

THE CROP CONDITION.

A General Summary of the Forthcoming Report of the State Board of Agriculture.

The following is a general summary of the regular report of Maj. Wm. Sims, secretary of the state board of agriculture, for the month ending July 31:

STATES BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, TOPEKA, KAN., August 10, 1885. This being the year for taking the semi-decennial census, more time has necessarily been required by assessors and county clerks, than is ordinarily consumed in the collection and return to this office of the regular annual statistics. Returns are yet due from twenty-six counties. Tables showing the area of the several crops by counties, cannot, therefore be prepared at this, the usual date for publishing such information.

At the date of mailing to this office the reports of correspondents, upon which the following estimates are based, but little threshing had been done, hence but few reports from threshers. The limited number received, however, clearly indicate that in quantity, generally, and quality, in many localities, the crop will not come up to the estimate placed upon it, by the best judges, before any threshing had been done.

Assessors' returns from eleven counties, since the date of our last report, show an increase in the area harvested, over the estimate for June, for the counties reporting, of about 100,000 acres. This increase in acreage will not, however, compensate for the shortage resulting from the decrease in the estimated average yield per acre, which is now placed at a very small fraction less than ten bushels, a decrease as compared with the report of the board for the month ending June 30th of about one bushel per acre.

From the latest and best information received, I estimate the area of winter wheat, harvested in this state this year, to be 934,804 acres, and place the average yield per acre, in round numbers, at ten bushels. Probable total product, 9,348,840 bushels.

SPRING WHEAT. Reports just received indicate no material change, either in area or condition, since the date of our last report. Probable product, 1,250,000 bushels.

CORN. This great, and to the people of Kansas, the most important cereal, is reported to be in fine condition. The backward and unfavorable conditions of April and May have been fully compensated for by the very propitious weather of the last thirty days. I can call to mind no period in the history of the state, when a more marked improvement has been made in the progress of any crop than has been witnessed in the growth and development of corn within the month covered by this report.

One month ago the general condition of the crop, as compared with last year, was found to be eighty-two, while the reports for July, from which this report is compiled, show a condition of ninety-eight, an improvement of sixteen points during the month. Official returns, and reliable estimates from counties not yet reported by assessors, place the area of corn at about 4,950,000 acres. Probable product, should favorable conditions continue, 198,000,000 bushels.

OATS. Estimated area the same as reported last month; condition not so good; probable products, 29,000,000 bushels; a shortage, as compared with last year of 87,000 bushels.

RYE. But little threshing has been done. Reports generally indicate a short crop; and estimates as to yield, differ so widely as to preclude the possibility of any satisfactory estimate, as to product at this time.

CONFORTION AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR OF broom corn, 90 per cent.; flax, 89; sorghum, 93; potatoes, 100; and millet and Hungarian, 100.

FRUIT. From the report of G. C. Brackett, secretary of the Kansas state horticultural society, dated July 1, 1885, I take the following: Apples, 55; cherries, 59; peaches, 10; pears, 53; plums, 40; quinces, 20; blackberries, 49; currants, 46; gooseberries, 58; raspberries, 65; strawberries, 68; grapes, 88.

Wm. Sims, Secretary.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

A Women Discovers a Tale of Foul Murder.

A Shirelyburg, Pennsylvania, dispatch to the Globe-Democrat says: Thirty years ago John B. Hicks, a then prosperous young potter of this place, mysteriously disappeared. Large rewards were offered, but to no purpose. Previous to his singular disappearance he was known to have received a large sum of money, and his wife and the community in general settled down to the belief that he had left the country for some unknown and unexplained reason, as no discovery was ever made that led to the belief that he had committed suicide or been murdered. Now, after a lapse of nearly thirty years, comes a remarkable relation that explains and clears away the mystery of Hicks' disappearance. On Tuesday Mrs. Mary Beatty, an old woman who resides at Vineyard Mills, but who lived at Shirelyburg when Hicks disappeared, made a statement in the presence of Samuel Bard, Esq., and his family, wherein she alleges that John Hicks was murdered and that his body was concealed at a remote spot among the rocks in a piece of woods in Germany Valley, this county, and that his bones remain there to this day. Mrs. Beatty states that on the night of the murder two men stopped at her brother's house in search of lodging. They purported to be drovers and displayed large rolls of money. Both of the men spoke fluently and remained at her father's house several days. They succeeded in gaining the confidence of John Hicks, and when not scouring the country were constantly in his society. On the night preceding the disappearance of Hicks one of the men took his departure. On the following night the other left. After a lapse of several days they returned and again took lodging at Mrs. Beatty's house. The flimsy partition between her room and their apartment enabled her to hear almost every word that was said, and before they left finally she discovered that they had murdered Hicks and hidden his body in the spot designated by her in her statement. Being of an extremely nervous temperament, Mrs.

