

WHEAT PRODUCTION IN U. S. FOR 1916 BELOW AVERAGE FOR 5 YEARS

Corn and Cotton Also Fall Short but Tobacco Crop Shows an Increase.

POTATO SHORTAGE GREAT

Yields Drop from 359,721,000 in 1915 to 285,437,000 Bushels This Year; Five-Year Average 300,772,000.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—The total estimated production of wheat in the United States during 1916 is 285,437,000 bushels, against 1,025,901,000 bushels for 1915 and 728,325,000 for a five year average, the United States bureau of estimates reported today.

The total production of corn during 1916, according to latest estimates, was 1,511,000 bales, against 11,191,430 in 1915 and 14,259,000 bales for a five year average.

Tobacco Crop Increased. Total production of tobacco was 1,150,822,000 pounds against 1,022,237,000 in 1915 and 991,958,000 as a five year average.

The total production of winter wheat was 481,744,000 bushels, and of spring wheat 158,142,000 bushels.

The total production of oats 1,251,992,000 bushels against 1,549,030,000 bushels for 1915 and 1,157,961,000 bushels as a five year average.

Total production of barley was 180,937,000 bushels against 228,851,000 in 1915, and 186,308,000 as a five year average.

Total production of rye was 47,382,000 bushels against 51,950,000 bushels in 1915 and 37,968,000 for a five year average.

Buckwheat Crop Reduced. Total production of buckwheat was 11,840,000 bushels against 15,056,000 bushels in 1915 and 17,022,000 bushels for a five year average.

Total production of tame hay was 65,991,000 tons against 85,923,000 tons in 1915, and 66,234,000 for a five year average; of wild hay 19,735,000 tons against 21,343,000 tons for 1915.

Total production of apples was 67,695,000 barrels against 76,670,000 barrels in 1915 and 65,966,000 for a five year average.

Total production of potatoes was 285,437,000 bushels against 359,721,000 bushels in 1915 and 300,772,000 for a five year average.

Total production of oranges was 23,845,000 boxes against 21,220,000 boxes in 1915.

Red Cross to Hear Letters of Matson

The regular weekly meeting of the British National Red Cross will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, Eleventh and Alder streets, on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The speaker of the evening will be Lawrence K. Hodges, letters from Dr. Ralph Matson of Portland, who is serving with the medical corps at the front, will also be read. All interested are invited.

Bill Berns Perdue Captain

Lehighville, Ind., Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Bill Berns, J. Berns of Linton, Ind., right tackle on the Purdue football team of two years ago, was elected captain of the Hoosiermakers today for 1917.

City Is Real Funny Old Place Odd Contraptions Everywhere



By Ella McMunn.

This morning as I was looking up, trying to count how many windows there were in the store across the street, a kind of a three legged automobile came near taking a wheel off me; and, although I can't say it gave me an appetite, I felt that if I should decide to faint it wouldn't soil my new coat so much indoors as out there on the street. Just then I saw a sign, "Dairy Lunch" and dairy sounded like cow and cow sounded like home, so I went in. Nothing happened except that my violets fell off and a waiter picked them up and said they looked rather withered, and I thought he meant me, and so I said "Yes," and then he said, "Not at all," and was I a stranger in town, and I said "Yes." He said, "It must be someone, and I went on 'ceasing' until I had my coffee; then he went to the door with me, and said if I wanted to go round and look at the electric lights he wasn't busy after 10 o'clock, and I said "yes!" Then we both smiled; he, because he thought I was a fool, and I because I knew it.

Tries Anything Once. But the eating business doesn't bother me so much as it did, for I have simply bit upon the innocent device of frying first one and then another of the implements until I have used all, which seems satisfactory to the undertakers who wait upon the table. But I wonder how people ever get their feet washed with the wash-bowl nailed to the wall about waist height? It is some stunt, I can tell you, to stand on one foot and soak

the other at that elevation. I could have brought our extra wash pan as well as not, for we have two at home. And the lights don't bother me any more. For I've discovered that by pressing a kind of a black wart on the wall, they go out or come in, just as easy as "now you see it and then you don't see it." It is much easier than climbing on the dresser to blow them out, as a person would have to do, as they are so high up.

Like Row of Cells. Another funny thing to me is the elevators. I've seen them before, but never 10 in one building, like a row of cells ascending and descending, with a man calling out, "Coats, suits, hats on the first floor"; "Dresses, silks, blouses, second floor"; "Dead cats, toadstools and dog collars on the third." It is very interesting, and he is so earnest about it I dislike to interrupt and say I should like to alight, so I stay on and ride up and down until, in the natural course of events, I can speak without interrupting him. But, generally speaking, the elevator boys are poor conversationalists. Mostly their tongues form only the words, "Going up," or "Coming down." Interesting, of course, but rather monotonous for a steady diet. But they seem to be perpetually in fear that they have lost some of their passengers. They counted us at every floor this morning, just as if any of us could have fallen out, and in a half hour's elevatoring I was counted 17 times. A person would almost think we were silver teaspoons after a party, the way he wanted to make sure we were all there.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT TRIAL AT ENTERPRISE WON BY DEFENDANTS

Ward Fowler Loses His Action for Damages Following Arrest for Larceny.

La Grande, Or., Dec. 15.—The jury at Enterprise in the case of Ward Fowler against the E. M. & M. Company of that city, brought in a verdict for the defendant.

The action was for false imprisonment and was against the sheriff and his bondsmen. Fowler was detained by Union county authorities without a warrant on the request of persons at Enterprise, and held for a while on the verbal complaint by a former employer, who alleged larceny, but Fowler exonerated himself without trial.

Jury Disagrees in Booze Case.

La Grande, Or., Dec. 15.—For the second time the jury has disagreed in the case of the state vs. O. R. Barnes, tried before the justice of the peace at Elgin. Barnes was arrested on a charge of conducting a nuisance by importing 27 gallons of whiskey from Utah and storing it in a barn at Elgin. The question as to what is to be done with the liquor is still unsettled.

SKULL OF RAILROAD INSPECTOR FRACTURED BY FELLOW WORKER

Oregon - Washington Yard Man Hits Another Employee on Head With Hammer.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 15.—Albert Buchie, O.W. yard inspector at Reith, is in St. Anthony hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull as a result of an altercation during the early morning hours with H. B. Meyers, another inspector. They quarreled over the manner of doing their work and Meyers struck Buchie on the head with a hammer. Meyers then disappeared. Buchie probably will recover.

High School Police Organized.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 15.—In order to put a stop to vandalism and petty thievery at the high school, the student body has organized a police force with Miss Alice Mentzer as chief. She has appointed 20 detectives, 10 boys and 10 girls, and none knows the identity of the others. During the last few weeks a number of students have lost money, books, overcoats and coats.

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