

GOVERNMENT REPORT PREDICTS 'MEDIocre' CROP THIS SEASON

Wheat Estimate for United States Placed at 654,000,000 Bushels.

BIG DECLINE FOR MONTH

All Grains Show Prospect Far Below the Prediction of Last Year; Potatoes Crop Also Showing Less.

Washington, Aug. 8.—(U. P.)—A "mediocre" crop of about 654,000,000 bushels of wheat was forecast today by the department of agriculture. The crop in prospect declined 105,000,000 bushels from July 1 to August 1, it was stated.

Estimates of crop production this year were made today by the department of agriculture, as follows:

Winter wheat, 455,000,000 bushels, against 555,000,000 last year.

Spring wheat, 199,000,000 bushels, against 225,000,000 last year.

All wheat, 654,000,000 bushels, against 812,000,000 last year.

Corn, 2,777,000,000 bushels, against 3,065,000,000 last year.

Oats, 1,674,000,000 bushels, against 1,640,000,000 last year.

Barley, 195,000,000 bushels, against 237,000,000 last year.

Rye, 31,900,000 bushels, against 49,200,000 last year.

Increase in Buckwheat.

Buckwheat, 17,100,000 bushels, against 15,800,000 last year.

White potatoes, 324,000,000 bushels, against 259,000,000 last year.

Sweet potatoes, 71,000,000 bushels, against 74,200,000 last year.

Tobacco, 1,917,000,000 pounds, against 1,674,000,000 last year.

Flax, 14,100,000 bushels, against 13,800,000 last year.

Rice, 24,200,000 bushels, against 28,900,000 last year.

Hay—Tame, 84,600,000 tons, against 82,200,000 last year.

Cotton, 12,900,000 bales, against 11,200,000 last year.

Sugar beets, 1,570,000 tons, against 6,510,000 last year.

Apples, 71,600,000 barrels, against 76,700,000 last year.

Peaches, 40,300,000 bushels, against 63,500,000 last year.

Conditions August 1.

Crop conditions August 1 were: Spring wheat, 83.4; corn, 71.3; oats, 81.5; barley, 89; buckwheat, 87.8; white potatoes, 80.8; sweet potatoes, 85.9; tobacco, 84.4; flax, 84; rye, 92.2; hay, tame, 95.3; cotton (July 29), 72.3; sugar beets, 85.2.

Estimated yield per acre: Winter wheat, 13.8 bushels; spring wheat, 11.2 bushels; fall wheat, 12.9 bushels; corn, 25.8 bushels; oats, 31.4 bushels; barley, 25.1 bushels; rye, 15.3 bushels; buckwheat, 29.9 bushels; white potatoes, 109.3 bushels; sweet potatoes, 96.5 bushels; tobacco, 858.8 pounds; flax, 8.9 bushels; hay, tame, 1.61 tons; cotton, 173.4 pounds; sugar beets, 10.7 tons.

The price August 1, in cents per bushel unless otherwise indicated: All wheat, 107.1; corn, 73.4; oats, 49.1; barley, 15.2; rye, 82.4; buckwheat, 89; white potatoes, 25.4; sweet potatoes, 87.1; flax, 17.1; hay, tame, 106.8 a ton; cotton, 12.6 a pound; apples, 26 a barrel (July 15); peaches, 109.1 a barrel (July 15).

Coos Bay Excursion Growing in Interest

Portland Business Men Realizing Necessity of Showing Interest in People of Newly Opened Country.

All the Coos Bay cities are looking toward Portland. They are wondering whether the mother-city is taking the interest in their welfare that the California cities are taking. So far Portland is manifesting its belief in the new country just being opened up by completion of the Willamette Pacific railroad across the mountains from Eugene and Medford today were that the special train from Portland to the Coos Bay cities for the big jubilation would be well filled.

The celebration will be held during three days, August 24, 25 and 26. Men are here for the Coos county festivities today especially to spur Portland to larger representation.

The Chamber of Commerce special train excursion and the Journal excursion will leave Portland the night of Wednesday, August 23. In no sense are these "trade excursions," because Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille and the other "Coos county" cities are going to be too busy rejoicing over their long-deferred railroad to think much about trade. Promoters of the excursions, however, are urging the importance to Portland of a heavy representation to show the people that they realize the general importance of the new connection.

Pendleton P. O. Moves Soon.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 8.—Postmaster T. J. Tweedy has received notice from the United States postal department to move the local postoffice into the new federal building in this city as soon as practicable. The building is now practically completed and will probably be turned over between September 1 and 15. At that time Supervisor W. W. Cryder of the Umatilla forest corps will also move his offices into the building and the rooms to be used by the federal court at its eastern Oregon session will be fitted.

Mrs. Kupers Was Well Known.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 8.—Mrs. William Kupers, who died in Portland Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder, was a well-known resident of this city. She was a farmer and former implement dealer. She was 35 years old and is survived by her husband, one daughter, Elva, her parents, a brother and five sisters.

