

ALL READY FOR THE "BARN DANCE."



—Cartoon by W. A. Rogers, in the New York Herald.

PROSPERITY HERE IN ALL LINES

Steel and Iron Industries, Cotton and Woolen Manufactures, Railroad Transportation, European Imports, Commerce on Lakes and Other Lines All Show Unmistakable Trend of Development—Three States Will Get \$165,000,000 More For Wheat Crop Than Last Year.

Washington, D. C.—Telegrams from the manufacturing and agricultural centres of the United States clearly show that before autumn is far advanced "good times" will rule everywhere.

The proofs of this are found in the present activity or preparations for immediate increases in such basic industries as steel and iron, cotton and woolen manufactures, railroad transportation, European imports and commerce on the great lakes.

Some of these industries, like woolen and cotton, are already doing unprecedented business. Orders are now being refused for next winter and spring deliveries, and higher price lists are in preparation.

The panic of 1907 is already ancient history. The last lingering effects of it will, it is predicted, disappear in this fall's awakening of trade.

New England Cotton Mills Spending \$2,500,000.

Providence, R. I.—Rhode Island's cotton mill owners have in course of erection or planned for the year new plants, additions, renovations and storerooms involving an outlay of fully \$2,500,000, more than half of which has been expended in the last seven months.

And there have been no labor troubles, nor is there any on the horizon, according to Colonel R. H. I. Goddard, head of the famous Lonsdale Company, which has expended fully \$300,000 this year.

Just seventeen new mills have been built or proposed in Rhode Island. The Independent Cotton Manufacturing Company, of Manville, plans a \$200,000 cotton mill; the Seminole Manufacturing Company, Pawtucket, is making an outlay of \$100,000; the Lorraine Manufacturing Company will have an addition to cost \$1,500,000 and give employment to 2500 operatives.

More than forty-five new woolen mills have been constructed or proposed.

Where \$410,000,000 Unfilled Orders Are in Sight.

New York City.—With the railroad plans in sight for the raising of \$165,000,000 to \$170,000,000, most of which is to be expended on improvements and new construction, the steel companies contracting for the expenditure of almost \$100,000,000 on new plants and with unfilled orders amounting to more than \$410,000,000 already on the books of a few of the leading companies in the principal industries, the outlay of cash in this country in the next twelve months is expected by trade experts to be the largest ever known in our domestic trade.

So far as the railroads are concerned, stock market authorities predict that before the year is out new securities will be placed on sale that will bring the total for the twelve months up to the enormous sum of \$1,000,000,000, and probably \$1,250,000,000, thus verifying James J. Hill's prophecy that in good times this country needs a billion dollars a year, fresh capital for new construction and improvements.

Four Companies to Spend \$74,000,000.

A canvass by reporters of the steel and iron corporations showed that a total to be spent by four of them alone for new construction in the next twelve months amounted to \$74,000,000. In detail the figures are as follows:

United States Steel Corporation	\$50,000,000
Jones & Laughlin	15,000,000
Bethlehem Steel Company	3,000,000
Republic Steel and Iron Company	6,000,000

Heavy expenditures are also contemplated by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Maryland Steel Company, the Inland Steel Company, the Colonial Steel Company, the Southern Steel Company and the Sheffield Coal and Iron Company.

That these expenditures are warranted is proved by the unfilled orders on the books. A computation of these from the records of a few leading concerns, in the different indus-

tries, shows the amount to be as follows:

Steel and allied companies	\$300,000,000
Blast and furnace companies	30,000,000
Equipment companies	25,000,000
Electric companies	30,000,000
Locomotive companies	25,000,000

Total \$410,000,000
The bituminous coal trade, another barometer of general manufacturing business, is increasing.

In line with the activity in the steel and iron trades, the woolen manufacturers also are getting busy. Notwithstanding the fact that the price of raw material in their line is higher to-day than it has been for twenty years, the mills are stocking up for a demand that they expect to be exceptional. Reports from the Boston market show that in one week the manufacturers bought more than 15,000,000 pounds of wool, and that all the companies are installing new and improving old machinery.

