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IMMENSE YIELD OF FARMS FOR 1909

IT IS THE MOST PROSPEROUS OF ALL YEARS.

Total Value \$8, 760,000,000. An increase of \$869,000,000 Over Preceding Year—Secretary Wilson Pictures Results of Farm Work for the Year in Most Glowing Terms—Secretary Gives Some Unique Results of Investigations as to Beef and Pork.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—In glowing terms Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, in his annual report pictures the results of the farmers work for the year ending June 30 last. "Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture," is the way the secretary puts it. The value of farm products was \$8,760,000,000, a gain of \$869,000,000 over the preceding year.

Of great popular interest are the results of a unique investigation conducted by the department which shows that in fifty cities the total retail cost charged to consumers for beef above the actual cost paid by the retailers averaged 33 per cent. The lower the grade of beef, the greater was the percentage of gross profit.

In the upward movement of beef prices the farms, the report says, has not shared equally with the packer, wholesaler and retailer, but as to hogs the case is different, the farmer receiving nearly his fair share of the higher prices of pork in the increased price of his unfed hogs.

Secretary Wilson notes a great forward movement in enforcing the food and drug acts, the willingness of manufacturers to comply with the laws and to co-operate with the department, making its work largely educational.

EIGHT MEN ARE ENTOMBED.

Seventy-two Escape When Copper Mine Catches Fire.

Bucktown, Tenn., Nov. 30.—Eight men are entombed in the Loudon copper mine, of the Tennessee Copper Company, near here. Fire in the breaker and shaft house resulted in a cave-in. Seventy-two men made their escape. The mine is 600 feet deep, and the men entombed are near the bottom.

FOR CLEVELAND MONUMENT.

He Was Embodiment of Public Spirit and Integrity, Says Goldwin Smith.

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Writing in the current number of The Cornell Era, Goldwin Smith, the historian, says of Grover Cleveland:

"It is pleasant to all that a monument is to be erected to the memory of Grover Cleveland. For glory won by dazzling achievements homage is always easily obtained, but that which claims our homage in the case of Grover Cleveland is public duty, with nothing dazzling about it, precisely, faithfully, and, despite all opposition and detraction, unwaveringly performed.

"Some years ago I was at Princeton for the reopening of the university. The ceremony was followed by a public meeting in a large hall filled by an audience partly academic, but principally general, to hear an address on general politics from Grover Cleveland. The address was written; it was wise rather than striking; not well delivered. But the feeling of the meeting for the man could not be mistaken. Heart-felt homage was evidently being paid to one regarded as an embodiment of public spirit, integrity, and wisdom. There could not be happier omen for the State."

HILL SEES CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Says Margin Between Food Production and Consumption is Narrow.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 26.—While not entirely agreeing with the recent statement issued by Bradstreet's, which intimates that the consumption of food products in this country has caught up with production,

James J. Hill says that the point has been nearly reached, and that we are so close to it that there is reason for alarm.

"It is a matter which should be seriously considered," said Mr. Hill today. "Our present balance of trade is an indication that the margin between our production and consumption is becoming narrower. A comparison of the figures of ten years ago and those of today shows that our enormous balance of that time has dwindled away. We are not exporting foodstuffs as we were. We are consuming them ourselves. "The increase in price this year over last year is a matter of supply and demand."

AT 81 ELOPES WITH BRIDE

First Marriage of Illinois Farmer—His Wife is 82.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—After scorning the wiles of Cupid eighty-one years, William Tursk's heart finally was pierced, and now he is living happily with a bride aged 82 on his little farm on the outskirts of Evanston.

A romance which dates back for years came to a climax when Tursk and Mrs. Caroline Weese eloped to Chicago a week ago and were quietly married. Mrs. Weese's first husband died on Thanksgiving Day, 1908, and shortly after Tursk's sister, with whom he had been living many years, died.

Tursk and Mrs. Weese had been acquainted for years, and a short time ago decided they would be happier if they became life companions and the plan was carried out.

William Jacobs, his wife, and four children, while riding in their automobile in Los Angeles, were run into by a trolley car and instantly killed last week.

WRECK ON COAST LINE

ENGINE RUNS IN OPEN SWITCH AND TURNS OVER.

