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## NORFOLK FARMER SHOOTING NEIGHBOR

FRANK RIECHOW, LIVING NEAR NORFOLK, IS JAILED.

## USES SHOTGUN ON BERNSTRONG

Trouble Over a telephone Line Leads to Serious Affair Southeast of This City—Riechow Claims Bernstrong Slashed His Phone Line.

Stanton, Neb., April 8.—Special to The News: Frank Riechow, a farmer living southeast of Norfolk in Stanton county, was lodged in jail here today for shooting his neighbor, Otto Bernstrong. Bernstrong was on top of a telephone pole when Riechow spied him and shot. Two shots entered Bernstrong's face but they did not penetrate deeply. Riechow claims that Bernstrong had cut his telephone wire Saturday night and that he was in the act of repairing the wire when caught on top of the pole and shot.

## Does Not Deny Shooting.

Riechow does not deny that he shot Bernstrong. "Shooting with intent to do great bodily injury, and assault and battery," is the charge. Riechow today pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for April 29.

Riechow's telephone is on a Nebraska Telephone company line out of Norfolk.

The Riechow family claims that Bernstrong slashed their wire Saturday night, concealing the break, and that he had gone back to repair the break Monday when found by the elder Riechow.

A shotgun was used.

## HURRICANE HITS NEW ENG AND

92-Mile Wind, Highest in Sixteen Years, is Reported.

Boston, April 8.—The hurricane from the middle west is passing over New England today. The highest wind velocity that has been reported in New England in sixteen years was reported from the Blue Hill observatory when the register showed 92 miles an hour.

Considerable damage to shipping is reported.

## SANTA FE IS GOING DRY

City in New Mexico Passes Prohibition Ordinance.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 8.—The city council of Santa Fe last night passed an ordinance prohibiting all saloons in the city after December 31, 1909. In the meantime few will be conducted.

## HITCHCOCK MUCH WEAKER

Friends of Former Secretary of Interior Are Alarmed.

Washington, April 8.—The friends of former Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock and former Representative Babler of Wisconsin, who are critically ill here, are much alarmed over their condition this afternoon. Both have grown perceptibly weaker during the day.

## Fire Renders 2,000 Homeless.

Manchester, England, April 8.—The tenement house district of the southern section of the city, covering an area of nearly a square mile, and occupied mainly by foreigners employed in the cotton mills and shoe factories, was swept by fire today. Fully 2,000 persons are rendered homeless. The loss is about \$100,000.

## Bank Guaranty Law in Texas.

Austin, Tex., April 8.—The lower house today passed the bank deposit guaranty bill.

## CENSUS BILL REPORTED.

La Follette Will Ask the Senate to Consider the Bill Friday.

Washington, April 8.—The census bill was today reported to the senate by Mr. La Follette, who stated that he would ask the senate to take it up for consideration tomorrow.

## "Jim Crow" Car Stays.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 8.—The senate committee on railroads today reported without recommendation Senator Olverson's "Jim Crow" bill. The committee action foreshadows the failure of the measure.

## From Maid to Opera Star.

Worcester, Mass., April 8.—From a kitchen maid to an operatic star—this is the remarkable achievement of Madame Olive Fremstad, the prima donna, according to Mrs. Charles H. Fowler of Springfield, Mass., who claims she introduced Madame Fremstad to fame.

Mrs. Fowler does not like the attacks of her one time maid on opera singers, who marry and become mothers.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 8.—Olive Fremstad, the great Wagnerian soprano, admits quite frankly that she was at one time a maid in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fowler, formerly of Minnesota, but at present of Springfield, Mass. Furthermore, Mrs. Fremstad says that she is rather proud of having done so.

## EARTHQUAKE AT MESSINA

New Shock. Recently Destroyed Sicilian City.

Messina, April 8.—A violent earthquake was experienced here last night at 9:04 o'clock. It was accompanied by subterranean rumblings.

## Missing Tug Reaches Shore.

Cleveland, O., April 8.—Word was received here today that the tug George Flood, with seven men aboard, reported missing Wednesday, arrived safely at Fairport harbor, thirty miles east of here, late in the day after a hard struggle with the wind and sea. While the storm of Wednesday upon Lake Erie was one of the most severe in years, yet little actual damage was reported.

