

SIGN OF PROSPERITY.

THE ENORMOUS WHEAT CROP AND AND THE PRICE IT WILL BRING.

Upward Tendency of Stocks—Increase of Bank Loans—These all Point Unerringly to Better Times—The Rush for the Klondyke Gold Fields.

Special Chicago Letter.

There are to-day unmistakable signs that the business situation is soon to experience a decided change for the better. In fact, the change has already begun, and the conditions which must augment and reinforce the revival of business are all favorable.

One of the first essentials of prosperity is an abundant harvest, and the second is a market. Both of these conditions now appear to loom up before us in the near future. Crop prospects are generally excellent, and they have been materially improved by recent rains.

The wheat crop promises to be enormous, and the railroads are already making preparations to handle it. There has been an advance in the price of wheat, although the first effect of the publication of the enormous government estimate produced a decline. But the news from South Africa, Brazil, Argentina, and even from Russia, is such as to warrant the belief that America will again become the great storehouse from which the nations of the earth will be fed.

Already there has been considerable buying for export and this is certain to increase, as the shortage of crop in other countries becomes more apparent.

The industrial situation is also improving, especially in the steel and iron business, which is a certain barometer of general trade. The output for June was not quite so large as that for May, but since July 1st a number of furnaces have gone into blast, and the demand for structural shapes, plates and bars is improving, although steel bars have been sold at the lowest prices ever quoted.

The extraordinary exports, now known to exceed our imports by \$300,000,000 or more, will be augmented as the enormous Western crops move toward their destination. Already there has been a westward movement of great trains of empty grain cars, which have been dropped off in ones and twos at the little shipping centers all through the wheat growing sections of the west. The tendency toward higher prices is leading the farmers to hold on to their wheat, and it is believed that if they do so, they will certainly be the gainers.

A favorable indication is the upward tendency of the stock market, and the steady decline in the surplus reserve in the banks.

There has been comparatively little buying for the foreign market, but still the aggregate of the trading, both in this city and New York, is unusually large, showing that the home demand for securities is so great that his alone holds the prices firm. The reduction of the surplus reserve by the steady increase in loans, shows that the hitherto idle money is being drawn out and invested in business enterprises.



Rev. Myron W. Reed.

prizes, which, in the course of time, will give employment to the workers, and quicken all the avenues of trade. Business prosperity all depends upon the ability of the people to purchase. During the past four years their purchasing power has been enormously decreased, and prosperity will return just in proportion as that power is restored. The splendid crops sold at good prices will enable the farmers to increase their purchases, and the employment of additional men in the manufacturing centres will soon add enormously to the demand for every kind of merchandise.

Different views are taken of the plans and purposes of the so-called labor agitators. It is easy to dismiss the proposed colonization scheme of Delbos, as an impracticable and altogether undesirable movement, even if it should prove measurably successful. But there are many thoughtful men who are viewing the subject in a different light. Among these is Rev. Myron W. Reed, of this city. Mr. Reed is watching the organization of the social democracy. Mr. Reed is president of the co-operative commonwealth. He is a well known minister and his utterances have frequently attracted national attention. Mr. Reed is one of the most active social reform workers of the day and seeks in his efforts the uplifting of mankind. The work of colonizing the men under the head of the social democracy has deep interest for him, because it holds out some promise of enabling them to improve their wretched conditions which surround so many of them. Mr. Reed does not by any means endorse all the views of those who are prominent in the new organization scheme, but, like other workers who have been investigating it, he believes that there are good features which give great promise of insuring success for the enterprise if it is properly directed.

By means of an ordinance taxing vehicles of all kinds, including bicycles, the Chicago Common Council proposes to raise an annual revenue of \$1,000,000 to be used exclusively in repaving and maintaining the streets. Bicycles are to be taxed one dollar each and other vehicles are to be taxed \$3; three-horse, \$5; four-horse, \$7; six-horse, \$10.00; eight-horse, \$12. The question of taxing bicycles has been discussed in many places, and in some cities they are subject to a tax of 50 cents or a dollar a year. Whether such a tax would prove popular may be doubted, but we believe that every bicyclist would be willing to pay a small sum yearly for the improvement of the streets.

