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FARMERS' WORK AND PROFITS.

That farming is not as profitable now as it was in the days before the war will be a surprise to many people who have read reports of the enormous crops of corn, wheat, hogs and other farm products which have filled columns of space in the daily press for the last few years. But, in all seriousness, well informed witnesses before the recent sessions of the Industrial Commission in Washington have testified that such was the case. The preponderance of testimony was to the effect that the industry as a whole has recently been in a state of depression. Farm profits in the East have been reduced, and farm values almost entirely wiped out, it is asserted, through the opening of Western lands in advance of the natural demand, especially through the agency of liberal land laws and grants of lands to the railroads. The policy of the railroads in making a low freight rate for long hauls has also worked to this end, it is charged, and the Eastern farmer has been compelled to change his methods and his crops, taking up the culture of products which will not stand a long haul.

But even here the Eastern farmer is at a disadvantage, for truck farming in the East has to meet severe competition from States further South, aided by swift trains and steamers making quick trips, and even milk, which until recently was considered practically a home product, now comes long distances in refrigerator cars to the big Eastern cities. One of the interesting points in connection with this subject is the fact that the prevailing tendency toward concentration, organization and scientifically directed operation, which has exerted so powerful and beneficial an effect in other industries, has so far scarcely touched the crop producing and marketing interest. Indeed, the exact opposite of this tendency has been manifested in some quarters, notably the Red River Valley, where the great wheat farms are being divided into small holdings. This is because industrial farming, while plainly less economical of effort and less productive of profitable result, is in line with the prevalent agricultural idea, which looks with suspicion on any combination that

by even a stretch of language may be called a trust.

This idea, which has been dominant in the agricultural mind for so long a time that it is often accepted as correct, regardless of justice or profits, is one which the farmers will do well to consider when they complain of undue competition and reduction of profits. The whole world of business is telling the farmer of today that the combination, whether on a corporation or a co-operative basis, is the wealth producing form of utilizing both natural and artificial forces. But before he can apply the knowledge thus dinned into his ears by men whose achievements are the best standard by which to measure the soundness of their views he must learn to avoid the petty dissensions which are the chief cause of the failure of attempts at co-operation. Why agriculture on a large scale, scientifically conducted by men who are experts, under corporation control, should not be the source of enormous profits is something which the men who are combining railroads, steel mills, flour mills, steamship lines and the thousand and one industries now consolidated and making money cannot understand.

It is a hopeful sign, however, that in the general chorus of complaint there is a note of progress being sounded. That it comes from south of Mason and Dixon's line is no reason why other farmers should ignore it, and, indeed they cannot afford to. The recent announcement that Sir Thomas Lipton, who hopes—some time—to "lift" the America's Cup, has made large purchases of farming land in Georgia for the wholesale cultivation of products to be used in the provision trade means a great deal to the American farmer. Nothing will be left undone by the Irish baronet to make the venture pay, and if it falls it will not be until every possibility of success has been thoroughly tried. From Southern Louisiana comes word that the large rice growers are getting together on the subject of combination for more efficient drainage and other economic operations, while in Texas the farmers are beginning the formation of "trusts" of their own to bring about co-operation in advanced farming and not only the raising but the selling of farm products.

All this is as should be, and while the East-agriculturist may be handicapped on many points by the Western man, here is no doubt that much of the present expense and loss of time and money and labor of the small farmer could not only be avoided, but turned into profit, if the men who till the soil would learn the lesson which the trusts are teaching them every day.

LITERARY NOTES. WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION. The Christmas number of the Woman's

Home Companion is full of matter of reasonable interest. Mrs. Larned tells how to give a Christmas dinner; there are articles descriptive of holiday entertainments, and many suggestions about the making of simple gifts. The fiction includes Charles McIlvaine's serial "The Reincarnation of Captain John Radnor," "Lady Mary's Adventure," "The Singleton Syndicate," and a child's Christmas Eve story "Peter and the Green Men." A timely feature is Mr. Knight's "Uncle Sam's Coin-Factory." Gustav Kobbe begins a series on "Famous Artists in Grand Opera" with a biography of Madame Nordica. There is a double page giving reproductions of famous paintings in the Metropolitan Museum of New York. Published by The Crowell & Kirkpatrick Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy; sample copy free.