Local Passenger Train Smashed Up Entering Petersburg Tuesday. Engineer Killed and Fireman Was Injured.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 30.—Just as local passenger train No. 34, which runs between Richmond, Va., and Rocky Mount, N. C., entered this city, northbound, about noon today, on a down grade at the Mt. Airy yards, it ran into an open switch and the locomotive and tender were wrecked and rendered a mass of twisted rods and scrap iron. The engine was overturned, after running a distance of over a hundred yards on a side track.

The engineer, J. W. McAllister, of Manchester, Va., who stuck to his post, was instantly killed, being caught under the engine, and the negro fireman, who was slightly injured, escaped death by jumping from the cab. Mail Clerk H. N. Craven, of Washington, D. C., suffers with a sprained back. A wrecking party soon opened the track to traffic.

The passenger cars all remained on the main line, and none of the passengers, though severely shocked, were injured. The train was in charge of Conductor John Cotton. The coroner held an inquest.

GENERAL NEWS.

At Niagara Falls, Thursday of last week, Orrin Watson was killed, and Louis Boore badly injured in an automobile accident.

Patrick Short, a contractor of Luckahoe, N. Y., died suddenly Thanksgiving Day while attending Thanksgiving Mass. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

Donald Geiselman, 17 years old accidentally shot and killed his father near Wooster, Ohio, last week. The son fired at a bird and the load struck the father.

Mrs. Bessie Speck-Williams-Larum, aged 19, was prevented from a third marriage on Thanksgiving Day by the court. The would be husband applied to the same court for license that had just the Monday before granted Mrs. Larum a divorce. The court decided to make further investigations regarding the divorce.

NO AMENDMENT IN ALABAMA

DECLINES TO PUT PROHIBITION IN STATE CONSTITUTION.

Majority Estimated at 20,000. Election is Considered Rebuke to Extreme Temperance Forces and the Present State Administration. "Wets" are Encouraged, and Will Seek the Next Legislature.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 29.—Although Alabama is "dry" by legislative enactment, the people of this State today defeated the prohibition constitutional amendment by 20,000 majority. The majorities are pronounced in almost every county except six of the sixty-seven. The counties voting for the amendment returned small majorities for it.

It is now believed that an energetic campaign will be waged by the "wets" to capture the next legislature in an effort to repeal the law making the State "dry."

The majority of 20,000 out of a vote of 100,000 today is overwhelming and repudiates the administration of Gov. B. B. Comer and tears down his right hand man, Judge S. D. Weakly, who is making the race for governor as an amendment-comer man, and has cast his whole political career upon the success of the amendment. Author of the drastic prohibition law at the latest extra session, the judge had become noted as the most extreme anti-liquor leader in the South.

Gov. Comer has gone from one end of the State to the other urging the adoption of the proposition as an endorsement of his administration and went so far as to say that all who go against the amendment are deserters of his cause and cowardly skunks.

HARNETT FIRST THIS YEAR.

Johnston a Close Second in Settling Taxes With the State.

Yesterday afternoon Sheriff J. B. Lanier, of Harnett county, paid into the state treasury the sum of \$10,743.10, thereby gaining the coveted honor of being the first sheriff in the state to pay up.

Bright and early this morning X-Sheriff R. M. Nowell, of Johnston, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff A. M. Sanders, arrived here with \$20,743.54 to settle up his taxes, but was just a little too late to carry off the honors this year.

It is said that this is the second time in 20 years that Johnston has failed to be first, the other time the Johnston sheriff lost by a few yards, Vance's sheriff being less than a minute ahead of him.

The year ends on November 30, and Sheriff Lanier arrived here that day. Sheriff Nowell says he had to stay in his office yesterday and could not get here until this morning.

Both of these sheriffs are most excellent officers and good collectors, and it was a case of nip-and-tuck as to which would get here first.—Raleigh Times, Dec. 1.

PATTI'S \$4,000,000 VOICE.

Has Earned That Sum Since Her Operatic Debut, Fifty Years ago.

London, Nov. 27.—Adelina Patti this week celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her debut as an operatic singer at the New York Academy of Music, November 24, 1859, when she appeared as Lucia. She was then under 17, but had made a public appearance on the concert platform nine years before.

In the years of Patti's operatic debut Strakosch paid her \$100 a week. At her first operatic appearance in London in 1861 she received \$750 a month. Previous to her first marriage in 1869 her earnings never exceeded \$600 a night, but later, when Mme. Nilsson was engaged for \$1,000 Patti got \$1,050.

