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NEW YORK FARMERS NEED LABOR MOST

Just Completed Shows Demand for 50,000 Men and Boys. Labor the Only Limiting Factor.

May 2.—Farmers of New York State ask for fifty thousand hands, according to preliminary figures issued by the New York State food supply commission appointed by Governor Whitman April 13. The report issued indicates that the shortage of New York are greatly exceeding the acreage of food this year, but that labor is the limiting factor.

It is shown that many men have left the farms since the war began, and there are now only 50 per cent. as many hired men on New York farms as there were last year when there was a shortage. At present there are only two hired men for each acre, and the average size of a New York State farm is a little over a hundred acres. According to figures furnished by the State Department, farmers have planned to call up an agricultural army of fifty thousand men and boys, of which fifteen thousand may be of high school age.

Prices for Eggs and Milk have risen sharply. Facts brought out by the State Department show that eggs and milk have risen in price very little since the war began, but the cost of feeds, and the cost of the farmer is finding it unprofitable to produce commodities and if the price is to be maintained the cost of production will be raised.

It is shown that the shortage of labor is the cause of the high price of eggs and milk. There is enough labor in the State and those counties which have a surplus of labor may get supplies of labor from Wayne and Orleans, which have a surplus of wheat seed is short, and it is pointed out that the shortage of labor is not immediately felt, it is suggested that the State should encourage the raising of good hens or livestock, and the buckwheat for seed.

Seed Potatoes Slightly Short. The State Department reports that the returns show a 50 per cent. shortage of seed potatoes for the State. The proposed acreage for the State is the only one reported, a considerable amount of seed potatoes for nearly 10,000 bushels is in acreage devoted to other crops. The State Department indicates that the shortage of seed potatoes has been adjusted their crop to meet the emergency. The increase will be met by plowing up the land and the crop will be increased.

Large Increases in Grain. The State Department reports that the returns show a 50 per cent. increase in the acreage of grain. The proposed increases of 10 per cent. in the year, and 50 per cent. in the year it was seven per cent. increase in the bean acreage. The State Department reports that the returns show a 50 per cent. increase in the acreage of vegetable growing. The State Department reports that the returns show a 50 per cent. increase in the acreage of garden movement. The State Department reports that the returns show a 50 per cent. increase in the acreage of 8,000 persons made shortly.

will be needed to work in farm homes, largely to help board the farm labor.

Results of the Census
Were it not for the shortage of labor, and difficulties in transportation the situation would not be unfavorable. The difficulties lie in the local communities, and unless a remedy is applied to the transportation problem, production will be adversely affected. The commission says that there is a large falling off in the amount of fertilizers to be used, largely because it is hard to get shipments delivered. Fertilizers, seed farm machinery, and other agricultural materials, the commission says, should immediately be given preferential freight shipments. If further facts are desired by the farmers of the state, it is announced that they can be had at the farm bureau offices in each county. Where there is no farm bureau the commission has established its own headquarters.

HOME DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEET
A large representation from all over Allegany County, including members of the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition County Committee, the Board of Supervisors and patriotic citizens met at the County Court House in Belmont, Monday afternoon in Home Defense Committee for Allegany County.

F. W. Higgins, of Wellsville, chairman of the Home Defense Committee, and Harry Keller, of Cuba, its secretary, were in charge of the meeting. Mr. Higgins, in opening the meeting, briefly outlined the work and purpose of the meeting. Among other things he said: "There has come the time when our country needs the assistance of all the people, irrespective of politics; there is no politics in it. It is a question of Patriotism. The first and most important work, perhaps, that the Home Defense Committee is called upon to do, and which they have called on the Republican Party, Democratic Party and all other parties to assist them in, is the taking of the census. A State Census will have to be taken that will give to the state authorities complete information in regard to all our resources. Preceding that census, and as soon as the President of the United States issues a proclamation, there will be another census taken for military purposes. The Federal Census will take place first, and will be in charge of the Sheriff, County Clerk and Health Officer.

County Judge Elba Reynolds, President B. C. Davis, Supreme Court Justice Chas. H. Brown, Dist. Att'y. James T. Ward, Rev. Louis Buisch and Attorney D. D. Dixon each responded to the invitation of the chairman and gave most eloquent and patriotic addresses. The Friendship Glee Club assisted in making the meeting most patriotic by singing the national songs.

Secretary Keller, who is to be the county superintendent of the state military census, explained the need of co-operation of the men and women of the county in the coming census and told in a way how the work would be accomplished by requiring every citizen between sixteen and sixty-four years, male and female, to appear at the headquarters in each of the election districts of the county to answer the necessary questions. Following the meeting, the Home Defense Committee held an executive session to map out special work which must be accomplished. Further announcements of this program will be made shortly.

