

DAKOTA'S WHEAT CROP.

IT IS SAID TO BE THIRTY MILLION BUSHELS SHORT.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A special to the Inter-Ocean from Grafton, Dakota, says: The wheat crop of Dakota is 30,000,000 bushels short. The figures are large, but not in the least exaggerated. The total production for the territory cannot, under the best possible conditions from now until harvest, which will begin in the north by the 25th, exceed 20,000,000 bushels, and to put it that high is a liberal estimate. The greatest detriment to date. The greatest detriment to date has been the exceedingly dry season, and only along the streams will there be any crops at all. In the spring the most terrific winds raged in this entire territory, and for weeks after the crop was sown the air was filled with the flying particles of soil that should have been furnishing nutriment to the seed that was lying exposed and burning on the surface. Hundreds of acres were sown for the second time, and it would have been a very good thing for it were not for the fact that the soil is so bare again when the wind dries it. The grain was for the greater part injured so that no amount of nursing would bring it back, and it is altogether likely that outside of the valley of the Red river all the grain will not fill 500 cars. The best crops, and in fact the only fair yield, will be in the counties of Pembina, Walsh, Grand Forks, a small portion of Traill, the centre of Cass and Northwestern Richland. Elsewhere the ground is as though almost as brown as though a prairie fire had crossed it. In Nelson county, famously prolific, wheat will not yield as much grain as was seeded. Ramsey is bare, except in the immediate vicinity of Devil's Lake, and in the famous Turtle Mountain region, the rich soil of which has hitherto been regarded as drought proof, the earth succumbed, and there will be but little wheat for export in that section. Along the main line of the Northern Pacific, in the once famous bonanza farm district, the elevators are closing up, and the country tributary to Bismarck is as barren as a sand hill. The Jim River Valley will barely feed its people, and, in short, nowhere in Dakota will there be any wheat for export save along the main line of the Manitoba Road, from a point 30 miles north of Fargo, the boundary. The cry of famine that was raised last winter in the western part of Walsh county will find its echo all over the Territory the coming winter.

Aside from this impoverishing of the people by the failure of the wheat, there is another danger, and that is the want of fodder for the stock. The oat crop is bad and the meadows away from the river bottoms are as parched as the prairie. Not alone will this territory be the sufferer, but a trip through Montana reveals the same state of affairs. The range cattle will not find enough to live on until cold weather, and a prominent railroad official told a correspondent that all the extra cars of the Northern Pacific and Montana Roads had been ordered to Montana to pull out the steers as soon as the lack of fodder necessitated a reduction in numbers of the range stock.

RAILROAD WRECK.

TWO PERSONS KILLED AND SEVENTY INJURED.

SHAMOKIN, PA., July 17.—This evening a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, carrying miners to their homes, was wrecked near this place. John Roush, married, and Aaron Shippe, single, were killed. The following were injured: Norton Weaver, leg and face cut; Levi Albright, head cut; Irwin Kashner, leg broken; John Baker, shoulder broken; a Hungarian woman, ribs broken; James Hodges, leg broken; Patrick Britton, leg crushed; Mike Britton, back broken; J. Miller, collar bone broken; Jere Fredericks, back injured; Jacob Kulp, injured about the face; John Thomas, head cut and body injured; Joseph C. Smith, jaw broken; Conrad Drumbeiser, side injured; Mrs. John McHugh, injured internally; Wm. Lindeman, leg hurt; John Metz, hand cut; Albert Reed, engineer, legs injured; Michael Gabel, head cut and badly bruised; John Darolt, legs mangled.

The passenger train was running at its regular speed, when the miners, who were standing on the rear platform of the train, saw two freight cars rushing down upon them. The cars had become detached at some colliery, and were running wild down the heavy grade. The miners shouted to their companions to jump, which many of them did, from the windows and platforms of the coaches, but the runaway cars overtook the train before all were out, telescoping the cars, with the above result. The train contained 200 men, who were returning to Shamokin from Hickory Ridge Colliery after their day's work. A scene of great excitement prevailed. The list of injured is incomplete, as a number of those who were able to get away went immediately to their homes.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.

