

planted to corn. As bedding, it absorbs and hold the liquid excrement, which is the most valuable portion of the manure. In any case, when the straw is applied to the land as a straw or strawy manure, it must be thoroughly disked with the surface soil in order that the best results may be obtained. A few farmers have scattered the ashes after burning, but by doing they have lost 95 per cent of its value.

PLOWING FOR WHEAT

A firm seed bed is very desirable for wheat, and ordinarily if plowing can be done early it is packed by natural settling. If plowing is done late, it is well to repack with disk, set rather straight, or with a roller, in case it has not resettled. If plow-



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GOVERNMENT SALE of Indian Timber Lands
There will be offered at public auction at the places and times herein named at not less than the appraised value, about 967,000 acres of timber lands with standing timber thereon, which includes about 841,547,160 feet of pine, as estimated in 1911, and approximately 14,275,000 feet of hardwood, located in the Choctaw Nation, southeastern Oklahoma. The sale of the lands in Pittsburg County will be held at McAllister, November 3; in Latimer County at Wilburton, November 4 and 5; in LeFlore County, at Poteau, November 6 and 7; in Pushmataha and McCurtain Counties, at Hugo, November 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1914. Bids may be submitted in person or by agent with power of attorney, or by mail. Land and timber will be sold together. Land will be offered in tracts not exceeding 160 acres. One person can only purchase one-quarter section of agricultural land, but is not limited as to the number of acres of non-agricultural land. Terms: 25 per cent cash, balance in three annual installments of 25 per cent each, with interest at 6 per cent, but payments may be completed any time. Immediate possession given after approval of sale. Residue on land not required. Removal of portion of timber permitted as paid for. Improvements on land, consisting of a few scattered houses, will be appraised and sold with the land and the owners reimbursed where they are not the successful bidder. The right to waive technical defects in advertisements and bids, and to reject any and all bids, is reserved. Detailed information, including descriptive lists showing the quantity and the appraisement of timber and land, in each tract, will be furnished without cost. Maps showing location and accessibility to railroads of each tract, will be furnished at a cost of 50 cents each. Application for both descriptive lists and maps should be made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Remittances for maps should be made payable to George N. Wise, District Agent, Muskogee, Oklahoma. CATO SELLS, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

ing must be done just before seeding, it is usually advisable to plow only five or six inches for the reason that there is not enough time for natural resettling to take place in the ordinary year. At the Nebraska experiment station, plowing to nine inches is usually practiced as soon as possible after harvest on heavy to medium heavy soils.

GET OUT OF THE WAY OF PROSPERITY TRAIN

(Editorial in the Boston Globe.)

It is the consensus of opinion of some of the keenest and most far-sighted men that the United States is entering on an era of prosperity that will completely overshadow even the great periods of business prosperity that have already come to this country since the civil war. They assign many sound reasons for this prediction.

The first—and the one which is the most significant to many of them—is that we have gone through a season of business depression for the first time in our history without a panic. The old-time speculators who could always scent a panic and make money out of it are completely confuted. They have seen a financial state of affairs never before known. They have seen the banks full of money during a business depression and no particular call for the money on any side.

They have seen Europe throw back into this country from \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 worth of securities and have seen these securities absorbed and the gold sent to Europe without any particular fuss. That would have meant a panic in the stock market at least a few years ago.

They have seen a tariff enacted lower than the Wilson tariff and yet they have seen raw wool, one of the best tariff barometers there is, sell higher than before.

They have seen a delicate railroad situation, that would have created a financial panic at any time in the past, studied and pondered over in a way that has simply taken the

breath from speculators. The people have refused to become excited over it. They want it settled everywhere, but they want it settled right.

Why? Because the railroad industry is not the one dominating industry of the country any longer. While financiers have been juggling railroads the past twenty-five years business men have been building up other great industrial enterprises all over this land.

This is a bigger country than it ever was before. Its potential possibilities are being more and more realized in every direction. The farmers have become scientists and the arid lands and the swamp lands are being reclaimed everywhere and being made to yield in such abundance as was never known before in the history of farming.

In the south malaria has been conquered and rich swamp lands are no longer the terror they were. Irrigation and dry farming have brought new prosperity to the west and southwest. Water power is being conducted over wires hundreds of miles where formerly it was all but wasted. The oil lands and the mineral wealth have burst the bounds of former monopolies and opened up vaster possibilities than ever before, and the inventive genius of the American has never been idle. New miracles are daily being wrought by invention.

