

QUIZZING FARMERS

Uncle Sam's Men Will Go About Finding What's the Matter With Farmers and Then Figure Out the Proper Remedy.

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Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin, Washington, Aug. 25. Despite the fact that the farmers of the nation have made rapid strides toward general improvement during the past decade, they have not yet, in the opinion of the president of the United States, attained to the industrial, economic, social and educational standards that are within their reach. So the president has appointed a committee of five prominent men to catch the pulse of the nation on the agricultural situation and to report to him and the general facts they will present will be embodied in the president's next message to congress.

The committee recently named by the president is composed of five men who have done much toward the advancement of the science of agriculture and who understand the farmer, his trials, his opportunities and his capabilities. The men named are Professor L. H. Bailey, dean of Cornell College of Agriculture, New York; Henry Wallace, editor of "Wallace's Farmer," Des Moines, Iowa; President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Agricultural College of Massachusetts; Clifford Pinchot, forester of the United States; and Walter H. Page, editor of "World's Work."

Many "Whys" for Farmers.
The plan of work has been already roughly blocked out, and a great diagram showing the line along which the general catchment will proceed. There are about 10,000,000 farmers in the United States and their families make a total agricultural population of 27,000,000 people. Many of these are leaving the farms. Already one third of the country's population has congregated in cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants. Because of this constant migration cityward, which results in the congestion of the cities and the abandonment of good farms, the president and his commission are asking of the 10,000,000 farmers and their families: "Are you too, going?" "Why?" "Are you not happy on the farm?" "Why?" and again, "Why and Why?" of many things.

The land will receive the first attention at the hands of the catchment appointed by the general committee. What about the land supply? Is there enough for all? Of the farmer already settled they would know if the land is his, or has he leased it, or is he a "share-cropper" and what the rental rates are in his locality, how much are the taxes? And if he owns the land, what did he pay for it, and what is it now worth? Having set all this down they would know something of the laws and tenures pertaining to land in that particular locality. What system is the farmer using—extensive or intensive? What is the character of his land—humid, arid or riparian? If arid, is he irrigating it or is he applying the science of dry farming? If it

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have held some of the most responsible commands in their own States and they have been engaged at Seattle, Spokane and Pullman, and before the work here with commendation.

About Crops and Markets.
They would know what kind of crops the farmer raises on each farm. They would know how far it is to a shipping point and how he sends his produce to that point. They know already that the average number of working days required to haul the annual crop of 12 leading products to market is 21, 41, 50 and that it takes 20, 31, 9,000 wagonloads to get it all there. There must be some system of shortening the time, and whether it is to be done by having better roads, better teams, more systematic work on the farms or co-operation among farmers and the building of traction lines to lessen the haul, that the commissioners mean to find out. They know that in some Rocky Mountain communities farmers make a haul of wheat or oats 100 miles and of wool 165 miles, and that certain farmers in the far northwest have hauled cotton by wagon 110 miles.

Do these people find that long hauls pay? Can a better system be devised for them or a less expensive one? What kind of roads have these farmers anyway? If they are dirt roads and barely kept up, the commissioners are likely to point out the fact that the land will consequently depreciate in value, the wagons and stock be worn out, the general condition of the family have the same appearance of neglect—for such is the law of roads and roadside dwellers.

And of the Farmer Himself.
They would wish all politeness—know of the farmer himself. Is he well-built, well-kept, well-fed? Has he strength, vitality and intelligence that argue well for his advancement in his chosen vocation? What about his family and his help? If his employes, men, the conventional "chred man" of remote New England places or if he employs his hundreds of negroes on a southern plantation in the semi-feudal style of his ancestors—the questions will be propounded just the same, for the commissioners would know the type of laborer, his habits, his wages, his physical and mental condition. They will go toward the house with the farmer and the catchment will continue for the barns, the outhouses, the tools, the cattle, the horses, the poultry, the sheep, the sheep, even the dogs will come in for a polite inspection. What breeds of these has the farmer? What attempts has he made to improve these breeds? Does he know that his variety of corn will produce \$5, where the kind he is using will only produce \$50? What about the water supply for himself and his stock? Does he use well, cistern or stream water? How is it distributed on the place? Does he know

EVELYN THAW IS NERVOUS WRECK

Registers at New York Hospital as Mrs. Fitzgerald—Has No Funds.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Aug. 28.—It is reported here today that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is in a manicomium, a nervous wreck, her expenses being paid by friends. Mrs. Thaw is said to be registered at the hospital under the name of Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Now that the bankrupt proceedings of her husband have cut her off from funds, Mrs. Thaw is said to be in a manicomium after her doctor had told her she must take a rest or she would be an invalid.

NOTABLES RETURN ON MAURETANIA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Aug. 28.—The great liner, Mauretania, the biggest ship afloat, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, having made the passage in five days and 59 minutes, an average speed of 23 knots.

JOSHES DOCTORS AS HE LOSES HIS LEG

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
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