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CORN CROP GOOD

CONDITIONS IN NEBRASKA AND OTHER STATES.

WHAT SECRETARY WILSON SAYS

Observations of His Trip in the West—Thinks the Price of Beef Will Go Down—Abundance of Grass in the Country.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Secretary Wilson, who has returned from a trip through the west, summarized the agricultural condition in the states he visited. These states included Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. He said there was a great abundance of crops generally in that region.

"There will be a good corn crop," he said. "Corn now is substantially out of the way of the frost."

"The corn crops in parts of Kansas, Nebraska and Indiana are probably the finest on record. There has been more hundreds of millions of dollars depending on the ripening of this crop this year than the ordinary person has ever realized."

"While the crop is a little late, any danger of its failure can now be considered over. The crop is a good one. While it may not be a record-breaker, the quality of the corn is splendid and with the exception of the southern states the yield per acre is very heavy. In the south the drought has somewhat affected the corn crop."

"The wheat crop of the west this year is also very fine and what may be considered as really the most important crop of all—the grass crop—is exceedingly good."

"The census tells us there has been a great increase during the last ten years in the number of cattle in the United States. This information, taken together with the fine crop of grass, insures lower prices of meat. I don't believe the price of meat, however, will ever be as low as it has been in the past for the simple reason that the American people are more prosperous than ever before and are eating more meat than ever before."

"However, the exceedingly high prices of meat will be a thing of the past as soon as the present feeders get fattened up to a beef condition. Another thing that will tend to keep the price of meat a little above the former lower price is the demand of England for our meats."

DENIAL BY YOUNG ROOSEVELT.

President's Son Says Populist Farmers Treated Him Politely.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 13.—Young Theodore Roosevelt returned home from his hunting trip in the west last night. He said that he had a very pleasant trip, that he had shot a great many prairie chickens and caught some fish.

He denied that the populist farmers were disagreeable to him. On the contrary, he said, they treated him with the greatest kindness and hospitality. He added also that there had been no accident nor anything approaching an accidental discharge of his gun.

Matos Declared a Traitor.

CARACAS, Sept. 13.—The government has published a decree declaring General Matos, leader of the present revolutionary movement in Venezuela, to be a traitor, and ordering him to be tried on the charge of piracy and for having offered control of the finances of the government of Venezuela (in case of the success of his movements) to outside capitalists on the same basis as prevailed in Egypt. The facts of this alleged offer were reported by the Venezuelan consul at Liverpool.

Court of Inquiry Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—On the request of Rear Admiral Higginson, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station, the navy department has appointed a court of inquiry consisting of Rear Admiral Watson, president; Rear Admiral Clarke and Captain Chester, with Lieutenant Commander Roy Smith as recorder, to investigate the circumstances attending the accident to the big cruiser Brooklyn in Buzzard's bay during the maneuvers.

To Receive Sir Robert Bond.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Mr. Salks, British charge of embassy, who has just arrived in Washington, has made an appointment with Mr. Adee, the acting secretary of state, to receive Sir Robert Bond.

King is Much Improved.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—There has been a marked improvement in the king's health since the coronation. His diet is strictly regulated in quantity and character. Those who have seen and talked with him in Scotland assert that he is in better health than for many years and that his vivacity and cheerfulness are noticeable. His June illness is now regarded by many as a blessing in disguise, which may help to prolong his many years.

Princess Still Perishing.

ROME, Sept. 13.—The lawyers of Prince Spoglio, who was Miss Marie Reid of Washington, D. C., and formerly the wife of Frederick Parkhurst of Bangor, Me., have requested the propounds to have the original registers of St. Matthews church, Washington, and the chest of drawers brought to Rome in order to support her contention that no church dispensation for her marriage to Mr. Parkhurst was granted.

STATE SCHOOL FOR DEAF.

Opens September 17, with Buildings and Everything in Good Shape.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 15.—The state school for the deaf at this city opens September 17 in good shape. During the vacation about \$2,000 has been spent in repairs and improvements. Four changes have been made in the staff of teachers.

Superintendent Stewart looks forward to a very full school, as a great many applications have come in during the summer, and, so far as known, most of the children who were there last year will return. Through vacation a great deal of repairing has been done on the buildings, which adds not only taste and beauty, but healthfulness and comfort to all connected with the school, besides preserving the buildings.

The superintendent anticipates an attendance of about 180 this year. Last year the enrollment reached 177, which is the highest number reached in any one school year in the history of the institution.