## EIGHT DEAD IN DETROIT STORM

Three Men Attempt to Cross River in Rowboat and Drown.

Detroit, April 8.—A least eight persons lost their lives in the storm that visited Detroit and Michigan yesterday. Three men attempted to cross the Detroit river in a rowboat and were drowned. At Jennings three young men were killed by being caught upon a wall blown down by the wind.

## Forged Shallenberger's Name.

St. Joe, April 8.—Patrick A. Maloney, aged fifty years, of Elwood, Neb., a bridegroom of a week, having married Mrs. Janette Saxton of St. Joe, was arrested here yesterday trying to pass a check alleged to be bogus, signed with the name of Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska. Maloney refused to make a statement. He had one cent when searched.

## New Fight on Yerkes Estate.

New York, April 8.—Underground Electric Railway of London, Limited, has begun a general creditors' suit for a distribution of the estate of Charles T. Yerkes in New York, and Judge Henry G. Ward on Monday appointed Harrington Putnam of the law firm of Wing, Putnam & Burlingham, temporary receiver. An order to show cause why the receivership should not be made permanent was made returnable on Friday morning of this week.

## NEW YORK KILLS PRIMARY BILL

GOVERNOR HUGHES' PET MEASURE GOES TO DEFEAT.

AFTER A STORMY NIGHT SESSION

The Measure Providing for Direct Nominations in New York Was Defeated in the Assembly Judiciary Committee in Early Morning.

Albany, N. Y., April 8.—Governor Hughes' plan for direct nominations, embodied in the Hinman-Green bill, was repudiated by the assembly judiciary committee after a stormy session last night, which lasted well into the morning hours, and the committee today reported the bill adversely to the assembly where its defeat is confidently predicted.

Instead the Republican organization proposes to support the primary bill of Assemblyman J. S. Phillips, which amends the general election law relative to the conduct of primaries by requiring primaries in those rural localities where no official primaries are now held. It is required that primaries shall not be held through August except in presidential years and that the polls shall be opened from noon till 7 p. m.

## MISSOURI TO AMEND OPTION LAW

Will Allow Cities of Over 1,000 to Vote on Question.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 8.—The house today passed a bill amending the local option law so as to allow separate votes on the subject in cities of 1,000 population. It is said the measure will pass the senate.

## South Dakota News.

License won at Huron by over 200 majority.

Bodies of two boys drowned in Vermillion river are still missing.

Alfred Helgeson, a pioneer Vermillion druggist, died in Colorado while in search of health.

Arthur Tobin escaped from the Yankton asylum, stole a horse and was captured at Sioux Falls.

Judge Carland, of the United States court, has granted discharges from bankruptcy in the cases of the following South Dakota people and firms: Isaac A. Allen, Faulkton; August C. Stoxey, Bowdle; Judson M. Deveny, Watertown; Frances O. Brannon, Clark; John Booth, Forestville; Morgan Keith and Hazen Keith, as individuals and as co-partners, Aberdeen; Herman D. Seastrand, Colton; Ira Vaughn Cutts, Ethan; George Crofford Bray, Sioux Falls.

The State Association of Farmers' Elevators has retained the law firm of Kean & Lawson at Woonsocket to represent it in an action in Lincoln county against the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, to test the validity of the reciprocal demurrage law passed by the legislature of 1907.

## DRUNK WHEN HIS NO. WAS CALLED

OVERLOAD OF BOOZE COST LAND-WINNER HIS HOMESTEAD.

## HAD MOVED FAMILY TO GREGORY

No. 151, When His Number Was Called, Was Gloriously Drunk and, Not Being on Hand to File, Lost His Chance in Tripp County.

Gregory, S. D., April 8.—Special to The News: Numbers up to 500 were called today in the Tripp county filing and all but eighteen responded and picked farms. Only forty-nine out of 100 failed to appear. One man died and his widow was granted the right to file but could not on account of a sick child. One man lost his money by leaving it under his pillow at Dallas and failed to get back in time to file. Another got drunk and failed to get in. He is here with his family and his misstep cost them dearly as well as himself.

The Gregory State bank became a national bank with \$5,000 capital on Monday and Tuesday was designated a U. S. depository. It starts out with over \$200,000 in footings.

The homesteads selected have followed a line toward the northwest which is the line of the Northwestern's supposed extension which will probably be made this summer. The bulk of the selections are around Witten and Redhill.