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Chicago people have read the wonderful stories of the discovery of gold in Alaska, and hundreds of them are fast getting the gold fever. Scientific men have added to the excitement by the publication of theories indicating their belief that now has been found the "parent vein," the fag ends of which have heretofore been garnered. If it be true that "pay dirt" has been found, so rich that four dollars can be taken from a single shovel full, it is impossible to tell what will be the consequences. Certainly there will be an enormous number of people who will start for the gold fields, little heeding the hardships, distress and suffering which they must encounter.

There are those who believe that the discovery of gold in such enormous quantities is destined very soon to exercise an important influence upon the adjustment of our monetary system. Bimetallists contend for the use of silver as money because they assert that the volume of gold available for coinage purposes is not sufficient to sustain prices of commodities and that

the contraction reduces prices. If now we have reached that point in our history where we can produce gold in sufficient quantities to meet the demands of the treasury and of the people who desire advanced prices, many find the men who have been most vehement in their demand for the coinage of silver, perfectly willing to rest upon the gold standard. But what will the advocates of the gold standard do, if the volume of that metal is so enormously increased as to satisfy the demands of those who seek for higher prices through the medium of an increased volume of primary money.



Chart of the Northern Gold Fields.

It is just possible that the Klondyke miner digging four dollars worth of the precious metal with every shovelful of dirt, in the land of the midnight sun, has solved for the American people the greatest financial problem of the century.

It is now known that the production of gold in the British possessions will reach more than \$10,000,000 of dollars. All the most flattering reports from the gold regions of Alaska have been fully born out by the subsequent facts that have come to light, and it is now known that the Portland, which first brought the news of the wonderful luck of the miners, brought nearly \$2,000,000 of the precious metal, and it is stated that in the miners' cabins there is more than \$1,000,000, and this hoard is being increased every hour.

In this city and at points farther west the gold fever has seized many of the people, and every out-going steamer from Seattle is loaded with men and supplies for the gold regions.

The Postmaster-General proposes to establish house-to-house collections of mail in Chicago, and the people of the city do not appear to be anxious for it. The postmaster of Chicago is opposed to it and hopes it will not be pressed on the people. Letter-boxes are so abundant in the streets of the larger cities that it is not considered any great hardship to put letters in them. It is feared that house-to-house collection would interfere with the present promptness of delivery or else involve a considerable increase of expenditure. If more money is to be spent more persons would welcome a one-cent postage than the house-to-house collection. The doorbell ring is sufficiently numerous already.

Eyeless Animals.

Many of the lower animals are known to see without eyes, the skin having a high degree of sensitiveness to light. Thus earthworms, the maggots of flies and eyeless centipedes find their way about nearly as readily as similar creatures which have eyes. In a recent German work on the sensitiveness to light of eyeless animals, Dr. Nagel, who made his observations chiefly on mollusks, found that the eyeless bivalves and snails he experimented with showed a high degree of sensitiveness to light. He found that some species reacted especially to diminution of light, others to increase of light, and that this difference was correlated with other characters.—Philadelphia Press.

A Bat in a Tomb.

A queer story is told of a naturalist who died in 1860 and was buried at Blankney, Lincolnshire. Among his pets was a large gray bat. This bat was permitted to enter the tomb and was sealed up alive with the corpse of his dead master. In 1866 the vault was opened, and to the surprise of all the bat was alive and fat. On four different occasions since the relatives of the dead man have looked after the welfare of his pet, and each time it has been reported that the bat was still in the land of the living, although occupying quarters with the dead. It was last seen in 1892.—Pearson's Weekly.

Mechanical Marvel.

An expert tool juggler in one of the great English needle factories in a recent test of skill performed one of the most delicate mechanical feats imaginable. He took a common sewing needle of medium size (length one and five-eighths inches) and drilled a hole through its entire length from eye to point, the opening being just large enough to admit the passage of a very fine hair.

The Worst of All Fruit Pests.

