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Five Year Farm Relief Plan Offered

E. J. Richey of This City Has Plan That Would Strengthen Prices of Farm Products.

E. J. Richey, one of the civic leaders of the community, has in common with all residents of the west, given much thought to the relief of the farming classes of the country and the raising of prices of all products. This has led Mr. Richey to the origination of a five year plan to aid agriculture and which is given below:

This plan contemplates first, loan by or through the bankers on corn at fifteen cents per bushel, or a fixed price on any other farm commodity; note to be given by the farmers bearing 4% secured by bill of sale; note to be due upon the sale of the corn or other commodity. The bankers to give the farmer an agreement that the bill of sale is held as collateral to the loan with right of sale at an agreed minimum price, and the farmers to receive the profit in excess of the amount of his note. The bankers to further agree not to put corn or other commodity on market for less than the agreed minimum (say 75c per bu.). The corn or other commodity to be marketed in an orderly system under a marketing commission, which commission is to represent both the farmers and the bankers, with an AGREEMENT FROM THE FARMERS that they will abide the dictates of the marketing commission with reference to production. The items covered by the bill of sale to carry ample insurance to protect both the farmer and the bankers. These notes to be re-discountable with the Federal Reserve banks, or the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The plan to be advertised through the co-operation of the farmers, the bankers, business men, mortgage holders, radio, newspapers, etc., so as to make its terms known throughout the land.

For the purpose of carrying the plan to effect, sub-divide the country into the local banking districts, the local bankers to get in touch with the farmers of their banking district and report to a state organization, which in turn can report to a national organization, and when it is assured that such a plan will meet with sufficient support to insure success, then the system of notes, bills of sale, and contracts to be executed. It would be necessary to have the bill of sale of at least one and one-half bushels of corn to assure control of the price to the banker. If the farmer did not care to make a loan, let him give the banker a bill of sale with the same agreement as though he has made the loan.

Under this plan, for example, if a farmer has four thousand bushels of corn for sale, he can obtain a loan on it at 15 cents per bushel, or \$600. Note to be given carrying 4% and payable when the corn is sold. He gives a bill of sale of the corn to the bankers from whom he obtains the money, the corn is insured, and the insurance policy and bill of sale follows the note as does also the agreement of the bankers not to sell below a minimum fixed price, say 75c per bushel, and that the farmer will derive in profit on all of the increase over and above the amount of his note and interest.

Under this plan of bill of sale attached to the note, the bankers can then assure their depositors that their money is invested in a commodity which is at its lowest price and is bound to increase in value. The rediscount of these notes with the Federal Reserve banks or the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, will maintain the banks reserve. While 4% on the loans seems exceedingly low, the bankers will prosper by having their customers prosperous instead of bankrupt. This means that the bankers note cases will be worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

Demands should be placed before the tariff commission of the United States for the placing of an import duty on farm products sufficient to protect these products against foreign competition. Provision should be made for taking care of chattel mortgages now in existence, either by extension of time or otherwise, to give the mort-

gagors time to meet the situation on an increased income.

The five year plan if put into effect at once would help to force the price of the present crop and with the bill of sale idea in effect, control of the market would be secured, and hence price valuations forced up to the standard fixed in the agreement, and over a five year period the farmer could be educated to control production in accordance with demand. This plan if put into effect at once would stop the bank failures and mortgage foreclosures. It would give the country a buying power and put the unemployed back to work.

Fred T. Ramage Observes Passing of Birthday

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Is Marked by Family Dinner Party—Here for Fifty-four Years.

From Monday's Daily
The seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of Fred T. Ramage, one of the long time and highly esteemed residents of the city, was observed today at the family home on North Tenth street.

The event was quietly enjoyed by the members of the family circle in a dinner party and at which all of the children were in attendance to spend the day with the father and mother.

This is not only the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary but also fifty-four years ago on this date Mr. Ramage, then twenty-one years of age, arrived in Plattsmouth to make his home and he has since been one of the leading citizens of the community.

