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THE DATA OF AGRICULTURE—THE FACTS ABOUT THE FARMER

Editor Statesman:

The other day, in an office in Salem, I heard a young social uplifter (city born and city nurtured) abusing the lot of money to enforce the na- and made an excellent record. farmers for their conservatism and upbraiding them for their tional prohibition law, but it is Neither the French nor Belgians stiff-necked opposition to what he called "economic social costing the violators much more objected to the presence of negro and ethical progress." It did not seem to occur to this young man of the city that there must be some fundamental financial reason why the farmer objects to high priced goods, high wage scales, high salaries, big bond issues and extravagant programs of social and educational betterment. But Minor, but what the Republican outside of the League of Nations, there really is a reason, and it is so big, and so loaded with the dynamite of economic discontent, as to fairly threaten ested most in is the expected fa'l the peace and harmony of our national life today. The mani- of manna at Washington. fest fact is that the present financial status of the American farmer is so perilous as to be a matter of grave concern to every far-sighted and patriotic citizen in the land

In a recent address before a conference of farm organ- cinder path for the rocky road of izations in Washington City, Henry Wallace, Secretary of journalism. He should be a suc Agriculture, asserted that, "for more than seventy years our cess at scoring beats. grain and stock farmers have been selling their products below the actual cost of production, if we include all items of cost that business methods require."

Many persons imagine that the farmers made big prof- its maneuvering when it comes to its during the war, but the income tax returns in the United the Pacific this summer. And. States for 1919 show that only one in every 400 farmers then, it is not so all-fired far from earned enough to pay an income tax, while one of every 200 Yap. teachers, one doctor in every 14, and one lawyer out of five paid income taxes.

Statistics collected by the Missouri and Kansas State Ag- will be devoted to growing wine ricultural Colleges and recently published in the Kansas City grapes in California the coming ing about, that we should not Weekly Star, edited by Dr. H. J. Waters, ex-president of the season. Doesn't look very much worry over and that won't hurt shing himself, for it has been re- from his lips-for he is not given

being proclaimed from thousands of platforms in every state through the nation. The fundamental doctrines of this gosthrough the nation. The fundamental doctrines of this gospel are:

(1) That the American farmer is now an educated man.

that he performs his professional duties as wisely and scientifically, as efficiently and economically, as any other professional expert, and is entitled to just as good pay for his day's work.

(2) That the farmer is a business man, and is entitled to interest on his investment and all other overhead claimed by legitimate business.

tion's credit, as much as the banker or any other business corporation.

(4) That he has the same right to political representa- everyone of them faces bronzed. tion in the councils of state and nation as any other profes- suns lying back in even windsional class.

That he has the same right to the rewards of in-(5)

telligent industry, to the enjoyment of leisure, and the fruits of culture as the most favored professional class. There was a time when the American farmer need worry grounds were the wives and sweet

but little about the cost of overhead. Those were the days hearts of the doughboys. It was of cheap land, when, according to the words of the old song, "Uncle Sam has got enough to give us each a farm." But those bounteous times are long since past, and today it requires as much capital to own a good sized farm as to start a

bank in a country town. There will be war in the United States during the next four years. It will be an economic war; a forensic war; a grand old First division! These gentlemen's war, fought by gentlemen. It will be fought by were the boys who slipped quietly the American farmer along the lines indicated in the above out of New York hartor three gospel. And it will be won by the American farmer-won with affluence and ease.

-S. H. VAN TRUMP.

(Mr. Van Trump, writer of the above, is Marion county horticulturist. Perhaps it may be new to some readers; but he does not exaggerate concerning the movement among farm organizations, which is one of the most sweeping and wide spread ever seen in the United States .- Ed.)

to break it.

It is costing the government a nettes, but they are good soldiers fighters in the American expeditionary forces and there is no

It is now officially reported call for the color line now. Certainly, if America is to remain

Charlie Paddock, the world's RELATIVITY IS HARMLESS. premier sprinter, will desert the

> One nice thing about the theory of relativity Dr. Einstein explained to the New York reporters.

