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FARMER SHOULD FIX THE PRICES

So Says James N. McBride in Address Before National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—In addressing the fourth National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits here today, James N. McBride, state market director of Michigan, recognized the merit of making two blades of grass grow where one grew before, but expressed the opinion that the blade in the first instance be made to pay a profit to the producer.

One fault which the speaker found with American co-operative organizations was that they compete with each other instead, as in Denmark, of co-operating among themselves.

"The greatest benefit that agricultural organizations could do for both producer and consumer would be to assert their power to make farming compensatory and in that way increase production," he said. "This is the protective tariff idea applied to agriculture. Instead of inveighing against speculation and asking for legal prohibitions thereof, the cooperative determination of prices by agricultural organization would be the most effective weapon for its suppression."

The farmer, like the manufacturer, should fix the price of his product, said G. E. Prater, jr., of Paw Paw, Mich., manager of a co-operative fruit handling company, in addressing the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Products here this afternoon.

Mr. Prater said he had observed great "bullish" enthusiasm among commission merchants seeking the business of growers, but wonderful "bearishness" on arrival of fruits at the commission house.

"Fruit growers of Michigan," said Mr. Prater, "still are facing the problem of whether to continue the old method of consigning their fruit (thereby letting the 'other fellow' set the price) or to try to interest individual buyers in their product."

After the formation of the Michigan Fruit Growers' organization, Mr. Prater said, in closing, Michigan grapes rose to a parity in price with those from other sections. In the last five years, he said, the traveling grape buyer has been a curiosity in this territory.

"Americans have grown out of the pioneering habit, which ever lured their forefathers to establish further boundaries," E. Dana Durand of the University of Minnesota today told delegates to the fourth annual conference on Marketing and Farm Credits. He was discussing in particular the land settlement problems of northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

The northern parts of these states, he said, contain millions of acres of fertile land which is well watered, but because of the difficulties of clearing them they have remained untenanted. Whereas in Iowa, four-fifths of the land is under cultivation, Mr. Durand said, that the proportion in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan is but two-fifths. The great difficulties offered to the modern pioneer in these sections, he said, are forests, stones and swamps. He stated, however, that these difficulties are no greater than those confronted by frontiersmen who conquered Indiana and Ohio.

A paper read today at the fourth annual conference on Marketing and Farm Credits by Victor K. McIlhenny, president of the American Fruit and Produce Auction association enumerated reasons why American fruit and vegetable growers should distribute their products by auction.

The speaker referred repeatedly to the New York auctions to illustrate his points. Buyers there, he said, were wholesale grocers, chain stores, peddlers, hotels, cafes, retailers, fancy fruiterers and jobbers.

"California deciduous fruit growers, by reason of dissatisfaction with private selling, turned to the auction twenty-eight years ago, when their crop was 1,000 cars annually, he said. Today their crop is 17,000 cars annually and they would not think of returning to private selling methods."

Mr. McIlhenny believed there was only one essential to make the auction method successful. That, he said, was constant supply.

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PRICE OF COAL TO BE INVESTIGATED

Government Examination in High Food Cost Takes Definite Form.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The federal investigation of the high cost of living began today to take definite form, with indications that it would extend to every section of the United States. Not only is a sweeping inquiry into the cause of the soaring cost of foodstuffs contemplated, but the recent pinch in the coal supply and its resultant price advances also will be made, in all probability, the subject of broad investigation.

Officials began to cope in earnest with the problems presented by the situation. The president took under consideration preliminary reports which others yet to come will form the basis for recommendations he may make to congress.

Many Speeches in House.
A dozen speeches on the subject were made in the house and several resolutions, proposing inquiries were introduced. These were referred to committees without discussion, most of them going to the interstate and foreign commerce committee, of which Representative Adamson, who is opposed to embargoes, is the chairman.

Department of Justice officials held conferences today with members of the federal trade commission and District Attorney Anderson of Boston, in charge of the department of investigation, is here to formulate a definite plan of conducting the nation-wide inquiry. About fifty investigators of the department's bureau of investigation were reported to be gathering data which will determine the attorney general's course of action.

Commission to Aid.
The Interstate Commerce commission probably will be called upon to aid by furnishing data relative to shipments of foodstuffs, and Mr. Anderson will confer with commission officials before his departure. Grand jury investigation at New York or Chicago, or both, of the reasons for rising prices are still under consideration.

With the program still in process of formation, there were increasing indications that officials were considering the situation from three angles, namely:

First—Determination of the actual cause of the rapid rise in foodstuffs and coal, whether it was due to natural economic laws, to the unwaranted action of individual dealers and producers in advancing prices, or whether there exist agreements among groups of dealers or producers to boost prices.

Second—Vigorous prosecution of persons or firms, if any, who by violation of existing laws in making agreements to raise prices or otherwise have contributed to the upward trend of prices.

Third—Enactment of legislation to remedy the present situation and to prevent its recurrence.

To Investigate Exchanges.
The situation is in the first of these stages, so far as the department of justice is concerned. With its investigators already at work department officials called upon the federal trade commission for co-operation and were promised all data which the commission already may have bearing on the situation, and further aid in obtaining information which can be acquired without adding materially to the burden imposed upon the commission by other pending inquiries.

