

Irrigation Information.

Special to the JOURNAL:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—The growing demand for water for irrigation purposes emphasizes the need of more detailed information concerning the results and methods of irrigation from artesian and surface waters. The census of 1899 showed that the area irrigated from wells is greatly increasing, and that the results in most sections of the country are eminently satisfactory. Approximately, 186,000 acres were irrigated in that year from wells, the value of the irrigated crops ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 per acre.

In the humid states well irrigation is utilized to supplement the insufficient rainfall during early spring and summer. In the west the water pumped from wells insures the home garden and the orchard against total failure through a rainless season.

In California, Colorado, Louisiana, Florida, and several other states the waters of flowing artesian wells are successfully applied to large areas, or are used to augment the shortage in the streams during the irrigating season. In order to obtain the important facts relating to irrigation from these sources, the census office will soon send out inquiries to irrigators from wells, whose names were reported by the enumerators. As this list is not complete, the director asks that irrigators who do not receive these inquiries will send their names to Mr. L. G. Powers, chief statistician, census office, Washington, D. C., and blanks will be mailed to them at once.

It is requested that all who receive these inquiries answer the same as fully and accurately as possible, and promptly return to the census office.

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The church is the largest for negroes in Birmingham, and the pastor says there were at least 2000 persons in the edifice when the stampede began. Instructions had been issued to allow no more to enter, but the negroes forced their way inside the building and were standing in every aisle. Even the entrance to the church was literally packed.

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