Asked what he would advise The combined American fleet will find plenty of sea room to do made concerning the theory.

anything that we should do noth-

(Charles W. Duke in Philadel-|sister back home in Cherokee, Iowa, and take them with him phia Ledger.) out to California, where he is to the other day the crack Sixteenth invest his nest egg in a farm Over at Camp Dix, New Jergey.

infantry of the famous First di-|"and live happily ever aftervision, one of the units of the ward."

One of the things they are sayfirst American forces sent to ing about him now as he stands and then passed in review before France under the leadership of (3) That the farmer is entitled to the use of the na- General Pershing, "first to fight there modestly, with an honest the crowned heads of Europe are and last to quit." swept across aversion for all this pomp and now passing in review before a the parade grounds in a regimen- heraldry, is that, although he is "non-com" sergeant major! tal review. Overseas veterans close to the half-century mark in grouchy on account of age."

rows, not a foot out of alignment -what a spectacle for the military man! The regimental band was play-

ing. Grouped about the parade "We are here honoring sera holiday setting, a gala affair vice." says General Summerall. that a Rudyard Kipling could have set to the music of poetry.

It was the first review of the General Edwards, late commander Sixteenth since it moved into of the Twenty-sixth division, now Camp Dix, just home from the Rhine valley, six months ago. Wonderful old regiment and ed in Washington dispatches as March. front. One morning the Ameri-

can people were told the first of the American expeditionary forcs were "over there" and in battle array.

plain every-day, old fashioned It was all true. This was the division that accompanied Pershcoms! They are the chaps who ing when he went across to join hands with Foch and Haig in they new allied triumvirate. They went in first on the Sommerviller oring Brannan in this way." front in the Lorraine sector near

Luenville. They were the first veteran who has never risen American troops under fire. Some above that rank. He started as of the First division were at Cana private in the ranks. Next he tigny in the first engagement was a corporal and then a serfought by American troops. The geant. For the last 12 years he first American troops killed by has been a regimental sergeant the Huns in combat were of this major. What a lesson for all that army of plain workers in civilian life, the toilers in the mills and shops, the mothers in the homes, the millions of humble artisans who contribute to the maintenance of the material world. Sergeant Major Brannan has never grumbled or complained; "he was never grouchy."

"We are honoring service," says General Summerall.

The lieutenant has stopped back of them. No wonder these reading general orders No. 5. He khaki clans hold their heads so turns to Sergeant Major ("Jack") proudly as they swing now across Brannan. From his pocket the the parade field at Camp Dix. commissioned officer extracts a But why the parade? Reviews wallet which he in turn hands to of this kind are usually put on in the humble "non-com." It is a honor of some dignitary visiting purse of gold-some hundreds of the camp. Presidents, cabinet dollars in all. Every man in the officers, generals, foreign ambasgallant Sixteenth and many more sadors or royal visitors are somefriends through the First division times honored in this way. Perhave contributed out of their pay. haps in this case it is the new It is their way of expressing essecretary of war in the Harding teem and friendship for "Jack" cabinet, who may have slipped Brannan. The hand of the veteinto Camp Dix unheralded; or, ran trembles a bit as he accepts. perhaps, a titled visitor from The moisture of the eye is more abroad. It might be General Per-eloquent than the words that fall

"shoulder arms," hundreds of reckoning with them. rifles swing into position. In an- lord said unto him. Well'a other moment the Sixteenth regi- good and faithful servant; the ment is on the march. They are hast been faithful over a free passing in review before Sergeant things. I will set thee over me Major ("Jack") Brannan. He things; enter into the joy of the who has served unostentatiously lord.

in the ranks all these years is When You Feel Bluestanding by the side of his colonel watching his comrades of the See "Toby".--Adv. world war swing by in review!

