

last year by the Legislature, gives to municipalities the same right of passing on the alcohol issue as has been held for several years by the rural communities. The question is submitted to a vote upon the filing of petitions.

Cities Ready for Prohibition
Of the cities now torn by the liquor campaign, those believed to be most likely to go dry are: Linghamton, Canandaigua, Cortland, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Gloverville, Hornell, Ithaca, Jameson, Johnstown, Middletown, New Rochelle, North Tonawanda, Norwich, Ontario, Plattsburgh and Syracuse.

Thirty-eight of the fifty-seven cities in the state are taking advantage of their first opportunity to vote on the liquor question under the provisions of the Hill-Wheeler City Local Option Law, and are now engaged in spirited campaigns preliminary to special elections to be held on April 16. According to a report the cities now preparing for a vote are:

Amsterdam, Auburn, Batavia, Beacon, Binghamton, Canandaigua, Corning, Cortland, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Glens Falls, Gloverville, Hornell, Ithaca, Jamestown, Johnstown, Kinross, Lackawanna, Lockport, Norwich, Ogdensburg, Oneida, Ontario, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Port Jervis, Rome, Salamanca, Schenectady, Syracuse, Tonawanda and Watertown.

Special legislation intended to pave the way for the successful operation of the new city local option law is receiving the attention of the present state legislature.

A bill designating special days for the registration of women voters, so that they may participate in the April elections, has been passed and signed by Governor Whitman, so that any doubt as to their ability to vote has been wholly removed. The new law provides for registration days on the second Friday and the second Saturday before the elections, which will be April 5 and 6. The registration places will be open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. on each of these days.

Another bill amending the city local option law so as to provide for the filing of the necessary petitions with the board or commissioner of elections of the county in which a city is located, or with the county clerk if the county has no such board or commissioner, has been passed by the Senate and will undoubtedly pass the Assembly within a day or two. The present law provides for the filing of petitions with the city clerk, but there is no danger that any petitions will be invalid if addressed to or filed with the city clerk before the bill is passed, since the measure provides that a petition addressed to the city clerk shall have the same force and effect as the addressed to the proper board of commissioner of elections or county clerk of the county, and may be filed as above provided.

A third bill providing for the designation of watchers for these special elections is also awaiting action by the Legislature. In most of the 38 cities the circulation of the petitions necessary to bring on an election is nearly completed, so far as the securing of the required number of signatures is concerned, but those in charge are endeavoring to secure many more than the necessary 25 per cent. The petitions must be filed not later than March 15.

FARM BUREAU WORK

County Agent

SEED CORN

Total supply of seed corn contracted for and handled by the Dairyman's League is exhausted. As a whole the seed corn situation is very serious. However, we can still secure good seed of the Hill's Golden Nugget for \$3.75 per bushel on cash, or \$4.00 per bushel on credit and in sacks. This can be secured from the Kirkup Bros., Mattituck, L. I., Suffolk County, N. Y., to be shipped in two-bushel lots in bags at 24¢ extra for sacks. We want to make use of all the local seed that is available, and urge upon all farmers to make inquiries of our local dealers for ordering elsewhere. The outside sources should be for extra seed that local dealers cannot furnish. The Dibble Seed Co., of Homeoye East, N. Y., can furnish seven (7) varieties in sack at \$4.00 per bushel. This Sweep Stakes, and Gold Dollar are two new varieties recently brought into this section of the state, and can be secured from local dealers.

LABOR

We are endeavoring to secure all available labor and urge every one who desires workers on the farm to make application to our office. We are sending out labor blanks to all farmers who have noted on their census reports that they will be in need of labor this year. We have many applications on hand now and most of the men that we will be able to receive from outside sources will in a measure be proportionate to the number of applications. Mr. W. B. Breddon of Olean, will work with us to try and secure as much help as possible. All applications for labor men applying for work should be directed to Chas. Kraatz, Farm Bureau, Belmont, N. Y.

TRACTOR SITUATION

Plans have been sent out by the New York State Food Commission regarding applying tractors for farm work and these are put out under three plans.

Plan No. 1. The Organized Group - where group individuals go together and guarantee to plow at least 200 acres during the season; no one individual plowing more than 40 acres on his own place; all cost to be borne by committee.

Plan No. 2. By Expert Mechanic - This plan for individuals secures tractors from commission to do plowing for farmers in community; to be charged so much an hour, or so much per acre for plowing and fitting for not more than 40 acres per individual.

