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## ROAST IN MANY STATES

Government Reports Eleven Sweltering in the Boiling Sun.

## KANSAS CORN CROP CUT SHORT

Must Ship Cattle to Market Because Water is Getting Scarce—Pastures Dried Up and Fruit and Vegetable Crops Almost Ruined.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Reports to the weather bureau show that the hot weather continued yesterday in nineteen states and territories of the great corn belt, the Ohio valley and various portions of the south. There seems to be no immediate evidence of abatement, except in the south and southwest, where local thunderstorms may cause some moderation. The states affected include Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado and Michigan. It has become considerably warmer also in the upper lake region and in New England, Marquette, Mich., reporting today a record-breaking temperature of 102 degrees. Hope of rain today in the region affected by the heat was not fulfilled, only traces of it appearing in one or two sections, except at Galveston, Tex., where about two-thirds of an inch fell, and in eastern Texas, where there were local thunderstorms. The temperatures reported today show only slight variations from the extremes of the last few days, and these are due to local conditions entirely. In Des Moines, Ia., today the temperature was 100, in Kansas City 102 and in Omaha 102, while at Davenport, Ia., Denver, Colo., Little Rock, Ark., New Orleans, North Platte, Neb., St. Paul and Vicksburg, Miss., it was 96 or higher.

KANSAS CITY, July 15.—No relief came yesterday from the heat. It was a repetition of the past two weeks, with reports from many places in western Missouri, Kansas and the territories of temperatures over the 100 mark. At most places the sun shone mercilessly with not even a fitful cloud to break its rays nor a slight breeze. In Kansas City last night proved more bearable, a breeze from the north alleviating the condition. But a day of intense heat followed. Tonight there is a prospect of rain in Oklahoma, but there are no indications of a change in any other part of the southwest.

With no relief in sight the fears for the crops that have been expressed are fast becoming realities and the scarcity of water and generally dry most serious one. What the real damage to corn, the crop most affected, will be is problematical, but it is probably safe to say that half the crop will be lost. The supply of water is short in almost every direction and the shipments of cattle and hogs to this market to save them must continue. In Kansas City today the government thermometer reached 102 and at Marysville, Kan., 104 was recorded against 100 yesterday. There were three prostrations at Marysville.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—Nebraska again suffered from the heat yesterday. The highest temperature reported by the weather bureau was 102 degrees at 4:30, but the thermometers in the business district recorded 109. The mean temperature of the day was 90 degrees, the highest of the year. The reports show that no rain has fallen in the state during the last twenty-four hours.

Reports that reach Lincoln tonight indicate that rain falling within two days will yet save the corn crop. The wind shifted to the southeast this evening and the atmosphere is somewhat cooler.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 15.—The long continued drouth has resulted in the entire ruin of the corn and oats crop in this section of the country. Corn has commenced to tassel only a few feet high and no amount of rain would now be of any benefit to that cereal. The fruit and vegetable crops are also complete failures, and the pastures have dried up so that the farmers are paying enormous prices for hay and feed. Today was clear and hot, with no relief apparently in sight.

Minister Conger to Leave.  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, has arrived, en route to Peking. Minister Conger will sail next Wednesday on the steamer Nippon Maru.

## OHIO BRYAN MEN BOLT.

Ten of His Democratic Followers in Cleveland Decide to Act.

CLEVELAND, July 15.—On July 31 Ohio democrats who believe in Bryan and the issues which he represents, which the recent democratic convention ignored, will assemble in Columbus and make up a state ticket. Ten men met this morning in a downtown office building in this city and decided that a bolt should be made and that a new party should enter the field of Ohio politics.

The attendance at the conference was larger and represented a greater area in the state than was expected by those who called the meeting.

A formal statement of principles was submitted to the conference and was adopted. This will be printed and sent throughout the state to those who are known to be faithful to the Nebraskan. A convention was decided upon to be held at the Great Southern hotel on the last day of July. To this convention may come all those who sign their name to the declaration of principles.