In addition, department officials are understood to be considering the advisability of investigating such organizations as the Chicago board of trade, the Chicago Butter and Egg exchange, the Elgin board of trade, and the New York Produce, Sugar and Coffee exchanges, with a view to ascertaining by what practices the market values of certain foodstuffs dealt in by these bodies are determined. An inquiry into the amount of foodstuffs held in all the cold storage establishments of the country and possibly as to the volume of grain stored in elevators also is said to be under consideration.

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Lee Prouty visited friends in Lincoln Tuesday.

A. I. Bird and family spent Sunday with Grandma Bird.

Fay Passell was a passenger on No. 13 Tuesday for Lincoln.

C. R. Jordan was a passenger for Lincoln Tuesday evening.

Fred Prouty was transacting business in Richfield Tuesday.

J. Parsell and son, George, were Lincoln visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snavey are visiting relatives in Lincoln.

A. V. Schaenthal of Bennett was in town on business Monday.

The new Methodist church at Greenwood will be dedicated next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Curry made a business trip to Lincoln Tuesday.

Mrs. Edna E. Jones of Murdock was transacting business in Alvo Monday.

Louis and Ernest Hollenbeck and Harvey Miller went to Omaha Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark have moved into the Scott Jordan property in east Alvo.

Mrs. Nervia Knott and son, Irwin, of Kearney, Neb., visited friends here Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. John Murty Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lena Cole and son, Roy, of Mynard, were guests Thursday of Mrs. Bina Kitzel.

Mrs. H. A. Bailey and son, Kenneth, were passengers on No. 13 Monday for Lincoln.

Judd Weaver of South Bend ate Thanksgiving goose with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Coon and children were Thanksgiving guests at the A. I. Bird home.

Mrs. E. M. Stone and Mrs. C. M.

Jordan visited friends in Elmwood Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Westlake of Eagle, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armstrong.

Dan McCurdy and Alfred Stroemer are doing carpenter work in South Bend for Harry Long.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Casey motored down from South Side, Omaha, Sunday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. I. Kennedy took her nephew, Vernon Hinchbaugh, to Omaha to Dr. Gifford to have his eyes treated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott and daughter, Miss Grace, and Mrs. Dick Elliott, autoed to Lincoln Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Godbey and daughter, Miss Mildred, visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Lincoln.

Ivan Armstrong visited his sister, Mrs. Elmer Barrett and family at Havelock from Thursday till Saturday.

Chas Sutton and family of Rising City, Neb., are visiting the former's father, Andy Sutton and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appleman and daughter, Miss Marie, were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Young of Lincoln.

Mrs. Borgenreif of Elmwood, and daughter, Mrs. Fischer of Omaha, called on Miss Della Sutton Friday afternoon.

Lem Foreman and sister, Mrs. Minnie Bobbitt, autoed down from Lincoln Monday evening, returning Tuesday morning.

Miss Grace Alton of Elmwood spent the week end with the Misses Vera and Marie Prouty.

Mrs. Dewey of Lincoln came in Tuesday to help care for her mother, Mrs. Liza Craig, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Bessie Rhein of Alliance, Neb., is here on a visit with her cousin, Mrs. Chas. Godbey and family and other relatives.

Henry Roelfsz came down from Lincoln Wednesday on business. Mr. Roelfsz is now in the grocery business in east Lincoln.

The third number of the lecture course was given in the form of "The Minstrels" to a large audience in Jordan's hall Tuesday evening.

H. A. Guthmann and family, accompanied by Mrs. Edna Jones and Miss Olga Olson motored up from Murdock Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Baker and children motored to Valparaiso, Neb., Sunday and were guests of Mr. Higgins and family, returning Monday.

Fred Prouty finished shucking corn last Saturday, due to the extra help from Alvin Cashner, who spent his Thanksgiving vacation with them.

Thomas Stout and family, Peter Klyver, Elmer Klyver and wife, and Roy Bennett were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klyver.

Mr. McClure, Elmer and Harold Magee and Noel Foreman of Lincoln took dinner Friday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Foreman.

Miss Lulu Prouty of Davenport, Wash., Alvin Cashner of Lincoln and Chester Tuey of Omaha ate Thanksgiving goose at the F. M. Prouty home.

Mr. Henry Suders and daughters, Misses Bessie and Sarah of Clatonia, Neb., were Thanksgiving guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Dan Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weaver returned Wednesday to their home at Silver City, Ia., after spending the past few days with the former's sister, Mrs. Willis Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klyver and daughters and Grandpa Klyver departed Tuesday via the auto route for Central City, to visit the latter's daughter, Mrs. Emil Hamilton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bumstead and children, Harry and Marjorie, autoed up from Clay Center, Kan., Thursday and visited until Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Herbert Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prouty and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. George Stafford of Red Oak, Ia., motored to Lincoln Sunday afternoon, visiting University Place, Waverly and Greenwood en route.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. D. Weidman of Red Oak, Ia., returned home Monday, after having spent a few days visiting the latter's brother, P. H. Weidman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bailey had as their Thanksgiving guests, H. L. Clopp, jr., Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armstrong and son, Ivan, and Clifford Appleman.

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