

WHEAT AND PRICES.

It is difficult to get a correct idea of the world's wheat crop this year and therefore almost impossible to make predictions as to prospective prices. The New York Tribune recently had an interview with a flouring mill man who had just returned from Europe, and he reported that in all European countries except Russia the crop is better than it had been for years. This would lessen the demand for American cereals and breadstuffs to some extent, but with the short crop in this country it was thought there would be a great market for all we produced.

It seems almost impossible to ascertain just what the condition of the Russian crop really is. There have been reports that the wheat in some parts of southern Russia had been a failure, and there have been appeals for aid for famine sufferers. In the face of this, Beerbohm makes the statement under date of September 1, that with fair prices Russia can export 112,000,000 bushels this year. Wheat men are disposed to regard this as an exaggeration, designed to bear the American market, for if Russia has any such surplus as this she would hardly be calling attention to famine sufferers, and begging food supplies for those in distress.

The agricultural department which gave the average crop conditions a few days ago, shows spring and winter wheat prospects to be about 16 points below the conditions of last year, or the lowest known in this country for 20 years. The government makes no estimate of the yield, but expects taking the government's report of crop conditions, estimate that the aggregate yield for the United States will be less than 500,000,000 bushels.

The Minneapolis Tribune, which is a close observer of crop conditions, thinks that if the crop of 1899 shall prove to be less than 500,000,000 bushels we shall probably witness considerably higher prices for wheat before the next crop is harvested, notwithstanding that there is a fair-sized reserve on hand. The estimates are that foreign countries will want 200,000,000 bushels, but this does not take into account the increased demands of the Orient. This would leave less than 400,000,000 bushels for bread and seed. The people of the United States are capable of consuming at least 350,000,000 bushels; with prosperous times the consumption might be 50,000,000 bushels larger. Thus conditions are such as to justify good markets and reasonably high prices before the end of the crop year.

UNCLE SAM did pretty well for a summer month, in August, which is usually dull in official as well as in private business. The treasury receipts were \$8,150,000 more than they were in August of last year, and the surplus for the month was \$4,455,862. The amount of gold in the treasury is larger than ever before, the exact figures being \$248,757,971. These figures tell their own story of the prosperous condition of the government and of the country, and in the face of such a story, how ridiculous is the claim now being made by some democrats, that the democrats have a carry the country next year. To accept such a claim is to impeach the intelligence of the voters of this country, who have too vivid a remembrance of Cleveland times not to fully appreciate a good thing when they have it, and to vote for its continuance.

THE official souvenir and premium list of the Spokane Industrial Exposition has been received by the Gazette. It is a handsome production and besides containing the prize lists, rules and regulations is handsomely illustrated with portraits of the progressive city's enterprising business men and illustrations of public buildings, and adjoining scenery, making it a portfolio to be treasured by those visiting the fair. From October 3d to the 7th is the dates of the fair and all railroads leading to it will reduce fares to 2 cents per mile.

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LATEST TELEGRAPH

Brief War News, Telegraphic News Notes, Etc., Etc.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 18.—Grain that depends upon river transportation on the lower Snake is beginning to come in to the different warehouses. At Ilia there are 11,000 sacks; Almota, 7000; Rice Bar, 9000, and Judkin's tramway, between 8000 and 9000 sacks. Shippers are anxious to get their grain to tidewater, and the present boat service is inadequate for the reason that contractors who have been laid off construction work on the railroad are moving their outfit, which is preferred freight.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 19.—The 40th anniversary of the founding of the Congregational church at this place was celebrated yesterday. A large number of pioneer members of the church were in attendance, and elaborate and appropriate services were held, in which the history of the church was recalled and its early workers commemorated. Rev. D. B. Gray, of Portland, one of the church's former pastors, preached the morning sermon. Mr. E. S. Penfield, the first deacon of the church, and now a resident of Canyon City, was present and delivered an address at the afternoon service.

WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW.

The Victim of a Railroad Accident at Metz, California.

The following was taken from the Salinas City Democrat of September 9th: The funeral of Edward Smith will take place from the Catholic Church in Salinas tomorrow.

Edward Smith was killed late yesterday afternoon by the engine of a gravel train near Metz. It seems that he was walking on the track when the train came up behind him. He seemed to be wrapped in deep meditation and did not heed the warning bell of the locomotive.

The roadmaster, M. Shinnars, who witnessed the horrible spectacle wired the sad news at once to Section Foreman, Daniel E. Smith of this place, and a brother of the deceased, who, in company with Coroner H. V. Muller, immediately repaired to the scene of the accident.

The unfortunate man was well known in Salinas, having occupied the position now held by his brother on this section a number of years. He was a member of several secret organizations, and was especially prominent in the Knights of Pythian. He was a native of Ireland, 45 years of age, and through his untimely demise leaves a widow and a two-year-old child to mourn his loss.

The remains arrived in this city today on the 11:56 train from the south.

DEATH OF C. N. PECK.

Hemorrhage of the Lungs the Cause of His Death.

