

PLOWING IS DELAYED

Only Once in Twenty Years Has Work Been So Backward as at Present.

FROST HARDLY TOUCHES WINTER WHEAT

Agricultural Department Reports Early Crops Up to Average.

AREA UNDER CROP SHOWS BIG JUMP

Farmers Sow 994,000 Acres More Than Last Year.

RYE AND GRASS ARE BOTH DOING WELL

Condition Better Than Last Year and About Up to Mean as Shown in Official Returns.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The monthly crop bulletin issued by the Agricultural Department today is as follows:

Returns to the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, made up to May 1, show the area under winter wheat in cultivation on that date to have been about 2,197,400 acres. This is 200,000 acres or 2.5 per cent, in excess of the area harvested last year. The percentage of abandoned growing states is unusually small, abandonment, including the area to be cut for hay, reaching 100,000 acres only in Kansas, Texas and California.

For the area remaining under cultivation the average on May 1 was 92.8, against a condition of 97.4 for the total area sown reported on April 1, 1902, and 94.4 on May 1, 1902, 84.1 at the corresponding date in 1901 and 82.4 the mean of the averages of the last ten years, for the areas remaining under cultivation on May 1. While there has manifested been some deterioration of condition during the month, special field agents detected no serious winter wheat on the occurrence of frost on April 30 and May 1 report the wheat crop as practically uninjured by the cold snap.

The following table shows for the principal states the averages of conditions on May 1, the corresponding averages one month, one year and two years and the mean of the corresponding averages for the last ten years.

Table with columns for State, May 1, 1902, May 1, 1901, May 1, 1900, and 10-Yr. Avg. Rows include Kansas, Missouri, California, Nebraska, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, Michigan, and U.S. Average.

The average condition of winter rye on May 1 was 92.8, as compared with 97.9 on April 1, 1902, 82.4 on May 1, 1902, 84.4 at the corresponding date in 1901 and 84.4 the mean of the averages of the last ten years. New York reports 88 and Pennsylvania and Michigan each 73, these three states containing 56 per cent of the total winter rye acreage of the country.

The average condition of meadow mowing lands on May 1 was 92.8, against 84.6 on May 1, 1902, 92.8 at the corresponding date in 1901 and 85.9 the mean of the May averages for ten years.

The conditions that, in all but a few states, have been favorable to meadow mowing lands and spring pastures have, with almost equal uniformity, been unfavorable to spring plowing and the proportion, 57.9 per cent of the amount reported as contemplated, that was actually done up to May 1 was the lowest, with one exception, in twenty years. The area plowed up to the corresponding date last year was 73.3 per cent of the total amount intended and was within one-half of 1 per cent of the ten-year average.

HARVEST FOR COTTON BULLS

Wild Excitement Accompanies the Goring of the Bears at New York.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The wildest excitement in cotton this season occurred today, when an enormous covering movement was started by an unexpected advance of eleven to fourteen points. Live-cattle attended by heavy sales of spot in the English market. The local market responded with an advance of fifteen to twenty-four on the more active months, new high records in all cases being made. The bull circuit was heavily in order to avert a bear panic, which at one time appeared inevitable. The local advance was accelerated by sensational reports from New Orleans, which made an advance of thirty-seven on July. A reaction of ten to fourteen followed, on continued selling by the bulls at this point, whereupon the market became more pacific. The heaviest transaction recorded this season during the same time was reported today.

Toward the close the market became less active, it having become apparent that the bull party was not disposed to force the situation. Public operations were not active, owing to the abnormal conditions now governing the fluctuations of prices. There was, however, some selling for short account as to the new crop conditions on the favorable showing made by the weather in the cotton belt and the general flattering character of the crop advice now current.

SUE FOR MILLION IN TAXES

Kentucky State Officials Ask Court to Make Southern Pacific Satisfy Claims.

LOUISVILLE, May 11.—Suit for \$1,000,000 taxes against the Southern Pacific was filed in the Jefferson county court today. The petition alleges that the corporation has not paid taxes on its personality in five years, and that \$1,000,000 is now due the state.