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These boys who helped hurl back Why' "blue" laws or the minions of German autocracy Why not the red, white laws? and blue laws? Are they not satisfactory?

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SIR MMES M. BARRIE

What Every

Woman Knows

STARTING SUNDAY

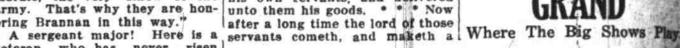
Company after company they point of age, "he has never been are coming. They give him the "eyes right" as they pass before Thinking of all the toil; of the him. But Sergeant Major Branlong hours on the trail; of the nan's eyes are not "right." He monotony of camp life! of the who has laughed at the whine of perils and tribulations of service a Heinie's shell or stood impasabroad; of the years piling up on sive before the spectacle of his his shoulders-not a poor encom- pais struck down in cold blood or ium for honest "Jack" Brannan. stolidly served on the lonely watch through all these years without the flicker of an eyelash. "No army is stronger than its now stands with great tears

non-commissioned officers," says coursing down his cheeks. Soon it is over-and then comes the flood. As though he were one commanding a brigade of the lone "enemy" against thousands, First division, and lately mention- these doughboys of the Sixteenth swarm about him. They salute a likely candidate for the position him, they grasp his hand, they of chief of staff of the United wish him good-bye and good luck. States army, to succeed General The good right arm is pumped until it is sore and aching. The "In his humble capacity this general comes himself to salute,

man Brannan has served through this veteran "non-com." It was all these years. None of the glit- the general himself who ordered ter and glory has been his-just the demonstration * *

"We are honoring service," hard work. All honor to the non- said General Summerall.

"For it is as when a mian, gobuild patriotism, who uphold ing into another country, called morale, the very sinew of the his own servants, and delivered army. That's why they are hon- unto them his goods. . Now after a long time the lord of those





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gallant old First. You remember the circumstances - how three Yankee lads, reconnoitering the German position at night, were captured and ruthlessly put to death, their throats cut from car to ear. Later the French erected a monument on the spot at Bethelmont to commemorate the sacrifice. Wonderful record has this First division; glorious traditions stand

In close column of

mand of his regiment. There also

Dimision. Surely something spe-

While the troops stand at at-

ear what is said, Lieutenant G.

Shades of democracy! Can it

continuous service since 1898.

From the beginning of the Span-

ish-American war until well after

the wind-up of the world war this

taciturn, grizzled old veteran has

stuck to his job-true to his ideal

And this ceremony is all in

honor of Sergeant Major (Jack)

story of his life to all this great

assembly on the parade grounds.

For conspicuous bravery in hat-

but he escaped it all with nary

the end of his contract of service

and is going to retire." He has

of service.

cial is up.

the layman to do about the theory he replied, "Nothing at all; tell him not to worry; it won't hurt him." That is not only reassuring, but it is one of the most transparent statements so far

Nearly 200,000 acres additional To our mind, in times like these.

that manna still falls in Asia it is not our business to find fault war horses just now are interwith the complexion of the French soldiers.

Kansas Agricultural College, show that from the year 1909 as if prohibition had killed the to the year 1918, inclusive, the grain farmers of the Middle grape industry. That was another in human estimation. West received a labor income of about \$3.50 per day for each thing that was largely exaggerday spent in producing and marketing their crops. This wage ated. was considerably lower than the average wage of the hod car-

riers of the Middle West during the same period.

The October 20th issue of the Weekly News Letter of period has been reached and that the United States Department of Agriculture gives a report more courage and constructiveof a farm-profits survey conducted by specialists of that de ness, accompanied by large bank partment and covering twenty-five farms in Ohio from 1912 accommodation is needed, is the to 1919; one hundred farms in Indiana, 1912 to 1919, and statement of Governor Harding tivity might not be so lonesome. sixty farms in Wisconsin, 1912 to 1919. The average yearly of the federal reserve board. farm labor income for the twenty-five Ohio farmers was The market during the past week \$276; for the one hundred Indiana farmers, \$556; for the has been active and strong with sixty Wisconsin farmers, \$408. When we remember that prices advancing during most of this labor income represents not simply the labor of the farm- the time and an unusually large er himself but of his entire family, the return seems patheti- turnover has resulted. There has been very satisfactory strength in cally small.