A SECRET OFFICER SUCCEEDS IN PENETRATING A DOCTOR WANTING "GREEN GOODS."

DAYTON, O., July 18.—An important capture was made here to-day by United States Secret Service Detectives, and \$21,000 counterfeit money secured. Detectives have for several months past been watching the road house of Nelson Driggs, near the Soldiers' Home, and this afternoon made a raid upon it. Driggs and his wife were arrested and charged with counterfeiting.

Driggs is known as an expert counterfeiter, and a member of a large gang. The detective who worked the case up personated a doctor from Hartford, Conn., and professed to be anxious to secure a quantity of counterfeit money. Driggs got it for him, the bargain being that the doctor was to pay \$7000 for \$21,000 counterfeit. In making the capture Detective A. Donnell, of Virginia, was fired upon by a desperate character, named Guyon, who is one of the counterfeiting gang. The ball

passed through the officer's ear, under the scalp and around to the back of the head. The wound is serious, but not dangerous. The counterfeit bills were of the issue bearing Daniel Webster's portrait, and all \$10 in denomination.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

—George W. Larmour and Cally Brenheim were drowned in the Patapsco river, at Baltimore, on the evening of the 12th, by the upsetting of their boat. Charles Harner and Denton Reifsnelder were struck by lightning and killed while unloading grain on the farm of W. W. Crapster, near Frederick, Maryland, on the 11th. John Hessinger, of Easton, Pa., was killed in Rochester, Minnesota, on the evening of the 13th, by a tramp. Hessinger refused to give the fellow ten cents to buy whiskey. The murderer was arrested. Elizabeth Ellen Gross shot and killed James E. Coates, in Baltimore, on the morning of the 14th. The Gross woman said that Coates was beating his wife, and when she interfered he turned on her with a razor, when she shot him.

—Mrs. Eatenhaver and child were murdered on the farm of John Gilman, near Coquill City, Oregon, on the evening of the 11th, and buried in a gulch near the house, where they were found on the 15th. They were tenants of the farm, and he wanted them to leave. They refused to go until their lease expired. Gilman and his wife are under arrest and may be lynched.

—Two heavy freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway collided near Booneville, Missouri, on the 14th. The trainmen escaped injury by jumping, but 150 head of cattle, consigned to Chicago parties, were killed. Both engines and 21 cars were demolished. Loss, \$40,000. William Hearsley was killed by a Northern Central freight train near his home at Ashland, Maryland, on the evening of the 13th. Lloyd Denison, aged 72 years, of Franklin county, Ohio, was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train near Cumberland, Maryland, on the 14th.

—The body of a man, about 30 years of age, was found in a badly decomposed state in the closet of a Pullman sleeping car, at the depot in St. Louis on the 15th. From papers found on his person it is thought his name is Richard Adams, of Sutton, Missouri. A despatch from Wheeling, West Virginia, says that at a picnic at Reas Run, on the Ohio river, on the 14th, a fight occurred, during which Jacob Francis, a wealthy farmer, was fatally stabbed, Thomas Cook had his skull fractured, and a man named Rowland was shot in the arm. The fight grew out of a family feud.

—Gilman, the murderer of Mrs. Eatenhaver and her child, who is in jail in Empire, Oregon, becoming alarmed at threats of immediate lynching, confessed to the double murder and also admitted the killing of George Morris a year ago. He was suspected of this crime and was only saved from lynching by being hurried from Coquill City before the mob had been fully organized. Gilman denies that his wife is implicated. A telegram from the city of Mexico says that a fight has taken place at Puerto del Agua, State of Nuevo Leon, between a party of 30 smugglers and a force of Custom House guards, in which two guards and three smugglers were killed. A quantity of contraband goods was captured. Horace Sebring has been arrested at Three Oaks Michigan, on the charge of poisoning his father, mother and sister. The reason alleged is that young Sebring wanted to marry a girl who refused him because of his poverty, and as the farm was willed to him, the death of his parents and sister would make him its possessor.