Mr. Ramage was born in Hamburg, Germany, February 20, 1858, and when fifteen years of age came to the United States to seek his fortune. He located in Iowa for a number of years until he came from Burlington to this city in 1879 to make his future home. Mr. Ramage and Miss Alice Oliver were married here in this city in 1882 and last year they celebrated their golden wedding at the home here.

The members of the family to enjoy the day here today were Fred T. Ramage, Jr., of this city, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ramage and family of south of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meisinger of Omaha.

VISITS IN TEXAS

S. S. Gooding of this city, who departed a few days ago for a trip to the southwest, has arrived at El Paso, Texas, where he will spend a few days before resuming his trip into old Mexico. Mr. Gooding states that he was much impressed with Little Rock, Arkansas, where he spent a few days but that the western portion of Texas, "the staked plains" country was far from attractive and for 300 miles the country was desert sand and sage brush. He states that El Paso is a large and very fine city but difficult to get around in owing to the crooked streets. Mr. Gooding made a visit to Jarazo, Mexico, across the river from El Paso and where he found a very colorful population and a great deal of excitement in the wild life of the Mexican city. He goes from El Paso back to Fort Worth, Texas and hence on to Laredo where he will cross into Mexico en route to Mexico City.

RELEASED FROM COMPLAINT

County Attorney W. G. Kieck Saturday dismissed the charges that had been preferred against Bill Baker on a statutory offense. The complaining witness in the case had married following the filing of the case and desired that the charge be dropped against the defendant. Mr. Kieck at once withdrew the charges as being unfounded.

RECEIVES HONOR

Teresa Libershal of Plattsmouth, a senior in the College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska, was one of the 89 students who received a tuition scholarship for the current semester. These awards are made to worthy students on a basis of scholarship and financial need. Miss Libershal is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Libershal.

Avoca Winner of Cass County Tournament

Defeat Greenwood in Finals 22 to 12 to Add to Long List of Victories.

The Cass county basketball tournament closed on Saturday evening at Avoca with the fast and aggressive team of that place again proving its prowess and annexing the tournament honors from Greenwood, 22 to 12. The Avoca team had been rated as the probable winner and never faltered in its onward march to victory, eliminating the Plattsmouth Reserves 34 to 6 in the second round, and Alvo in the semi-finals by the score of 37 to 15.

The championship game was hard fought by the Greenwood team whose fighting qualities had been demonstrated in their win in the semi-finals over Weeping Water 22 to 6. The first half of the game was close with Avoca leading 8 to 5 at the half time. In the second half the smooth machine like play of the southern Cass county team told on the Greenwood quintet and who were unable to check the cohorts of Coach L. L. Larson.

The Avoca team has had a splendid record in the past two seasons and only bowed to Shubert in the regional tournament last spring. The success of the team is a tribute to the excellent coaching work of L. L. Larson, head of the Avoca athletic department.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Avoca—	FG	FT	PF	TP
Carstons, f	2	1	0	5
Pager, f	0	0	0	0
E. Stovall, f	1	2	1	2
Mr. Stovall, c	1	1	1	3
M. Stovall, g	2	2	3	6
N. Johnson, g	3	0	1	6
	9	4	6	22

Greenwood—	FG	FT	PF	TP
O. Stevenson, f	3	2	2	8
Armstrong, f	0	0	1	0
Rouse, f	1	1	1	3
Brakhogge, c	0	0	0	0
Mayer, g	0	1	0	1
L. Stevenson, g	0	0	2	0
	4	4	6	12

Referee, Zaar, Murdock; umpire, Post, Oteo.
The consolation honors were won by Alvo from Weeping Water, 22 to 14.

REPRESENTATIVE VISITS HERE

Hon. George E. Nickles of Murray, was in the city for a short time Saturday evening visiting with friends and discussing with the home folks the various measures that are now pending before the state legislature. Mr. Nickles is a member of the finance committee of the house and which has a large number of matters concerning the revenue and tax measures before them. He is also much interested in the five year farm relief plan that has been presented by E. J. Richey of this city. The plan was shown by Mr. Nickles to several at Lincoln and has attracted a great deal of favorable expression from the legislators.

