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THE FUTURE OF FARMING.

There is only one way in which to interpret the warning of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, that unless farmers adjust their production in accord with the consumptive demand they face a discouraging outlook.

A farmer from Merrick county came into the office of The Omaha Bee on the day the secretary of agriculture's advice came out.

"During the war," he continued, "it was treasonable not to raise the biggest possible crops. That was all right, but a good deal of the same feeling exists even in peace times."

This farmer had a good deal more to say. For years he has watched the course of the markets. He has observed how a few years of fair prices for one farm product will stimulate production to such an extent that they will be followed by years of low prices which mean heavy loss and discouragement to those who staked everything on the chance of a good market.

One thing this farmer sees clearly is that the farmers who are producing for the home market have the surest future. In that he would agree with Secretary Wallace, but not with ex-Secretary Meredith, who looked to the development of a bigger foreign market as the hope of the farmer.

It will not do to assume that the secretary of agriculture is suggesting that the farmer allow any to go hungry for the sake of farm profits. Nor would he suggest a decrease in all commodities.

The United States is the leading country in the world for agricultural production. With about 4 per cent of the world's farmers, it produces 70 per cent of the world's corn, 60 per cent of the cotton, 50 per cent of the tobacco, 25 per cent of oats and hay, 20 per cent of the wheat and flaxseed, 13 per cent of the barley, 7 per cent of the potatoes and 5 per cent of the sugar, but only 2 per cent of the rice.

Science and invention have made the American farmer the most efficient in the world, and he is producing more per acre and per person than ever before. Each man in the fields is feeding nine people other than himself in this country, and one more person living in foreign lands.

It would not be surprising, in view of these facts, that American agriculture should have pushed production farther ahead than consumption. Every year there are districts in which some crop is left to rot in the fields because the price set by demand will not pay for the gathering.

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TAKING THE FLAG FOR GRANTED.

When the average American citizen toddles down the street, on business bent, he will not notice whether the American flag is displayed or not. If it is, it excites no curiosity, for he is familiar with its colors and design and so takes it for granted.

It is not lack of patriotism, or indifference to the flag, that accounts for the neglect apparent on the streets. Folks are not in the habit of paying the deference due to the banner of their nation.

Other regulations for the display of the banner are easily observed, and it is suggested that citizens provide themselves with copies of the code, to the end that they may know how properly to use the great emblem of the oldest and greatest of all the earth's republics.

SPLITTING BELGIAN UNITY.

While the trouble in Belgium at present appears to be over the language question, it really has a threefold root, and goes very deep into history. Language, religion and industry, all are concerned and in a broad way are closely connected.

Review of the history of the region brings up some interesting pictures of the past, and some notable personages parade across the scene. Caesar paid a high tribute to the people he called Belgians, although they are quite as well known as Batavians, whom he failed to conquer and so concluded an honorable peace with them.

The present struggle became acute preceding the war, when propaganda for the division of the country was rife. Patriotic devotion summoned by the war held the land together then, and may now, although the factional bitterness is intense.

Industrial recovery in Belgium has been rapid since the war, and agriculture has kept pace with the factories, yet these interests are no closer knit than in the past, when the agrarian feeling was suppressed by royal devotion to manufacturing.

F. Edson White tells us why the price of hogs has gone down. Now, if some brother will explain why the price of bacon remains up, the floor is tendered him.

The prince of Wales sends back to America the working plans for a new dance. Wonder if he is coming over to see if the girls have learned how to dance it.

If we have our history straight Col. John L. Webster spent several years fighting for the liberty at which a contemporary pokes so much fun.

"Boss" Croker's second wife wins the law suit over the property, but this does not answer the long standing question, "Where did he get it?"

"Time at last sets all things even." Mr. Lasker has canceled an order given Mr. Anheuser-Busch for near beer for use on the Leviathan.

"Mother, believed insane, kills herself and two children," wrote the headline artist. There were some indications to that effect.

Omaha's postoffice will never look the same without the smiling face of "Jim" Woodward somewhere about.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—

Robert Worthington Davis

"TOUCH NOT THE FLAG."

The old man read from line to line; upon his face a frown. Appeared as he turned from the tale and looked intently down.

"My son was one among the boys who fought across the sea. My father perished for the flag in 1863. And neither spoke one word about its ill-proportioned size.

"And here today I bow my head with reverence and pray. That time has not perceived the flag ungainly in display—

"Long may it wave just as it is—the selfsame flag of yore. Above the land it represents its silken splendor pour. And be not altered to construe the paragon of art.

And touch with grief the strings of many a sleeping hero's heart."

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Work Your Own Way.

Wilsonville, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have been reading your editorial page for some time and have found it most interesting. I am sending you the article on "Work Your Own Way."

It would have success in anything you must work your way to it. If things seem dull and business is a standstill, don't wait for the market to come along and help you out.

Memories of Old Harvests. Grand Island, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The editorial, "Whirling Wheels," appearing in The Omaha Bee, will call many scenes in the minds of the 50-year-old boys.

Beauford, Va.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In the "German" column, I find the following: "Germany agrees to pay us \$245,000,000, the amount we spent uselessly keeping an American army on German soil after the war."

Running a Moke. Mandy—Howdy, astat! I saw yo' hushan' down de road a ways an' he was all tore up! What happened to him?

Getting Even With Wife. Binks—My wife always borrows the money from me to get me a birthday present.

A Few of Us. The widow of Lord Northcliffe is reported to have relinquished a fortune by remarriage. But perhaps the real cause is death. Some of us are, you know—Philadelphia Record.

Somewhat Puzzling. We can understand how a girl could dance for 30 hours, but don't see how she could carry enough powder to last that long—Arkansas Gazette.

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Capital and Surplus Two Million Dollars

The Omaha National Bank Farnam at 17th St.

The Eternal Railroad Question

Newspapers See Prospect of Better Service, but None of Lower Rates.

The primary purpose of a railway is (or should be) to haul goods. Of course it may do other things in addition, such as carry profit or enable in politics, but it is as a means of transportation that its public importance comes.

With the approach of the harvest, the railroads find the roads making unusual efforts to be ready to move the crops. Since early in April they have been moving empty freight cars from eastern terminals to the western wheat territory.

Edward Rosewater never left anyone long in doubt as to where he stood on any issue worthy an opinion. Politics in 1872 had many angles, and some of these were shown in the city government of that day.

Commerce and Finance reports railroad earnings for April and car loadings for May are both the largest on record. Capper's Weekly seizes the occasion to demand a reduction of freight charges in behalf of the farmer.

There are not many newspapers, the nation over, that venture to criticize the railroads. Quite the accepted view of the majority is expressed by the St. Paul Dispatch, when it says: "It has been the sound contention that if the railroads were let alone they would work out their own salvation."

Money to Loan on Omaha Real Estate The CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION 1614 Harney

Abe Martin



Caterer Art Smiley of the Elite Drug store is attending a chef's convention at Bloom Center.

Daily Prayer

Men ought always to pray and not to faint—Luke 13:1.

Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee in humble worship this morning. We thank Thee for Thy loving care while we slept, and for the sleep and rest of the night.

While on his recent visit to this country, Marshal Pooh made a witty reply to a man who had just given a party of Americans, took exception to French politeness.

Advertisement for Pioneer's A Giant Oak from a Little Acorn grows



And from a small beginning in 1881, the C. N. Dietz Lumber Company has grown into a giant of 1923.

Founded as the St. Paul Lumber Yard (C. N. Dietz, owner), later for many years this was Mr. Dietz' unincorporated personal business; in 1901 it was incorporated under the present name.

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