Important Crops Show Losses in **Federal Forecast**

Adverse Weather Conditions Cause Estimate of Wheat 52,000:000 Bushels Less Than Week Ago

> Washington, Aug. 9 .- Practically every important farm crop showed a loss in prospective production as a result of adverse conditions during July. The Department of Agricul-The Department of Agriculture's monthly report today forecast 52,000,000 bushels less wheat than estimated a month ago. 91,000,000 bushels less corn, 192,000,000 bushels less oats and 61,000,000 bushels ess potatoes.

> Winter wheat: Preliminary estimate of production, 544,000,000 bushels. A production of 573,930,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's crop was 577,763,-000 bushels and the average production of the five years, 1915-19, was 572,401,000 bushels. This year's acreage is 38,721,000, or 2.5 per cent more than last year.

Less Spring Wheat.

Spring wheat: Production forecast 213,000,000 bushels, Condition, 66.5 per cent of normal. A production of 235,482,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's crop was 209,365,000 bushels, and the avorage production for the five years, 1915-19 was 258,495,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 80.8 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 73.4 and the 10-year August 1 average is 73.2 This year's acreage is 18,023,000, or 7.2 per cent less than last year's. All wheat production forecast 757,

000,000 bushels. A production of 809,412,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's crop was 787,128,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915 to 1919, was 830,896,000 bushels. This year's acreage is 56,744,000, or 0.8
per cent less than last year.
Corn production, 3,032,000,000
bushels; condition, 84.3 per cent. A

production of 3,123,139,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's crop was 3,232,267,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915 to 1919, was 2,797,-625,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 91.1 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 86.7, and the 10-year August 1 average is 78.1 per cent. This year's acreage is 108,901,000, or 4.1

ferecast last month, while last year's crop was 1,526,055,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 1.432,697,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 77.6 per cent of a normal, while on August I last year it was 87.2, and the 10-year August average is 81.6. This year's acreage is 44,829,000 acres, or 3.5 per cent

more than last year's. Report in Detail. wills last year's production was 202,024,000 bushels and the average Production for the five years, 1915-18, was 208,028,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 314 per cent of a mormal, while on August 1 last year, it was \$5.0, and the August 1 loyear average is \$6.5. This year's acreage is 7,712,000 acres, or 4.6 per cent less than last year's.

Rye—Preliminary production estimate 64,200,000 bushels. A forecast of \$5,256,000 bushels was made last month, while last year's production was 63,138,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-13, was 62,152,000 bushels. This year's acreage is 4,644,000 acres, or 9.2 per cent less than last year's.

Buckwheat production, 12,000,000 bushels, condition, 87.2 acreage, 631,000, Last year's production was 13,000,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 15,000,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 15,000,000 bushels and the 10-year August 1 acreage was 722,000 acres.

White potatoes, production 316,000,000 bushels condition, 58.5. Last year's acreage was 722,000 acres.

White potatoes, production was 430,438,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 31,253,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 83.4 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 87.0 and the 19-year August 1 average is \$1.0. This year's acreage is 3,912,200, or 1.5 per cent more than last year's.

Sweet potatoes production, 14,000,600 bushels, condition, 84.5. A forecast of 112,012,000 bushels was made last month, while last year's production was 132,558,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 37,233,-1000 bushels and the average is \$1.0. This year's acreage is 1,185,000, or 2.5 per cent more than last year's.

Tobacco production, \$55,000,000 pounds: condition, \$6.5 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was \$6.1, and the 10-year August 1 average is \$3.2. This year's acreage is 1,185,000, or 2.5 per cent less t

year average is \$8.5. This year's acreage is \$64,000, or 35.4 per cent less than last year's.

Sugar Beets—Production, \$,000,000 tons; condition, \$8.2.

A production of \$,012,000 tons was forecast last month, while last year's production was \$,545,000 tons and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was \$6.12,000 tons and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was \$6.12,000 tons and the average production for the crop on July 1 was 90.3 per cent of a normal, while on August 1, last year, it was 91.9, and the 10-year August 1 average is \$8.4. This year's acreage is \$82,000, or 9.5 per cent less than last year's.

Hay—A production of \$1,525,000 tons was forecast last month, while last year's production was \$1,193,000 tons and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was \$5,792,000 tons. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 19.5 per cent of a normal, while on August 1, last year, it was 90.5, and the 10-year August 1 average is \$5.1. This year's acreage is 75,542,000, or 0.5 per cent more than last year's.

Apples, production, 102,000,000 bushels.
A production of 102,190,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 240,442,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 182,705,000 bushels.

