

FEDERAL BOARD OF TWELVE TO HELP FARMERS

That's All for Present, but Leaders Believe It Will Lead to More Aid.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, March 12.—Middle western agricultural leaders who have established headquarters here, and who declare they will stay on the job until farm relief legislation is put through Congress, will get a "Federal Farm Board" of twelve members.

That is all they will get, and they know it.

The politicians among them say privately that is all they can expect to get. These wise men from the Northwest believe if they get the farm board this session that further legislation can be obtained in future sessions.

The establishment of this farm board, with rather broad powers, and those not too well defined, will in itself be an event of tremendous psychological effect and significance.

according to F. W. Murphy of Wheaton, Minn. Murphy, working with former Representative James Manahan of St. Paul, may be said to be the political genius of the "committee of 22," appointed at the recent Des Moines agricultural conference. Manahan, officially represents the National Producers Alliance and Murphy the American Council of Agriculture.

This proposed farm board, according to plans being thrashed out with the House Agriculture Committee, will consist of one member of each of the twelve Federal land bank districts, appointed by President with the approval of the Senate from men nominated in these

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districts by farm organizations and co-operative associations. Three men from each Federal land bank district will be nominated from whom the President will take his choice.

The board will have offices in the Department of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture will act as an ex-officio member.

While the powers of this board as created by Congress will be rather

vaguely defined, the farm leaders are not at all vague about what powers they hope to see this board have—eventually.

In the plan which they have submitted to the House Agricultural Committee they ask that the board be given power (1) to collect and disseminate agricultural information; (2) to take off the market at any time any surplus above domestic requirements of any special crop, through agreements with co-operatives; and (3) to make any arrangements necessary about equalization fees and sales taxes to accomplish this purpose.

Also in the plan is provision for a fund of \$250,000,000 to start the board in this business. If they get the board with any powers at all, the farm leaders will be encouraged. Future sessions of Congress are coming, they say. They do not like to discuss just now the possibility that what may come eventually will be a reorganization of the tariff, upsetting many party alignments and precipitating many political fights.

The farm leaders do deny, of course, that legislation for the farmers' relief is uneconomical.

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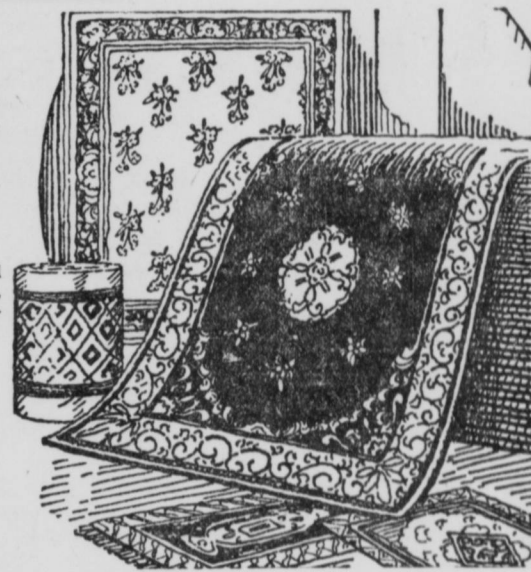
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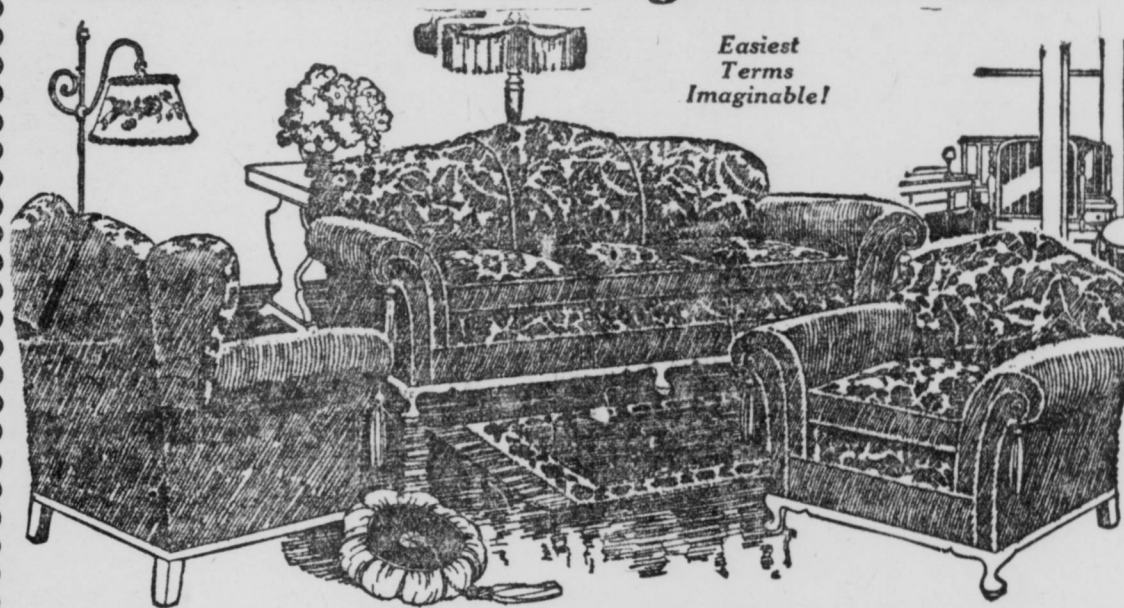
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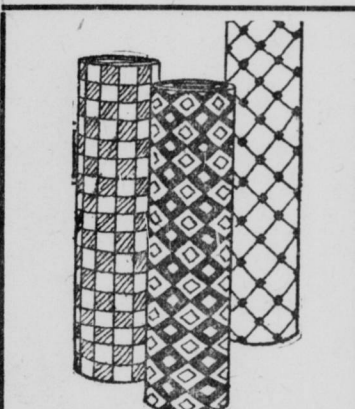
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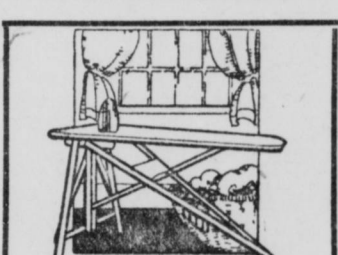
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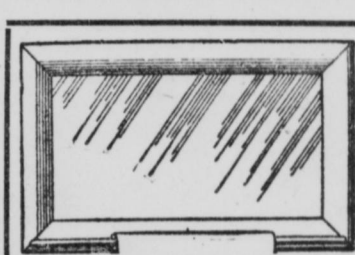
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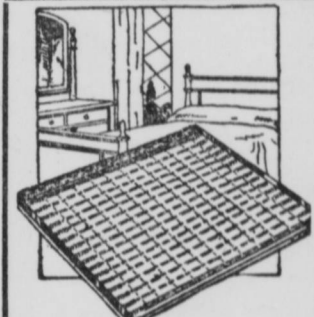
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