

Urges Farmers to Hold Surplus Crops Over Harvest

Professor Says Large Yields This Year Are Improbable—Farm Panic Serious

BURLINGTON, May 21.—Professor G. F. Warren, head of the department of farm economics and farm management of New York State College of Agriculture, at Cornell university, issues the following statement regarding the present agricultural situation:

"I am asked for a statement concerning farm practice to meet the present situation. We are passing through the most serious agricultural panic that has ever occurred. The product of an acre of cotton, if sold this year, will buy 61 per cent of the quantity of general commodities that the product of an acre of cotton would have bought as a five-year average before the war. Records are available for 43 years and in only one year, 1894, would the product of an acre of cotton buy so little. In making these calculations, the general price level used is the price level of all commodities of the bureau of labor, and the value of the cotton crop per acre as given by the Monthly Crop Reporter. Corn Buys Little.

"In a bushel of the large yield per acre, the product of an acre of corn, if sold this year, could be exchanged for only 73 per cent of the average quantity of other commodities that an acre of corn would have bought as a five-year average before the war. This is the lowest in 20 years. If the calculations are made on the value of corn per bushel without giving consideration to the large yield of this year, we find that a bushel of corn would bring the farmer a purchasing power of 60 per cent as much as the average for the five years before the war. This is the lowest since 1890. Even that year it stood at 54 per cent, so that cheap as corn was at that time, a bushel could be exchanged for almost as much general commodities as can be bought with a bushel of corn today.

"The product of an average acre of wheat in the United States, last year, would buy 81 per cent as much as the average acre of wheat would buy for five years before the war. This is the lowest in 20 years. "The product of an average acre of oats, last year, would buy 74 per cent of the usual quantity of other things, which is the lowest since 1890. Even we consider the price of oats, omitting the consideration of yield per acre, a bushel of oats would buy 63 per cent of the usual quantity of other things, which is the lowest in 22 years.

Such facts as the above completely dominate the agricultural situation. We

are passing through the worst panic that has ever occurred, but agriculture is having a panic on top of a panic, for the discrepancy between agriculture and other things is a panic in itself.

"In the countries of Europe the index numbers of prices show that food prices are not low. In some countries, as Germany, the food price is higher than the general price level. The general panic is world-wide, but the superimposed agricultural panic is centered in the United States. Other food-exporting countries are somewhat similarly affected.

World's Supply Not Excessive. "Under these circumstances that have never before occurred what should the farmer do? My judgment is that the world's supply of food products is not excessive if the food were located where it is needed. Of course, it is very unlikely that such a favorable season will occur again. The yield per acre, last year, for the six grain crops was 13 per cent above the average. It seems, therefore, that the individual farmer should go ahead with his farming operations, as near to the normal as he can considering the credit system. Of course, he will go slow in new ventures, and some of the land which normally fails to pay ordinary farm wages to the farm operator might well be allowed a year in which to recuperate, unless its operation should be considered incidentally to the operation of the better land.

Store Crops on Farms. "However, the most important single thing for farmers to do aside from continuing to work as usual is to hold on to the farms a large amount of this year's grain crops and other products. The only place where such excessive crops can be stored is on farms. City storages are spectacular, but for capacity it is the multitude of small cribs and granaries that count. The 13 per cent extra crop due to weather is not to be expected again. The farmer who holds some of this unexpected surplus to meet the possible unexpected shortage is performing an important public service. This service, however, is not understood by persons in cities, for the reason that they do not comprehend the variability of crops due to weather. One of the most important factors that helped to prevent Germany from winning the war was the large reserve held on farms out of the excessive crop of 1915 which made it possible to get through the spring of 1917 without a food calamity for Europe.

"It is always in the interest of the public as well as in the interest of farmers that in the years of bumper crops, large food reserves be built up on farms as they have been done so many, many times in the past. And in the past, they have always proved to be needed. Although sometimes the carry-over had to remain large for a second year, it

as, both of Northfield, were married by Rev. H. E. Buffum May 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shine of Concord, N. H., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stone, Friday and Saturday.

Rev. R. E. Keeney will preach at the Advent Christian church Sunday morning at 10.30. Sunday school at 10.15. Noon: Loyal Workers' meeting at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerrigan of Lexington spent the week-end at E. P. Edson's. They came to attend the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edson's infant daughter. The ceremony took place Sunday in the Roman Catholic church at Northfield.