—A horse ran away in Concord, New Hampshire, on the 18th, and threw the occupants of the carriage, four women, to the ground. Mrs. A. Willis had her shoulder broken. Miss Sarah Nov's nose was torn from her face and she received internal injuries. The others escaped with a bad shaking up.

—Martin Boyman is locked up in the jail at Morristown, New Jersey, charged with the murder of his mother-in-law and brutally assaulting his wife. It is said that he is a worthless fellow, and living at Hiberia, a mining town.

—It is said that the Manitoba and Canadian Northwest wheat crop is a failure. Prominent members of the Toronto Board of Trade have received information that the total yield will be less than half of last year's crop. The damage is the result of drought.

—A mob of masked men attacked the house of Nancy Vincent, a notorious resort at Montpelier, Indiana, on the evening of the 17th. One male inmate was whipped with switches, and the Vincent woman was tarred. The other inmates escaped. The house and furniture were demolished. Fifteen men visited John S. Schmidt, a farmer, near Sibley, Indiana, on the evening of the 16th, and gave him "a terrible whipping with switches, for drunkenness and wife beating." The assailants took no trouble to conceal their identity.

—Anita and Meriam Boggs, maiden sisters, committed suicide in Jackson county, Virginia, on the 16th, by taking arsenic. They left a note, signed jointly, saying, "there was nothing in life for old maids, and they were tired it."

—Thomas Fulton and his cousin, Miss Ella Ault, were killed by a Baltimore and Ohio freight train near Belaire, Ohio, on the 14th, while riding in a dog cart. The horse became frightened and ran on the track ahead of the train. Fulton's body was carried nine miles on the pilot of the locomotive before the engineer discovered that there had been an accident.

—A water spout destroyed the town of Chulapa, State of Guerrero, Mexico, at noon on the 15th.

Books and Toys for Children.

It is the duty of parents to cultivate a taste for good literature in their children. No matter how poor the book may be in binding, its contents should be good of its kind. Many parents select a book more with regard to the cover than to the contents. Children's books are often coarse in conception and crude in style, with glaring colors adorning, or rather disfiguring the outside. A sense of the artistic should be cultivated in a child from its earliest years. A child should be taught to love and respect books from its infancy, and when old enough, to keep them arranged in an orderly manner, as worthy of preservation and care.

Many shortsighted mothers, more anxious for neatness than for the education of their children, point to a litter of children's books and toys and tell them to "take that trash away."

It is wise, when a child has saved a little money, to teach it to purchase books for itself, and to make collections for scrap books of stories, poetry, pictures, and whatever they find in print as worthy of preservation in this way. The teacher or parent should suggest to the child what it should select, so that the taste may be cultivated and refined.

A beautiful thought, a melodious verse, a pretty turn to an idea, can be pointed out by parent or teacher, which may so quicken the child's mental vision as to make it observant, as to seek out and delight in gathering gems of literature and thought.

By a careful and judicious teacher natural science can be so arranged with amusement and pleasant mental exercise, that a child will scarcely know where the one ends and the other begins. Children's attention should be diligently exercised in carefulness of observation, niceness of comparison, acuteness of deduction, and its descriptive powers brought into activity by being taught to examine carefully and describe a flower, a shell, an insect, or recount a story it had read. This mode of training will cultivate the memory as well.

Toys are often very expensive and very unartistic in make and coloring. Enormously large dolls are very undesirable for little girls, as the muscles of the little hands and arms are not strong enough to support heavy toys, and they make the child clumsy in its mode of handling and lifting a toy that should be regarded with tenderness and handled with care.

The humming toy makes a pretty useful toy for little children, as it amuses the eye with its kaleidoscopic colors and pleases the ear with its pretty humming sound, and its movement in relation to the laws of gravity can easily be conceived in simple language and form an instructive and simple lesson for a child.

Here is a description of a toy which will cost nothing to make, and can be very easily made by a child: Get a baking powder can, punch two holes in the bottom of it; get a piece of string and pass it through both holes; tie a knot in the string and loop it over a stick just large enough to hold in the hand, let the child turn it round and round rapidly, when it will produce a weird, fantastic sound. We have known this simple toy amuse the little ones for hours, where other toys have failed.

