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BIG GAIN FOR FARMERS.

American Agriculturist Says They Received \$1,000,000,000 More In 1890 Than In 1894.

New York, March 15.—The Agriculturalist for March, which contains an elaborate review of the agricultural situation from a financial and industrial standpoint, makes some interesting statements, of which the following is a synopsis:

The improvement in agricultural conditions now, contrasting with the depth of depression in 1894-'96, is as little appreciated by the outside public as was the farmers' condition during the hard times. It is conservative to say that the produce of the United States farms for the last year was worth to the farmers over \$1,000,000,000 more than in either of the depressed years noted. This is an average advance of 31 per cent. In values compared with the low point of 1894-'96 the stock of the country is said to be worth \$700,000,000 more than during the hard times, or a gain of 28 per cent. Staple crops are worth \$400,000,000 more than then, while other crops show an increase of \$300,000,000 in value, or a gain of 25 per cent. compared with the depression of 1894-'96. The produce of live stock, such as meats, dairy products, calves, mutton, sheep and lambs, hides and pelts, colts, mules, etc., are said to show a gain of \$75,000,000, or 40 per cent. above the low point.

The American Agriculturist estimates that the farms in the United States have increased by some 400,000 during the last two years, against a gain of nearly 600,000 in the previous decade, and of 1,500,000 from 1870 to 1890, and affirms that a large proportion of these farms (62 per cent.) are occupied by their owners now than then, while the number of farms now under mortgage that are occupied by their owners is no greater than in 1890. As near as this authority can get at it the amount of mortgages on farms occupied by their owners is now about \$200,000,000 less than at the beginning of the decade.

SESSION ENDS.

Kentucky Legislature Adjourns sine Die—An Understanding Clears the Atmosphere.

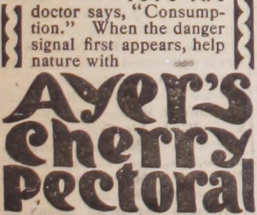
Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—The legislature of Kentucky adjourned sine die Tuesday. A conference between Adj. Gen. Collier and Castleman resulted in a perfect understanding being reached. Gov. Taylor will continue to act as governor. Gov. Beckham will make no move toward securing possession of the state buildings until after the court of appeals has decided the disputed governorship. The legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the use of Gov. Beckham in reorganizing the state militia. This in brief is the situation in Kentucky politics.

Tired of Life.

Kansas City, Mo., March 15. — J. Sherman Peffer, son of W. A. Peffer, ex-United States senator from Kansas, was found dead in a rooming house on East Eighth street at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. On the bureau was found a box that had contained morphine and a note reading: "Father: I don't like to do what I am doing, but I am tired."

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ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

National Banks.

The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Illinois, exclusive of Chicago, at the close of business February 15, shows as follows: Average reserve, 30 per cent., against 28.79; loans and discounts increased from \$61,152,813 to \$62,102,432; stocks and securities increased from \$6,673,282 to \$6,757,532; gold coin decreased from \$2,863,113 to \$2,721,253; total specie increased from \$1,247,121 to \$4,270,460; lawful money reserve increased from \$5,949,857 to \$6,022,756; individual deposits increased from \$56,336,423 to \$69,291,036.

A Narrow Escape.

Twenty families had a narrow escape from being drowned in their homes in La Salle. An ice gorge and the thaw combined to make the Vermilion river reach a height of ten feet above normal, flooding the district known as "Strasburg." Here reside many employees of a zinc company, and at about one o'clock at night they and their families were rudely awakened by the rush of water.

Lincoln's Remains Moved.

In the presence of the trustees of the Lincoln monument the remains of the martyred president were removed from their former resting place beneath the great shaft in Springfield and placed in a temporary vault that has been prepared for the purpose, there to remain until the rebuilding of the monument is completed.

Disastrous Fire.

Fire swept through the business section of Vienna, causing a loss estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and rendering several families homeless. The fire was first discovered breaking through the back part of the Opera House block, occupied by the Fair store. Seven buildings, all new brick, were burned.

Guiltily of Robbery.

Edward Lally, Charles Doepke, Henry Steinmeyer and James Murray, the four men arrested in Chicago Christmas night and taken to Pontiac as accomplices in the Cornell bank robbery, were tried before Judge Patton in the circuit court and found guilty. Thomas O'Leary and James Karney had pleaded guilty.

Illinois Democrats.

The democratic state convention will be held in Representatives' hall in the statehouse in Springfield June 26. The ratio of representation will be one delegate to every 400 votes cast for the Bryan and Sewall electors in 1896. On this basis there will be 1,204 delegates to the convention.

Told in a Few Lines.

Rev. Dr. E. P. Goodwin, of the First Congregational church, pastor for 32 years in Chicago, has resigned. Twenty-eight Chicago boys left for the east to enter the United States navy.

The Cumberland County Agricultural association will hold its twelfth annual meeting in Greenup September 4 to 8, inclusive.

Thousands of acres of land near Alton were flooded, one life was lost and property damaged. Archibald Carl asked a new trial in Chicago so he might plead guilty of murder and be hanged and thus avoid imprisonment for 25 years.

