

# THE CORN OUTLOOK.

LATEST REPORTS FROM THE KANSAS CORN BELT.

## SPECULATING ON THE HARVEST.

According to the Kansas City Board of Trade Men the Yield Will Be From 100,000,000 to 120,000,000 Bushels for the State, According to Present Indications—The Canadian Crop.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—Dispatches received to-day show that a fine rain swept through the central part of Kansas last night from east to west. The heaviest rain was in far Western Kansas. The weather map shows that 1.20 inches of water fell at Dodge City, and .43 of an inch here. The rains in the southern and southeastern part of the state were very light and there were only scattering showers in the north central part. The rainfall at Concordia was only .01 of an inch, barely a sprinkle. At Wichita .12 of an inch fell. Advices this morning show that Kansas now has a chance for a good hard crop of corn. It is of course absurd to name figures for a crop that is not yet matured, but the majority opinion among those best posted in the Exchange building centers around a crop of about 100 million to 120 million bushels for the state according to present indications. There are some dealers who hope for a fair crop now that the rains and cooler weather have come.

Telegrams from Council Bluffs, Ia., Cameron, Brookfield, Chillicothe, Palmyra, Amazonia, Bethany, Mo., Creston, Ia., Fairchild, Hastings, Cawker City, Table Rock, Lincoln, Falls City, White Cloud, Neb., state that a heavy rain fell last night and insured a good corn crop. From all that can be learned at the present time it appears that little or no damage has been done to the crop in the northern tier of counties from Republic county eastward. Jewell has suffered to some extent. In Ottawa, Cloud, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Rice, McPherson, Saline, Dickinson, Clay and Davis it is doubtful whether half a crop can be raised. In the great corn area southwest of the center of the state there is a chance for possibly three-quarters of a crop, though many localities even here show spotted conditions. In the twenty counties in the southwest part of the state the prospect is for something better than half a crop. From Harper and Kingman westward little corn can be saved.

### GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

A Moderate Improvement in Corn and a Falling Off in Spring Wheat. WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The August returns of the department of agriculture make the condition of corn 82.5 against 81.1 in July; spring wheat 87.3 against 90.9 in July.

In only four years since the initiation of crop reporting has there been a lower August condition. In the year of worst failure—1881—it was 79, declining to 66 in October. In 1890 it was 73, declining to 70.6 in October. In August, 1886, it was 80.7 and in 1887 it was 80.5, declining later only in the latter year. A slight improvement is indicated in the states north of the Ohio river and a greater advance in the states west of the Mississippi river, except Kansas and Nebraska. Condition is higher in nearly all the Southern states, nearly the same as in July west of the Mississippi, higher in the lower states on the Atlantic coast and slightly lower in Alabama and Mississippi. A small decline is seen in the middle states, except New York, and also in the Eastern states, though in both of these divisions the average is higher than in the West. The following average of principal states is given: New York, 90; Pennsylvania, 86; Virginia, 90; Georgia, 97; Texas, 94; Tennessee, 92; Ohio, 81; Indiana, 74; Illinois, 73; Iowa, 79; Missouri, 83; Kansas, 81; Nebraska, 80. Most correspondents indicate a present tendency to further improvement.

The returns relative to spring wheat are lower, declining during the month from a general average of 90.9 to 87.3. The reduction is from 90 to 86 in Wisconsin; 92 to 87 in Minnesota, and 90 to 85 in North Dakota. There has been a slight advance in South Dakota and Nebraska, with no change in Iowa. In the mountain states condition is generally high. In Washington a decline is reported from 90 to 78 as a result of the blighting heat, and in Oregon from 91 to 76.

Conditions of other crops average as follows: Spring rye, 89.8 instead of 92.7 as in July; oats, 86.2, a fall of one point.

### Fair Crops in Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 11.—The official report of the condition of the crops in Manitoba and the Northwest says: Crops have matured rapidly during the past three weeks. In many places the yield will be small on account of the drought. About Indian head and east, also in Manitoba, the yield will be good on all well prepared lands. Wheat will be fit to cut a week or two earlier than last year.

