

Crops in Europe.

Whoever has watched the late European cablegrams concerning the condition of the crops must be convinced that the greater part of them embody more than rumors circulated by spectators, principally on this side of water, to raise or depress prices in the interest of their own schemes. The only way to determine the degree of credit that should be accorded these announcements is to compare them with the regular weekly crop reports published in European agricultural papers. True, these usually reach this side of the Atlantic from ten to fourteen days later than the cablegrams, but as it is highly improbable that any very material injury or benefit should occur to crops generally in that interval when any great difference is reported, it is safer to trust the agricultural papers, which are nearly always honest, than the cablegrams, which are often "meant to deceive." From a careful study of all attainable reliable sources of late information, we have come to the conclusion that Europe this year will be more nearly self-supporting than it has been at any time since the recent enormous increase in the production and exportation of American cereals. Although the production of breadstuffs in the United Kingdom great as it was before the present era of agricultural depression, yet it seems now certain that the harvest there will be at least moderately good. The latest reports, both by mail and cable, while still speaking despondently of the agricultural condition as a whole, give strong assurance of a condition of crops less unsatisfactory than at the corresponding season within the last five years. The present condition of the growing wheat in France, according to the latest received issue of the Semaine Agricole, is admirable, and still later cablegrams confirm the statement. For the first time since America began to supply the deficiency of French crops, there is a fair prospect that France will produce more than enough of wheat to supply domestic consumption, and all other crops, too, seem to be doing fairly. In Germany the wheat and rye crops are likely to turn out an average, and the best of the year, with the exception of Austria, Hungary, the Spanish Peninsula, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria, and Roumania, all speak in enthusiastic or hopeful terms of the outlook for the harvest. Of all European countries, however, the prospect in Russia seems the most favorable. Reports from Odessa, Taganrog, Sebastopol, Nicolaieff and Garkow, all unite in prophesying a better wheat crop in Southern Russia this year than last. The breadstuffs of some time must yet elapse before the European harvest, however splendid, can come into market, and the needs of the various countries must until then, be supplied mostly from this country. It is, therefore, not improbable that the coming harvest has assumed a brighter hue both from contrast with the late gloomy ones and from a not unnatural desire to lower the prices of the breadstuffs that may be wanted from abroad before the days of plenty, by showing how slight will be the demand for any foreign surplus when once the home harvest has been gathered. After having made all reasonable deductions, however, on the score of exaggeration, it seems highly probable that almost the only European market for our surplus breadstuffs next fall and winter, will be in the United Kingdom, while the need of foreign supplies will be somewhat less than last year, the competition between foreign surpluses from Russia, Egypt, India, Australia, New Zealand, South America, the United States and Canada, will be keener than ever before. [Rural New Yorker.]

The German Carp.

This fish, so well calculated to carry all others for breeding in ponds, has attracted wide attention all over the United States. It is, too, a most excellent food for fish, prolific and hardy. It is better suited than any other fish for this latitude, as it likes warm waters, and will live in ponds where none but the cat-fish, perch, and bluegill will survive. The editor of this paper has received from Prof. Baird, of the United States fish commission, a few blanks of application for young carp, to be supplied only to this congressional district, which will give about two each to the county, if the proper ponds are to be found. It will not do to put them in running streams or in ponds where there are bass, sunfish, perch, trout or any other flesh eating species of fish whatsoever. A pond say of fifty feet square is large enough for the young carp where they can be kept until three to six months old, when they may be transferred to other suitable waters. They will not be sent from Washington or other breeding places until fall or winter, and when sent will be to some convenient railroad point. Applications can be made to the members of congress from this district by those who have suitable ponds as far as the allotted number will go. We hope some one in each county of the district will provide for the reception of this valuable fish, as it is better suited to this locality than any of the varieties furnished to our rivers. It is a fish that will take care of itself when introduced, or if in ponds is as easily grown as chickens.

Illumination of the Squares of New York by Electric Light.

A crowd of persons have, for the last few days, watched with interest the erection of the electric pole which is to support the Brush electric lamps for the lighting of Union Square. The weather-beaten pole of the huge derrick, which now stands in the middle of the square, has been mistaken for the pole itself by so many persons who characterized it as an atrocity of ugliness and an outrage, that Mr. Hayes, the secretary of the company, thought of putting up a placard on the derrick, informing the public that it is not the pole. The pole itself is now up and speaks for itself. It is a magnificent piece of pine from the North River forests. Three pieces, each two feet in diameter by fifty-three feet in length, are used, powerful rivets, bolts and bands of iron half an inch thick being used to fasten the pieces together. The first plan thought of was to imitate Akron, Ohio, light

tower, which is of sheet iron. But although the iron pole would be no larger than the wooden pole, it would require guide ropes running from the top of the tower to the four corners of the square in order to steady it. These ropes would be unsightly affairs at best, and the self-supporting pole was adopted. From the ground to the top of the pole it is one hundred and fifty feet, ten feet of the pole being under ground. The pole will support, as originally intended, six lights of six thousand candle power each.