## START OUT TO FIND PEARY.

Expedition on the Steamer Erik Salls North to Aid Explorers.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 15.—The steamer Erik left North Sydney this morning on its voyage to the frozen north. It is to call at Labrador and then at the various Esquimaux stations in Greenland West, reaching Etah under favorable conditions in about three weeks. At the various stations it will make inquiries as to news of Lieutenant Peary and the Windward.

The Erik took 350 tons of coal and is provisioned for at least a year. The members of the Peary Arctic club, who went on the steamer, are Dr. F. A. Cook, surgeon of the expedition; Herbert Stone and Herbert Berri, both of Brooklyn; C. F. Wilkoff and L. C. Benedict of Ithaca, and L. C. Whitney Church of Elgin, Ill.

## AMALGAMATED STRIKE IS ON.

President Shaffer's Orders to Continue Struggle Will Be Obeyed.

PITTSBURG, July 15.—From present indications it looks probable that President Shaffer's strike order, issued last night to the Amalgamated association members in the employ of the American Sheep Hoop company, the American Sheet Steel company and the American Tinplate company, will be obeyed and the great struggle between the Amalgamated association and the steel companies will be on in earnest today.

In the union mills of the three companies against which a strike has been declared it is predicted that not a wheel will turn. An effort will be made also to close down some of the non-union mills of the companies and to cripple the rest. The Amalgamated people are very sanguine of success.

## HAVE TO PROTECT THE WHEAT.

Farmers Around York Are Plowing Fire Guards Since Recent Blazes.

YORK, Neb., July 15.—For miles and miles along both sides of the Burlington, the Elkhorn and the Kansas City & Omaha railroads in this county are fields of winter wheat shocked and stacked and the long wheat stubble is dry, easily catching fire. Yesterday morning the Elkhorn train coming from Henderson, this county, set fire to wheat stubble in seven different places. The train stopped each time and the train crew with shovels put out the fires before doing any damage. Yesterday nineteen shocks of winter wheat were burned up on Hon. Andrew J. Sandall's farm east of York, supposed to have caught from engines on the Burlington. Nearly all of the farmers are plowing fire guards between fields and railroads.

## CELEBRATE PERRY'S VISIT.

American and Japanese Speakers Dwell on Friendly Relations.

YOKOHAMA, July 15.—The ceremony of unveiling at Kurihama the monument to commemorate the landing there of Commodore Perry, July 14, 1853, was performed yesterday by Rear Admiral Rodgers, commanding the United States visiting squadron. Viscount Katsura, the Japanese premier, delivered the memorial address and a number of other Japanese officials of high rank were present. Three American and five Japanese warships saluted. Various speeches were made by Americans and Japanese, all dwelling on the close relations between the two powers.

## CORN IS SURELY KING

It Makes Another Big Advance on Chicago and New York Markets.

## BROKERS SWAMPED WITH ORDERS

Farmers Become Bulls When Professionals Begin Realizing—Wheat Conspicuous By Giving Corn a Close Race in the Advance.

NEW YORK, July 13.—There was a scene of great excitement in both the wheat and corn markets at New York today, the trading aggregating one of the largest day's totals in a year or more, especially as to corn.

Prices jumped 2 5/8 cents during the day in corn, making 6 1/2 cents advance for the week. Orders poured into the market so fast that the brokers could scarcely execute them at the prices desired and the usually small crowd around the corn ring was increased to such an extent that at times it almost overtraded that in the wheat pit. The farmers have taken the bull side into their hands and in the face of heavy realizing on the part of professionals have kept prices going until the cry is for 60-cent corn in Chicago. Where the present bull movement will end depends a great deal on weather conditions in the leading corn states.

