

### State Gives Aid to Puzzled Farmers.

Steps have been taken by Secretary of Agriculture N. B. Critchfield to straighten out the tangle caused in the fertilizer trade by the cessation of shipments of potash from Germany. It is estimated that at least ninety per cent of the potash used in fertilizers in this state comes from the war torn empire and in order to conserve the stock in this country manufacturers will be forced to use a smaller portion than has been done. To facilitate matters Secretary Critchfield has issued a circular in which a way is pointed out for the marketing of fertilizers for the fall trade without making a new registration with all that such procedure entails.

It is estimated that 340,000 tons of fertilizer are used annually in Pennsylvania and a large portion of this is potash, so that the effect of the war can be ascertained. In 1913 about three-quarters of a million tons of potash of various kinds were imported from Germany alone and their will be very little this year. The imports last year were: kaliinite 475,350 tons; muriate of potash 238,313; manure salts 111,646, and sulphate of potash 44,283 tons.

The letter of the secretary on the subject is as follows:

"This Department recognizes the fact that with the shortage of potash there is likely to be in the amount of potash available this fall manufacturers will find it difficult to prepare their goods for the fall trade so as to meet the requirements of the registration made at the beginning of the year, and to relieve this situation as far as possible this Department shall be entirely satisfied to have manufacturers of fertilizers reduce the per cent of potash they put in the goods they place on the markets for the fall trade of the current year without making an additional registration of the same, provided that no change is made so far as the other elements of plant food are concerned and that they erase the figures that are now printed on their sacks showing the potash the goods contain and attach to the sacks with good, strong twine or a wire tag on which is plainly printed the revised analysis of the goods the sacks contain and provided further that they send to this Department notice of any change made in the per cent of potash, specifying the brands of goods in which such change is made.

"Where the change made in the amount of potash is less than one per cent, it will be satisfactory to this Department to have the decimal or fraction erased, leaving the percentage expressed in whole numbers.

"For example, in case of sacks prepared for a brand of fertilizer, the potash guarantee of which is 2.50 the .50 being erased leaving the figure 2 and showing that the potash content is 2 per cent.

"In such case it will not be necessary to attach the tag spoken of."

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### The Pennsylvania Potato Patch.

The Pennsylvania Irish potato patch contains 288,000 acres this year and the total production will be approximately 22,833,000 bushels, according to estimates recently made by the United States Crop Reporting Board. The condition of the crop is 87 per cent of normal and the price at the present time is averaging around 89 cents per bushel. Pennsylvania ranks sixth with other states in the production of Irish potatoes.

In Continental United States there are 3,708,000 acres planted to this product and this year's production is estimated at 360,614,000 bushels by the Federal Department of Agriculture. This year's crop will exceed the average crop of the past five years by approximately 4,000,000 bushels. The nation's production last year was 331,525,000 bushels, was produced on 3,668,000 acres of land and sold for \$227,903,000, or an average of 90 cents per bushel.

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## Boies Penrose's Record

### It Shows He Has Been a Standard Oil Agent, a Servant of Special Privilege and a Foe to the Farmer and the Working Man

- Feb. 20, 1900. He took the confidential report of the United States Industrial Commission which was investigating Standard Oil and secretly sent it to the Standard Oil Company so they could pass on it before it was sent to congress and made public.
- Oct. 19, 1904. Standard Oil gave Penrose a check for \$25,000 and Penrose thanked them for it.
- May 23, 1908. Penrose voted against the direct election of United States senators.
- March 3, 1910. Penrose voted for the financial interests in their attempt to grab special privileges in the postal savings bank system.
- May 16, 1910. Penrose voted for the railroad combine in its attempt to strangle the Interstate Commerce Commission, which was giving a square deal to the people against the railroads.
- Feb. 2, 1911. Penrose voted on every roll call for the ship subsidy bill which was demanded by the steamship combine.
- Feb. 28, 1911. Penrose again voted against the direct election of United States senators.
- March 1, 1911. Penrose voted for Lorimer, the corrupt Illinois boss who was expelled from the senate because the senate found that his election "reeks and teems with the evidence of a general scheme of corruption."
- June 12, 1911. Penrose again voted against the direct election of United States senators.
- July 22, 1911. Penrose voted for the Canadian Reciprocity bill which was a free trade bill for farm products, but a high tariff bill on trust products.
- Jan. 31, 1912. Penrose refused to vote for the Children's Bureau bill, which was aimed to help children who work.
- March 27, 1912. Penrose voted for Stephenson of Wisconsin, charged with almost unlimited use of funds in an effort to "buy" a seat in the United States senate.
- May 6, 1912. Penrose refused to vote for the Workmen's Compensation bill.
- May 31, 1912. Penrose refused to vote for the eight hour day for laborers employed by the United States government.
- June 13, 1912. Penrose again voted for Lorimer, when the final vote came to expel the Illinois boss from the United States senate.
- Aug. 9, 1912. Penrose voted to allow the railroad combine to hog the benefits of the Panama Canal.
- Aug. 13, 1912. Penrose voted against allowing the post-office employes to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.
- Aug. 16, 1912. Penrose voted against allowing American coastwise ships free passage through the Panama Canal.
- Aug. 21, 1912. Penrose refused to vote for the bill prohibiting corporations from making campaign expenses.  
(Remember in regard to this vote that in 1904 Standard Oil gave Penrose \$25,000.)
- Jan. 13, 1913. Penrose voted for Robert W. Archbald, a corrupt Scranton judge, who had been impeached and dragged from the bench because he was found guilty of using his position as judge for his own profit.
- Feb. 28, 1913. Penrose voted for the liquor interests on the Webb bill which was aimed to prevent shipment of liquor into "dry" territory.
- March 2, 1913. Penrose refused to vote for a bill improving the working conditions of seamen. The steamship combine was against this bill.

