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From the Fargo Times. BIG WHEAT FARMS IN MINNESOTA.

We had the curiosity the other day to ask Mr. Dalrymple what he expected the profit on his wheat crop would be this year. He replied that at present prices for wheat his profits would be ten dollars per acre. As he is half owner of seventy-five thousand acres of wheat in the Red River valley, and has fifteen hundred acres on his home farm at Cottage Grove, Minn., his profits this year may be safely put at fifty thousand dollars. Who was it that remarked that wheat-raising didn't pay?

Dalrymple has five steam threshers now at work on a four-thousand-acre farm at Casselton, each one threshing an average of one thousand bushels per day. The grain is hauled directly to the cars as fast as threshed, and shipped to New York by way of Duluth and the lakes. He loads and forwards fifteen cars a day. At three hundred and fifty bushels to the car, the crop on this place will make two hundred and fifty-seven carloads. The yield, from what has been threshed so far, is estimated at ninety thousand bushels, an average of twenty-two and a half bushels per acre. Add to thirty-five thousand on the Grandin farm, in which Mr. Dalrymple has a half interest, and which will average equally well, the two farms will produce 169,750 bushels of wheat this year. "Dalrymple farm" is a tract of about 11,000 acres of land near Casselton, twenty miles west of Fargo, on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. It is owned by George W. Cass and P. B. Cheney, of New York, and Oliver Dalrymple, the "Wheat King of Minnesota," as he is termed. Twelve hundred acres were broken in 1875 and sowed to wheat last year. This year there are 4,000 acres in wheat—and a splendid crop it is, too—and 3,000 acres additionally were broken this season for seeding next year.

Mr. Dalrymple also owns a half interest in what is known as the Grandin farm, a tract of 40,000 acres just north of Elm river, in Trail county, Dakota, 35 miles north of Fargo. The other owners are the Grandin brothers, bankers, of Theodore, Pa. On this farm there are 3,500 acres in wheat this year and some 3,000 acres broken for next year. To harvest this crop of 75,000 acres on the two places it required 42 self-binding reapers, 235 horses and mules and 159 men. Nine steam threshers, each with a capacity of 1,000 bushels per day, are now at work threshing the grain.

In addition to his interest in these two immense farms, Mr. Dalrymple owns two thousand acres of land in Cotton Grove, Minn., near St. Paul, fifteen hundred acres of which is in wheat; so that, either as a sole or half owner, Mr. Dalrymple is interested in nine thousand acres of wheat this year, which will be increased to fifteen thousand next year.

We may add that it is the intention of the owners of these two huge farms to break on an average about five thousand acres each year, until the whole fifty-one thousand acres are brought under cultivation. They have abundant means, and the experiment so far has proven that it is not possible to make a better investment of money. This is the second year of the enterprise, and so far the net profits have been more than ten dollars per acre each year, for every acre.

One very discouraging feature of the case is that the farmers (called ryots) have no means with which to carry on their work. The hard-hearted money lenders have literally devoured them. A correspondent writing from one of the worst districts says: "The ryots throughout the district—excepting, of course, a very few of the wealthier ones—all stand in need of help to procure implements for agricultural, and seed for sowing purposes. Of this there cannot be the smallest doubt. They have lost their all—every stick and stone they possessed—houses and lands, yes in some cases even their own wives and children have passed away into the hands of the hard and grasping money-lenders. Long and bravely they struggled against starvation and want, selling and mortgaging their property until when they had spent their last copper, until nothing more was left to raise money upon—when he had gained possession of their all, the cruel mortgages turned them adrift from the homes of their childhood to seek shelter and food in some relief camps or die by the roadside while making their way thither. These are they on whom, humanly speaking, the salvation of the district depends—the tillers of the land, the field laborers, and yet by hundreds of thousands they are working upon some new road being laid out in

means for the natives. We depend at all times more or less upon imported articles of food, and while the expense of living for all classes is greatly increased we have no fears of actual want.

It is the poor natives who at all times live "from hand to mouth" who are the victims of famine in the sorest degree. These are counted by the million!

The outlook is very gloomy. The early rains have again to a great extent failed, and so the crops which it was hoped would relieve the present need are withering on the fields.

Last week an influential relief meeting was held in the city of Madras, at which the Governor presided. An appeal for help was drawn up and telegraphed to London and to the Mayors of the other chief cities of Great Britain. You will therefore have heard of it long before this reaches you.

It has also been suggested that immediate arrangements be made for bringing large quantities of corn from the United States. If this should be carried into effect it will probably somewhat raise the price of grain and be "the wind that blows good" to your farmers.