The suit was based purely on franchise rights embodied in the power to own stock, bonds and other personality. The petition alleges that in 1888 the company owned personal property to the value of \$10,000,000 in 1889 and 1890 \$7,750,000, and 1901 it had increased this to \$12,385,000, which was the amount owned on September 15, 1902, the day on which state taxes fall due.

Under the statutes of Kentucky failure to pay taxes on the value of the delinquent is added to the general assessment of taxes on property alleged to be held by the Southern Pacific in this state.

RESTRAIN TURKISH ACTION

Powers Determined to Support Bulgarians in the Salonica Matter.

PARIS, May 11.—There was simultaneous publication this morning in Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg of the official view of the Bulgarian situation. It appears in the Figaro and in the Neue Presse of St. Petersburg and in the official organ at St. Petersburg, and carries the idea previously cabled to the press that the powers are satisfied with the correctness of Bulgaria's course and do not tolerate the adoption by the suitors of Turkey of stern measures against Bulgaria. In an account of the Salonica outrages, it is pointed out that the question is not merely one between a suzerain and a vassal, but is one between Turkey and the powers signatory of the Berlin convention, mainly France, Austria and Russia, owing to their geographical position. The official communication sums up as follows:

"Two important points point the status of the imbroglio: First, the Bulgarian government is not responsible for the Macedonian violence; second, St. Petersburg, Vienna and London are determined to permit Bulgaria to be held responsible.

The communication closes with the statement that the porte's first duty is to carry out the general plan for the Balkan reforms, represent the Albanian agitators and punish the murder of the Russian consul, adding:

"If Turkey persists in diverting attention by menacing Bulgaria, the ambassadors of the powers may shortly remind the porte of its obligations to the powers."

SALONICA, May 11.—In an engagement between Bulgarians and Turkish troops recently fought at Igarpari, near Marzi, many Bulgarians were killed and four near prisoners.

Another village reported from Goresovo, near Demir-Hissar. The village was burned. The panic in the Monastir district has not abated.

FRENCH PAY FOR TREATY

Canal Company Offers Colombia \$12,000,000 to Ratify Protocol with America.

PANAMA, May 11.—It is currently reported here that the Panama Canal company has offered the Colombian government \$12,000,000 of the \$40,000,000 secured from the United States government for the Panama project.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Mr. Beaupre, United States consul of Colombia, has conferred by cable the report that a special session of the Colombian congress had been called for June 30.

The State department knows the Colombian government to ratify the canal treaty upon the payment to it by the Panama Canal company of a sum variously stated at \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000. An impression has prevailed here for some time that the Colombians have felt that the French are getting the best of them in securing \$40,000,000 for the franchise and properties. The United States government does not feel called upon to interfere between these parties.

Edward B. Hill, counsel for the Canal company, says a demand has been made by Colombia for a \$200,000 payment from his clients.

DEATH IN GRASS

Disastrous Fire at Ottawa is Traced to an Unknown Cause.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 11.—About 250 houses destroyed, probably 500 people rendered homeless and a financial loss of fully \$600,000 is the result of the conflagration which yesterday devastated the area between the Ottawa and Paddy Sound railroad tracks on the east, Albert on the north and the tracks of the Canadian Pacific, the Union and Third avenue on the west. The money loss is about one-half covered by insurance. While it was believed last night that an incendiary had started the fire, doubts were thrown on this theory today.

It was said today that the blaze was seen in the grass before it seized the lumber. There was from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 feet of lumber burned. The buildings destroyed were dwelling houses and stores. No lives are known to have been lost. While the fire was all pretty well insured some of the tenants had nothing on their furniture. A good many of these, however, succeeded in saving their effects. Through an accident to the water pipes it was nearly an hour after the fire was discovered before water was thrown on the flames and in that time they made great headway. The military was called out to aid the civil power in combating the fire.

JEWISH RIOTS SLAY MANY

Forty-Five Killed, Hundreds Injured and Many Houses Looted in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—The minister of the interior has circulated an official account of the recent anti-Semitic outbreak at Kishinev, capital of Bessarabia. He says forty-five persons were killed and 474 were injured and that 700 houses and 600 shops were looted. The minister attributes the rioting to religious ill-will and reports of ritual murders, leading to a clamor for an attack on the Jews and says the immediate cause of the outbreak was the ill treatment of a Christian woman by a Jew.