Although these prices cut a small figure in comparison with those the song birds receive at the Metropolitan and Manhattan, it is calculated that Patti's voice has earned her about \$4,000,000.

Twenty thousand switchmen are on a strike in the Northwest.

LAW MAKERS GETTING READY

THE SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS TO MEET MONDAY.

First Winter Session of the Taft Administration Promises to be Unusually Active. Forecast of Legislation and Important Appointments.

The congress that meets Monday, December 6, next will be the first regular session of the Sixty-first congress. The session that met Monday, March 15, was a special one, called by President Taft to consider the tariff.

The session will be unusually active if it undertakes to carry out the expectations of the president, who returned from the record presidential jaunt November 10. Some of the things outlined by him are the following:

Of first consideration are the conservation of the country's resources and the recalculation of arid lands. The president was evidently impressed in his journey with the earnestness of the west on these propositions.

He will recommend that the government shall reserve some control on the water power sites and the coal lands and phosphates of the country in order that they may not come into the control of any one corporation.

He will ask for legislation for a more rigid enforcement of the anti-trust law that it may be more effective.

He will also ask an amendment to the interstate commerce law in order to give the interstate tribunal more power to prevent the delays which are now incident to appeals to the courts. To do this he will suggest the creation of a special court and have a court that will be charged with the knowledge and practice in regard to railroads, so that whatever comes up may be promptly disposed of.

He will strongly favor a postal savings bank. He hopes that the monetary commission in its report may point out some steps to reform what he regards as nothing but patchwork in that respect. He will recommend an improvement of the legal procedure of the country so as to make it, both in criminal and civil cases, more simple, more rapid and less expensive. To this end he will recommend to congress the appointment of a commission to take up this subject with respect to the federal procedure, and if by the federal procedure satisfactory results are achieved it will form a model for the states.

What other matters may be recommended remains to be seen, but those mentioned are full of live interest, and some of them will bring the two wings of the president's party face to face. While President Taft is of a sunny and optimistic temperament, he is an everlasting worker and will doubtless show that he can be as vigilant as was the late President Cleveland.

In addition to recommendations to congress, President Taft will have other important matters to consider. Appointments that concern the country are to be considered very soon, but it is intimated that they will not be made before the new year. A minister to China will probably come first, growing out of the recall of Charles R. Crane. A successor to the late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Rufus Wheeler Peckham is to be selected. In all probability an ambassador to the court of St. James will be named before long to succeed Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. An assistant secretary in the department of commerce and labor is to be named.

The Republican majority in the senate will be reduced by one on account of the appointment of Fountain L. Thompson of North Dakota to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Martin L. Johnson, which occurred after the adjournment of the special session. Johnson was a Republican. Thompson is a Democrat. His appointment to fill the vacancy was made November 19 by Governor Burke, who is a Democrat. Thompson is one of the leaders of

his party in his state, but his office-holding has been confined to country offices. In the lower house a new representative will take the place of William Lorimer of Chicago, who was elected United States senator last spring by the Illinois legislature. However, the Republicans will continue to have a majority in both branches.

Practically a new face in the lower house will be James H. Cassidy, elected last April to succeed Theodore E. Burton, who was elected United States senator from Ohio last winter. Burton had represented the district in Ohio comprised of the city of Cleveland. Cassidy was elected to succeed him last April. He was present during a part of the special session and had the distinction of being the youngest representative. The re-election of Speaker Cannon at the beginning of the special session does away with an exciting and interesting event that usually comes before the lower house of a new congress.

The new executive offices will be the most spacious yet provided for a chief magistrate of the United States. Since August workmen have been adding to the old executive offices of the White House proper. The new additions is built over the old Roosevelt tennis court. The court lay just outside of the old presidential offices, and it was there that President Roosevelt and his so-called "tennis cabinet," composed of the younger members of the administration, took their exercise. The cost of the new offices, combined with the cost of the officers erected during the administration of President Roosevelt, will represent an actual outlay of about \$100,000, exclusive of the cost of tearing down the old building preparatory to erecting the new addition.—Washington Herald.

GREATEST OF PAYMENTS

\$25,000 TO HEIRS OF HON. W. A. STEWART.

This For Death of Prominent Attorney Who Was Killed by Atlantic Coast Line Train as He Was on His Way From His Office to His Home.

