

OFFICIAL CROP REPORT.

Low Average Condition of Winter Wheat... Large Decrease in Acreage. WASHINGTON, May 12.—Returns to the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture, made up to May 1, show the area under winter wheat in cultivation on that date to have been about 27,100,000 acres. This is 4,988,000 acres, or 15.2 per cent. less than the area sown last year.

The average condition of winter wheat on May 1 last was 76.4, against 64.1, the average condition on May 1 a year ago. This is the lowest May condition, with the exception of the years 1890, 1893 and 1898, since 1855.

The Department's final grain report for 1901 will be issued on Friday, May 23. The average winter wheat yield on May 1 was 83.4, as compared with 96 on May 1, 1901. This is the lowest May condition since 1863 and the lowest with that exception in twenty years.

J. C. Brown, statistician of the New York Product Commission, figured yesterday that the showing of the government crop report of a condition of 76.4 indicated an average yield per acre of 12.6 bushels and an indicated total of 341,498,000 bushels, which compares with an indicated winter wheat yield on April 1 of 416,000,000 bushels and an indicated yield on Dec. 1 of 457,000,000 bushels.

These latter estimates were made upon the original government estimate of 32,000,000 acres seeded. Winter killing and drought greatly reduced this area. At the same time the condition of the growing plant is believed to have shown improvement since May 1. On May 1, the indicated yield per acre was 48,139,000 bushels. On July 1, 1901, the yield indicated was 42,068,000 bushels.

The actual harvest of winter wheat in 1900 was 329,500,712 upon an area of 25,160,714 acres.

SHE WAS HIS WIFE, AFTER ALL. But Supposed Bachelor Had to Reunite His Marriage After Twenty Years. People in the neighborhood of Bank street, Flushing, L. I., have lived the past month in a ferment of horror at the goings on in No. 50, where Jacob A. Applegate, a respected citizen, had long lived the life of a quiet bachelor.

Yesterday this notice appeared in the local paper: MARRIED—Applegate—McCullough. On Thursday, May 12, 1902, at New York City, by the Rev. John J. Healy, Mary E. McCullough and Jacob A. Applegate.

Identified by Mr. Merritt as Being Near When He Lost His Watch. Edward Reeves Merritt of 7 East Fifty-third street, President Roosevelt's cousin, who discovered one day last week that he had been robbed of a diamond-studded gold watch shortly after being jostled by a newsboy on Fifth avenue near Forty-second street, yesterday identified at Police Headquarters John Morler, 17 years old, of 20 Norfolk street, as the boy who jostled him.

Detective Sergeants Kinsler and Duggan arrested the youth on Saturday night at a theatre on Twenty-first street. The watch has not been recovered.

Morier is said by the police to have been convicted of a similar charge several months ago, but to have been left on suspended sentence.

Reciever Sues for American Grocery Co. Assets. Vice-Chancellor Stevenson will take testimony in Jersey City on June 10 on a rule to show cause why Thomas L. Marshalls, President of the American Grocery Company, and the company's directors should not be compelled to account to Walter L. McDermott, who was appointed receiver of the company last year, for the \$400,000 raised by assessments on stock of the Turnover-Walton Company, which was absorbed by the American company, only \$100,000 was turned over to the receiver.

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