Fruit growers in the Hudson river valley are asked to exercise unusual vigilance to prevent the San Jose scale from getting a foothold. According to Country Gentleman, it is now known to occur in but four localities, outside of Long Island, in New York state. These include two localities in the Hudson river valley, one on Cayuga Lake, and recently it has turned up on trees and shrubs in the grounds of the horticultural department at Cornell university. The insect has doubtless been much more widely distributed through the state than has been known. It may be expected anywhere where stock has been set during the past six or eight years. Fruit growers should at once closely scan every young tree in their orchards, and especially any trees which are not doing as well as their neighbors. Anything of a scalelike nature or anything out of the normal or usual appearance on the bark should be at once sent to the state entomological, Dr. J. A. Lintner, Albany, or to Mr. M. V. Slingerland, Ithaca, N. Y., for identification.

The quickest way to fight the pest is to burn every tree infested with the insect. Whole oil soap well sprayed or painted on the scales at the rate of two pounds to a gallon of water will kill many of them.

PARTNERS IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH.—The most convincing evidence of the efficacy of such a wonderful remedy as Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is the word of the man who has been relieved from the bondage of this insidious disease. Rev. John Bohrer and wife, of Buffalo, were both afflicted with distressing Catarrh. One application gave relief inside of ten minutes, and they were in a short time cured to stay.

Sold by C. A. Kleim.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain O is made of pure grains, and tastes like choice coffee but costs about 1/4 the price. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of F. F., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1897,

at two o'clock p. m., all the following described real estate, situate in Briarcrest township, Columbia county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by William Schuyler's land, on the east by land of C. A. Lamont, on the south by H. J. Edwards and on the west by land of H. J. Edwards and William Hippensteel, containing

25 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, whereon is erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

stable and outbuildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Emma G. Jackson, now to use of Henry J. Edwards, vs. Anna M. Sittler Linn, and to be sold for the property of Anna M. Sittler Linn. J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1897,

at two o'clock p. m., all that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the township of Jackson, Columbia county and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a chestnut thence by lands of Elias Meadshall north twenty-three and four-tenths half degrees and five perches, thence east one hundred and fifty-three and one-half degrees and seven-tenths degrees east one-half degrees and seven-tenths degrees east one-half degrees west one hundred and forty and one-half perches to a post, thence by land of Frank Derr north seventy-three and one-half degrees west one hundred and twenty-seven and two-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing

ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

strict measure be the same more or less, whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and outbuilding, it being a part of a larger tract in the warrentide name of Harman Gearhart and formerly owned by the Assin Company and conveyed to divers other persons until the 12th day of March, 1873, when the same was conveyed to Albert Williams, recorded in the office for the recording of deeds of Columbia county in Dec. Book No. 28, page No. 314 (a.), and Albert Williams and Alice, his wife, conveyed to Joshua Bidler, and Joshua Bidler conveyed to John M. Hartman.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Franklin Bidler vs. John M. Hartman and Lizette Hartman and to be sold as the property of John M. Hartman and Lizette Hartman. J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Estate of Lloyd Keleher, late of Monroe township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Lloyd Keleher, late of Monroe township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

CATHARINE E. KELEHER, Administratrix.

Wm. E. McClure, Atty.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob Utz, late of Greenwood township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Utz, late of Greenwood township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

G. M. QUICK, Atty.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Estate of William M. Schenck, late of Orange township, deceased.

Letters of administration on the estate of Wm. M. Schenck, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned administratrix, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

MRS. ALICE A. SCHENCK, Administratrix.

\$15,000.00

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, PA. FOUR PER CENT. MUNICIPAL BONDS.

Proposals for Town Bonds of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Sealed proposals will be received until August 21st, at 10 P. M., at which time at the Council rooms of the Town of Bloomsburg, the said bids will be opened for the purchase of \$15,000.00 four per cent. town bonds in any part thereof, of the said Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa. issued by the President and members of the Town Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, approved Apr. 30, 1874.

The said bonds will mature in twenty years semi-annually on August 1st and Feb. 1st of each year, at the office of the Town Treasurer. All state tax to be paid by the Town. All bids to be addressed to A. N. Yost, Town Treasurer, and to be accompanied with a certified check for at least two per cent. of the total amount of the bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. H. SNEYDER, President of Town Council.