The minister on the direct instruction of the czar has notified the governors that they will be held personally responsible for their failure to take proper measures to prevent similar acts of vengeance.

CHINAMEN OFFER BIG BRIBE

Say Honolulu Officials Have Accepted Cash to Permit Gambling.

HONOLULU, May 11.—A committee representing the keepers of Chinese gambling houses has been placed under arrest, charged with attempting to bribe Deputy Attorney General Andrews to permit four games of puka pio to be run without molestation.

Andrews arranged a meeting with the gamblers and concealed a witness who heard the offer of \$5,000 a month made if Andrews would permit gambling. The Chinese say they had merely purchased protection from other officials and interesting disclosures are expected.

Double Cable Across Ocean

BERLIN, May 11.—The laying of a duplicate German-American Atlantic cable was commenced today at Borkum, an island in the North sea, twenty-six miles from Emden. A large number of people attended the ceremony and cheers were given for the German emperor and the president of the United States.

UNION PACIFIC UNDER FIRE

Called on to Show that Discriminating Rates Are Not Allowed.

GRAIN FIRM IS SAID TO BE FAVORED

Railway Uses Peavey's Council Bluffs Elevators and Is Alleged to Pay Unduly for This Privilege.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Interstate Commerce commission has begun an investigation to determine whether the payment of allowances made by the Union Pacific to Peavey & Co. of Kansas City and Council Bluffs for grain elevator facilities and the rates made to that concern are in violation of the interstate commerce law.

The Union Pacific is made respondent in the proceedings and has been ordered to file a full answer to the charges by May 25, and to satisfactorily explain the alleged relations at a hearing to be called hereafter.

The commission in ordering the investigation says it appears that the Peavey company is purchasing grain at western points of origin and shipping over the Union Pacific to Council Bluffs and Kansas City and through those points to eastern destinations; that the Union Pacific uses the elevators of Peavey & Co. for handling and transferring grain, for which facilities it pays certain stipulated rates, generally amounting to 1/2 cents per 100 pounds.

The rates result in large payments or allowances by the Union Pacific to Peavey & Co. and apparently are excessive and greater than charges generally imposed or allowed at Kansas City, Council Bluffs and other elevator points.

The commission further states that the rebates are not only on the grain of Peavey & Co., but on grain of all other shippers passing through the Peavey elevators, and that the allowances may subject other grain shippers to unjust discrimination and unjust transportation charges, and that they enable Peavey & Co. to obtain net rates less than the regular tariffs.

Roads Deny Excessive Profits

The International & Great Northern and the St. Louis Southwestern railroads have filed with the interstate Commerce commission answers to the order calling for information regarding class and commodity rates from St. Louis to Texas common points. Both lines admit making certain advances, but deny that the advances were material or that they were made to earn unreasonable revenue. The International & Great Northern says that its cost of operation has been increased; that to reconstruct the bridge equipment will cost upwards of \$100,000, and avers that its net earnings for the three months ending March 31, 1902, were largely decreased. The other road makes similar allegations.

Utah Lands Thrown Open

A portion of the lands in the proposed Gunnison forest reserve in Utah, which were withdrawn from entry in May 1902 have been restored to the ordinary public domain, having been found to be unsuitable for reservation purposes. The restored lands include about 15 square miles lying directly west of Nephi.

Cattle Disease Breaks Out Anew. The State department has notified the Department of agriculture that the foot and mouth disease has again broken out in Argentina, which has prohibited exportation of animals from that country. Secretary Wilson says that the disease is of great concern and says if the disease once gets a foothold on the open ranges in Argentina the results inevitably must be serious to the live stock industry there.

