

IDLE ACRES AND IDLE MEN

Guye Says These Are Factors In High Cost of Living.

FARMS ARE BECOMING TOO BIG

Labor Commissioner Advocates Scientific Instruction That Will Increase Profits of Small Farmers—Twenty Million Acres of Unoccupied Land.

Lincoln, Nov. 29.—"Chief among the great questions with which the people of this nation are grappling is the high cost of living and enforced idleness on the part of the toilers caused by the lack of employment, the burden of the former resting upon the results of the latter," says L. V. Guye. "And here let me say that I consider idleness, due to any cause, a calamity resting not alone upon the individual, but upon the society as a whole.

"The causes of high cost of living and the periods of idleness are in part traceable to several reasons, principal among which is the general desertion of the land by those who believe that they can more easily make headway in the large cities."

Farms Are Too Large.

"A negative influence is being brought to bear upon this phase of farm life, namely, the constant desire of our farmers to reach out for more and more land, resulting in the enlargement of the acreage tilled by the individual workman, thereby causing a dwarf production and the stunted fertility of the land.

"The basis for the back to the farm movement should, in my opinion, be embodied in the effort for greater earning capacity for the small farmer, through a less acreage and more intensified system of farming, thus readjusting his social environments, the employment of scientific methods of teaching and developing agriculture and other vocational subjects in our schools and through the efforts of those who may be engaged in spreading the scientific principles of farming.

"I wish to say for the great state of Nebraska that we have approximately 20,000,000 acres of unoccupied land, similar in quality to those now under cultivation and which produced in 1910 products valued at \$694,712,851, which equalled the total production of all the gold, silver, copper, iron, crude petroleum, tobacco, lead and zinc produced by the entire United States and Alaska, and yet leaving a net balance of \$3,059,451 in favor of Nebraska, her greatest problem being a method of checking this enormous stint in the method of unthorough cultivation and the running waste for the want of a sufficient population to turn our idle acres to account. One hundred thousand families would not exhaust Nebraska's idle acres should their efforts be confined to a proper method of cultivation. The high cost of living and want of employment would thus be minimized and the world would become the great beneficiary."

Contest Over Property of Ord Man.

Ord, Neb., Nov. 29.—Judge Hanna occupied the district bench while a stubbornly contested will case was on trial. O. G. Hard was a well-to-do Swede farmer and had no relatives in this state. Shortly prior to the time that old age weakened his mind and resulted in his being sent to a state insane hospital he was visited by a nephew, who lives in Michigan. At that time the old gentleman executed a will in favor of the nephew, giving over about \$16,000 of property. Attorneys discovered other heirs in the old country and on their behalf the will was contested.

Battle Creek Postmaster Resigns.

Battle Creek, Neb., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Lenora Snyder, postmaster, has tendered her resignation, to take effect when her successor shall be appointed and qualified. There are several applicants for the position, among whom is W. L. Whittle, who it is said, stands a good chance to land the job.

Effective Campaign for Good Roads.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Nov. 29.—About thirty miles of gravelled road in and around this city is the result of the bond issue for that purpose, and but little over half of the \$15,000 is yet used. Next spring the work will be resumed until every foot of the highway in Winter Creek precinct will be a gravelled turnpike.

Silk Thieves Caught.

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 29.—Three strangers who were trying to sell silks and furs in Fairmont were arrested by Sheriff Ashton on suspicion. W. H. Taylor of Exeter, Neb., identified some of the goods as having been taken from his store and filed complaint with the county judge.

Burlington Pays Taxes at McCook.

McCook, Neb., Nov. 29.—Red Willow county's exchequer was swelled to the extent of \$26,336.32 recently, that sum being the Burlington's taxes for 1911. It is an increase of \$1,782 over last year.

Good Price for Corn.

Ord, Neb., Nov. 29.—The local demand for corn for cattle feeding purposes has prompted buyers to offer 70 cents per bushel. The crop is short, but will yield as much as last season.

GENERAL LI.

Chinese Rebel Leader, From Photograph Just Received From Front.



