

THE WESTERN FARMERS

Secretary Wilson Found Them in Especially Good Spirits.

RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE.

The Head of the Agricultural Department Declares That the Country is Justified in Its Anticipation of Better Times—Predicts Higher Wheat.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Secretary Wilson was at his desk in the agricultural department yesterday for the first time for a month, having just returned from his tour of the trans-Mississippi states.

He went as far west as Montana and Utah, giving special attention to the agricultural interests of the states visited, with particular reference to irrigation, horse raising and sugar beet growing.

"I found the farmers in especially good spirits wherever I went," he said to a press representative. "There is no doubt that confidence is restored and that the country is justified in its anticipations of better times.

The people are all busy in the west. Indeed, I do not believe there is an idle man west of the Mississippi who wants work."

Mr. Wilson predicted a still further advance in the price of wheat, due to the fact that there is not only a short crop abroad, but also because of the fact that, according to his observation, the crop will not be so extensive in this country as has generally been anticipated.

"With the improvement of the times," he said, "the average American is going to have all the flour his family can consume, even though he may have to pay a little more for it. I believe that even without the shortage in the foreign crops the conditions in this country would have forced wheat to a dollar a bushel. But the improved condition of the farmer is due not alone to the enhanced price in wheat, but there has been a corresponding improvement in all farm products."

Mr. Wilson said he found the people of the semi-arid region disposed to think that the government should appropriate money for the building of storage reservoirs. "I told them," he said, "that I could not recommend that system, but that I felt sure that with the vast increase in the value of arid land produced by the addition of water capital would certainly be attracted to such enterprises.

When we consider that the addition of water to those lands makes them worth \$100 an acre, and their planting in fruit trees as at Grand Junction, Colo., worth \$1,000 an acre, capital will certainly in the end be held. I also told them that a change of their sentiments on the currency question, on the 16 to 1 idea, might be conducive to prosperity, as such a change would no doubt have a tendency to influence eastern capital."

Secretary Wilson said that the recent decline in the price of silver was closing many mines which were dependent entirely on silver, and would inevitably work hardship in individual cases. "But," he said, "the miners who are losing will certainly be generally getting employment in mines where other minerals are produced."

Mr. Wilson said that he advised the western farmers to feed their horses in the winter months, as by doing they could so increase the weight of the animals as to make a demand for them in the European markets for army and draft purposes. He found the farmers in the irrigated regions generally disposed to experiment with the sugar beet, and made the prediction that new beet sugar factories would be built next year.

W. P. Atwell, commercial agent of the United States at Robaix, France, sends to the state department a report on the short crop in France. He says the crop of France, and in fact in all Europe, has fallen much below the average, and that it is estimated that the United States and Canada will be called upon to export from 120,000,000 to 130,000,000 bushels more than they exported to Europe last year.

Comal Heenan, at Odessa, Russia, has made quite an extensive report to the state department concerning the failure of the crops in Russia. The report predicts that little wheat will be exported from Russia during the season of 1897-8, as there is little available for that purpose, the old stocks being practically exhausted and the new crop little more than sufficient for home demand. The failure of the wheat crop in Austro-Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria, Consul Heenan continues, has brought buyers from those countries into Russia, and wheat which would ordinarily leave Odessa by steamers is destined to go by rail from the interior into the countries named.

Anarchist Barril Must Die. Madrid, Sept. 8.—The sentence to 40 years' imprisonment passed on Barril, the anarchist who attempted to assassinate Chief of Police Portas and Assistant Chief Teixidor on Friday evening last, at the request of the prosecutor, has been altered to that of death. The defense urged that ten years' imprisonment would be adequate punishment for the accused.

Ritter Decides to Accept. Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 8.—Walter E. Ritter, of this city, has decided to accept the nomination for auditor general tendered him by the Democratic state convention. He made this announcement yesterday. This decision was arrived at after a thorough consideration of the matter and consultation with his friends throughout the state.

The Champion High Diver. Chicago, Sept. 7.—George W. Clarke broke the world's high dive record yesterday afternoon by jumping off the railing of the Halstead street lift bridge when the structure was raised to an elevation of 165 feet above the Chicago river. The diver was taken out of the water without injury and placed under arrest by the police.

Left a Fortune on a Train. San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 8.—Customs inspectors at Laredo have found an unclaimed grip on a train containing \$300,000 worth of diamonds, jewelry and other valuables.

GUBERNATORIAL BOOMS

At the Convention of Pennsylvania Republican Leaguers.

Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 8.—The State League of Republican clubs holds its annual convention here today. The greatest interest centers in the various gubernatorial booms. In compliance with the recently expressed wishes of Attorney General McCormick, whose home is in this city, his friends do not propose to be demonstrative with his gubernatorial boom. There are some shouters here for the booms of ex-Mayor Stuart and P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, Congressman William Connell of Scranton, ex-Congressman John Lisenring of Luzerne and Congressman William A. Stone of Allegheny.

Senator S. J. M. McCarroll, of Harrisburg, president pro tem, of the senate, is on hand to push his campaign for lieutenant governor. The executive committee met and appointed an auditing committee consisting of J. D. Littell of Pittsburg, Howard Lyon of Williamsport and C. E. Schermerhorn of Philadelphia. It was decided to change the selection of executive committeemen from senatorial districts to the counties with the exception of Allegheny and Philadelphia, and to have a league committee of five in each county.

George F. Rudolph, of Allegheny, will introduce in the convention radical resolutions in opposition to civil service reform as at present administered. He will be supported by Thomas G. Sample and William T. Bradbury, of Allegheny, and many Philadelphians.

There will be no opposition to the re-election of President Isidore Sobel of Erie, Treasurer Mahlon H. Young of Philadelphia and Secretary C. F. Harris of Pittsburg.

Wilkesbarre, Lebanon and Pittsburg are making a bid for the next convention, with the chances in favor of Lebanon.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Harrisburg, Sept. 8.—Governor Hastings granted a respite yesterday afternoon for 60 days to Theodore Eisenhower, of Pottsville, who was to have been hanged Oct. 7. The governor's action is taken at the request of Congressman Charles N. Brumm, of Schuylkill, who has made application to the board of pardons for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

Harrisburg, Sept. 7.—General Frank Reeder, reached here last night from Erie and positively declined to talk about the story that he has tendered his resignation to Governor Hastings as secretary of the commonwealth. The governor will come to Harrisburg today from his summer home at Bellefonte to preside at a meeting of the capitol commission. Deputy Attorney General Elkin, who is also said to contemplate resigning, is still at Indiana.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 8.—Jacob Hyle, of this city, was arrested Saturday and bound over in the sum of \$2,000 on charge of conspiracy to defraud wholesale dealers. Hyle had been working with Linwood Brown, who was arrested for the same offense earlier in the week, and although the organizer and principal plotter in the scheme, he informed on Brown, and telegraphed the United States officers for authority to arrest him. Hyle was counting on turning state's evidence and saving himself, when Brown forestalled him by making a confession. Hyle is an old offender, and young Brown was merely his stool pigeon.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 7.—Harry Claiborn, who was a clerk in the Second National bank of this city, when it was looted by Cashier Gardner three years ago, and who was arrested at the time for having changed figures in his books at the cashier's dictation, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. He had been partially demoralized most of the time since his unfortunate connection with the bank scandal. This is the second suicide as a result of the failure of this bank. Bank Examiner Miller having shot himself while trying to untangle the defaulting cashier's accounts.

Wellsboro, Pa., Sept. 7.—Walter Goodwin was held by the coroner's jury yesterday, charged with the murder of his wife, Effie Goodwin, who was found by the roadside, near Mansfield, and died Sunday without having regained consciousness. There was a new development in the case yesterday by the arrest of Gertrude Taylor at the home of her father, Charles K. Taylor, on Phoenix Run, Potter county. This is the girl whom Goodwin says she spent the evening with in Wellsboro last Friday. The girl gives damaging evidence against Goodwin. She says Goodwin told her early Saturday morning that he was a free man at last.

Harrisburg, Sept. 8.—The capitol commission held a short session yesterday afternoon to consider the selection of designs for a new state house. It was finally decided to adjourn until tomorrow afternoon, and in the meanwhile the experts will go over the plans of the Philadelphia firm and that of Harding & Goesch, of New York, and prepare a report to the commission as to the matter used in making the drawing and other technicalities. The prospects are that at its next meeting the commission will either select one of the plans recommended by the experts or reject the experts' report and agree upon an architect who shall make a plan to meet the wishes of a majority of the commissioners.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 4.—A robbery attended by sensational features, which occurred in Greenfield county five days ago, has just been reported to the police of this city. Monday night last Volney Bull and his son, Thurman, wealthy farmers, were in the former's barn when two men entered and asked permission to sleep in the barn. While the two men were talking to the elder Bull three more men, who wore masks, came in, and drawing revolvers ordered Bull and his son to give up their money. The old man made some resistance, and was knocked down and badly beaten. The farmer and his son were then bound, and three robbers watched them while the other two entered Bull's house and searched it thoroughly, but finding little money they returned to the barn. Then they placed the men in different barns and threatened to cremate them unless money was forthcoming. On the old man promising to pay \$500 the fire was extinguished. The robbers then took one of Bull's teams and drove away, saying they would return for the money.