Large Business in Copper.

A number of prominent manufacturers have, within the past few days, closed contracts for large quantities of ingot copper, the total of which will reach nearly, if not quite 20,000,000 pounds. The prices were from sixteen cents to sixteen and a half cents per pound, and the deliveries, it is understood, run during the remainder of the year. These purchases consist entirely of copper produced in the Lake Superior region, and are believed to equal nearly the entire amount that will be produced during the last half of the year. The opening of new mines in various sections of the country has of late increased the production to an extent considerably in excess of market requirements, and to this is attributed the absence of any material enhancement of price by the exceptionally large business just consummated.

Taken By Storms.

The hail storm of June 20th, destroyed all of my crop, mowed my grain as though done with a mower; broke 14 panes of glass and killed eight pigs. The wind storm of the 25th mowed my grainery eight rods, hoey frame, 12x16 with all of 1500 pounds of things inside, and set it down without disturbing anything; raked my stable badly, and moved it about three feet; blew the roof off my chicken house and broke it badly. I picked some of the shingles up 39 rods from the place it stood. The hail ruined my apple trees and my grove. I moved my granary on the 24th night and stood it east and west but the wind carried it back the place I moved it from and stood it nearly north and south.

Elephants from Ceylon.

An elephantine trade on a heavy scale is announced as just springing up between New York and the distant island of Ceylon—that most lovely gem of the Indian Ocean. This is the importation of the elephants Indicus, three splendid specimens of which are now in Boston, awaiting transportation facilities to this city. These elephants, which are claimed to be the largest of their species that have ever been brought either to Europe or America, reached Boston on the steamer Hansa, consigned to Messrs. Charles Reichert & Brother, of New York, who brought them from their home in the queen of the spicy islands. They were shipped from Ceylon to Hamburg, and thence to London, where the Hansa received them. They are reported to be all very large; but the largest of the three is a magnificent fellow, ten feet in height at the shoulders, and twelve feet over all. The gigantic brutes are quite tame, having long undergone the repressive influence of a strict training in Ceylon. So docile are they that at the word of command they will lay down and raise a huge foot for the keeper to mount. Mr. Frederick Ditzel, who is charged with the task of bringing these monster quadrupeds from Boston here, says that he may have to march them all the way, as the railroad freight cars could not carry them. Besides this some of the brutes are not sufficiently lofty to allow the imposing strangers to pass under them. Mr. Ditzel will try to get some steamer to find standing room for them on her deck. In this case the beasts would have to make the difficult ocean passage outside of Cape Cod. Each of the strangers is valued at \$16,000, but it is to be understood that they are not white elephants.

Gen. Merritt's Tin Wedding.

Far to the westward, in the Territory of Wyoming, is the lone some frontier post of Fort Laramie, now in command of Gen. Merritt, who, despite his native modesty, so commended himself to "the powers that be" by his judgment and bravery that, though but 25 years old, he was put in command of all the cavalry of the Army of the Potomac, and proved himself equal to the emergency of those trying days: Some ten years since he led to the altar Miss Warner, one of the accomplished daughters of Onocimati, and his many friends far and near, being mindful of it to make the occasion a joyful one, and to relieve the frontier post of its weariness. Due preparation was made and the night of the eventful day was gay in social festivity. Present—Five Forks, Virginia, April 1, 1865; War and Bloodshed, Fort Laramie, Wyoming, June 13th, 1881; Peace and Happiness. General and Mrs. Merritt. The wedding entertainment was elegant, and by no means deficient in the elegance and luxuries of refined life. The music was furnished by the regimental band, under the leadership of Bandmaster J. F. O. Smith.

A Great Enterprise.

The Hop Bitters Manufacturing company is one of Rochester's greatest business enterprises. Their Hop Bitters have reached a sale beyond all precedent, having from their intrinsic value found their way into almost every household in the land. [Graphic.]

GEN GARFIELD'S MAXIMS.

