

OFFICIAL CROP REPORT. STATISTICS FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The September Condition of Corn, Wheat, Oats, Rice, Tobacco and Apples—The Area Under Clover—Heavy Decline in the Corn Average.

The report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture for the month of September shows a decline in the condition of corn to 63.4 from 69.1 in the month of August and 95 in the month of July. This is a decline of 5.7 from the August and 31.6 from the July condition.

In addition to the unfavorable prospects arising from the low condition of the growing crop, reports from eight States, viz., Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, in response to a special inquiry, show that out of an aggregate of 49,873,984 acres planted in these States there have been cut up for food or abandoned 15,506,000 acres, or 38 per cent., which is a little over 20 per cent of the entire area planted in the country.

The condition of wheat, considering both winter and spring varieties, when harvested, was 83.7 against 74.0 last year and 85.3 in 1892. The reported conditions from the correspondents for the principal wheat-growing States are as follows: Ohio, 102; Michigan, 91; Indiana, 103; Illinois, 101; Wisconsin, 92; Minnesota, 84; Iowa, 92; Missouri, 91; Kansas, 58; Nebraska, 40; South Dakota, 32; North Dakota, 74; California, 88; Oregon, 83; Washington, 67. In the East: New York, 80; Pennsylvania, 91; Maryland, 98; Virginia, 85; Tennessee, 78; West Virginia, 95; Kentucky, 92; Texas, 92.

THE LABOR WORLD.

MACHINISTS have 450 lodges. There are 9000 Union hatters. BOSTON has sixty-five unions.

THERE are 160 barbers' Unions. CHICAGO has 1500 Union teamsters.

OSHAHA has a Polish Federation of Labor. NASHVILLE has a colored barber's Union.

LOUISIANA is to have an Arbitration Board. CHICAGO painters get 32 1/2 cents an hour.

OSHAHA (Neb.) city employes have a Union. TENNESSEE is to have a State Labor Congress.

DETROIT (Mich.) Union brooms are labeled.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, makes 100,000 hats daily.

SAN FRANCISCO Union carpenters get \$2.25 a day.

FEMALE farm laborers are numerous in France.

KANSAS CITY (Mo.) garment workers have a Union.

BOSTON Chinese laundrymen have fixed a scale of prices.

SAN FRANCISCO goldsmiths get twenty-five cents an hour.

A PITTSBURGH restaurateur says girl waiters are a failure.

KANSAS CITY (Mo.) packing house Unions have amalgamated.

The second Wednesday in October is Eight Hour Day in New Zealand.

The municipality of Klingenberg, Germany, runs the labor factories.

A HAMMONG (Ind.) butcher dressed a beef in six minutes and twenty seconds.

REV. DR. PESTICOFF, of London, has 300 domestic servants in his congregation.

FARMERS on horseback were a feature of the Nashville (Tenn.) Labor Day parade.

The English Amalgamated Society of Engineers has a yearly income of \$1,073,000.

A LOWDOX gas company distributed \$100,000 of its profits for a year among its hands.

WASHINGTON (D. C.) plate printers were a \$1 bill as a badge in the Labor Day parade.

Three clerymen made addresses at the Birmingham (N. Y.) Labor Day demonstration.

A NASHVILLE athletic club penciled a float on Labor Day and gave a continuous performance.

ITALIANS are deserting California. Many are going home and not a few have embarked for Africa.

THERE are 7000 people in Paris who are employed in the preparation of human hair for the market.

The trade union congress at Norwich, England, resolved to demand that the Government prevent the landing of destitute aliens.

The Marquis of Lorne is a sympathizer with strikes where the men have a reasonable complaint. He has often been known to contribute his mite to a strike fund.

OUTRAGES by unionist sheep-shearers are causing much concern in Brisbane, Australia. Since the beginning of the month five large wool sheds have been burned.

JERRY A. HOWARD, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Wheeling (W. Va.) district, began his life as a glassblower and devoted his evenings to study in a commercial college.

The petition of the collar, shirt and cuff operatives, 75,000 in number, recently presented to Congress, have been bound in one mammoth book, 72x48 inches, weighing 322 pounds. It is said that when the book is open a boy of twelve years of age can easily crawl through the back.

