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FARMERS' PURCHASING POWER

The index number of the purchasing power of farm commodities prepared by the Department of Agriculture now stands at 92, or 8 points below the pre-war level, whereas a year ago it registered only 80. Such an advance does not indicate a corresponding increase in the farmers' total income, as the index is based only on prices and takes no account of production. It merely signifies in a rough way that a given amount of farm products will now buy some 15 per cent more of other products than it would have bought a year ago.

The trend of agricultural prices during the year has been upward, while that for other commodities has been the reverse, according to the New York World. What the farmers have gained in this way, however, has been partly offset by the smaller crops of this year. They are getting better prices, but they also have less to sell. Nevertheless, when due allowance is made for diminished yields it is quite clear that the total agricultural income will be larger this year than last. This improvement has not been brought about by legislation. It simply reflects the operation of the old-fashioned law of supply and demand.

BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM

The newspaper is the best advertising medium, states J. C. McQuiston, advertising manager of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, in addressing the advertising council of the Chicago Association of Commerce recently.

"One great advantage of newspaper advertising is reader interest," he said. "We have grown into a nation of newspaper readers until today nearly every worthwhile American buys and reads his daily paper. As a result any message in the newspaper comes to the reader fresh and welcome and secures immediate attention."

"We believe that you can make a sale with a newspaper advertisement today that it will take you a month or a year to get in any other medium if you get it at all," said Mr. McQuiston in explaining why his company has centralized the bulk of its advertising in the newspapers.

EVERY TOWN HAS ONE

The following from the Nation's Business Magazine is applicable to one type of citizen in almost every town:

William Dole was a crabbed soul who wrought a wicked lyric; in rancid verse his town he's curse with language most satiric. Bill loved to bait with hymns of hate the stupid town officials and air his views in the Daily News in squibs signed with initials. The torn-up street his poet feet would spurn in bitter sallies; his ancient beak in constant pique kept poking into alleys. No thing on earth moved Bill to mirth—his earnestness was deadly; from alley smell to school-kind yells he raged in ranting medley.

A Chamber man at last began to weary of Bill's knocking and had his say in Bill's own way, Bill's very method mocking. He wrote, "O Bill, you bitter pill, you are most hard to swallow. Your nagging lines, your snarls and whines—how many more must follow? The city needs your facile screeds to boost instead of chide it; if it's astray, you know the way to help it and to guide it. Come lend a hand, play with the band in notes somewhat harmonic. Co-operate, do not berate; good fellowship's a tonic. Come, join us, Bill; thaw out your chill—be not so supercilious. If looked at right, this town is bright; so, Bill, quit being bilious."

At first Bill fumed and then he gloomed and called his critic snooty. The rhymes he wrote took on a note defining civic duty. The Commerce club asked him to sub on its "Spotless Town" committee. He changed his ways and sang the praise of teamwork for the city.

Deerfield News

Guests at the W. H. Steffis home on Sunday included Mrs. Cunningham and three brothers, Mrs. Munson of Chicago and Mrs. Catherine Lancaster of Libertyville.

The Garden club of Deerfield will meet at the home of Mrs. E. A. Wood on Wednesday afternoon, March 21 and Mrs. R. B. Patterson will be assistant hostess. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. C. E. Piper whose subject will be, "Pageant of Daffodils and Tulips."

Mrs. Olivia Anderson was a guest of Mrs. Walter Sorenson of Chicago, Friday. Mrs. Sorenson before her marriage was Mabel Hommar.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Clavey of Highland Park were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steffis, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bingham and daughter, Sally, Mrs. Amelia Pyle of Irving Park visited relatives in Deerfield, Wednesday.

District Commander Edward J. McGeough and ex-service men from Northbrook attended the meeting of the local Legion post held in the Masonic temple, Wednesday evening, March 14. The date of the next Legion bouts will be Friday evening, March 23. Every legionnaire is urged to come and support the affair.

Miss Elizabeth O'Connor who is attending the Downers college at Milwaukee, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. O'Connor.

Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb attended a meeting of the by-laws committee of the eighth district American Legion Auxiliary units held at the home of Mrs. F. E. Mieczyskie of North Chicago, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Otto Knaak of Glen Ellyn visited his mother, Mrs. E. Knaak, Saturday.

Mrs. Irving Brand is ill at her home on Deerfield avenue.

