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According to the crop reports, the country has made the largest food crops this year on record. Corn, potatoes, wheat, and all the way down the line of the lesser crops, great yields are reported throughout the country. With such a magnificent harvest, there is very little danger of anybody coming to want, although South Carolina farmers, apparently are going to be pretty shy of cash for the next few months. And this, of course, means that everybody else is going to be shy of cash.

The Herald forgot last week to extend its usual invitation to the little folks to send in their letters to Santa Claus. Old Santa may not be as prosperous as last Christmas, but we suspect the old fellow is not going to forget his little boys and girls entirely this Christmas. So, take your pencil or pen in hand and write Santa Claus your usual letter. Send it to The Herald, and we will publish it next week, or the week following. We should like to have a big bunch of Santa Claus letters next week. To be published next week, though, you should mail to The Herald some time this week.

There are a good many people who entertain the idea that President Wilson has been partial to the Catholics. This may be correct; we do not know. But it appears to be a fact that the president is quite unpopular with the Sinn Feiners, the Irish Catholic party, who have staged demonstrations against the president, which would appear to indicate that President Wilson has not been pleasing to the Catholics in regard to Ireland. In perhaps the same manner, the Democratic party has been accused of being the Catholic party in American politics, whereas not a single state in the union with a large Catholic population voted for the Democratic ticket. All of which indicates that you can't believe all you hear about politics, especially in presidential election year.

One is sometimes inclined to the



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belief that the cry of hard times is about as much of a condition of the mind as of the pocketbook. People ride around just as much. If there's any less gasoline used we have not noticed the effect. They wear just as fine clothes, and there seems to be plenty to eat. What more is wanted? Not so much money to throw away, assuredly, and there are some who are inclined to believe that that is not so bad for the average person, anyway. For those who entered into the spirit of the various war restrictions, they are living better now than they did then.

Funny, isn't it? You take up your paper and read where the price of hogs has declined to the 1913 quotations, yet when you go to buy a little piece of meat for dinner, you get the same small portion you have been getting for the past three years. When is this reduction in price ever going to reach the ultimate consumer? Likewise, we are told by the packers that beef is going down by leaps and bounds, yet your dollar buys the same little piece that you used to get for about a quarter—so small you can hardly discover the gravy when it's cooked. The u. c. seems to never share in the reductions.

"You ought to move your paper to Denmark," remarked a Denmark citizen the other day, when we related to him the difficulties of the electric power situation in Bamberg. "We will give you current 24 hours in the day, and 365 days in the year." And we sighed, yes, sighed. We could scarcely remember a day when we had continuous electric current—real

current—even eight hours. We can't be blamed for wishing Denmark was in Bamberg just now. The power situation here is just about as bad as it could very well be. We don't blame anybody. But the fact remains that it is fierce, to put it in good clear English. Monday the current was so weak, that by the most exasperating method in the world we managed to get three columns of reading matter set up for The Herald before night. We have set twelve columns in the same time. This concerns the day current. The night current is just as bad, and unless some steps are taken to remedy the situation the town is bound to suffer.

TO THE PEOPLE OF BAMBERG AND VICINITY.

Just a few words to the people of Bamberg and Bamberg county. You all know that Christmas is coming. Why not shop early and buy your Christmas gifts at a half or third of the cost? A man's necktie is a very nice present. You can get them at Sam Zimmerman's Sacrifice Sale on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at a special necktie sale. You will find an assortment displaying hundreds of ties from \$1.25 to \$2.00 values, and you will get your choice at 75c. Remember that the special necktie sale will be for one day only, at above mentioned price. SAM ZIMMERMAN. —adv.

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