The line of homestead filers continues almost without a break from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. At the present rate the first 1,000 that drew will exhaust the desirable land in Tripp county that is left unallotted as from the best estimates made there is not to exceed 1,000 good desirable quarter sections open for filing. The government surveyors arrived this week and have moved their outfit out to Witten and will complete that survey as soon as possible as there are a great many business men awaiting the completion of the surveying and will at once erect buildings and begin business.

A force of fifty men are now working on the new government building here. It will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

W. E. Bridgman sold his interest in the Homestead Land company to Karl Leslie of Carlock. Mr. Bridgman will move to the new town of Witten on the Cottonwood in the west part of Tripp county and will open up a land office and start up the Tripp County Index which was the first paper printed in Tripp county.

## ROO'EVELT SENDS STATEMENT

Comments Work Being Done With Lumber Sent by America.

Rome, April 8.—Just before his departure on the steamer Admiral for Mombasa, Ex-President Roosevelt wrote the following message to the American people: "Before leaving Messina I desire to say that I am sure the American people do not realize the splendid work that is being done at Messina and Reggio with the lumber sent from the United States. I have visited the American camp and seen 250 houses already commenced and arrangements have been perfected for the rapid construction of 1,250 more. The whole work, which is under the general direction of Ambassador Griscom, has been organized and perfected by Lieutenant Commander Belknap, with the assistance of Lieutenant Buchanan, Ensigns Wilcox and Spofford, Dr. Donelson, Paymaster Rogers, forty enlisted men of our navy and a number of stalwart American carpenters. In addition there is a fine group of Americans, such as J. Elliott, Winthrop Chandler, J. Bush and R. Hale, who are giving their time and energies to help the philanthropic work. I wish to say I consider the American people deeply indebted to each and every one of these men. I cannot exaggerate the pleasure it gave me to see the officers and enlisted men of our navy adapting themselves to strange and unexpected circumstances and performing with ability and thoroughness what will be their most difficult task. Our nation can well be proud of them."

## Mexican Congress to Spend Millions.

Mexico City, April 8.—The annual budget to the national congress carries more than \$3,000,000 for a new national theater, \$4,900,000 for educational purposes, \$11,500,000 for improving irrigation facilities and the water system of the federal district and \$1,000,000 for a monument to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Mexican independence next year.

## Launch Boat For Wellman Trip.

Christiania, Norway, April 8.—A 300 ton schooner for the North Pole expedition under Walter Wellman, was launched here yesterday. It will be taken to Spitsbergen in May.

## Chicago Shipping Tied Up.

Chicago, April 8.—Ten thousand marine engineers, firemen, oilers and water-tenders and hands went on strike by a vote taken last night and the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes is threatened with a complete tie up, the strike being on the refusal of the ship owners to recognize the marine engineers' union.

## Weston Reaches Mansfield.

Mansfield, O., April 8.—Edward Payson Weston reached here today. After a lecture tonight he probably will leave for Bellevue, a forty-mile hike. Tomorrow he will go to Fremont, eighteen miles from Bellevue, and Saturday will reach Toledo where he will spend Sunday.

Weston says he is in good condition again.

## MODJESKA HAS PASSED AWAY

FAMOUS ACTRESS FINALLY SUC-CUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS.

## A WELL KNOWN TRAGEDienne

At Her Island Home, Bay City, Orange County, California, the Noted Polish Actress Died at 1 O'clock Thursday Afternoon.

Los Angeles, April 8.—Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish tragedienne and one of the most noted actresses of the American stage, died at 1 o'clock today, at her island home, Bay City, Orange county, at the age of sixty-five, after an illness of about two months.

For several days she had been unconscious. Bright's disease, complicated with heart trouble, was termed the cause of her death.

Helena Modjeska was born at Carcow, Poland, October 12, 1844. She made her stage debut at Bochnia, Poland, in 1861, and soon became the leading actress in her native country. In 1868 she married Charles Bozenta Chlapowski, a compatriot.

Her first appearance in an English play was in San Francisco in 1877 in Adrienne Lecouvreur, followed by a starring tour throughout the United States. She returned to this country after two London engagements and played leading Shakespearean parts, Camille, Mary Stuart, etc. Tuestin, Cal., was her permanent home.

