

### New York Rent Rates Continue on Same Basis

Canvass of Nation Shows No Decrease in Demand—Rental Prices Show Drop in Chicago.

By International News Service.  
New York, Sept. 17.—Rents in New York are maintaining a level with little chance that they will materially decrease, according to a survey of the real estate and renting agencies made by International News Service today.

Most of the real estate firms doing a general leasing business, expressed the view that rents would stay at their present level, particularly in apartment houses of seven rooms or more throughout the city, although there are slight chances that smaller apartments might decrease to some extent.

"There is the normal supply of large apartments, seven or more, and it is expected that they will be taken up early," one of the largest operators reported.

Another firm reported that they knew of 3,000 people looking for suitable apartments, but all were holding off in the hope that there would be a drop in rents. Rents, however, were holding up, they reported.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 17.—Little change in rental prices for homes and business locations was apparent today in Denver and the Rocky Mountain region. Despite continued home-building operations on a large scale, apartment and house rents remained at the level of a year ago, with no indication of an early decrease.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 17.—While there has been slight recessions in residential rentals in Los Angeles within the last eight months, these have been almost entirely confined to apartments and flats, a survey here today showed. There is no seasonal leasing date here and consequently no fluctuation is expected next month, but any change will be upward, it was predicted.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 17.—Des Moines renters of first-class apartments and good houses will pay as much for living quarters during the year 1924 as they did in 1923. Those who can be satisfied with inferior living quarters can rent for approximately 10 per cent less than that they paid last year. That was the declaration today of the best posted realtors in Des Moines.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 17.—Rents in San Francisco were today declared by C. H. Garvey, representing the apartment house owners association, to be on the upgrade because of the influx of eastern people into the city.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Cheaper rents, for the first time since the post-war housing shortage drove them skyward, were in prospect for residents of Chicago with the approach of the semi-annual renting season, October 1, according to reports compiled by the city council cost of living committee.

While rents are not being actually reduced, various concessions are offered tenants to induce them to rent, such as a month or two months rent free.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Real estate conditions in Washington are "still very bad" despite the fact that rents have dropped considerably since the war, members of the District of Columbia rent commission declared today.

### MERCHANTS WANT TRAFFIC POLICE

Relief of the traffic tangle on Twenty-fourth street between M and N streets was demanded by the South Omaha Merchants' association at its first meeting of the fall season at Eagles' hall Tuesday noon.

The association voted to ask the city commission for a traffic officer at the N street intersection.

John Flynn addressed the association on "European Chase for American Dollars." Ralph Krause, new manager of the South Omaha exchange of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, spoke.

### Two Men at Audubon Lose Hand in Similar Accidents

Audubon, Ia., Sept. 17.—Grant Williams, 35, while working in the Audubon flour mill had his right hand crushed in a crusher and it was found necessary to amputate the member two inches above the wrist.

About an hour later, "Bit" Bittenbender, 50, cut off his right hand while making sausage in the McCort meat market.

Bittenbender is a bachelor. Williams has a 12-year-old son dependent on him.

### Granddaughter Born on 50th Anniversary of Grandparents' Wedding

Hartington, Neb., Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephenson, pioneer residents of Hartington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home here, receiving congratulations from far and near. A remarkable coincidence of the golden wedding anniversary of the pioneer couple was the announcement received by them of the birth of a granddaughter, Martie LeMonte Wells of Evansport, Ill., on the 50th anniversary of her grandparents' wedding day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson came to Hartington from Harlan, Ia., in 1885. Mr. Stephenson served in the civil war and his grandfather, Samuel Stephenson, was a veteran of the revolutionary war. His sons volunteered for service in the world war.

This pioneer couple has reared and educated a family of six children, all influential in their various fields of activity. They are William L. Stephenson, Miles City, Mont.; Hugh L. Stephenson, Sioux City, Ia.; Mrs. W. J. Guthrie, Meimond, Ia.; Mrs. Charles Wells, Evansport, Ill.; Samuel G. Stephenson, Chicago, and Walter G. Stephenson, Omaha.