Photo by American Press Association.

AMMUNITION SEIZED ON MEXICAN BORDER

Was for Use in Revolt Against the Madero Government.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 29.—Federal authorities seized a quantity of ammunition and arms said to be a part of a store provided by persons expecting to lead a revolt against the Madero government in Mexico. The officers were led to the cache by Juan Meriga shortly after he was arrested as the result of a federal indictment returned at the same time as the one against General Bernardino Reyes.

Meriga was formerly a cavalry captain of Mexico and his arrest is the fifth in connection with the alleged revolutionary plot. Meriga is said to have made a confession regarding the revolutionary plot said to have been led by General Reyes. The officials say Meriga told them he has been engaged in securing horses, arms and ammunition, a considerable amount of which has been sent into Mexico.

TWO KILLED IN A MINE

Tons of Earth Fell on Drillers in a Joplin Mine.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 29.—While operating a steam drill in the John L. zinc mine at Webb City, Custer Roswell and Carl Throgmorton were buried beneath several tons of dirt that fell from the roof of a drift in which they were working. Fifty men worked three hours in removing the debris before their bodies were recovered.

Roswell, thirty-five years old, leaves a widow here. Throgmorton was unmarried, his home being in Clinton, Mo.

EXPRESS SAFE RIFLED

Agent at Grand Rapids is Held Up by Bandit.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 29.—The Adams Express company's Union station office here was robbed of everything in the safe, a bandit holding up the route agent and then escaping. The safe was rifled of several thousand dollars.

FAST MAIL WRECKED

Engineer and Fireman Killed in Collision on Great Northern.

Rugby, N. D., Nov. 29.—The Great Northern fast mail train, east bound, collided head on with a freight train six miles from here, killing Engineer Isaac Wright and Fireman Michael O'Leary, both of Devil's Lake, N. D.

More Restrictions on Jews.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—A dispatch from Kiev says the governor of the province has notified the police authorities that when "termless" passports are presented by Jews they are to be taken up and annual passports given in exchange. Thus the Jews will be treated as foreigners.

CONDENSED NEWS

The schooner W. A. Young sank in a storm on Lake Huron.

Renewed rumors of a receivership for the Wabash depressed its stock.

The police are looking for Will Davidson, accountant for the Thompson Lumber company of Big Island, Lake Winnipeg, who has been missing since a visit to Winnipeg, Aug. 29.

Spokane shippers joined with the department of justice and the interstate commerce commission in an appeal to the supreme court of the United States from the recent advance decision of the commerce court in the Spokane rate case.

Wilfred Stuart Sheldon Dickson, alleged scion of a noble English family, was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of stealing jewels valued at \$2,950 from Mrs. Oglva van W. Haskell, a society leader of Minneapolis. In default of \$4,000 bail he was returned to his cell.

GOOD ROAD PLEAS MANY AND URGENT

Congressmen and Senators to Urge Appropriations.

THIRTY BILLS ARE READY.

Some Call for Vast Sums of Money, Others Make Only Beginning—Road Improvement Boosters to Meet in Richmond, Va., This Week.

Washington, Nov. 29.—With the contention that the eggs and butter that go on the breakfast table, the flour that goes into the bread, and the beef and potatoes that go on the dinner table will be made cheaper thereby, a strenuous campaign will be waged in congress this winter for the passage of a bill appropriating money for the construction of public roads throughout the United States.

The opening gun of the campaign is to be fired this week, when road improvement enthusiasts from all sections of the country are to gather in conference in Richmond, Va., and the shot fired at that conference is expected to reverberate so impressively throughout the land that congress will consent to do something to advance the cause.

It is proposed by this plan to do away with the "mud tax"—the tribute that is exacted from the farmers and market gardeners by bad roads between their fields and the nearest railroad or the closest city market. Just as the improvement on railroads, making possible the carrying of larger loads at quicker speed, has cut down the freight rates, and just as the improvement of rivers and harbors, providing for larger boats and better terminals, has slaughtered water transportation rates, so, it is contended, the improvement of highways in the way of cutting down grades, wiping out mudholes, and straightening curves, will enable the farmer to market his product more cheaply, and thus insure reductions in the prices.