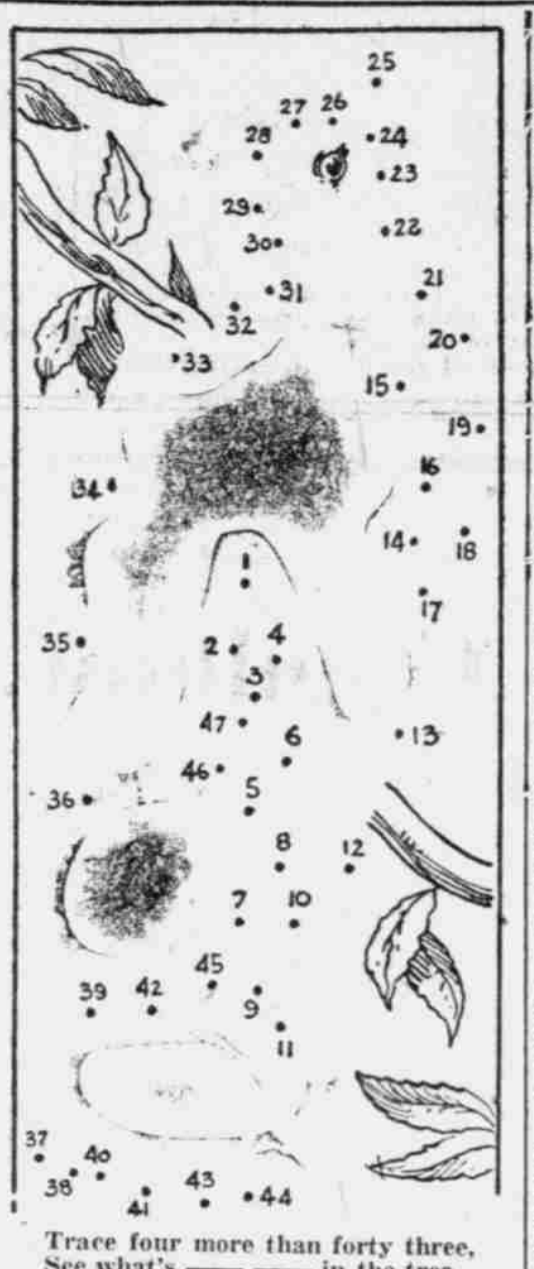
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edson gave a week-end party to a few friends and guests Saturday evening. Music was furnished by William Houghtaling on the violin. Mrs. G. F. Skillings accompanying on the piano. A very pleasant evening was spent and a dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. Jay Johnson gave a party to her little daughter, Margaret, Wednesday from 4 to 6 o'clock, being her seventh birthday anniversary. About 20 of her schoolmates were present. They were entertained with music and games. A luncheon of sandwiches, cake, including a birthday cake, and lemonade were served. Miss Margaret received a good number of remembrances from her friends and each one who attended the party was given a pretty souvenir. May-basket filled with different kinds of candy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Adams of Boston are visiting his mother, Mrs. Adams, at the home.

Mrs. W. L. White went Monday to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. Wiswall in Keene.

Raymond Dresser and Margaret Thom-



Trace four more than forty three. See what's in the tree. Draw from one to two and so on to the end.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

The funeral of Warren Miner, who died Wednesday, was held yesterday in Bond & Son's undertaking parlors. Rev. E. O. S. Osgood, pastor of the Unitarian church, officiated. The burial took place in the Miner lot in the West Halifax cemetery. The bearers were Warren L. Walker, A. D. Horton, Charles Miner of Brattleboro and Fred Miner of West Halifax. Mrs. Jennie Whitney of Conway, Mass., came to attend the funeral.

Brattleboro motorists will be interested in the following from the Keene Sentinel regarding the closing of roads in Cheshire county, New Hampshire: "Motors will do well to look out for applications of tar or asphaltic oils on state roads in the county beginning next week, according to Engineers Hastings and White. The west side road south will be in poor shape for well painted cars after Sunday in Swanzey, Winchester and Hinsdale. Work in Charlestown, Walpole and Alstead will follow about the 27th in Keene and Marlboro on the south side road about June 6 and in Dublin and Peterboro about June 8 or 9."

3,817 RUM ARRESTS IN NEW YORK.

Police Seize Over \$12,000,000 Worth of Liquor—Much of It Poison. NEW YORK, May 21.—Police Commissioner Enright said yesterday that the police had so far made 3,817 arrests for violations of the laws since April 1 and had confiscated liquor valued at \$12,000,000.

"And they have saved a great many lives in doing it," he said, "because a large part of the liquor that has been tested has been found to be poisonous." He asserted that three-quarters of the saloons which were doing business a month ago have closed up because of the rigorous enforcement of the law by the police. Regarding Attorney General Newton's opinion that the police have no right to stop and search automobiles, Commissioner Enright said that the police would be governed by court decisions only, not by opinions of law officers. He said they would continue to stop and search machines and to follow the present methods in all cases, until stopped by court decisions.

