

CROP DISTRIBUTION INTERESTING STUDY

Census Bulletin Gives Facts of Production for the Year of 1909.

Washington, May 22.—Where the crops are produced is shown in a bulletin just issued by the census bureau. It shows that the cereals, hay and forage, and potatoes are produced mainly in the north and west potatoes, tobacco, and cotton mainly in the south. More than one half of the acreage of the cereals and of hay and forage is found west of the Mississippi river. Somewhat more than one half of the cotton acreage is situated east of the Mississippi and practically all of the tobacco is grown in this section. Nearly two thirds of the potato crop and almost three-fourths of the sweet potato crop are raised east of the Mississippi river. In both the north and the south the cereals have the largest share of the total improved acreage, the proportion being somewhat larger in the north than in the south. In the north the second place is occupied by hay and forage, in the south by cotton. In the west the cereals and hay and forage occupy almost identical proportions of the improved farm land.

Where the Crops Grow. With upwards of 25,000,000 acres in 1909, the two north central divisions contained nearly two thirds of the total cereal acreage of the country, although at the same time it is noted that these divisions contained slightly more than one half of all the improved land. Seven states—Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri and Minnesota—with an aggregate of 32,000,000 acres, contained nearly one half of the total acreage in cereals in 1909.

Twenty-one states reported a smaller production in 1909 than in 1908. Of the seven leading states, North Dakota shows an increase in production even greater relatively than in acreage, and Minnesota shows a slight increase in production. In Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri show a decrease in production, though Kansas and Nebraska gained in acreage.

The remarkable increase generally in the value of the cereal crop disclosed by the census was shared by all sections. In only one state, California, was there any decrease in the value of the cereal production in 1909 as compared with 1908. Elsewhere the general advance in value more than offset such losses in production as occurred.

Production by Sections. Of the total acreage in the United States given to cereals 41.3 per cent is east of the Mississippi, 58.7 being west of the great river. Of tobacco, 99.4 per cent of the acreage is west of the Mississippi, of cotton, 52.8 per cent is west and 47.2 is east, of potatoes, 66.2 per cent of the area is east, and 33.8 per cent west. New England produces practically no cereals. The south produces 81.1 per cent of the tobacco crop and 99.7 per cent of the cotton crop. The west produces but 4.8 per cent of the cereal crop of the country.

THIELE, PINKERTON MAN, TAKES WINNIPEG BRANCH

(Special to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., May 22.—After having been superintendent of the Spokane branch of the Pinkerton detective service four years, S. C. Thiele will leave his position June 1 to accept the management of the Pinkerton office in Winnipeg, taking charge of the work throughout Central Canada. He will be succeeded here by E. F. Kemble, for many years in the Pinkerton service. Thiele came to Spokane after establishing a creditable record at Boise, Idaho, in the Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone case. Thiele began with the Pinkertons as an amateur in 1899.

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STRUGGLE TO SAVE VICTIM OF "EYE"

Effort Being Made to Have Death Sentence of Boston Woman Commuted.

(Special to The Journal.) Boston, Mass., May 22.—A determined effort is being made to have the death sentence of Mrs. Lena Cusumano, convicted of murdering her husband and sentenced to die in the electric chair in the state prison at Charlestown one week from today, commuted to life imprisonment.

Little public sympathy is expressed for Boston, the accomplice of Mrs. Cusumano's sentence, who is sentenced to die in the electric chair on the same day that the woman is to die. Those who are assisting in the movement for a commutation of Mrs. Cusumano's sentence do so largely from sentiment rather than reasons of justice or personal sympathy. They declare that no woman has ever met death in the electric chair in Massachusetts and that it would be a disgrace to the state if the sentence was carried out. It is not only the first time in the history of Massachusetts that a woman has been sentenced to die in the electric chair, but the first time in the memory of persons of this generation that a woman has been condemned to death in this state as a penalty for a crime.

In behalf of the woman it is said she was an unwilling and involuntary accomplice of Maselli, and that she was long under the influence of Maselli. The term "hypnotic eye" has been mentioned in this connection. It is recalled by the court officials that throughout the trial of the pair the woman seemed to be in constant and abject fear of Maselli. Not once during the long trial did she lift her eyes to meet his.

RESOLUTION FOR JUDICIAL CENSUS

Martin Introduces Measure for Count of Federal "Corporation Judges."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 22.—To count the "corporation judges" on the federal bench is the object of a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Martin (Dem., Colo.). He asked the president to compile and transmit a judicial census giving the corporation antecedents of every judge nominated during the last 30 years.