Secretary Wilson today received word of a fresh outbreak of the outbreak of a herd located at Framingham, Mass. It is believed the epidemic had been wiped out in New England. Secretary Wilson said today he had contemplated lifting the quarantine altogether from New England in a fortnight, but that action must now be postponed indefinitely. The outbreak has been lifted from all the states originally involved except Massachusetts and New Hampshire and it is impossible to foretell, particularly in view of the approaching summer, when the restrictive measures against those states that have been lifted from the quarantine upon cattle, sheep and other ruminants and swine in Rhode Island which was imposed by the order of November 27, 1902.

It is witnessed by Anton Ludaka. It is said that John Bohn was the godfather of Miss Bradbury. The case is set for hearing before Judge Vinsonhall June 2.

JOHN BOHN WILL TURN UP

Comes All the Way from New Jersey and Makes Eva Bradbury Legatee.

A will of the late John Bohn, the old Omaha liquor dealer, who committed suicide a few weeks ago, has been filed for probate in the county court. This will names George H. Young, C. W. Burn, George B. Young and M. D. Grover enter their appearance as counsel for the company. As the call of the docket has been suspended for the present term, the case cannot be called before next October.

CONFESION OF CONSPIRATORS

Four of the Eleven Presidents of See Yup Society Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—Four of the eleven presidents of the See Yup society have been arrested for the conspiracy to murder the 300 members of the Chinese Society of English Station, and two of them, Gee Hong On, who is not only the president of the On Yick Highlander Tong, but of the See Yups, and Lee Ying, president of the Bow Leong Tong, have made complete confessions to the police. The other seven presidents are in hiding, but will be arrested as fast as they can be found.

The men under the ban of the See Yup society were suspected of giving the officers information of gambling under protection in Chinatown.

MEET DEATH IN THE RIVER

Fate of Alfred Taylor and Mrs. Renney While Boating at Night.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11.—Alfred Taylor, aged 24 years, and Mrs. E. E. Renney, aged 31, were drowned in the Kaw river off Armourdale, Kas., last night while boating. The couple started out at 10:30 at night having hired Roy Van Metre, a boy to manage the boat. While in the middle of the stream they fell overboard. The boat remained upright, but Van Metre was too excited to render any assistance and rowing to shore, notified the police. Up to a late hour the bodies had not been recovered. Mrs. Renney came here recently from Coffeyville, Kas., with her husband, who is a railroad employe.

TRESTLE WORK GIVES WAY

Serious Accident on the Lucin Cutover Blocks Central Pacific.

OGDEN, Utah, May 11.—Fifty hundred feet of the permanent trestle work on the Lucin cutover, adjacent to the west shore of the Great Salt Lake, sank yesterday while a train was passing over it and twenty cars were thrown into the filled-in grade. It will take thirty-six hours to clear the track. None one was injured.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday.

Table with columns for Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, and Degree. Rows include 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., and 2 p.m.

NORTH OMAHA IMPROVES

They Are Against Present City Council Changing the Ward Boundaries.

At the meeting of the North Omaha Improvement club last night A. L. Meager resigned the office of secretary. The election of a second vice president was postponed for a week, as was also the election of a secretary.

Ernest Sweet, from the committee on ward boundaries, reported the amendment to the city charter and asked that the national president be invited to bear upon the newly elected members of the council to secure one new ward in the northern part of town. He offered a motion to the effect that the club desires no steps taken to recognize the ward lines of the city until the new boundaries are installed. This motion brought out considerable talk, all one sided, and the motion prevailed unanimously.

Much complaint was heard because material cannot be secured for the completion of sidewalks.

ELKS' DEDICATION PROGRAM

National Home at Bedford City, Va., to Be Formally Accepted May 21.

ROANOKE, Va., May 11.—The program of the dedicatory exercise of the Elks National Home at Bedford City, Va., May 21, includes:

Invocation, Rev. Dales Tucker, Portsmouth, O.; address of welcome, J. Lawrence Campbell, mayor of Bedford City, Va.; address, Hon. A. J. Montague, governor of Virginia; Omaha, Neb.; oration, M. T. Dwyer, home committee, Harrisburg, Pa.; benediction, Rev. John D. Boland, Baltimore, Md.

NORTHERN SECURITIES CASE

Appeal Perfected and Matter Docketed with Supreme Court for October.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The record in the case of the United States against The Northern Securities company, recently decided by the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota, adversely to the defendant company, reached the supreme court today. The appeal was docketed as number 64. The record covers almost 1,700 printed pages and is confined largely to the testimony.

