Wheat Condition in State Declines 14 Points in May

Crop of 41,439,000 Bushels Indicated—Grain Lacking in Vitality and Heads Are Short.

Lincoln, June 15.—Winter wheat dropped 14 points in condition during May and the present condition of 75 per cent of normal indicates a crop of 41,439,000 bushels for Nebraska, says the June crop report, issued by the federal bureau of crops and livestock estimates. This crop is compared to 28,220,000 bushels last year.

"Contrary to expectations," says the report, "wheat is thin, lacking in vitality, and the heads are short with two or three of the lower wheat spikelets undeveloped. While wheat fields appear quite good from the moving train or auto, this is misleading as a more thorough inspection in the field will reveal."

The report follows in part:

"The reduced wheat prospects are due to the ill effects of Hessian fly and unfavorable weather. Fly damage is greater than expected as evidenced by a number of dead branches and weakened vitality of the wheat stool. The almost torrential rains last fall packed the soil greatly. The aboundant moisture resulted in a shallow root system and wheat, weakened also by the fly, could not withstand the spring drouth.

"The soil is badly cracked and packed and under this condition the light spring showers were not effective. Wheat on bottom land, that along fence rows and on properly rotated land is fairly good, but much of the balance is far below expectations. The spring brood of the fly is late in emerging and if further delayed the damage from this brood may not be large.

"The acreage of oats planted is the same as last year, 2,456,000 acres. The condition of 78 per cent of normal indicates a crop of 63,217,300 bushels, as compared to 81,048,000 a year ago. Sufficient moisture will improve the crop considerably.

"Spring wheat acreage decreased 20 per cent. This leaves 282,000 acres for harvest, compared to 352,000 acres last year. The condition is 78 per cent of normal.

"While corn is late, this was also the case a year ago, when some of the planting was not finished until June. At that time the fields were extremely weedy, due to the rains. This year, fields are in fine tilth and with warmer weather corn will come through rapidly.

"The acreage of the tame hay increased 4 per cent. The condition is 81 per cent of normal. The increased acreage came largely from alfalfa and clover. The first crop of alfalfa is not as heavy as a year ago, but the quality is better. Wild hay is 78 per cent of normal.

"The farm labor supply is 96 per cent of normal and the demand 91 per cent of normal."

12,263 Miles U. S. Roads in State

Nebraska Has Received $9,873,790 for Federal Aid Highways.

The federal aid highway system in Nebraska and Kansas includes 12,263 miles, according to the bureau of public roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. There are 5,480 miles in Nebraska and 6,783 in Kansas.

This is a system of roads provided for by the federal highway act of 1921. According to this act, the state highway departments were to designate a system of roads not exceeding 7 per cent of the total rural mileage for improvement wtih federal aid and on which the government was to pay 50 per cent of the cost.

The total appropriations for the country have been $540,000,000 since 1916. Nebraska has received $9,873,790 and Kansas $13,218,058. Nebraska now has $2,615,254 available for new projects, while Kansas has used up all but $382,842 of its appropriation.

To bring this system up to serviceable standards will mean a surfacing program of 11,000 miles a year, according to department officials.

WOAW Program

Monday, June 16.

6 P. M.—Talk by Prof. Walter Martin, author of "Astrasophy; Science of the Earth and Stars;"
6:30 P. M.—Dinner program by Randall's Royal orchestra of Brandeis Store restaurants.
9 P. M.—Piano recital by artist-pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Berryman.