DAISY MAJOR, a sixteen-year-old girl, who has acted as Postmistress at Wampun, Penn., is found to have embezzled \$1500.

THE Chicago policeman who served as model for the Haymarket statue has been dismissed in disgrace from the force.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

KNO LEOPOLD, of Belgium, rides a bicycle.

JERICHO BREWER, Brown and Shiras are Yale graduates.

The first three sons of Emperor William, of Germany, are learning to ride bicycles.

SEASTON DANIEL, of Virginia, is figuring as a writer of short stories for young people.

THE Crown Prince, Frederick of Denmark, has celebrated his silver wedding. He is fifty-one.

AROURTEN DALL, of New York City, has just completed his first quarter of a century of theatrical management.

SENATOR HILL, of New York, uses neither tobacco nor liquor, and is said to be in magnificent physical condition.

GENERAL COUNSEL BAXTER, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, receives for his services \$49,000 a year.

BANNEY LANGRISH, the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State in Kansas, owns a ranch of 13,000 acres in Chase County.

SENATOR BAIRD, of Ohio, sometime ago walked up the front door in his house in Washington so as to have nothing but a carriage entrance.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES is daily engaged in dictating his "Recollections" to his secretary, but they are not to be published until after his death.

CONGRESSMAN BLACK, of Georgia, enjoys the distinction of being the only member who never missed a roll-call in the House of Representatives last session.

FRONTISIERE farmers residents of New York are preparing for the erection of a bronze statue to the memory of the late Jesse Seligman, the banker and philanthropist.

REV. DR. F. E. CLARK, founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, has gone to Europe for rest. While there he will introduce the society into Germany, Denmark and Scandinavia.

EFERON WILLIAM, of Germany, uses a rowing apparatus daily in his rooms to lumber up and harden his muscles. It was constructed especially for him by a Berlin physician. He finds it of great benefit to his health.

THOMAS NAST is to lecture in London on American Political Notables, and will illustrate his remarks with lightening sketches.

ADMIRAL TING, commander of the vanishing Pei-Yang fleet, of China, has been deprived of his seacock feather for cowardice and incapacity.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has been a student of literature all his life. His reading covers a very wide range and he is very fond of the English novelists. He prefers Dickens to Thackeray and is a great admirer of Walter Scott. His favorite English poets are not English, Burns being a Scotchman and Moore an Irishman.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES, of Indiana, if he lives to serve out the term for which he has been nominated, will beat the Congressional record. No man has yet served thirty years in the House of Representatives, although two members, both from Philadelphia, came near it—Judge Kelly, who was serving his thirtieth year when he died, and Mr. O'Neill, who had served twenty-nine.

THE raiders led word that they destroyed more sheep simply because they lacked time. They proceeded to return and finish the job. The settlers are divided in sentiment. The cattle men have been fighting against the entrance of sheep men upon the mesas and the valleys of the western slope for years, and a number of murders have resulted.

AN OLD CHIEF'S EXPLOIT.

Though Seventy-seven He Dragged Hose to a Burning Schooner.

The two-masted British schooner Maud Pyle, from Moncton, N. B., loaded with hemlock bark, caught fire in the Malden River, near the Malden and Everett line in Massachusetts. The rear mast was burned off and the cabin and stern of the vessel badly damaged.

The schooner was in such a position that it was difficult for the firemen to get a line of hose out to her. When the Everett firemen got their hose across the marshes to the river in which the burning schooner lay they hit it. While they were pondering how to get on the schooner ex-Chief Joseph Swan, aged seventy-seven, appeared upon the scene. He seized the nozzle, jumped upon the fire, and dragging the hose, waded into the water up to his neck to the mast of the vessel, which was burned off. He climbed up the slippery mast with the hose and got a stream of water on the thick-skirt of the fire. He was loudly cheered by the spectators on the shore. The fire was easily put out then.

A NOVEL BLACK LIST.

Position of the Crane Determines the Standing of the Applicant.

Omaha railroad men are much alarmed over the discovery of what they regard as a novel black list being worked on all Western lines. Since the strike all men seeking employment are required to bring a clearance from their last company.

