

COMPLETE MARKET NEWS GIVEN DAILY

TO FARMERS OF COUNTRY

How Department of Agriculture Is Serving All Classes of Producers Down to The Minute

With the extension of leased wire service to southeastern states with headquarters in Atlanta, the United States Department of Agriculture now serves the agricultural produce and livestock interests of the country from coast to coast with a daily market news service. This telegraph service is supplemented by radio broadcasting from more than 80 stations in various parts of the United States.

The method of collecting and distributing the market news by the Department of Agriculture as developed under Secretary Wallace, shows the tremendous amount of work that department is daily doing in order to furnish the agricultural producers of the country with accurate information regarding markets.

Hundreds of Telegrams
During each night the Washington office receives hundreds of telegrams from railroads reporting the carload movement of perishable commodities over their respective divisions. These telegrams give the origin, destination, commodity and number of carloads in transit. The information is classified and tabulated and moved to all branch offices early the next morning to show graphically the total volume of perishable fruit and vegetable products moving to the various cities.

Following this information the estimated receipts at livestock markets are dispatched followed by general reports on livestock, meats and other products showing supply, demand, whole sale prices and conditions. Flashes on cattle, sheep and hogs are dispatched. Butter and egg quotations and local quotations and information from the big markets on fruits and vegetables follow. During the day considerable general information on cold storage products, peanuts, honey, grain, hay, feed, butter, eggs, cheese, livestock, fruits and vegetables moves over the circuits.

Summaries Sent
At the close of the day market summaries on all commodities are dispatched for release to more than 2,000 newspapers throughout the country. Special reports are also prepared for radio, telephone or telegraph broadcasting stations and transmitted to the offices of distribution. The information received over the wires at the various branch offices is immediately communicated to producers and the trade by telephone, telegraph, radio and the press so that almost at any moment farmers and the trade everywhere may have an accurate picture of the national agricultural market situation. Consuming centers are also advised as to the supplies of various products. This enables producers to regulate shipment so as to prevent the glutting or undersupplying of the markets which according to department officials is the outstanding value of the service as the result is stabilization of prices to both producers and consumers.

Claimed the women going in for shorter skirts again. Probably the silk makers will not object.

VICHY AGAIN CITY OF MUSIC; WAR OVER

FIGHTING YANKS KNOW IT

French City Hospital Center in Great Conflict Resumes Its Artistic Career; Singer Makes Hit

Vichy, the French city that five short years ago swarmed with crippled American soldiers, is again a city of music, a city of colors foreign to the olive drab.

The resort hotels, then denuded of their gilt and expensive furnishings, echo again with the unconcerned voices of tourists.

The gay casino, once a part of the equipment of an American base hospital, is the home of opera, the chief entertainment of the thousands of travelers who visit Vichy for their baths and to dream by the river that was Napoleon's ace in transportation.

Instead of the haunting call of the bugles blowing taps for the scores of bucks who went west from Vichy, the resort city hears none but the music of the symphony and operatic orchestras.

In the casino, artists from the four corners of the world raise their voices in the arias of the great masters. Thousands of men from the middle west—doughboys, wagon soldiers and leathernecks—remember Vichy as a city from which hospital trains came to discharge their cargoes of maimed men, and left to bring more cargoes, but none who has not returned can quite visualize the gaiety of the Vichy of 1923.

The contrast of the two cities, and two distinct cities with distinct personalities they certainly are, was brought home by the report that Cesare Formichi, Chicago Civic Opera Company, has been taken to the Vichy bosom as an operatic artist. Mr. Formichi was induced to show

Vichy his conception of what a baritone could do in "La Tosca," with this result:

At the close of the first act, a party of Americans brought to the footlights a basket of roses decorated with the American flag and carrying a card which read, "To Cesare Formichi—from devoted Americans."

Formichi, according to a correspondent, rose to the occasion and pressed the flag to his lips. There was a bit of feeling the correspondent reports, that "knocked 'em out of their seats," and precipitated such an outburst of applause that Mr. Formichi "ran away with the show."

(Yes, critics, the correspondent meant "performance.")

This week at Vichy the baritone is singing in "Rigoletto," and in October, just before sailing for the United States, he has engagements to fill at the Opera in Paris.

It was at the Opera in Paris, immediately following the 1922-23 Civic Opera season, that Mr. Formichi made a hit in "Thais," "Tosca," and "Rigoletto," singing in French. Part of the summer has been spent by the baritone on the Mediterranean coast.

The Germans are trying to stabilize the mark, but it would be worth a good deal also if they would stabilize their remarks.

About 100,000,000 people have offered advice on settling the coal troubles, but very few have expressed a willingness to do anything about it.

Another thing this country needs is more hoes and fewer hoboes.

Much has been said about the dangers of autocracy, aristocracy, democracy, etc., but we must look out that we don't decide to go in for chumpocracy.