ADOPT TARIFF BILL REPORT. House Is Expected to Soon Follow Senate in Its Acceptance.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Another step toward enactment of the emergency tariff bill was taken yesterday with the adoption of the conference report by the senate without debate. The house is expected to act finally on the measure in the near future.

The vote on adoption of the conference report was 52 to 25. Five Democrats, Ashurst of Arizona, Broussard of Louisiana, Kendrick of Wyoming, Russell of Louisiana, and Sheppard of Texas, voted for the conference agreement, and one Republican, Moses of New Hampshire, voted with the majority of Democrats against the measure.

50 Years Ago

Happenings of May, 1871. Taken from the Files of The Phoenix

Our fire companies are out "squirting" several times a week lately, preparatory to parade day, Saturday, May 27, when they expect to "squirrel" a good deal.

The Grand Army boys are making preparations for observing Memorial day in an appropriate manner. The services promise to be of more than usual interest.

Bailey's circus and menagerie which exhibited here on Wednesday drew about the usual attendance, and, so far as we observed, was attended by less than the usual amount of drunkenness and rowdiness.

Sparks from a passing locomotive last Saturday set fire to 75 cords of wood belonging to the Connecticut River railroad, near the track below South Vernon, which were totally consumed. The rails for several rods were destroyed by the heat and new iron had to be laid before the trains could pass.

Peach and pear trees have been in blossom for a week or more and the apple trees are beginning to show their colors. The frosts which have recently visited this section do not seem to have done serious injury.

While T. L. Johnson of Guilford, with his one-horse team, was waiting at Eley's grist mill near the railroad crossing Tuesday afternoon, his horse was frightened by a passing freight train and ran back toward the track. Mr. Johnson sprang to the ground, but being unable to control his horse, his wagon was struck by the cars and hurled against a pile of railroad ties crushing it to atoms. Mr. Johnson received some bruises as did the horse which narrowly escaped being thrown under the train.

Rev. L. J. Matteson and wife have gone to Chicago to attend the Baptist anniversary, being instigated by their parishioners who presented them with a big roll of greenbacks for the purpose of defraying expenses. They will be absent two Sabbaths. The pulpit will be supplied next Sunday by Rev. S. S. White of Pondville.

We are glad to notice that the village authorities have begun the adoption of sanitary measures in the removal of the accumulated mass of half-decayed rubbish on the east bank of Main street in the rear of the stores. This bank has so long been a receptacle for all manner of uncleanness and yet become a first-class nuisance and yet home thorough work will be made of it.

The house of Rev. J. Chandler at West Brattleboro was entered on Thursday evening of last week while he and his wife were absent on an evening visit. By a combination known as the "Reading club" who proceeded to remove the furniture from the parlor, tear up the carpet and throw things into confusion generally. After carrying on at a high rate for something less than an hour they decamped. When the pastor and his wife arrived at their home at one o'clock what was their surprise to see the parlor floor covered with a new carpet, all fitted and tacked down

and the furniture standing in the accustomed places just as if nothing had happened. They haven't yet got over wondering how such a conspiracy against the peace and order of their household could have been carried through so successfully.

A shocking and fatal accident occurred on the 12th inst., to the six-year-old daughter of Judson Goddell of West Dover. She was spending the day with a neighbor, Mrs. Atwood, an aged lady, who gave her a lighted candle and asked her to bring some potatoes from the cellar. Hearing the little girl scream, Mrs. Atwood hastened to the cellar and found the child's clothing on fire. She attempted to put out the fire but with no effect. They were wholly consumed and the child so badly burned that she died in a few hours.

A little daughter of E. T. Corser of Dummerston fell into a tub of hot water and was badly scalded on May 8th, fatally it was at first feared, but now she is thought to be doing well.

Jamaica's faithful postmaster, James Daggett, is laid aside from active duty by a fall he sustained a few days since at his office. His infirmities brought on by his service in the Union army and the satisfaction he gives in the duties of his office have won for him the general regard and sympathy of the community.

Married—in Brattleboro, May 18, by Rev. N. Mighill, Mr. Albert E. Thurber and Emily Hapgood, both of Brattleboro.

Petersburg, Va., has a colored policeman.

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"THE BRANDING IRON," VITAL STORY OF MOUNTAIN GIRL

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The latest Goldwyn feature production, entitled "The Branding Iron," is a vital story of human desires, with a powerful love theme, enacted by an all star cast which includes Barbara Castleton, James Kirkwood, Sydney Ainsworth, John Carver, Richard Tucker and Albert Roscoe.

Under the masterful direction of Reginald Barker, who has been responsible for so many Goldwyn successes, this latest production will be presented to motion picture audiences throughout the world, with the assurance that it embodies only the best elements of the many necessary factors of successful motion picture production.

