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## THE PRICE

## OF WHEAT:

With half the world at war, wheat is selling in this country at about a dollar a bushel. At no other period of the world's history, in war times has the grain, commanded so low a price.

The crop this year will amount to fully a billion bushels—the greatest crop we ever raised but even this fabulous crop ought not to account for the present price—and it does not account for it, for it is known in commercial circles that there is another reason for the decline in the price of grain. That reason is a little combination of former customers.

England, France and Italy have formed a coalition in the purchase of food supplies, just as they have in fighting the Germans. One purchasing agent in this country is buying grain for all of them. And Germany cannot get here to buy any wheat at all. So instead of the American farmer having at least four great customers bidding for its wheat, he has one customer only outside of the United States.

All that the allies have to do to lower the price of wheat is to sit

down and wait a few days. With no big sales to the exporters, the price of course declines. Then the representative of the allies goes into the market and buys a few million bushels, and that tends to increase the price, and another wait follows—with a declining market.

If Germany and Italy and France and England were all of them in the market competing for wheat, it would be bringing at least \$2 per bushel. Germany unquestionably would be willing to pay \$3 per bushel for every pound she could secure. The allies would gladly do the same if they couldn't get it at their own price—which they are doing. But there isn't any way to prevent the combination buying; all we could do would be to hold out wheat, and that is a dangerous proposition for the reason that should the war end suddenly the price would tumble anyway.

But at a dollar a bushel the farmer has no serious complaint. He can make a profit at that price. He ought to be receiving the benefit of the war prices, but he isn't, not to any great extent. But if he can get a dollar a bushel for wheat, season after season he has nothing to fear; the banker will have to go to him to borrow money.—Dayton News.

The closing day of the chautauqua is at hand and we wish to congratulate the superintendent, Mr. Roy L. Smith, on the clever manner in which he has conducted the big week. Under trying circumstances, he has done everything possible to please the patrons, to make them forget their troubles and to conduct the business in a high-class manner. He has succeeded, and he has made hundreds of friends in Decatur who admire his splendid qualities as a superintendent and as a man.

Experts of the state board of health

have figured out that poor roads in Indiana in this age, invariably lead to farms of poor soil and bad soil to poor houses and poor houses cause a higher death rate. Come to Adams county and we will show you good roads, fine farms and well-kept homes—the best country in all the world. Good roads are evidence of good citizenship, thrift, progressive ness and modern civilization, and Adams county has 550 miles of macadam.

The floods have brought the river up to the very edge of the big chautauqua tent and if the program can be finished this evening without discomfiture to those attending the management will feel that it has been fortunate. For several days now the water has stood in the field, and a lapse of twenty-four hours between showers is all that has prevented the moving of the tent at a great expense and much inconvenience. However, every number of the splendid program has been given so far as advertised, proving that the Redpaths do what they claim to do and they are to be congratulated.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

## WEEK'S CLUB CALENDAR.

## Wednesday.

U. B. Aid, Section 2—Mrs. Frank Martz.

Wednesday Five Hundred Club—Mrs. John Wilson (evening.)

Zion Lutheran Aid—(Meets at the school house in morning.)

German Reformed Aid—Mrs. Henry Moyer.

Afternoon club—Mrs. H. H. Bremerkamp.

## Thursday.

Walther League social—At Zion's Lutheran church lawn.

Evangelical Aid and Pastry Sale—Mrs. U. E. Cramer.

Baptist Aid and Missionary—Mrs. C. E. Bell.

Helping Hand—Ella Mutchler at S.

S. Room.  
Baptist Brotherhood—Rev. F. G. Rogers.  
Tri Kappas—Miss Fannie Frisinger.

## Friday.

Christian Aid, Section 2—Mrs. William Engle.

Baptist S. S. picnic.

Attend the Walther League social Thursday evening on the Zion's Lutheran church lawn on West Monroe street.

## A Prayer.

I know the night is near at hand,  
The mists lit low on hill and bay;  
The autumn leaves are dewless, dry;  
But I have had—have had the day.

Yes, I have had, dear Lord, the day,  
When at thy call I have the night;

Brief be the twilight as I pass  
From light to dark, from dark to light.

## —S. Weir Mitchell.

Mrs. Frank Martz' section, of the United Brethren Ladies' Aid society will meet at her home Wednesday.

The Evangelical Ladies' Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. U. E. Cramer. They will hold a pastry sale at the same time. A good attendance is requested.

Mrs. Forest Andrews and daughter, Mrs. Joe Rich, and her daughter, Alice Jeanette, of Monroe, were guests yesterday of Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Rainier and family.