The men claim that all companies are using a sheet of paper on which to write the recommendations that have the figure of a crane printed in it and while the writing may be done by the applicant, the crane is the position of the animal on the paper, which is invisible except to a close observer, really determines the applicant's standing.

In this manner, by a secret code of signals, the railroads, the men say, can write them a favorable letter and by using paper with the figure of the crane indicating dissatisfaction prevent their sending any more.

THE watermelon industry is really a great one in Georgia and an important one for Atlanta, which is the greatest watermelon market on earth. From all over Georgia watermelons have been shipped to Atlanta, and through Atlanta dealers, sold in other cities. Nearly 300 carloads have been shipped from that point to other cities this year.

THE Spanish Government has issued a decree cancelling the reciprocity treaty between Spain and the United States on the application by the United States of the new customs tariff.

OVER \$20,000 was turned back into the United States Treasury on account of docking Members of Congress who have been absent from their seats.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

HAMILTON, of Philadelphia, led in the matinee played base.

LAGRANGE played a wonderful game at first base for Brooklyn.

BROTHERS fell off in his batting, but his fielding has been brilliant.

The Boston team carried fifteen men and a trainer on its Western trip.

DARLEN, the Chicago shortstop, covers lots of ground and does it well.

BUCKET, McAleer and Blake make an outfield for Cleveland that is hard to beat.

CAPTAIN NASH played a better game this season than when he went to Boston in 1890.

It seems impossible to properly strengthen third base, the weak spot of the Brooklyn team.

The Louisville Club gave Pitcher Heming to Baltimore for Pitcher Inks and a cash bonus of \$2000.

The Buffalo (N. Y.) Club has a record of two-two straight victories, the best for either a major or minor league club.

The Cleveland team got an awful slump in their batting, a feature of the game in which they were considered strong at the beginning of the season.

CAPTAIN FOUTZ and one or two of the Brooklyn players have been invited to join a combination that will give exhibitions in Florida during the winter.

NEW YORK is the only club in the League that did not add players to the team this season. It started out with seventeen men on the payroll, and now has sixteen.

KELLER, of Baltimore, made a grand hit this year in that city. President Byrne got the worst of the deal when he exhaused Brothers and Keeler for Shindleand Treadway.

NEW YORK has done the best work of the Eastern clubs against the Western teams during the season, while Chicago occupies the corresponding position among the Western clubs.

One of the rules which Anson, of Chicago, proposes to ask for next season is one barring all big "mits" in the field. He argues that catchers alone should be permitted to wear them.

"We will give first place in betting this year? It is a question impossible to answer, though the unofficial figures indicate that the contest is narrowing down between Duffy, of Boston, and Delahanty, of Philadelphia.

The final tie for the National baseball championship in England ended in a victory at Bulham on Saturday, August 25, when the Tiespians, the winners of the championship last year, scored a decisive victory over the Stocktons.

The rulemakers can effect a few changes for next season that would be appreciated by the players. The most important would be to let players overrun second and third as they do first, with the same penalty for turning to the left each time, as originally suggested by Harry Wright.

The race for the pennant among Baltimore, Boston and New York was the most exciting contest in the annals of the game and proved conclusively that the National game is a pastime of which every American should be proud. There is no gambling connected with it and every "patron" yells for his own club with the ardor of a genuine patriot.

The young players who have made a good showing in the big League this year are Hodson, Tenney, Connaughton, and Bannon of the Bostonians; Latham and Baskins of the Brooklynites; Meekin and Murphy of the New Yorks; Keeler, Jennings, and Betts of the Baltimorees; Mercer and Abbey of the Washingtonians; Sautzen of the Pittsburgs; Blake of the Clevelanders; Griffith of the Chicago, Clark of Louisville, and Ely of St. Louis.

