

## PROSPERITY OF FARMS A MYTH, SAYS THOMPSON

New President of Federation Sees Improvement Coming, However.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Agriculture is far from the high state of prosperity so generally ascribed to it, says H. Thompson, newly elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation declared today.

"There was improvement in 1925, but this fell far short of general agricultural prosperity," Thompson said.

Agriculture is not receiving a fair share of the national income, he declared.

### Sales Mostly Forced

"Riding out in the country, one sees unpainted buildings, wearing down the capital plant and equipment," Thompson continued. "That means one thing—an unbalanced economic life. Over one-half of the farm sales in Illinois last year were forced sales."

"A similar report comes from Iowa. However, there has been some improvement. There has been an increase in the price of certain commodities. In some sections there has been quite a large increase over last year."

### Improvement Seen

"Taking the situation nationally, reports at the national headquarters of the bureau indicate that the crop year from July 1925 to June 1926, will show some slight improvement. Our reports indicate that the agricultural income in twenty-five States will show improvement. Eleven States will be about the same as last year, while twelve States will show a decrease. The brightest promise for the coming year seems to be in Maine, Mississippi, Louisiana and Idaho."

"In Maine the potato growers will realize a large gain over last year. In Louisiana, sugarcane and cotton, and in Mississippi cotton offers a larger income to farmers. The Idaho people are offered an increase through an improvement in livestock prices."

### Dairy Outlook Good

"In the central States, 1926 offers very little promise. The Illinois farmer will get very little, if any more than last year. In Minnesota 1926 does not promise as much as 1925. Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Indiana will show some slight improvement. The dairy outlook and the improvement of livestock income will give the farmers of these States a little more money than they had last year."

## Ring Stole More Than 700 Cars



Charles Kurfess, 43, is held at Wichita, Kans., charged with being the head of a ring that stole more than 700 automobiles, mostly Fords, in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. Officials expect to arrest twenty-five more men as accomplices.

## OLD NOTE COSTS DUBBIN

Forgot All About Borrowing Money From Wife.

By Times Special  
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 21.—An old note today cost former Governor Winfield T. Durbin, \$5,522.35.

Forty-four years ago he borrowed \$225 from his wife and gave her the note, bearing 8 per cent. Both of them forgot about it until it was found in an old book.

Durbin figured the interest and gave his wife a check.

## No Wedding Bells for Thirty Days

By Times Special  
VANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 21.—Instead of wedding bells, a cell door dangled on Sidney Woods today. He stole \$100 from his roommates to finance his marriage. "Thirty days," said the judge.

## STATEHOUSE TO CLOSE

In order that State employees who come from distant points may spend Christmas at home, Governor Jackson has ordered the Statehouse closed from Thursday evening, Dec. 24, to the following Monday at 8 a. m. State employees will receive an additional half-day Saturday morning holiday thereby.

## WOULD BUY COMPANIES

Southern Indiana Telephone Company Files Petition.

Purchase of the Greene County Telephone Company and the Logansport Telephone Company by the Southern Indiana Telephone and Telegraph Company is asked in a petition filed with the public service commission. The petitioner asked to issue \$156,000 in bonds to cover the purchases and to finance improvements.

## NAMED AS DIRECTOR

M. E. Noblet, secretary-manager of the Hoosier State Automobile Association, today received notice of appointment as a director in the Dixie Highway Association. Headquarters of the latter association are in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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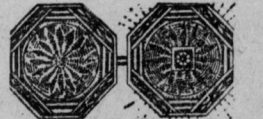
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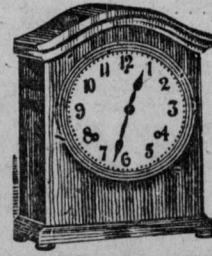
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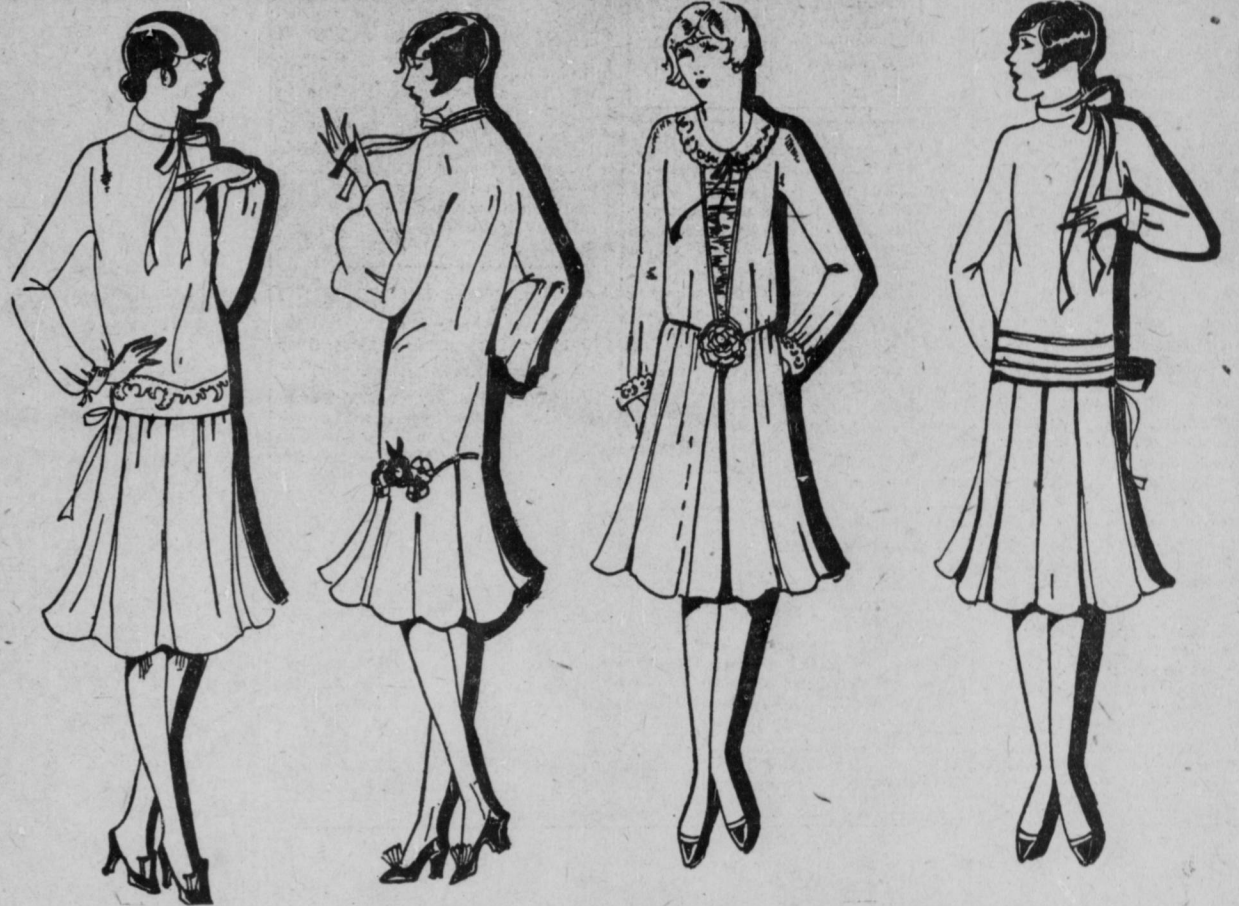
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