Otis Shifferly and family, four miles east of the city, entertained at Sunday dinner the following guests: Miss Zelma Schnitz of Decatur, Robert Fuhrman of Matthews, Ind.; Misses Gertrude and Wilda Shifferly; Nelson Wise of Van Wert, Clinton Hart of Decatur, Ransom and Alonzo Barkley of Monroeville, Enyart Yerian of Fort Wayne, Paul Brightmore of Bippus, Ivan Shifferly, Roy Gaunt. The afternoon was spent in social chat and music and in the evening a watermelon feast was enjoyed.

The Tri Kappas will meet Thursday evening with Miss Fannie Frisinger.

Miss Gertrude Schroeder of Madison arrived for a visit with the C. F. Lang and Nicholas Eiting families.

Mrs. Frank Martz will entertain the

second section of the United Brethren Ladies' Aid society Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at her home on West Monroe street.

## WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED.

A number of boys carried through a swimming feat successfully last evening that many consider quite dangerous in the present flooded condition of the St. Mary's river, with its swift current. This was swimming from the Erie railroad bridge to a point below the Monroe street river bridge. With a little imagination you may conjure up a succession of horrible things "that might have happened"—although they didn't. It is well to be careful, however, as so many reports of drownings, not only in this state, but others, are noted in papers at this time.

## HOW ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

A final effort to secure a chautauqua for next year will be made by the committee in charge this afternoon. At noon about forty of the seventy signatures required had been secured and it was decided to make the last stand this afternoon and evening. If the people of the community do not want the chautauqua next year badly enough to sign the guarantee for the sale of tickets, it is certain there will not be one. If they want it, now is the time to say so and not tomorrow or next day, for then it will be impossible.

## POLICE COURT.

James R. Zimmerman, local salesman for the Allen "40" appeared this morning before Mayor Christen and pleaded not guilty to a charge of speeding. It is alleged that Zimmerman was driving his machine on Fifth street at a speed far exceeding the speed limit when seen by the authorities. His case will be heard Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dr. C. S. Clark appeared this afternoon before Mayor Christen and pleaded guilty to the charge of violation of the automobile ordinance by parking his car on Second street longer than the allotted time. He was fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$11 which he paid.

Miss Inn Wright returned to Fort Wayne after spending Sunday and Monday with Miss Agnes Meibers.

Democrat Want Ads Pay.


**Big Ben**  
**the busy farmer's friend**

Big Ben is for the farmer who believes in the advice of old Ben Franklin "Plow deep while sluggards sleep."

He's for the farms whose owners want big yields.

He's for the hard-to-get-up farm hands. It's up to him to get them in the fields on time.

He keeps watch time. He's reliable and handsome. He's sturdy, well set and long lived.

Be first in the fields every morning. Get the farm hands out bright and early. Depend on Big Ben.

He'll more than earn his wages the first month you employ him.

**PUMPHREY'S JEWELRY STORE.**
**FACTS IN SUGAR**

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) up positions less than forty miles from the Polish capital. An official statement from the war office early today, the first since that issued on Sunday afternoon, declared that the great one thousand mile drive to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw is moving forward at amazing speed. From the Riga to Bukowina the Slavs are everywhere in retreat, abandoning guns and ammunition.

## BERNE BAND HERE.

The Berne band was here today noon, accompanied by a number of boosters for their chautauqua, which they were advertising. The chautauqua opened yesterday. The band gave a concert on the street which was much appreciated.

## MACHINISTS ON STRIKE

Bridgeport, July 20.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Six hundred machinists and bricklayers employed in the Remington arms plant struck at noon. Little disorder resulted.

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This is Alice Nielsen day and the big chautauqua tent will no doubt be too small for the crowd this evening.

# THE MYERS-DAILEY CO.

DECATUR

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Will inaugurate on Wednesday, July 21st, the  
Annual Sale of Men's and Boys'  
Clothing and Furnishings

This important event offers the most remarkable values of the year at the following unprecedented prices

**All Young  
Men's Suits**

That formerly sold at  
\$25.00 now

**\$16.50**



**All Men's  
Fancy Suits**

That formerly sold at  
\$12.50 to \$15.00 now

**\$9.75**

**All Men's  
Fancy Suits**

That formerly sold at  
\$16.50 to \$18.50 now

**\$12.45**

**All Men's  
Fancy Suits**

That formerly sold at  
\$20.00 to \$22.50 now

**\$15.00**



**All Men's and  
Young Men's Suits**

That formerly sold at  
\$7.50 to \$9.00 now

**\$4.75**

**Men's and Young Men's  
\$6.00 Palm Beach Suits, now**

**\$3.75**

**Men's and Young Men's  
\$9.00 Palm Beach Suits, now**

**\$6.25**

This is only a partial list of the many bargains that await you. A little foresight and quick action now will save you a lot of money—You know you can't afford to miss this splendid money saving opportunity—Come, look and investigate.

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