PROPOSES AN INNOVATION IN SOCIAL CUSTOMS



MRS. HERBERT CLEWS PARSONS

New York, Aug. 8.—Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons, wife of Herbert Parsons, proposes an innovation in social customs. In an article she published in a current issue of a magazine, "Hubby and wifey should not bother each other but should treat one another in a matter-of-fact way, and if hubby wants to go there and wifey here, let 'em do it! If they do not wish to dine together, all right, too! If they do not enjoy going out together, why seek the divorce court? Instead, social custom should allow them to follow their own inclinations."

NEW COOS BAY ROAD MAKES NEW OFFICIAL FOR S. P. NECESSARY

A. D. Wick Named Additional Traveling Passenger Agent for Oregon Territory.

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, today announced the appointment of A. D. Wick as additional traveling passenger agent for the Oregon territory, the extra field man being made necessary by the completion of the new line to Coos Bay. Mr. Wick is now city passenger agent. His place will be taken by J. A. Hoogood, now attached to the rate department of the general passenger office.

HUGHES FRESH IN SPITE OF HIS HARD CAMPAIGN

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greeted Mrs. Hughes. The candidate's wife will have a busy day, too.

Epigrams Make a Hit.

Only just started in his campaigning for the highest office in the land, Hughes today had already developed an almost Rooseveltian vocabulary of denunciation and of aphorism. Some of the epigrams coined so far are:

"The Democratic party is a party for votes only.

"The Democratic party came up to the protection tax like a skittish horse approaching a brass band.

"We are entitled to a standing army, without taking men out of civil life, as in the Mexican mobilization, just as much as a city is entitled to proper police protection.

"The military problem is a problem of good sense.

"There's no danger of our going to war unless the other side knows that we're too proud to fight."

"The best way of making for efficiency is by making for contentment."

Hughes Is Not "Cold."

It is a libel, this story that Hughes is "cold." No human being could have perspired any more than the former justice of the supreme court has done since he left Bridgehampton on Saturday for his first trial of presidential campaigning. Just the same, the non-inevitable sticks to his white vest and the wing collars he affects. The collars wilt and drop over, but Hughes just grins underneath his beard—by the

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS PROGRESS RAPIDLY IN WINDING UP BUSINESS

Law Passed to Keep Departments as Widely Separated as Possible.

BIG MAJORITY APPROVED

Automatically Ousts Supreme Representative When Elected to Board of Control, From Former Office.

Rapid progress was made today by the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, in the disposition of business. Of chief importance, considering the political aspects of the election last week, was the passage of a law prescribing that any supreme representative who may be elected to the board of control automatically loses his seat as representative.

The idea of keeping as widely separate as possible the fraternal branch of the order from the insurance branch was in the minds of the proponents of the law. The recent election was somewhat embittered by charges that the insurance department was attempting to regulate the fraternal department, and vice versa, which feeling was shown in the alignment of candidates for supreme vice-chancellor.

World Separate Departments.

The law was presented in the report of the judiciary committee and was passed by a nearly two to one vote on roll-call. Some eminent lawyers of the assemblage contended that the law was in violation of the order's constitution, which many of those voting for it admitted. Their attitude, however, was that the law, whether constitutional or not, reflected the belief of the members that the two branches of the order should be kept absolutely separate.

An effort on the part of some members to repeal the law, passed in Winnipeg in 1914, providing that members delinquent in their dues, and therefore under suspension, could be reinstated by paying a nominal fee to any lodge in the locality of their present residence, was killed by the supreme lodge this morning in a vote of 100 to 10.

Pythians Leave Tomorrow.

It appeared today that the supreme lodge would finish its business tomorrow afternoon and get away tomorrow night. Four special cars have been arranged for on Southern Pacific train No. 15 tomorrow night, most of the Pythians going to their homes by way of San Francisco.

Last night's dinner dance was largely attended, and proved a most enjoyable feature of the Pythian conventions. Reports of committees, particularly the budget committee, will be presented this afternoon for final action by the lodge tomorrow.

Ohio K. of P. Are Entertained.

About 200 persons, members of the Ohio society and former residents of Ohio, gathered at the Oaks yesterday for a basket picnic, at which the Ohio Knights of Pythias delegates and their families were entertained. Robert Tucker delivered a brief address of welcome, and A. F. Flegel also spoke for the society. Brig. S. Young of Ada, Ohio, and Walter B. Ritchie of Lima, Ohio, replied, expressing appreciation for Portland's hospitality and the beauty of the city and its environs.

Minneapolis Miller Dies.

Minneapolis, Aug. 8.—William L. Hixon, president of the Minneapolis Woolen Mills company, died at his home here of heart failure. He is a brother of F. P. Hixon, president of the Shevlin-Hixon company, which operates a large sawmill at Bend, Or.

Secretary Asked to Mediate.