### Principals in Salerno Slaving



### Farmers Unable to Dodge Taxes

Mortgage Bankers Told Land Levy Too High in Proportion.

Farm mortgage bankers of Nebraska listened Wednesday morning to a presentation of a system by which the man who pays taxes shall know how much he pays and where each dollar is expended. The solution of the taxpayer's "problem," as it was termed, was presented by Harry L. Keefe, Walthill, Neb., president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation, in his address before the Farm Mortgage Bankers' association convention.

Declaring that in most instances the "problem today is reduced to the best dodger paying the least tax," Keefe pointed out that the farmers, considered as a class, are "less able to evade taxes than others."

Land Title on Record.

"The farmer's land title is on record; the law requires him to put the true consideration in the deed. Every bit of farm property is tangible. It is not tied up in stocks and bonds, and schedules, and bolts of silk, and barrels of prunes, with intricate amounts and complicated books."

"The farm bureau of this state has consistently advocated some system by which the man who pays the taxes shall know how much he pays and where each dollar is expended. In times of depression the cry for reduction in taxes is strongest, and at no time during the present generation has the burden of direct taxes seemed so heavy."

There must be either a "scaling down" in the expenditure of tax money, or the burden "must be spread to other shoulders, and others called in to help bear the load," Keefe said.

Talk on Depressions.

The bankers heard a talk on "Business Depression and Revivals After Great Wars," by H. W. Moorhouse, of the Howard-Moorhouse Service, Chicago.

"American agriculture promises to take up the forward march, which it made in the 15 years before the great war," Moorhouse said, "and the next 5, 10 to 15 years should show substantial gains in purchasing power."

### AUDUBON SWEET CORN PACK SHORT

Audubon, Ia., Sept. 17.—The late spring, heavy rains and cold weather combined to cut down the sweet corn crop in this section and as a consequence the Audubon canning company will put up only a 60 per cent pack this year. Company officials state that the corn coming in now is of excellent quality. Rain is interfering with the steady operation of the plant.

Rain and continued cold weather the past 10 days have seriously delayed the maturing of corn in Audubon county. Farmers say two weeks more of warm weather is needed before corn is in the safety zone.

### Southwestern Iowa Corn Almost Beyond Frost Peril

Shenandoah, Ia., Sept. 17.—Most of the corn in southwestern Iowa will be out of danger from frost in 10 more days, according to Shenandoah farmers. Light frost would not hurt some of it at the present time.

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### Rescue Parties Bring Out 21 Dead From Big Coal Mine

Hope of Finding More Alive Pinned on Fact Fan Not Destroyed—Twelve Escape Unharmed.

By Associated Press.  
Kemmerer, Wyo., Sept. 17.—Rescue parties penetrating the debris-laden workings of the mine of the Kemmerer Coal company at Sublet, near here, today had recovered the bodies of 21 miners, victims of yesterday's explosion.

Kemmerer, Wyo., Sept. 17.—Early today bodies of 13 miners, who yesterday morning were trapped in Sublet mine No. 5 of the Kemmerer Coal company at Sublet, Wyo., as the result of an explosion at 11:45 o'clock had been taken from the mine, according to Sheriff E. P. Oakley of Kemmerer.

A force of more than 200 rescue workers, alternating on shifts of 50 minutes each, are making rapid progress in their work of penetrating the mine, despite the mass of debris that bars their labors, according to Sheriff Oakley.

Bodies removed from the mine were buried almost beyond recognition, the sheriff said.

Sixty in Mine.

A later checkup shows that probably more than 60 men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, Sheriff Oakley declared. This leaves approximately 35 men unaccounted for.

Twelve men emerged from the mine early last night unharmed. They were saved from death by a cave in that cut off the deadly gases accumulating in the mine after the blast.

The force of rescue workers was further augmented early this morning by the arrival of a mine rescue car with additional apparatus and men from Rock Springs, Wyo.