The writer has, during the past four months, made a practically the entire list The careful and somewhat exhaustive study of the financial sta- outlook for business is much tus of the farmers of Marion county during the year of more encouraging." The above 1920. This study was conducted mostly as a means of mak- are excerpts from the current ing a comparison between the earning capacity of the farmweekly financial letter of Henry er and the earning capacity of other essential professional Clews, the Wall Street authority. classes during the same period. In order to make such a com- The financial skies are clearing parison at all it was found necessary to eliminate entirely all over the world-and more es from consideration several large sections of farm territory pecially in the United States: devoted to special crops, where, owing to extremely unfa- and still more especially on the vorable climatic conditions, the farmer not only failed to Pacific coast and in Orgon.

make any wages but sustained large financial losses to boot. For legitimate comparison I have therefore taken my figures from a number of the best farms in the best farming sec-

An organization of women tions of the county, where the farmers are engaged in genpassed a resolution protesting eral agriculture, growing grain, hay, potatoes, livestock and dairy products. A number of the best farmers in these fa- against the retention by the vored sections have assured me that their labor incomes for French of any colored troops in the past year were less than 50 cents per day for each day the army of occupation in Gerspent in growing, harvesting and marketing their crops, and many. The presumption was that their figures allowed nothing for interest on investment or the German women should be other overhead expenses. I have in mind one case in an spared the presence of negro soldiers in their communities. The ideal farming section, a school district valued at above the resolution was given to the wife average. Three of the best one hundred acre farms in the county are operated here; each farm requiring the constant of a Chicago congressman for personal transmission to Marshal labor of two strong and efficient young farmers. I do not Foch. Some publicity resulted know of three farms conducted more wisely, scientifically or economically. The gross labor income of these six farmers and a semi-official correspondence showed that the French have was exactly one-third that of the incomes of the two school no colored forces in Germany nor teachers who taught that district school. According to these any intention of sending them. returns one teacher is worth three times as much to the Nevertheless, the lady messenger state as three farmers, or nine times as much as one farmer.

The figures we have collected of farm labor incomes in proceeded on her journey and Marion county in 1920 show that it took the farmer 16 to sought an official engagement 20 days to earn enough money to employ an automobile mechanic one day; forty days to earn enough to call a doctor staff for the purpose of presentone trip twelve miles out; one hundred and twenty days to ing her cause. Some of the earn enough to employ a lawyer one day; from six to 12 days to earn enough to pay the taxes on one acre of land. Some cases reported of what the farmer had to sell and what he had to buy revealed a disparity of prices so incongruous as to be absolutely astounding: One farmer near Scotts Mills sold a large cow hide for \$1.40 and paid \$11.00 for a pair of harness lines; another farmer near Shaw sold a hide for \$1.40 and paid \$12.00 for a pair of lines. Still another farmer east of Salem was delivering potatoes at 60 cents per cwt. and by in Albaev. was priced a pair of harness tugs at \$32.00.

When economic conditions such as these prevail is it any at Waller Hall, Willar May 18, Wednesdaywonder that the farmers are everywhere organizing for cooperative selling and buying, and are "holding conference after conference" in all the big cities of the East? Many present economic facts, national in source and persistent in character, point to the probability that the farmer is standing at the dawn of a day of fierce political and economic conflict dawn of a day of fierce political and economic conflict.