## CASTRO BECOMES SUDDENLY ILL

MAN MAKING INTERNATIONAL TROUBLE, GRAVELY SICK.

WOUNDS OPEN SOME DISTANCE

Scars Left as Result of Surgical Operations Performed in Berlin, Gape Open and His Condition is Considered Undoubtedly Grave.

Port De France, April 8.—Cipriano Castro became suddenly ill today. He complained of severe pain in the abdomen, and it was apparent his suffering was real. The scar left by the operations performed in Berlin opened for a distance of several centimeters, and his condition undoubtedly is grave.

## CASTRO MUST GET OFF THE MAP

The French Government Decides to Expel Him From Martinique.

Paris, April 8.—The French government decided to expel Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, from the French island of Martinique, on the ground that his presence there is likely to foment a revolution in Venezuela.

This decision followed consideration of a cablegram from M. Jusserand, the French ambassador at Washington, giving an account of his conference with Secretary of State Knox. The decree of expulsion will be communicated to Castro immediately, through the prefect of Fort De France, where Castro now is. It is presumed here that the government of the United States, which initiated the exchanges with foreign governments to prevent Castro from establishing headquarters close to the Venezuelan coast, will prevent him from making his way to the mainland on a sailing vessel.

This course will leave Castro the alternative of taking refuge on one of the Danish West Indies or returning to Europe. The French line steamer Versailles touched at Fort De France April 1 on her way back to Europe.

## New Venezuelan Consul in N. Y.

New York, April 8.—The Venezuelan consulate general's home was turned over by ex-President Castro's appointee to his successor, named by President Gomez. A sharp and possibly prolonged contest was anticipated over this office but within a few minutes the matter was amicably settled. Mr. Bolot, who was treasurer of the million dollar junta that had for its object the fitting out of an expedition to overthrow Castro when he was president, said that his latest advices from Venezuela indicate that Castro has not a shred of popularity left in that country. Mr. Bolot said that the arms and ammunition purchased by the junta had been taken off its hands by the Gomez administration and the junta thus had been able to redeem all the bonds upon which it raised nearly \$125,000.

## NO PRIMARIES THIS SUMMER

OLD FASHIONED CONVENTIONS TO NAME JUDICIAL CANDIDATES.

## RESULT OF DONOHUE MEASURE.

Governor Shallenberger Vetoes Appropriations for Experimental Stations in Western Nebraska—"Wets" Gained More than "Drys."

Lincoln, Neb., April 8.—By reason of the effect brought about by the Donohue non-partisan judiciary bill just passed, there will be no primary elections in the state this fall. Instead the parties will hold their state conventions and select candidates for the supreme court on the state tickets in about the same fashion in vogue prior to the passage of the direct primary law.

Governor Vetoes Appropriations. Governor Shallenberger has vetoed the items of \$15,000 and \$5,000 for experimental stations in western Nebraska. The governor reduced the general appropriation bill \$73,000, the largest item being \$40,000 for the State Historical society.

## "Wets" Gained Most Towns.

Additional election returns show: Wet—Cook, Columbus, Superior, Randolph, Sutton. Dry—Ponca, Bertrand, Hildreth, Stromborg, Mason City.

Thus far reports show sixty-four towns "wet" and fifty-two "dry." Fourteen changed from dry to wet and nine wet to dry.

## Nebraska Guards to Form Brigade.

Adjutant General Hartigan has ordered that the Nebraska National guard shall be formed into a brigade of two regiments and that an election be held to elect a brigadier general. Colonel Storch of the First regiment is the only candidate at present. The order is issued in accordance with a law recently passed by the legislature.

## Simmons Lands Job.

E. C. Simmons, formerly of Central City, has been appointed secretary of the state city education board. He was principal of the Central City schools twenty-five years and is a Populist. He succeeds Dana Dobson who held the place eight years. Donald Price of Fairbury was appointed first assistant secretary.

## John Sharp Williams University Orator

Lincoln, April 8.—John Sharp Williams, former minority leader in the lower house of congress, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address on June 10 before the University of Nebraska.

## Game With Ames Off.

Lincoln, April 8.—Inability by the managers to agree upon a date, has resulted in the final abandonment of the negotiations for the annual football game between Nebraska university and Iowa Agricultural college of Ames, a contest usually one of the most spectacular in Missouri valley conference circles. Denver university will be taken on.

