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THE WHEAT CROP.

It is evident from the report of the wheat condition, which has just been made by the government, that the yield in 1899 will be smaller than was expected a few weeks ago. The cold weather last winter and the absence of an adequate snow covering for the ground injured the winter wheat to such an extent that the condition, as seen by the government report, is about 23 1/2 per cent below that of a year ago. The spring wheat, too, is not up to the forecast made in May.

Conservative estimates based on the acreage and average condition make the wheat yield of 1899 from 525,000,000 to 550,000,000 bushels, as against a crop of 675,000,000 bushels in 1898. It must be remembered, however, that the yield of 1898 was the largest ever harvested. The 600,000,000 mark in wheat production was never passed before in this country except in 1891, when the yield was 611,780,000 bushels. The largest yield in any other year was that of 1897, which was 530,149,168 bushels. The yield of 1899, therefore, even at the lowest estimate yet made, will be as great as any ever harvested except in 1891 and 1898. On such an exhibit as this the country will find no discouragement. Moreover, a surplus of about 100,000,000 bushels is still left unused, it is believed, of last year's crop.

In any case the wheat yield of 1899 will be sufficient to meet the wants of the country for food and for seeding, and allow a fair margin for exportation. That there will be a considerable demand from abroad is exceedingly probable. Russia's wheat crop it is believed from the latest indications, will be much below the average of recent years, and that country is ordinarily a heavy exporter of wheat. In the other European countries, in the aggregate the crop, it is figured, will be about a mean yield. The reports of the wheat situation at home and abroad justify the recent advance in that cereal. They also indicate that the American farmer will find a good demand for his crop, while the American consumer is not likely to have to pay exorbitant prices for his food.—Globe-Democrat.

The Populist professors who are to be run out of the State Agricultural College of Kansas are merely meeting the fate which is befalling their brethren everywhere in the country. The United States is turning against Populism with a vigor and a unanimity which are doing almost as much as the victory over Spain and the enlargement of the nation's area to advance the prestige of the country all over the world. The Populists are sure of an asylum in the Democratic party, but as the Democracy is very nearly as discredited as the Populist party the

condition of the poor Pops is not helped much by that circumstance.

It is remarked by a discreet friend that the white-gowned girl graduates in their essays possibly settle no public questions but they present some interesting views well worth looking at. And this is very important and very good for this and coming generations.

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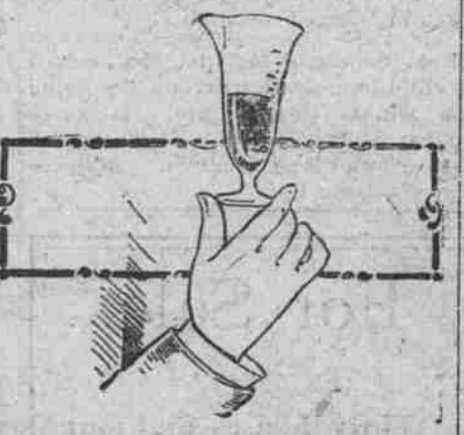
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