Excitement reached fever heat around the mouth as the bodies of the dead began to be taken out with hundreds of grief-stricken relatives attempting to identify the charred corpses as those of their loved ones, who were trapped in the mine.

Identification proceeded slowly because of the condition of the bodies, Sheriff Oakley said.

The scores of men who worked all night to rescue their comrades continued their labor today in a drizzling rain. They are entering the mine at the lower entrance, which usually is used for removing coal after it is mined. The upper entrance caved in following the explosion. The rescue crews must work their way up through the mine to reach the entrapped men.

Officials of the Kemmerer Coal company have hampered the work of securing information about the accident by refusing to give out news about it, declaring all of the details will have to be carefully verified before any information can be secured from the company.

Many reports are in circulation as to the cause of the explosion. One is that it was caused when a spark flashed as a tool scraped against the side of the coal car.

Gasoline Tax Explained at Meeting at Aurora

Geneva, Sept. 17.—At the good roads' meeting at the auditorium, Frank H. Beils, field representative of the Nebraska Good Roads' association, discussed the gasoline tax as a means of highway support. Farmers and citizens of other towns of the county attended the meeting and the smoker and luncheon in the city hall which followed the good roads' meeting.

### Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.  
Be very sure before you blame Another and besmirch his name.—Old Mother Nature.

Farmer Brown's Boy Discovers His Mistake.

Bobby Coon was deep in the Green Forest and a long way from Farmer Brown's cornfield when Bowser the Hound got near enough to him to make him climb a tree. Farmer



"Bowser," said he, "this stalk was broken down this very night."

Bobby Coon was angry. He was tired and very hot and uncomfortable. He never had been hunted this way before at this time of the year. The weather was too warm for running as he had had to run. Furthermore, he

didn't understand what it was all about. He had been attending strictly to his own affairs in the Green Forest. He hadn't been in any mischief, so Bobby Coon felt very angry. He recognized Farmer Brown's Boy and knew what Farmer Brown's Boy would not hurt him.

Farmer Brown's Boy sat down to rest a while at the foot of the tree. Finally he spoke to Bowser and together they started back. Bowser didn't want to go. He didn't understand why his master didn't climb that tree and shake Bobby Coon out of it. But he didn't dare disobey, and so he regretfully trotted along at his master's heels.

They went back by way of the cornfield. It was bright moonlight and Farmer Brown's Boy could see almost as well as by daylight. As he passed along the edge of the cornfield he noticed a stalk newly broken down. He went over and looked at it. A queer look passed over his freckled face.

"Bowser," said he, "this stalk was broken down this very night. It was done while we were over in the Green Forest. Of course that means that Bobby Coon couldn't have done it. If he didn't break down this one it may be that he didn't break down any of the others and that he hasn't been stealing our corn at all. It may be that we have been blaming him for something some one else has done. We'll have to look into this, Bowser."

Bowser was already looking into it. He had begun to run about with his nose to the ground. He whined eagerly and sniffed long and hard. Farmer Brown's Boy went over to where Bowser was sniffing and whining. There in the soft earth were several footprints. He saw at once that they were not the footprints of Bobby Coon. Some of them were almost like prints of tiny hands.

"Unc' Billy Possum!" exclaimed Farmer Brown's Boy. "Unc' Billy is the rascal who has been taking our corn! The sly old scamp! He has been getting fat on that corn, while we have been blaming Bobby Coon. Hunt him up, Bowser! Hunt him up!"

Bowser needed no urging. Already he was working out Unc' Billy Possum's trail.

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The next story: "Too Fat to Run."

### Sacks of Flour Save Life of Man Pinned Under Wreck

Shenandoah, Ia., Sept. 17.—Fred Tomlinson, College Springs farmer, owes his life to sacks of flour which kept the car from crushing him until help arrived when pinned underneath an overturned machine. Slick roads caused the accident. Mr. Tomlinson is still in a serious condition. His wife, who was with him, had her wrist dislocated and her arm broken in two places below the elbow.

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