"Little Dancer" ..... Lamont
Lael Lanphier (aged 8).
"Spanish Dance" ..... Rogers
Marguerite Cotsworth (aged 8).
"Jack and Jill" ..... Mitchell
Catherine Cox.
"Witch" ..... Campbell
Paul Havens (aged 10).
"The Christmas Tree"....Cecil Berryman
Corinne Potter (aged 9).
"Sweet Briar Arpeggio Waltz"..Crawford
Seabury Cotsworth.
"Musical Clock" ..... Heine
Eva Lipsman.
"Avalanche" ..... Heller
Willard Grove.
Soprano solo, "Goodby"..... Tosti
Annunciattri Garrotto, pupil of Frank Newlean.
"Elfin Dance" .....
Justin Wolf.
"Hungarian Battle Song" ..... Reinhold
Ruth Welty.
"Gypsy Boy" ..... Schytte
Louise De Groodt (aged 11).
"Idillo" ..... Lack
Dorothy Holman.
"Waltz" ..... Mrs. Venrick
Mrs. G. N. Venrick, pupil in piano and composition of Cecil Berryman.
Violin solo, "Capriccio" ..... Wieniawski
Fanny Fish, pupil of Frank Mach.
Evelyn Vore, accompanist.
"Romance" ..... Sibelius
Elloe ipfel.
"Tarantelle" ..... Karganoff
Vivian Wrenn.
"Elligie" .....Nollet
Alice Ginsburg.
"Hungarian" ..... McDowell
Mary Allingham.
Soprano solos:
(a) "Addio, Napoli".....Folk Song
(b) "In Italy" .....Jean Boyd
Annunciattri Garrotto.
Marie Uhlig, accompanist.
Sextet from "Lucia" (for left hand alone) ..... Donizetti-Leschetizky
Helena Wacek.
"Gavotte in G" ..... Durand
Elsie Plak.
(a) "To a Water Lily".....McDowell
(b) "Autumn" .....
Rosaline Goldstein.
Violin solo—Selected.
Fanny Fish.
Nocturne from "Midsummer Night's Dream" ..... Mendelssohn-Smith
Catherine Clow.
"Prelude" ..... Rachmaninoff
Ida Newman.
"Rhapsody" ..... Brahms
Evlyn Vore.

The Omaha Bee, 53 Years Old Next Thursday, Had Its Office "All Dressed Up" When General Grant Came to City in 1880

Grant was coming to town, "Unconditional Surrender" Grant, candidate for re-election as president of the United States.

That is why The Omaha Daily Bee office was all dressed up as shown in the accompanying picture, taken back in June, 1880, by W. H. McKay, who lives today at 5134 North Thirty-third street.

The Omaha Bee office at that time was on Farnam street between Ninth and Tenth streets. The paper was just 9 years old.

On next Thursday, June 19, it will be 53 years old.

In 1880 it was already a lusty purveyor of news and molder of public opinion under the direction of Edward Rosewater. With its very first issue on June 19, 1871, it had announced that it was "the best advertising medium in the city." H. H. Geralde was then the ostensible editor. On July 27 the following editorial was printed:

"The popular favor heretofore accorded The Omaha Bee as a gratuitous advertising medium, and a general desire expressed by a large number of our citizens for its enlargement as an evening journal warrant the hope of its future success as a thoroughly fearless and independent exponent of public opinion. Mr. Harry Geralde will continue as editor-in-chief, assisted by gentlemen of journalistic experience. It will be the aim of the publisher, from the outset, to make The Bee a newspaper in the true meaning of the word."

This was signed by Edward Rosewater as editor and publisher.

In 1889 the paper moved to the building where it is still published.

Most of the 1880 editorial and printing force are in the picture, with a fine display of whiskers and derbies and ubiquitous urchins on the port bow and editors, copy readers and reporters looking into the camera from the upstairs windows, little dreaming what a newspaper giant they were nursing.

VETERAN SCHOOL OFFICIAL RESIGNS

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Coleridge, Neb., June 15.—Peter Schmidt, who has been a member of the school board in district No. 20, north of here, for 34 years, continuously, resigned at the annual school meeting held recently. It is believed that Mr. Schmidt has set a record in this respect.

Aged Hartington Man Celebrates Birthday

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Hartington, Neb., June 15.—Bringing flowers and extending congratulations and best wishes, many friends gathered here on the occasion of the 94th birthday of "Grandpa" Newman at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Gordon.

