

Welfare lobbyists of the female persuasion have been numerous around the house. They want favorable action on the child welfare bills and it is said they are informing members that if they do not support these bills they will lose the woman vote next time they run for office.

Representative Epperson was responsible for delay in acting on a bill validating the action of city councils in making local improvements. He says some councils have been acting too rapidly and he is not in favor of relieving them from responsibility for their actions.

MORE GRAIN ON FARMS THAN LAST YEAR, SAYS MARCH 1 CROP REPORT

RESERVE SUPPLY IS VERY MUCH LARGER THAN USUAL

Heavy Drop in Prices Said to Be Responsible—Land Values and Cash Rents Lower

Farm reserves of grain are larger than usual according to estimates compiled by the bureau of crop estimates and Nebraska department of agriculture. The supply of corn on hand is estimated to be 160,983,000 bushels; wheat 19,958,000 bushels and oats 48,163,000 bushels. Large crops last year, shortage of cars at the time wheat was bringing highest prices and later the heavy drop in prices are largely responsible for the large supplies on hand. Land values have dropped slightly and cash rents are lower.

The reports indicate that 63 per cent of the corn crop remains on farms or a reserve supply of 160,983,000 bushels as compared to 73,674,000 bushels last year. A year ago 40 per cent of the crop was reported on farms and the ten year average is about the same. Last year's crop was much larger than usual and less live stock has been fed. Prices have been so low that farmers have refused to sell. Some have stated that the cost of husking, shelling and hauling to market has taken half of the price offered at the local elevator. About 95 per cent of last year's corn crop was of merchantable quality as compared to the ten year average of 83 per cent. It is estimated that 43 per cent of the crop will be shipped out as surplus corn as compared to the ten year average of 29 per cent.

Stocks of wheat are estimated at 19,958,000 bushels as compared to 11,528,000 bushels a year ago. This is approximately 33 per cent of the crop against 19 per cent on hand a year ago, and the ten year average of 23 per cent. About 72 per cent of the crop is shipped out of the county where grown, the balance being milled locally, used for seed or fed as screenings.

The balance of the oat crop on farms totals 48,163,000 bushels as compared to 29,384,000 bushels a year ago. This represents 58 per cent of last year's crop on hand against 42 per cent of the crop a year ago and the ten year average of 42 per cent. About 32 per cent of the crop is available for surplus shipments. Counties south of the Platte river have a larger surplus than counties north of the river as was the situation a year ago.

Estimates of stocks of barley are placed at 3,564,000 bushels or 48 per cent of the crop as compared to 27 per cent of the ten year average. Approximately 35 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the country where grown as compared to the ten year average shipment of 31 per cent.

There has been a slight decrease in farm land values, which is rather exceptional. The average value of plow lands now and a year ago are as follows: poor plow lands \$85 and \$85 per acre, good plow lands \$1.50 and \$1.50 all plow lands \$125 and \$125. The average price per acre of all improved farm lands is \$125 against \$135 a year ago. All unimproved farm lands average \$95 per acre as compared to \$110 a year ago. In connection with the above figures it must be remembered that 26 per cent of the farm land is within the sand hill area of the state where values are very low when compared to the remainder of the state.

Estimates of grain stocks for the

United States are as follows: Wheat, 207,591,000 bushels as compared to 165,539,000 bushels a year ago; corn, 572,397,000 bushels against 1,092,095,000 bushels held on farms last year; oats, 689,566,000 bushels and 422,815,000 bushels a year ago; barley, 69,836,000 bushels as compared to 38,040,000 bushels last year.

Red Cross Assisted Nearly Half Million Ex-Soldiers in January

418,329 ex-service men during the past year and 35,268 during the month of January, 1921, required and received aid from Red Cross Chapters in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and Nebraska, in matters pertaining to readjustments following discharge. The large variety of matters on which the ex-soldier requires personal service is decidedly on the increase due to the fact that some of the men are only just learning what their rights are according to government provision and also because many of them are just beginning to feel the effects of injuries and ailments acquired during the war. It is estimated that more than 20,000 men now in the hospitals, the majority of whom are receiving Red Cross Medical Social Service, will increase to 50,000 during the next three years.

The records of the United States Public Health Service indicate that thousands of former service men are developing tuberculosis and other lung affections which are directly traceable to war service. Other thousands are seeking treatment for nerve disorders and mental troubles which, too, may be traced to their origin-war experiences. Many of the ex-soldiers who are at present unemployed, are not wholly the victims of a season of industrial depression. Their present lack of work is often found to be the result of their having never been properly readjusted to civil life upon discharge from our military forces, and their problems are thus traceable at least indirectly to war service.

There are 60,000 disabled men who are at present receiving vocational training to fit them for an occupation; 125,000 more have been declared by the federal board to be vocationally handicapped. It has been computed that the Red Cross through its home service will be able to reach an additional 175,000 disabled men who will require the same type of vocational training if they are not to go through life severely handicapped. The work of helping and directing these men to get in touch with the type of assistance their particular case requires—changing them from a continuing liability to an asset to the nation will call for sustained work on the part of local Red Cross chapters for some years to come.

PIANO FOR SALE

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LARSON'S MUSIC STORE
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The anti-cigarette bill, H. R. 555, was killed in committee but the introducer, Frank Anderson of Hamilton county, succeeded in inducing the house to lift it. The bill has been rewritten and it is the substitute that will be considered. Some suggest that Mail Pouch smoking, Horseshoe plug and snuff be added to the bill in the same class with cigarettes.

NOTICE

Attention is hereby called to ordinance Nos. 268 and 278 of the city of Alliance requiring a permit preliminary to erecting or adding to any building in the corporate limits to the value of \$100.00 or upward and prohibiting the moving of buildings across or along the streets of the city without a permit therefor, and providing a penalty for the violation of same. 19-30 A. D. RODGERS, Mayor.

The bill providing for state control of utility rates was killed by the committee. The utility men put up a hard fight. They predict that as the public becomes better informed it will be easy to pass such a bill at the next session.

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—in—

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Alliance, Nebraska



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