In the Hands of You Farmers!

In this great time, when every citizen must do his part, the President has made his chief appeal to the men who live on the land. He is right in doing so for the safety of our country just now is in the hands of our farmers. What I mean is not merely our safety and the safety of our allies in the matter of food. I mean that the safety of the United States against foreign invasion hangs on the decision of the farmers of the forty-eight states. The two great weapons in this war are arms and starvation. The war against German arms will be won or lost in France; the war against starvation will be won or lost in America. The Kaiser cannot whip the French and English armies and the English navy while England has food. But it is still possible that the German submarines may be able to keep food enough from reaching England to starve her into submission.

If the submarines win, the first item in the Kaiser's terms of peace will be the English fleet. With the English fleet in his possession the Kaiser will be master of the world. What will happen to us then? Every man who stops to think knows the answer. We shall have money, food, labor, land—everything that is desirable in the world except the power to protect what we have. Experts estimate that it will take us nine months to get ready to meet a Germany army of even 150,000 men, with modern artillery. Under such circumstances, would the Germans treat us better than they have already treated Belgium and France?

Even if the armies of our allies should crush the German military power this summer, before the shortage of food can

reach the point of want, the world would still need vast quantities of American food. But if they do not, only one course can make us safe, and that is to grow food enough on our farms for ourselves and our allies and to put ships enough on the sea to carry the food, in spite of the submarines, to the men who are fighting our fight.

If the war lasts beyond this summer, it will be the American farmer who will win or lose the war, who will overcome militarism and autocracy, or allow them to spread and control the world, ourselves included. This is no fanciful picture, but sober fact. Many a man will make light of it until he comes to think it over, but I venture to say that few will treat it lightly after careful thought. It is no more impossible than the great war itself appeared to be only a few days before it began.

It is true that we can greatly increase the available food supply out of grain now used in making liquors and by reducing household waste. But when these two things are done, and done thoroughly, they will not be enough. The final decision will still rest in the hands of the men who raise our food in the first place.

The clear duty of the nation is to guarantee the farmers a fair price for their crops when grown and a reasonable supply of labor at harvest. The clear duty of every farmer is to raise food enough to win this war for Democracy against Kaiserism.

No such responsibility has ever rested on any class of men since the world began as rest to-day on the farmers of America.
GIFFORD PINCHOT, Milford, Pa., April 27.

OUR NEW POLICEMAN

The Village Board has appointed M. P. Wykoff as police officer and he began work Wednesday evening.

Mr. Wykoff has had experience as night officer, serving with the Sailors and Soldiers Hospital, at Erie, Pa. four years, taking with him upon leaving the very best recommendations.

It isn't all in the hands of the officer as to his success in a town. The people have it in their power to assist by paying him the respect his office entitles him to. Mr. Wykoff will find Andover people are willing to lend him every assistance.

WOMEN WILL HELP IN CENSUS

Allegany County Women Have Volunteered to Help in Taking Military Census. Those Wishing to Assist Make it Known.

The women of Allegany County have volunteered to do much of the clerical work necessary in obtaining the military census in this county in the next week or two.

One of the reasons the women have so freely offered their services in this connection is so the men will not be obliged to give their time to the work thus neglecting their work which is most important just at this season of the year.

Any and all women in Andover who will volunteer to help in this patriotic work will be most graciously welcome. Leave your name with either Mrs. R. B. Burrows, Mrs. David Slocum or Mrs. Fannie Backus.

"THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE"

Auditorium, Saturday Evening

In explaining the legend of the Fairy Stone to June, Jack Hale says: "And they cried, all these Fairies did, and their tears, instead of coming up like flowers, they formed little crosses of stone, and that's to make you remember when you wear one of these Fairy stones that nothing can happen to you."

One of the great scenes in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" is laid in Judd Tolliver's cabin. Young Dave, June's own cousin, who is in love with her, is a fugitive accused of shooting Bob Berkeley, Jack's chum and partner. June hides him in her bedroom. Her father carries in her lover's wounded comrade, while Jack, who follows him demands from June the surrender of the fugitive. June refuses and then follows a heart-grIPPING scene between the primitive mountain girl and the educated man wherein love and duty battle. It is the story of the law of the family and the law of the land.