Mr. Newman has been a resident of Cedar county about 40 years, coming here from Ohio, and has seen much of the history made in northeast Nebraska. Besides being one of the oldest residents in this part of the state, he also has the distinction of being one of the oldest Odd Fellows here, having been initiated into that order at Carrollton, O., in 1881, or 43 years ago when he was 51 years old.

Committee to Organize.

Washington, June 15. — Chairman Borah of the special senate campaign fund investigating committee announced the committee would hold its organization session next Tuesday, after which it is expected to adjourn for a few weeks.

J. G. RUSSEL QUITS OSMOND CHURCH

Plainview, Neb., June 15.—The Rev. J. G. Russel has resigned his pastorate at the Osmond Presbyterian church, to take effect on July 1. He has accepted the call to Hopeville, Ia. Since the inauguration of the Pierce County Ministerial association Mr. Russel has been its president.

Hessian Fly Appears.

Geneva, Neb., June 15.—Inspection of the wheat fields in Fillmore county reveals that the crop will be short of normal. The heads of the grain developed before the rain came and the pepper grass is a menace. Some fields have been invaded by the Hessian fly.

Optometrists Elect.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 15.—Sherman Rogers of New York city was elected president of the International Optimists and Houston, Tex., was selected for the 1925 convention, winning over Lexington, Ky.

With the County Agents

West Point—The county agent gave remedies for plant lice and currant worm. These two pests would practically destroy the crop, he said, if remedial measures were not taken. One of the preventatives to be used against the pests, according to the county agent, is ordinary tobacco, boiled or soaked until a spraying liquid is obtained.

Next Tuesday is to be observed in Thurston county, to the northeast of this place, as the 10th year of the work of county agents in the county, and an invitation has been extended to farmers of this (Cuming) county to attend the celebration.

Last year boys and girls in club work in northeast Nebraska gathered for a few days' outing at Crystal Lake, near Dakota City. Many have requested a similar outing this year so dates have been set for the boys' and girls' celebration. These are June 25, 26 and 27. Part of the time is to be used in training demonstration teams. It is probable that a few Cuming county boys and girls will attend the meetings, the county agent said.

Omaha—In the face of threatening thunder showers, approximately 60 people from this county accepted the invitation given by the county agent and Jacob and Hans Sass to view the latter's peony fields near here. The visitors were taken through the extensive gardens on the two farms. Peonies and Iris are the principal blooms now in season on the Hass brothers' farms.

The county agent announced that he had changed his headquarters in the courthouse here.

Fremont—The county agent said that recent heavy rains and very unfavorable conditions for corn growing have brought a number of inquiries from farmers who find it necessary to replant their corn a second or even a third time. Only the earliest maturing types of corn are now in demand, he said.

Wahoo—County Agent Walter F. Roberts issued a statement condemning the "association" in Chicago that he says is trying to discredit the testing of cattle for tubercular infection.He said that the "authority they quote in saying the tests are useless has been under arrest several times for practicing medicine without a license, and has been disbarred from the national medical association.

Now is the time for farmers to study the eZects of late planting of wheat as affected by the Hessian fly, the county agent said. "Farmers who waited until the fly-free date to plant winter wheat are apparently going to harvest a crop of wheat. Many others are plowing up their fields or are going to harvest a small crop," the agent said.

Osceola—Due to recent rains, Polk county crops are in good condition, according to farmers here. Wheat and oats are flourishing and the corn is up all over the county. In some parts cultivation has started. There is some replanting of corn, due to cold weather that stopped the growth.

Albion—During the severe electrical storm here recently enough rain fell to break the drouth conditions that have existed in this vicinity to the detriment of crops. Cool weather prevented corn germination and quite a bit of the corn is being replanted.

Aurora—Hundreds of acres of corn have been or will be replanted in Hamilton county. Farmers planted their corn deep to get it into moist ground. Recent rains, however, helped to rot the corn in the ground and cut worms destroyed a large amount.

Geneva—There is always some hog cholera in this vicinity, the county agent said. It may be in different degrees of seriousness, and it may be in slightly different points at different years, he continued, but there is always some, "and farmers should take all means available to eliminate this loss." He urged that all farmers vaccinate their pigs and hogs.