Wheat also took an extraordinary jump today and from being in a position almost entirely friendless at once leaped into popularity with the bulls and gave corn a close race for leadership in the advance for the day. Prices in New York closed 2 and 3 cents higher than yesterday and practically at the top price. Professionals were caught in this bulge in wheat and some of them lost about all the money they have made by selling long corn to the bull public. For weeks and for months wheat has been hammered persistently by everybody in the belief that the crop would be a record one and more than enough to make up the foreign shortage. The result has been a huge short interest, part of which was caught in yesterday's big advance. The remainder is in a state of anxiety as to what the outcome will be, realizing that a much greater upturn must mean the covering of a big line of wheat. Today bulls were still further encouraged by reports that wheat in the Red river valley was being injured by excessive heat after recent wet weather.

CHICAGO, July 13.—Today's advices to the Board of Trade grain companies are to the effect that the heat and drouth in the southwest are unbroken. It is said that the damage outside of Kansas and Missouri is comparatively slight, but that unless there is relief within the next ten days the corn crop situation will approach a calamity.

A message from Topeka, Kan., says the prospects are for a crop of but 50,000,000 bushels of corn, although last year's crop was 163,000,000 and the year before 237,000,000 bushels. The loss of hay and potatoes is also great, second only to the loss of corn. It is estimated that the farmers of Kansas and Missouri have already lost \$50,000,000 by the torridity and drouth.

The straits in the corn crop is said to be owing to the intense heat and lack of moisture and is reflected in the course of prices of that cereal on the Board of Trade. Corn for September delivery at the opening today sold simultaneously from 52c to 52 1/2c, compared with the close yesterday at 51 1/2c to 51 3/4c; shortly afterward it was quoted at 52 1/2c, or 9 cents higher than the price one month ago shortly before the heat and drouth began to arouse misgivings as to the future of the crop.

## El Reno Crowd Is Thinning.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Secretary Hitchcock said that reports from the Oklahoma registration showed the crowds in that country had digested thoroughly the president's proclamation and realized that there was no chance for speculators, intruders, trespassers or gamblers. "The people," said the secretary, "realize that the lands are being opened in good faith to everybody qualified and that what is given them is not transferable."

## Hon. Richard Hubbard Dead.

DALLAS, Tex., July 13.—Hon. Richard B. Hubbard, a former governor of Texas and during President Cleveland's administration United States minister to Japan, died at his home in Tyler, Tex., today.

## TEN KILLED AT A BRIDGE.

Nickel Plate's Road Structure Collapses Under Load of Stone.

CONNEAUT, O., July 12.—Just after 11 o'clock today three cars of the local freight went through the Nickel Plate bridge at Springfield, Pa.

The train left Conneaut only a few minutes before the accident in charge of Engineer William Griffith of Buffalo and Conductor Phil A. Moore of Buffalo. The latter was killed outright. The bridge gang was at work on the bridge and the ten men injured are mostly workmen. A fill was being made at the bridge and about twenty-five workmen were about the structure.

The Conneaut wreck train, with local officials and doctors, left for the scene at 11 o'clock. The accident occurred just after passenger train No. 3 had pulled through. The local after the passing of the passenger train, pushed three cars heavily laden out on the structure to unload stone for the masons working beneath on the large stone foundation. The work of unloading had hardly begun, when, without warning, the whole structure, bearing the three laden cars filled with laborers, fell with an awful crash into the valley.

## IOWAN CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

National Educational Association Selects President Beardshear.

DETROIT, Mich., July 12.—The National Educational association today reaffirmed its declaration in favor of national university at Washington to be maintained by the national government.

After taking this action the association elected as its president for the ensuing year President W. N. Beardshear of the University of Iowa. The election was unanimous, as was that of C. M. Eves of Hartford, Conn., for treasurer. This afternoon thirteen departmental meetings were held and in several of them officers were elected. Interesting papers on the teaching of economics in the schools were read at the morning session by Prof. George E. Vincent of Chicago university, President George Gunton of the Institute of Social Economics, New York, Prof. F. W. Speirs of Philadelphia and R. P. Halleck of Louisville, Ky.

## COFFEE IS TO GO IN FREE.

Ruling of the Treasury Department Gives Foreign Shippers Chance.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Under a ruling of the Treasury department coffee shipped from the United States to Porto Rico will be admitted into Porto Rico free of duty as soon as free trade is proclaimed between the United States and that island.

