

Improvement Is Shown in Review of Agriculture

Federal Department Finds Prices Increasing and Farmers Generally Are Optimistic.

By GEORGE F. ALTHIER, Washington Correspondent. The Omaha Bee, Washington, Dec. 8.—(Special)—A slight improvement in the general agricultural situation is indicated in the monthly agricultural review issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. Prices of cotton, grain and livestock products as well as prices of the things farmers have to buy, have slowly risen. The general price levels have been moving slowly upward, with some farm products making a moderate recovery.

"This has put a little money into the pockets of some farmers, but heart into many more, and has done both for those who carry farm products through these channels," says the review.

The October index of prices received at the farm for 19 farm products is placed at 110 as compared with 100 in 1913. The index of wholesale prices of commodities that the farmer buys, other than food products, is placed at 109. Thus, farm products will purchase 45 per cent as much of other commodities as in 1913. This is an improvement of 1 point since August and September, but is 4 points lower than July. The review summarizes conditions in various sections of the country as follows:

East In Poor Shape.

In the east, agricultural conditions are in relatively poor shape. Some countrymen are doing fairly well, but most dairymen are having all they can do to break even. Potatoes, apples, hay, and truck growers are thoroughly discouraged.

The cotton belt shows the best general recovery of any region as a whole. The crop is very poor in many areas, but men who have any cotton to sell feel good at the prices. General business has been much stimulated. In the corn belt, growers are somewhat encouraged at the rise in grain prices. A heavy fall run of hogs to market, as well as heavy movement of cattle and sheep to farms is reported. Winter grain shows good stands. Bad weather and muddy roads are hampering fall work.

Farmers Needed.

In the wheat belt, shippers have been handicapped by an almost unprecedented shortage of freight cars. Reports last week indicated that 400 elevators in Kansas were closed for lack of cars. Winter wheat stands generally are reported fairly good.

In the range country, rain and snow have improved range conditions, but severe weather has somewhat pinched stock. Sheepmen are feeling fairly good at sheep, lamb, and wool prices. The outlook for next year is generally considered favorable. Shippers on the Pacific coast have been hampered by car shortage. Apple growers have been hard hit by low prices in eastern markets. In general, however, farm and livestock interests show fairly good returns for the year and considerable optimism. Figures compiled by the department during November indicate that an abnormal movement of population from farms to towns is taking place.

"Wife Hired Man to Kill Spouse"

Detroit Sleuths Charge Woman Offered Gunman \$20,000 for "Job."

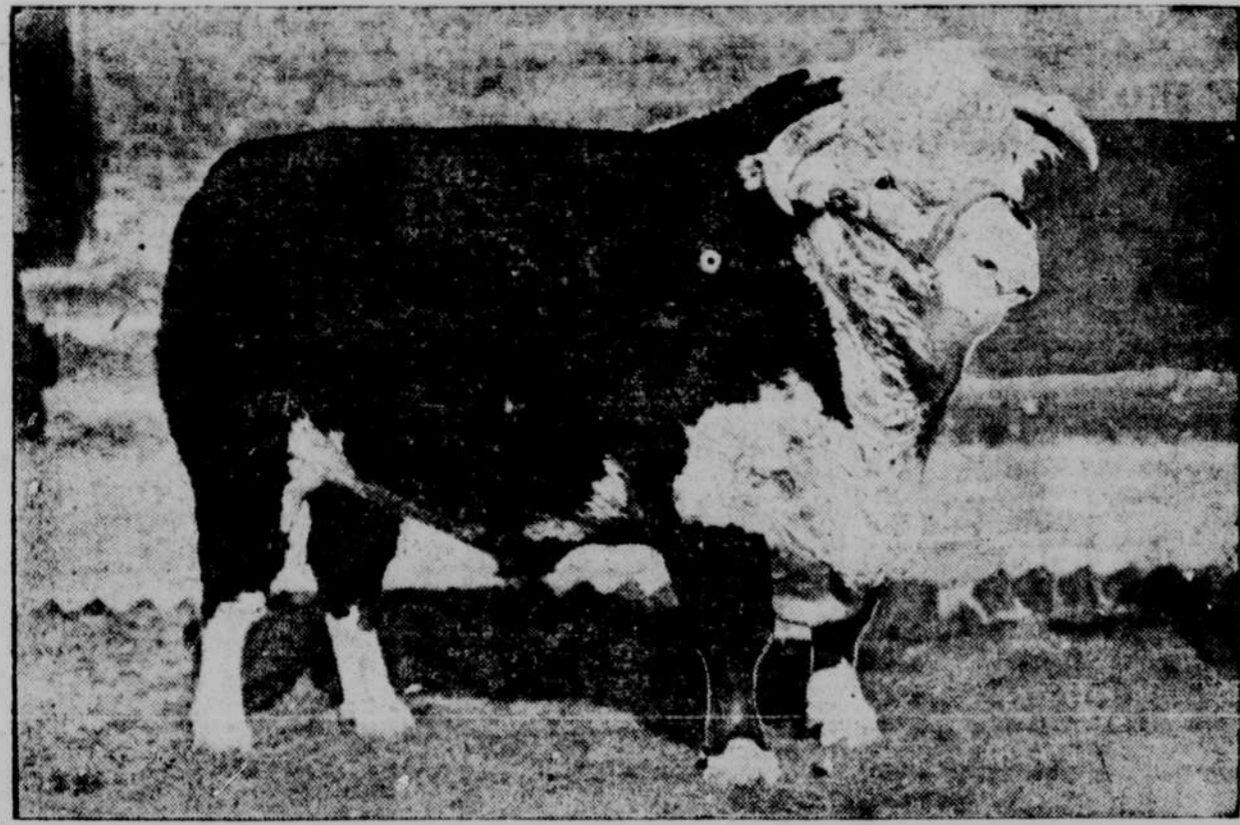
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—Mrs. May Blinn Ford solicited the services of a gunman to kill her wealthy husband, N. J. Ford, offered the gunman \$20,000 for the "job," and gave him a photograph of her husband to make sure the right man was slain, according to the sworn statements of four detectives whose investigation resulted in Mrs. Ford's detention today on a charge of attempting to commit murder.