A first year clothing club was organized at Strang recently, with several girls of the community listed as members. The community also has a second-year club.

Dakota City—Former Governor Samuel R. McKelvie has been secured as one of the speakers to appear before the farmers' picnic, to be held at Clinton park June 27, it was announced. Committees making arrangements for the picnic are scheduled to meet soon to perfect plans for the farmers' gathering.

Hog cholera was found last week on the farm of Dan Hurley in Hubbard precinct. The county agent declared that "this is the time of year when all farmers should be giving attention to the vaccination of their pigs. Especially is this true," he said, "in neighborhoods where there is known to be infection."

Lexington—Many farmers are following the suggestions of the county agent that they vaccinate the swine before hog cholera infection sets in in this county. This work is being done on young pigs for the most part. The first six days of June serum was furnished for 16 farmers who vaccinated 1,209 hogs.

Lincoln—County Agent Burbaugh said that his statement that high cost dairy production had brought out that "just ordinary cows with just ordinary production on ordinary feed are responsible for over and under production periods and price fluctuations. It is through this," he said, "that the dairy business is on a rather uncertain and unstable basis."

Syracuse—The most successful method of combating moles that burrow through fields is not through poisoning them the county agent said, but through the use of traps.

Stockville—W. H. Campbell, the county agent, issued a warning against agents for purious insurance policies and worthless stock remedies, by quoting the experiences of one farmer who was "stung" by these men.

Blair—The county agent offered to assist farmers and poultry raisers who are interested in raising turkeys, stating that "there is likely to be persistent demand for these birds that form such a popular form of diet." Until recently there has been little investigation as to diseases and misfortunes that hampered the growth of turkeys, but recent investigations should make the business more profitable, he said.

RADIO

By Associated Press.

Program for June 17.

(Courtesy of Radio Digest.)

WSB, Atlanta Journal, (429), 8-9, bachelors' stag; 10-45, string band music.
WGR, Buffalo, (319), 4:30-5:30, music; 5:30, news.
WMAQ, Chicago News, (447.5), 8:30, orchestra; 7, talk; 7:20, impersonations; 8:15, music.
WLS, Chicago (395); 2:45-3:45, Homemakers; 5:30-12, orchestra, songs, markets, farm talks, mardi gras.
WLW, Cincinnati, (309), 9, violinist, soprano, dance, quartet; 11, orchestra.
WFFA, Dallas News, (476), 8:30-9:30, musical; 11-12, orchestra, entertainers.
KFAF, Denver, (350), 7-8:30, Gloom Busters.
WWJ, Detroit, (817), 7:30, News orchestra.
WOC, Davenport, (484), 5:45, chimes; 6, sports, weather.
WBAP, Forth Worth Star-Telegram, (476), 8:30, concert.
WDAF, Kansas City Star, (411), 6-7, Duo-Art, address, story, music; 11:45-1, Nighthawks.
WHB, Kansas City, (411), 7-7:30, music; 8-10, children's chorus.
KFNF, Shenandoah, (266), concert, 7:30; farmer-dinner concert, 12:30.
KIAF, Leetsew, Ill. (355); 7:45-8:30, address.
KHJ, Los Angeles, (395), 8, music; 8:45, children; 10, concert, lecture; 12, dance.
KFI, Los Angeles, (469), 8:45, vocal; 10, orchestra; 11, concert; 12, trio.
WHAS, Louisville Journal, (400), 7:30-9, agricultural talk, concert, soprano.
WGI, Medford, (360), 8, Big Brother club; 8:30, program.
WMC, Memphis Commercial-Appeal, (500); 1:30, Tracy Plyler, 11, Frolic.
CKAC, Montreal, (425), 8:30, concert; 9:30, S. S. Regina orchestra; 8:30, dance.
WEAF, New York, (492), 9-10 a. m., educational; 2-3, solos; 3, children; 5-8, orchestra; musical.
WJZ, New York, (455), 11 a. m.-2 p. m., musical; 2-9, talks, reports, musical.
WJY, New York, (405), 6:30-9, "Nights With Conquistadores."
WOR, Newark, (405), 12:30-4, readings, recitals; 4-6, orchestras.
KGO, Oakland, (312), 10, musical; 12, dance.
WAAW, Omaha, (360), 8-9, Lutheran church, Council Bluffs.
WOAW, Omaha, (526), 6, piano; 7, Knights of Ontuitus.
WCAE, Pittsburgh (326); 6:15, farm talk; 7, concert; 9, concert.
WCEA, Pittsburgh, (462), 4:30, concert; 5:30, story; 6:30, musical; 9, concert.
KGW, Portland, (492), 10, music; 12, dance.
KPO, San Francisco, (423), 9, orchestra; 10-11, songs; 11, Danish tenor; 12, band.
WGY, Schenectady, (380), 6:45, talk; 7, music, young artists.
WBZ, Springfield, (337), 5:30, bedtime; 7, addresses; 6:35, weather.
WRC, Washington, (469), 5, children; 7, Tivoli theater; 8, political talk; 8:30, orchestra.