There is a new economic gospel that has been adopted High School. by all the farm organizations in the United States, and is State fair grounds. Annual Iows picule,

us is entitled to the highest place

There are so many of the other kind of things that the theory of ion on the right. Major Jones relativity shines out like a beacon "That the end of the deflation light in an unusually dark night. on th left, the Sixteenth infan-If Dr. Einstein could now find try falls into line, right dresses, something else we did not have and stands motionless awaiting developments. What is coming? to do anything about, then there There is Colonel Lacey in comwould be two of them, and relais Major General C. P. Summer. -Springfield Union. all, veteran leader of the First

MADE IN GERMANY.

tention, eyes front, ears alert to The Germans are selling struc-T. Phipps' lips begin to move. He tu ral steel in Europe for \$20 a is reading general orders No. 5. ton less than the English can And what do you suppose general orders No. 5 is all about? Nothmake it. The Germans are selling about a new president or a ing pneumatic tools in Detroitthe same line of tools that De- foreign visitor or a new assignnew general or a distinguished troit was shipping to Germany be- ment for service. These general fore and after the war-and are orders are announcing the retirement from the United States underselling the Ametrican manufacturer at his door. Even with vice of a solitary sergeant major a stiff export tax on German -a non-commissioned officer wares levied by the allies the who has toiled away down in the Germans would still be able to ranks for more than 23 years! undersell Americans in most of be possible that all this fuss and the markets of the world. Ger- feathers is in honor of a single many is already producing heav- soldier of the line-a non-comily in certain lines and industry missioned officer?

will enable her to maintain her by the side of Colonel Lacey. He True enough: there he stands balance against the call of the is . Sergeant Major William F. ("Jack") Brannan, of regimental Red. But for the burden she Leadquarters, 49 years and four must carry she would be wondermonths old, a sturdy son of the fully prosperous. western plains and a solder in the United States army in almost



Spring days at last. * * *

BIT OF FOOLISHNESS.

with the French marshal and

French colonials are decided bru-

FUTURE DATES

Germany has finally agreed-N N N She has agreed to begin to do the things she agreed to do at the Brannan. They are telling the

peace conference. ~ ~ This will work a wonderful change for the better in Europe

They are telling the world how and all over the world; and it will faithful this man Brannan has be better when Germany goes been. Never once has he flinchahead to perform her agreements ed. On all his honorable diswithout the necessity of holding a charges he has received character club over her head. "excellent." From the day his 5 S S regiment was thrown into the advance against the Hindenburg

Plant your broccoli seed. 5 5 S If you are a member of the

line at Chemin-des-Dames on through the Argonne campaign Salem Broccoli association, your until the Germans were given May 13, Friday-Entertainment for library benefit, Highland school, 8 seed is ready, at 267 South Church refuge in armistice just as the street, the home of the secretary, doughboys were prepared for the o'clock. May 13, Friday—County Sunday school business meeting at the Salem Public library at 8 o'clock. May 15, Sunday—Second meet of the U. J. Lehman.

last grand assault on the last line And the association has a little of Hun fortifications around Metz and Sedan, Sergeant Major extra seed. But if you want some Brannan was in the thick of the of it, you would better go and get it, or send for it at once. Before fighting. May 17, Tuesday - Dramatic recital Fred McGrew and Martha Ferguaon, the end of the month, there will tle he was awarded the French not be an ounce of Valentine broc-Groix de Guerre with palms. His coli seed left anywhere. life was continually endangered.

Willamette university. nesday-Welcome prog-May 18, Wednesday-Wetcome ram for newcomers at Commercial club. May 26, 27 and 28-Baseball, Willam ette va. Whitman, at Walla Walla. * * * Now there will be rushing days on the paved road work, till the a scratch. Now he has reached rains of the fall put a stop to it. N N In a little bit longer, there will served in all, including double not be an idle man, woman or time for foreign service, 23 child in the Salem district, who wears with the army of Uncle

wants to work or is able to per- Sam. Now he is leaving for the form labor. west to pick up his mother and

orted he is shortly to visit the to speaking. His long suit is ser-New Jersey camp.

masses with Major Smith's second battal. out over the review field. A word command, the band of first battalion in the center, and gins to play and at the call of Major Davidson's third battalion



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