

CROP ACREAGE INCREASES

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Assessor Miller of Lancaster County Finally Induced to Protest on Douglas County Merchandise Assessment.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 28.—(Special.)—Statistics received at the labor bureau on crop acreage show a material increase on winter wheat and a decrease in spring wheat and only a slight increase in oats. According to these statistics the total corn acreage this year is 4,707,000 acres, an increase over last year of 294,541 acres. The total acreage of winter wheat will be 1,444,724, an increase of 104,870 acres over last year. The spring wheat acreage this year will be 294,181, a decrease of 8,523 acres from last year. The oat acreage this year will be 2,423,730, an increase of 3,106 acres.

The total increase in all the counties over last year in the corn acreage amounted to 294,541 acres, but there was a total decrease in enough other counties to make a decrease of 194,996 acres, leaving the net increase in corn acreage of 99,545 acres. The total increase in the acreage of winter wheat is 104,870 acres, while the decrease are 87,564 acres, leaving a net increase of 104,870 acres in winter wheat. The total increase in spring wheat amounted to 41,650 acres, but the total decrease amounted to 50,173 acres, leaving a net decrease of 8,523 acres.

The total increase in the oat crop amounted to 30,509 acres, while the total decrease amounted to 37,008, leaving a net increase of 3,506 acres over last year. At this time it is impossible for the public to get the details of the acreage, as some of the county assessors have made slight mistakes in their returns and these have been sent back for correction. The figures given above, however, will be changed very little. Grant county reported an increase in corn acreage of over 86,000 acres.

Protest on Douglas County. At last the reformers, the News-Journal outfit, have succeeded in getting County Assessor Miller to appear before the State Board of Equalization to protest against the assessment of merchandise in Douglas county. That is, Mr. Miller has told the board he would come up and put in a knock, as the Lincoln Commercial club had concluded to keep out of it this year. So far no protest has been filed and probably will not be filed, but Mr. Miller said he would come up Monday afternoon to kick. This same performance was gone through with last year, the Lincoln Commercial club doing the kicking, with the result Lancaster county itself got a boost.

The board held a short session this afternoon and turned down the request of Assessor Sisson of Burt to refrain from making the assessment of horses in that county. Webster county mules were reduced 10 per cent at the request of Secretary of State Galusha and over the protest of the county assessor of that county. Franklin county horses and mules were raised 10 per cent. Grant county horses, which had been increased 40 per cent, were chopped down 10 per cent, leaving the increase 30 per cent.

As Governor Mickey goes to Osceola tonight and will not return until Monday noon, the board will meet on that day until 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Miller will be expected to knock on Douglas county at that time.

Donoher Matter to Attorney. Governor Mickey has referred to the county attorney of Douglas county the matter of Detective Donoher, who is alleged to have taken \$40 from the state to pay the expenses of extraditing a prisoner, and to have also collected the same sum from another party to cover the same expenses. The governor told the official if the evidence warranted action to proceed against Mr. Donoher.

Final Payment on Building. The Board of Public Lands and Buildings this afternoon allowed the following bills for work done at the Beatrice institution for the feeble-minded: Korsmeyer & Co., plumbing, \$2,775; George Berlinghoff, architect, \$807.25; Johnson & Co., carpenters, \$114.84. The original contract was for \$25,000 for the erection of a girls' dormitory. The payments to date are \$11,000.

Buckle Wants Pardon. William F. Buckle of Beatrice, sentenced to the penitentiary for three years for statutory assault, was pardoned and released with the girl, the case, who has become his wife, appealed to the governor. Buckle is now out under bonds pending his appeal to the supreme court. The governor has taken the matter under advisement, but intimated the defendant would have to secure his release through the court channels. Buckle was married to the girl two days after his conviction in the lower court.

Gage County for Kyd. Representative McMullen of Gage county was in Lincoln on business today and expressed the opinion that the gubernatorial ticket would have little trouble in being elected in his county this fall. Mr. McMullen is the only legislative candidate from Gage county to be renominated.

