WHEAT CROP SHOULD EQUAL LAST YEAR'S.

R. G. Dun & Co. Predict an Unusually Satisfactory Yield—Acreage Slightly Smaller.

New York, May 23.—Dispatches from correspondents of R. G. Dun & Co. throughout the winter wheat belt promise an unusually satisfactory yield. Conditions have distinctly changed since the earlier statement was prepared, especially as respects the Hessian fly, which threatened serious disaster in some sections a few weeks ago.

The grain has now made sufficient progress to preclude any extensive losses through ravages of this pest, and there is little sign of other untoward influences. In many States the acreage planted was slightly smaller than last year's, but the better condition, as a rule, suggests an equally good yield.

This includes allowances for losses in Texas, where drought necessitated replanting, and in many cases the final acreage was not more than half last year's. As the entire yield of the State is a comparatively unimportant factor in the total winter wheat crop, its misfortunes will not materially affect the aggregate.

RIVER NEWS.

Rise and Fall of the Rivers

For 24 hours ending at 7 a. m.:

St. Louis, Thursday, May 23, 1901.

Stations.	Danger.	Gauge.	Change.
Pittsburg	22.0	3.0	+0.1
Parkersburg	50.0	5.6	+2.0
Cincinnati	50.0	19.0	+2.4
Louisville	28.0	8.2	+0.4
Nashville	40.0	15.3	+1.0
Chattanooga	23.0	3.5	+0.3
Florence	16.0	....	....
Johnsonville	15.0	5.8	+0.1
Evansville	31.0	13.2	-0.9
St. Paul	14.0	6.2	....
Dubuque	15.0	5.8	-0.2
Davenport	12.0	4.7	-0.1
Keokuk	15.0	4.5	-0.1
Des Moines	....	2.5	-0.1
Peoria	14.0	....	....
Grafton	32.0	....	....
Omaha	19.0	5.8	+0.1
Kansas City	21.0	11.6	-0.2
Boonville	30.0	....	....
Hermann	30.0	6.1	-0.1
St. Louis	30.0	9.5	-0.2
Chester	30.0	8.0	-0.1
Cairo	45.0	18.9	+0.1
Memphis	39.0	12.8	-0.2
Little Rock	25.0	13.4	+1.6
Vicksburg	45.0	22.7	-2.3
Shreveport	39.0	14.1	+1.1
New Orleans	18.0	12.1	-0.1

*Rise. †Fall.

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River Forecast.

The river at St. Louis will show slight change.

River and Business.

Harbor gauges marked 9.5 feet Thursday, showing a decline of .3 of a foot in the last twenty-four hours.

Traffic along the wharf yesterday was fairly active. Inbound shipments were normally heavy, but offerings of freight were lighter than on Wednesday.

Weather fair and warm, with showers in the afternoon.

To-Day's Weather.

Unsettled, but probably local showers.

Arrived.

Columbia	Chester
Spread Eagle	Grafton
Grey Eagle	Commerce
Chester	Cape Girardeau
City of Clifton	Tennessee River

Departed.

Spread Eagle	Alton
Chester	Cape Girardeau

River Rialto Brevities.

—Captain Tom Garrison was a visitor on the river front yesterday.

—The "little" Columbia cleared last night for Rockport with 100 tons of freight left behind by the W. H. Grapevine.

—The towboat Russell Lord left St. Louis yesterday morning for the Hatchie River for a tow of three barges of ties.

—The Columbia departed for Chester yesterday afternoon with the best freight trip of the season and forty-five passengers.

—The Chester cleared yesterday at 4 o'clock for Cape Girardeau with a good patronage of freight and a number of passengers.

—The Grey Eagle will arrive to-morrow morning from Burlington and will receive its clear for Keokuk at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

—The Quincy, which the Diamond Jo Line will put in the trade between St. Louis and St. Paul, will leave on the first trip June 12.

—The Cougar Lee is due to arrive this morning from Memphis with a tow of barges and again for the same port in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

—Captain F. E. Morrison of the Kelly Lumber Company of Newport, Ark., was in St. Louis yesterday negotiating for the purchase of three barges from the Union Towboat Line.

—The City of Clifton reached St. Louis yesterday morning from points on the Tennessee River with a number of passengers, a quantity of package freight and 18,000 feet of lumber.

—The Grey Eagle arrived yesterday morning from Commerce with a good freight trip and a number of passengers. The boat will depart for Commerce this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—Pilot John Pierce, who, with Pilot Robert Holden, took the towboat Joseph S. Williams and a tow of forty-one pieces from Louisville to New Orleans, a writer to Captain J. A. Drown, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Association of Pilots' Society, that the trip consumed twelve days and seven hours. This, he says, is the fastest time ever made by any towboat under like conditions. The Joseph S. Williams, with one exception, is the largest towboat on the Ohio River.

By Telegraph.

REPUBLIC SPECIALS.

Cairo, Ill., May 23.—The river rose .1 of a foot during the past 24 hours. The gauge reads 49 feet. The weather is clear and warm. The Georgia Lee from Memphis, with a moderate trip consisting of lumber and merchandise, left up at 4 a. m., having done but little business here. She departed for St. Louis at 1:30 a. m. The M. M. Hatch, from New Orleans, arrived at 3 a. m. with three loaded barges, which she took to the bank. Her tow is being cut ready and she will clear for New Orleans during the night with three loaded barges. The Harvester, with the remainder of her tow, consisting of three loaded barges, arrived at 9:30 a. m. She departed for St. Louis at 10 a. m. The Jacob Hetherington, from the Lower Mississippi, with one barge of lumber, which she dropped here, and one barge of logs for Mound City, arrived at 10:30 a. m. She will return south to-night. The Fritz, from the Lower Mississippi, with one barge of lumber, arrived at 9 o'clock last night, and returned south this morning.

The John K. Speed from New Orleans with a good trip upstream arrived at 4 p. m.; she did but little business and will depart for St. Louis at 4 p. m. The Harry Brown from the Upper Ohio with coal tow arrived at 1 p. m.; she will likely commence towing coal to St. Louis if there is sufficient water. The towboat United States, Capt. H. G. Wright arrived at 1 p. m. from St. Louis, having left that point Tuesday morning. She reports having encountered stage of twenty-two feet River Ohio to Cairo. Passed Chalice Island 4, Dorsey Island 3, Big Island 1, Cape Girardeau Island 1, Cape Island 1, Bird's 1, Williams's Island 1, Tower Island, Cache 1, Devil's Island 1, Randall's Island 1, Price's Island 1, Island 8, Island 1, Island 1, Island 1