Beatty refrained from disclosing her awful secret lest she, too, might suffer the terrible fate of Hicks. For nearly thirty years she has retained the secret of Hicks' mysterious disappearance, and now that she is rapidly nearing the grave she says she wishes to relieve her mind of its unbearable weight. She is now in her 72d year, and esteemed by all for her upright life. Hopes are entertained of bringing the perpetrators of the veiled crime to justice. Their names and present places of residence are known to the authorities.

A BLIGHTED LIFE.

A Young Lady of Syracuse Who Does Not Mean to be Trifled With.

Syracuse (N.Y.) Times. The announcement here to-day that Mr. Wm. P. Sabey had been served with the papers in a suit for breach of promise, or marriage alleged to have been made to Miss Eva Moore, daughter of Mrs. A. E. Moore, a widow, caused a great deal of surprise and gossip in the great and society circles. Mr. Sabey is one of the most respected business men of Syracuse, and does a large business in the wholesale and retail hat trade. He owns large quantities of real estate. He is a widower. His deceased wife was the only daughter of the late Capt. Austin Meyers, and his only daughter is the wife of James Holland Davis. Captain Meyers was at one time numbered with the wealthiest men in Syracuse. Miss Moore, while not moving in the social circles that Mr. Sabey does, is very much respected. She has a fine form and attractive face, is a brunette, and one who would naturally attract attention. She lays her damages at \$50,000. To your correspondent to-day she said: "I dislike to talk about this affair. It is a long story, and I do not seek publicity. I was only 16 when I first met Mr. Sabey. Girl-like, I was flattered by his attentions, and said nothing to my mother about them. After I had known Mr. Sabey about two months we became very intimate. My connection with him has continued since that time up to within the past few days. About two and a half years after our first meeting Mr. Sabey promised to marry me. About a week before September 11, 1884, he set that date for our marriage. I then began preparing my wedding outfit. He promised me almost everything. Mr. Sabey did not appear for the ceremony and the following day I asked him what he meant by treating me in such a manner. He replied that he had made up his mind not to marry me. Soon after I went into the country, broken hearted. Matters ran along till this week. All the while I was begging and imploring him to marry me. My connection with him had hurt my reputation, and I thought that as he had promised to marry me it was only right that he should do so. I consulted a lawyer and began a suit against him."

Mr. Sabey seemed surprised that the news had been so quickly circulated. "I have not as yet secured an attorney," said he, "but I will do so at once. I met the Moore people just as any other charitable man would do. Why such a suit should be begun I do not know, because I never promised in any way to marry the young girl, and I do not propose to do so. I don't like to say exactly what I think about this affair, because I have a little feeling for these people, who are certainly mad or they would not make such a charge."

What They Eat.

At the New England resorts shrimp and doughnuts are served in a variety of ways. At Devon inn fruits and berries raised on the adjoining farm are a feature of the desserts. At the Brighton hotel, Atlantic City, the soup is invariably served in cups, instead of plates. At the Berkeley Arms, on Barnegat bay, oyster sauce is served with nearly all the kinds of fish. At Newport more frogs are consumed in the season, it is said, than at any other fashionable resort. At some of the seaside hotels now some of the small entrees are served in little paper ships and canoes. At Saratoga no meal at any of the hotels is considered complete without some of the celebrated "chips."

At most of the very fashionable watering-places hotels cheese is now served at dinner just before dessert. At the Virginia springs no other article so much called for and so much on the table as "corn pone." At the best summer hotels every where there is a tendency to do away with the use of French on the bills of fare. At the Pennsylvania mountain resorts delicious trout, caught a few hours before, is a frequent breakfast luxury. At Mount Desert fried herring is the principal article on the bill of fare at all the hotels, and is served three times a day. At the West end, Long Branch, more consomme soup is called for and consumed than all other kinds of soup put together. At Nantucket and neighboring resorts no one has become fully acquainted with the locality who has not tasted the clam chowder. At the Green Girt, oysters "off horseback" are one of the most popular dishes at the Beach house. They are mounted on toast in a saddle of bacon. At Lenox, pie is awfully fashionable, and pumpkin pie is considered the very well thing. When it can not be had tartlets take its place in popularity. At the White mountain hotels muffins are an almost invariable accompaniment of breakfast, and hot cakes are used both in the morning and evening. At Asbury Park a species of pie is served at some of the boarding-houses which has little in the crust, and is always spoken of as "leather pie with buckles."