Not only the names of judges, who had corporations for clients, are desired by Martin, but also the names of judges whose names were withdrawn or turned down by the senate and most of all, the name of every judge who was ever considered for appointment and whose name was not presented to the senate. The resolution also directs submis-

STIMSON ROASTS HAY FOR "JOKER"

"Personal Legislation" "Bane of Army," Declares Secretary of War.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 22.—Denouncing such "personal" legislation as the "bane of the army," Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson issued a statement in which he attacked the house of representatives for enacting a "joker" in the army appropriation bill, proposed by Chairman Hay of the military affairs committee, which Stimson declared is designed to oust Major General Leonard Wood from his post of chief of staff of the United States army.

"Such personal legislation has been the bane of the army," declared Stimson. "In the present proposition this evil is exhibited in its most exaggerated form, and I doubt if the people will sympathize with such an amendment." Secretary Stimson declared that the "joker" puts a premium on mere routine service and tends to exclude from the highest post army men whose service and intelligence brought them quickly to the front."

Stimson said that the "joker" is a piece of information of all judges against whom impeachment proceedings were ever brought and the result of such proceedings. "The impression is very general," said Martin tonight "that the decisions of the federal judiciary have very largely favored the big business interests. In this time of agitation for judicial reform, it ought to be profitable to make a study of the classes of men who make up the judiciary."

HOLDS LOWER COURTS HAVE RIGHT TO REVOKE

Washington, May 22.—Holding that lower courts have the right to review and revoke the citizenship papers of any applicant where there is fraud in the record, the United States supreme court approved the cancellation of the citizenship papers of John Johannsen of San Francisco. Johannsen was found guilty of perjury in his application for citizenship papers. It having been proved that, despite his assertions, he had not been in the country five years.

EASTERN EXCURSIONS

Pennsylvania Lines. Special summer excursion tickets to New York, Atlantic City, Ashbury Park and other Jersey coast destinations will be on sale at Oregon points June 1 to September 30, 1912, via all direct routes connecting at Chicago and St. Louis with THE PENNSYLVANIA LINES. Return limit 60 days. Liberal stop-over privileges. For details communicate with F. N. Kollock, District Agent, 1234 Third street, Portland.

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CHINESE DEALERS BAND TOGETHER

Business Men of Shanghai Form Strong Organization to Develop Trade.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Shanghai, May 22.—Chinese business men in Shanghai have formed a strong organization to develop the trade of the new republic. The start was made in Shanghai, because there are more rich Chinese here than anywhere else in the country.

The object in which the trade promoters are most concerned is the abolition of the likin tax. Though supposedly abolished early in the revolution, this is still being collected, to the destruction of inter-provincial commerce. Theoretically, the likin stations are only on roads and waterways at perpetual boundaries with a fixed scale of duties. In fact, however, stations have been maintained wherever local officials chose, and have even been set up by robber bands with duties fixed at the whim of the collectors. A farmer coming but a few miles to Shanghai might have to pay the likin tax a dozen times on his produce.

FRENCH TRAIN EAGLES TO DESTROY "PLANES" WHILE SHIPS IN FLIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, May 22.—Eagles trained to destroy dirigibles and aeroplanes in flight are being experimented with by French army officers at Nice. So far six birds have been trained, and the results, it is declared, are beyond expectations. By constant effort the big birds were made accustomed to the whirr of aeroplane propellers, the sputter of motors and even of rifle fire. By placing their foot on the top and sides of model balloons and dirigibles, the eagles soon attacked these on sight. Similarly, the warlike birds were trained to attack aeroplanes. Further and more practical tests are to be made.

G. W. MUTCH, HUNTINGTON BUSINESS MAN, EXPIRES

(Special to The Journal.) Huntington, Or., May 22.—George W. Mutch, a prominent business man, died suddenly at 1 o'clock this morning. He had been in the mercantile business in Huntington about four years and had been very successful. He was formerly of Payette, Idaho, and Butte, Mont. Mr. Mutch was just arranging his affairs to move to Hillsboro, to engage in business.

Japan Buys Zeppelins

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, May 22.—Japan is so well pleased with the two Zeppelin aerial cruisers purchased in Germany that the Japanese government has ordered two more Zeppelins for military purposes.

PRESSURE SYSTEM ON DEAD OX FLAT

Farmers Install Big Cooperative Pumping Plant for Irrigation Purposes.

(Special to The Journal.) Weiser, Idaho, May 22.—Adding 1400 acres to the area in the extreme eastern portion of Oregon on Dead Ox flat, tributary to this city, power was turned on in one of the most unique pump irrigation plants on the Snake river last week. Through two electric motors of 125 horsepower, water will be delivered in pipes to all of the property owners who have financed the enterprise themselves, paying the assessments as they come due until the cost aggregated \$20 per acre. Robert Coulter, Nathan Sommer and John Bohrer have been the prime movers in bringing the project to a successful culmination. The main supply pipe, which is 30 inches in diameter, extends a distance of 4000 feet, with laterals radiating from it at intervals.