### Coal Famine in Foreign Countries.

With the Welsh and Belgian coal fields idle and the Russian fields out of trade, neutral countries all over the world are faced with a fuel famine and may have to shut down electric lighting and heating plants and suspend railway transportation, in consequence.

This is due to a paralysis of the trade routes of the Atlantic Ocean. As soon as these are opened up the United States will sell immense quantities of coal at a high price and coal operators will reap fortunes.

Just at present urgent cable messages from almost every nation in Central and South America and from Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and Holland are being received here begging for coal at any price.

Their light, power and motive plants have only a supply for about two months in most cases, a prominent coal dealer said here today. This is a very narrow margin and it is feared manufacturers in these countries will be rendered helpless by lack of fuel.

The foreign consumer, because of high charter and war risk rates, is already paying double the price to domestic consumers. Coal charters have doubled in price.

The shippers of coal are hoping that a naval victory by the British will open the seas and that the bill admitting foreign built bottoms to American registry will induce British and German bottoms now in these harbors to become part of the American merchant marine.

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### THE CASE OF ALFRED

BY AMELIA PRICE.

The middle aged woman with the youthful hat sank into the car seat with a sigh of relief. "My, but I got tired waiting on that corner!" she said to her companion. "I hate this standing around waiting for street cars when there might just as well have been an automobile in the family! As I was saying to my husband this morning, it does beat all that after you slave and plan all your life for your children things never turn out as you want them to!"

"That's so," agreed the woman in the shade-tinted heliotrope suit. "They just do as they please!" "Not that Lizzie is not a good daughter," went on the middle aged woman. "It's just that you can't tell about men. They can be the blindest, most exasperating, contrary creatures! As I was saying to my husband, when he took Alfred Quam for a partner, who on earth would have dreamed that such a boyish, pleasant fellow could have such a will of his own and be so absolutely deaf to the call of what are really his own interests?"

"He has money, you know, and as his folks did not live here I made up mind that it was my duty to be kind of motherly to him," explained the middle aged woman. "I think there is nothing so pathetic as a nice young man far from home and a prey to every designing creature who sets her eyes on him, especially when he is a good looking young man like Alfred."

"I thought," said the other woman, "that he and Lizzie—"

"I don't believe in trying to make matches," said the middle aged woman, firmly. "I wouldn't dream of interfering with fate! Lizzie may be 26, but she doesn't look it, and any one with taste would realize how good looking she is—in a quiet way, of course. I don't think it is refined to have the sort of looks that attract attention, Mrs. Garver, indeed I don't!"

"The first night that I had Alfred Quam to a good home-cooked dinner I let Lizzie stir up the French dressing and stuff the baked potatoes and if I happened to mention that she got the dinner I can't see that there was any necessity of my explaining just what part of it she got. Alfred always was glad to get an invitation to dinner. Afterward I had Lizzie show him her book of photographs. There's nothing like letting young people get acquainted."

"Anyhow, Alfred Quam might have considered himself in luck to get a nice girl like my Lizzie—not but that she could have her pick of far better than he! There's no telling what a man will like—and to think that he should lose his head over that silly, giggling George MacPrang, who grew so fond of Lizzie all of a sudden on the evenings she found that Alfred was coming! Lizzie is so unsuspecting."

"When he got his runaway I mentioned that Lizzie was perfectly crazy over autos and that the fresh air was so good for her health. He took her out several times when I invited him to come early for dinner, so they could get a ride afterward, but it wasn't a month before Alfred MacPrang was driving the runaway with her own hands and smiling condescendingly when she passed our house!"

"You don't know what I suffered at the hands of that George MacPrang, Mrs. Garver! I'd ask Alfred out for a nice little family game of cards and he'd have an engagement and the next day George would drop in and tell what a fine time she and Alfred had at the theater the night before!"

"He was perfectly nice to Lizzie and she dropped into the coal office near closing time, as it was perfectly natural for her to do, since it was her father's office, Alfred would usually bring her home. 'Don't push yourself,' I told Lizzie. 'Only don't be backward about showing him that he's popular with you! That flatters a man—having him think you like him and are too modest to show it!'"

"Just as I had arranged to have Alfred take his summer vacation at the same time we did and be our guest at the cottage we were going to rent, in comes that George MacPrang with a suitcase as big as a paving stone, all smiles and applied blushes and throws herself on Lizzie's neck and says she must tell her first, because it was through her that she and Alfred found each other."

"Isn't that enough to make a woman give up in despair, Mrs. Garver? Not that I'd have dreamed of trying to force Alfred or Lizzie in each other's direction—not me—but being a junior partner and, of course, what's her father's will be Lizzie's some day, and then Alfred would have had it all—and his nice automobile and he is so good looking—and to think that silly George MacPrang—" "Maybe something will happen," said her friend, comfortingly. "Lizzie may yet be glad she didn't get him."

"My goodness!" said the middle aged woman emphatically. "Why, my Lizzie wouldn't have had Alfred Quam, not if he'd begged her on his knees!"

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"So he has."

"That is it!"

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