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WILL FORM A TRUST

An Alleged Plot to Control the Produce Market.

NO FOOD PRODUCTS WILL BE SOLD

Farmers Will Raise Barely Enough for Themselves, Compelling Consumers to Import From Abroad.

TOLEDO, April 2.—Farmers are trying to form a trust. It is to spread all over the land, and if present plans carry, not a dollar's worth of farm produce of any kind will be sold for general consumption. In a nutshell, the idea is for the farmers to limit their crops to the actual living needs of the members of the trust. The organization is secret, oathbound, and its principles know just now to only a select few outside of those directly concerned in its development. According to the promoters, however, the country is practically in condition to be placed in the grip of this remarkable combine.

Lancaster, Pa., was the birthplace of the trust. It saw light there several months ago, and was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey as the Agriculturalists' National Protective Association. The supreme body is made up of one representative from each state, whose duties are similar to those of the board of directors of an ordinary corporation. Each state has a subordinate board of directors, consisting of one representative from each congressional district. Each district in turn is governed by a board of two members from each county. Each county is under control of a board of from five to 11 in number, who direct the movements of township organizations.

It is the purpose to do nothing this year in the way of controlling the markets, because the organization is not complete. Next year, however, the crops will be limited to actual living needs of members.

If the plan is carried out, not a dollar's worth of farm product of any kind will be sold for general consumption, it being the purpose to compel the people to import all food products. It is believed that by this method the power of the association can best make itself felt.

Birthday of a Church.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Trinity church, full of years and ecclesiastical honors, will soon celebrate with great ceremony the bicentenary of its existence. Trinity's 200th birthday, the anniversary of the issuance of its charter by William III of England, in 1697, falls upon the 6th of May. It will be dignified by an eight day's festival, beginning on Sunday, May 2, and ending Sunday, May 9.

The ceremonies of each day included in the festival period will be unique, imposing and beautiful. The principal services will be held Wednesday, May 5. The morning service will begin at 11 o'clock and Bishop Potter will deliver the address to some 200 guests who have been especially invited, among them judges of the United States court and presidents of colleges and universities.

Stock Has Suffered.

EUREKA, Cal., April 2.—From reliable reports received here, the late cold storm has been very disastrous to stock. It is reported that thousands of dead dead lambs are scattered over the exposed ranges in the north, east and south, and many mother sheep, weakened by hunger and exposure, have shared the same fate. Stockmen generally have neglected to provide stored food when not absolutely essential. A foot of snow is reported at Kneel prairie, and nearly as much in the Yager section. There will be small, if any, increase in the flocks this year.

Cattle have also suffered from lack of food, and the loss of stock will be heavy where stored feed has not been provided.

Colonel Grant Declined.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Colonel Fred D. Grant has decided to decline President McKinley's offer of the position of first assistant secretary of war.

Mr. Grant sent the following telegram to President McKinley:

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Mr. Grant declined to be interviewed beyond giving out the foregoing telegram.

The man who eats because he is hungry is, thus far, on the level with the brutes. The man who stops eating the moment his hunger is appeased is the wise man. Nature needs no more food than he calls for. Continued excess brings about indigestion or dyspepsia, with loss of flesh, strength, sleep, ambition and mental power, and an accumulation of aches, pains and many dangerous local maladies.

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A Harvest for the Sugar Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—Owing to the strong condition of the refined sugar market, by Monday every refinery in the city will be running full force, which means employment of 2000 persons. Nearly 50,000 tons of raw sugar are en route by vessels from Germany, the East Indies, Egypt, South America and West Indian islands.

May Escape Death.

NEW YORK, April 3.—A Madrid dispatch says:

General Rivera and Colonel Baccalao will be taken to Havana for trial before an ordinary court-martial. The government so directs. It is not likely that the death penalty will be imposed upon either.

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Mississippi River at St. Paul Registers Sixteen Feet.

ST. PAUL, April 2.—The Mississippi river has reached sixteen feet and is rising slowly. This is the highest point reached since the great flood of 1881. The residents of the flats have had ample warning to save themselves and their property. Between Minneapolis and St. Paul 1000 families have been made homeless. They lived along the riverside and in the lowlands. Families that lived to the left of Interurban bridge at Minneapolis have been driven out and a vast body of water rushes over the spot where their homes used to be. It has swept away many houses.

On the west side, the water is encroaching on the Robert-street bridge. Only two streets in the flats are free from water, and those only for three squares. The water is coming up, and gradually submerging all the lowlands. Already 200 homes over there are under water, and more disappear with each succeeding hour.

Looking from the pier of old Broadway bridge toward the south, the west side looks like an immense lake, with a house-top sticking above the surface here and there. Many of the residences further down, are covered, and the lake is floating full of all sorts of household goods, fences, barn roofs, trees and lumber of all descriptions.

On the upper flats on the other side of the river the inhabitants awoke this morning to find their yards, and in some cases their houses flooded. They therefore began to move.

By a sudden rise of the river at South St. Paul, last night, 150 sheep were drowned. There are 8000 sheep in the pens, which are being removed to other yards. Millions of feet of lumber got away from the boom companies to the north, and floated over St. Anthony falls. The Mississippi & Ram River Boom Co. estimates its loss at \$60,000.

Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

A Traffic Agreement.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 2.—General officers of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line met here last night in a conference which lasted several hours. General Manager Bancroft, of the Oregon Short Line, said the general plans for perfecting a traffic arrangement had been agreed upon, and the two lines would maintain close and harmonious relations. From another source it was learned the two lines would make practically a great transcontinental system. Another conference will be held at Salt Lake in about two weeks.

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A White House Dinner.

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