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THE FARMER IS ACQUITTED

Not Responsible for Cost of Living.

Agriculturalist Gets Only a Meager Profit on Products.

The assumption is that the prices of cereals and other staple food products of the farm are now too high and have not yet been lowered. And that seems the universal opinion of city dwellers and of the city press. As a farmer I ask space for comment, writes W. I. Chamberlain in the Outlook.

First, as to the producer, the farmer. In Ohio he now gets, at shipping and milling points, 90 cents per bushel for wheat (60 pounds), 50 cents per bushel for shelled corn (55 pounds), and 30 to 35 cents per bushel for Irish potatoes (60 pounds). Here the farmer's responsibility for prices ends; and these prices are as low as these products can be grown at any profit with \$1.50 and board per day for unskilled farm labor, and other expenses in proportion. Apples are high because there is only a quarter crop for our whole area. Pork products are high because a very short corn crop some three years ago caused an abnormally large autumn marketing of hogs, including very many breeding sows, and the normal number and weight of marketable hogs has not been and could not be as yet produced; other meats are high for similar reasons. The point (and the fact) is that the farmer is not now on the average getting one cent above a living price for his products.

Second as to the village and city consumer. If he would buy the same goods and in the same way (quantities) that would pay little if any more. He could now, as then lay in for the winter ten bushels of potatoes from the farmer's wagon for \$3.50 to \$4, five bushels of apples for \$4 to \$5, two barrels of wheat flour for \$10 (from the mill or cash grocer), two hundred pounds corn meal for \$3 and so on for his winter's supply at wholesale. No, he does not buy thus. Three things chiefly make him as a rule, pay abnormal prices for goods in fancy packages; minute retail purchases with house delivery; the credit system with bad debts, which those who pay at all must also pay. One or more of these three enter into nearly every purchase. Does he buy good cornmeal at \$1.50 per hundred-weight cash? No, he must have prepared breakfast foods, cooked into paste, rolled into filmy sheets, and toasted to a popcorn flavor, done up in fancy packages, adorned with artistic pictures, and delivered (one pound) at his city house, three miles from the grocery, and he pays twelve cents per pound, 1,200 per cent. of what the farmer gets for the corn that made them! Does he buy flour, as of old and as he now can at \$5 per barrel of 196 pounds. No, the city man (woman) buys very little flour, wholesale or retail. His (her) prayer is: "Give us this day our daily bread—rolls, biscuits, crackers, wafers, fancy tidbits, what not—delivered at the door."

Yes, it saves work and we all hate and shun work but it increases the cost of living sometimes many fold. The city dweller yields most willingly to this modern luxury and rush and hatred of mental work which demand that everything be in small fancy packages, cuts, colors and salads, delivered daily ready for the table or as nearly as may be. All right let him do so—and foot the bills. But let him not blame the farmer for high prices. Prices of staple products as they leave the farmer's hands are not 1 cent too high for a reasonable profit to him, nor higher to the town consumer than formerly if he would only buy the same sort of things, in a large lot of minute way, and for spot cash.

Death of Mrs. Ellen Barnett.

Mrs. Ellen Barnett died at the home of her son-in-law Mr. John Lindley, near Livermore last Friday morning of disease incident to old age, being in her 81st year. She was born and reared at Noecreek, this county, a daughter of Henry Stevens and was married to Morris H. Barnett in the year 1851, a happy union which lasted twenty-two years, until his death in 1873. To them were born nine children all of whom have crossed the river except four. The survivors are Mr. S. T. Barnett, Hartford, Mrs. Mary Lindley, Mr. Simpson Barnett, Livermore and Mrs. Ora Stevens Colorado. The funeral services were conducted in an impressive manner at Noecreek M. E. Church of which she has been a consistent member from early childhood, last Sunday by Rev. Crain, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. The burial was at the Carson graveyard, her body being borne tenderly to its last resting place by the following pall bearers: B. S. Chamberlain, Thomas Stevens, W. N. Stevens, V. G. Barnett, A. M. Barnett and C. M. Barnett. The three first named being great nephews of the deceased and the three last direct nephews of her husband who had so long preceded her. She was the last of her family which was a large one and one of the most influential in Ohio county. Her husband's family, also years ago one of the most numerous are all gone with but very few descendants now left in the county. Such are the results of the ravages of time. She was a devoted Christian and much beloved by her relatives and friends. Peace to her ashes.