Another pleasant and profitable mode of instructing and amusing children is to get common wooden toothpicks and give them an old pair of scissors and let them cut the toothpicks into large and small lengths, and then form them into the letters of the alphabet, or into words or numbers or little grotesque figures.

A wonder ball in the form of an egg makes a charming present for children at Easter, and is made by winding up a skein of yarn, worsted, or even silk, into the form of an egg, and hiding a present within it, or here and there a tiny gift may be concealed in the folds formed by the winding. That for the foundation may be as large as you wish. These presents are not discovered until the yarn, silk or worsted is knit or crocheted off, so that they are sometimes called Easter eggs for idle people. The stockings, mittens or lace will grow much faster if a gift is expected at the end. These Easter eggs form amusement for a whole family, especially if the gifts are from outside friends, and no one knows what to expect.

Mothers should be particularly careful about the coloring matter upon toys. Unless the toys are painted so that the coloring matter will not come off, they should not be given to little children. We have known children suffer from symptoms of poisoning through putting roughly painted toys into their mouths.

A little museum is a source of amusement and instruction to children and can very easily be made. Get a small box with a clear glass lid so that the specimens may be kept free from dust, and the legs and wings of the entomological collection be kept free from contact to dry flowers and paste and arrange them prettily inside the box. Let the bottom of the box be filled with moss, with bright looking shells dotted here and there. The insects can be painlessly killed and can be nicely mounted with pins with bright colored threads. The specimens should be arranged as if flying or creeping. Colored paper specimens for a tiny museum will bring new objects of beauty and wonder under the child's notice. To have the name put on a tiny ticket will inculcate a knowledge of natural history. The child should be taught that Nature is continually performing miracles and that even the most simple objects are full of beauty and instruction.

—William Bieckle, Philip Herbat and his son were drowned at Portsmouth, Ohio, on the evening of the 14th, by the upsetting of a sail boat. Henry Adams, aged 17 years, was drowned on the 14th, while bathing in Herring Run, near Baltimore.

—Emanuel Escassi, aged 16 years, and Charles Escassi, aged 14, were drowned while bathing in the Harlem river, New York, on the 14th.

FASHION NOTES.

At present there is war in the camp of our ladies and this is the "casus belli." The springs, the tournure all which sustains and extends the skirt is proscribed by the most elegant, the most eccentric, and also let us say it by the most slender. As for others those that the slightest "embellishment" disturbs, those who do not like too much prominence, too sudden changes, they resist, and cling to a little drapery a few inches of spring and to a slight tournure.

This is in order not to shock any one, neither those who wish to follow fashion step by step nor those who go more slowly and who are not quite so ready to do homage to this sovereign, sometimes capricious, and often a little despotic, with these skirts quite narrow, these empire gowns, of which the apron is bias, one adopts the tailor style of common costumes, upon a foundation skirt of silk is placed a skirt of "Neigeuse" or amazon cloth, it is quite straight, on the bottom is a broad hem lined with muslin on this hem is 13, 15 or 17 rows of stitching which gives finish to the bottom of the skirt.

No drapery, an amazon corsage with a small artillery basque in the back and double rows of buttons upon the front. The collar is straight the sleeves very close, quite different from the fanciful sleeves that are worn with light dresses. With this dress for cool evenings or for carriage wear is seen the "Cadoudat" or French blue, cochenille, or Surah. The tailor jacket is also proper with this costume, only it is not quite so new, less coquetish and not so youthful, some young ladies wear instead of the coat a fichu "Sainte Denise" in braided cloth. Our models represent this fichu in braided cloth of a light color. The dress is quite straight, scarcely draped upon the front and entirely hollowed out, and around the plastron. The dress is in summer "bure" of a pretty grey color. In the back an end of the girdle is arranged in baby bow which corrects the simplicity of this very simple skirt.

