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GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS.

People who see the monthly reports from the department of agriculture often wonder from whence the department gets its gist of information. It is rather a large undertaking and it keeps many of the country's most expert statisticians constantly at work. There are about 130,000 reporters who contribute to the making of the government's crop reports and the only compensation that most of them receive is free copies of the department's publications. Nevertheless most of them stick to their work. An inquiry made in January last showed that 88 per cent of them had served more than a year, 67 per cent had served more than two years, 42 per cent more than six years, four per cent more than 26 years and one per cent, or 1,300 of them, more than 36 years. Among these volunteers are county correspondents who have several assistants who can be called upon if necessary. They report directly to Washington. There are also township correspondents who report directly and independently to Washington. Reports from these and other independent sources are used to check one another and thus increase the accuracy and reliability of the reports. It is far more comprehensive and accurate system than that of the United States census department, principally because of the fact that it does not change with the wind. The number of counties of agricultural importance in the United States is approximately 2,800 and the township reporters number 32,000. Then there are reporters from many individual farmers and planters received at the end of the growing season. Among these are the "special cotton correspondents" and special potato, tobacco, livestock and other correspondents. Among the paid reporters are 20 special field agents who travel systematically over certain districts assigned to them, and are chosen for their statistical training and practical knowledge. It is their business to question the best informed persons in each neighborhood—farmers, country merchants, implement dealers and oth-

ers—and to collect information in every way. Then there are state statistical agents who report for their states as a whole, and the state agricultural college, which gather a vast amount of information for the national department.

The most recently adopted plan of the government to place agricultural agents in every one of the agricultural counties in the country will tend to strengthen the value of the government reports. Along with their local work it is one of the duties of each of these county agents to keep the department of agriculture in the closest touch with affairs relating to agriculture and its accountments.

But with all the reports from Washington did not purport to be other than estimates. When the system of county agricultural agents is complete, with a representative in every agricultural county, perhaps the department will issue something more than estimates but as the matter now stands the monthly bulletins are of an inestimable value to the man who makes a study of them and it is the wise farmer who takes advantage of the knowledge they give him.

OPEN AIR PLANTS GROWING.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—The "out-of-door" movement has gripped Chicagoans and is here to stay; it must be dealt with upon a broader scale than was dreamed of ten years ago, according to the new board of park commissioners, recently appointed by Governor Dunne. The commission today announced a comprehensive plan of extending the Chicago park system—heralded as already the best in the world—to care for the hundreds of thousands of fresh-air fans in 1914.

Nine baseball fields in Lincoln park until this year were considered adequate to meet the demands of all the youthful Ty Cobeses and Walter Johnsons on the north side of the loop district. The park superintendent was swamped with demands for their use this year, however, so many times that 80 additional acres—to be devoted exclusively to baseball diamonds—have been purchased and will be put into shape before early spring in 1914. Similar additions will be made at the Jackson park and in breathing centers in other congested districts.

Two years ago, a dozen bathing beaches, strung along the lake shores, were thought sufficient to care for the great crowds which sought relief from the heat by a cooling plunge in the water. This year other beaches were added, including a one-half mile beach at Jackson park. But it wasn't sufficient. The play goers of Chicago needed more. Crowds of young folks and old folks also, stood in line on various Sundays and afternoons for hours at a time awaiting their chances for a dip in the lake.

The locker space at Diversey and Jackson park bathing beaches, next year will be almost double. The beaches will be stretched several hundred feet. Dredges will increase the size of the beaches. On the south side of the city it is planned to care for

thousands daily at new beaches to be in readiness early in June.

Golfers, also, will be afforded better facilities next year, according to the plan of the commission announced today. A new course is to be laid in Lincoln park at the same time that the ball fields are mapped out. The commission announces that even the additions to Chicago's playgrounds already mentioned may not be sufficient but that any overflows will be taken care of when additional ball fields, bathing beaches and golf courses are laid out for 1915—for they are considering several years ahead.

Installing Glass Fronts.

Construction of the West-Jacobs building has reached the point where installation of glass fronts are in order. The fronts of Elm street are practically complete this evening.

FOR SALE—Airdale Terrier puppies. Call Red 3702. 9-12 6t p.

CATTLE RUSTLER CONVICTED.

Baker Jury Finds Hick Lockett Guilty as Charged.

Baker, Sept. 13.—"Guilty as charged in the indictment" was the verdict of the jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Hick Lockett, after about half an hour's deliberation late yesterday afternoon, bringing to a close a case that caused great interest, being one of the cattle rustling cases, the outcome of which may greatly affect the future of the local cattle industry, as the conviction of "rustlers" of this type will tend to lessen the losses which cattle men have suffered through their operations.

The state case rested shortly before noon yesterday, the defense immediately moving for a non-suit, which was overruled by Judge Anderson. Then came the surprise of the day, for upon the ruling of the court against them, the defense also rested without introducing a single witness, and asked the court to direct the jury to find in favor of the defendant. This was also overruled. Not even Lockett himself took the stand in his own defense, his counsel contenting themselves with their own arguments to the jury.

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Perry Celebration at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 13.—Preparations were completed today by the citizens committee for the local Perry centennial celebration which will be formally opened tomorrow upon the arrival of Perry's old flagship, Niagara. The Niagara, escorted by the naval reserve ships Dorothea, Essex, Hawk and Wolverine, left Detroit today and is expected to reach here by noon tomorrow.

Special services will be held in all the churches throughout the city tomorrow. On Monday ceremonies will be held at the foot of the Perry monument in Gordon park. Tuesday will be a general holiday, marking the last day of the celebration, when a big parade, participated in by industrial, fraternal and military organizations, will be staged. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, is expected to deliver

an address here either Monday or Tuesday.

Rock Barge Back Into Service.

Florence, Ore., Sept. 12.—The rock barge belonging to Johnson-Anderson company, which went on the beach north of the Siuslaw last March, has been repaired, and was launched yesterday. It had just been built at North Bend, and was being towed into the Siuslaw by the company's tug, to be used on their jetty work here, when it went ashore.

Horneback Arrives.

Concord, N. H., Sept. 13.—Sheriff Horneback of Dutchess county, New York, arrived today with a requisition for Thaw. He telegraphed Attorney Jerome from Colebrook, announcing his arrival.

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Astoria Babies on Show.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 12.—The Better Babies' show and Moose carnival that is to continue during the week opened today with a large attendance. The opening feature was the baby and doll parade, in which scores of youngsters, attired in all sorts of fancy costumes and carrying or wheeling their dolls, participated.

There are nearly 100 entries for the prizes in the baby show and the examinations by the physicians and the trained nurses started this afternoon.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that persons wishing to register for the coming city election to be held October 1st, 1913, can register after working hours, at the City Recorder's Office, Friday evening, September 12th, Saturday evening, September 13th, and Monday evening, September 15th, 1913.

LEE WARNICK, City Recorder. 9-12 3t

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