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CENTERTOWN BANK CLOSED BY BRUNER

Depositors And Stockholders Will Not Suffer Loss.

Citizens of Ohio County were greatly surprised and shocked on last Monday morning to learn that the Bank of Centertown had been closed, by order of Secretary of State, Ben L. Bruner. An examination by Lon Rogers, who holds some kind of position as examiner by appointment from the Kentucky State Bankers' Association, was made last week and he found that the bank was over loaned and that the president and one of the directors had borrowed much more than the amounts permitted by law to be loaned to officers of the bank. As soon as a meeting of the directors could be had these men proceeded to make good the amounts which were promptly secured by mortgages upon real estate of every conceivable nature owned by them, and while there is doubtless considerable bad paper in the bank it is believed that every dollar of the depositors is safe. In fact a little quiet work upon the part of the examiner would doubtless have brought about the perfect safety of the amount owing the bank, by these officers and within a few months time the money could have been secured and paid in and the bank could have been saved and continued as a valuable asset to our thriving little neighboring town. It is a very great pity that an attempt to do this was not made, instead of the flourish of trumpets and rush into print, which was indulged in by those in authority and which will have the effect to ruin the future prospects of this bank should an effort be made to reorganize. We believe it is as much the duty of officials who are charged with authority to look after these institutions, when they find bad conditions, to attempt to correct them secretly as it is to make any examination at all. However one good result will doubtless come from the sensational closing of this bank and that is a notice to officers of all other institutions of like character that they cannot absorb the funds over which they are for the time being guardians. Secretary Bruner in connection with an interview in the Louisville Times says: "I cannot be too emphatic in my statement that my Examiner has found the other banks that he has examined in this immediate community in excellent condition." The Bank of Hartford and the Beaver Dam Deposit Bank are the ones here referred to as being in such good condition.

OVERCOAT LOST—Lost, gray overcoat, on Hartford and Livermore road Tuesday afternoon, January 19, near Livermore, Ky. Return to William Schroeder, Olaton, Ky. 274.

Snapshots of Representatives Who Are Prominent For Various Reasons



Here are four representatives who attract considerable attention in Washington for widely different reasons. Cy Sulloway, known as "the Tall Pine of the Merrimac" around his home in New Hampshire, is the tallest man in congress. He towers to an amazing height, and he is also big mentally. Nicholas Longworth is usually pointed out as "Colonel Roosevelt's son-in-law," though he has other claims to distinction besides the fact that he married Alice Roosevelt when she was the White House belle. He is wealthy, represents an Ohio congressional district, and he is pretty busy as a politician and a lawyer. Frank Mellen Nye of Minnesota is a brother of Bill Nye, the genial humorist who made the world laugh for several years. Nye is an attorney of Minneapolis and has been in congress two terms. He has been county attorney at home, and he does not pose as a funny man. John Dalzell of Pittsburg has been in congress continuously since 1887 and has been a member of the important rules and ways and means committees for the last seven terms.

SHEEP SCABBIES BECOMING GENERAL

Entire State To Be Placed Under Quarantine.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 24.—Commissioner of Agriculture Rankin stated that the entire state of Kentucky is under quarantine by the United States department of agriculture on account of the prevalence of sheep scabbies, and that his disease is on the increase among the flocks of sheep throughout the state. The scabbies appeared in fifteen new counties in 1910 and is becoming general in a number of other counties.

