

REPORT TELLS OF NEEDS OF FARMER

SITUATION AS SEEN BY COMMISSION ON COUNTRY LIFE.

DEFICIENCIES POINTED OUT

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Washington.—The report of the commission on country life, made to the president, was read in both houses of congress.

Most Prominent Deficiencies. Yet it is true, notwithstanding all this progress as measured by historical standards, that agriculture is not commercially as profitable as it is entitled to be.

Lack of good training for country life in the schools. The widespread, continuing depletion of soils, with the injurious effect on rural life.

Nature of the Remedies. Some of the remedies lie with the national government, some of them with the states and communities in their corporate capacities.

Recommendations of the Commission. The commission recommends all the correctives that have been mentioned under the head of "The nature of the remedies."

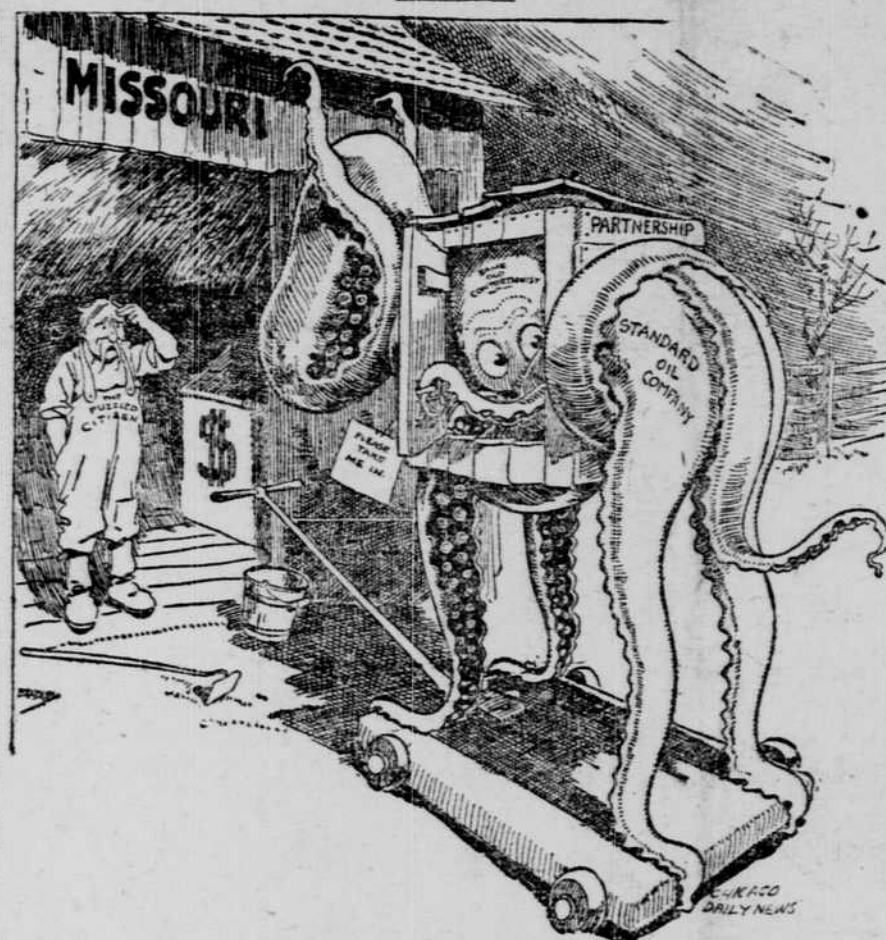
Attack Forest Service. Washington.—The forest service got its usual annual drubbing Thursday, the criticisms against it coming principally from Mr. Smith (Cal.).

Dayton Has Another Murder. Dayton, O.—Late Friday afternoon the body of a young woman was dragged out of a clarn in the rear of a vacant house.

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Gov. Charles N. Haskell, F. B. Severs, A. Z. English, C. W. Turner, W. T. Hutchings, Jesse W. Hill, and Walter R. Eaton.