The Baltimore Club is winning the pennant with a team that cost Messrs. Hanlon and Von der Horst comparatively nothing. Without paying bonus money Hanlon secured Brodie, Keeler, Brothers, McGraw, Ruiz, Jennings, and Van Hook. He got Keeler from the Pittsburgh Club in exchange for Van Haltrou and \$2500, and paid that amount to St. Louis for Gieson. Henning and Ely were landed upon the payment of about \$2000, and McMahon and Baskins were acquired from the Bostonians on a salary list does not foot up over \$35,000, and that the club will clear more than that amount on the season.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Per Club. Won. Lost. Pct. Clubs. Won. Lost. Pct.

Baltimore, 79 36 .687; Chicago, 69 59 .539

New York, 78 41 .656; Cleveland, 61 60 .508

Pittsburg, 76 44 .634; Cincinnati, 60 63 .484

Philadelphia, 69 57 .547; St. Louis, 47 71 .398

Brooklyn, 65 52 .558; Washington, 41 78 .345

Cleveland, 60 56 .517; Louisville, 33 83 .280

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

NEW ZEALAND has few tramp.

Georgia teachers are organized.

CHILE uses American locomotives.

The influenza is raging in Australia.

The cranberry crop is a failure this year.

The Southern persimmon crops short this year.

CHOLERA is raging terribly in Russian Poland.

NEW YORK CITY is our greatest coffee market.

GLASGOW, Scotland, operates its telephone system.

HONOLULU (Hawaii) messenger boys use bicycles.

CHICAGO has 378 teachers employed in her public schools.

USCLE SAM'S BAY is all of 2000 men short of its nominal strength.

SHORT CUTS, Iowa, has 300 men at work exterminating Russian thistles.

The South has been exempt from fire and flood and pestilence this year.

REPRESENTATIVE business men of New York City say trade is improving.

TRADE reviews report remarkable improvement in business in the West.

The Chinese are manifesting the utmost enmity toward all English residents in China.

CHINA has sent a note to the European Powers, throwing the blame for the war upon Japan.

SLIGHT changes will be made in the Capitol, at Washington, during the recess of Congress.

Tax drought, locusts and heavy cold rains have caused a loss of 500,000 sheep to stockmen of South Africa.

The distribution of the Krug-Jorgensen magazine rifle to the United States Army is progressing satisfactorily.

THERE are reports of a very short apple crop not only in England, but throughout continental Europe this year.

INVESTIGATIONS show that the cholera is spread by the pilgrims to Mecca, Arabia, which is a nursery for the disease.

It has been estimated that from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by the forest fires in Wisconsin alone, mostly lumber and standing timber.

It is reported that fruit canners on the Pacific coast, though working at their full capacity, are unable to take in the immense shipments of green fruit, and large supplies are being transported East and across to Europe.

LEW WAGONER, a noted desperado of North Louisiana and Eastern Texas, was shot to death in his cell in the parish jail at Minden, La., by a mob. Wagoner was a perfect type of many beauty, and as brave as a lion. For the past five years he had been terror in the country. Innumerable murders are laid at his door.

COUNT OF PARIS DEAD.

The French Royalist Leader Succumbs to Cancer of the Stomach.

The Count of Paris died at Stowe House, London, shortly before eight o'clock, a few mornings ago. He began to sink visibly at midnight, but at intervals was clearly conscious, recognizing the Countess and his children as they bent over him and murmuring words of affection for them. All the members of his family were around him when he died. The official medical certificate says that death was due to intestinal obstruction, cancer and exhaustion.

Louis Philippe, Albert d'Orleans, Comte de Paris, son of the late Duc d'Orleans and grandson of the late Louis Philippe, King of the French, was born in Paris, August 24, 1838. He was only ten years old when the revolution of February, 1848, broke out, and he accompanied his family into exile. He was educated at Caumont in England. In the autumn of 1861 the young Prince, with his brother, the Duc de Chartres, accompanied by their uncle, the Prince de Joinville, came to the United States, and the two brothers entered the army with the rank of captain of volunteers. They served on General McClellan's staff till the conclusion of the campaign in Virginia, in June, 1862, when they returned to Europe. In 1871 the Comte de Paris was, after some delay, admitted a member of the National Assembly at Versailles, under M. Thiers, President of the French Republic, and, on December 22, 1872, the Assembly voted the restitution of the property of the Orleans family. After the death of the Comte de Chambord, which occurred on August 24, 1883, the great majority of the legitimists acknowledged the Comte de Paris as his successor in his claim to the French throne. In 1890 the French Government introduced and passed the Expansion bill, forbidding the sale of France to the direct heirs of families that had reigned in France. The measure was chiefly directed against the Comte de Paris, who, accordingly, left for England in July. The Comte de Paris married his cousin, the Princess Marie Isabelle Francaise d'Assises Antonia Louisa Fernanda, eldest daughter of the Duc de Montpensier, on May 29, 1864, and had six children—two sons, Prince Louis Philippe Robert, born February 6, 1869, and Prince Ferdinand Francaise, born September 9, 1884, and four daughters.

