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## GOOD YEAR FOR FARMERS

Products Reached Their Highest Value, \$6,415,000,000.

### CORN CROP HEADS THE LIST

Washington, Nov. 27.—"Wealth production on the farms of the United States in 1905 reached the highest amount ever attained in this or any other country—\$6,415,000,000."

In the first annual report of his third term, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson presents an array of figures and statements representing the products and profits of the farmers of the country, which he admits "dreams of wealth production can hardly equal."

Besides the enormous yield of wealth, the secretary estimates that the farms of the country have increased in value during the past five years to a present aggregate of \$6,133,000,000.

Analyzing the principal crops for the year, the secretary says that corn reached its highest production with 2,708,000,000 bushels, a gain of 42,000,000 over the next lowest year, 1899; hay is second in order of value, although cotton held second place during the two preceding years. The hay crop this year is valued at \$605,000,000. Cotton comes third, with a valuation of \$575,000,000; wheat, \$525,000,000; oats, \$282,000,000; potatoes, \$138,000,000; barley, \$58,000,000; tobacco, \$52,000,000; sugar cane and sugar beets, \$50,000,000; rice, \$13,200,000; dairy products, \$665,000,000, an increase of \$54,000,000 over last year.

"The farmer's hen," the secretary says, "is becoming a worthy companion to his cow. The annual production of eggs is now a score of billions. Poultry products have climbed to a place of more than a half billion dollars in value, so the farmer's hen competes with wheat for precedence."

There are more horses, and with a larger aggregate value than ever before, notwithstanding, as the secretary says, they were first threatened by the bicycle and later by the suburban trolley and the automobile. He estimates their value at \$1,200,000,000, or nearly as much as the corn crop, and the value of mules at \$252,000,000.

Although milk cows are increasing in number and value, the report states that other cattle and sheep have for several years been decreasing. There are 17,570,000 milk cows, valued at \$482,000,000. Other cattle are numbered at 43,669,000, with a value of \$462,000,000. Swine number 47,321,000, valued at \$283,255,000. In the aggregate, the value of farm animals has increased a few million dollars within the year, and since the census of 1900 has increased 9 per cent.

With this enormous production, the secretary says, the wants of 3,000,000 people have been supplied, with a remaining surplus constituting a generous contribution to other nations. The exported farm products during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, had a value of \$327,000,000.

### NINE KILLED AT EMPORIUM, PA.

Men Were Blown to Atoms by Explosion at Powder Plant.

Emporium, Pa., Nov. 28.—An explosion in the mixing house and one of the packing houses at the Keystone Powder Works destroyed the entire works, killed nine men and injured several others. The dead, James Joyce, John Butler, James Campbell, John Hamilton, Thomas Welsh, James Murphy, Frank Harrison, John Bosse and William Sprung. Four men were injured, one fatally.

The body of Sprung was the only one of the dead recovered. The top of his head and one leg were blown off. Searchers picked up the other bodies in small pieces. No damage was done in the town.

### MAY CHANGE INAUGURATION DAY

National Committee Suggests the Last Thursday of April.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The last Thursday of April was decided upon at the meeting of the national committee on the proposed change of inauguration day as the day to recommend to congress for future presidential inaugurations. It was decided that no action should be taken on proposing a new date for the assembling of congress. The vote was unanimous.

Must be Married Before 4 P. M. Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—Bishop Vandever, of the Catholic diocese of Richmond, has issued an injunction to the effect that "in future no marriages of Catholics shall be allowed to take place in the churches of the diocese later in the day than 4 p. m." It is said that the tendency toward display, crowding and frivolous talking at evening weddings is the cause of the order.

Oldest Woman in New York Dead. New York, Nov. 28.—Mary Jane Harris, 96, was the oldest woman in New York. She died at New Rochelle, N. Y., on Nov. 27. Her grandchild, a 100-year-old Indian, and a 100-year-old descendant of 1776, were present at her funeral. She was born in New York, and she leaves three sons and three daughters. The body will be taken to Virginia for burial.