Following is a list of the teachers: W. H. Rother, L. A. Divine, C. E. Comp, Mrs. Ida Hendee, Miss Ota Crawford, Miss May Auterrieth, manual; A. E. Pope, head oral; Harry F. Best, Miss Cora Jack, Miss Lillian Bamford, Miss A. A. Regier, Miss Mary McNamar, Miss Laura B. Robie, Miss Anna B. Kirkpatrick, oral.

BAD FOR THE DEPOSITORS.

Will Lose Heavily in the Chamberlain Bank Wreck.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 15.—There is much feverish excitement in the Chamberlain bank wrecking case. The bank examiner's report shows the whole affair up in such a bad light that some of the depositors whose only means were wrapped up in the bank are now desperate and threatening talk is made against Cashier Chamberlain's safety, should he have the misfortune to again return to Tecumseh.

Crookedness of every kind and even forgery and mutilation of records are charged up against him. It developed that the bank was run in the loosest sort of a way, no check or restraint being placed on Chamberlain's actions. In fact nobody but Chamberlain himself knew anything about the bank's affairs.

The farther the matter is investigated the worse the thing appears, till now it is a question of how little and not how much the depositors will get.

Runaway Roy Wymore Found.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 15.—Roy Wymore, the 11-year-old boy who ran away from his home in Elkton, Colo., July 3, with a tramp, and for whom his father and mother have spent a small fortune in advertising, etc., was located five miles south of Genoa a few days ago and his parents notified. His mother went to that place and took her boy home.

Took Carbolic Acid.

BEEMER, Neb., Sept. 15.—Mrs. George Koutz, wife of a brick mason, nearly ended her life by swallowing a spoonful of carbolic acid, mistaking it for medicine. Mrs. Koutz, who is subject to cramps in the stomach, hastily took the acid, but realized her mistake and is now thought to be out of danger. Luckily, medical aid was immediately at hand.

Receiver for Broken Bank.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 15.—At a meeting of the depositors of the defunct Chamberlain bank of this city William A. Campbell of Tecumseh was selected as proper person to recommend as receiver. Accordingly Judge C. B. Letton of the district court in chambers, appointed that gentleman. A bond of \$50,000 will be required.

G. A. R. National Meeting.

Low rates to Washington, D. C., and return, account G. A. R. national meeting at Washington, Northwestern line will start special train from Omaha, 4:45 p. m. October 2nd, with through cars from various points in Nebraska. If you contemplate going, write H. C. Cheyne, General Agent, 1401 Farnam St., Omaha.

Hon. N. V. Marlan Home.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 15.—Hon. N. V. Marlan, wife and son have returned from Circle City, Alaska, for a month's visit. Mr. Marlan's post in Alaska has been changed from Circle City to one of the coast cities and he is now within two weeks' time of Seattle.

Separator and Grain Burned.

WILBER, Neb., Sept. 15.—A new separator belonging to Jim Kohout and a half dozen stacks of hay belonging to Frank Henny were destroyed by fire caused by a spark from the threshing engine.

Child Scalded to Death.

ELGIN, Neb., Sept. 15.—The infant child of George Mooney, a farmer living near here, died from being scalded while the mother was washing.

Returned from Klondike.

FILLEY, Neb., Sept. 15.—L. C. Coley, an old resident of Filley, who is interested in mining in the Klondike country, arrived home and will spend the winter here with his family.

Killed by the Cars.

EMERSON, Neb., Sept. 15.—An unknown man was killed in the yards here while trying to board a moving freight train.

A MEAT MERCER

A COMBINATION OF PACKING INTERESTS ASSURED.

WILL RIVAL THE STEEL TRUST

Plans Will Go Into Operation in About Two Weeks—How Capital Stock is Divided—Armour & Co. Will Have a Large Interest.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The Record-Herald today says: The long expected merger of the great meat packing interests of the United States will go into active operation Saturday, September 27th, unless there should be unlooked for change in the plans agreed upon by those concerned in the deal, at a meeting held here yesterday. An industrial combination second only to the steel trust is therefore practically an accomplished fact.

Reports concerning the actual terms of the consolidation differ. The most reliable light shed upon the subject was the plan outlined by a Boston authority who has possessed the most inside information about the deal ever since its existence was rumored in the early part of last spring.

According to this expert the new concern is to be capitalized at the rate of twenty-five times the last year's earnings of the constituent companies. For example, the Cudahy packing company is said to have earned about \$21,000,000 in 1901, which would make its share of the capital stock of the merger \$525,000,000. A 4 per cent dividend that the new consolidation would amount to \$840,000 on this lot of stock—approximately its legitimate earnings.

