

MEMORIAL DAY

It has become a national custom to observe the 30th of May of each year as a day in which the deeds of the heroes of the last war shall receive appropriate mention and their graves be decked with flowers.

There is one nation now, the south and the north are equal members of the union, and it is to be hoped are actuated by the same patriotic devotion to a common flag and a common country.

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THE WHEAT PROSPECT

The New York Sun figured it all out about twelve months ago that there would be such an enormous shortage in the grain supply of Europe that American wheat would command famine prices.

The same journal has embarked once more in the same undertaking. The conclusion reached, after going over the wheat fields of the world, is that on the most optimistic view of the situation the deficit will be 64,000,000 bushels.

Assuming that everybody would eat as much bread as he would like to, and of the kind he preferred, keeping it up until the supply was exhausted, very likely there would be this maximum deficit, but the truth is that consumption adjusts itself with remarkable elasticity to the supply available.

There is no east-river demand, even on the supposition that everybody would have enough to eat. If one kind of food is not obtainable at about the usual price, another takes its place.

The Inter Ocean believes that the world's fair will greatly increase the consumption of corn as a food product, and one of the most attractive features of the woman's building—and the expositions as a whole—is the daily lecture, with practical illustrations, on corn and how to cook it.

Again, look at the matter from the standpoint of the statistics given by the Sun itself and we see that this is a prime factor in the problem. According to its figures the present population of this country, and the estimate is a fair one, is about 67,000,000, not much more than half that of Russia.

Our wheat requirements are at least 150,000 bushels in excess of those of Russia, or about equal to the total exports of both countries, and to one-half the total exports of all wheat-exporting countries.

We require for home consumption 378,500,000 bushels to Russia's 210,000,000. Fully 25 per cent. of the wheat eaten by all the countries which export this cereal is consumed in the United States.

Again, Europe has a population of some 375,000,000 and on the American basis would require all the export wheat of the world and nearly 2,000,000,000 bushels besides, but on the Russian basis would require less than 800,000,000.

These are general facts of the highest importance and most practical bearing, none of which seems to have entered into the calculation of the Sun man. Besides, it is really too early to estimate the crop of this year with anything like approximate accuracy.

Even the supply on hand is an unknown quantity. The probability is that it is exceptionally large, as prices were far below anticipation nearly all last year. The high price which prevailed in Chicago this spring was speculative, and did not perceptibly benefit the producer.

EDITORIAL NOTES. An exchange wants "honest Democrats." That has been a "long felt want" for nearly a half century, and has not been filled yet.

The Salem Democrat seems to be pleased at the result of the injunction suit in regard to the soldiers' home at Roseburg. The end is not yet. "He who laughs last laughs best."

The promise of fair crops in Russia, reported in the dispatches, if realized this season, will have a worse effect upon the price of American wheat than all the machinations of Wall street.

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