HERE FROM ULYSSES

From Monday's Daily
Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmour of Ulysses, Nebraska, arrived this morning from their home to spend a short time here with the relatives and friends. Mrs. C. P. Vallery, sister of Mrs. Gilmour, has been quite poorly for some time and Mrs. Gilmour has been here several times to look after her care. While here they will also visit at the A. J. Snyder and Sam Gilmour homes. Mr. Gilmour was a pleasant caller at the Journal today and renewed his subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the paper.

SMALL FIRE TODAY

From Monday's Daily
The fire department was called this noon to the residence property just west of the John Bajcek home. The roof of the house had caught from sparks from the chimney and soon was blazing quite freely. The blaze was extinguished in a short time by the firemen with only a small damage to the structure. The residence was occupied by a family named Dooley.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Becker on North 11th street, was the scene of a very pleasant dinner party Sunday, they entertaining a number of friends from Omaha at dinner and during the afternoon. The party comprised Mr. and Mrs. Solon Burkhardt and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tabor of Omaha and John H. Becker, who was home from the state university over Sunday. Mr. Burkhardt is the general manager of the Dold Packing Co., at Omaha, and Mr. Tabor is superintendent of the large packing plant. The occasion was one that all enjoyed to the utmost.

Dismiss Action Against Charles Grassman Today

Request of Relatives That He Be Not Prosecuted for Shooting Affray Sunday.

From Tuesday's Daily
This morning in the county court a dismissal was made of the case of Charles Grassman, Louisville young man, held here Sunday for an alleged shooting affray at the home of Sterling Miller near Weeping Water.

The dismissal of the case was made at the request of Mrs. Grassman, wife of the man and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Miller, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of Grassman, stating that they were not prosecuting the case and requesting that action against Grassman be halted by the county attorney.

The case was settled by agreement of the parties and the payment of the costs that had been caused the county in the matter.
Mr. Grassman was released on a peace bond in the sum of \$1,000 which is to be operative for a year and which was signed by Mr. Grassman and his grandfather, C. F. Wheeler of Louisville.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Albert Schiessl was the honor guest on Sunday at a delightful birthday dinner, the event being held at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schiessl on west Oak street.

The dinner was very attractively arranged by the ladies of the family and embraced all of the good things that anyone could have desired. The centerpiece of the table was the handsome birthday cake baked by Mrs. Louis Schiessl, which with its glowing candles made a handsome picture. The dinner was served by the sisters of the guest of honor and Miss Florene Born.

While the dinner was drawing to the close, Franklin Sedlak, Robert Ulstrup and Betty Louise Sedlak, joined in singing "Happy Birthday" for their uncle.
The members of the family were all delighted that the mother, who has been poorly, was able to join the other members of the family at the table for the dinner.

The afternoon was spent in pinochle and taking pictures and in showering the guest of honor with many happy returns of the day.

Those who enjoyed the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Al Ulstrup, daughter, Ellen and son, Robert, of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Janda and Mr. and Mrs. Pery Dunn, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Max Vallery, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schiessl, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sedlak, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schiessl and the guest of honor.

OPEN NEW OFFICES

The B. M. & T. Co., which was organized here some time ago by Michael J. McCloud, A. L. Brown and Ed W. Thimgan, former sheriff, now has offices in the building of C. A. Rawls, east of the court house. This company is engaged in the handling of stocks, bonds, insurance and loans as well as a general brokerage business. Mr. McCloud and Mr. Thimgan are the active field men of the firm and have had much promising success in the few weeks that they have been engaged in the new firm. The firm has been able to handle several deals of stock transference that has proven most satisfactory to the customers and the company.

Arrest Suspect in Murdock Robbery in Iowa

H. J. Heckathorne Arrested in Osceola, Iowa, as an Accomplice of P. F. O'Hare in Robbery.

From Wednesday's Daily
Deputy Sheriff Jarvis Lancaster returned last evening from Osceola, Iowa, bringing with him H. J. Heckathorne, 30, who is a suspect in the attempted robbery of the Farmers Mercantile Co. store at Murdock on the night of February 1st.