Killed in Blinding Snow Storm. Lock Haven, Pa., Nov. 29.—Attempting to cross the Pennsylvania

railroad tracks here in a blinding snow storm, Lawrence E. Flaig, a prominent furniture manufacturer, was killed. He waited until a freight train going west had passed and then stepped in front of an east-bound express train.

## SAY FALL CAUSED DEATH OF BRANCH

Surgeons Who Conducted Autopsy on Dead Midshipman Testify.

### ALL ORGANS WERE NORMAL

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 29.—The autopsy held last Sunday on the body of the late Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., bore fruit at the session of the court martial which is trying Midshipman Minor Meriwether on charges inclusive of manslaughter in connection with the death of Midshipman Branch after a fist fight with Meriwether. The day's testimony was given chiefly by medical men who had been present at the autopsy, and bore upon the question whether the death of Midshipman Branch resulted from blows of his opponent's fists or from his head striking the floor of the room in which the fight was held, previous testimony having shown that Branch fell or was knocked down several times during the encounter.

Medical Director Howard E. Ames was not asked concerning the details of the autopsy. The cause of Branch's death, he said, was hemorrhage under the covering of the brain, which, he believed, both from what he saw during the operation and at the autopsy, had been caused by Branch's head coming in sharp contact with some hard substance, like a floor or a wall. "The injuries could not," Dr. Ames said, "have come from blows of the fist encased in punching-bag gloves unless Branch's head had been against some unyielding substance. The elasticity of the neck and of Meriwether's arm and knuckles would have made it impossible."

Surgeon E. D. Stokes, U. S. N., who is assisting the prosecution, cross-examined Dr. Ames and the other medical witnesses offered by the defense, particularly with regard to the evidence that there was paralysis of the left side of Branch's body, whereas they indicated that the probable injury was on the same side. In answer, witnesses said that Branch's case presented some very unusual features.

Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, of Washington, who is assisting the defense as medical adviser, and who saw the autopsy, was the last expert witness for the defense. He stated that he was present at the autopsy upon the body of Midshipman Branch. Death, he said, had been brought about by hemorrhage of the brain covering. There were at least three blood clots on the right side of the skull where it had been opened by the surgeon performing the operation. From what he saw during the autopsy the witness was satisfied that the fatal injuries were due to Branch's having hit his head against a hard, unyielding substance, such as a floor or wall, and could not have been due to the blows of fists encased in punching-bag gloves. All three blood clots that he saw could have been caused, the witness thought, by one blow of the head against the floor or wall. The spinal cord, heart, lungs and kidneys were found in normal condition, without evidence of previous ill-health in these organs.

The witness was asked if he knew of a case in which a fist blow had been the direct cause of a fracture of the skull. He answered that he did, but that the recipient of the blow had a skull a fourth thinner than the normal. Branch's skull, he said, was of average thickness and strength.

### SIXTEEN DEAD, THIRTY INJURED

Fire Adds to Horror of Wreck On Boston & Maine Road.

Lincoln, Mass., Nov. 27.—The most disastrous railroad wreck in this state for many years occurred at Bakers Bridge station, a mile and a half west of Lincoln, on the main line of the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine railroad. The regular Sunday night express for Montreal via the Montreal system crashed into the rear of a local train which started from Boston for points on the main line and the Marlboro road.

Sixteen persons were killed outright, burned to death or suffocated, and 30 or more were seriously injured. Many passengers sustained minor cuts, bruises and burns.

The impact was terrific, and instantly there was an indescribable scene of death and ruin. The leading locomotive telescoped the rear car of the Marlboro train and the second engine forced this mass against the third car of the local and completely wrecked it.

Fire added to the horrors, flames almost immediately communicating to the wreckage of the passenger coaches, and a number of passengers who had been pinned down by broken seats were incinerated. Some of them, however, had evidently been killed instantly.

### 17,000 at Work On Canal.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A report received here says the number of employees on construction work for the Panama canal now aggregates 17,000, about 4000 having been added to the force since the last report from the Isthmus. Of the 17,000 about 1500 are white Americans.

### W. S. LEIB OUSTED

Removed by President For Violating Civil Service Law.

