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All Eyes on the Farmer.

The eyes of the business world are upon the farmer and his crops. The department of his Agriculture has two different groups of men reporting on crop conditions from week to week and month to month, in addition to the experts in the various states giving their independent views as to the condition. Every principal railroad requires reports from its station agents along the entire line. The grain trade associations have also their reporters giving weekly or monthly estimates of the crops. The daily reports from the growing crops have a marked influence on the rise and fall of stocks in Wall Street. The great manufacturing trusts enlarge or decrease their operations as favorable or adverse reports of the growing crops are received.

All this gives eloquent and emphatic testimony to the fact that after all agriculture lies at the basis of our prosperity. With large crops in sight railroads see the opportunity to utilize all their cars and if necessary ordering more. With large crops manufacturers at once see the necessity of enlarging their operations and giving employment to labor.

This has always been the case but the anxiety with reference to the farmers' crop is more intense this year because manufacturers and traders believe and justly that it depends upon the farmer to restore prosperity or in other words to put an end to this period of depression. Naturally, therefore, there will be a tendency to overestimate the crops this year, because in making reports and estimates usually "the wish is father to the thought." The danger of overestimation is minimized by the fact that comparisons are made with crops grown the previous year, which have also been overestimated.

It is now possible to make a fairly accurate estimate of the crops of the present year with the exception of corn and cotton. There is no danger of the people of the United States starving this year and in view of present conditions there is no good reason why mills should be idle or

cars stand empty in the yards for many weeks longer. It would not surprise us if within ninety days we should hear complaints of scarcity of cars and blockade of elevators.—Wallaces Farmer.

Meeting of the Missouri Lutheran Synod.

At Augustine church, beginning with Thursday of last week the Missouri Lutheran church held its yearly conference. About seventeen ministers were present, representing churches in several states besides North Carolina. On Sunday morning Prof. Romoser, of Conover preached the sermon preparatory to Holy Communion. After communion services, dinner was served on a long table set out in the grove. As this is Catawba county, it is needless to say that it was excellently prepared and well served. In the afternoon mission services were held and talks were made by Rev. Rogers of Pennsylvania and others. There was a large attendance and seating accommodations of the church were insufficient for the crowd, benches being brought from outside and chairs placed in the aisles. The Democrat is informed that it was quite a representative crowd of ministers who attended this Conference and that the sermons were able discourses, much above the average on such occasions.

A TRAVELING MAN'S EXPERIENCE

"I must tell you my experience on an East bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to LeGrande, Ore., writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, "There is a woman sick unto death in the car. I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic; her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a deathlike look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suit case and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it,) ran to the water tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in twenty minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train I give the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For Sale by W. S. Martin & Co.

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