## Governor Issues Statement.

Lincoln, Neb., April 8.—Governor Shallenberger has issued the following statement: Senate file No. 283 is a regulatory amendment to the present Slocum law which has stood for twenty-five years upon our statute books as an example of reasonable liquor legislation for the state. The Slocum law was passed at a time when public opinion was excited upon the liquor question such as at present, and because of the fact that it was a decided step in advance of anything before enacted it has remained intact through the years past as a model of reformatory legislation. The tide of further limitation and restriction of the liquor traffic has recently risen so high that a great many states have lately taken action upon it, some enacting county and others state wide prohibition. Nebraska through this amendment has elected to apply further restriction to the liquor traffic by limiting the time that liquor may be sold to those hours universally admitted to be the least objectionable of the twenty-four.

The plan proposed in this amendment for the entire state has been tried in the capital city of Lincoln, and both "wets" and "drys" alike commend its effect. Business thrives in this city, and the hotels and places of amusement claimed most to be affected are being continually improved, and continue crowded with patrons.

It is admitted upon all sides that in this city it has had the effect of eliminating much of public rancor from the liquor question.

This amendment has much opposition in the two Omahas because business men are fearful that it will affect trade and commerce adversely, and for the further reason that it limits to a certain extent the policy of "home rule" upon this matter. I believe, however, that experience will justify the law, and that our large cities will find that their prosperity does not depend in any way upon two or three extra hours for the sale of liquor. If the law is as wholesome in its effect as I believe it will be it will give solid standing ground for those who believe in strict regulation as the best way to handle this question.

## Court in Session at Pierce.

Pierce, Neb., April 8.—Special to The News: Judge Welch convened court here yesterday. The equity docket is light. The jury term begins Monday, April 12. The cases of the State vs. Hammyer, alleged navy deserter and burglar; and that against Shaffer of Foster, charged with lar-

## CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours.

Forecast for Nebraska. Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today. Maximum . . . . . 40 Minimum . . . . . 22 Average . . . . . 31 Barometer . . . . . 30.30

## Chicago, April 8.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Fair tonight and Friday. Rising temperature.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:28, rises 5:23, moon rises 9:23 p. m.; 11 a. m., conjunction between planets Venus and Saturn, Venus passing from west to east of Saturn, 1 degree north thereof.

cey, will go over because of absence of witnesses. The old land case of Kollerman vs. Chivers, which has been tried here several times and once in the state supreme court, will be heard.

## Wayne Greets Legislative Committee.

Wayne, Neb., April 8.—The committee which has engineered the sale of the Wayne normal school to the state were given a lively reception when they returned home, the greeting being under the auspices of the Commercial club.

## Judge Neville is Dead.

North Platte, Neb., April 8.—Word has just reached here of the death last Sunday at Douglas, Wyo., of Judge William Neville, formerly of this place, ex-supreme judge of Nebraska and ex-congressman from the Sixth Nebraska district. Judge Neville was elected to the supreme bench in 1896 and three years later was sent to congress as a Populist, serving two terms. He removed to Douglas six years ago. Death resulted from apoplexy.

## "Wets" Win at Valentine.

Valentine, Neb., April 8.—Special to The News: The "wets" won out in the city election by having the whole citizens' ticket elected by a twenty-one majority. W. S. Jackson, E. C. Davenport and George Elliot being the three men elected.

## STANDARD OIL LOSES TARIFF

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION IN HOUSE IS SPLIT UP.

TEA AND COFFEE ON FREE LIST.

## Speaker Cannon Loses Out on Ruling

Trying to Prevent Further Amendments to Oil Schedule—"Insurgents" Join Democrats.

Washington, April 8.—Yesterday was a bad day for the Republican organization of the house. By a coalition between some Republican "insurgents" and Democrats, the ways and means committee was bowled over and its advocates of free crude oil and its products won a signal victory when an amendment by Mr. Norris of Nebraska displacing the insignificant duty of one per centum on those articles was reported by a substantial majority.

After a discussion the chairman's ruling that amendments could not be offered to the oil schedule other than the one covered by the special rule of last Monday and which provides for removal of the countervailing duty to crude petroleum and applying an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent, was overturned, and not even after it was appealed by the speaker, in an endeavor to rally the Republican forces, was their force sufficient to stem the tide avowedly against the Standard Oil company. By a practically unanimous vote the countervailing duty went out as the committee had recommended.