Attorney Thomas H. Owen of Muskogee, representing Gov. Haskell, made arrangements for the governor Friday morning to enter his appearance and give bond in the sum of \$5,000 for appearance for trial.

Gov. Haskell is at Guthrie, the state capital. There is but one indictment against him charging him with conspiring with Walter R. Eaton and Clarence W. Turner to defraud the government.

"I am satisfied the interior department has been misled by false statements. I am confident there has not been a dishonest act done by any of the indicted parties and that good citizens in general, regardless of politics, feel the same way."

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NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

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JAPANESE TROUBLES

PRESIDENT SENDS ANOTHER MESSAGE TO CALIFORNIA.

WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT

Anti-Japanese Legislation Will Be to the Fore by the Law-Making Bodies.

Sacramento, Cal.—Anti-Japanese legislation will be to the fore this week in both branches of the legislature. Two resolutions drawn by Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento and aimed at the island emperor's subject will be subject of discussion in the assembly Wednesday, one already passed, regarding the Japanese in the public schools of the state, and the other, which was refused passage, empowering municipalities to segregate in residential districts all undesirable aliens whose presence might in the opinion of boards of supervisors be inimical to the public health and morals of the various communities affected.

It is the school bill that most deeply concerns President Roosevelt, and between this time and Wednesday, for which day it has been made a special order of business to determine whether or not the vote by which it passed shall be reconsidered, it is expected that the national authorities will throw additional light upon the subject. This is supposed to be of an extremely important nature, showing the true state of diplomatic negotiations now pending between Japan and the United States and revealing to the legislature the reason for Mr. Roosevelt's numerous telegrams to the governor urging postponement of further action on anti-Japanese legislation.

Governor Gillett said yesterday in San Francisco that he understood Speaker Stanton had received a message from President Roosevelt that he was at liberty to make public if he so desired. Mr. Stanton, who went to Los Angeles Friday night, refused to publish his correspondence with the president, but a telegram was received at the governor's office from Washington stating that the Roosevelt message might be given out and Assemblyman J. P. Tranter, one of Stanton's lieutenants from Los Angeles, issued the following copy:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Hon. Philip A. Stanton, Speaker of the Assembly, Sacramento, Cal.—Please accept the expression of profound obligation on behalf of the American people as a whole for the high and patriotic services you are rendering. I have unlimited confidence in the sane good sense and right mindedness of the people of California.

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"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." Mr. Tranter said he was not aware of any other message received by Speaker Stanton from President Roosevelt. As the telegram above quoted was dated February 6 and Stanton made his appeal to the assembly Friday, February 5, it could not have been the one he referred to at that time as prompting him to take the floor and make a personal appeal for delay on anti-Japanese legislation. The senate will take a fling at the Japanese Monday immediately after the reading of the journal.

Denman Thompson Ill. New York.—News was received in local theatrical circles Sunday that Denman Thompson, 76 years old, the veteran actor of "The Old Homestead," is dangerously ill of pneumonia at his home in West Swansey, near Keene, N. H.

HARRIMAN MERGER HEARING. Taking of Testimony to Be Commenced Tuesday. Cincinnati, O.—The case of the government against the Union Pacific Railway company, E. H. Harriman and others, called a year ago in the United States courts, to break up what is claimed to be a merger of the Harriman lines, will be heard here Tuesday, having been transferred to Cincinnati recently. Thirty-five witnesses will be examined, it is said.

Oregon Interested. Portland, Ore.—The doings of the California legislature in regard to the Japanese well followed with interest in this city, are discussed but little. Sentiment of nearly all classes is in favor of discouraging the emigration of the Japanese.

Pension for Ex Presidents. Washington.—African hunts and magazine writing will not be necessary as the occupations of ex-presidents of the United States if a bill introduced by Representative Volstead of Minnesota be enacted. This measure provides a pension of \$12,000 annually for every president, after he leaves the White House. No duties will be required of the retired chief executive, but if he should be again elected to the highest office in the gift of the people his pension would cease during his term of office.

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