THE MOUNTAIN PRISON Joan is the daughter of a liquor-crazed trapper, who keeps her imprisoned in his dilapidated hut in the mountains of Wyoming, because he sees in the beautiful girl a striking resemblance to her unfaithful mother, whom he shot in a frenzy of jealousy twenty years prior.

One night Joan sees her opportunity to make a dash for freedom, and leaves the shack. In the foothills of the mountains, Joan takes refuge in a ranch house, where she meets Pierre, a handsome primitive type of man, who woos and marries her.

Pierre takes her to his lonely cabin, where they are both happy, until Joan's father discovers where she is, and comes to warn Pierre that his wife is so much like her mother that he may at any time expect to find Joan unfaithful.

BRANDED During the absence of Pierre, while he was on the range with the cattle, Hollivell, a young preacher, with a kindly interest in Joan, makes frequent visits to the cabin for the purpose of interesting the crude, little girl from the backwoods, in books. Joan delights in reading, and upon Pierre's return tells him of her bid for education. Pierre warns her not to see Hollivell again.

Joan innocently disobeys his command. Like a maddened animal Pierre ties her to the bed-post, and with a white hot iron, which he

boastfully said he used for cattle, brands her left shoulder, utterly deaf to her agonized screams, and blind to the horror she expresses.

SAVED Her cries are answered by a man who opens the door and shoots Pierre. The stranger advises her to come away with him, and in going to his bungalow, Joan faints from pain and exhaustion. Awakening she finds herself in a luxuriously appointed room, furnished in Oriental fashion.

HIS LOVE DEN Prosper Gael, a cynic and man of the world, her rescuer, and owner of the house, had furnished the bungalow for another woman who had decided not to leave her husband to live with Prosper. Although he refuses to marry her, Joan lives with Prosper and is overjoyed in her new surroundings. Believing of course that Pierre is dead, Prosper is kind to her, and encourages her to sing and play the piano, stimulates her desire to read, and makes a veritable paradise of his little bungalow for the girl who had missed all the finer things of life imprisoned in her mountain home.

THE TURNING POINT But her happiness was suddenly clouded. One morning a small grey envelope came for Prosper. The arrival of that envelope was the turning point in her life. It is the smaller things that always wrought the biggest changes. She could not read the letter. Prosper kept it, announcing that he was leaving her forever. Before leaving the house, he gives her a sum of money, which Joan disgustedly turns over to the Chinese servant.

HER DECISION Imprisoned by her father, the cruelty of her husband, the man who educated and cultivated her—all left their impressions on the character of Joan. What should she do? Where to turn to? From a distracting mass of conflicting desires she determines upon a course that will thrill with its very bravery. "The Branding Iron" comes to the Litchis theater, commencing Monday, May 23.—Adv.

WEST BRATTLEBORO

Miss Elizabeth Sargent, who has been at her home a week on account of illness, is out again.

Miss Evelyn Metcalf went Thursday evening to Springfield and Westfield, Mass., for a few days' stay.

Prof. L. A. Butterfield, who had been boarding at Purie Stockwell's, has taken an apartment in the Barber building.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard LaRose and family are moving from the Foster farm, which they have occupied two years, to the farm in Marlboro owned by Hubert Johnson of Brattleboro.

Miss Emmerette Weatherhead is moving to the Grant house, which she recently bought. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Houghton, who are now occupying part of the house, will move next week to the Greene house on Brook street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Stacy have sold their farm in this village to Jacob Laible of Freeport, Ill., who will move there. Mr. Stacy will move to the farm of Frank Richardson farm, where they will work for Mr. Richardson.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Unitarian church, Rev. E. O. S. Osgood pastor. Service in the parish house Sunday morning at 10.30. Subject of sermon, Waysides Shrines. All are welcome.

Advent Christian church, Rev. E. S. Hewitt pastor. Morning worship at 10.45. Subject As It Was So Shall It Be. Bible school at 12. Loyal Workers at 6 p. m. DeWesse P. DeWitt will address this meeting. Song service at 7.15, led by L. F. Colton. Evening service at 7.30. Subject, A Definite Purpose. Midweek prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30.

Swedish Lutheran church, Rev. Oscar Cassling pastor. Sunday services at 10.30 a. m. by Deacon E. Wennersten. Sunday school at 12. The pastor will preach in Schenectady and Pittsfield next Sunday. Luther League meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Friday, May 27, a musical program will be rendered at 8 p. m., followed by refreshments which will be served by the Ladies' Aid society. An admission fee will be charged. All are cordially invited to all services and meetings.

SOUTH VERNON.

R. C. Allen is building a garage.

George Rice of Suffield, Conn., was a weekend guest at E. P. Edson's.

A. A. Dunbar attended a Farm Bureau meeting in Burlington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tyler of Holyoke were guests of Mrs. Ella Beers last week.

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