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Headline asks if bank presidents are politicians. Of course not; they don't have to be.

The blizzard oughtn't to come. We had been led to expect no cold weather this winter.

Don't be too hard on President Taft. Even Lincoln didn't make good the first few months.

Congress, not having Mr. Roosevelt on its hands, ought to have an unusually quiet, easy session.

It is most agreeable to reflect that the drama will lose neither Jeffries nor Johnson until next July.

The King of England has consented to dissolve Parliament. Ought to import him when Congress meets.

In England the Peers and Commons are addressing their constituents. Here they would be taking the stomp.

Walsh and Morse may now reflect, at this timely season, on the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Railroad president has been indicted for rebating. If this keeps up, it will be possible in time to convict a man for murder.

The prevailing styles of garments after Sunday, if the weather hereafter may be trusted, will tend to furs and heavy goods.

The Jeffries-Johnson bout having been settled, there's no reason why prosperity shouldn't return with normal business conditions.

With proceedings begun or contemplated against Standard Oil, the cotton exchange, the sugar trust, and others, Uncle Sam will be kept busy.

"Has a woman the right to administer an oath?" a headline asks. There are times when the provocation to give vent to one is strong, if not ladylike.

We don't know much about the dramatic version of "The Servant in the House," but the impression is that the servant herself has things pretty much her own way.

The transport prairie, with men and arms for Nicaragua, got stuck in the mud near Philadelphia. Couldn't blame the transport, considering the influence of the vicinity.

Every person in America would have \$34.98 if the money in circulation on December 1 were equally divided. For our part we'll accept \$4.98 and let Rockefeller keep the rest.

Report has it that Gorky has been bounced by the Socialists because he has become too prosperous. It is hard luck that a man can't drink champagne just because he is a bit unconventional.

Richard Parr, the man who has been behind the sugar trust frauds, has been in evidence before the sugar trust investigation more than any other man who has been entangled within this spider's web of evidence.

He took the stand on Thursday afternoon and gave some very valuable evidence. He exposed all the hollow mockery of the weighing devices which have been adopted since that time.

The truth of the matter is that the American Sugar Refining Company, has been guilty during the past few years of the most unblushing frauds ever committed on a free people. They have not hesitated to stoop to the part of an ordinary petty thief, and they have taken advantage of the best impulses of their friends and well-wishers to make their fate better than otherwise it would have been.

The most disgraceful scandal of which this country has ever been made aware was the sugar scandals, and it is high time that somebody who was in authority was brought to account.

But it cannot go on this way always. We want a show-down. We want the sugar trust to disgorge all the ill-gotten gains it has acquired for its these several months.

It takes a woman to love a man without being able to admire him.

THE FARMER FEED SALL.

When we consider that the sun and soil of the United States have produced for the American farmer seventy billions of dollars during a period of eleven years, and that the year just closed has been the most prosperous in the agricultural history of the country, we may well take a pride in the natural resources of this country and look forward with confidence to the future.

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, has just made public his annual report which shows the foregoing facts, together with a number of details which are of great interest.

Glancing first at that part of the report which is of the greatest interest in the South, attention may be called to his statement that no cotton crop since that of 1873 has been sold by the farmers of the South for as high a price per pound as this one. The secretary points out that with cotton selling, on November 7, at 12 1/2 cents per pound and cotton seed selling for twenty-five dollars a ton, the present crop should be worth at least eight hundred and fifty million dollars.

This is a cheering note in that Department of Agriculture in which we are most deeply interested.

But it is the corn crop which yields the largest sum of money, and it has now attained proportions which are literally colossal. One billion seven hundred and twenty millions is the amount of money which the corn crop of 1909 will yield. The secretary, who has a graphic way of placing facts before his readers, tells us that this amount nearly equals the value of the clothing and the articles of personal adornment worn by seventy-six millions of people, according to the census of 1900. It is equal to the entire value of all the gold, silver and bullion in the country; it is fifteen millions a day, during a period of one hundred and twenty days, grown from the soil of the country—enough to buy every day two new battleships of the Dreadnought type.

It is, however, the round numbers of the period of eleven years which are most impressive, though even these it is impossible to grasp in all their significance. The value of our agricultural products has increased from less than four billions and a half, eleven years ago, to more than eight billions and three-quarters for the present year. This sum has enabled the farmer to pay off his mortgage; it has aided in the establishment of new banks; it has helped the farmer to improve the quality of the soil.

The Western farmer has not been able to secure the due proportion in the increased price of beef which should go to him, for it is shown as the result of inquiries in fifty representative cities that the retailer has been making a profit of thirty-eight per cent, on an average, on his beef.

But while in the matter of beef production the farmer has not shared equally with the wholesale and retail dealer and the packer, he has come nearer getting his fair share of the increase in the price of hog products, which is another striking illustration of the necessity for the farmer of the South to turn their attention to the raising of hogs.

The year is rapidly drawing to a close, and the different lines of agriculture and industry will be taking an inventory. The iron and steel industry, the textile industry, the output of the mines and the lumbering industry will all show great improvements, and in most instances it is a foregone conclusion that a record will have been made.

But it is safe to say that in none of them will there be such a record as in the agricultural products of the country, which show an excess over last year of eight hundred and sixty-nine million dollars.

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