Wheat Crop of Unprecedented Value.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Estimates made by wheat experts of the promised yield of the States of Minnesota and North and South Dakota, the three greatest wheat States, place this year's crop at 235,000,000 bushels, worth \$300,000,000 at current prices, or \$165,000,000 more than last year's yield.

Fewer Idle Freight Cars Throughout the Country.

Chicago.—The fortnightly report of the American Railway Association on car surpluses and shortages shows a further decrease in idle cars, bringing the total down to 260,227. Of this reduction 2536 are box and 1000 coal and gondola cars.

Woolen Trust So Busy It Declines Orders.

Boston.—The \$5,000,000 new preferred stock of the American Woolen Trust authorized by the stockholders on July 17, has substantially all been taken by stockholders at par. Important new construction and extension work on the mill will be begun at once. Officers of the Trust confidently expect a business of \$70,000,000 next year, the largest in the history of the company. Orders are being declined for future delivery at current prices.

Traffic is Booming on the Great Lakes.

Washington, D. C.—Lake traffic figures indicate improvement in the business situation as compared with conditions a year ago. The domestic shipments from lake ports of the leading classes of commodities were 10,179,633 net tons last month, compared with 7,427,616 net tons in 1908, and 10,690,632 net tons shipped in 1907.

The domestic shipments for the current season to the end of June, 19,589,552 net tons, were about sixty-five per cent. in excess of the domestic shipments for the corresponding period of 1908, but this year's total still falls much below the 1907 figures.

All the cities on the great lakes report business at flood tide.

Thing of the Past.

Leonard O'Reilly, the vice president of the Women's Trade Union League, was praising this organization's work in New York.

"And it has a great future before it," she said. "I have no doubt that a century hence the members of the league will regard the woman of today as we now regard the farmer's wife of the early '40's."

"A Maine deacon of the early '40's was talking to the minister. He snuffed and whined:

"Oh, yes, Job suffered some, I ain't denyin' that parson. But Job never knowed what it was to have his team run off and kill his wife right in the midst of the harvest season, with hired girls wantin' two dollars and two and a half a week."—Washington Star.

PROVISO.

Bride—Here is a telegram from papa.

Bridegroom (eagerly)—What does he say?

Bride (reads)—Do not return and all will be forgiven.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad

Will sell excursion tickets at reduced fares for the following occasions:

- Mobile, Ala., National Convention Knights of Columbus, August 3-6, 1909.
- Albany, Ga., G. U. O. O. F., August 10-13, 1909.
- Flovilla, Ga., Indian Springs Holiness Campmeeting, August 2-15, 1909.
- Seattle, Wash., Alaska-Yukon Exposition, June 1st-October 10th, 1909.
- Seattle, Wash., I. O. O. F., September 20-25, 1909.
- Spokane, Wash., National Irrigation Congress, August 9-14, 1909.

In addition to the above, there are a number of occasions for which rates will be authorized on certificate plan. Ticket Agents will furnish full information.

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The Twins.

Frank Work, the aged New York millionaire, was talking to a reporter about international marriages.

"I can't understand," he said, "why a beautiful American heiress will marry one of these fortune-hunting, empty-headed foreigners when she might have her pick of a hundred strong, clean, industrious American men."

"The girl who makes an international marriage," said Mr. Work, frowning, "misses the real thing as widely as the Homer twins missed it. 'The Homer twins, aged about four, got their morning bath, and then were dressed in clean white suits and told to go out and play."

"At the end of an hour or so, their mother went to look for them. She found them in the back garden. It had rained the night before, and a certain favorite hollow under an elm tree was one soft mess of ankle-deep mud. In this mud, on their stomachs, lay the twins, kicking out their legs and brandishing their arms with vigor."

"What on earth are you doing?" the mother cried.

"We're learin' to swim, mother," the twins answered.—Washington Star.

HIS CHANCE.

He—Might I be so bold as to sit beside you?

She—Most fellows are bolder.—Evening Wisconsin.

ON FOOD

The Right Foundation of Health.

Proper food is the foundation of health. People can eat improper food for a time until there is a sudden collapse of the digestive organs, then all kinds of trouble follow.

The proper way out of the difficulty is to shift to the pure, scientific food, Grape-Nuts, for it rebuilds from the foundation up. A New Hampshire woman says:

"Last summer I was suddenly taken with indigestion and severe stomach trouble and could not eat food without great pain, my stomach was so sore I could hardly move about. This kept up until I was so miserable life was not worth living."