Denying the charge, Mrs. Ford declared she was the victim of "a frame up" that grew out of her domestic difficulties. These difficulties include a suit for divorce filed last August in which she charges cruelty and a suit asking \$25,000 damages of her estranged husband for alleged assault.

Mrs. Ford was arrested last night, when, it is alleged, she was about to meet Edward Kumath, a detective lieutenant for a second conference on her reported plans for the slaying of her husband, Kumath, it was said, was presented as "a Kansas City gunman." Wednesday night when the alleged plot was first revealed by Mrs. Ford.

The first meeting according to the detectives, took place in an apartment, especially rented for that purpose. Three detectives claimed to have overheard the conversation. Several plans for the killing were presented by Mrs. Ford, the officers declared.

Grand Champion Hereford



Fine breeding has produced animals of remarkable appearance, as may be seen at the International Stock show in Chicago. This picture shows the grand champion Hereford bull. His name is Panama 110th, owned by A. B. Cook, Townsend, Mont.

U. P. Chairman Upholds Supreme Court Decision

Union Pacific Is Not Seeking to Buy Central Pacific, Judge R. S. Lovett Says at Hearing.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram)—Declaring that if the Interstate Commerce commission has power to disregard the decision of the supreme court in the Central Pacific case it ought not to exercise it, Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman, Union Pacific system, assumed the stand today in hearing before commission on the Southern Pacific's application to lease the Central Pacific.

"It is very difficult for me to conceive of the commission's nullifying the decision of the supreme court," said Judge Lovett, "even pending the action of the lower court of the mandate. According to my view of it, the supreme court has decided this proposition, and I do not want to take any position that would indicate that the Union Pacific takes any other attitude."

"What is your position as to an independent Central Pacific?" asked Attorney Fred H. Wood of the Southern Pacific. "Our position is outlined in public statement given out on June 10 by President Gray; that we were not seeking to buy the Central Pacific but that we would buy it if fair and reasonable terms could be agreed upon," said Lovett.

Regarding the ability of the Central Pacific to stand alone, Judge Lovett said:

"Of course, a great deal may depend on the conditions under which the lines are separated. I have decided on the whole that the Central Pacific ought to be a self-sustaining property."

Omahans to Erect Big Radio Station

Plans Made for 500-Watt Plant on W. O. W. Building—To Cost \$10,000.

Plans for the erection of a 500-watt radio broadcasting station, powerful

enough to send messages 1,000 miles under any conditions, on the roof of the Woodmen of the World building were laid at a meeting of 20 Omaha business men at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

W. A. Fraser of the W. O. W. lodge, who called the meeting, offered accommodations which will facilitate the erection and maintenance of the plant which will be at least twice as powerful as any radio station in Omaha at present.

It is planned to raise the \$10,000 needed to equip a station of this ca-

capacity, by public subscription, to be handled by a committee chosen at yesterday's meeting.

The radio plant will be of the sending matter of general civic importance, market reports and Chamber of Commerce programs.

