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The Price Of Farm Products

Item. 1. The average price of farm products is higher today than the average for 1913. It is higher than the average for the five-year period 1909-13 inclusive. This is a statement of fact based upon a comparison of current market quotations and the market quotations of pre-war years, as set forth in the United States Statistical Abstract, prepared annually by the United States Department of Commerce, and the report of the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry made last year, considered by all authorities to be the most authentic and comprehensive review of farm prices ever presented, the report covering prices of all kinds of farm products from the year 1890.

Item 2. The reports of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, show that the American farmer exported during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921 (which included his 1920 harvest) over twice the quantity of grain and grain products that he did for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913 (which included his 1912 harvest). The reports show that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922 (which included the 1921 harvest) he exported a greater quantity of grain and grain products than he did in 1921.

The same reports show that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921 the American farmer exported 50 per cent more meats, dairy products, animal and vegetable fats, than he did for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913. It shows he exported 35 per cent more meats, dairy products, animal and vegetable fats during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922 than he did in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

These comparisons are based upon bushels for grain and grain products and pounds for meats, dairy products and fats.

Item 3. The farmer is not exporting as much this year as he did last year or the year before. Yet the prices he is receiving are higher this year than they were in either of the previous years.

These three facts clearly demonstrate (1) the American farmer has exported more since the war during the period of Amrica's so-called "isolation" than he did prior to the war; (2) after four years of this so-called "isolation," farm prices today are higher than they were in pre-war years; (3) the price the farmer receives for his products is determined not so much by what he exports as by th quantity of domestic consumption.

The last-named conclusion is that reached by the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry. After studying farm prices and their relations to exports and domestic consumption over a period of nearly a quarter of a century, the Commission sets forth that the price of farm products in this country is very little affected by the quantity of exports, but is very directly and appreciably affected by the quantity of domestic consumption, which in turn is based upon industrial prosperity.

Taken together, these facts should demonstrate to the farmer that there is no ground whatever for the oft-repeated assertion that America's "isolation" has proved injurious to the agricultural interests of this country.

The plain truth is that from a selfish standpoint the American farmer has probably profited by Europe's condition. This is borne out by the fact that in pre-war days Europe produced 95 per cent of her needs in food products. Today she is producing only 70 per cent of her food products requirements. A large proportion of the agricultural exports from this country during the last three years may be credited to the fact that Europe is not yet back to a normal condition of agricultural productivity. The latest reports from European representatives of the United States Department of Commerce state that this year eastern European countries—such as Roumania and Southern Russia—will supply Europe with only three per cent of its wheat requirements. Normally they supply 40 per cent.

In this connection the Department of Commerce states: "If it had not been for the elimination of Russia as a surplus country, it would have been practically impossible to have marketed more than a small per cent of the North American surplus in the four years since the close of the war."

To sum it up, (1) the American farmer has not suffered by reason of America's "isolation" from European affairs; (2) and, if with the aid of this country Europe is restored to normal productivity, it will react to the decrease of American agricultural exports rather than their increase.

WESTMINSTER BANKS DID WELL DURING 1922

On January 1st. several of the prosperous banking institutions of this city increased their surplus funds by very substantial additions.

The Westminster Savings Bank publishes in this issue of the Sentinel a plain and understandable statement showing its sound financial condition. With a capital of $50,000 and a surplus of $175,055.62, to say nothing of its $2,566,015.02 of gilt-edge securities held as a guarantee for its deposits, every one should feel proud of this institution devoted to taking care of so many small sums of money deposited with it.

The First National Bank, with a capital of $125,000 added $10,000 to its surplus which brought the same up to $100,000.

The Westminster Deposit and Trust Company added $50,000 to its surplus which brought the same up to $200,000, the capital being $100,000.

The Union National Bank added $40,000 to its surplus which brought it up to $100,000, its capital being $100,000.

In June last the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank increased its surplus from $50,000 to $75,000. Its capital is $50,000.

This speaks well for these institutions and shows they are managed by officers of sound business judgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Bowman and two daughters, Emmeline and Edna, Hanover, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Essich, this city.

WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL

Next Tuesday evening, January 9, the only lecture in this year's lyceum course will be given by Paul Dietrick, popularly known as "Sunshine" Dietrick.

Mr. Dietrick is a popular lecturer, and entertains his audience during an entire lecture.

His three most popular lectures are, "The Sacrifice Hit," "Grasshoppers and Measuring Worms," and "The Home Team."

Alumni Bow to High School Five.

Before a large and enthusiastic crowd of basket ball fans the Alumni and High School basket ball teams played an exciting game on the Armory floor last Friday evening.

