48-lb. sack \$3.75	Safety Matches; 12 boxes 10c	Sun Bright Cleanser, per can
COFFEE	Large can Salmon 20c	10-lb. pail White Fish, each . . . \$1.35
4 lbs. Fancy Rio Coffee \$1.00	Large can Table Peaches in syrup 40c	1/2 lb. boxes Whipped Cream
Fancy Santos Coffee, per lb. . . . 40c	2 large cans milk 25c	Chocolates, per box 30c
Best Peaberry Coffee, per lb. . . . 45c	Pinto Beans, per lb., 10c	Bulk Macaroni, per lb 15c
Giant Guatemala Coffee, per lb. . . 50c	8 lbs. Hand Picked Navy Beans \$1.00	
Best Green Coffee, per lb., 40c		

Meats and Vegetables

You know the butcher shop next to us is closed for repairs. This shop brought lots of people over here and the Grocerteria Man don't want them to get away from this habit, so we are going to have some nice FRESH BEEF, PORK, and DRESSED CHICKENS for you Saturday morning. Nice fresh vegetables, too. COME ON OVER.

Fresh Flank Steak, per lb. . . . 25c	Fresh Pork Melts, per lb. . . . 8c	Fresh Calf Liver, per lb. . . . 25c
Boneless Rump Beef Roast, per lb. 35c	Fresh Pig Feet, per lb. . . . 8c	Boiled Ham, per lb. . . . 75c
Boneless Rib Beef Roast, per lb. . . 33c	Fresh Boneless Pork Roast, per lb. 34c	Bologna, per lb. . . . 20c
Sirloin Beef Roast, per lb. . . . 25c	Fresh Brains, per lb. . . . 18c	Mined Ham, per lb. . . . 23c
Beef Tenderloins, per lb. . . . 20c	Fresh Pig Hearts, per lb. . . . 11c	Coney Island Weiners, per lb. . . 24c
Fresh Veal Tongues, per lb., . . . 35c	Fresh Pig Tails, per lb. . . . 25c	Liver Cheese, per lb. . . . 25c
Fresh Ox Tails for Soup, per lb. . . 20c	Fresh Pig Ears, per lb. . . . 10c	Liver Sausage, per lb. . . . 20c
	Fresh Liver, per lb. . . . 10c	

Extra Special

Country Sausage wrapped in corn husks, dandy, per lb., 30c. Special Beef Loaf with macaroni, eggs, and cheese, fine for lunch, per lb. 25.

Say, Folks, come over FRIDAY AND SATURDAY and have a talk with the Grocerteria Man about your groceries. Everything is just dandy over here; lots of good groceries; not making much profit, but selling a lot of stuff. You know the Grocerteria Man wants to see things move, and every thing pleasant. You know we believe over here that if you SMILE EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF IT YOU WILL SOON GET THE HABIT. Well, drop over some time.

The Model Grocerteria

Jack Gelhaus, Mgr.

JOHNSON'S Saturday Specials

Stem Tumblers Clear Fancy Glass, 11c each these are 15c sellers	Big Special Mens \$9 Blue work shirts \$1.23 each. These are \$1.45 sellers. 2 to a customer
Straw Hats, Mens & Boys 31c each these are 35c & 39c sellers	Wash Ties, Mens and Boys 37c each, white and Palm-beach with figures. 50c sellers
\$3.50 Gingham Aprons \$2.95 each large sizes, all fast colors wash fine	Candies—All Kinds 30c lb. Saturday Only

Lexico is on the boost. Business is the best ever. People like to come to Mexico. We want to see you Saturday.

Johnson's Variety Store

Roy Johnson, Prop.