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A YEAR OF PROSPERITY.

That the present year will be notable as one of unprecedented prosperity for the farmers of this country appears to be an assured fact. Close estimates are now possible of the amount of the leading crops of cereals and other products, while the condition of the market points to the assurance that prices will certainly remain at a point considerably higher than has been reached for some years, with a possibility of taking a slight far beyond present conservative belief.

The San Francisco Chronicle is responsible for some figures on the present outlook. Against a corn crop last year of about 1,500,000 bushels there is abundant promise of fully 2,000,000,000 bushels for the present season. The wheat crop of 1890 fell a little short of 400,000,000 bushels, while for 1891 it will certainly reach 500,000,000. Last year the crop of oats was 523,000,000 bushels; this year a round hundred million will be added, the total being estimated at 623,000,000 bushels. Upon the basis of these figures it will be seen that the crops of the three leading cereals show an increase of 23.8 per cent over 1890 and 14.7 per cent above the average for the past eleven years.

In 1890 wheat averaged a fraction over 83 cents a bushel, but already this season the limit of \$1 a bushel has been passed. Estimating the average price at that rate, the wheat crop alone will give the farmer a total of \$500,000,000. The corn crop of 1890 averaged a little more than 50 cents a bushel in value. Allowing for no increase in price this would add \$1,000,000,000 to the value of the last cereal crop. On the basis of last year's prices for oats that crop would yield a total of \$250,000,000. The increased value of the crops of the three leading cereals would therefore exceed by \$450,000,000 that for 1890, and is \$650,000,000 more than the average value for the past eleven years.

Cotton, rice, tobacco, hops and other staple crops show the same tendency toward an increased yield, accompanied by higher prices, and it is therefore no unfounded claim that the farmers of the United States will pocket a round \$1,000,000,000 more than any year during the recent period of depressed prices.

Although the assured prosperity of the American farmer exposes the fallacy of many a pet theory of the enemies of protection, no one will be so foolish as to refrain from congratulating the agriculturist upon his prosperity. The immense amount of money that will be put into the farmers' hands this year will go far toward reducing the mortgage debt over which some unhappy politicians have mourned with such pertinacity, and its circulation will stimulate every line of business, except perhaps the manufacture of free-trade "arguments." That industry has received a staggering blow by the return of prosperity to the farmers, who, not unnaturally, perhaps, had been led to ascribe the lack of prosperity to matters which are now shown to have had nothing to do with causing the depression that is now happily at an end.

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conceive. He certainly did not bring them any great amount of enterprising immigrants from his lightninglike call in foreign countries, and by what other method he could bring them any recompense is not recorded. He is now trying to juggle Omaha into a like expenditure, and gain the chance for the third flitting around this ball of dirt and aqueous fluid. Probably this time he will not flit.

THE reciprocity arrangements that are being made with Canada seems to bring into this country several articles that even some of the common people will have an interest in, and that reciprocity is different in nowise with other countries where the principal has been applied, except of course each country with its particular products. The amount of erudit wisdom that is dished up upon the tariff question, in some quarters, is wonderful to behold. It is on a par with the ancient opinion that the moon was made of green cheese.

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