Peaches, production, 31,300,000 bushels.
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Grain sorkhums, production, 120,000,000 bushels.
A production was 33,560,000 bushels.
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Bride of Few Weeks Shot; Husband Held

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Frank Biby, bride of a few weeks, was shot and probably fatally wounded here yesterday. Her husband, accompanied by a young woman from Pueblo, was arrested at Fountain, near Colorado Springs,

Biby is alleged to have shot his wife while they were motoring. Biby was married July 19 to Charlotte Clark of this city at Colorado Springs. They lived at a hotel there

until Sunday.

The girl who accompanied Biby Edna Stark, also was held by the police. She said Biby had asked her to ride to Colorado Springs with him and she denied knowledge of

bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 143,233,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 86,197,000 bushels.

The preliminary estimate of production of vinter wheat by principal producing states follows:

Pennsylvanit, 25,322,006 bushels.
Ohio, 27,379,006.
Indiana, 22,728,000,
Illinois, 38,608,000.
Missouri, 30,128,000.
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Oklabohas, 37,200,000.
Washington, 30,922,000.
The condition and forecast of production of spring wheat by important production, 27,174,00s bushels.
North Dakota, 62 and 68,542,000.
Montana, 61 and 19,123,000.
Washington, 75 and 20,022,000.
The condition and forecast of production of corn by important states follow:
Ohio, condition, 74 and 125,241,000 bushels.
Indiana, 68 and 137,551,000.

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Indiana, 68 and 137,521,000.
Illinois, 79 and 297,326,000.
Iowa, 92 and 405,288,000.
Minnesota, 95 and 125,146,000.
South Dakota, 88 and 108,490,000.
Nebraska, 31 and 217,434,000.
Kansas, 79 and 105,157,000.
Texas, 86 and 174,070,000.
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follow: Hilnois, condition, 65, and production, Hilnois, condition, 62, and production, 122,047,000 bushels.
Winconsin, 58 and 65,127,000.
Minnesota, 63 and 88,868,000.
Iowa, 63 and 162,561,000.
Nebraska, 78 and 71,847,000.
Oats remaining on farms August 1 is estimated at 161,129,000 bushels, or 10.6 per cent of last year's crop, compared with 56,128,000 bushels on August 1 last year.

B. R. Anderson Made Assistant

Head of State Reformatory son, former deputy sheriff of Lancaster county today was appointed by the board of control to be assistant superintendent of the new state eral Reed in which he held that the reformatory at Lincoln. The selection of superintendent has not been

bureau of animal husbandry, today selling stock. per cent more than last year.

Oats, production, 1,137,000,000 McKelvic, effective September 1.

bushels; condition, 64.5. A production of 1,328,937,000 bushels was practice.

Reed Letter Saved "Wildcat" Outfit,

Former Attorney General Gave Opinion in Personal Communication Firm Was Within Law

Lincoln, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—His memory freshened, H. G. Taylor, present member of the state railway an opinion believed to have been written by Reed exempting the Gulf be missing, was not a regular opinion but a personal letter written by Reed to the officers of the company in Omaha saying he believed "I searched for 24 hours for the opinion and then remembered that it

was a personal letter," explained "The members of the state railway commission, which at that time had charge of the issuance of stock officers of the Gulf Coast Development company and we sent an attorney to Omaha to investigate.

Met By Letter. "He no sooner popped his head in-side the offices of the company than he was shown a letter from Reed in

which the attorney general offered the opinion the company was operating outside the blue law in exist-"Needless to say that with an opinion of that kind from the attor-

ney general of the state we dropped our plans for prosecution. "Today I found in our files at opinion written by George W. Avers, assistant attorney general. and Reed, in which Reed is quoted as believing the blue sky law then in existence was unconstitutional.

We stared that opinion in the face every time promoters came before us with stock selling schemes. "They never neglected to tell us

that our own attorney general had Lincoln, Aug. 9.-Bert R. Ander- no faith in the constitutionality of the law under which we were operating.' Taylor also found today a copy of the opinion of former Attorney Gendefunct Bankers Realty and Investment company was exempt from the blue sky law then in existence and W. T. Spencer, chief of the state did not need to receive a permit for

Old Political Fight

the state railway commission when "Trick" Answers I whipped them in the Western-Vance case," declared Willis E. Reed, vice president of the Gulf Coast Development company and former at-Rail Board Says torney general, when informed yesterday of the statement of Commissioner Taylor in Lincoln. Reed made enemies on the com-

mission during that fight, he said. "Any opinion I made with regard to the blue sky law while attorney general is there in Lincoln on rec-ord," he declared. "The commission new is only seeking some one on whom to lay the blame for all these failures. Just give them enough rope

and they'll hang themselves."