Wirth to Tour U. S.

London, Dec. 8.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Karl Wirth, former German chancellor, who resigned on November 14, plans to make a tour of the United States early next year, says a Central News dispatch from Berlin.

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Kitchen Klenzer, 2 for 15c One Free



Choice, 9c Fancy Baby Beans, Fancy Kidney Beans, Pork and Beans in Tomato Sauce

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200 Ladies' and Misses' Dresses in cantons, satins, matelasses, point twills, serges, also party gowns and dinner dresses; all late models and all sizes; cloth dresses to \$50; values to \$22.75

Wool Scarfs, \$5.95
Wool Scarfs in all the beautiful shades. A very suitable Xmas gift. 200 Brushed Wool Scarfs in all shades; regular \$7.50 value.

Little Tots' Bonnets \$1.95—10 dozen silk poplin and crepe de chine bonnets for the little tots; values to \$5.00.

Infants' Sweater Coats, \$1.95
5 dozen Infants' Coat Sweaters in white or colors; \$3.00 values.

Baby Dresses at \$1.00
10 dozen Baby Dresses in white muslin with lace trim; \$1.50 values.

Little Tots' Coats \$6.95
100 Little Tots' Coats in chinilla, velour, polon and wool mixtures; sizes 2 to 6; \$10 values.

Girls' Dresses at \$10.00
One lot of Girls' and Misses' Dresses in wool crepe and the French serge; sizes 8 to 16; values to \$15.

HOSIERY Makes a Good Gift—Buy for Less—



\$4.50 Fancy Clocked Hose, \$3.15 and \$3.50
Women's Extra fine grade of Fancy Clocked Hose, in black and colors; standard makes.
All Wool Clocked Hose, \$2.95
Women's All Wool Hand Clocked Hose, full fashioned; best colors.
All Wool and Silk and Wool Hose, \$1.49
Women's All Wool and silk and Wool Hose, in plain and ribbed effects; black and colors; \$3.00 values at only..... \$1.49
Children's All Wool Hose at 95c
Wayne Knit and Hosiery Mfg.

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\$7.00 Carrom Boards for only \$4.50
\$10.00 Thirty-four inch Blue Disc Wheel Coaster Wagon; rubber tired, at \$6.95
\$5.00 Mama Dolls with sleeping eyes; they walk and talk; Saturday only \$3.95
\$1.50 Yellow Cabs for \$1.00
\$6.00 Doll Buggies with rubber tires and reclining back, for only \$4.00



GLOVES For a Good Gift—At Special Prices—



Kid Gloves at \$5.95
Ladies' 16-Button Black Kid Gloves, Paris point backs; regular \$7.00 value, at \$5.95
Strap Wrist Kid Gloves at \$3.95
Ladies' Strap Wrist Kid Gloves, embroidered backs, black, brown and heaver; at \$3.95
Dent's Kid Gloves at \$2.25
Ladies' 2-Clasp Real Kid Gloves, "Dent's" make; black, brown and heaver; regular \$4 value, at only..... \$2.25
Kid Mittens at 95c
Children's Kid Mittens, fur top, fleece lined; regular \$1.50 value, special..... 95c

Before Xmas Millinery Sale

Saturday \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00 Values



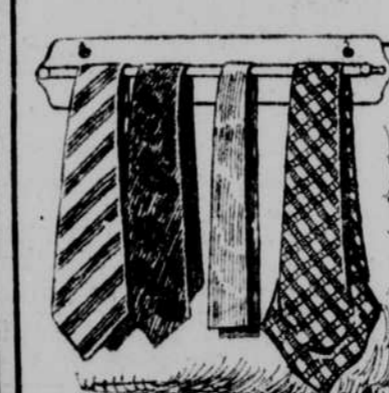
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Omaha's largest selection of popular priced millinery for mid-season wear. A sale possible only through our enormous buying power.

200 Velvet Trimmed Hats, worth up to \$7.50; Lyons silk, all colors; while they last at..... \$1.95

Kids' Hats; every kiddie's hat in stock to be sold; very specially priced now at only..... \$1.95

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Men's Wear At Special Prices Saturday

Men's Interwoven Wool Hose, in leather, brown, black or dark gray; all sizes; specially priced, pair..... 75c
Men's Jewelry Novelties and Collar Bags; large assortment to select from at moderate prices.
Men's Madras Shirts, highly colored, woven materials; at each..... \$1.45 and \$1.95