On all other propositions, the committee was sustained.

The barley schedule ran the gauntlet without change.

Teas and coffees were placed on the free list.

## OIL TRUST ABUSED.

Greatly Maligned Company, Says Attorney Milburn.

St. Louis, April 8.—John G. Milburn, the senior counsel of the Standard Oil company in the suit of the government to have the great corporation dissolved as a violator of the Sherman act, now being argued before the full bench of the United States circuit court of this district, resumed his narrative of the early history of the Standard Oil company.

It is Mr. Milburn's contention that the big defendant has been a greatly maligned corporation and charged with all manner of commercial evils, whereas, as a matter of fact, it had been the nation's greatest developer of not only local, but foreign commerce. No company had been so persistent in carrying American products to the four quarters and far away corners of the globe as had the Standard Oil, he declared.

## Lovelorn Couple Suicide.

Keokuk, Iowa, April 8.—Leaving notes telling of a suicide pact, Herman Bartlett and Belva Pug joined hands and jumped into the Mississippi river at Alexandria, Mo.

## WHEAT GOT UP TO \$1.26 3-8 TODAY

BUT CLOSED A CENT OFF FROM THAT FIGURE.

## TRADING SHIFTS TO JULY OPTION

Not in Years Have the Sensational Scenes Been Witnessed on the Board of Trade in Chicago That Marked Yesterday and Today.

Chicago, April 8.—May wheat again established a new high record today, touching \$1.26 3/8, but closing over a cent off from this.

July contracts in which the bulk of the trading is now done, advanced to \$1.12 3/4 @ \$1.12 1/2.

On the Chicago board of trade, to use the language of one of the biggest operators, "everyone is 'bull crazy.'" Never in the history of the wheat pit has there existed such a condition of affairs as holds at the present time. Never has there been such a wild scramble to buy, buy, buy and then buy some more. May wheat or July wheat, it matters not; it all looks alike to the frenzied crowd which desires a line of wheat in anticipation of a raise in prices of the commodity. It matters not to this frenzied crowd of buyers that prices already are high, that they are even now reaching toward a higher level than they have in fifteen years.

"It's going up and up and up! Get aboard the band wagon," is the cry.

James A. Patten, out of his long line of May wheat, just to keep the prices from skyrocketing and from going to too high a figure, dumped one million bushels of May wheat in the pit.

## Fought to Buy the Surplus.

Like a school of hungry trout rising to the fly, brokers gobbled up this one million bushels. It was all sold in less than it takes to tell about it. Men fought, fought like madmen, to get a slice of this wheat. They crowded and they pushed and they shoved; they battered hats and they tore clothing in their efforts to buy wheat. The price was a secondary consideration. They wanted wheat. Some of the crowd got it, others were disappointed.

Practically every man in the country who takes a flyer in wheat is a bull now. There are a few bears, but they are not many. They are becoming more and more scarce as the days go by. The farmer, the banker, the storekeeper—all are bulls. They believe that the highest price has not been reached by any means. They are looking for more advances from day to day.

The reason for all of this frenzy? Patten and existing conditions. Conditions Also Are Responsible.

When James A. Patten started his gigantic deal in May wheat, a deal compared to which all other deals on the Chicago board of trade fade into insignificance—a deal which unless unforeseen circumstances come to pass, will net Patten and his associates millions of dollars—when James A. Patten started this deal he did not do so without having carefully studied conditions. He believed that there was a shortage of grain in the United States. He staked his millions upon the strength of these convictions. He gambled. And results have shown that the Patten convictions were based on the rock of truth.

Men who know the wheat market and who watch not only prices but the conditions which make prices on the Chicago board will tell you some things in language about like the following:

The country has bought wheat on the backward spring and upon the poor growing weather; upon the fact that in many localities the plant has the appearance of having been "winter killed;" that in some points in the central state and generally throughout the southwest, the cash grain situation is a strong factor; that in the southwest millers are in an unenviable position because they do not know where their wheat for milling purposes is coming from; that in many parts of Kansas price cuts no figure in the market, for the wheat is not to be had; that the spring is backward and that warm weather is badly needed; that the farmers are holding their wheat in anticipation of even greater profits.