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ten. He would have had his nomination fast in his hand without a fight if he had started the ball a-rolling when he came home early in the winter for his home division, but he was, however, went back to Washington without doing a thing in the way of calling his convention and now he has just waited long enough to let the opposition crystallize and make real trouble for him. There is some talk here about members of the Lancaster delegation instructed for Pollard breaking over the traces and voting against him, but that is hardly likely to happen. It would set too bad an example for the state delegation, on which the success of the party depends both to do not want to take any chances.

WHEAT RUNS HIGH IN QUALITY

Corn Also Makes Big Gain—Showers Delay Threshing. WEST POINT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The intensely hot weather of the last week has been of immense benefit to growing corn, which is progressing phenomenally. Many fields have corn sufficiently advanced for reaping ears. This in spite of the light, sandy soil south of West Point. The corn on heavy bottom lands is not nearly so good or so far advanced as the planting on rolling lands. The harvest of small grains is now at its height. Some threshing of winter wheat and rye has been done, showing average results of thirty bushels of winter wheat and eighteen bushels of rye to the acre. Potatoes will be a good average yield. GIBBON, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Heavy rains this week have stopped threshing for a few days. Wheat is of excellent quality, ranging from twenty-five to thirty-eight bushels per acre and grading sixty-three pounds to the bushel. Corn is growing by leaps and bounds and will make a fine crop if frost does not interfere. The hail cut down crops for a radius of about eight or nine miles west of Gibbon yesterday morning. Crops in track of the storm are a total loss. YORCK, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—York county farmers are threshing out one of the largest and best crops of winter wheat, which will bring them in thousands of dollars that will go to swell the deposits of the local banks. The lowest wheat average is thirty bushels, weighing sixty-three pounds to the bushel. The farmers of York county already had more money than they knew where and how to invest. BEEMER, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—A heavy electrical storm raged last night and grain that is still in shock. As there have been several showers this week threshing has been hindered. SHELBY, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The most destructive hailstorm in many years passed through Shelby last night, and started a few miles southeast of Silver Creek and extended to five miles southeast of Surprise, a distance of over thirty miles, and was about three miles wide. The corn in the path is about a total loss, but the wheat and oats are harvested. A high north wind accompanied the storm, and the hail was forced through screens and most of the north windows were broken.

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FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Today and Tomorrow in Nebraska and South Dakota—Warmer in Iowa Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Forecast of the weather for Sunday and Monday: For Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair Sunday and Monday. For Iowa—Fair Sunday, warmer in north portion; Monday fair, warmer. For Missouri—Generally fair Sunday and Monday, warmer Monday in southeast portion. For Colorado—Fair Sunday, except in southeastern and warmer in southwest portions; Monday fair.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, July 28.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with corresponding day of the last three years: 1904, 1905, 1906. Maximum temperature... 80 78 88 95 Minimum temperature... 24 34 25 37 Mean temperature... 54 71 78 72 Precipitation... 13.50 10.00 23.00 Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and comparison with the last two years: Normal temperature... 76 Deficiency for the day... 20 Total deficiency since March 1... 173 Normal precipitation... 27.50 Excess for the day... 0.00 Total rainfall since March 1... 15.76 inches Deficiency since March 1... 11.74 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1904... 8.57 inches

DISAPPEARANCE OF CHILDREN

School Census Shows Fewer, Though Town is Growing. FREMONT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The reports of the superintendent of public instruction of this county for the last six years show a great falling off in children of school age. The number in 1900 was 8,761, in 1903 7,986 and for 1906 7,463. There is no question but that the population of the county as a whole has increased during the last six years and Superintendent Matzen is confident of the correctness of his figures for the current year. The number of male teachers and salaries paid them has also fallen off, while the school expenses have largely increased. The total valuation of school property in the county is in round numbers \$278,000.

Jury Censures Railroad.

BUTTON, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury after being out all night on the case of the death of Jacob Nelson yesterday brought in a verdict charging the Burlington with gross negligence in handling its trains across the principal street of the city.