On this basis of capitalization Armour & Co., whose last year's profits are supposed to have been about \$2,000,000, will receive \$50,000,000 in the security in change for their business. Swift & Co. will receive \$50,000,000, their net earnings for the last year probably not amounting to over \$2,000,000, owing to the fact that this company does not own its subsidiary organizations, such as selling agencies. Carrying out this method to the end the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company would receive \$25,000,000.

It is said that it is the undoubted determination to control all the packing houses and stock yards in the country and to save every possible dollar in the cost of manufacturing and distribution. In addition to all this, by-products will be absolutely controlled and efforts made to buy up industries that are closely allied to the meat business.

MARCONI SOLVES PROBLEM.

Wireless Communication Between Europe and America.

ROME, Sept. 12.—Marconi, in an interview published here, declares he has completely solved the problem of sending wireless messages over a distance of more than 1,500 miles. He is confident that communication between Europe and America will be established in the immediate future. He is to visit King Victor Emmanuel at Racconigi, Piedmont, September 14. It is announced that William Marconi will sail on the Italian warship Alberto for Cape Breton, where tests of wireless telegraphy will be made between America and Italian stations. Carlo Alberto is now at Spezia, Italy, where frequent messages are received from England.

Italy to Stamp Out Duelling.

MILAN, Sept. 12.—As a result of a duel fought here several days ago between two captains of the Sixth regiment, the Italian authorities are determined to stamp out duelling. The challenger has been expelled from the army, and his antagonist has been sent to a fortress. The most striking features are other punitive measures taken. A colonel in the Sixth regiment has been suspended and a lieutenant colonel imprisoned.

Arms for the Colombians.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The steamer Jessie Banning, under charter to the Colombian government as a gunboat, is to take on its armament in this port and will sail south with a large cargo of arms and ammunition for the South American republic's use in fighting the rebels. When the steamer, which is due today, arrives, it will probably proceed directly to the Santa Fe wharf, where it is to take on its war cargo.

Hears Nothing Officially.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The Foreign office here has heard nothing officially of the instructions sent by Paul Lebart, the Russian minister at Peking to the Russian commander in Manchuria directing him to expel the British imperial employees who may be sent to Manchuria to resume charge of the postal service, on the ground that the presence of foreigners in Manchuria during the military occupation is objectionable.

Stone and Mitchell Confer.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 12.—Some important message passed between the executive mansion at Harrisburg and President Mitchell tonight. Mr. Mitchell, who is spending the evening at Harvey's lake, telephoned to this city that he had accepted an invitation from Governor Stone to confer with him in Harrisburg on Saturday. He did not know what matters would be discussed at the conference.

TO RECEIVE HIS NEIGHBORS.

President Arranges to Welcome People of His Home County.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Sept. 12.—An arrangement has about been completed for the reception which President Roosevelt will tender to the citizens of Nassau county on the 15th inst.

Decorators are at work and before the day of the reception arrives many of the buildings here will be resplendent with bunting. Two presidential salutes will be fired by the Hichville battery, one when the reception begins and another at its close.

It is probable that between 10,000 and 12,000 people will attend and Sheriff Johnson of Nassau county will swear in 300 deputy sheriffs, whose duty it will be to keep the crowd at Sagamore Hill moving during the hours of the reception.

The president will receive his neighbors on the porch of his house. A number of committees have been appointed, of which Frank Travers will be chairman ex-officio. He will have general supervision of all arrangements.

The president will have as his guests Tuesday Senators Hanna, Lodge, Spooner, Allison and Aldrich. They will take luncheon with the president and probably dinner.

PEOPLE OF MARS ARE SMART.

Chicago Professor Says They Are Superior in Intelligence.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—That a people superior in intelligence to those of the earth inhabit the planet Mars is a conclusion that will be set forth by Prof. G. W. Hough, head of the department of astronomy of the Northwestern university, in a report which he is compiling of his summer's observations from the Dearborn observatory. He asserts this is a probability based on recent discoveries and adds that, of course, it can never be established positively.

The conclusion includes the acceptance of the theory of evolution and the statements of leading astronomers that climatic conditions of Mars are the same as of the earth. The possibility of Mercury and Venus being inhabited is admitted, because they have solidified, and the intense heat resulting from their proximity to the sun may have been overcome by a deeper covering of atmosphere. None of the other planets, the professor said, could contain animal life.

SULTAN HARD UP FOR MONEY.

Fails to Come in and Debts of the Government Are Unpaid.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 12.—Only one-half of the amount of money required for the payment of salaries, etc., upon the occasion of the sultan's departure from the provinces, was obtained from the provinces, and these collections were made by threats that the provincial collectors would lose their positions unless the money was forthcoming.