PEPPER'S MAGAZINE.

The J. W. Pepper Piano Music Magazine for November has a most bewildering collection of good music. The high grade of the pieces is marvelously well kept up. "Her Farewell Words to Me," by R. M. Stults; "Regret," by Theo. F. Morse; "The Song of the Lighthouse Bell," by H. W. Petrie; "Just Set the Captive Free," by Arthur Trevelyan; "Mother Goose March," by John Philip Sousa; "The Caledonian Patrol," by E. MacDonald; "Constance Waltzes," by A. Lajeure, make up a partial list of what this number contains. In addition to this, the magazine contains 22 pages of the most entertaining musical literature, with half-tone illustrations, of some of our most prominent vaudeville artists, making an issue well worth the price. 21 complete pieces for the piano—10 songs, 11 instrumental—25 cents. For sale by all newsdealers and J. W. PEPPER, Publisher, 8th and Locust Sts., Phila.

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SATURDAY EVENING POST.

"The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop" will appear serially in The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, the opening installment being scheduled for the issue of December 14. The story has been illustrated with spirited pictures by Messrs. Frederic Remington and Jay Hambridge.

An Admirer of Honesty. "Yes, sir," said the farmer, "if there's anything I do like an admirer, it's an honest man. An' that's why I'm proud of our new neighbor. Ef there ever was an honest man he's one."

"I'm glad to hear you say that. But are you sure he's honest?" "Certainly; one of these frank, generous, sincere kind."

"How do you know?" "Sold three horses to him day before yesterday, an' I got at least \$60 the best of him."—Leslie's Weekly.

All He Asked. "You may remember," said the persistent office seeker, "I called on you about a year ago and asked for a situation in the—"

"Well?" interrupted the political boss. "Why—er—you promised to keep me in mind, and—"

"Well, I'm keeping you there; I'm keeping you there. Good day!"—Philadelphia Press.

Bashful. With my young, doting wife sincere, I much dislike to shopping go. For she in public calls me "dear," Which makes me feel quite "cheap," you know.—Harlem Life.

TOO BAD TO WASTE IT.

Mother—Grace, you musn't eat your ice cream so fast. There was a little girl once ate her ice cream so fast that she died before she had finished it.

Grace (aged six)—What did she do with the rest of the ice cream, ma?—Detroit Free Press.

"It is a strange fact," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "that a man will go about with the bald spot on the top of his head bare, while a woman must have four or five pounds of false hair and a \$17 bonnet to cover hers."—Yonkers Statesman.

Cause and Effect. A lady from a bottle drank. That had some hair dye in it; Her hair remained unchanged, But she died within the minute.—Chicago Daily News.

BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH.



"If there's one man in the world I hate it is that fellow behind me." "Do you know, sir, that he's my husband?" "Oh, really! W—w—why, of course, that's why I hate him."—Fun.

A Profession for Him. Fond Mother (of delicate duede)—I think it is time Clarence selected a profession. What would you advise? Old Gent (reflectively)—He might do nicely as a typewriter girl.—N. Y. Weekly.

A Paradox. She (angrily)—How dare you, sir! He (after stealing kiss)—But I couldn't help myself. She—Don't add falsehood to your crime! You did help yourself!—Puck.

A Sure Sign. Laura—I think that Mary is going to be married this spring. Florence—Why? Laura—She hasn't had any new clothes since last fall.—Brooklyn Life.

SOME HAIR RAISERS.

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COURT HOUSE CHIPS. Deeds Entered for Record.

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