Washington, Aug. 8.—(U. P. N. S.)—Secretary of Labor Wilson today received a request to mediate the differences of milk wagon drivers and their employers in Cleveland, where a threatened strike has assumed menacing proportions.

Mrs. McCumsey Divorced.

A decree of divorce through default has been granted to Ella McCumsey from Fred L. McCumsey on the ground of desertion.

Is Often Photographed.

Some politicians on the train today had leisure enough to figure out that before Hughes gets back to Bridgehampton for a short rest somewhere on September 12, his features will have been preserved for posterity on about 2000 miles of film. Every place the candidate goes there is a man turning the crank of a box pointed at him. On Hughes' train is a party of three or four moving picture men.

Speaking of whiskers—artists of campaign pictures so far encountered all seem to have the idea that the Hughes facial adornment resembles the appendage made famous in Kansas. They don't. They are really somewhat scrappy and trimmed close on the cheeks. There is just a suggestion of a part in them down the center of the chin, but the campaign picture artists all seem to think that all that is necessary is to constitute Hughes' likeness in a blot of whiskers.

Comment Amuses Hughes.

The candidate was intensely amused today when he overheard some old man regarding one such picture remarking, as he adjusted his glasses for a closer view, "Why do they have that picture of James G. Blaine exhibited?"

Here is Hughes' own definition of why he is a candidate for the presidency, as announced at last night's meeting in Detroit:

"Because I believed that the time had come when, if the American people wanted to have a government which represented this ideal of faithful conduct, erect in self-respect, to make our country ready for the future, and I could do something, I should have held myself most ignominious if I had not responded to that call."

Seattle to Entertain Hughes.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 8.—(U. P. N. S.)—The Republican state central committee, the King county central committee and the Young Men's Republican club are joined in force today for the ets for the banquet may be secured Charles Evans Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes will be entertained by Mrs. W. E. Humphrey at a dinner, following her arrival from Tacoma in the evening.

SEES POOR OUTLOOK FOR IRISH HOME RULE



JOHN E. REDMOND

London, Aug. 8.—John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, has waged a courageous and unremitting fight for Irish home rule as a member of parliament.

There seems to be no hope at Westminster of a resurrection of the Irish "settlement," although Lloyd-George is believed to be still making advances to the various parties to see if they will confer again.

The order, which allowed an extension of time from January 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918, for the payment of a \$300,000 note by Francis H. Crosby to the American Telephone & Telegraph company, given following the government's dissolution suit, which resulted in a mandate compelling the American Bell company, to sell, and severing all connection from the Northwestern Long Distance company.

Mr. Crosby bought the Northwestern at \$300,000, paying \$200,000 cash and giving the \$100,000 note, which was extended by the court this morning.

Judge Holds Wage Too Low.

"A wage of but 50 cents a day is contrary to public policy," said District Judge Jones in giving a scathing decision this morning against Dr. H. H. Kuhn, local dentist, better known as Painless Kuhn.

"Why, 50 cents won't more than buy a square meal. It is far below the minimum wage fixed by law."

Painless Kuhn was the defendant in a suit brought by Cora E. Lynds, employed at his office as dental assistant.

She is said to have acted as a nurse, to have kept the books, scrubbed the floors and served Dr. Kuhn's meals. She also managed the office, making collections and attending to other details, while he took a vacation. And for this she was paid 50 cents a day.

The defense claimed that there was a contract between the dental firm and the woman for this wage, but Judge Jones granted the entire amount asked for, some \$203, in the interest of public policy.

Peterson Is Fined.

Fred Peterson, arrested last week by county officials for violating the prohibition law by bringing liquor into the state in a trunk from California, was fined \$50 by District Judge Jones this morning, the maximum under the state law. Peterson agreed to permit the destruction of the liquor seized, 10 gallons of bulk whiskey and 72 bottles of a well-known brand.

Lightning Does Damage at Kelso

Kelso, Wash., Aug. 8.—A severe but short lightning storm passed over Kelso Monday afternoon. The final bolt of lightning caused considerable damage in this city, striking telephone and electric wires, blowing out fuses and doing other damage. The lightning followed the wires into several houses, and the residences of Dr. J. Ballard and Rev. J. T. McQueen were damaged. In the former residence the

walls were scorched and the meter was burned out.

Mrs. J. S. Robb hurried into the yard when the rain began to fall and was taking in the clothes from the line. She took hold of the wire clothes line and received a shock which knocked her down.

The telephone company had 60 telephones put out of business, and the North Coast Power company had considerable damage done to lines and equipment.

Times Getting Better.

H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, returned today from a traffic conference at San Francisco, called for general discussion of business and how to increase it.

Mr. Hinshaw stopped off a day at Medford, where he found increasing signs of good times.

"The first bears are now moving from the Rogue River valley," said Mr. Hinshaw. "Eight cars were sent out the day I was there and it looks as if the movement would continue at the rate of eight or ten per day during the shipping season. Everyone is busy and many improvements are going in."

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