Why then have we had a business depression in the face of these things?

Simply because a great many people thought we ought to have it; we should have it; and must have it; it was due.

It was largely a mental state. There was no real need of it, or for it. Business men see that more clearly now. But many of them are more satisfied apparently because we have had it. And they have learned something.

They have learned that you can not have panics unless there is "tight money"—unless the reserve is tied up, as it was for the past fifty years—tied up when it was most needed. This business depression we have been through has been valuable then in that it has demonstrated to all the people the wisdom of the present system of flexible currency. The old conditions have disappeared forever.

As A. W. Douglas of St. Louis said at the Economic club a few nights ago, there has been a curious psychological phenomenon during this business depression—the people—the common people—have been optimistic through it all. They left their money in the banks. The common people had more confidence than the so-called financiers and when the common people have confidence you can't have panics.

So now that the lesson has been learned and that the greatest crops in the history of the country are in sight, it is up to everybody to forget the mental depression, start in quickly and get aboard the prosperity train that has been simply standing still on the tracks waiting for the engineer to oil up for a long run.

MEDIATION IN MEXICO

The A-B-C mediation, in our opinion, fairly countervails the administration's attempt to take Mexico's political morality and agrarian economy under its wing. It is true the mass of the Mexican people cannot help themselves. They must be helped from above. That is always true of people sunk in poverty and ignorance. Our blacks had nothing to do with their own liberation. Even our revolution was inspired, organized and sustained very largely by the well-conditioned, well-educated, more fortunate few.

The French revolution itself was set off by the well-conditioned and educated. Hampden, Pym and Cromwell were no starvelings. Almost

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always it is the man who can read and command a good dinner who makes the successful revolutionist; but we should be dubious of a Long Parliament or an American Revolution engineered by benevolent Italians. So the political morality and agrarian economy which evolve at home are probably the only sort that will permanently help the Mexicans.

The A-B-C mediation, however, was a fine inspiration, with the value of which immediate results have very little to do. Calling in three South American nations that have made good their standing will put us in a better light to other Americans, to Europe and to ourselves. It was the most signal, unequivocal demonstration of a big nation's anxiety to avoid war that has happened in our time. It will have an effect, we believe, long after the present Mexican muddle is forgotten.—Saturday Evening Post.

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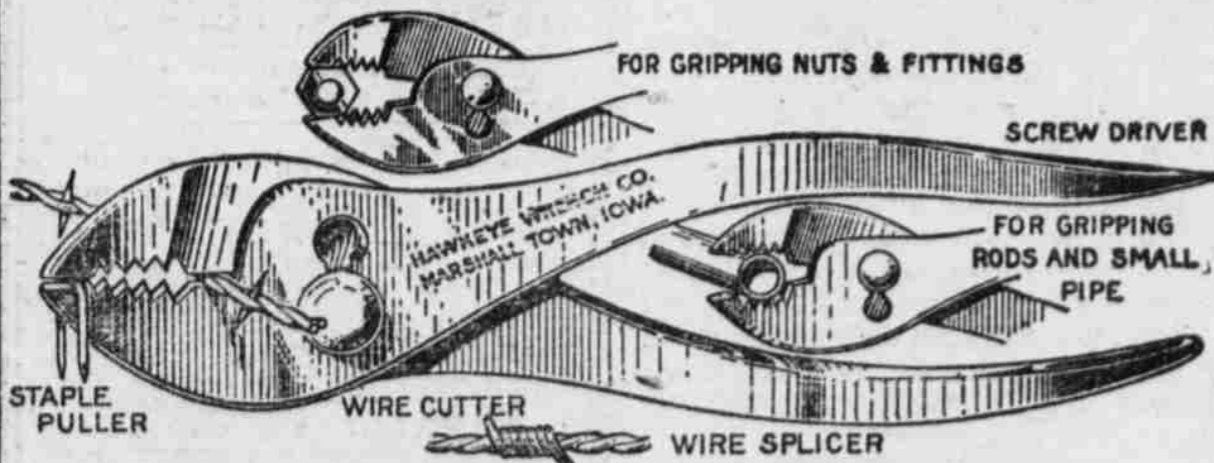
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