Gathered from His Public Speeches

At this hour the eloquent and impressive sentiments of Gen. Garfield, gathered from his many public speeches, will be read and remembered. They speak of the nobility of character of the man, and of his motives and ambitions. Mr. Smalley says: "There is probably no living political orator whose efforts before large audiences are so effective."

Mr. Thayer, in his book, "From the Log Cabin to the White House," makes a collection of many of these, eloquent and instructive sentences.

In an address on one occasion, General Garfield said: "I feel a profound reverence for a boy than a man. I never meet a ragged boy on the street without feeling that I owe him a salute, for I know not what possibilities may be buttoned up under the shabby coat."

"The privilege of being a young man is a great privilege, and the privilege of growing up to be an independent man in middle life is greater."

"Whatever you win in life you must conquer by your own efforts, and then it is yours, part of yourself."

"Growth is better than permanence, and permanent growth is better than all."

"If there is one thing upon this earth that mankind loves and admires better than another, it is a brave man, a man who dares to look the devil in the face and tell him he is a devil."

"The student should study himself, his relation to society, to nature and to art, and above all, in all, and through all these, he should study the relations of himself, society, nature, and art to God, the author of them all."

"Great ideas travel slowly, and for a time noiselessly, as the gods whose feet were shod with wool."

"Ideas are the great warriors of the world, and a war that has no ideas behind it is a sterile reality."

"I would rather be defeated than make capital out of my religion."

"After all, territory is but the body of a nation. The people who inhabit its hills and its valleys are its soul, its spirit, its life."

"For the noblest man that lives there still remains a conflict."

"Come down the glorious steps of our banner. Every great record we have made has been vindicated with our blood and with our truth. It sweeps the ground and it touches the stars."

"It was not one man who killed Abraham Lincoln; it was the embodied spirit of treason and slavery, inspired with fearful and despairing hate, that struck him down in the moment of the nation's supremest joy."

"When two hundred and fifty thousand brave spirits passed from the field of honor through that thin veil to the presence of God, and when at last its parting folds admitted the martyr president to the company of the dead heroes of the republic, the nation stood so near the veil that the whispers of God were heard by the children of men."

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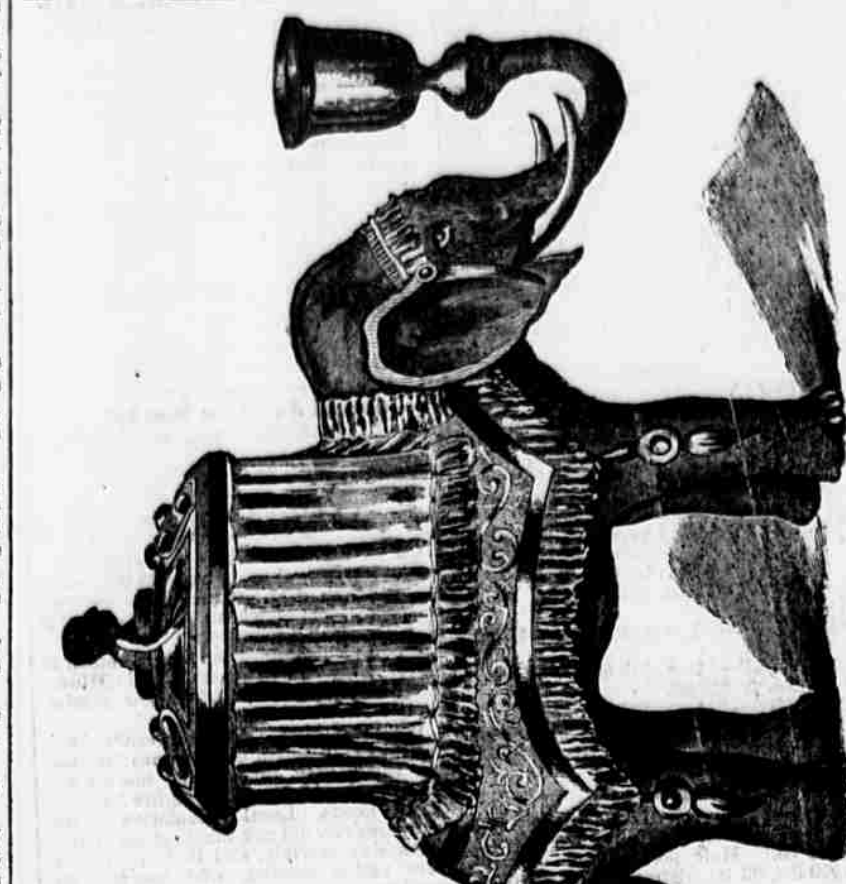
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