At the time of the attempted robbery P. F. O'Hare, 25, was killed when he fell down a stairway in the store and broke his neck after he had attempted to battle Cass Sylvester, brother of Sheriff Homer Sylvester.

O'Hare had been seen in Murdock and vicinity during the day as well as at Plattsmouth and accompanied by a companion and when entering the store the accomplice had remained away from the building and made his escape in the excitement when Cass Sylvester fired at O'Hare inside the store building.

The officers have been carrying on a search for the second man in the robbery and were notified that Heckathorne was being held at Osceola, Iowa, as a suspect in the case.

Deputy Sheriff Lancaster drove to Osceola Tuesday afternoon and was accompanied by Frank Melvin, Eddie Craig, Herman Wendt and John Amgwort, of Murdock, to identify the man if possible. The Murdock men were able to make the identification of the man as the one that they had seen in company with O'Hare on the day of the robbery.

Heckathorne stated to the officers that he was with O'Hare at Murdock on the day of the robbery, but that he was not there at night when O'Hare had made his ill venture attempt to rob the store and ran into a trap that had resulted in his death.

SUFFERS SEVERE LOSS

The McMaken Trucking Co., suffered a loss of \$1,000 late Monday afternoon when a trailer loaded with furniture was burned while in transit to Omaha from this city. The trailer was attached to a truck and engaged in transporting the household effects of John N. Beck and family to Omaha.

When past La Platte the driver of the truck first noticed that the trailer loaded with the household goods was fire. Efforts were made to extinguish the blaze, without success, and the household effects as well as the body of the truck was destroyed.

The fire evidently originated from something in the furniture and had probably been smoldering for some time until it burst into flames and soon swept the trailer and its contents.

Rea McMaken, head of the trucking company, estimates that the cost of the fire will reach at least \$1,000 by the time the damage is repaired and the trailer placed back into service.

LIGHTS WERE OUT

From Wednesday's Daily
The street lights in the northwest section of the city were all out last evening and that portion of the city plunged into darkness not unlike the bottomless pit, save where the light of a passing car or from some home beamed out as a lighthouse for the traveler. The break in the service was occasioned by the limb of a tree falling on the electric line and causing the consequent disruption of the city service. The private lines, however, were operating in that section of the city.

DELIVERS ADDRESS

From Tuesday's Daily
R. Foster Patterson, principal of the high school, was at Omaha today where he was called to address the members of the Tribe of Yessir, Chamber of Commerce pep organization. Mr. Patterson spoke on "George Washington," he being a close student of the life and times of the great general and first president of the republic. The address was given at the noonday luncheon of the club and very largely attended.

JOINS KAPPA ZETA CHI

Miss Jean Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hayes of this city, a student at Morningside college at Sioux City, has become a member of the Kappa Zeta Chi sorority at her school. Miss Hayes is in her sophomore year at Morningside and has been active in the work of the musical department of the college. The college held the close of their pledging campaign a week ago and the results of the pledges announced in the "Reporter," official paper of the college. Miss Hayes was one of the members of the graduating class of 1931 of the local high school.

Rotarians Hear of Bees and Culture

Interesting Talks Given by James and Charles Waga on This Important Industry.

Bee raising and its various aspects was the subject of the talks given Tuesday before the Plattsmouth Rotary club. James and Charles Waga, who have followed the culture of bees for several years, being the speakers.

They had with them several specimens of the combs in which the honey is deposited by the bees, and with their long and varied experience they gave many interesting facts in regard to the bees, their life and the busy periods when they are gathering and depositing the money in the combs for storage and of which they are spoiled for the gratification of mankind for this delicacy.

It had been hoped that the lecture could be illustrated by films, but which failed to arrive in time for the meeting and which will probably be shown later to the Rotarians.

In the entertainment feature of the meeting Miss Cora Williams, supervisor of music of the local city schools, presented the string quartet of the high school, composed of four of the talented young ladies and who were heard in several well given numbers. The quartet was composed of Misses Alice Hiatt, Lois Bestor, Marjorie Tidball and Rachel Robertson.