At Key East, on Shark river, clams are gathered daily, and served twice in the twenty-four hours at Avon inn, where there is a French cook from the Brunswick hotel. At the Hollywood cottages, Long Branch, enough of every article is brought to supply two persons, and if there is only one person to eat the charge is the same.

A stamp dug up at Mount Pleasant, N. C., recently, said to be the only one on record of the petrification of palmetto, is exhibited at New Orleans. The grain of the wood is plainly marked.

The selling of decorations, sub-figures and other dignities in Paris proved a very lucrative business, but it has just been broken up and the managers sentenced to imprisonment.

"Crowned Man in Alabama."

"De crowned man in Alabama lives dar," said the driver as we approached a way-side home, near Selma, Ala., to ask accommodations for the night. At supper, and after it, "mine host" scowled at every one, found fault with every thing earthly, and I was wondering if he would not growl if the heavenly halo didn't fit him. When incidental mention of the comet of 1882, he said: "I didn't like its form, its tail should have been fan shaped!"

Next morning he appeared half-odded at our offering to pay for his hospitality. My companion, however, made him accept as a present a sample from his case of goods.

Six weeks later I drew up at the same house. The planter stepped lithely from the porch and greeted me cordially. I could scarcely believe that this clear complexioned, bright eyed, animated fellow, and the morose being of a few weeks back, were the same. He inquired after my companion of the former visit and regretted he was not with me. "Yes," said his wife, "we are both much indebted to him."

"How?" I asked in surprise. "For this wonderful change in my husband. Your friend when leaving, handed him a bottle of Warner's safe cure. He took it, and two other bottles, and now—" "And now," he broke in, "from an ill-feeling, growling old bear, I am healthy and so cheerful my wife declares she has fallen in love with me again!"

It has made over again a thousand love matches, and keeps sweet the tempers of the family circle everywhere.—Copyrighted. Used by permission of American Rural Home.

Death of a Prominent Texan. Philadelphia, August 10.—Morro Phillips died at the Monmouth house, Spring Lake, yesterday, aged 77 years. He was a well known Texan estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

Would You Believe It. Nature's great remedy, Kidney Wort, has cured many obstinate cases of piles. This most distressing malady generally arises from constipation and a bad condition of the bowels. Kidney Wort acts at the same time as a cathartic and a healing tonic, removes the cause, cures the disease and promotes a healthy state of the affected organs. James F. Moyer, carriage manufacturer of Myerstown, Pa., testifies to the great healing powers of Kidney Wort, having been cured by it of a very bad case of piles which for years had refused to yield to any other remedy.

Miss Blanche Williams, the first colored student allowed to matriculate at Toronto university, has just graduated with an excellent record.

Save time and money by using Stewart's Healing Powder for cuts and sores on animals. Sold everywhere, 15 and 50 cts. a box. Try it.

An Italian woman who had been married three times was at last frightened to death by a runaway horse. Some women never know what a real emergency is.

PRETTY WOMEN. Ladies who would retain freshness and vigor, try Don't fail to try Wells' Health Renewer.

The first coffee grown in the United States is said to have been raised by Mrs. Atzeroth, who now has twenty-five trees on her place at Manatee, Fla.

A Happy Thought. Diamond Dyes are so perfect and so beautiful that it is a pleasure to use them. Equally good for dark or light colors. 10c. at drugists. Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt. Sample Card, 32 colors, and book of directions for 2c. stamp.

Mary Anderson is studying Rosalind under the trees near Shakespeare's old home.

"ROUGH ON ITCH." "Rough on Itch" cures humors, eruptions, ring-worm, tetter, salt rheum, frosted feet, chilblains.

Had Ellen Terry remained with her first husband she would now be Lady Watts.

Drums, Drums, Drums, Headquarters for Drums. E. B. Guild, Music Dealer, Topeka, Kansas.

Miss Bayard once more presides over her father's household at Washington.

HAY-FEVER. Ely's Cream Balm was recommended to me by my druggist as a preventive to Hay Fever. Have been using it as directed since the 9th of August and have found it a specific for that much dreaded and loathsome disease. For ten years or more I have been a great sufferer each year, from August 9th till frost, and have tried many alleged remedies for its cure, but Ely's Cream Balm is the only preventive I have ever found. Hay Fever sufferers ought to know of its efficacy. FRANK B. AINSWORTH, OF F. B. AINSWORTH & CO., Publishers, Indianapolis, Ind.

I have been afflicted with Hay Fever for seven years—Ely's Cream Balm cured me entirely. H. D. CALLIHAN, Esq., Bessage Master, L. & St. L. R. R., Terre Haute, Ind.

A Staten Island music teacher makes her professional rounds on a tricycle.

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