Plan No. 3. The Individual Farmer - in a responsible farmer, who will secure tractors, but who will personally supervise, operate, and manage same in his locality for the benefit of his neighbor and himself. To be operated by himself or some competent man proved by the commission. Same charges and limitations as the above. Tractors put out by the Old State food Supply Commission, on last year will be rented this year at the following rates:

Second hand 2 plow outfits \$50 to \$60.00
Second hand 3 plow outfits \$75 to \$80.00

SEED BEANS

Due to the continued wet weather last fall many seed beans that normally would be used for seeding purposes will not be of good quality for seeding. We have a lot of beans for sale in the county, and in order to get good seed, we will only recommend seed which has been tested through our office. All farmers having beans for sale should send a representative sample to us and we will test the percentage of germination. No beans to be recommended at test lower than 80%. We will work in co-operation with the State School of Agriculture at Alfred. Beans sent either place will receive careful attention. We feel that this is necessary in order to protect one of our most important new crops in the county. The bean industry is growing fast and we want to protect it.

THE COUNTY BEE MEETING

On Monday, March 16th, at 10 p. m., a County-wide Bee Meeting will be held at Belmont in the Village Hall. Mr. Geo. H. Res of the United States Department of Agriculture will be here to give the beekeepers in this county some good suggestions regarding the spring work with bees and methods to use to keep their bees from swarming. We feel this year, above all years, that attention should be given this business so that as much honey can be produced as possible. We have nearly 400 people in the county keeping bees. We are sending each of these men a personal letter. At this meeting Mr. H. H. Collingwood of the State College of Agriculture will be present to take up the matter of wood fuel campaign. We hope to have a good attendance so we feel that these are important subjects which need attention at this time.

THE RED CROSS NURSES OF EUROPE ARE GIVING TOASTED CIGARETTES TO THE BOYS

To anyone who doesn't know of the wonderful advances that have been made in the preparation of smoking tobaccos in the last few years it may sound strange to speak of toasted cigarettes. Strictly speaking, we should say cigarettes made of toasted tobacco; the smokers of this country will recognize it more readily by its trade name, "LUCKY STRIKE" - the toasted cigarette. The American Tobacco Company are producing millions of these toasted cigarettes and these are being bought in enormous quantities through the various tobacco funds conducted by the newspapers of the country and forwarded through the Red Cross Society to the boys in France. This new process of treating tobacco not only improves the flavor of the tobacco but it seals in this flavor and makes the cigarettes keep better. The Red Cross nurse is always glad to have a cigarette for the wounded soldier, as, in most instances, that is the first thing asked for.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture suggests that New York should plant 40,000 acres of spring wheat this year.

The war has shown to the country as a whole how absolutely it is dependent on agriculture, and the farmers are going to show how that dependence is justified.

Get ready for the coming of the birds and have sensible nest boxes ready. The feathered policemen help crop production by keeping down the insect enemies of fields, orchard and garden.

Little spots of war stamps. Pasted on a card. Help our Yankee soldiers. Hit the Germans hard.

Make sure of a good crop at this time when crops are needed and when every stroke of labor must count. Be sure of good seed. Send to the College of Agriculture at Ithaca for bulletin 26, on seed testing. It's free.

March finds farm conditions fairly favorable in New York, according to federal crop reports. On the whole, meadows, new seedlings and grain wintered in good condition. Stock has wintered in good shape in spite of severe weather and high cost of feed.

From the New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y.

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Labor and the Law United

In Opposition to National Prohibition by Constitutional Amendment

Excerpts from Two Arguments made at a Hearing before a Joint Committee of the Two Houses of the General Assembly of the State of New York, February 26, 1918.

LABOR

By SAMUEL GOMPERS
President of the American Federation of Labor

I have been invited and requested by the officers of the New York State Federation of Labor, by the Central organized bodies of workers in many cities of the State, to come here and to argue and protest against the ratification by the New York Legislature of the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Of all the orators I have heard argue for Prohibition, I have never heard one of them addressing himself to this vital fact: that is, does or will Prohibition, or will the Prohibition Constitutional Amendment, root out the evil of intemperance? *** I know of no factor in all our Government or voluntary agencies of America that has had a more potent influence to bring about temperate action on the part of the great masses of the people - temperate in drinking, temperate in every other activity of life - than the much misunderstood and misrepresented organized labor movement of America.

It may not be uninteresting to know this: That the hiters of the organized labor movement, those who have been most hostile to it, and those who are the greatest oppressors of the workers, are supporters - strong, staunch supporters - of the Prohibition Movement.

THE LAW

By AUSTEN G. FOX
Representing the New York State Bar Association

It is for those who advocate the proposed amendment to show that, in its present form, it is expedient, or at least not inexpedient, to insert it into the Federal Constitution. This is the first time that anyone has suggested that it is expedient to state in terms that "the Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce" any article of the Constitution by appropriate legislation.

What would have happened to the Thirteenth Amendment* if the South had proposed to insert a provision that "the Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce" this article by appropriate legislation?

We should have said, "Dangerous if it means what it says. And in any event we shall not run the risk of the Supreme Court holding that the language does mean what it says."

If we really mean to put the enforcement of Prohibition in the power of Congress and take it away from the states, let us say so, and provide, as has always been provided with every other amendment that called for such a provision, that "the Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

If, on the other hand, we deem it wiser that each state shall control its own internal affairs, then we need no amendment at all to the Federal Constitution.

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