The meeting was in charge of R. A. Bates as the chairman of the current program.

HAVE PATRIOTIC WINDOWS

The display windows of the H. M. Soennichsen Co., have a showing of a special George Washington window, arranged by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The window has a large portrait of the first president as well as an ancient spinning wheel, old time musket and the banner of the Fontanelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as the American flag to add to the patriotic observance of the day.

The portrait of General Washington is also shown in the east window of the C. E. Wescott's Sons store and which pays a special tribute to the great leader of the nation.

RETIRE AS TREASURER

Jesse P. Perry, who for a period of fifteen years had served as the treasurer of the First Methodist church, retired Sunday from the office after the church body had at last heeded his often repeated requests to be relieved of the office. The church elected as the successor to Mr. Perry, Mrs. John W. Crabill, who has been an active leader in the various church societies and who will now carry on the work of the treasurer.

LEAVES ON TOUR

From Tuesday's Daily
Mrs. E. H. Wescott, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, departed this morning on a tour that will include three units of the D. A. R. organization. Mrs. Wescott will first visit at the chapter at Sterling today, returning to Lincoln Wednesday. On Thursday Mrs. Wescott visits Blair and will assist in the dedication of a monument that will be erected by the D. A. R. to mark one of the pioneer spots of the state.

Argue Validity of City Warrants in State Court

Case of A. L. Tidd vs. John E. Kirkham, et al., Is Submitted to Supreme Court.

On Tuesday afternoon in the state supreme court the case of A. L. Tidd vs. John E. Kirkham, city treasurer of Plattsmouth, was argued to the court and submitted by the attorneys in the action.

The city was represented in the action by City Attorney J. A. Capwell while W. A. Robertson appeared as attorney for the Plattsmouth Board of Education and other owners of the city warrants that are in question. Mr. Tidd appeared in his own interests in the case.

This action was filed by Mr. Tidd, as a taxpayer, against Mr. Kirkham, then city treasurer, to prevent the paying of interest or the principal of warrants aggregating some \$18,000, which were issued by the city for the erection of the viaduct on Granite street and also for use in the construction of a road connecting with the county road to the Missouri river traffic bridge.

The case was tried here in the district court before Judge W. G. Hastings of Omaha on the bench, who found for the city and declared the warrants to be legal and that the city was in its power in issuing the same, no protest having been made at the time.

The case was then appealed to the supreme court by Mr. Tidd and where it is now to receive the judgment of the high court.

The board of education of the city is the holder of \$10,000 of the registered warrants in which they had invested a part of their funds while individuals hold a number of the warrants.

The case probably will be decided soon and the result will determine what action the city may find necessary to take in regard to the warrants that are now carried as a part of the floating indebtedness of the city.

ENTERS NEW FIELD

Rev. A. V. Hunter, who has been pastor of the Methodist church at Lexington, Nebraska, has entered a new field of labor for the church. Mr. Hunter will become field worker for the Wesleyan university and Rev. L. H. Kaub, who has held this position takes over the church at Lexington.

Mr. Hunter was pastor of the Plattsmouth church for a number of years and in his new work will have the opportunity of a general acquaintance over the state in the interest of the great Methodist school.

CITY HAS HOLIDAY

From Wednesday's Daily
In honor of the two hundred and first birthday anniversary of General George Washington, the city today observed a partial holiday and the banks, postoffice, offices at the court house and the BREX shops were all closed for the entire day.

The business houses of the city, however, were open as usual and the day was merely Wednesday to those in the business section.

REJOICE IN NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tulene are enjoying the pleasures of being the grandparents of a fine nine pound grandson that arrived at their home on Sunday. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Iske of Kaycee, Wyoming, the mother having been here for some weeks at the home of the parents. All are doing nicely and the event has brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the members of the family circle.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Gerald Ketelsen, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, recovering from a very severe case of pneumonia, has so far recovered that he was able to return home Sunday. Gerald stood the trip nicely and is now at the family home recuperating. The little lad however, cannot receive company until he is some stronger.