FREEZE & HARMAN, Secy.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned administrator of the estate of E. J. Cole, late of the township of Jackson, deceased, will expose to public sale on the premises on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th,

A. D. 1897, at one o'clock p. m., all the following described tract of land, situate in the township of Jackson, county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a stone corner of land of George Hurleyman, thence by said land south sixty degrees east two hundred and fifty-seven rods to a stone corner, thence by land late of Joseph Butt south thirty-one degrees west ninety-six rods to a stone corner, thence by a public road north two and one-half degrees east seventy-two and two-tenths rods to a stone, thence by moravian lands north eighty-seven and one-fourth degrees west two hundred and eighty and five-tenths rods to a stone corner, thence by land of Wm. Brink and J. P. Hess north eighteen and one-fourth degrees east one hundred and thirty-five rods to the place of beginning, containing

125 ACRES,

strict measure.

The dwelling house, barn and outbuildings are in first class condition, a fine amount of fruit good water and land under first class state of cultivation makes it a desirable farm for any one either as an investment or for a home.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale, and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi.

D. J. POUST, Administrator.

C. W. MILLER, Attorney.

RULE ON HEIRS.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SS: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to William Johnson, Joseph G. Jones, Pa.; Richard Johnson, Pa.; John Johnson, Watertown, Pa.; Jane Johnson, Pa.; James Johnson, Pa.; George Johnson, Pa.; Laymoning Co., Pa.; Alice Johnson, Pa.; and heirs of Henry Johnson, Pa.; vs. John Johnson, Regina Johnson, Danville, Pa., intermarried to John, lineal descendants of James Johnson, deceased, and to all other persons interested. Greeting: You and each of you are hereby cited to be and appear before the Judges of our Court at an Orphans' Court to be held at Bloomsburg on the fourth Monday of September next, then and there to accept or refuse to take the real estate of said James Johnson, deceased, at the appraisal valuation put upon it by the inquest duly awarded by the said Court and returned by the sheriff or show cause why it shall not be sold, and hereof fail not.

Witness the Honorable E. H. Keler, President of our said Court at Bloomsburg, the 18th day of May, 1897. J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sallie Johnson and Eliza Fruit.

The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the money arising from the sale of real estate of Sallie Johnson and Eliza Fruit under proceedings, to J. B. McHenry, Administrator, and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, on Wednesday, September 16th, at 10 o'clock p. m., to receive the claims of all persons interested, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

L. E. WALLER, Auditor.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of John C. Fruit, late of Henlock Twp., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on said estate have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

L. E. WALLER, Administratrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Emma Germain, late of Pine township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Emma Germain, late of Pine township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

E. LA VINA PRYOR, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Wm. M. Schenck, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned administratrix, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to the undersigned.

MRS. ALICE A. SCHENCK, Administratrix.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of W. A. J. Brittain and Mary Brittain.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, on exceptions to foregoing account, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1897, at 10 o'clock p. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be barred from coming in to said fund.

L. E. WALLER, Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

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G. M. QUICK, Atty.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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C. W. MILLER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Wirt's Building, 2nd floor, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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EDWARD J. FLYNN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, CENTRALIA, PA. Office Liddett building, Locust avenue.

JOHN M. CLARK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND SUCCESSOR OF THE FRACE, Moyer Bldg. Building, 2nd floor, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

J. H. MAIZE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE AGENT, Office in Lockard's Building, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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DR. J. C. RUTTER, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office, North Market Street, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DISEASES OF CHILDREN

H. BIERMAN, M. D. HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON OFFICE HOURS: Office & Residence, 4th St., Until 9 A. M., 1 to 2 and 7 to 8 P. M. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

S. B. ARMENT, M. D. Office and Residence No. 18. West Fifth S DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND NOSE SPECIALTY OFFICE HOURS: 8 to 10 A. M. BLOOMSBURG 1 to 4 P. M. 7 to 9 P. M. PA.

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DR. F. W. REDEKER, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office and Residence, Centre St., between 4th and 5th Sts. Diseases of the ear, nose and throat a specialty. BLOOMSBURG, PA. OFFICE HOURS: 8 to 10 a. m. 1 to 3 p. m. 7 to 9 p. m.

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