The Alumni had but little practice and went into the game more on the reputation of the individual players than team work. The High School had the advantage of playing together and of having played four games before.

During the first half the High School played all around the Alumni, finishing with a score of 18-1.

During the second half the Alumni began to find themselves and put up a very creditable game, the final score being 30-15.

Bankert for the Alumni was the individual star. For the High School Ditman played a very good game.

Next Friday afternoon, January 12 at 3:30 the strong McDonogh Prep team will play the High School in the Armory.

Last year the game at McDonogh was a walk away in favor of the "Farmer Boys," our team being disorganized at the time. McDonogh is playing in very fast company and this game will surely be a fast one.

MAY REORGANIZE FARMERS' SOCIETY

Frederick, Jan. 2.—Reorganization of the Maryland Agricultural Society, with provision for the establishment of services which farmers of the State have not hitherto received, will in all likelihood, be the most important feature of the annual meeting of the society and its affiliated farm organizations, in this city January 10, 11 and 12. The reorganization is expected to provide a new basis by which the various county organizations will be represented in the society's council, as well as plans for the financial support of the society by local organizations.

Several Programs Planned.

In addition to the regular program already planned, the State Horticultural Society, State Crop Improvement Association, State Dairymen's Association, Bee Keepers' Association, Vegetable Growers' Association, Sheep Growers' Association, and Tobacco Growers' Association have programs providing for a number of joint sessions, which will be addressed by prominent speakers.

These include Governor Ritchie; Dr. F. A. Woods, president of the University of Maryland; Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. H. J. Patterson, J. Andrew Cohill; Prof. E. N. Cory, State entomologist; Prof C. E. Temple, State pathologist; B. F. Moomaw, president of the Virginia State Horticultural Society; J. A. Gamble, University of Maryland; Prof. Nicholas Schmitz, State College, Pa.; F. W. Oldenburg, College Park; Dr. C. R. Ball, cereal crop investigator, United States Department of Agriculture; Dr. W. J. Morse, foreign crop investigations, United States Department of Agriculture; H. E. Van Norman, president of World's Dairy Congress, Washington; A. D. Shaftsbury, biological department, John Hopkins University; Dr. E. F. Phillips, bee culture, United States Department of Agriculture; C. A. Willson, vice-dean, College of Agriculture, Tenn.; George T. Willingmyre, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture; B. E. Carmichael, extension specialist in animal industry; Miss Grace Frysinger, field agent, United States Department of Agriculture; Paul C. Gaylord, Winchester, and others.

A State-wide corn show under auspices of the Maryland Crop Improvement Association, and a county community show under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, meetings of the various farm organizations and the Rural Women's Federation of Clubs will also be held in connection with the convention. Thomas B. Hayward is chairman of the committee in charge of the county show. He will be assisted by committees from every district in the county.

A buckwheat cake supper will be held at the Francis Scott Key Hotel Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the opening day of the meeting, and an apple banquet and an entertainment by the Chamber of Commerce at the Opera House will be held the following evening.

Expect 1,000 Delegates.

It is expected that the meeting will bring together about 1,000 delegates, representing the various State Agricultural organizations. The Horticultural Society, Crop Improvement Association, Vegetable Growers' Association and Beekeepers' Association will hold meetings the morning of the first day, January 10. A general meeting of all of the organizations will be held in the afternoon, at which addresses of welcome will be delivered by D. John Markey, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Lloyd C. Culler, and responded to by State Senator S. L. Byrn, Cambridge. President Harry will then deliver his annual address, and greetings from the University of Maryland will be extended by Dr. Woods. Reports from farm bureaus and federations and appointment of committees will follow.

Miss Annie Starner Senft, and Miss Beatrice Klarm, of Lancaster, Pa., both students of Lankenau School For Girls, and Miss Laura Kessler formerly one of the faculty of the school at Philadelphia, after spending the holidays with Miss Senft's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Senft, "Shady Side," returned to school on Tuesday last.

A suit for breach of promise to marry has been brought in Baltimore by Miss Florence E. Shaeffer, of Baltimore, against John S. Young, only son, of Howard Young, of Hanover, Pa., a millionare licorice manufacturer.

WOODBINE BANK MEN WILL GO TO CHICAGO

Representatives May Identify Bond Held By Suspect As Stolen Last Month.

At the hearing in Chicago on January 12 of the five men suspected of being involved in the robbery of the Woodbine National Bank of Woodbine, this county, representatives of the bank will be present to identify a $1,000 Liberty bond found in possession of the men as that stolen from the bank, Chief Investigator George Mumford, of the State police, said Tuesday.