Rankin says that the prevalence of this disease is seriously interfering with the Kentucky sheep industry and has practically ruined the stock sheep trade in several of the localities of the state that have been noted for their fine sheep.

The United States government has appointed an inspector to aid in eradication of the scabbies and to instruct the inspectors how to dip the sheep but the county officials appear indifferent where the disease is most prevalent. Rankin says that the Live Stock Sanitary board which was created to fight the disease, will upon take radical steps to lift the national quarantine unless the county officials become more active.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school next Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock Morning worship at 11 o'clock, theme of sermon, "The Abounding Church." Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 6 o'clock.

PAUL MORTON DIES IN NEW YORK HOTEL

President of Equitable Life Dies Without Regaining Consciousness.

New York, Jan. 22.—Paul Morton, President of the Equity Life Assurance Society and Secretary of the Navy under Theodore Roosevelt, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in the Hotel Seymour here Thursday night. His wife and his elder brother, Joy, were summoned to his side, but he was dead at a quarter to seven o'clock, a few minutes before they arrived, and an hour after he was stricken. His close friend, E. J. Berwind, arrived a few minutes earlier perhaps ten minutes before he breathed his last but he was unconscious from the moment of the stroke and neither recognized those about him nor spoke.

The coroner's office is satisfied that death resulted from natural causes and there will be no autopsy.

Mr. Morton himself had no idea that his life was in danger, but his family his physicians and a few close friends knew that his condition was precarious and that if he did not take care of himself grave results would follow.

Paul Morton was born in Detroit May 22, 1857. Most of his early life was spent at Arbor Lodge Nebraska City, the home of his father, J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture and appointed to that office by President Cleveland.

In 1878 Mr. Morton entered the Omaha office of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Omaha as a clerk in the land office. His rise in the railroad world was rapid, and

when he left the Burlington in 1890 he held the position of general freight and passenger agent of the system.

After six years connection with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and its subsidiary corporations he became vice president of the Santa Fe Railroad, which position he held until 1904, when he was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Roosevelt. He was made president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in 1905 and has held that position since.

Mr. Morton married Charlotte Goodridge, of Chicago in 1880.

I. O. O. F. Hall Burned.

Madison, Ind., Jan. 22.—The upsetting of a gasoline stove while a dance being given by the Madison Social Club was in progress, resulted in a fire in the Odd Fellows Hall here, it being burned to the ground and caused a loss estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

For a time the toppling of walls of the doomed building appeared about to fall against the building occupied by the Madison Deposit Bank, but the timely use of blasts brought the walls down without attendant harm.

The lodge rooms in which the dance was being given were on the third floor. The second floor was used as a gymnasium and the first floor was occupied by the Western Union Telegraph office and a number of physicians offices. The building was owned jointly by Morris Lodge No. 2, and Madison Lodge No. 72, I. O. O. F. and was built thirty years ago. The insurance amounts to about \$5,000.

OHIO COUNTY BANK ASSIGNS

Depositors will Be Paid. Loss if Any Will Fall on Stockholders.

Late Wednesday evening the Ohio County Bank by order of its directors assigned for the benefit of its creditors to A. E. Pace, of Hartford, Ky. It is thought that the bank's condition will warrant the statement that all the creditors will receive dollar for dollar on the bank's indebtedness. As yet the assignee has not had the opportunity to make up a detailed statement of the bank's assets and to receive thorough advice as to the value of same. The assets however, are considerably in excess of the debts, much of which consists of valuable real estate which has been taken on for debts and otherwise acquired by the bank. The assignment for the purpose indicated has created very little, if any, excitement about the community, because the depositors have always and now have implicit confidence in the bank's president, who has heretofore practiced the plan of taking from his individual property to protect any impairment of the bank's capital stock, instead of employing that other custom so frequently resorted to wherein bank officers have been accused of taking from banks for the benefit of their individual account. There will be some loss by the liquidation of the bank but practically all of this loss will fall upon the bank's president and the directors with whom he is associated. While the failure of crops for the past two years and the consequent scarcity of money in the vicinity has had much to do with closing the doors of this bank, the persistent ill health of its president has also rendered the step necessary for the welfare of all parties concerned.