### Cholera's Ravages in Two Lands.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 11.—Advices from Tchern, the capital of Persia, show that the cholera is increasing in virulence there. The deaths in the city now average sixty daily. An official report shows that on Sunday there were reported from all the cholera infected districts of Russia 4,261 new cases of the disease and 2,177 deaths.

TEXAS COTTON CROP WILL BE LARGE. GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 11.—The weekly weather crop bulletin says: Taken as a whole the cotton crop is doing well and the prospects for a heavy crop are unusually flattering.

**The Lieutenant Governorship.** LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 11.—The question of Rev. Tate's eligibility to election as candidate for Lieutenant governor on the republican ticket is a subject generally discussed at the state house. Rev. Tate is from England. He took out his naturalization papers in 1890, and was a naturalized citizen of this country twenty months at the time of his nomination, when the law would seem to indicate that two years is required before being eligible to hold office. In the event that the state central committee is called upon to fill a vacancy, they will probably place the name of Lieutenant Governor Majors on the ticket.

### Captured a Burglar.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 11.—The police made a clever capture of a burglar, giving his name as John Smith, last night. He hid a brick through an alley window of Miss Magill's store on Lincoln avenue and then crawled through the opening. After taking a survey of the store he filled a coffee sack full of the choicest hats and ribbons in the store, valued at \$50, and made his escape. The burglar and goods were found in the southeast part of town. Smith is a tough character. He appeared before Judge Burton and pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary. He was bound over to the district court.

**Dakota City the County Seat.** DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Aug. 11.—Dakota's county seat muddle has been finally settled in favor of Dakota City. Judge Norris yesterday granted a temporary injunction restraining the board of supervisors from taking action on the petition calling for a relocation, in obedience to a decision handed down by the supreme court. At the convening of court in November the case will be dismissed from the docket, and Dakota City will have won one of the hardest fought and longest drawn out county seat contest cases on record.

### Want Their Fees.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 11.—A. J. Sands and J. R. Patrick, two lawyers of Frontier county, have brought a suit to the supreme court on error against the county corporation. The lawyers are evidently bent on securing fees. They were appointed as prosecutors in a charge of felony brought against Harrison W. Adams and Jasper H. Adams, and after fighting for the county in their native heat, followed the case to Gosper county on a change of venue. They were allowed \$100 for services, but demand \$200.

### Was It Suicide.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Aug. 11.—Excitement over the sudden and mysterious deaths of Lizzie and Bertha Shultz yesterday was not lessened when the verdict of the coroner's jury became known. After examining several witnesses the jury brought in a verdict last night sometime after midnight, which was in effect that both Lizzie and Bertha Shultz came to their deaths from the effects of poison administered by themselves with suicidal intent, for a cause to the jurymen unknown.

**Pinched Between Two Cars.** ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 11.—About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon F. Bogan, a car repairer for the B. & M. at this place, met with an accident that may prove of a serious nature. While working beneath some box cars the train was struck by a switch engine, pinching Bogan between two cars. He was bruised considerably about the back and chest, but will survive if not injured internally.

### A Good Rain.

COLERIDGE, Neb., Aug. 11.—The Cedar county dry spell is at an end. A plentiful rain, extending over the entire county, began about noon yesterday and continued to fall until late in the afternoon. This timely shower has saved thousands of acres of corn and flax for Cedar, besides making everybody glad.

### Youthful Burglars.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 11.—Four boys, of ages ranging from 13 to 15 years, were arrested for entering the residence of Sam Chaplin and stealing a ring and a small amount of money. John H. Downey, a prominent farmer, had his right hand badly lacerated in a threshing machine this morning.

### Caught in a "Trap."

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Aug. 11.—W. J. Brock was caught in the "trap" while loading clay for the Lincoln Clay company at the dump and quite badly hurt. Dr. W. H. Wilson was called and found though the wounds are serious that unless internally injured he will be about again soon.

### Struck by Lightning.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Aug. 11.—Yesterday during the storm Mrs. John Decker was struck by lightning and seriously injured. Doctors think she will recover.

**Democrats Will Meet at Lincoln** OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 11.—The democratic state convention will be held at Lincoln, August 30. The state central committee which met at the Merchant's hotel in this city last night called it for that place.