The completion of this project, together with the Snake river district plan, under construction, adds a total irrigated acreage in the extreme eastern section of Oregon, tributary to Weiser, of 16,000 acres. This entire improvement has been made within 12 months, and while much of the land was already yielding an income under dry farming methods, a large portion of it has been transformed within the year from raw sagebrush to orchard, berry and garden crops. (Cable power has made the pump irrigation propositions attractive in this section, and additional improvements of a similar nature are practically assured.)

With the opening of the Crane creek project, a large gravity system, watering 24,000 acres, the irrigated area in the immediate neighborhood of Weiser will have been increased during 12 months by approximately 40,000 acres.

WAGES REDUCED, 300 GARMENT WORKERS QUIT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, May 22.—Because of a recent reduction in wages, 300 trimmers and cutters employed at the Kuppenheimer company factory here struck, asking all members of the Chicago Garment Workers' Union to join them in a general walkout. The union has about 4000 members. Other members of the union will vote on a general strike proposition.

City Planning Conference

(Special to The Journal.) Boston, Mass., May 22.—The fourth national conference on city planning began its sessions in Boston today with a large attendance of city engineers, prominent architects and social workers and students of municipal life in general.

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deal. The conference will continue in session three days. Among the subjects and the speakers who will discuss them are: "Progress of City Planning," Frederick L. Olmsted, the noted landscape architect; A. W. Brummer, of New York; Nelson P. Lewis, of New York; and James A. Sullivan, of Boston, and "The Building Program of Germany Assisted by the United States," B. A. Hattenbach, of Philadelphia.



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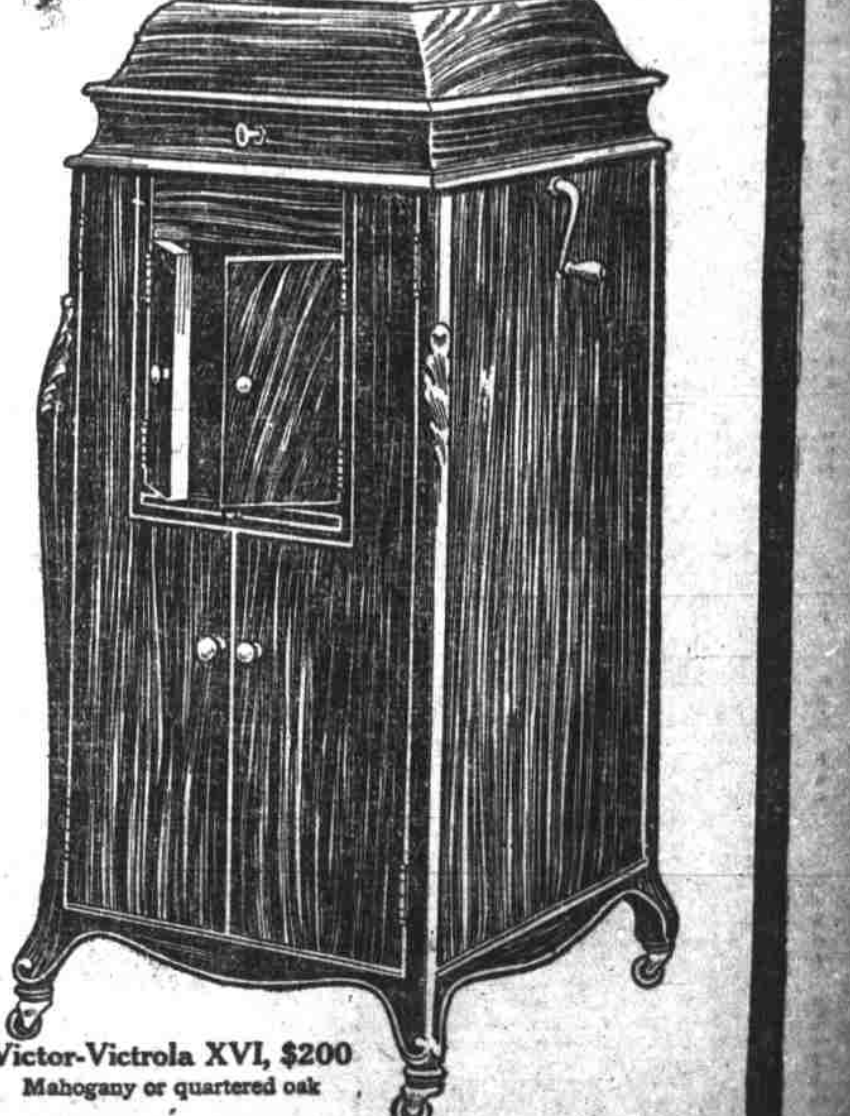
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