

SMALLER CROP IN PROSPECT

Oregon Winter Wheat Acreage Reduced 9 Per Cent.

RYE ACREAGE DECREASES

Fall Seeding Nearly Normal in Eastern Counties, but Short of Last Year West of Cascades.

There has been apparently a reduction of about 9 per cent in the Oregon winter wheat acreage and about 13 per cent in the rye acreage, as compared with the seeding of a year ago, reports F. L. Kent, Oregon field agent of the United States bureau of crop estimates, in his crop bulletin, issued yesterday.

An unusually rainy fall prevented normal seeding in the western part of the state, except in Union and Willamette counties, conditions were very favorable for fall seeding, and both acreage and conditions are nearly up to normal.

The winter wheat acreage and condition figures, by counties, follow:

Table with columns: County, Acres sown, Cents. Includes rows for Baker, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Columbia, Curry, Jackson, Joseph, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Yamhill, etc.

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STOCKS DECLINE

OTHER SPECULATIVE ISSUES ALSO UNDER PRESSURE.

Average Prices Lowest in Final Dealings—Demand for Bonds Decreases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Speculative issues of the more vulnerable class were singled out for further price deflation in the stock market today, their weakness being attended by developments which stressed with increased force the prevailing reaction in trade and industry.

Foremost among these stocks were those comprising the sugar group, in which groups of 2 to 3 points were precipitated by the passing of the common and preferred dividends on Santa Cecilia and declines in the quoted price of the refined product.

Others accompanied the trading in coppers, independent steel, excepting Crucible, and several of the oil, shipping, automobile and textile, as well as miscellaneous shares of the type represented by Sears-Robinson, as well as the common and affiliated issues with prospective dividend revision or suspension.

Average prices were lower in the final dealings on the relative firmness of call money, which ruled throughout the session at 7 per cent. Rates were 875,000 shares.

Foreign exchange offered the one interesting feature of the day, the British rate rising to highest quotations in almost three months on buying of sterling bills for year's end adjustment of payments in London.

The investment demand for bonds fell off in the afternoon, as the market for most domestic issues, including the Liberty group. Total sales, par value, \$23,400,000. All United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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Five Million Bushels of Wheat Are Taken in Two Days—Denmark Purchases American Corn.

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The wheat market was on the upgrade throughout practically the entire session. Foreign purchasing was said to total 2,000,000 bushels of wheat in addition to 3,000,000 bushels of corn in the previous day.

Denmark alone had taken 1,000,000 bushels of corn recently, with liberal bids to Holland and the fact that sterling exchange had moved up rapidly at last was likewise a factor in the buying.

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