About thirty bills will be before congress when it meets the first Monday in December, proposing as many different plans for the use of money from the federal treasury in road construction. All of them are backed by enthusiasts both in congress and out. They propose, too, varying amounts of appropriations, running from a few thousands to be used for experimental purposes to \$150,000,000.

SINKS IN ICY WATERS

Mother Powerless to Rescue Her Son From Drowning.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 29.—Particulars have reached here of the drowning of Alexander Fairburns, a young man who lived with his parents near the Missouri river in the northern part of Charles Mix county. The drowning had unusually pathetic features. The young man had gone to the Missouri river for a pall of water, and ventured too far out on the ice, which broke, precipitating him into the river. He managed to grasp the edge of the ice, and was holding on for dear life when his mother discovered his perilous position. She used her utmost efforts to rescue her son, who was fast becoming numb and weakened, but her strength was not equal to the task. She hurried to the home of a neighbor for assistance, but this neighbor chanced to be away from home and valuable time was lost in summoning assistance from another neighbor. When the distracted mother returned to the river with help her son had disappeared, having been unable to hold on longer, and had sunk to his death in the icy waters. His body has not yet been discovered, and probably will not be until spring.

SOCIALISTS ASK FOR HELP

Want Aid of Federation of Labor in Politics.

Atlanta, Nov. 29.—An appeal was made to the American Federation of Labor in convention here by the Socialists to help them in their fight to elect Job Harriman mayor of Los Angeles.

A letter from the national executive committee of the Socialist party, requesting the federation to assist financially in the Los Angeles campaign, "and thus prove the solidarity of labor," was read by President Gompers.

Mother of Eight Slain by Husband.

St. Louis, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Kate Neary, mother of eight children, was slain by her husband with a hammer. John T. Neary, plasterer, followed the murder with an attempt upon his own life. While his eldest son and neighbors grappled with him for possession of a razor, Neary slashed his own throat. He probably will die.

Woman Kills Husband and Self.

Denton, Tex., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Noy Pugh, aged eighty, a bride of ten months, fatally shot Pugh and killed herself here after a fruitless attempt to effect a reconciliation with him. He died within a few hours. He filed a suit for a divorce several days ago.

Morgan Spills Contribution.

New York, Nov. 29.—J. Pierpont Morgan tripped in church and, falling to the floor spilled the contents of the collection plate, which was piled high with money. The banker was unhurt.

HERBERT L. SATTELEE.

Who Secures Decision That Trust Directors Cannot Be Held Liable.



BLOODHOUNDS TRACE BLACK HAND LETTER

Hurry to Home of Man in Solon on Securing Scent.

Solon, Ia., Nov. 29.—Bloodhounds tracked to his home a man named Dvorak, suspected of having sent Black Hand letters to John L. Adams, a wealthy farmer living near here. The hounds entered the house and seized upon one of three men lying in bed.

The postmaster here found a letter addressed to Adams in the same handwriting which had characterized six other threatening letters received since last May. The letter was opened to give the scent to bloodhounds, which had been concealed here for ten days. The hounds quickly made their way to Dvorak's house, smelled of a desk and safe in the front room, and then bounded into a back bedroom where Dvorak and Miller were asleep. Officers from Iowa City made the arrest and the two men were taken to Iowa City pending their hearing.

Since his barn was burned two weeks ago, Adams has received three letters, each demanding \$7,000.

BLACK HAND BUSY AT VAIL

Three Residents of Iowa Town Get Threatening Letters.

Denison, Ia., Nov. 29.—The town of Vail is much stirred up over evidences that some one is trying the "Black Hand" method to obtain money from farmers. A letter was first received by Andrew Harrington, southeast of town, in which \$1,000 was demanded. The letter was found on his front porch and it told him to leave this sum on the porch on a certain night or his property would be destroyed and his daughter kidnapped. Later it was found that a similar letter had been sent William Harrington. A Mrs. Gallagher of Vail was called upon to give up \$200 under threat.