LIVING ON A MODERATE INCOME

That we might find out how it was possible for an ordinary family with limited means to live in Andover and pay the present high prices, on a moderate income, a news reporter called upon one of our families and had an interview with a lady who successfully manages a fine little family of three and always pays her bills without worry. "It was 9 o'clock in the morning when the reporter called on Mrs. 'K.'" The house was found neat, tidy and well managed. She was ironing at the time and seemed to be in a very pleasant frame of mind and quite willing to give the information. Do you like Andover, Mrs. 'K'?"

"Oh yes," she began, "We like Andover very much." "Do you not find living high?" "Yes, but every article we buy is a great deal cheaper here in Andover than it was in the place we moved from." "We have quite a few people in Andover who claim that they

TO OUR FARMERS

Any one needing seed potatoes or who could be persuaded to plant a larger acreage of potatoes if they had the seed, can get all the potatoes they will plant by applying at or leaving word at the Burrows National Bank on or before Saturday afternoon, May 5. Four carloads of Maine white sprout seconds are being shipped into Allegany County and if farmers in this section will but comply with this request they will be furnished all the seed they wish to plant.

buy a great deal cheaper outside.

"That may be, but we have never found it that way. We always live well and buy good food and pay cash, and knew where to buy to the best advantage in the city. There, of course, we have a larger assortment to choose from, and always have to pay a larger price for the privilege."

"Have you any idea how much it costs to keep your family during the month in Andover?" "Yes, I keep a record of every cent we pay out and here is the record of our April expense. But I do not want you to mention my name."

After promising that her name would not be used Mrs. 'K' gave the following record of her expenses: "Our income is not quite as large here as it was where we moved from, but figuring the cost of laundry and street-car fare saved, we are ahead.

Rent	10.00
Gas bill	3.80
Doctor's bill, one call	1.00
Meat	3.95
Groceries	12.35
Insurance	1.75
Newspapers	.65
Gas fixtures	1.00
Picture show	1.25
Laundry	.75
Milk	1.86
Husband's tobacco	1.65
Clothing and dry goods	7.65
Put in savings bank	10.00
Total	\$57.66
April salary earned	\$66.50
Balance	\$8.84

"We always manage to lay aside a little each month. Of course in the summer our expense is a few dollars less, but we manage to live very nicely and we owe no one."

PREPARING FOR WAR CENSUS

Harry E. Keller, of Cuba, supervisor of the war census in Allegany County is now perfecting an organization in every town in the county.

PATRIOTIC FLAG AND FIELD DAY

Friday, May 11, the Three Towns of Andover, Ward and Alfred Unite in Big Patriotic Field Day and Flag Raising.

The biggest and most patriotic demonstration that Andover has seen since Civil War times is being arranged in Andover Friday, May 11th.

The occasion is the annual Field Day of the towns of Ward, Alfred and Andover, united with the patriotic people in those towns for a demonstration and flag raising under the direction of School Superintendent Willet L. Ward and a local committee of arrangements, consisting of President E. J. Atwood, Jas. P. Cannon, Postmaster W. F. O'Connell, Dr. John Common, E. F. Stearns and J. Harvey Backus.

The exercises will begin at 10 a. m. and last until 5 p. m. A basket picnic will be held at noon in the Village Park.

On the program as now outlined will appear Attorney D. D. Dixon, of Angelica, who will speak up "America's Part." Director J. W. Wright of the State Farm College of Alfred, will give much information to our farmers, and R. Q. Smith, of the Allegany Farm Bureau, will be present with inspiration. District Attorney James T. Ward will also make an address.

After the exercises in the Park, a parade will be formed and lead by the Band to Main Street where a flag raising ceremony will be held.

Everybody is invited and every family in the three towns is expected to be here.

GREAT BARGAIN SHOW

Double Attraction Wednesday at Single Prices

On Wednesday evening, at 7:45 LOU TELLENSEN, who for several seasons was Sarah Bernhardt's leading man, will be seen in the great, moral play, "The Victory of Conscience," to be followed with "Each Pearl a Tear," featuring the charming Fannie Ward, remembered for her incomparable portrayal of the leading role in "The Cheat." Owning to the high cost of living, Home Enterprise Company is going to make this a bargain show and offers these two superb Paramount Plays for 5 and 10c. To facilitate the seating of the extra crowd which this attraction will bring out, the doors will be open at 7:30.

NEW STREET COMMISSIONER

At the regular meeting of the Village Board, Wednesday evening Edgar Carpenter was appointed street commissioner.

Farrington's Old Fort Coffee

Better than we supposed it would be
—money back if not satisfied.
—22c pound. 5 lbs. for \$1.05

Quaker Corn Flakes

8 cents box. Fresh and fine. Our word for it they will please you. Made from selected white corn and carefully toasted.

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