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DO THEY EARN THEIR LIVING?

Farm and Fireside, an agricultural journal published at Springfield, Ohio, has been running a series of articles by Edward G. Dunn in which the author has reported the development of independent farmers' grain elevators in the Middle West. Mr. Dunn says that the next step necessary is to free the farmers and the eastern consumers from the great body of middle men who are between the producers of the West and the consumers of the East, and reap an enormous profit.

"There are about 25,000 people in Chicago alone making a living off our grain, and many of them doing absolutely nothing at all useful in the matter of getting it from the farms to the mouths of the world.

"We westerners do not know anything about the eastern consumer, and 99 9-10 per cent. of all our grain is concentrated at the big terminal markets—Chicago principally for Iowa—to be sold to commission merchants or track buyers, who send on to Buffalo, or other eastern distributing points. It must go through the terminal elevator. On its way it must pay charges to the Chicago commission merchant, the Chicago terminal elevator, the Buffalo or other terminal elevator where it is unloaded from boats or cars, the wholesale dealer who ships to the retailer, and finally the retail grain and feed dealer, from whom you, my eastern farmer friend, buy when feed is short. Chicago is made an absolute barrier against trade except on payment of tribute.

"The other terminal markets are equal barriers in their territories. They are like the Robber Knights of the Rhine during the middle ages, who dwelt in their castles and made all commerce pay tribute to them.

"We of the West have completed our co-operative grain organizations and are ready to ship directly to organizations of consumers in the East—as soon as the railways and terminal elevators will let us. If consumers and millers and other interested people in the East would only organize as we have done, we could make a fight for the right—which clearly belongs to us in morals and in law—to ship right past Chicago or Kansas City, or the Twin Cities or St. Louis, or any other of the castles of the Robber Knights of the Grain Combine, and reach the market direct. It would make the cost of living lower in the East, and might make some of the farmers' livings a little higher in the West. Anyhow it is just, and must come."

ENGINEERING FOR FARMERS

The fifth annual short courses in steam and gas engineering for the farmers and threshermen will be given at the Manitoba Agricultural College from June 11 to 28. The aim of these courses is to give a good working knowledge of how to operate, handle and repair the steam or gasoline engines of most service in practical farming. As the courses are given at the same time it will not be possible for the student to take both; he is expected to choose the branch he considers more useful to himself. The College is well equipped for teaching practical engineering from the farmer's standpoint, having all the best types of engines on the market, and also securing the use of ten tractors for demonstration purposes. A registration fee of \$5 is charged.

ALL FOUR RINGS
 given to anyone who sells 30 pieces of jewelry at 10c. each, and when sold send us the money. \$3.00. Send back any not sold. We trust you.
THE WESTERN PREMIUM CO.
 Dept. 6131 Winnipeg, Canada.

The Grain Growers' Guide

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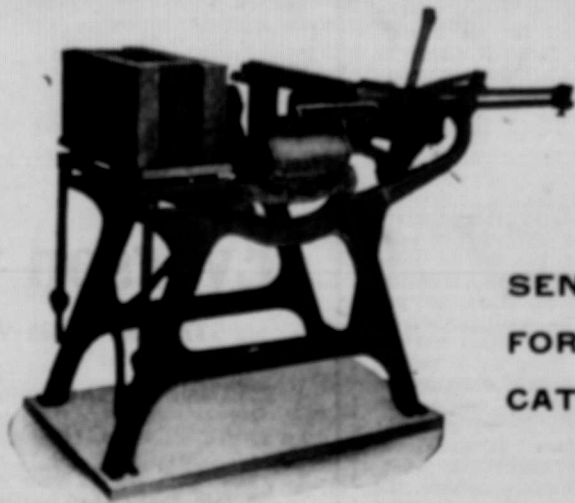
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NOW IS THE TIME!

To get your policy in force. The premium is the same whether your application is received in May or August.

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Issues a simple, definite contract, untrammelled by any contingent conditions which can possibly prejudice its value, and at a uniform low premium rate, so that our clients know at all times exactly where they stand. The Company's Government Deposit for the protection of Policy Holders exceeds the combined deposits of all other companies writing hail insurance in Canada.

Hundreds of testimonials from satisfied clients attest the enviable reputation earned by the company for fair adjustment and prompt cash payment of all losses sustained under its policies, which aggregated last season more than double the amount of insurance entrusted to any competitor.

Agents in every town. See one of them or write to

ANDERSON & SHEPPARD, General Agents

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This dandy rifle free for selling 30 pks. Art Post Cards, at 10c. package. Send for cards to-day. When sold send us \$3.00, and rifle will be sent you at once.

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FREE RIFLE

Kills at 100 yards. Peep sights, lever action, walnut stock, barrel blue-black gun metal. Write for 50 jewelry sets to sell at 10c. a set. When sold return \$5.00 and we send Rifle.

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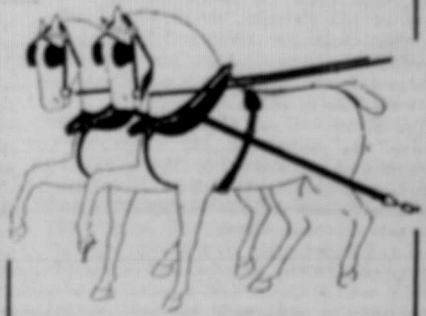
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Send money by express, post office or bank money order. We cannot accept responsibility for money sent loosely in a letter.

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\$25.00



- Bridles—¾ in. cheeks with plain leather concord blind, round winker braces; fancy fronts and rosettes.
- Lines—¾ in., best stock, 18 ft. with security buckles and snaps.
- Hames—No. 2, varnished clip with ¾ sewn hame straps.
- Breast Straps—1½ in., doubled and stitched with slides and buckle snaps.
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- Traces—1½ in., 3-ply, running to 5-link heel chain, wide wear leather at hames and 1½ belly band billets.
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- Skirts 1½ inch with conway loop.
- Belly Bands—1½ inch folded.
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