ROAD'S ROUTE ANNOUNCED

A. F. Nissen Tells of Course of North Iowa Pike.

West Union, Ia., Nov. 29.—A. F. Nissen of Des Moines has confirmed the statement that the directors of the North Iowa Pike association have decided to run the route through New Hampton, Williamstown, Fredericksburg, West Union, Clermont, Postville, Monona and McGregor to Prairie du Chien. A branch will diverge at West Union, going through Fayette, Arlington and Strawberry Point to Manchester, where it will connect with the Hawkeye trail.

W. W. Day Awarded Damages.

West Union, Ia., Nov. 29.—In the district court here a jury awarded W. W. Day \$1,000 damages from Will Kraft for injuries inflicted in an altercation at the store at Scott in October, 1910. Mr. Day is a buttermaker, now living at Oelwein, but then at Scott, while Mr. Kraft is a young man employed in his father's store. Day had sued for \$5,000.

Plan Monster Wolf Hunt.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 29.—Farmers of the neighboring community of Windham are planning a monster wolf hunt. The hunt will start immediately at the close of corn picking time. Many sheep, says the report, have been killed in that vicinity in the last few weeks, and the farmers are determined to get rid of the animals.

Captured After Long Chase.

Mason City, Ia., Nov. 29.—Lyman Willis, who escaped from the asylum at Independence and has been wandering about the country for three months, was taken into custody here. He will be returned to the asylum.

New Plant May Be Built.

Hopkinton, Ia., Nov. 29.—It is possible that Hopkinton will get a new electric light plant before long. A dam may be built on the Maquoketa river if the current is strong enough to run two mills.

FARMERS ALL JOIN IN THANKSGIVING

Iowans Show Their Gratitude for Bounties Bestowed.

AGRICULTURISTS PROSPEROUS

Tillers of Soil Have Plenty of Cash. Last, but Not Least, They Enjoy a Healthful Occupation—Not at Mercy of Middleman.

What the farmers of Iowa have to be thankful for this year:

That they are not at the mercy of the middleman and not affected by the high cost of living.

That the country is passing through a stagnation, without a panic.

The prosperous condition of the farmer following the drought of the summer.

That farming conditions changed in twenty years so that good crops are possible regardless of drought.

Good health.

Good roads and automobiles.

Mutual movements in Iowa such as elevator, fire insurance companies, etc.

Des Moines, Nov. 29.—What the farmer has to be thankful for this year was discussed at a meeting of one hundred farmers of Iowa, coming from all parts of the state to discuss mutual fire insurance in convention in Des Moines. Thanksgiving day is but a week away and the subject of what to be thankful for was uppermost in the minds of the farmers.

"The farmer has everything to be thankful for," said A. D. St. Clair of Hampton, Franklin county. "Consider the good crops this fall, following a drought, when the farmer thought he would have an absolute failure of the year. Instead of the great loss, the farmer has plenty of money and can enjoy life this winter. He will not need to stint himself in buying Christmas presents or consider the economies as in some years."

S. H. Reese of Newton, Jasper county, said: "The farmer this year can be thankful that farming conditions have changed so in the last twenty years that it is possible to get a good crop regardless of a drought. We have learned that by pulverizing the soil, the soil will hold moisture, and that with other improved methods of farming, brought out a good crop. If a drought of the same duration had struck the country twenty years ago, the crop would have been an absolute failure. So the farmer has really more this year to give thanks for than he had in any other years. The farmers have plenty of cash and meet their obligations promptly, which is an excellent sign of prosperity."

Escapes Middleman.

"Passing through the period of stagnation prevailing now without a panic is one of the main reasons the farmer should be thankful," said John Evans of Grinnell. "The farmer has so many things to be thankful for that it really is hard to decide which is the most important. The farmer, for one thing, can be thankful that he is not at the mercy of the middleman and that the high cost of living does not trouble him. He raises everything he needs to eat on his farm and he lives well, while the city man on the other hand has to pay big prices for food and enrich the middleman."