Miss Josephine Trute of St. Joseph's hospital, Chicago, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. F. Trute of Second street.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Elise Knaak of Deerfield avenue, celebrated

her seventy-sixth birthday anniversary. The forty guests who attended included mostly relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Knaak and four children, Mildred, Bernice, Edward Jr., and Wilbur of Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. (Amanda Knaak) Stryker and three children, Alvin, Romain and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. R. Knaak and Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Knaak and two children, Alvin Jr. and Christina, Elfrida, Emilie, Ida, Theodore Knaak of Deerfield, Mrs. Henry Bruns of Oak Park, Mr. and Mrs. George Krumback, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ludwig of Highland Park, Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold of Glencoe.

Mr. Philip Getty of Philadelphia, Pa., who has been visiting at the home of his son, C. W. Getty, for the past month returned to his home Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carolan of Chicago is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Molly Pfister.

Mrs. Bert Easton left Tuesday evening for Townsend, Montana, where she will spend several weeks with her sister.

Mrs. R. Knaak has returned from a fortnight visit with relatives in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Glenn Bowman left Thursday for Bloomington, Ill., where Mrs. Bowman and daughter, Jane, have been visiting for the past two weeks. From there the Bowmans will go to their future home in Texas.

Mrs. Danforth of Springfield avenue was hostess to her bridge club, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Williams of Eugene avenue, will be the next hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett with their family of three children after spending the winter in Duluth, Minn., have returned to their home on Hazel avenue.

Mmes. Harry Mau, Minnie Whitcomb, Raymond Clavey, Alex Willman, Carl Anderson, Harry Olendorf and Bruce Blaine attended a joint meeting of the eighth district American Legion auxiliary units held at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mason in Highland Park, Friday afternoon.

On last Thursday morning at the Highland Park Woman's club, the

parliamentary law class which was discontinued five weeks ago owing to the sudden illness of Mrs. M. H. Lieber, the parliamentarian, was resumed and will be held for ten consecutive Thursdays from 9 to 10 o'clock.

A group of ten ladies visited the Potteries at Dundee on Monday afternoon.

Next Wednesday afternoon Mrs. George Engstrom will entertain her luncheon bridge club at her home on Central avenue.

Mrs. E. A. Wood of Rosemary Terrace entertained the "Coteri club" on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Jesse Strong will be the next hostess.

The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. F. P. Browning on Thursday afternoon (today).

Mrs. Cottrell of Todd court is visiting friends in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willman had as their dinner guests last Sunday Mr. W. Martin of Clinton, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. L. Soefker and family.

Mrs. Mary Reed, who is making her home with her daughter Mrs. George Engstrom, was hostess to the N. G. O. club on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Olson and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson of Wilmette, Sunday.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Wm. Schinleber entertained a group of friends at luncheon at her home on Chestnut street. Included among the guests were Meses. May Reed, J. Hoffman, W. Neville, John Willman, Mary Huhn, and Miss Elizabeth Kruse.

News of the death of Fred Wolf, was received by Deerfield relatives who died at his home in Guthrie, Minn., was received by Deerfield relatives Saturday, March 10. He was well known in this vicinity, was a brother of the late Jacob Wolf and uncle of Chester Wolf. Funeral services were held on Monday.

The Junior Players committee is being entertained at a luncheon at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Charles E. Timson, of Hickory Knoll farm Thursday (today). Members of the committee are Miss Mary Page, of Brierhill, the play leader, and Mesdames E. R. Phelps, Jay Glidden, A. R. Wood, William Plant, George Arthur Buhl, Carl Odell, Elizabeth McCrystal Heath, Young, of Highland Park, and Mesdames J. A. Reichelt, Jr., Bert Nichol and Elmer Clavey of Deerfield.

Mr. Edward K. Williams, whose picture "Birch trees in winter," that received a prize of three hundred dollars at the Art Institute exhibit of works of artists of Chicago and vicinity, was guest of honor at a dinner given by the donor of the prize, the Business Men's Art club, in Chicago last Wednesday evening. The annual election of officers was held. Mrs. Frank Dudley sang.

A business meeting of the executive committee of the Tuxis society was held at the home of Mrs. William Tennerman Friday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Berkson and family of Vine avenue left Saturday, March 10, for New York from where they sailed on the S. S. France for Biscara, Africa, where they will remain for three weeks. They expect to motor, visiting the Sahara Desert, Algiers and other cities of interest. The rest of their time will be spent in France. The Berksons will return home the middle of June.