Men's Silk Ties in the season's latest colorings, 20c to \$2.00
Men's Knit Ties, new combinations; Berkeley made and others—79c to \$3.50
Men's Bath Robes, Lawrence and Beacon cloths; hundreds to select from at only..... \$3.95 to \$15.00
Men's Smoking Jackets, silk trimmed and plain, \$7.50 to \$15

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- U. S. Army Four-Buckle, All-Rubber Arctics. The wholesale price today is \$3.50 per pair. On sale Saturday, only, per pair, (large sizes only) \$1.95
- All Virgin Wool 4-pound Hudson Bay Blankets, white with gray striped border. Size 72x84. Weight 4 lbs. Worth \$12.50. \$6.95
- Saturday only
- New O. D. Wool Serge Button-Leg Breeches, \$4.75
- Saturday only
- All-Wool Two-Pocket Sport Sweaters, Kelly green. \$3.95
- An exceptional bargain Saturday only at..... \$2.69
- All-Wool Civilian Style Pants, straight leg.
- Saturday only 98c
- Khaki Colored Felt Bedroom Slippers. Very special
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- U. S. Army New O. D. Wool Blouses, all sizes.
- Saturday only

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Army Officers' Shoes. A special purchase enables us to sell these shoes Saturday at only..... \$3.95

- U. S. Army Officers' Dress Shoes, best quality \$4.95
- U. S. Army Russet Shoes, special \$4.95
- U. S. Army Field Shoes, "bear for wear" —the best work shoe ever made \$3.75
- U. S. Army Russet Shoes, unlined, at \$3.89
- Army Munson Last Work Shoes, pr. \$2.95
- U. S. Army Double Sole Garrison Shoes, at per pair \$5.25
- Army Officers' Hi-Top Leather Boots, \$9.45

UNDERWEAR

U. S. Army All-Wool Undershirt and Drawers, per garment, only 98c

- Wool Process Union suits at only \$1.98
- New Wrings and Dunham Wool Union Suits, specially priced Saturday at..... \$2.98
- 100% Wool Union Suits, our big seller, special at..... \$3.95

TOWELS

- U. S. Army New Huck Towels, 18x36, per dozen \$1.69
- Large size Turkish Towels, 24x48, striped borders, extra special..... 49c

SHIRT SPECIALS

for Saturday

- Heavy Mole Skin Shirts, khaki colors, special..... \$2.49
- Army Standard O. D. Wool Shirts, Saturday only..... \$2.95
- Regulation U. S. Army All-Wool O. D. Shirts. They are the genuine army shirts, not imitations, and priced at only..... \$3.45
- These shirts originally cost the government \$6.00.

OVERCOATS

Sheepskin Lined Coats with sheepskin collar and mole-skin shell, belted, Saturday only..... \$9.95

- U. S. Army Overcoat, used but in perfect condition. Saturday at..... \$6.95

CAPS

Men's and Boys'

- U. S. Army Motor Transport Caps, brand new 98c only
- Khaki Colored Civilian Caps, with fur earlaps, 93c only
- Corduroy Caps with fur earlaps, just the thing for hunting; specially priced at..... \$1.39
- Khaki Gabardine Caps, flannel lined earlaps and leather windbreakers. Saturday only..... \$1.98

SOCKS

Medium Weight Army Wool Socks; very special, 3 pair..... \$1.00

- Heavy Weight Jumbo Wool Socks, \$1 value, only 59c

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Junior Munson Last

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- New Indian Navajo Blankets, full size, good weight. Beautiful patterns, only \$4.95
- Double Woolnap Plaid Blankets, full size and good weight, Nashua famous blankets, per pair, only..... \$3.95
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BREECHES

Brand New O. D. Wool Regulation Breeches, at..... \$3.95

- Used O. D. Wool Breeches, in perfect condition, \$1.98
- Brand New Corduroy Breeches, special \$3.75

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Brand new extra quality Leather Leggings or Puttees, spring or strap style, specially priced at..... \$3.95

- Canvas Side Lace or Cuff Style Leggings, special 69c
- O. D. Wool Wrapped Leggings, only 98c

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Aviators' Leather Lined Vests, knitted wristlets and mole-skin shells, only \$5.95 and \$6.95

- Black Horsehide Leather Vests, knitted collar and leather cuff, guaranteed not to scuff or peel, \$14.75 only
- Sheepskin or Lamb Lined Vests, with gloves leather sleeves, knitted wristlets and collars. Very special at..... \$7.95

U. S. Army Motor Transport Gloves, wool lined, Saturday only at..... \$1.75

- Officers' Dress Gloves, very special at..... \$1.75 only
- VERY SPECIAL U. S. Army All Wool Gloves, only 25c

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