According to Mumford, those under arrest are "Joe" Barry, Harold Young, Claude Koontz, Albert Wallace and Charles Sheehan, all said to be members of the gang which robbed the Monrovia Savings Bank at Monrovia, Md., on May 25, 1922, and robbed other banks in Pennsylvania and New York.

The alleged leader of the bandits, Mumford said, was Edward Welling, arrested in this city last May, and who is now serving a 10-year sentence for bank robbery in a New York penitentiary.

The men held in Chicago were taken in a round-up by police. Besides the bond alleged to have been stolen from the Woodbine bank, bonds said to have been stolen from banks in New York, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania were found in their possession, police said.

The Woodbine bank was robbed on May 29, 1922. The robbers burned through two steel doors of the bank's vault with an acetylene torch and escaped with securities valued at approximately $30,000.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

UNIONTOWN CHURCH OF GOD CIRCUIT

Uniontown: 9:30 S. S., 10:30 worship and sermon.
Wakefield: 2:30 preaching.

UNIONTOWN LUTHERAN CHARGE

St. Paul's: 9:30 S. S., 7:00 P. M. last service in the Week of Prayer.
Emmanuel (Baust): 9:30 S. S., Reorganization. 10:30 preaching service. Woman's Missionary Society at Mrs. Ezra Spangler's, Thursday, January 14, 7:30 P. M.
Mt. Union: 1:30 S. S., 7 P. M. C. E.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MANCHESTER

C. G. Leatherman, pastor.

January 6.—Preparatory service at 2.00 P. M.

January 7.—Holy Communion. A. M. "Saving the Lord's Table from Contempt." P. M. "Keeping in God's Love." 6:30 P. M. Missionary Society. 9:30 A. M. Sunday school.

CARROLL REFORMED CHARGE

Jerusalem (Bachman's Valley)
Sunday School 9 A. M.
Divine Services 10 A. M.
Saint Benjamin's:
Sunday School 1 P. M.
Divine Services 2 P. M.
Christian Endeavor 7:30.
J. W. Reinecke, pastor.

MANCHESTER REFORMED CHARGE

Roy J. Freeman, pastor.
Manchester:
Sunday School 9:30.
Worship and Sermon 10:30 and 7:30.
Catechetical Class Friday 3:30.
Consistory meeting Saturday 7:30.
Preparatory service will be held at the evening service.

A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

On Thursday, December 28th, a Christmas social was given at the home of Mr. Howard Hull, of Avondale. Mr. Philip Royer played several selections on the violin and Misses Naomi and Miriam Royer played piano duets. All enjoyed the day. Those present were: Messrs. Carroll Royer, Howard Hull and Philip Royer, Misses Rose Geiman, Florence Hull, Eugenia Geiman, Lottie Lee Geiman, Naomi Royer, Miriam Royer, Madeline Geiman and Golda Owings, and Mrs. Elizabeth Geiman and Mrs. Clara Owings.

Yesterday when an automobile in which he was riding skidded on the Littlestown road Mr. Edward Case, of this city, had three ribs broken. He is now confined to his home, E. Main street, this city.

OBITUARY

MARTHA HAINES

Martha Haines died at the home of Milton Shriver, Uniontown Tuesday afternoon, January 2, 1923, aged 85 years. She has been an invalid for several years but lately had a paralytic stroke, from which she did not rally. Funeral Thursday, January 4, meeting at house 1 P. M. Sermon and burial at Mt. Union Lutheran Church, her pastor Rev. J. E. Lowe officiating. C. O. Fuss and Son funeral director.

MRS. THEODORE STONER

Mrs. Mollie S., wife of Theodore Stoner, died Wednesday, January 3, 1923, at her late residence in Thurmont, Frederick county, Maryland, aged 70 years. She was a daughter of the late James D. and Caroline Gladhill, of Frederick county.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John T. Stoner, of Union Bridge, this county, and a son, Ernest Stoner, of Woodsboro, Md. She is also survived by her brothers, Starchman, Leander and Upton Gladhill, of this city, and Jacob Gladhill, of Union Bridge, this county, and one sister, Mrs. John Schweigert, of this city.

The funeral services were held this afternoon and the interment was 'n Krider's cemetery, near this city.

CATHERINE P. GALT

Catherine P. Galt, widow of the late John Galt, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Platt, died at her residence, Park Place, this city, Tuesday, January 2, 1923, aged 87 years, 11 months and 27 days. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Nannye H. Galt, at home; and two sons, John G. Galt, of Washington, D. C., and George Galt, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Funeral services in charge of Dr. A. N. Ward and Rev. J. L. Nichols were held at her late residence Thursday, January 4, at 12:30 P. M. and interment was made in Piney Creek cemetery. The pallbearers were Dr. H. M. Fitzhugh, Dr. L. K. Woodward, E. Eugene Tubman, Roy Reifsnider, David Geiman and Denton Gehr.