This in practice will result likely in all coffee shipped into Porto Rico from any country being admitted free of duty. Although the Porto Rican tariff provides for a duty of 5 cents a pound on all coffee imported from a foreign country, it is expected that coffee importers will take advantage of the fact that coffee is admitted free into the United States and ship their coffee into the United States and thence to Porto Rico, thus avoiding the duty which would be imposed if shipped from a foreign country direct to Porto Rico.

## ASKS PRAYERS AND FASTING.

Governor of Missouri Urged to Name Day for Rain.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 12.—A special dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., says that Governor Dockery has received numerous petitions asking him to issue a proclamation setting a day of fasting and prayer for rain. It is stated that unless rains soon come the failure of crops in Missouri will be the greatest since 1854. The temperature at various points in the state yesterday was as follows: Jefferson City, 107; Columbia, 110 to 112 in the shade; Mexico, 112; St. Joseph, 109; Hannibal, 105; Harrisonville, 109.

At 4 p. m. the record of yesterday, 104 degrees in the shade, was reached with prospects that it would go a fraction higher before sunset.

## Russians Still Hang On.

LONDON, July 12.—"Apparently the Russians have no intention of evacuating Nieu Chwang," says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Nieu Chwang, dated July 8. "Although there is no reason for their administration of a treaty port. The country is perfectly quiet between Nieu Chwang and Mukden. Russia's immense harbor works at Dalney are half completed. When finished the harbor will be the finest in the east."

## THE LINE UP FOR LAND

Thousands Rush to Register for Claims in Indian Territory.

## SLEEP IN STREETS TO BE ON HAND

Not Until July 9 Will Early Comers Know Their Luck—Lottery Deal Spills Plethora—Excitement is When Interlopers Try to Push In.

EL RENO, O. T., July 11.—The total registration of homesteaders at El Reno yesterday was 4,018, 193 being women. Commissioner Richardson established a separate registration booth for women. Mr. Richardson says he can register 8,000 daily from now on or as soon as organization of his force is perfected.

EL RENO, O. T., July 11.—Following out the proclamation of President McKinley opening up to settlement by whites the 1,300 farms in the Kiowa-Comanche country, the first registration of homesteaders was made here and at Lawton at 9 o'clock this morning. Hundreds were still lined before the various registration boards when darkness came tonight and tomorrow and next day the registration will continue until all who come have been given an opportunity to file their names. The drawing by lottery will begin July 29 and until then none of the 50,000 applicants will know whether or not he has been lucky enough to receive a homestead.

The lottery scheme robbed the opening of the picturesque run and the exciting times incident to the great opening of the Cherokee strip ten years ago. Compared with that event the affair today was tame in the extreme. Although there are perhaps 20,000 people in town practically no disorder prevailed. As a rule the homesteaders were well provided with money and provisions and aside from the long wait in the sun before the registration booths, no serious inconvenience has been experienced.

Last night hundreds of people slept in the streets and alleys to maintain their places in lines which began forming yesterday at the six registration booths in El Reno. Many had waited on the border of the new country for two years or more and the last night of their long vigil was the most trying they had experienced. The line was made up of the halt, the lame and the brawny frontiersman, sprawled out in the dust. The crowd before each booth elected a captain and each man and woman in line was given a number which they pinned conspicuously to their clothes. A company member was permitted occasionally to absent himself from line for a short breathing spell and invariably his place was protected by his fellow watchers.

As the hour of 9 o'clock neared interlopers tried to push in and break the numerical order of the line organization. This instantly raised bad blood and when word was passed down the line a little later that the booth officials would not recognize the line organization, but would register the first person to present themselves there were threats of violence and rioting seemed likely. Trouble was prevented by the early announcement that the line organization would be respected by the government officials. Cheers and waving of hats greeted the word and from this time forth no sign of trouble was apparent. Applicants were admitted to the booths four at a time and the filing proceeded rapidly all day long.