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KLONDIKE'S DANGERS.

Another Official Warning Sent Out From Washington.

THE SITUATION IS APPALLING.

According to the Letter of a Government Official Now in Alaska the Mad Rush For the Gold Fields Should Be Stopped at Once.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The treasury department today made public the following letter received from a government official now in Alaska on the way to the gold fields, stating at the same time that the writer, whose name is withheld, had been 12 years in the service and was thoroughly reliable:

"I deem it my duty to write you on a subject that does not come strictly within my line of duty, as it trenches somewhat upon the functions of the treasury department. I have had a long talk with Mr. Ivey, collector of customs for Alaska, who is at present at Skaguay, three miles below here. The Skaguay trail is the most largely used overland route (though by no means the best) to the Klondike. Ivey informs me that there are now between tide-water and the lake something like 4,000 people and about 2,000 horses. The commander of one of the vessels now at Skaguay states that 15 vessels are chartered to land cargoes at that place between now and Sept. 15, and that the number of passengers will average 200 to each vessel, making 3,200 more people who will attempt to go in this fall.

"I have talked with some of the most experienced traders and miners in this vicinity, and they are unanimous in the prediction that not over 20 per cent of this vast number will get through to Dawson before winter sets in. The other 80 per cent will be caught on the trail, and those who survive and get back to tide-water will have to winter at Skaguay or return south. If the rush continues two weeks longer hundreds will inevitably perish on the trail, which is extremely dangerous after the first of October.

"The postmaster and Indian trader at this place (Mr. Heron) states that more than a thousand men have gone up the Chilcoot Pass during the past 30 days, and that 700 of them are still this side of the lake (24 miles from here). Vessels are arriving every day or two, and at the present rate of influx another thousand will enter the trail by Sept. 10. Mr. Heron is of the opinion that not more than 20 out of a hundred will get through, and he says this trail is far more dangerous than the Skaguay after the snows set in. He says if the rush continues another week the resultant loss of life will be appalling. I attach the greatest weight to what he says, for the reason that it is to his pecuniary interest to have as many as possible come this way, yet he advises an immediate stoppage of the stampede.

"It is difficult to suggest a way to stop the rush of people, but Mr. Ivey intimates that if the inspection rules of the treasury department were properly enforced it would materially decrease the number of passengers on the incoming vessels. Nearly every vessel that arrives here brings twice as many passengers as the law allows it to carry, and many of them are condemned craft which have been fitted up for this trade. Mr. Ivey will no doubt at once present the facts outlined above to the proper authorities, and I merely give you the facts for your information. The situation is appalling, and it is impossible for me adequately to describe the mad rush for the gold fields. I had no conception of its immensity until I saw.

"I have talked with several men who have recently arrived here from the Klondike, two of whom left there less than 30 days ago. They unanimously agree that, while there is a rich gold field there, the facts do not justify the present stampede, and that many of the men who are suffering and starving. Provisions are already scarce and the prices of many articles absolutely prohibitory in the case of a man of ordinary means."

Dr. Andrews' Resignation Stands.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 8.—It is unofficially announced that Dr. Andrews will insist upon the acceptance of his resignation from the Brown university. This decision was arrived at after a conference yesterday afternoon between Dr. Andrews and the executive committee of the corporation. His connection with the Cosmopolitan university, it is thought, will take up too much time to permit of his devoting his attention to both universities at the same time. His decision is in spite of a letter received by him from the faculty begging him to remain.

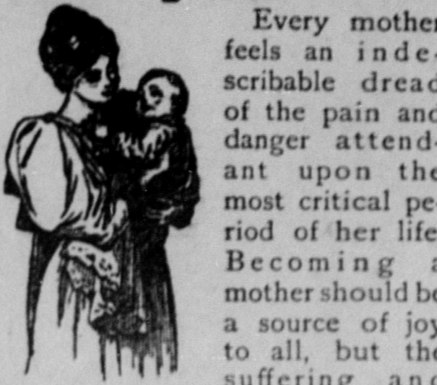
From New York to Klondike. New York, Sept. 8.—A company has been organized here which proposes to send a steamer from New York to the Yukon river, where they will connect with smaller steamers going direct to the gold fields. The steamer will start about Dec. 1 and will carry 500 passengers and outfit and a year's supply of provisions, and will sail via Patagonia through the Strait of Magellan, covering a distance of more than 9,000 miles. The vessel will stop at Newport News, Va., Bermuda, Rio Janeiro, Montevideo, Valparaiso, Callao and San Francisco.

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