A miscellaneous shower was given by the girls of Mrs. Fred Botkers Sunday School class of the First United Evangelical church on Friday evening at the home of the Misses Walborg and Margaret Miller at Lake avenue for Miss Elizabeth Bauer, whose marriage to Mr. Nels Johnson will take place on Saturday, March 17.

Mrs. Margaret Van Rensselaer Tyner, widow of Alanzo Tyner of this city and Viscount Francis Beaulerc Duprey of Beaulerc castle, Devon, England, were married recently at the church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Florida, according to word received from West Palm Beach. Mrs. Tyner gave her age as forty, while the bridegroom gave his age as thirty-two. Since the death of her husband several years ago Mrs. Tyner has spent much of her time in New York and Washington, where she was active socially. She is a direct descendant of Gen. Gage or Revolutionary war fame and Viscount Gage. Her daughter, Peggy, is now in a finishing school in France and her son is enrolled at Exeter academy.

North Shore News

The marriage of Eleanor Anabel Buckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duane Buckman of 925 Elmwood avenue, to John Alfred Thompson, also of Wilmette, will take place Friday, March 16, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening at the Shawnee Country club. The service will be read by the Rev. Francis Carr Stiffer.

The bridal party will include Miss Virginia Thompson, who will act as maid of honor, Mrs. Robert Louis Osgood of Kenilworth (Eleanor

Buck), Mrs. Granville Revere Lewis III, of Evanston, (Natalie Yenkers), Miss Winifred Metzel of Kenilworth and Miss Mary Louise Fenton of Winnetka, who will act as bridesmaids.

Gerald Buckman Horton, a cousin of the bride-elect, will serve the bridegroom as best man. The ushers will be George Delana of Chicago, Robert Louis Osgood of Kenilworth, Granville Revere Lewis, III, of Evanston, and Ballard Van Horn Higbee of Wilmette.

A number of showers have been included in the affairs given for Miss Buckman prior to her marriage. Miss Winifred Metzel gave a canned goods shower on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at her home, and on Friday, March 2, Mrs. R. A. Buckman entertained the bridal party and a few other friends at a hosiery shower at the Georgian hotel. Mrs. G. R. Lewis, III, was hostess at a miscellaneous shower Tuesday, March 6, at her home in Evanston, and on Wednesday, March 7, Miss Katherine Harrison of Bannockburn gave a book shower for Miss Buckman. Mrs. John Higbee entertained on Thursday at her home and tomorrow Miss Thompson is giving a miscellaneous shower. Tuesday, March 13, Mrs. Raymond Todd entertained at a luncheon and kitchen shower at her home in Evanston.

Miss Emelyn Waltz of 554 Longwood avenue, Glencoe, entertained about sixteen Glencoe friends at luncheon and bridge at Skokie Country club. Next Saturday she will have a luncheon and bridge party for the group of Newark Camp girls. This party will also be at Skokie, and about twenty guests will be present. Miss Emelyn and her sister, Miss Jane Bell Waltz, entertained their bridge club Thursday evening of last week at their home. Three tables were in play.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Jones of Chicago announce the engagement of their daughter, Leota, to Raymond J. Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roth of Wilmette.

Miss Marion Fraser, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James M. Fraser of Evanston, became the bride of Bertrand Maurice Baker of Denver Saturday afternoon, March 10. Dr. David Hugh Jones read the service at 4 o'clock in the bride's home in the presence of the families and a few intimate friends. Miss Jean Stewart of Winnetka entertained recently in Miss Fraser's honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Steele of 385 Sheridan road, Winnetka, announce the marriage on March 4 of their daughter, Susan Shirley, to Carl G. Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyers of Tulare, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Breit of Kenilworth and Miami Beach have entertained a number of their north shore friends at their home at 227 Espanola Way, Wilmette and Kenilworth have been well represented. Betty Jane and Geraldine Breit took part in the annual party at the Flamingo hotel given by Carl Fisher, both doing solo dances and modeling.

Dr. and Mrs. George F. Syker, 1928 Starr road, recently left Winnetka for a European trip. They will visit Italy, Spain, France, and Germany. While they are abroad Dr. Syker expects to attend several clinics. The Sykers will probably remain in Europe for two months.

S. Scott Joy, 370 Sheridan road, recently returned from Florida to his residence for a few days. He reports that Mrs. Joy, Miss Dorothy Joy, Miss Elizabeth Joy and Bob Joy are all busy in Florida with golf, tennis and swimming. Mr. Joy expects to be back and forth between Winnetka and the South until May, when the entire family is expected home.