During the day the heat became intense, but no serious suffering was reported. The numerous women in line were treated gallantly by the men, who shaded them from the sun with umbrellas and furnished drinks from the lemonade vendors who plied their ranks.

The second place of registration named in the proclamation was at Lawton twenty-five miles overland, where similar scenes to those enacted in El Reno were witnessed.

## OPENING NOT TO BE DEFERRED.

Secretary Hitchcock Telegraphs There can Be No Postponement.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The complaints from land offices in Oklahoma other than El Reno and Lawton that they should be allowed to make registrations from the opening of the reservations are regarded officially as not well founded. The matter was taken up some weeks ago and Delegate Flynn at the time unsuccessfully endeavored to have the other Oklahoma offices included.

## NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

Yield of Wheat Good in Quantity and Quality—Corn Grows Well.

United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Section, Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau—Weekly Crop Bulletin—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, July 10.—General summary:

The past week has been hot, with heavy showers in eastern counties. The daily mean temperature has averaged 5 degrees above normal. The maximum temperatures for the week generally exceed 100 degrees in southern counties and were but little below 100 degrees in the northern.

The rainfall of the past week has been heavy in southeastern counties, varying from one to nearly six inches; in the northern and western counties it has generally been less than half an inch.

Winter wheat harvest is nearly completed and threshing has commenced in southern counties; the yield is good in both quantity and quality. Spring wheat and oats have been considerably damaged by chinch bugs and dry weather in central and southwestern counties, and in many fields these crops will be about a failure. In some places chinch bugs are leaving the wheat fields and attacking the corn. Corn has been damaged slightly in a few southwestern counties by the hot weather of the past week; generally, however, corn has grown well and in a large part of the state has grown very rapidly. Corn is small for this time of year.

G. A. LOVELAND,

Section Director, Lincoln, Neb.

## RUSH IN REVENUE OFFICE.

Demand for Refund of War Stamps Makes Business Brisk.

OMAHA, Neb., July 10.—The demand for the refund of money used in the purchase of stamps under the war revenue law which are not required under the amendments to that law which went into effect July 1, is keeping the office force of the internal revenue collector busy.

It is estimated that in this district there are \$50,000 in stamps subject to redemption, but these stamps are so scattered that the redeeming of them is a slow process. Applications for refunds come from people holding hundreds of dollars in stamps and from those whose total refund will not exceed 25 cents and the work required in each case is the same.

It is believed that the revenues of the government will be swelled to a marked extent over estimates by the failure of many persons to have their money refunded, as in many cases the time necessary to prepare the necessary papers is of greater value than the stamps to be redeemed. The redemption of these stamps coming at the beginning of the fiscal year when the force is busy preparing the reports for the year just closed, together with the fact that several new clerks are being instructed in the duties of the office, consequent upon the change in the head of the Omaha office, keeps the force at work overtime.

## "SOONER" READY TO MAKE RUN.

Disregard Fact that Reserves Will Be Opened By Lottery.

EL RENO, I. T., July 10.—Judge Kippatrick, special allotting agent of the Kiowa-Comanche reservation, said that Caddo county is full of "sooners" and that trouble is likely to occur, notwithstanding the county is to be opened by lottery and not by run. Two troops of cavalry, one each for Fort Reno and Fort Sill, have been ordered to the posts and are expected to arrive at their destination on Wednesday. Lew Hornbeck, of Minco Newstral, has a small following here who declare they intend to locate now regardless of the president's proclamation naming certain days upon which the land is to be allotted by drawing. Already some of Hornbeck's followers have entered the forbidden country.

Generally speaking, the proclamation is satisfactory, but quite a number of homesteaders express dissatisfaction over the clause governing the drawing. They say that endless confusion must result in selecting land after homesteaders have secured the lucky numbers.

## Four Paroles Granted.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 10.—Governor Shaw has granted paroles as follows: Arthur Moer, from Marshall county, convicted of burglary; Harvey Owens, Davis county, convicted of larceny; William Voshall, Iowa county, larceny; and James O'Brien, Bremer county, assault on a woman.