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MEAT CUTTERS WORK

Union Rescinds Its Action of Previous Meeting Regarding Strikers.

HORSEHOESERS APPROACH SETTLEMENT

All Except One of Omaha Steam Laundries Close Their Doors.

INJUNCTION AGAINST WAITERS ISSUED

No More Restaurants Open, but Several Promise to Reopen.

BIG PLACES BALK ON BARTENDERS' SCALE

Some Horsehoesers Settle.

Local No. 32 of the meat cutters decided last night that its members will cut fish for both fair and unfair houses until their international president, M. Donnelly of Chicago, looks the situation over and decides whether or not the union should refuse to serve for restaurants and hotels awaiting the demands of the waiters' union.

Last week the meat cutters officially resolved to cut no more meat for the unfair houses and as a result several men have walked out of two butcher shops and the union promises to undertake to see that their jobs are restored. President Donnelly is at present in Kansas City adjusting matters there. He will arrive in Omaha this week and besides taking a hand in the affairs of the meat slicers he will look after the demand made by the packing house employes in South Omaha for increased wages.

The explanation of the action of the meat cutters was given as follows by Local President J. Bradford: "If the meat cutters go out and refuse to touch meat that goes to unfair houses, how are they to serve the fair houses? If all the meat cutters in Omaha go out and the shops are closed, where are the union men, as well as the nonunion men, going to buy their meat? The unfair restaurants and hotels will not be hindered because they can send to the wholesalers at South Omaha and get all they want. A walkout of the meat cutters would not work an injury to the unfair people, but on the contrary would be harmful to union men and their supporters. Therefore we decided to rescind the previous action and to wait upon the advice of our president."

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An offer conveyed to the Master Horsehoesers' association by Rodey Kennehan, international secretary-treasurer of the Horsehoesers' International union, to arbitrate the demands for a 50-cent per day raise and one hour a week less work, which were put in when the lockout occurred in their trade, was refused last night.

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The eight firms which open today will name one member of the arbitration board which is to meet on June 1. The men will be named as they are selected. It has been agreed that no one of the three is to be either a working or employing horsehoeser. The award will be binding on and after June 1.

While the partial resumption today nine-tenths of the thirty-five men out will be again in employment.

Larger Saloons Object. Men who are in a position to know said last night that in all probability most of the larger saloons downtown would be closed on June 1 or be manned by non-union bartenders. This condition will be brought about by the refusal of the principal saloon keepers to sign the new scale, or label contract, proposed by the Bartenders' union. Committees yesterday circulated among the liquor men, securing signatures to an agreement not to sign the contract. One well known saloon man declared that he would close down his business rather than place his name to the agreement, the principal objectionable clause of which is as follows:

No drinks shall be served over this bar except by members of this place, who are proprietors or proprietors of this place, who have a government license in their firm names, and who are not employed in any form or manner over the bar. All managers of saloons, parks or vaudeville houses shall first be members of Local No. 26 in good standing before entitled to sell drinks over this bar.

Other conditions stipulate employment of members of the union only, display of label in conspicuous place and cutting down the hours from eleven and thirteen a day in the all night saloons to a maximum of ten hours a day in all saloons. In consideration of these concessions the union promises to use all its influence with organized labor and its friends to patronize only such places as display the union label.

No Strike of Barbers. No action was taken looking toward a sympathetic strike by the Barbers' union, which held a well attended meeting last night. The matter was not put to a vote, but was discussed to some extent. During the day it had been rumored that the barbers would surely walk out in a body today in order to lend moral support to the unions on strike for their own grievances. According to reports given out last night there was little disposition favorable to quitting work. President James E. Ryan said:

"The matter of a sympathetic strike did not come up formally at the meeting. Some comment was made on the report in circulation today that a barbers' strike was a certainty. I will state, however, that the barbers have no intention of striking and will not strike until a call comes for a general strike from the American Federation of Labor. We have not been asked by any union to walk out and we feel to see how it would benefit the unions that are out in any way. Therefore we propose to remain at work, unless conditions arise as we have stated."