The Supreme Lodge, K. of P., adopted the report of the committee of the Board of Control of the endowment rank, recommending that no insurance shall hereafter be paid to beneficiaries of suicides.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

87 MILK AND CREAM.

Somewhat decreased receipts and a fair demand gave a better tone to the market the past week, and sales generally were readily affected. The ruling price at the market for milk, creaming, standard, which the platform surplus has been \$1.47 per cent of 40 quarts. Exchange price, 2 1/2 cts. per quart. Receipts of the week, fluid

milk, gals. 1,521,297

Condensed milk, gals. 12,450

Cream, gals. 51,117

BUTTER.

Creamery-Penn., extra, 23 1/2 @ 24

Western, extra, 24 @ 24 1/2

Western, firsts, 21 @ 22 1/2

Western, thirds to seconds, 16 @ 20

Firsts, extra, 19 @ 21

Firsts, 19 @ 21

Second, 18 @ 18

Western Im. Creamery, firsts, 18 @ 18

Seconds, 17 @ 17

Western Dairy, 18 1/2 @ 17

Factory, June, standard, 14 1/2 @ 16

CHEESE.

State-Full cream, white, fancy 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4

Full cream, good to prime, 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4

State Factory-Part skims, choice, 7 1/2 @ 7 1/4

Part skims, com. to prime, 4 @ 4 1/2

Full skims, 8 @ 8 1/4

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans-Marrow, 1893, choice, 3 10 @ 3 15

Medium, 1893, choice, 1 @ 1 10

Pea, choice, 1 @ 1 10

Red kidney, 1893, choice, 2 20 @ 2 55

White kidney, 1893, choice, 2 20 @ 2 60

Black turtle soup, 1893, 1 35 @ 2 00

Lima, Cal., 1893, 2 00 @ 2 25

Green pea, blue, 1 35 @ 1 75

FRUITS AND HERBS-FRESH.

Plums, 1/2 lb basket, 85 @ 50

Watermelons, each, 1 @ 1

Peaches, 1/2 basket, 50 @ 75

Cranberries, Cape Cod, 1/2 bb 7 00 @ 8 00

Muskmelons, 1/2 bb, 50 @ 1 25

Apples, 1/2 bb, 1 25 @ 1 50

Pears, Bartlett, 1/2 bb, 1 50 @ 2 50

Grapes, Del., 1/2 basket, 12 @ 16

HOPS.

State-1892, choice, 7 1/2 @ 8

1893, common to good, 5 @ 7

Pacific Coast, choice, 5 @ 9

Common to prime, 3 @ 9

Old odds, 3 @ 4

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay-Good to choice 100 lb 8 @ 80

Clover mixed, 45 @ 55

Straw-Long eye, 40 @ 50

Short eye, 35 @ 40

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, 1/2 lb, 10 @ 10 1/2

Spring chickens, 1/2 lb, 10 @ 11 1/2

Broilers, 1/2 lb, 10 @ 11

Turkeys, 1/2 lb, 10 @ 11

Ducks, 1/2 pair, 45 @ 80

Geese, 1/2 pair, 1 00 @ 1 25

Pigeons, 1/2 pair, 20 @ 30

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, 1/2 lb, 12 @ 18

Chickens, Phila, broilers, 12 @ 18

Western, 1/2 lb, 9 @ 11

Jersey, 1/2 lb, 10 @ 11

Fowls, 1/2 lb, 10 @ 10 1/2