The balance of the sum required was made up from the fund for military purchases, customs receipts, etc. The money thus taken from the last named source will interfere with the port's payment to the Cramps of Philadelphia and to Herr Krupp of Germany for war material.

Pronounced Legally Dead.

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—Captain W. Andrews, who twice crossed the Atlantic in a fifteen-foot corkie shell, has been pronounced legally dead by the Massachusetts courts. Letters of administration upon his estate have been granted to his son, Captain Andrews sailed October 6, last, from Atlantic City, with his bride, to whom he had been married in the presence of 3,000 people. The boat was sighted only once, about a week after it sailed.

General Miles Starts West.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Lieutenant General Miles left here today for the west and will sail from San Francisco on the transport Thomas for the Philippines, where he will make a tour of inspection of the army in the islands.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold in reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, \$212,623,655; gold, \$128,255,108.

And Then It Snowed.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 12.—A cold wave swept over Wyoming last night, the mercury dropping to 30 degrees, and today it snowed.

Prominent Man is Accused.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 12.—An Aberdeen, S. D., special to the Dispatch says: Web Lewis one of the best known citizens of Edmunds county, has been arrested on a charge of robbing the vault of the county treasurer of about \$2,500 in gold on August 16. The sheriff is Lewis' father-in-law and his in personal charge. Lewis was county auditor and resigned the office several months ago. He knew the combination of the vault.

Soldiers Back from Philippines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The troop ship Meade arrived from Manila and Nagasaki. It brings the headquarters and organization of the Fifteenth infantry, under command of Colonel H. C. Ward. This regiment has been in the Philippines for two years and comes home to take up a station at the new post recently established at Monterey, Cal. It may be decided to transport the troops aboard the ship and be transported to Monterey.

CROP CONDITIONS

GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS GOOD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

CORN SHOWING LARGE GAINS

All the Products of the Soil Will Show an Abundant Harvest—Cats Will Be a Big Crop—Averages Generally All Right.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The monthly report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the average condition of corn on September 1 to have been 84.3, as compared with 82.5 on August 1, 1902, 81.7 on September 7, 1901, 80.6 at the corresponding date in 1900 and a ten-year average of 78.8. Except in Kansas and South Dakota, which report a decline of 12 points and 2 points during August, no material change of condition is reported from any of the principal crop states, and except those of the south and the state of Michigan they again report condition averages in excess of their respective averages for the last ten years.

Nowwithstanding its marked decline during August, Kansas reports a condition of 91, or 25 points above its ten-year average, while Nebraska and Missouri exceed their respective ten-year averages by 35 and 22 points respectively; Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa by 16, 11, 14 and 10 points respectively and Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota by 6, 4 and 3 points respectively.

The crop, however, is so late that throughout the entire northern portion of the belt prediction of more than an average crop are invariably made contingent upon the immediate advent and continuance for some days of the most favorable conditions of weather.

The average condition at harvest of winter and spring wheat combined was 80, against 82.5 last year, 89.4 in 1900 and a ten-year average of 73.9. Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois report 13, 15, 15 and 21 points and North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Missouri 20, 20, 25 and 24 points respectively above their ten-year averages, the condition in Minnesota differs only one point from the state's ten-year average, while Pennsylvania and California report 5 points below the ten-year average, Iowa 12 points below and Kansas a condition of 45.23 points below the ten-year average of the state.

The average condition of oats when harvested was 87.2, against 72.1 last year, 82.2 in 1900 and a ten-year average of 79.7. While correspondents report the harvesting of an exceptionally large crop of oats, there are indications that the crop will be very deficient in quality, this will be reported on more fully in December, when the yields per acre are sent in.

Of the ten states having 1,000,000 acres or upward in oats, Iowa alone reports a condition comparing unfavorably with its ten-year average.

ENDORSE MEMORIAL SERVICES.

All Favor Proposed Tribute to McKinley.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 11.—Additional responses to the Times-Star's inquiries have been received from governors, members of congress, church dignitaries and others endorsing the movement for McKinley memorial services in the churches next Monday.

Yoder Gets a Commission.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 13.—Governor Savage and Adjutant General Colburn have decided to adhere to their former ruling, by which they approved the election of Samuel E. Yoder as captain of the battery of artillery at Wymore. This latter decision was given after listening to extended argument by former Captain Murdock, who is contesting the election. All of the high military authorities who had jurisdiction in this case were of one mind. Judge Advocate General Browne gave a written opinion, in which he held that the election of Captain Yoder was legal in every respect, and Attorney General Prout, when asked for his views, gave a similar opinion.