Washington, Nov. 28.—President Roosevelt removed from office William S. Leib, assistant United States treasurer at Philadelphia, for "constant and persistent violation of the civil service law while in office." The removal was announced in a formal statement issued at the White House by the president.

### The Same Thought.

Naggsby—When a man and his wife think the same thoughts simultaneously it is a sign that they are exceedingly congenial.

Waggsby—So? Well, then, my wife and I are congenial, all right, for the other night, when she said that she wondered why I'd ever been such a fool as to marry her, I had been sitting there in silence for half an hour wondering over the same identical thing.—Trib-Bits.

### Forced Recluse.

Gunner—What in the world has he come of Rounder? I never see him out painting the town any more.

Guy—No; he had a streak of remorse and vowed he would remain in his home a month.

Gunner—Tut, tut! I have heard him say that before.

Guy—Yes; but he won't venture out this time. He let his wife cut his hair.—Chicago Daily News.

### Romance and Reality.

Jimson—The saddest part of city life is the fact that you frequently see faces that you long to know, yet never see again.

Billson—That's true; and the saddest thing about country life is the fact that you easily make the acquaintance of the owners of such faces, and then are bored half to death.—N. Y. Weekly.

### She Got the Coat.

Young Wife—Henry, there's a married man madly in love with me.

Jealous Husband—Good Heaven! Who is it?

"If I tell you, will you give me the new cloak I want?"

"Yes; that I will."

"Well, Henry, there's no need to get excited—it's yourself!"—Trib-Bits.

### He Goes Out.

"That's a pretty swell smoking jacket you've got on," said the caller.

"Smoking jacket?" replied Henpeck.

"Why, this is my house coat."

"Well, that's the same thing—"

"Well, I guess it isn't the same thing; not in this house. When I want to smoke I have to put on my overcoat."—Philadelphia Press.

### Restored to Reason.

Secretary Lunatic Asylum—Mrs. Sharp tongue was here to-day, and wanted her husband sent home and placed under her care.

Superintendent—Did you let him go?

"No. He said he would rather stay here."

"Hum! The man must be sane."—N. Y. Weekly.

### Strictly Practical.

"Geology is a wonderful study," remarked the enthusiast.

"I suppose so," answered Mr. Stryker. "But it always seemed kind of tantalizing to me to be told where coal is and how it comes there, instead of being told how to get the price of it."—Washington Star.

### The New Mamma.

A widower took his second wife home and introduced her to the children by saying: "This is your new mamma."

They looked at her critically, then

the youngest blurted out: "Is that the best you could do, papa?"—Trib-Bits.

### Even More Indignant.

"Doesn't it make you indignant to hear that pedestrian abusing automobiles?"

"No," answered the man with a desperate look in his eye. "He doesn't feel as strongly on the subject as I do. I own one."—Washington Star.

### Quite a Blow.

A stout man lived in Savannah. Was using a blood-red bandanna. In the hotel where he stood. Was a buff of bad mood.

And the blow was felt clear to Havana. —Judge.

### SO EASY.

Friend (below)—All you've got to do when I throw you the rope is to make it fast to that projection over your head and lower yourself down!—Punch.

Appropriate. Redd—What do you think would be an appropriate color for my new touring car?

Greene—Oh, some striking color—Yonkers Statesman.

### Of Course.

"Am I your little sweetheart?" she asked, lightly as she finished ironing his shirt.

"You are my bosom-friend," said he fondly.—Judge.

### Taking Advantage of His Epigram.

"It is always the unexpected which happens, you know."

"Well, I wasn't expecting you'd pay that ten dollars you owe me, but—"—Judge.

### A Re-Former.

"Indeed? I thought he was a corner manufacturer."

"That's what I meant!"—Town Topics.

### Would Be Better.

"This cheese is full of holes," complained the prospective purchaser.

"Yes, sir," said the proprietor.

"Haven't you got one with the holes full of cheese?"—Chicago Sun.

### Why She Hesitated.

"Can you not see by looking in my eyes what is in my heart? Then why do you hesitate?"

"I can read what you're going in your heart, but I can't read what you've got in the bank."—House.



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