This union initiated five new members and acted favorably upon the applications of eighteen more last night.

Steam Laundries Close. Every steam laundry in the city with the exception of the Garrett closed down yesterday as soon as the linen on hand was dried, wrapped and delivered to the hotels and restaurants from which it came. It was finished and in the hands of the owners shortly after 10 o'clock and the laundry workers, numbering between 400 and 600 quit work. Those belonging to (Continued on Second Page.)

STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS.

Governor Mickey and representatives of the employers and of the unions hold conference last night behind closed doors. At its conclusion the governor stated both sides showed a disposition to concede something and he had high hopes of a final settlement through arbitration. Another meeting will be held.

The meat cutters rescinded their decision to strike at least until after their national president had looked over the ground. Barbers deny they have any intention of striking. All the steam laundries in the city except one close after finishing work on hand. Restaurant men secure injunction against waiters and cooks, prohibiting them from interfering or stationing pickets nearer than 100 feet of the restaurants. No more restaurants open up, though promise is made that all will do so soon.

Some additions made to number of transfer wagons running through the city. Strikers claim to have induced large proportion of importations not to work. Portion of horsehoesers reach agreement.

SETTLEMENTS IN THE BLUFFS

Mason Tenders and Bricklayers Reach an Agreement with Contractors.

The striking mason tenders and the bricklayers in Council Bluffs who went out in sympathy with them, will go to work today and the strike then, so far as the mason tenders are concerned, is at an end. The teamsters are still out, but a settlement of the differences between them and the employers is looked for shortly.

The decision of the mason tenders and the bricklayers to return to work today was brought about at the conference held yesterday, and as the result of a compromise settlement effected with Contractor Wickham. The teamsters, however, were unable to arrive at a settlement with Mr. Wickham.

Contractor Wickham, who was invited to attend the conference, offered to pay the same scale for mason tenders as Contractor Weaver had agreed to, namely, 30 and 25¢ cents an hour, but he refused to accede to the demand of the teamsters to discharge the nonunion men working for him. At first this offer was refused, being to Wickham's refusal to discharge the nonunion men, but later in the afternoon it was accepted and the mason tenders and bricklayers will return to work today and the strike, so far as they are concerned, is at an end, unless further complications arise.

Regarding the settlement between Contractor Wickham and the mason tenders and the bricklayers, Wickham said last evening: "It is true that the mason tenders have accepted Wickham's offer of 30 and 25¢ cents as they declined to treat with the teamsters, but the mason tenders and bricklayers will return to work today. At the same time they have declared that they will not handle material hauled by nonunion teamsters. Wickham declined to treat with the teamsters, saying he had all the teams of his own that he needed."

The Mason Tenders' union had imposed a fine of \$25 on each of three members of the union who had continued at work for yesterday, but as a result of the compromise settlement reached yesterday Mr. Wickham succeeded in inducing the union to reduce the fine to \$5 in each case, he promising to see that they were paid.

The mason tenders were pleased at the settlement, as they regarded it as a victory. In view of the fact that previous to the strike they had been receiving but 17½ and 20 cents an hour.

The teamsters held a lengthy meeting yesterday afternoon, but nothing to change the situation as they regarded it. The dirt and building material haulers decided to hold out for the scale demanded. The teamsters employed by the Quinn and Bluff City lumber companies are still out.

CRAZY MAN USES PISTOL

Slays Wife and Wounds Son When Drink and Sorrow Unnerve Him.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11.—Crazed from liquor and the information that his mother was dying, Edward Clark, a switchman, aged 32, tonight shot and killed his wife, Hannah Clark, aged 48, and seriously wounded his son, Edward, aged 4, at their home on Holly street.

Young Clark asked his father to go up stairs and be quiet. The latter whipped out a revolver and shot at him four times, one shot taking effect in the right temple. Clark then turned on his father and when her husband shot her through the heart, killing her instantly.

"I am glad to note on the part of both sides a disposition to concede sincere motives in recognition of the unions, and I think we can hope for any good results. Hopes for