"Then a friend finally, after much argument, induced me to quit my former diet and try Grape-Nuts."

"Although I had but little faith I commenced to use it, and great was my surprise to find that I could eat it without the usual pain and distress in my stomach."

"So I kept on using Grape-Nuts, and soon a marked improvement was shown, for my stomach was performing its regular work in a normal way without pain or distress."

"Very soon the yellow coating disappeared from my tongue, the dull, heavy feeling in my head disappeared and my mind felt light and clear; the languid, tired feeling left, and altogether I felt as if I had been rebuilt. Strength and weight came back rapidly, and I went back to my work with renewed ambition."

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TOMATO ROT.

Prof. Craig, of Cornell Experiment Station, recommends spraying with Bordeaux mixture to prevent tomato rot. He advises commencing to spray shortly after plants are set. Repeat in ten days and again when fruit commences to form.

NO CROPS IN ORCHARDS.

No grain or grass crops in the young orchard, please; cultivation is best. Stir the soil every two weeks until August. It is a good plan to throw two or three forkfuls of manure around each tree, after a rain.—Farmers' Home Journal.

FOR GRAPE ROT.

For grape-rot and mildew, begin early and spray the vines with Bordeaux mixture at intervals of about two weeks. Newly set grapevines should be allowed to grow only one main shoot, which should be tied up.—Farmers' Home Journal.

IN POULTRY YARD.

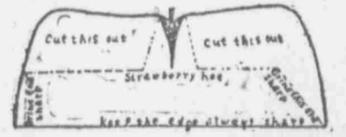
Blackberries and raspberries can be grown in a poultry yard to perfection if they are trained rather high. The bushes shade the fowls and the scratching and wallowing of the birds in the loose soil prevents grass and weeds from growing and keeps the soil cultivated where cultivation does the most good, next to the bushes.—Farmers' Home Journal.

PORTULACA.

This bright-flowered, thick-leaved annual (portulaca) is unrivaled for brilliancy among plants of low growth. It possesses the ability to flourish under extremely adverse conditions; even the hot sun and a light, sandy soil, with sparse water supply will not destroy it. It is satisfactory for beds, edgings and rockwork, and for filling up irregular spaces or unexpected gaps in flower beds. As an undergrowth for taller plants it is also valuable. It flourishes, carpeting the ground with a mat of succulent foliage that in the forenoon is hidden by the gayest flowers. The seed does not germinate until hot weather, and should be sown late. Beyond the sowing, this plant requires little care. The hardy character of the plant is shown.—Indianapolis News.

THE STRAWBERRY HOE.

A prominent Vermont berry grower, G. A. Clough, of Orange County, sends, by request, this drawing, which describes itself. A common hoe is



cut according to the dotted lines. Mr. Clough finds the tool a great help in the strawberry field, especially in cleaning out an old row for another year of crop bearing.—American Cultivator.

COST OF SPRAY IS LESS.

In Bulletin 179 of the Virginia experiment station, J. L. Phillips reports results in co-operative orchard tests with homemade soluble oils for use against the San Jose scale. His conclusions are as follows:

Home-made soluble oils are recommended for trial in place of the lime-sulphur wash, under certain conditions. Further tests must be made before we can recommend them unreservedly. For general orchard spraying the lime-sulphur is probably more satisfactory.

The various prepared or patented brands of soluble oils cost about three times as much as the home-made product containing the same percentage of oil. Our tests indicate that the home-made oil is as effective as the prepared oil. The cost of the home-made oil is about the same as the cost of lime-sulphur.

The home-made soluble oil is more practicable for the commercial orchardist than for the man who has only a few trees, unless one person will make the material for a neighborhood.

It is not quite as troublesome and disagreeable to make soluble oil at home as it is to make lime-sulphur.

Apply the soluble oil spray only in the dormant season. They trees should not be pruned before they are sprayed, as the oil may injure the cut surfaces, unless they are painted.

The home-made soluble oil spray is recommended for trial against the San Jose scale, and the map of the San Jose scale.—Indianapolis News.

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