Visits of The Stork.

Mr. Mrs. Joe H. Ford, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey, a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Autry, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nall, a boy.

Ohio County Wins Tax Suit.

The Court of Appeals has decided a suit in which Ohio county has been seeking to recover the sum of \$1,804.77 taxes from the C. & O. and Southern R. R. Co., now the I. C., since 1903. The case was once reversed by the Court of Appeals in favor of the R. R. Co. Later the Circuit Court decided against the County and now this judgment is reversed and the amount about \$2,000, must be paid. The tax is for years 1896-97, and the question finally hinged on whether or not the Fiscal Court could amend its tax levy.

REPUBLICANS WILL WIN BY 25,000

In State Declares Democratic Editor at Murray, Ky.

Rakes Democratic Executive Committee's pet Garden, Finding Pirates, Grafters and Cat's Paw.

Panama, Ky., Jan. 24.—Close on the heels of a statement by a close personal friend of John K. Hendrix that he will not continue in the race for Governor, the Calloway Gazette, of Murray, which has been an ardent supporter of Hendrix, declares the proposed State primary is a brace game and "grafters have the Democratic party in Kentucky by the throat." It declares the Republican State ticket will be elected by 25,000 majority.

Hendrix's friend says while reports from over the State indicate he would have the strongest support of any candidate by the voters of the party, he would stand no chance to win. Hendrix declined to confirm or deny the statement saying he will announce his final determination in a week.

He admitted he has been urged again and again to make the race for Attorney General. The failure to call a Senatorial primary has been a hard strain on the loyalty of the Gibraltar district Democrats, who are strong for Ollie James.

The Calloway Gazette said editorially:

"The rough riders composing the Democratic State Executive Committee apparently think they are playing hell with all the candidates for State officers who are not on this committee slate. We have lost interest in the matter because, as sure as gun is iron, the next State officers of Kentucky will all be Republican."

"This talk of 'patriotic primary' makes people weary. Every man, with sense enough to hit the ground with his hat, knows that it is a brace game and that the cards are all stacked by this detestable gang. Most everybody we meet says they will vote the straight Republican ticket, because the road agents and grafters have the Democratic party of Kentucky by the throat."

"Of course, there is no hope for that as they have Ollie James on the tobogan, and if a man of his ability and love of country can't get a fair deal from this gang then there is no hope for anybody else. The wonder of all is that a man like McNary will allow himself to become the cat's paw of a gang of political thieves and pirates, but the people will have their say in November. If the Republicans put up a decent ticket it will be elected by 25,000 majority."

Among the Lodges.

The Order of Red Men held a call meeting last Monday morning and appointed a committee to draft resolutions concerning the death of Filmore King, and also sent delegates to attend his funeral at Owensboro, Tuesday.

Rough River Lodge No. 110 Knights of Pythias held a regular meeting Tuesday evening with a good attendance. The lodge enjoyed a good short talk from Knight J. W. Bruner. Knights J. R. Pirtle, James H. Williams and J. W. Bruner were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sympathy of the members of this lodge for Knight S. T. Barnett in the death of his mother.

Good Financial Report.

J. E. Bean Treasurer of the Hartford Methodist Sunday School has submitted his report for the past year. It shows a very healthy and creditable condition for the school.

Cash on hand from last report	\$44.86
Collected First Quarter	39.75
Second Quarter	37.32
Third Quarter	28.29
Fourth Quarter	37.70
Home Department	11.67
Fifth Sunday Collections	14.32
Amount Collected Children's Day	10.00
Total	\$224.11
Total paid out	\$128.95
Balance on hand	\$95.04