F. A. Sharrer & Son, funeral directors.

MRS. JESSE ROBERTS

Margaret L., wife of Jesse Roberts, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Taneytown and New Windsor this county, and a daughter of the late Augustus and Caroline Shriver, of Avondale, this county, died December 30, 1922, at the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons residing in Baltimore, also by the following brothers and sisters: Percy Shriver, of Taneytown, this county, Edward Shriver, of Waynesboro, Pa.; Mrs. Philip Reese, Mrs. Clymer White, Mrs. Joseph T. Hering, Mrs. Edgar Thompson and Miss Bettie Shriver. The late William Shriver, of Avondale was also a brother and the late Mrs. George R. Gehr, of this city, a sister. Mrs. John L. Reifsnider Sr., lately deceased, was a half-sister, and the late D. Keener Shriver, o fthis city, a half-brother.

The funeral services were held Monday last and the interment was in Uniontown cemetery.

WILLIAM KREITZER

William Kreitzer, a well-known resident of near Melrose, died suddenly at the home of his son, Ervin Kreitzer, near Melrose, on Thursday evening December 28, 1922 at 6 o'clock. Word of his death came as a shock to his many friends as he was only confined to bed for one day. Death was due to neuralgia of the heart. He was aged 72 years, one month and 16 days. The deceased was born in Carroll county and resided here until 16 years ago when he moved to Hanover where he lived for some time. He was twice married, the first time to Miss Barbara Folmer, who died about 28 years ago. His second wife, who before marriage was Miss Amanda Amspacher, died about four years ago. Surviving him are six children as follows; Ervin Kreitzer and Mrs. Conrad Hersh, near Melrose; Mrs. William Frederick, Green Mount; Mrs. Paul Richard and Miss Celia Kreitzer, Frederick, Md.; and William Kreitzer, Auburn, Wash. Nine grandchildren, one great grandchild and two sisters, Mrs. William Gettier and Mrs. Tempest Menchey, Manchester, also survive. Brief services were held at the house on Monday morning at 9 o'clock and interment was made in the Catholic church cemetery, Manchester, this county.

SAMUEL WAGNER

Samuel Wagner, aged 91 years, a former resident of this city, died Tuesday, January 2, 1923, at the residence of his son-in-law Thomas J. Kaufman, 2447 Barclay street, Baltimore.

The funeral services were held this morning at 10:30 at Meadow Branch Meeting House, near this city, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

RUFUS STROUSE

Rufus Strouse, a veteran of the Civil war, died January 3, 1923, at 9:15 o'clock at the home of his brother-in-law, Jerome Koontz, Silver Run, this county. Mr. Strouse had been a resident at the Soldier's Home, Old Point Comfort, Va., since the death of his wife about two years ago. He had been in ill health for the past year and on December 1 Mr. Koontz took him to his home in Silver Run. Later he became seriously ill. Death was due to Bright's disease. He was aged 78 years. There are no surviving close relatives. The funeral was held this morning at 10 o'clock with services at the house. The body will then be removed by J. W. Little, Littlestown, to Oak Lawn cemetery, Baltimore, where interment will take place. The Rev. J. S. Adam, pastor of St. Mary's Reformed church, Silver Run officiated at the services.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Harry Vernon Harbaugh and Helen G. Ditman, Westminster.

Percy J. Bollinger and Pauline Baker, Taneytown.

William A. Blum and Jane R. Grove, Baltimore.

Burnell K. Trone and Hilda J. Witmer, Hanover, Pa.

Floyd A. Barnhart and Maggie E. Garlich, Union Mills.

Paul E. Sheen and Elma A. Grednus, Baltimore.

Angelo Mocco and Banca Gerkonic, Union Bridge.

Charles F. Snyder and Adeline J. Miller, Union Mills.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Real Estate Improvement Co., to Uriah Peugh, 1½ acres, $540.

Lillian B. Benson and husband to G. Vernon Rhoten and wife, 45 sq. prs., $5.

Daniel F. Shipley and wife to Anna E. Beaver et al, 7,340 sq. ft., $10.

Mary H. Gorsuch et al to Mary G. Jackson, 6,245 sq. ft., $1.00.

J. Herman Allender and wife to Harvey H. Nott and wife, 41 sq. pr., $10.

John Ronaker and wife to Dinst T. Meade, 58 acres, $7,500.