Bank Rediscount Rate Cut Sends up Bond Prices

Trading Carried on at Almost Unprecedented Scale—Market Sentiment Most Cheerful in Years.

By Associated Press.

New York, June 15.—Reduction in the New York and Boston federal reserve rediscount rates to 3 1-2 per cent, causing a fresh decline in money quotations last week, swept bond prices to the highest levels of the year. With Wall street caught unawares by the lowering of the bank rates, trading activity broke out on an almost unprecedented scale. Total daily sales mounted as high as $28,769,000, unequalled since early in 1922.

Reflecting the extent of the week's gain in prices, the average of about 50 representative issues moved up almost 1 1-2 points, compared with an advance during the current year of only 2 1-2 points. All classes of bonds shared in the improvement. United States government obligations on several successive days established record high levels, and several score of foreign government railroad and domestic corporation liens scaled new 1924 peaks.

Cheerful Sentiment.

The impressive action of the investment market created the most cheerful sentiment in several years, and in certain quarters was held responsible for the expansion of activity and the better feeling in stock trading. The demand for new bond offerings, which again approximated $100,000,000 for the week, was so strong that in several instances all bonds were sold before opening of the subscription books. A $26,000,000 (Nickel Plate) issue was several times oversubscribed and a $10,000,000 block of Argentine government one year notes was snapped up quickly.

With call money rates crumbling to as low as 2 per cent on the stock exchange and 1 1-2 per cent on the "outside" market, time loans available at 3 per cent and the acceptances dipping to new low records for this center, it was inevitable that huge supplies of idle bank funds should find employment in the investment market. High grade securities were the first to benefit, but as the buying movement gained in momentum and gilt-edged issues grew scarce, orders were extended to embrace many types of semi-speculative liens.

Rail Mortgages Rally.

Several favorable decisions by the Interstate Commerce commission brought sharp rallies in railroad mortgages. Conditional approval of the acquisition of the International Great Northern railway by the Gulf Coast lines contributed to a brisk advance in the bonds of these roads. Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio issues scored even more sensational gains as control of the road was turned over to the Atlantic Coast line and Louisville & Nashville.

Despite the improvement in fundamental market conditions and the widespread belief that the reduction of the rediscount rates would enhance the supremacy of American bankers in the field of foreign financing, prospects failed to improve for early flotation of international loans. Delay in marketing the German loan was considered partly responsible for the extension of $25,000,000 American credit to the German gold discount bank. Proposed terms of the Hungarian loan were not acceptable to New York bankers and if an early offering is attempted, they are likely to remain outside the participating syndicate.

Veteran Employe May Get Fairbury Postmastership

Fairbury, June 15.—J. Lyndon Thornton's name has been sent to the president by Congressman McLaughlin as Fairbury postmaster to relieve Dan Kavanaugh, whose term of service expires in June.