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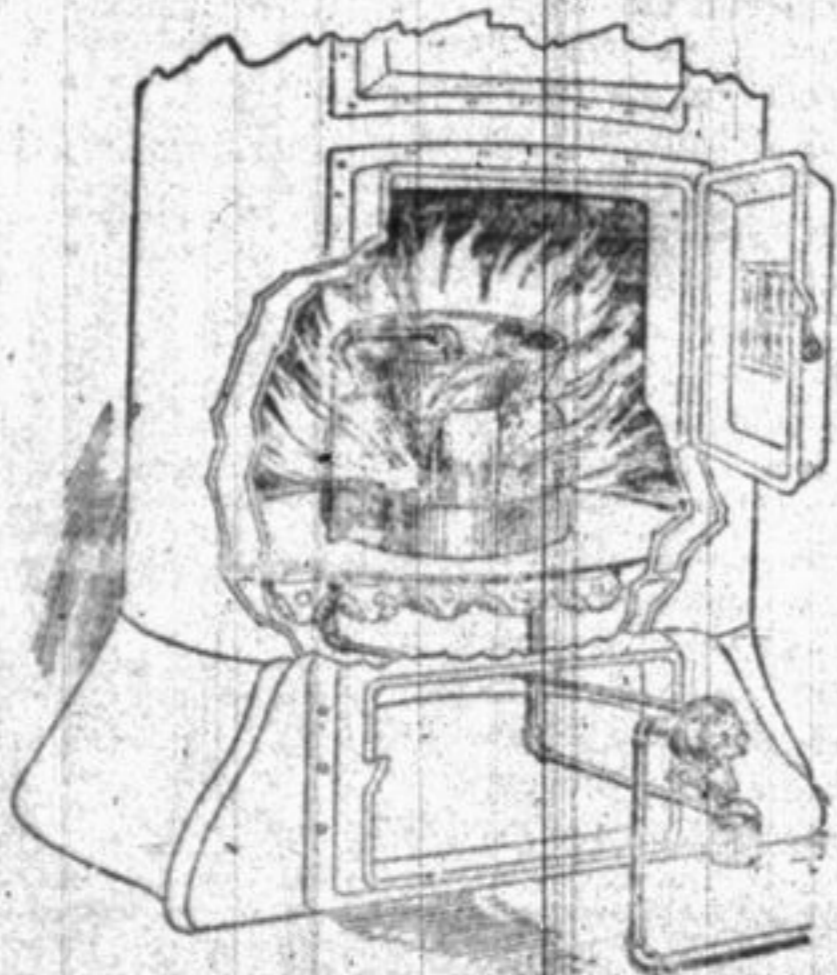
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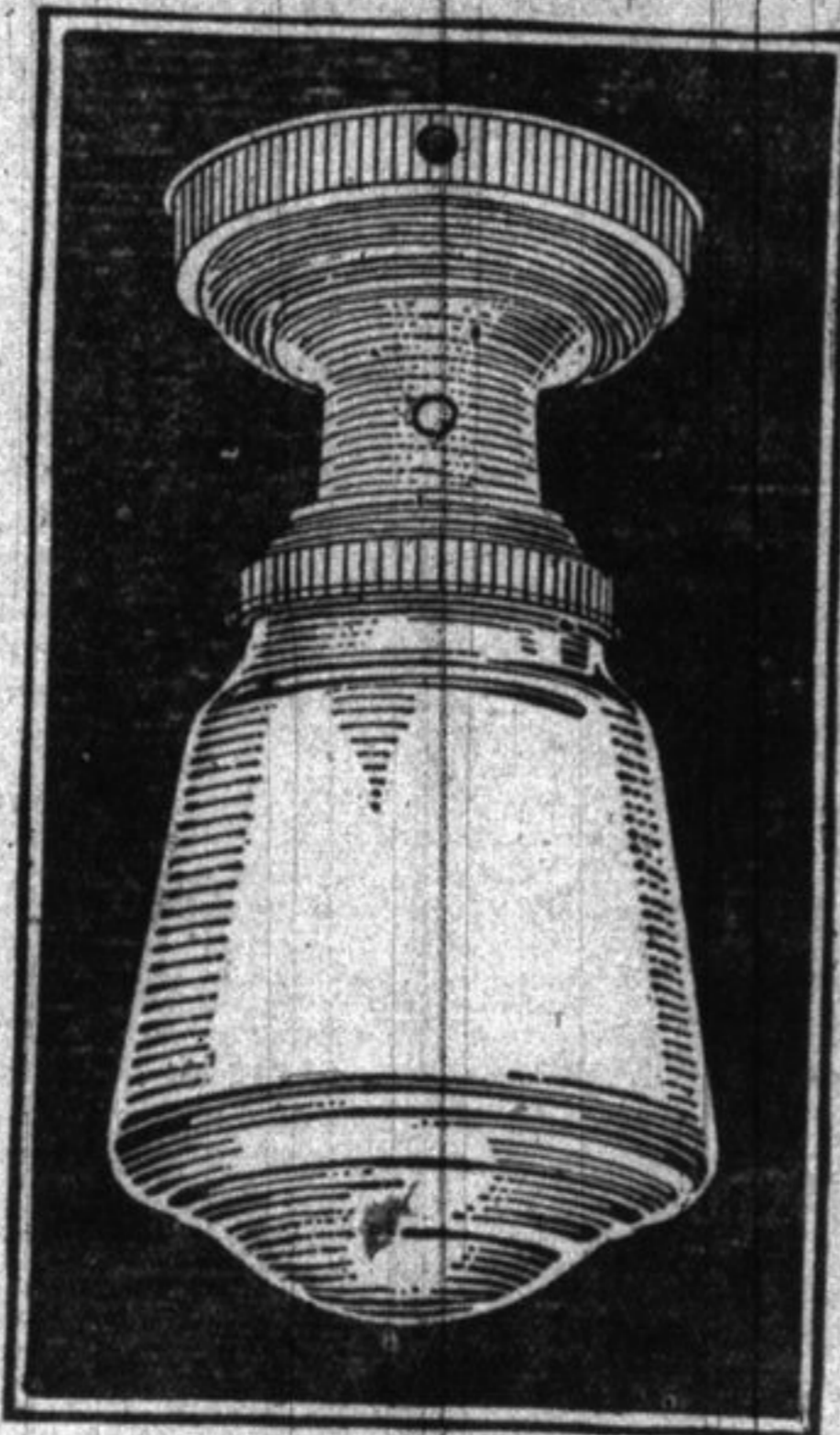