Mrs. Herbert Weld of 315 Sunset road, Winnetka, a former resident of Wilmette, has gone to Fort Pierce, Fla., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. R. N. Koblegard.

After an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar L. Moore of 667 Garland avenue, Mrs. M. V. Owens of Oklahoma City left Thursday, March 8, for Harrisburg, Ky. From there Mrs. Owens expects to return to her home in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Tom Dix of Oxford road, Kenilworth, has returned from a visit of a few weeks at her former home in Mount Vernon, N. Y. Mrs. Thomas Coyne, Melrose avenue, has also just returned to Kenilworth from a month's trip to southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Jerrard, 522 Willow road, have as their guest, Mrs. Jerrard's niece, Miss Mary Taylor, of Madison, Wis. Miss Taylor arrived in Winnetka Thursday and expects to remain with the Jerrards for an indefinite time.

Miss Virginia Wallace and her mother, Mrs. Walter F. Wallace of 815 Mt. Pleasant road, Winnetka, will sail Monday, March 12, on the Roma for a three months' trip to Europe which will include a motor trip through Italy, Paris, Sicily, and London. They expect to return sometime early in June.

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The Illinois Legislature

The Fight Waged by SENATOR SWIFT to Prevent the Theft

To Re-Habilitate the Illinois Legislature is the Big Question

The Massachusetts Constitution written in 1780 contains this specific provision, viz:

"The executive shall never exercise the legislative and judicial powers or either of them."

From the beginning of representative government the necessity of a separation of powers has been a fundamental doctrine. Madison writing in the Federalist before the Constitution of the U. S. was written, said:

"The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive and judicial, in the same hands may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

The executive of Illinois has dominated the legislature of Illinois every session for eight years except that of 1923. His defeat at the Peoria judicial convention last year saved Illinois an independent judiciary.

The Legislative Voters League reporting on Senator Swift and his actions in the Illinois Senate said: "He has been one of the most steadfast members in opposing the objectionable schemes of Governor Small."

As an illustration of what is meant the amazing proposition that the Quo Warranto act be limited so that it could be invoked only against appointive state officials and not against elected ones is in point. A bill was introduced and passed last session to this effect. It guarded the Governor against a provision of the state constitution which provides that any person that has held any public office and has failed to account for public funds in his custody is not eligible to fill another position of public trust. In order to give effect to this Constitutional provision it is necessary to institute ouster proceedings under the Quo Warranto statute hence the provision in the 1927 act that this statute shall not apply to elective officials. Not long after this was forced through the legislature the supreme court found that Governor Small was indebted to the state for nearly \$1,000,000.00. The executive holding the legislative department of the government in his hand thus was enabled to defeat the constitution of the state. Space prevents recounting other incidents.

The effect of having a venal legislature is shown in the increasing cost of the ordinary expenses of state government:

In 1919 it cost under Lowden \$62,109,030.00
In 1921 it cost under Small \$81,438,267.00
In 1923 it cost under Small \$85,505,368.00

This session Gov. Small did not control the Appropriation Committee in the Senate. The Chairman of that Committee, aided by Senator Swift, made more than 100 amendments to appropriations and held down the state expense five million of dollars.

In 1925 it cost under Small \$97,168,320.00. Gov. Small forced the defeat of Senator Wright as Chairman of the Appropriation Committee in the 1925 session and replaced him with a subservient follower and up went the appropriations more than twelve million dollars over 1923. Under the same high handed procedure to which Senator Swift protested and offered more than 100 amendments without avail, the expense went up to the unheard of figure:

In 1927 it cost under Small \$108,663,348.00. Forty-six million dollars increase in the administration of one governor.

It is vital to the prosperity and honor of Illinois that voters scan the candidates for the legislature, both house and senate. Are they lickspittles; have they sufficient courage and sufficient understanding to take a part in an independent legislature or are they already bounden to an administration that seeks to again dominate the state for its own profit? No weakling should be selected to be manhandled by the most expert body of bribers and cajolers that ever ran a state.

It has been the part of Senator Swift to stand with a capable few and to take a part in the fight for a business administration of the State Government. Beaten time after time, this small group has fought on and up have gone apportionments, useless jobs have been created, commissions have been organized that the insiders might have a chance to get a look in until taxes have increased and the home owner and farmer are ground beneath the burden. Should the people of the 8th district care for this kind of service and to have the legislature of Illinois re-habilitated, whoever may be the executive, then they must go to the polls on April 10th and cast a ballot for candidates that can and will serve the state through the legislature.