About 3,000 tons of rice are required daily at Madras to supply the city and the surrounding country dependent upon the port of Madras for imports. Besides the regular line of weekly steamers, 36 extra steamers and 80 sailing vessels are employed in bringing rice from the ports of Bengal and Burmah! Still the supply is not equal to the demand. From several of the latest Madras daily papers I make extracts:

A correspondent from Trichinopoly writes: "With all the effort of our paternal government which the natives are never tired of admiring and praising for its sympathy and liberality towards the distressed poor, and the charity of well disposed individuals, the fact is plain that starvation and distress are doing their worst here. Our condition seems to be getting more and more deplorable, and there seems to be no way of getting out of the difficulty. In going round the town and some parts of the district I could not but be struck with a remarkable feature in the conduct of the poor starving wretches around, namely, the wonderful power of endurance exhibited by them. As with the adults so with little children, patience and resignation are virtues which they cling to most unflinchingly. Go where you will, mere living skeletons, mostly of children, stare you in the face, but not a word of murmuring or impatience escapes from them. Dying parents with children in the agonies of death may be seen crawling along the street, and these being unaccustomed to act the role of beggars, no other or greater desire seems to possess them than to secure some quiet corner to lie down and die."

From Bellary another writes: "Every day the famine gathers new strength and vigor, and everywhere distress and death are on the increase. I have no desire to exaggerate matters or falsify to excite the feelings of your readers, but believe me, without seeing it, no one can have any idea of the sad and alarming state of affairs here."

Two horrible stories of cannibalism. A correspondent at Bangalore writes: "The distress in the places surrounding this cantonment is very great, so much so that cannibalism appears to be rife, for I have just heard that a native man, a few miles from Bangalore on the road to Toonkoor, was found eating his child after killing it and drinking its blood. Another woman was found cooking a corpse."

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some outlandish corner of the district. The people are altogether powerless. And why? They have no ploughs and no money to buy them with. Ploughs are procurable—numbers are heaped together in the houses of the money-lenders, but there they will remain until the money is brought for their purchase. And even if they had ploughs, how are they to find food in their far distant villages while they cultivate their lands? And even if this was arranged, they have no seed grain. All their stock had been exhausted long before they were driven from their homes. Had they not repeatedly sown after a shower of rain, and did not the scorching sun burn up the tender shoots immediately they had sprung up, and had not this been going on for two long years? The most serious questions before Government now, in connection with relief operations, is the formation of a system of making advances of seed grain and money to the ryots, who will be dispatched to their own villages and fed there until they gather in a crop.

The most serious loss, next after the death of their families, is the very heavy loss the people have had to bear in the death of their cattle. Long ago I wrote how these were reaping by thousands weekly from want of pasture, and it is now a very rare sight indeed outside of Bellary town to come upon a single ox or cow. When the lands have been cultivated these have been yoked to the plough, and men are also yoked to the cart, in pairs, and four, and have in this way to travel many hundreds of miles with grain; and so scarce are bullocks buffaloes that of the thousands of carts that come in and leave Bellary weekly not one is dragged by oxen. These pictures are not overdrawn. Guntoor is rather on the outskirts of the famine region proper, but even here the distress is very great and the ghastly sights which one sees daily are almost heartrending. Let your readers throughout the fertile valley's of Pennsylvania not complain of "hard times." A. D. L.

GUNTOOR, INDIA, Aug. 13, 1877.

MIND WHAT YOU SAY BEFORE CHILDREN.

A gentleman was in the habit of calling at a neighbor's house and the lady had always expressed to him much pleasure in seeing him. One day, just after she had remarked to him her happiness from his visit, the little boy entered the room. The gentleman took him on his knee and asked: "Are you not glad to see me, George?" "No, sir," replied the boy. "Why not, my little man?" he continued. "Because mother don't want you to come," said George. Here the mother looked daggers at her little son and became crimson. But he saw nothing. "Indeed; how do you know that, George?" "Because she said yesterday she wished that old here would not call again."

The gentleman's hat was soon in requisition, and he left with the impression, "Great is truth, it will prevail."

Another child looked sharply into the face of a visitor, and being asked what she meant by it, replied: "I wanted to see if you had a drop in your eye; I have heard mother say that you have frequently."

A boy once asked his father who it was lived next door to him, and when he heard the name, inquired if he was not a fool. "No, my little friend, he is not a fool, but a very sensible man. But why do you ask the question?" "Because," replied the boy, "mother said the other day you were the next door to a fool—and I wanted to know who lived next door to you."

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Hold on to your hand when you are about to pinch, strike, steal, or do an improper act.

Hold on to your feet when you are on the point of kicking, running away from study, or pursuing the path of error, crime and shame. Hold your temper when you are angry, excited or imposed upon, or others are angry with you.

Hold on to your heart when evil associates seek your company, and invite you to join in their games, mirth and revelry. Hold on to your good names at all times, for it is of more value than gold, high position or fashionable attire. Hold on to truth, for it will serve you well, and do you all through time. Hold on to virtue; it is above all price to you under the circumstances. Hold on to your good character, for it is, and ever will be, your best wealth.

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