Mr. Thornton is 38, and has served in the Fairbury office since he was 17 years old. The other applicants were O. R. Jones, county assessor, and J. A. Axtell, ex-representative of Jefferson county. This is the first civil service appointment made in the Fairbury office since its organization in 1869. Mr. Thornton has filled every place in the Fairbury office at some time during his 21 years' continuous service. He was appointed by B. W. McLucas before civil service was practiced and has served under McLucas, Lew Shelley, W. F. Cramb and Dan Kavanaugh. Mr. Kavanaugh has served as postmaster for eight years.

Close-fitting hats, mostly black, were smartly distinguished by slim black and white birds posed on the edge of the brim or about the crown.

Wonders of Nature Seen in Fremont When Old Doc Peneger Dissects a Bee

Patients are becoming more and more scarce for old Doc Peneger of Fremont. Time was, during the years gone by when I lived there, when Doc had a real good practice. I drove over to Fremont from Omaha the other day, the first time I had been back in 10 years. And of course I called on the Doc.

Early last spring Doc, who now lives on the outskirts of the city, had a patient, a farmer from six miles north of the city. When the farmer started for home, he left one of A. I. Root's bee catalogs. The Doc glanced through it and was bitten by the bee-keeping bug. And he sure was bitten hard!

A day or two later the Doc sent a money order for three hives and a swarm of bees. Pending arrival of the objects of his new and particularly passionate love, the Doc had Miss Evelina Peneger, his daughter, on the run after every book and pamphlet referring to bee culture. She remarked at the time: "I have thought for quite a while that Dad was getting peculiar, but now I know he's got bees in his bonnet."

Well, the bees arrived as per schedule and Doc split the swarm into three parts. Now, any bee expert will tell you not to expect honey the same years you follow that procedure. But somehow the Doc had not read about that part of it. So he thought there must be something wrong with the bees themselves. He got hold of some books on bee anatomy and physiology and after studying these decided that he would dissect a few of his bees in an effort to discover why he wasn't getting honey.

As I approached the Doc's house his housekeeper came running down the road and jumped into a pool of water. Of course I couldn't figure out what was the matter, but as I stopped the flivver beside the pool where she was standing and keeping her head under water except when she came up for air, a whole swarm of angry bees started buzzing around my head and stinging me whereever they could get a chance at my anatomy. It took me only a fraction of a second to join her in the pool.

The bees buzzed around over the pool waiting for us to come out, but finally they got tired of it and flew away. When we came to the surface for the last time, the housekeeper's face started to break into a grin as she looked at me, but her expression changed pretty quick as she felt the pain in her swollen face. We waded out and cautiously appproached the house. As we did so we saw the Doc coming from the opposite direction. We didn't know it was the Doc until he got right up to us and spoke. He had made for the barnyard and jumped into a hog-wallow. And he looked it.

After we got cleaned up and dried off the Doc explained the cause of the stampede. It seems he had taken one of the hives into his operating room and, with his scalpel, started to dissect a bee. The rest of the swarm perched themselves on the pictures, on the chair backs and other points of vantage, and gravely observed his preparations. The Doc had killed the bee as he took it from the hive.

The body lay on the table while Doc proceeded to cut it up. The fight started as a slight breeze came in the window and turned the "corpse" completely over. The spectators, thinking the Doc was cutting a live bee, suddenly attacked him and the housekeeper, who happened to be nearby.

Doc says he should have known better than to bring all those other bees into the operating room, as it is strictly against professional ethics to allow non-professional observers to witness an operation, anyway.

Kiwanis Delegates Spend Sunday Here

Four Hundred, on Way to National Convention, Are Entertained.

More than 400 Kiwanis members and their families stopped in Omaha for a day's entertainment Sunday on their way to the international Kiwanis convention at Denver which starts this afternoon.

Clubs from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and upper Michigan were entertained at Elmwood park by the local Kiwanis club assisted by the other noon-day luncheon clubs. The Ohio and Pennsylvania delegates went through Omaha early Sunday morning, but did not stop.