### Arrested for Assault.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 11.—A. F. Holyoke of Omaha was arrested last evening for assaulting a lady. He is a representative of the Castle liquor cure of Omaha and was possibly suffering from a reaction.

### The Body Found.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 11.—The body of Pauline Goldgraber, who was drowned in the Elkhorn river Sunday was found yesterday near the place where she was last seen.

## NEBRASKA.

### Newsy Notes About Nebraska Places and People.

Belvidere will probably build a town hall.

The Nebraska cereal mills has a young lady "traveling man."

Plattsmouth is getting up an illustrated advertising book.

A Kearney man has invented a new steam engine, very compact.

It is proposed to divide Knox county and name the new county Peoria.

The teaching force at York college has been increased and many improvements made.

The Logan Valley bank of Pender is to be changed to the First National bank.

Pender is likely to secure a preparatory department of the Wesleyan university.

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Write to the Chancellor, Lincoln.

A school difficulty in Talmage has made the citizens talk of a private school.

Winter wheat yields fifty bushels to the acre reported from Seward county.

James Brock of Atkinson sold \$400 worth of strawberries from half an acre of ground.

Plattsmouth is likely to lose her electric railroad through trouble over the franchisees.

Representatives of the college Y. M. C. A. are holding meetings in various towns of the state.

A new pest in the shape of a worm has made its appearance in sugar beet fields, but has done little damage.

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During the hot spell a mortar mixer at Pender fell at his post, overcome by the heat. The bricklayers quit without asking permission and the next morning they were laid off.

It is said that several characters in the novel by Minnie Gilmore, daughter of the famous bandmaster, are taken from Plattsmouth people whom the author met in visiting that city.

A 10-year-old son of August Senff, living near Bradshaw, fell from a loaded wagon and the rear wheel ran over his neck. Although unconscious for a time, the boy is all right.

Threshing machines have commenced humming and rolling out fall wheat at the rate of about forty bushels to the acre.

William Smith of the round house force at Chadron had one of his fingers mashed off last Friday by letting a heavy casting fall on it.

Tekamah has a lady cornet band that beats anything out. The girls can really play several tunes, and will furnish the music for the Burt county fair.

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County Superintendent Clary of Otoe county says that during the last year there were 186 teachers employed in the county. Certificates to teach were given to 184, and 26 failed to pass the examination.

Will McCartney of Cozad was quite seriously hurt Tuesday. He was assisting in driving a well, when an ax in the hands of a companion flew off the handle and struck him on the side of head, cutting his ear almost off.

Last Thursday Peter Reimers' wife and two little boys of Cherry county were riding on a load of hay and fell off. The wagon wheel run over the youngest boy, 6 years old, killing him, and injuring the other boy, who is 13 years old.

Last Tuesday was the 84th birthday of J. C. Smith of Elm Creek. A remarkable coincidence in this connection is that it was also the 42nd birthday of his son, Frank Smith, and the 9th birthday of his little grandchild, Alma Osgood.

Lewis Runkle, a farmer living ten miles south of Randolph, met with a painful accident recently. He had loaded some hogs in the wagon and while hitching his mule team to it they became frightened at the noise behind them and started to run. Runkle, who was in front of the team, endeavored to stop them and was pushed against a wire fence near by, cutting his left arm terribly and scratching him pretty badly otherwise. The doctors think amputation of the arm may be necessary.

A brilliant meteor, which exploded before disappearing, was seen at Gothenburg.

Edward Whitlock of Alliance, Box Butte county, met with a painful accident last week by running an ax through his hand. He had a man pull it out and stood the terrible punishment without flinching.

Mrs. Gerhardt Daniels, who resides with her husband a few miles north of Gothenburg, was taken to Lexington last week to appear before the county insanity board. Mrs. Daniels has been ailing for for about two months.

An artesian well was struck the first of this week on the farm of A. F. Tannehill, six miles south of Norfolk, while boring a well, at the depth of 125 feet. The flow of water from the well through a two-inch pipe is 400 barrels per day.

## BATTLE WITH A BEE.

A Greedy Humming Bird Who Wanted All the Honey.