The letter, which Taylor declared commission and member prior to ment company and which kept the 1919 when Willis G. Reed was state commission from proceeding with attorney general, stated today that blue sky prosecutions, was a personal letter, Reed explained, and was written by him to Ben Hayden at Coast Development company from Castle hotel in answer to a letter the "blue sky law," and believed to from Hayden asking his personal Castle hotel in answer to a letter opinion if the company complied with state laws.

Reed merely answered, after an investigation, that the company had complied with Nebraska laws, he

The real investigation of the Gulf Coast Development company was made by Dr. G. E. Condra, executive secretary of the geological survey of the Nebraska conservation and welfare commission, Reed testant. permits, planned to prosecute the stated, and Condra pronounced the concern sound geologically,

Sells No Stock. The company, Reed explained, did not sell stock or bonds and thereblue sky law.

Land was sold, represented as of water having no outlet. was given a warranty deed containing a clause permitting the company to erect oil equipment, should oil be found, and to share with the purchaser in the benefits.

"The railway commission must b in a tight place now," added Reed. "They're just scrambling around trying to find some one on whom to blame all these recent failures."

Road Conditions

Lincoln Highway, East—Roads line to Denison,
Lincoln Highway, West—Detour Elkhorn to Valley, rough Fremont to Columbus, Columbus west roads are fine.
O. L. D. Highway—Rough to Ashland, detour Greenwood to Waverly, west of Lincoln, roads are fine.
Highland Cutoff—Roads a little rough.
S. Y. A. Road—Good. Detour Seward to Tamora, one and one-half mile.
George Washington Highway—Take High road to Biair; roads good to Sloux City.

City. Black Hills Trail—Roadwork Cmaha to Fremont, Fremont to Norfolk, good. King of Trails, North—Fine. King of Trails, South—Fine. River to River Road—Good to Des "This is just opening up an old political fight I had years ago with Malyern, east roads are good.

Moines.

White Pole Road—Good to Des Moines.

Blue Grass Road—Rough Glenwood to Malyern, east roads are good.

Given on Bee's Questionnaires

"Condensed Milk Is the Milk You Make," Contributes Country Boy; Others Amuse

Unwittingly some who have answered The Bee's intelligence ques- to being thrown out of work. The Reed wrote to officers of the develop- tionnaire have furnished a little levity for those who scan the answers. There has been so much interest in this questionnaire that it is not surprising that there should be some mistakes in the answers, nor is it surprising that some of these The records of Sunday's business errors should be funny.

The records of Sunday's business showed 75,000 people hauled by the

In reply to the question, "What is a cross-cut saw?" some one has replied, "Two men, one at each end of a log saw." "Country Girl" wrote that the seven colors of the spectrum are "Red, green, pink, purple, blue, yellow and lavender."

Most Common Fruit. "Grape fruit" is the most common

fruit, according to another con-Question No. 95 asks, "What is condensed milk?" "It is the milk

reigned the longest of English sov- at \$50,000, in a report made here by fore did not come under the existing ereigns. The Pacific ocean is re- State Fire Inspector Harry Hauser ferred to as the largest inland body of his investigations conducted in

body," was one reply.

Other Answers. Other enewers to a few of the

questions follow: A. It is a wheel on a steam engine.
Q. What is liability insurance?

A. Debts.
Q. What is a dictagraph?
A. A machine that does better work
than a phonograph.
Q. Who in the United States invented
the submarine?
A. Henry Ford.
Q. Who is the governor of Nebraska?
A. Mr. Mecelivie.

White Ribbon Special

To Visit Omaha Thursday The "White Ribbon Special," carying delegates to the 49th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. at San Francisco, will arrive in Omaha for a short stay Thursday afternoon over the Union Pacific.

While in Omaha the special will about 125 delegates on the train. From here the special goes to Denver over the Union Pacific for a short stop and from there to San

Des Moines Tram Men Storm City Council

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Efforts made yesterday by 650 union street car employes to stampede the city council into some sort of settlement with the city railway to obtain resumption of service failed after a two-hour stormy ses-

The entire delegation attended the council meeting and engaged in open debate with the members, urging them that peace at any price with the traction company was preferable council would not recede from its position that it could not deal with the 60 car owners until they were ready to come half way in negotiations for a new franchise.

In the meantime bus service is be ing augmented as rapidly as possible. showed 75,000 people hauled by the busses. This comes within 25,000 of being the total average number of daily car riders.

