

LABOR ON HARVEST FIELDS

Serious Problem in the Great Wheat Belts of Northwest and Southwest.

HOW IT HAS BEEN MET IN KANSAS

Twenty Thousand Harvesters, a Thousand Cooks and Assistants and Three Thousand Teams Wanted This Year.

The demand for labor in the great wheat belt of the west promises to be quite as great during this year's harvest time as ever and the problem of meeting the demand is already occupying the minds of those directly interested.

But today the wheat belts of the northwest and the southwest afford a striking contrast to the relatively small industry of those days.

System in Wheat Raising.

In Kansas there is quite as much system about the raising of the great wheat crop as there is in the turning out of wheat from the mills of the Pennsylvania iron region.

David W. Blaine, a farmer of Pratt county, Kansas, has arranged a plan to furnish 20,000 extra men every year to the Kansas farmers.

Mr. Blaine began three years ago by advertising through the daily press for harvest hands to go to his home community.

Two years ago Blaine improved upon his idea of advertising by purchasing more space and having the harvest hands go to Kansas City as a central point.

This season Blaine secured even more detailed reports of the needs of the farmers as early as April, getting the names of the farmers and number of hands they wanted in every township.

A general distributing agency has been established at Kansas City, another at Topeka and still another at Wichita in the very center of the wheat belt.

In Girlhood

There is a great need of motherly watchfulness and care. A growing girl needs all her strength, and if she is nervous and melancholy, and loses appetite there is surely something wrong.



My daughter was troubled with dizziness and constipation and was very nervous for five years. writes Mrs. M. Carter, of 156 1/2 St. Street, Washington, D. C.

Queer Things at Crownings

Samuel E. Moffett in Saturday Evening Post.

A royal coronation is an event of such solemn importance, at least to the participants in it, and the preparations for it are made so long in advance, that one would think it impossible for anything about it to be allowed to go amiss.

William the Conqueror was invested on Christmas day, 1066, with a crown and crown richly decorated with gems.

When Henry I married his second wife, Adeliza or Adella of Louvain, he had a second double coronation, and on this occasion the performance was well worth the price of admission.

Roger, bishop of Salisbury, claimed the right to perform the marriage ceremony because Windsor was in his diocese.

No Religious Decline

Some interesting statistics have been gathered by E. M. Camp to controvert the statement that growth in church membership is not keeping pace with the increase of population.

The population of the United States has increased since 1860 nearly two and a half fold.

In 1860 the Presbyterians North numbered 276,306 and in 1900, 1,025,388. Together these two religious bodies have increased a little more than three-fold.

In 1860 there were 148,000 Episcopalians and in 1900 there were 714,375. The Lutherans have increased from 232,780 in 1860 to 1,665,878 in 1900.

Mr. Camp makes out an equally strong argument to prove that people give more to the churches proportionately than they did forty years ago.

farmers can meet and employ their help. Wages ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day are paid for eight hours' work.

Every class of men imaginable goes to Kansas during the harvesting season to work in the wheat fields.

Half a Million for Harvest Bands. Last year over \$500,000 dollars was paid out to these extra helpers.

W. R. DRAPER. In illustrating the vanity of boastfulness our preacher told a good story, which is worth retelling.

upon which the queen remarked: "See you, love, what a weak champion you have."

Queen Anna was not able to stand alone to be crowned. She was the only English sovereign that ever had to be held up by others on such an occasion.

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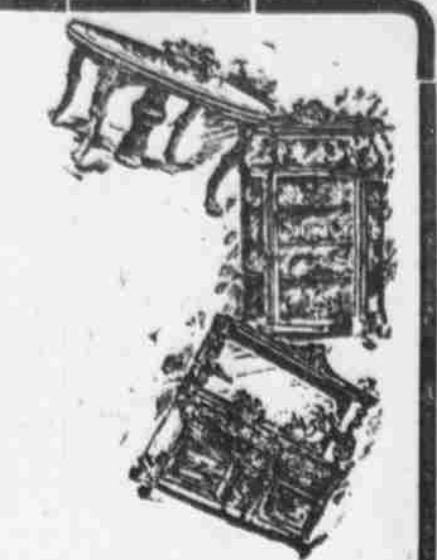
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