The state board of health has been notified that an epidemic of smallpox is threatened at Vermont, Fulton county.

Robert R. Hitt was renominated for congress by the republicans of the Ninth Illinois district.

The three young sons of Jacob Zeigler, a farmer living near Champaign, fell through the ice in a creek and were drowned.

Malcolm Smith, of Knox township, died at his home. He was one of the prominent citizens of Knox county and for many years a supervisor.

One death and more than a score of injuries resulted from icy pavements in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Carthage.

Dr. Dowie has been sued in Chicago by E. A. Flanders for \$75,000 damages for libel.

The Lake county grand jury has started a war in Waukegan upon slot machines.

The Shelby county board of supervisors has discovered a total county indebtedness of \$46,499.04 in the shape of judgments held by the Shelbyville banks.

An anti-saloon league has been organized in Peoria.

The will of Dr. L. E. Keeley, of Dwight, leaves to his widow all but \$100,000 of an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Illinois, with 228 federated women's clubs, has more than any other state.

A union of the American Federation of Labor has been organized at Chester with 69 charter members.

Bishop Cheney, of the Reformed Episcopal church in Chicago, celebrated his fortieth anniversary as rector of Christ church.

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Dress-Pin Set.
Mailed free for 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Three pins in the set (larger than shown), composed of fine rolled-gold, with handsome ruby-colored red settings. Suitable for waist-pins, cut-pins, neckpins or as a child's set.

"Knickerbocker" Watch.
Given for 175 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Neat appearing and an excellent time-keeper. Solid nickel-silver case, with ornamental back. Nickel movements, escapement fully jeweled. The famous "Knickerbocker" watch.

Ladies' Watch Chain.
A double strand of best silk cord, united at the ends with colored beads; neat and substantial. For 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

Sash-Belt and Buckle.
Mention your waist-measure when sending.

Silver Napkin-Ring.
For 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Neat and substantial. Made of durable metal, heavily silver-plated. Two different patterns.

Coin-Purse.
For 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Color, dark brown. Made of fine kid leather; champagne lining; nickel-plated. With strong snap-fastening.

Ladies' Pen-Knife.
For 15 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2c. stamp. Large size. Good material; handles nicely decorated and assorted colors.

Table Cover.
Durable, dark-colored material that will stand washing. 32 inches square, including fancy fringed border. Mailed free for 25 lion heads and a 2c. stamp.

Boys' Pocket-Knife.
The "Easy-Opening" type, strong, sharp blade; strong handle. For 12 lion heads and a 2c. stamp.

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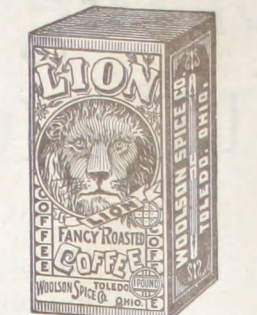
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Pair of Lace Handkerchiefs.
Two extra fine cambric handkerchiefs, with beautiful imported lace medallion insertions in the corners. Half-inch hem, machine hem stitched; stylish and durable. A pair of these handkerchiefs given for 15 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2c. stamp.

Children's Picture Book.
Given for 10 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Sixteen large pages of Mother Goose Melodies illustrated with nicely lithographed cover. We have different books, so you can get an assortment.

Century Cook-Book.
368 pages of valuable cooking recipes, with illustrations on the labor of the kitchen, dining-room, laundry, and remedies for the more common diseases. Given for 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

Ladies' Pocket-Book.
Large size and latest-shape. Black seal-grain leather, with five separate divisions, including a tick-pocket with a key-clip. Given for 25 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2c. stamp.

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Given for 8 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2-cent stamp. A highly artistic picture, that will grace the finest drawing-room. The background is of royal dark-blue furnishes in a picture to contrast to the little girl and her white Easter lilies. Size, 12x18 inches. For 10 lion heads and 2 cents we will send it framed ready for hanging.

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NORTH OR EAST.

No. 2, K. C. & St. L. Express, 4:41 a. m.
No. 9, Dwight & Chicago accom. daily 7:53 a. m.
No. 5, Atlantic Express, ex. Sun., 10:51 a. m.
No. 1, Express Mail, 7:10 p. m.

SOUTH OR WEST.

No. 2, Express Mail, 11:05 a. m.
No. 6, Pacific Express, ex. Sun., 1:10 p. m.
No. 4, K. C. & St. L. Express, 3:15 p. m.
No. 10, Way Freight, ex. Sun., 9:10 p. m.

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No. 200, 8:15 a. m.
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No. 3, Palace Express, 4:35 a. m.
No. 9, Dwight and Chicago daily, 8:40 a. m.
No. 5, Atlantic Express, 10:45 a. m.
No. 1, Express, mail, 7:10 p. m.
No. 31, Way Freight, 1:00 a. m.

SOUTH.

No. 4, Palace Express, 11:15 p. m.
No. 6, Pacific Express, 5:17 p. m.
No. 2, Express, Mail, 11:24 p. m.
No. 10, Chicago & Dwight accom. daily, 7:35 a. m.
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