I.W.W.'s Start 11 Fires

Lincoln, Aug. 9.-Alleged agents of the Industrial Workers of the World are held responsible for a series of 11 incendiary fires near Benkelman, during the last two you make," replied a country boy. Benkelman, during the last two picked them Another replied that De Sota months at a property loss estimated ward district.

that vicinity.
County Attorney David Hines of prospect oil land, he further explained, and with every tract sold question 62. "They are part of the Dundy county in a letter addressed jointly to Attorney General Davis and State Fire Marshal Hartford requests that some one be sent immediately by the state to conduct a secret inquiry into the origin of the fires to discover the guilty parties.

George Keeline Injures

Hand in Suction Exhaust George H. Keeline, wealthy Nebraska rancher and vice president and director of the Council Bluffs Savings bank, suffered a painful injury while investigating a new suc-tion exhaust fan installed in the wall of the Bluffs bank.

Keeline thought the fan was flush with the wall and held his left hand to test the suction. His hand was drawn into the blades revolving at full speed and was badly mangled. Amputation of the thumb was neces-While in Omaha the special will sary and severing of the ligaments take on a car carrying Iowa and Nebraska delegates. There will be hand stiff, according to attending surgeons.

> An Algerian tree yields a fruit from which soap can be obtained with the aid of alcohol or water.

Southwestern Iowa In Midst of Federal . Aid Highway Program

Atlantic, Ia., Aug. 8 .- (Special.) Southwest Iowa, is in the midst of one of the most comprehensive federal aid highway improvement programs in the state. By the end of 1922, a dozen counties in this part of the state will have 170 miles of permanently graded highway, at an aproximate cost of \$1,944,000.

This includes a three-year program. The figures given above embrace work already completed and that now under way. In addition there are ploy an attorney to "investigate several extensive projects contemplated, some of which are bound to ure and to place these facts in the go through, thus adding materially hands of the proper authorities." to the volume of highway improve-

ment for this part of lowa. Since the beginning of the year 1920 there has been completed nearly 50 miles of permanent grading. This is in the counties of Montgomery. Adams, Harrison, Page and Potta-

At Benkelman, Charge 5 Boys on Sight-Seeing

Trip Arrested in Omaha The sight-seeing trip of five boys from Atlantic, Ia., was interrupted at 3:30 a. m. yesterday when Sergeant Jensen and Patrolman Gardner picked them up in the old Third

They are: John Miller, 17; Soren Sorenson, 17; Roy Gardner, 16; Dave O'Neil, 16 and Frantz O'Neil,

They are being held until police otify their parents.

Four-Legged Chicken Hatched Malden, Mass., Aug. 9.- A four-

Now and All Week

PROXIES'

HAROLD LLOYD

"Among Those Present" Rialto Symphony Orchestra,

Harry Brader, Director Julius K. Johnson at the Organ

AMUSEMENTS.

KENO, KEYES & MELROSE in "That Fellow Dont Like Me", SLACK & HAYES, "The Futuristic Jailbird", LAMB & GOODRICH, "Danceology" TOOTS & PAL, Novelty Canine Act, Photoplay attraction "LOVETIME" featuring Shirley Mason.

Base Ball Today August 9, 10, 11 OMAHA vs. ST. JOE

> Co-Operative Cafeterias

Games Called at 3:30 P. M. x Seats on Sale at Barkalow Bros.

Stockholders Raise \$600 for Probe of **Omaha Oil Concern**

Attorney to Investigate Defunct Refining Company And Place Facts Before "Proper Authorities"

Six hundred dollars was raised Monday at a meeting of stockholders in the defunct Omaha Refining company at the Rome hotel to emfacts relating to the company's fail-A. C. Munger, trustee, told the meeting "there is no chance of un-

secured creditors ever getting a nickel" and "in any event stockbolders would get nothing. Many stockholders expressed the belief, anyway, that the company wattamie, and cost approximately would be placed on a paying basis

A. W. Gordon, chairman, was inarrected to co-operate with John H Bekins, receiver, to open negotiations, if possible, with outside interests in an effort to resume opera tions of the concern.

Chairman Gordon admitted "confusion" over negotiations of officers of the concern with the O. C. Redick company in the purchase of East Omaha property and a lot at Nineteenth and Douglas streets.

L. V. Fox in California,

Deputy Sheriffs Hear L. V. Fox, former president of the Omaha Refining company, is in Chicago, according to some reports, and in California according to others. Deputy sheriffs here who have gged chicken has been hatched hunted for him with warrants don't here. All of the legs are perfectly know just where he is, but are sure formed. The chicken appears to be he has departed from Omaha.