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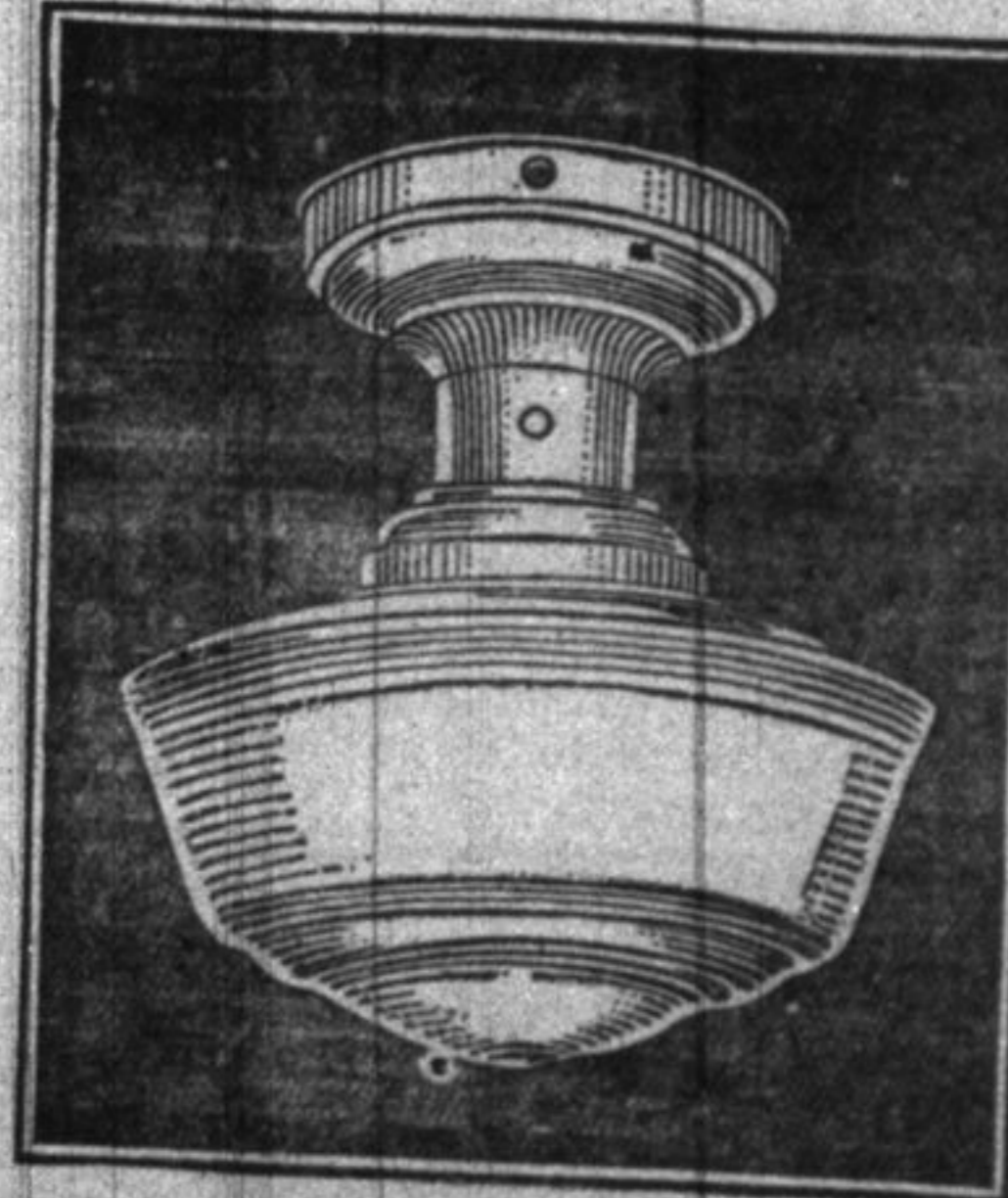
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