Friday, the 16th, Dr. Swinburne was summoned to the home of the deceased near Lexington, and found him in a serious condition from the effects of vaccination, which his son had administered a few days previous from points secured here in town. In his weakened condition from the results of an abscess on his finger, which Dr. Swinburne had lanced two weeks previous, the doctor at once realized the inadvisability of the vaccination, which had taken hold of him when his son procured some vaccine points and taking them home divided one vaccinating both his father and sister with the same. The vaccination took in due time and as a result Mr. Peck and daughter broke out with a rash. The doctor examined it carefully and determined it a result of the vaccination. The girl recovered at once, while the father's condition, owing to the state of health, became serious, and hemorrhages beginning he had no strength to recover. The report had gone out that they were afflicted with smallpox, and the neighbors in their care felt that they should not expose themselves, and in consideration of their feelings the doctors buried the body.

Mr. Peck was a man of sterling worth to the county, considerate of everyone, and as popular a man as in Morrow county. He was above the consideration of petty grievances and would lend a helping hand to any deserving one. His death will be felt by the community at large, and had it not been for the unfortunate suspicion of smallpox the county would have shown their marked respect by giving him a fitting burial. The intelligence of his excellent wife made due allowances for her neighbors, whom she fully realizes have an excuse for their suspicions owing to the senseless agitation that has for weeks demoralized our community.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The secret service has unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected by counterfeiters for imitation, notably the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitations but no equals for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. The bitters sets things right in the stomach, and when the stomach is in good order it makes good blood and plenty of it. In this manner the bitters get at the seat of strength and vitality, and restore vigor to the weak and debilitated. Be sure of counterfeiters when buying.

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SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY.

Increase in Attendance Over Last Year of More Than 33 Per Cent

Sumpter Miner After a delay of a week, due to uncompleted repairs in the building, the city school opened Monday, with Prof. W. L. Saling as principal and teacher of the higher grades, assisted by Miss Anna A. Myers, who has charge of the primary grades. This is the second term here for both of these teachers, they having taught the school from October 3, 1898, to April 22, 1899, and gave entire satisfaction to patrons.

The last session continued seven months; this one will be of eight months duration, the length of time being regulated by the district trustees, and they in turn controlled by the state of the finances.

During the early days of the term beginning last October, 84 pupils were enrolled, 43 girls and 41 boys. The school closed with 114 in attendance. The following month, May of the present year, the school census showed that 161 children of school age resided in the district.

At the close of school Tuesday evening of this week there were enrolled 112 pupils, 60 boys and 52 girls. This is not a fair comparison, however, with the 84 enrolled last session, for these latter figures represented the number a couple of weeks or more after the opening day, while the 112 is the number registered during the first two days. But even on this basis the increase is a trifle over 33 per cent.

Ordinarily the school census and attendance forms a very accurate basis on which to calculate the population, but in this community such is not the case. The reason therefore is obvious. There has been a very great and sudden increase in the population of Sumpter during the past three or four months; many men have come here to reside, but have not yet brought their families, therefore no houses in which to lodge them.

WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN.

The following climate and crop bulletin was received from B. S. Payne under date Sept. 18, 1899.

Fair weather prevailed during the last seven days, except on Tuesday over the northern portion of western Oregon, where .04 of an inch of rain fell, and during Wednesday afternoon and night, when generally less than .10 of an inch fell in the Columbia River valley and over northeastern Umatilla county. The temperature from 10 a. m. to sunset was warm; the night temperatures were cool, but materially above the frost point. There were few clouds from Thursday. The winds were fresh in force from the north. The rain did no damage, except to slightly delay the harvesting operations in a few sections.

Harvesting and threshing continue. The grain crop is all harvested in the southern counties of western Oregon and threshing is nearly completed; reports state that the grain crop is thoroughly satisfactory in yield and that no damage was done by the rains. In the coast counties the grain crop is practically secured. In the Willamette valley counties the grain is practically all out; threshing continues; the greater portion of the grain will be threshed by the close of the current week. Some correspondents report wheat and oats slightly damaged by the rains, but, as a rule, the reports indicate that the grain was not materially injured.

The spring-sown wheat is turning out better than was expected. In the eastern portions of the state harvesting and threshing continue. The grain is about all out or will be by the close of the current week. Threshing is active in all districts. Some few reports from the north-eastern portion of Umatilla county indicate that grain was slightly damaged by the rains; the damage is not great, nor is it extensive. In the Grand-Ronde valley the grain is turning out very well, fully up to the average. Threshing is nearly completed in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties; the yield is good and the quality is an average one. Within ten days the grain harvest will be practically completed in this state of Oregon.

The cutting of the second clover crop is now in progress; in some sections three crops have been cut this year. Pastureage is reported to be better than for years; there is an abundance of hay on hand for feed during the winter in all sections of the State. The hay crop is extra large over the stock country. Plowing and seeding continue; the ground is in good condition and the weather is ideal for all farm work. Grain sown in August is making fine growth.

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