

According to the latest available figures Kansas contributed one-fifth of the winter wheat crop, North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota nearly three-fifths of the spring wheat and seven-eighths of the flaxseed; Pennsylvania and New York nearly two-thirds of the buckwheat, Louisiana about one-half of the rice, and that state, California and Texas nearly seven-eighths. Tobacco is highly concentrated in Kentucky and North Carolina, from which more than one-half of the crop came.

While the first three weeks of harvest were characterized by unprecedented rains, the apple picking season in Hood River has closed in a burst of glory. The last week was ideal for harvest, and growers have been enabled to get their fruit under cover without difficulty. The Apple Growers' association already has received in excess of 450,000 boxes of fruit, and more than 200,000 boxes have been delivered to other shipping concerns.

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SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS.

When chestnuts are plentiful and potatoes are selling at high prices, try:

Mock Mashed Potatoes.—Cook one pound of chestnuts for a quarter of an hour, peel them and cook in one quart of milk until soft. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of sugar, and one teaspoonful of salt. Rub through a sieve and serve the same as mashed potatoes. The advantage of serving this dish is that it may be eaten by those who are denied potatoes.

Curried Chestnuts.—Shell and blanch a pound of chestnuts, stew in stock until tender. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, fry in it one small sliced onion, one chopped apple, and a tablespoonful of curry powder and a teaspoonful of sweet chutney; moisten with one cupful of stock and one tablespoonful of rice flour that has been smoothly blended. Cook until the ingredients are soft then put through a sieve; add a squeeze of lemon juice and simmer the chestnuts in this until they have absorbed the flavor. Serve with plenty of plain boiled rice, very hot.

Chestnut Cakes.—Shell and blanch some good chestnuts then cook in boiling water until tender. Rub through a sieve and to every half cupful of chestnut pulp add the yolk of an egg, salt, white pepper, celery salt, onion juice and Worcestershire sauce to season rather highly. Make into neat little cakes, brush with beaten egg, roll in fine crumbs and fry in deep hot fat. Serve as a garnish around roast turkey.

Luncheon Rarebit.—Melt one-half pound of cheese over a pan of hot water. Turn a pint can of tomato soup into a separate dish. Heat and season thoroughly with paprika. Turn the melted cheese into the hot soup and heat. Have ready rounds of toasted bread. Turn the rarebit dressing over the bread and serve with crisp celery and hot coffee.

Nellie Maxwell

Proper Town Planning.
Scientific town planning takes into consideration the direction of streets and orientation of houses from a sanitary standpoint. There has been a tendency to make streets run north and south and east and west, but in a paper to the Royal Astronomical society of Canada, H. L. Seymour lately showed that they should run northeast and southwest and northwest and southeast. Houses correspondingly placed have sunshine in all rooms instead of having it cut off from north-easterly walls for more than one-half of the time. Also houses shall be so placed and of such height as to shade others as little as possible.

Theater and Church.
The problem of how to supply the community with both a church and theater on money sufficient for only one building has been solved in a small western town by building one large auditorium with a stage at one end of the hall and a pulpit at the other, according to a Y. W. C. A. dramatic director who visited the town recently. This novel arrangement diplomatically meets certain apparent objections and at the same time gives the proper setting for either. The seats are reversible.

City Planning Worth While.
City planning of the right kind is strictly a business proposition. Its function is to aid in facilitating business and maintaining property values. Its activity means a better looking city, a better city for business and a better city for homes.

Furthermore, city planning is not a matter of concern to the few. It will work to the interest of the large and the small property owner, and to the interest of any person who expects to make the place his home.

Indian Cattle in the South.
Some years ago it was discovered that the zebu, or humped cattle of India, are immune to the deadly "Texas fever" which was poisoning the herds of the south. A few of the Indian cattle were imported and did well, though without gaining any great popularity. Then more were imported, and now there are quite a number of them in Texas, and one cattleman values his chief "Brahmin" bull at \$30,000.

Electric Wires Kill Trees.
Electric wires which touch trees can easily kill the most beautiful shade tree. This may be due partly to the work of the electric current or to the searing through the growing surface of the tree by the wire, which deprives the tree of its sustenance.

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Home Town Helps

SHOULD ALL BE NEIGHBORLY

Spirit is of Immense Importance to the Upbuilding of Community, Small or Large.

Rent hogs have a social value rather overlooked in the turmoil. Though hardly attaining eminence as a moral force they remain a persuasive fact for a city neighborhood. They have made a social whole of many a four-walled community that had been merely an accidental aggregation. Common oppression makes humanity kin, including even the inmates of an apartment house. Neighborliness, in short, has begun to mean something.

Neighborliness is at once the kindest and the most powerful organization in our tradition. Neighborhood organizations, if not captured by schemers with private ends to serve, is the best basis for consumers' organizations in general. That American class called neighbors, the great unwieldy, battered 90 per cent, has suffered much of late through lack of organized effort in its own behalf.

Neighborhood associations will ameliorate the predatory ethics of urban life. When neighbors meet in public school assembly halls for community association in economic study, in politics, in music, in drama, in educational problems, good government and good living are likely to be furthered.

Better neighborhood understandings leading to intelligent co-operative effort are one of outstanding needs.—Chicago Daily News.

WAIT FOR TOWN TO GROW

It has been figured up that there are about 12,000 small towns in the United States, half of them with populations of 500 or less, says the Thrift magazine. It is these small towns that the rural people are intimately associated with. They sell their produce there, buy the things they need; in fact, these are a part of the rural community. Some of these small towns will become cities, but a very large percent of them will remain as they are. It is no disgrace to live in a small town, but the rule is that these people are waiting until next year or some future year to improve their schools, put in sidewalks, a water system or a sewer system to safeguard the health of the people, or before taking any step to improve the social and living conditions of the children.

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