Over the shoulders is worn the Marie Antoinette scarf in black lace, one of the novelties of the moment. We have seen these scarfs worn at the exposition and have been astonished at the novelty of the work. Until now imitation lace was worn either in widths or flounces. These scarfs are made at a single weaving and the lace which borders the scarf is made at the same time as the foundation.

A question which occupies many persons is the lace costume. A hundred questions are asked us about wool laces, silk guipure, tulle, "Chantilly" or "Cambria" lace in short every possible case has been presented to us and we supposed that we had said all that was necessary on the subject. Wool lace is no more worn the dress called lace which includes the true or imitation is no longer the fashion when draped. However a round skirt trimmed on the bottom with "moire" or satin ribbons is a very pretty thing. Above all the style is for dresses of tulle, Tosea or Greek, which are very elegant and new. She small outside garments are trimmed with jet or metallic passementerie.

Large garments in tulle "point d'esprit" and embroidered tulle are always in favor. The best material for these long cloaks is empire tulle with large meshes embroidered round the bottom. FELICE LESLIE.

AN ENGLISH TENNIS COSTUME.—A pair of green silk stockings, embroidered with butternuts and finished off with a little pair of pig-skin shoes. After these are on the wearer will array herself in an undergarment of gray-green China silk, which looks like a petticoat, rustled up to the waist, but which really consists of two petticoats, one for each limb and fastened to one belt, which gives her a freedom of movement she has never known before since she went out of short frocks. A little low-necked silk bodice goes with the divided petticoat, and this is frilled with lace and drawn up with little narrow green ribbons at the shoulders and arms. The tennis dress proper is of gray-green serge, laid in a deep hem about the foot of the skirt, and embroidered with a deep border of butternuts done in gold-colored floss. The skirt is gathered quite full, and falls just the fragment of an inch below the ankles. The waist is a loose blouse of the Garibaldi shape, made of white serge, with a turnover collar, under which is knotted a yellow silk scarf the same color as the broad, soft scarf knotted about the waist. The sleeves are loose and full, and are gathered into a deep green cuff which reaches nearly to the elbow. Over this blouse goes a little green serge jacket, whose edges are embroidered with butternuts, which is lined throughout with silk of the same shade, and has no sleeves.

DISAPPOINTED.—A New York artist, who was in Charleston on a pleasure trip, painted the portrait of a little dandy. She was encouraged to sit patiently by having seen a beautiful picture which the same artist had made of a fair-haired daughter of one of the proudest houses in Charleston, in whose name the young dandy's mother was laundress.

Patiently she posed, and when the portrait was completed the artist brought it round to show it to its original. "Here you are, Janey," he said. Janey looked at her counterfeit presentment and burst into shrieks and howls. She ran from the room to pour her sorrows into sympathizing ears.

"Oh, Missy Grace!" she cried, "made look 'so!' I didn't think Mr. Waller would do me so! He tek and mek me 'orful little notty-headed nigger, an' I tought I was jes-a-goin' to be a beautiful little yerler-headed gal, with blue eyes and a white face jes like Missy Gettrude!"

—After four trials Practor Knott succeeded in beating Spokane. —Salvator's gross winnings thus far for the season amount to \$59,750. —Terra Cotta had a slight congestive chill recently, but is now doing well. —Many horsemen profess to believe that Axtell will beat Maud S.'s record. —Scroggin Brothers paid \$5000 for the California-bred 3-year-old Robin Hood, by Flood. —Mike and George Bowerman are kept busy working their own stock at Lexington, Ky. —The prize list for the Grand Central Circuit meeting at Hartford amounts to \$36,000. —It is claimed that Dr. Herr has a 2-year-old, that went a mile in 2:20, and repeated a mile in 1:06. —Miss Russell, the dam of Maud S., Nutwood and Cora Belmont, will be bred to King Wilkes this season. —The running course at Westchester, N. Y., which will be opened next month, has cost about \$1,500,000. —Gus Macey, of Versailles, Ky., recently drove the bay mare Gondola a half mile in 1:07 with hobbles on. —A lot of Australian-bred colts will be sold by Mr. Easton at Monmouth Park some time within the next few weeks. —Lee Shaner denies the report that Dawn, 2:19, is broken down, and states that he recently sent him a mile in 2:24. —Deck Wright is masquerading on the half-mile tracks in Canada under the name of Little Jim. To all appearances death alone will give him a let-up. —Starter Caldwell says that Longstreet, by his delay at the post for the Lorillard stakes, lost at least 2 1/2 seconds, which he made up in the first half mile. —Within the past five years many promising young trotting horses and fillies have been taken to Canada and placed either in the stud or training stable. —A. L. Washburn, of New York, has sold to C. Perry, of Pensacola, Fla., the bay gelding Bay Tom, by Hambletonian, dam by Long Island Black Hawk, for \$2500. —The Maryland State Agricultural Association, at Pimlico, near Baltimore, purposes holding a trotting meeting on September 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, when ten purses from \$700 to \$1000 will be given, also \$5000 for a special.