Maurice C. Dutterer and wife to Marshall A. Myers and wife, ½ acre, $5.

Missouri Myers to Marshall A. Myers, 264 acres, $10.

Elijah B. Flohr to George B. Stoop, 11,000 sq. ft., $1,500.

ORPHANS' COURT

Tuesday, Jan. 2.—The last will and testament of George Schroeder, deceased, was duly admitted to probate.

Letters of administration on the estate of Emanuel L. Ohler, deceased, were granted unto Harry J. Ohler, Birnie S. Ohler, and Joseph H. Harner, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Frank S. Rowe, executor of Emma F. Dungan, deceased, reported sale of real estate on which Court issued order ni si.

Bessie L. Smith, administratrix of Truman C. Smith, deceased, returned inventory personal property, current money and debts due.

Susie C. Williams, administratrix of Ephriam Williams, deceased, returned inventory of personal property and debts due and received order to sell personal property.

James E. Evans, administrator of Kinsey Evans, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Abalona Stambaugh, executrix of Jacob Stambaugh, deceased, returned inventory of current money.

John Brooke Fink and J. Bernard Fink, administrators of Charles E. Fink, deceased, settled their second account.

Francis Neal Parke, executor of Sarah Fisher Roope, deceased, received order court to sell real estate.

Wednesday, Jan. 3.—Francis Orndorff, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a., settled his first expense account.

This week Mr. Martin J. Leahy, of this city, visited his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Leahy, of Hanover, Pa.

DOUGLAS W. MAPP KILLED IN SALISBURY WELL KNOWN HERE

Alexander T. Grier Held By Jury.

Salisbury, Md., Jan. 2.—A coroner's jury, investigating the death of Douglas W. Mapp, of this city, as a result of an automobile accident on North Division street, in which two other persons were seriously injured, announced its findings at 5:30 this afternoon after a five-hour session. Alexander T. Grier, the driver of the car, was held legally responsible for Mapp's death.

Eighteen witnesses, presenting testimony as to the various phases of the incident, were heard by the jury in an effort to establish the approximate rate of speed at which the automobile was traveling and whether or not it was being operated in a careless manner. The accident occurred about 2 A. M., on the morning of December 31 and, due to the prominence of the parties, the finding of the jury has been awaited with interest.

The verdict turned in to coroner T. Rodney Jones is as follows: "The jury finds from the testimony of witnesses that Douglas W. Mapp met death as a result of an automobile accident, the car in which he was riding being driven by Alexander T. Grier at an unwarranted rate of speed, and this jury finds the said Alexander T. Grier legally responsible for said Mapp's death.

A supplementary statement charging daily violations of the State highway laws was returned by the jury in connection with its findings, as follows:

"This jury feels that it cannot discharge its full duty without at this time recording its conviction that drivers of automobiles are alarming deficient in a sense of obligation to themselves and the public. The laws of the State applicable to driving on the highways are being daily violated, and the wonder is that relatively so few accidents occur.

"We believe that it is the urgent duty of every owner of a motor vehicle to make himself responsible for the speed and manner with which it is driven, and that he actively uphold and assist the officers to enforce observance of the law."

BLUE RIDGE COLLEGE NEWS

After being entirely deserted for two weeks, Blue Ridge sprang into the lime-light again on Tuesday evening with the return of the students from their Christmas vacation. Practically all of the girls and boys were back by Wednesday morning when work began at eight A. M., and all professed great joy at being back; whether this was real or assumed will never be known. The only thing that makes you reflect over their enthusiastic statements is to listen to the descriptions of turkey dinners, marshmellow roasts, sleighing, skating and gay parties, and then compare this with intricate Greek, grinding mathematics and many other student problems, and then you are made to wonder whether or not they are really glad to be back.

Basketball practice under Coach Blethen is being earnestly carried on in preparation for the important games which now face the squad. On Friday night Penn State Forestry quint will invade New Windsor, and if their basketball team in any way compares with the baseball nine which they turned out last spring, a fast game is assured.

Prior to the Varsity game on Friday night, the Second Team will encounter the Westminster High School five. The Westminster boys have yet to lose a game this season. Up to the present time their string of consecutive victories amounts to five. This should be an interesting game as Blue Ridge has some huskey men on her reserve squad.

Girls' basketball is going nicely and several games are to be played within the next few weeks.

Wdenesday financial operations of the Standard Oil Co., of New York were testified to before the Manufactures Committee of the House of Representatives by H. E. Hinch, comptroller of the corporation, who estimated net earnings of the company, since the Supreme Court dissolution decree at $253,817,550.

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