The heirs of Hon. W. A. Stewart, of Dunn, who was killed by the movement on an Atlantic Coast Line freight train, are to receive \$25,000, and there is to be no appeal by the Coast Line people.

The case asking for damages against the Atlantic Coast Line for the death of Stewart was tried last week at Lillington, in Harnett county. Damages to the amount of \$75,000 were asked, and the verdict of the jury gave \$25,320.

Since that trial there has been a conference between the railroad people and the counsel for the heirs of Mr. Stewart. At this it was agreed that there would be paid \$25,000 as damages, a consideration being that this be in cash, and that there would be no appeal. The money is to be paid over to the administrators of Mr. W. A. Stewart.

The judgment is the largest recorded in the history of railroad deaths. Mr. Stewart, while on his way home from his office late one afternoon, was kept at the railroad crossing by the blocking of cars. While he awaited the clearing of the track, standing by a box car on a side track, an engine struck the string of cars, Mr. Stewart being struck by the end car and instantly killed.

The judgment of \$25,320 and the payment of \$25,000 is the largest amount ever received in this State because of a railway accident. Mr. Stewart was ranking among the leading attorneys of the State and on the evidence to the jury his heirs were awarded \$25,320. The \$25,000 agreed upon by the counsel in the case was that this amount be paid in cash. This ends the appeal in the case. Mr. Stewart stood high among the attorneys of the State, his death causing a shock. With the agreement of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway to pay \$25,000 in damages the case ends. Mr. Stewart was well known in the political life of the State and his death caused much regret.—News and Observer Sunday.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER SOUTHWEST

OVER SIX INCHES OF SNOW IN TEXAS PAN HANDLE.

Kansas and Oklahoma Suffer Heavily.—Snow Blockades Trains—Many Wires are Down. Two Days of Snow, Rain and Sleet Doing Considerable Damage.

Woodward, Okla., Nov. 29.—Communication with Guyton, Beaver and other towns of the Pan Handle of Oklahoma has been lost and the extent of today's storm cannot be learned. Dispatches from Amarillo say that six inches of snow fell over the Pan Handle of Texas today and that a blizzard is raging which will cause great loss of livestock if it continues.

A Rock Island train is reported snowbound in Northwestern Oklahoma, but this cannot be confirmed. Rain has been falling throughout that section for twelve hours. The temperature is rapidly falling in Woodward tonight.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 29.—Over a thousand telegraph poles and several miles of telegraph wires are down on the western Kansas division of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroads as the result of the rain, sleet and snowstorm which began Saturday and lasted over today. The storm was abating today. Snow and sleet were confined to the western part of the State, but rain was general over Kansas. All trains from the West are delayed.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 29.—Trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, bound for El Paso, are reported snowbound near the Oklahoma State line. Heavy snow also has fallen at Dawson and Duran, New Mexico, and the temperature has dropped perceptibly at El Paso, with promise of snow.

Pueblo, Col., Nov. 29.—Almost every train from the East was late today on account of heavy snow in Western Kansas last night.

GREAT 25-STORY BUILDING.

Big Structure to House All New York City Departments.

New York, Nov. 29.—Plans for the \$7,500,000 25-story municipal building were approved by the board of estimate today and contracts for the work will be let within a few days.

This great structure, which will house most of the city department, will be erected near the Brooklyn Bridge and will have 650,000 feet of floor space. It will be 550 feet high.

GOV. GLENN BOOSTS HARMON.

Former Governor of North Carolina Advocates the Governor of Ohio as Presidential Timber.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 28.—Former Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina made two addresses here today in behalf of the home mission work of the Southern Presbyterian Church and of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. In an interview he said with regard to political situation: "Judson Harmon, Governor of Ohio, will be the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party, in my judgment. Everywhere I have been in my tour of the country I have found Harmon as the leading candidate in public and party opinion.

"I am of the opinion that the South should demand that the next vice presidential candidate of the Democratic party be a Southern man. We do the voting and we ought to be represented on the ticket.

"The war is over, and the people of the North, I believe, will support a Southern man as readily as any other."

ESTATE WORTH \$149,000,000.

Final Appraisal of E. H. Harriman Holdings Completed by Court.

New York, Nov. 30.—The final appraisal of the estate of the late E. H. Harriman, as completed in Orange county today puts it at \$149,000,000.

The estate is made up of railroad stocks and bonds, principally Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, and real estate.