HORSE NOTES.

—The mare Buxum died at Enderheim Stud (Kittson Brothers). Buxum was a chestnut bred in 1879 by the late General W. G. Harding at Belle Meade, and was by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Lady Lindora, by imp. Australian. —Lottie Thorn, who gained a record of 2:23 1/2 in the third heat of the 2:37 class at Lexington, Ky., is in foal, which makes her performance all the more remarkable. She is the only daughter of Mambrino Patchen now on the turf. —It is reported that the bay gelding Big Jim, that won two races at Baltimore in May, and was suspected of being a ringer, is none other than Grover Cleveland, 2:25 1/2. The horse was owned by a Washington, D. C., gentleman, who may be asked to explain. —Of the ten 3-year-old record-breakers of the last twenty years six were bred in Kentucky, while Axtell, who now wears the crown, has strictly a blue-grass pedigree. The six Kentuckians are Blackwood, Lady Stout, Steinway, Jewett, Phil Thompson and Patron. —The American mare Misty Morning won a race of three miles and one furlong at Paris, France, in June, Time, 8:01 3/5. The French mare Capucine was second and Watt, an American gelding, third. Mazepa, Jerry, Milton and Blanche B. were drawn. —The Cleveland Driving Park Company is trying to arrange as the special attraction for its Grand Circuit meeting a race between Guy and Jay Eye See for a \$5000 purse, and will engage Axtell, 2:15, to go against the stallion record, 2:13 1/2, at the same meeting for a long purse. —The br. s. Diligent, owned by Condon and McCorkell, of Philadelphia, won a six-heat race at Lexington, Ky., on July 5. There were eleven starters. The race was trotted over the running course, which has quite a hill, and the track was heavy and uneven owing to the rain. Diligent is by Dictator, dam by Antar. —Proctor Knott is improving, but he is not yet himself. He will shortly be shipped to Saratogo and be allowed to recuperate. Sam Bryant says: "What he needs is a good rest, and he will have it, and then, after I go East, he will be specially prepared for the Omnibus stakes, and the horse that beats him will have to be a wonder, and don't you forget it."

—The Harrodsburg boys did well at Lexington on July 5. Messrs. Smith and Owings' 3-year-old stallion Bonnie Wilmore won his race in straight heats—Time—2:31, 2:34, 2:37. The colt was driven remarkably well by his trainer and driver, Will Owings. Crit Davis won with Diligent in a race that required considerable tact. Young Phil Chinn should have won the running races with the b. s. Liberty; but owing to the horse getting a false start and running all the way around the track made him unable to go to the front with those that did not get off in the false start. —Guy trotted the Cleveland track on Wednesday June 10th in 2:11 1/2. Performance was under the rule Messrs. Edwards, Fasig and Devereux acting as judges and timers. After two warmers in 2:25 and 2:32, Sander sent the gelding away for the great effort. The quarter was reached in 32 seconds, the half in 1:05 1/2, the three quarters in 1:57 1/2 and the mile in 2:11 1/2. The first furlong was trotted in 1:02 seconds, a 2:08 clip, and the last furlong in 17 1/2 ounce shoes and 2 ounce weight.