G. J. Mack of Clarion, Wright county, said: "The Iowa farmer can be thankful that he lives in a prosperous state, conservative and progressive as well. The healthy climate is another asset. Good crops, regardless of the drought, and plenty of cash in his pockets at the end of a season that looked dark, is something the farmer cannot afford to miss being thankful for. The mutual movement in the state is another reason for thanks. I refer to the mutual elevators which have been built and the mutual fire insurance associations which save him money."

Good health was assigned as the main reason the farmer should be thankful by W. K. Van Wagener of Ida county. He has farmed for sixty years and places health above good crops. "The Iowa farmer enjoys a life which keeps him healthy and the climate is such that there is no better place to live in the country," he said. "We had good crops and the farmer has plenty of money this year, but the money without the health would not be of much value. After good health we can be thankful for the harvests."

Discuss Social Questions.

Members of the state board of control and of the state parole board went to Iowa City today to attend the annual meeting of the Iowa conference of charities and correction. Judge Robinson of the board of control is chairman of the conference on prisoners and prisons, and W. H. Berry of the parole board will tell of paroling prisoners. Others on the program are: A. L. Erick of the Iowa Federation of Labor, Dr. Max Witte, Clarinda hospital; Dr. Edward Steiner, Grinnell college; F. H. Pickworth, chaplain at Anamosa; T. E. Hynning, Sioux City; J. C. Sanders, warden at Fort Madison, and Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health. It is a most excellent program and will take the larger part of three days.

THROW OUT THE LINE

Give the Kidneys Help and Many Plattsmouth People Will Be Happier.

"Throw Out the Life Line"—The kidneys need help. They're overworked—can't get the poison filtered out of the blood.

They're getting worse every minute.

Will you help them?

Doan's Kidney Pills have brought thousands of kidney sufferers back from the verge of despair.

J. W. Hickson, Oak St., Plattsmouth, Neb., says: "I shall never cease to praise Doan's Kidney Pills, as they proved of great benefit to me several years ago. For some time I was caused much suffering by attacks of lumbago that came on without the least warning. The simplest movement was painful and I was also annoyed by irregular passages of the kidney secretions. I read so much about Doan's Kidney Pills that I finally procured a box from Rynott & Co.'s Drug Store. I was so gratified with the results of their use that I publicly recommended them in 1906, and at this time I willingly verify that statement. I hope that other kidney sufferers will profit by my experience."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Roy Worthan Injured.

Roy Worthan, employed at the Burlington supply department of the storehouse, had the misfortune to have the index finger of his left hand nearly severed Saturday afternoon while unloading a heavy steel spring. Mr. Worthan had taken hold of the heavy spring, and in getting it out of the car the spring slipped and caught his finger between the spring and the door of the car. He was taken to the office of the company's surgeon and the injury dressed. Roy will be forced to lay off for some time.

Married Saturday.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Barclay Saturday afternoon occurred the marriage of their son, Earl Barclay, to Miss Carrie Kissling. The ceremony was performed by Judge Beeson, and occurred about 4 o'clock. The groom and bride are both well known Plattsmouth young people, having resided in this city for a number of years. Mr. Barclay has a good position with the Burlington as fireman and will no doubt climb higher in the railway service.

Given \$5 and Costs.

One King, a hobo, was before the police court this morning on the charge of drunkenness. The court assessed the usual fine for the first offense of \$5 and costs. The police officers are having some trouble in keeping tabs on the hobos of late, as they are becoming too numerous. They are on their way from the north, making their annual migration with the birds from the cold, chilly winds of the north to the sunny southern climes to pass the winter.

The City Grows Plus.

The prediction of the pessimist that the new bridge would make more business for the police force and the old town grow rapidly wicked is not borne out by the facts. Johnnie Leuchtwies, the genial grocery salesman at H. M. Soennichsen's store, states that Sunday morning at 8 o'clock he and Barney Miller were the only men on the street and not a fellow leaning against the "buildings" anywhere in sight. Pretty quiet Sunday for the "fellers."

E. L. Huston of near Union visited the county seat today and did some shopping.

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