Would Buy More Land.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 13.—Judge Robinson of the State Board of Control went to Glenwood, where he will meet Chairman Cowie, and together they will make another attempt to purchase for the state an additional tract of the feeble spring. An effort was made last spring to purchase land that is needed there, but the prices were held too high. It is believed that the land can now be bought.

When a married woman expects company she always makes a fancy cake.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. ADAMS, Neb., Sept. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Horrum celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Adams.

Change in College Faculty.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 13.—Miss Jennie L. Wick, director of the music department of York college, resigned and Miss Ruth Smith of the Western college conservatory, Toledo, Ia., has been called to fill the vacancy.

Smallpox at Shelton.

SHELTON, Neb., Sept. 13.—Considerable excitement was created here by the announcement that smallpox had again made its appearance in the town, four members of the family of Mr. Boyce having broken out with the disease. The board of health has the cases in hand and every precaution will be taken to check its spread. As some of the children of this family were at school the schools were closed and the rooms disinfected.

THE LAT CROP BULLETIN.

Tells the Same Story of Encouraging Conditions.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 12.—The Nebraska section of the climate and crop service has issued its last bulletin for the year. It tells the same tale of good crop conditions in all parts of the state. Incidentally Mr. Loveland says that never since he has been connected with the department have the crop conditions been better. His reports, which are considered authentic, show that the yield per acre will be unusually large. The acreage of winter wheat increased materially, while the acreage of spring wheat declined. Corn remained almost stationary, there being a slight decrease in many places, owing to the increase in the acreage of wheat.

The fact that the department will issue no more bulletins is a convincing indication that corn is entirely out of danger, in fact Mr. Loveland says that the weather during the remainder of the fall will have but little effect.

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HOW OPEN POSTOFFICE SAFE.

Secure \$150 at Arcadia, but Decline to Take Stamps.

ARCADIA, Neb., Sept. 13.—Burglar had a visit to the postoffice of this place, the thieves literally blowing the safe to pieces, the explosion making a report that was heard all over town. The thieves then made their escape unmolested. Entrance to the building was obtained at the front door by means of a crowbar. The thieves must have worked very quietly at this, as there are several families who live within a stone's throw of the office. When they were on the inside they exploded a charge of dynamite, putting it underneath the floor of the safe. The door was completely blown to pieces and the parts scattered all over the room. About \$150 in cash was taken from the safe.

BURIED BY A CAVING BANK.

Not Discovered Until After Victim of the Accident is Dead.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 13.—Bert Barnett, living at 219 Burlington avenue, was buried sand from the sand pit on the farm of C. B. Edwards. He started to load and while digging the bank caved in, covering him with sand to the depth of over three feet. His team stayed at the pit. Mr. C. B. Edwards, owner of the farm, noticed the team standing alone and no one around and went over to investigate and found that there had been a cave-in. He at once dug Barnett out. Barnett was lying on his face with his arms folded underneath his head and life was extinct when discovered. He leaves a small family.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Anti-Serbian disturbances are spreading over Croatia.

Omaha coal dealers have raised the price of anthracite to \$12.

Machinists of the Santa Fe had their wages raised 25 cents a day.

Levi Ashenfelter, a noted Indian fighter, is dead at Covina, Cal.

Thousands of acres of coal lands have passed to new hands near Carbondale, Ill.

Robert Batty, who has been missing from his home in Canby, Oregon, since the middle of August, was found in Sacramento.

The London Economist says steamer after steamer is being chartered to carry big iron from Europe to the United States.

The Independent Brewing company plant of Cincinnati was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000. Two firemen were fatally hurt.

Camp Roosevelt on the lot south of the white house is to represent a great military post during the coming G. A. R. encampment.

Hon. W. C. Anderson, who was congressman from the First district of Tennessee for the term of 1894-96, died of typhoid fever.

Minneapolis railroad men indicted for manipulating rates are to be arrested at the instance of the interstate commerce commission.

Dr. Edward Eggleston, the famous author and novelist, died at his cottage at Lake George, New York. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

At Topeka, Kan., James Kayne was sentenced to serve twenty-seven years in the state penitentiary for the murder of his wife. Kayne pleaded guilty.

At Muscatine, Ia., because the grandparents of 14-year-old Harvey Applegate, an orphan, insisted that he start to school, the boy blew out his brains. President Roosevelt has placed himself on record as opposed to any inhuman uses of horses in the coming cowboy race from Deadwood to Omaha.