An observer writes us that he is satisfied that there is just as much rivalry between humming birds and bees in their quest for honey as there is between members of the human race in their struggle for the good things of life, and describes a recent quarrel he saw in a Portland garden, where a humming bird with an angry dash expressed its disapproval of the presence of a big bumblebee in the same tree. The usually pugnacious bee incontinently fled, but he did not leave the tree. He dashed back and forth among the branches and white blossoms, the humming bird in close pursuit. Where will you find another pair that could dodge and dart equal to these? They were like flashes of light, yet the pursuer followed the track of the pursued, turning when the bee turned. In short, the bird and the bee controlled the movements of their bodies more quickly and more accurately than he could control the movements of his eyes. The chase was all over in half the time that it has taken to tell it, but the excitement of a pack of hounds after a fox was no greater. The bee escaped, the bird giving up the whole chase and alighting on a twig. It couldn't have been chasing the bee for food, and there is no possible explanation of its unprovoked attack except that it wished to have all the honey itself.

## CURING A BAD HABIT.

How the Boys Made the Professor Take Another Tack.

The boys were suspicious that Professor Spire had formed the habit of going upstairs every evening about 9:30 o'clock to creep along the halls in his stocking feet and listen at the doors. They thought, however, that his case was not incurable if strong measures were taken. They made their preparations and then waited in silent expectation.

When Professor Spire came out of his room and began to mount the stairs a cold, galvanized carpet-tack penetrated his very soul. He uttered a subdued howl of agony and sat down on the step above to investigate. But tacks were there also, and they began to investigate before he did. He rose with promptness, and this time the howl was not subdued. Doors flew open and anxious faces looked down from above.

"What is it?" gasped the professor's pet, a beautiful blue-eyed lad, who scorned to do a base act. He had refused to contribute more than a cent towards buying tacks.

"Nothing serious," replied the professor, with a dismal effort at cheerfulness. "I found the wind rather against me going up these stairs and had just started on another tack; that's all. But it is almost 10 o'clock and you ought to be abed, boys."

## A SPLENDID OPERA.

Written in One Month to Help a Friend in Trouble.

In 1834, Mercadante had promised an opera to the Scala of Milan; but, as the composer was suffering from weak eyes, he had put off writing it until within forty days of the prescribed period for sending it in. In his dilemma he called for Donizetti. "You alone," he said, "can work this miracle and save me from irreparable ruin by writing the opera in my place."

"Everything depends," answered Donizetti, "upon whether the words please me or no. Whose is the libretto?" "Romano's." "Give it me to read. This evening I will let you have a reply." In the evening Donizetti returned to Mercadante, who awaited him in transports of anxiety, and said simply: "It is all right. You have nothing to do but to keep quiet and get well. I will think of the music." And he did not even require the forty days. In less than a month had been composed a splendid opera, drawn from the impetuous springs of that tireless imagination—"Lucrezia Borgia," which was to prove one of the most splendid victories of contemporary art.

## THE NAME WAS DECEPTIVE.

Things are Seldom What They Seem—An Example.

"You cannot always tell what a thing is by the name it bears," said Mr. Depew to a New York Times man. "Some years ago I met an Englishman in London, and our conversation soon touched upon investments in American securities. The Englishman informed me that until a short time before he had several thousand pounds in New York Central and Lake Shore securities. 'But I took my money out of these properties,' said he, 'and reinvested it in an American railway that I think will pay much better.' 'May I ask what the new investment is?' said I. 'Certainly,' replied my London acquaintance. 'I got hold of a prospectus of the New York, Boston and Montreal railway, and I made up my mind that a railway running between three of the principal cities in America was about the best paying thing that you could have.' That railroad," continued Mr. Depew, "is now known as the New York and Northern. It has not reached either Boston or Montreal as yet."

## A Queer Name Oddly Derived.

A small station on the old colony road in Massachusetts bears the queer name of Kenberma. It appears that three children of summer residents born in the place are named respectively Kenilworth, Bertha and Mary, and the first syllable of each name was taken to form the name of the station.

A French physician has treated eleven patients with injections of the gray substance of the brain of the sheep, and concludes that such injections constitute a nerve tonic of no mean value.

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