The trains which arrived in the morning were met by cars bearing the sign "Kiwanis, At Your Service." H. P. Patrick had charge of the entire entertainment of the visiting Kiwanians.

After taking the visitors around to see the city, the Omaha members took them out to Elmwood park where a box lunch and entertainment was provided for each one.

The convention in Denver actually starts Tuesday and lasts until Thursday, although the social festivities start Monday afternoon. Many of the members are planning on taking a trip through Yellowstone park after the adjournment.

Livestock Association Makes Annual Report

Plainview, Neb., June 15.—The annual report of John Langemeier, the manager of the Plainview Farmers Union Livestock Shippers association, shows that 86 cars of stock have been shipped during the last year, with a total business amounting to $97,415.68. The association received $818.90 in patronage dividends from the commission houses in Omaha and Sioux City, which has been distributed to the shippers. The insurance fund had a surplus of over $200. Although the association has only been in existence for two years there is a membership of over 200. Mr. Langemeier was re-elected as manager for the ensuing year.

Church Women Meet.

Geneva, Neb., June 15.—At a missionary meeting at the Congregational church here, Mrs. John Bennett of Crete and Mrs. Jacob Kahm of Friend were speakers. Women of the United Brethren, Christian and Catholic churches were guests of the Congregational women and the program was followed by a tea. One hundred and fifty women were in attendance. Mrs. A. E. Holt and her daughter, Kathleen, sang.

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The next thing is to think up a few jokes and write them out, not to exceed 30 words each. Send them in to the Local Laf editor of The Omaha Bee, who will give them careful consideration. Submit as many lafs as you wish, but remember that original jokes will be given preference. Don't be disappointed if you don't succeed at first. Perseverance will bring reward.

Each week a first cash prize of $5 is offered; second prize of $3, third of $2, and 12 other prizes of $1 each. In addition to the cash prizes, you will have the pleasure of seeing your prize jokes and name on the screens of various movie theaters. It is a distinction to see your name on the movie screen. This Local Laf contest may be the beginning of a career for you. The market for original humor is always steady. Try your hand at joke writing and keep it up. There is always a demand for the product of those who can amuse the world. This market is never glutted. Enter the Local Laf contest today.

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Improved Trade Is Indicated by Stock Exchange

Prices of Securities Rising—Money Very Cheap—Bond Trading Exceptionally Active.

By RICHARD SPILLANE,
Universal Service Financial Editor.

New York, June 15.—Some improvement in business in the last week is shown by reports of the financial editors of newspapers throughout the country. It is about time. If the stock exchange is a barometer, the betterment is to continue. Prices of securities have risen in the last week, but not only to a degree sufficient to overcome a decline in the first two days, but to make a net gain of 2 1-2 points in the rails and 3 1-2 in industrials.

Money has been extraordinarily cheap and the bond market exceptionally strong and active. The power of low interest rates must express itself sooner or later.

A big advance in grain prices was a natural consequence of official estimates of greatly reduced wheat and corn yields. Added to this now comes the Canadian report showing a wheat reduction of 5 per cent there.

While wholesale trade lags, retail seems to hold well. Mail order houses vary in their returns, some being above and some below last year's volume but the average is a 5 per cent increase. Chain stores show exceptionally well, hardly one of the larger group being below last year.

The textile industry continues stagnant. No sign of revival in steel is seen. The oil people suffer from overproduction. A turn for the better is not seen in the motor business, or rubber, either. Copper is depressed. Reports of the building situation show sharp recessions in some parts of the country, particularly New York, but a fair volume in New England and an increase in the southeastern states. Unquestionably the weather has affected business somewhat. Likewise the imminence of a presidential campaign has an influence.

Without undue optimism, a person might see a better outlook now than a month ago and decidedly better than two months ago.

The outlook abroad is distinctly better. France has gotten rid of one president and acquired another without much of a strain. Trade on the continent shows improvement. Crop plantings are larger than in any year since the war.

An indication of the general trade situation is provided by the showing of the telegraph people. Cable business shows a pronounced increase over last year or the year before, while domestic traffic shows a decrease.

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