

IN FOURTH PLACE. Washington Takes That Rank Among Wheat Producing States.

The recent issue of the Crop Reporter contains some rather interesting data concerning the wheat crop of 1900, as apportioned among the several States, with similar data relative to the crop and out crops for the same year. The report shows that the wheat crop of 1900 amounted to 522,259,500 bushels, the out crop, 809,125,989 bushels, and the corn crop 2,105,102,516 bushels.

In last year's production Kansas was the first wheat-producing State, her crop amounting to 82,148,655 bushels, while Minnesota, with 51,509,252 bushels, took second place. The other leading States, with their wheat product, took rank in the following order: California, 28,543,628 bushels, third; Washington, 25,096,651 bushels, fourth; Nebraska, 24,149,584 bushels, fifth; Texas, 23,395,913 bushels, sixth; Iowa, 21,798,223 bushels, seventh; Pennsylvania, 20,281,335 bushels, eighth; South Dakota, 20,149,684 bushels, ninth; Missouri, 18,846,713 bushels, tenth; Oklahoma, 18,657,373 bushels, eleventh; Illinois, 17,982,068 bushels, twelfth; Oregon, 15,198,012 bushels, thirteenth, and so on Idaho occupying 28th place with 3,104,920 bushels.

Another interesting table shows the aggregate wheat output for the past ten years. According to this table, the crop of 1899 was greatly in excess of that of any other year in the past decade, when the aggregate reached 675,118,705 bushels. The second ranking year was 1891, when the output was 611,780,000 bushels. The crop of 1900 was of a comparatively high average, although not up to that of 1899, which was 547,303,846 bushels. The low water mark, as well remembered, was in 1893, when the total output of the entire country was but 236,132,000 bushels.

While Kansas is the leading State in wheat production, Iowa takes first place in the production of corn, her crop for 1900 aggregating 805,859,948 bushels, with Illinois second in line, her product being 764,176,226 bushels. In turn Illinois takes first place in the production of oats, her output for the past year being 133,642,884 bushels. Iowa is the only State coming anywhere near that product, with 130,572,138 bushels. Wisconsin was the third out-producing State, having in 1900 but 61,971,552 bushels.

On the Pacific Coast, Oregon in 1900 produced 317,147 bushels of corn, and 3,282,770 bushels of oats; Washington, 106,140 bushels of corn, and 3,016,226 bushels of oats, and Idaho, with practically no corn product, produced 1,349,845 bushels of oats.

TRY TO HAVE A GARDEN.

Plant flowers in the sun's front yard. Set out new shade and blossom trees. An 'let the soil, once once a' hard. Sprout crocuses of new ideas. Yes, clean your house, an' clean yer shed. An' clean yer barn in ev'ry part; But break the cobwebs from yer head. An' sweep the snowbanks from yer heart!

If you are not a farmer that is all the more reason you should make every inch of your yard and garden a pleasure. And it is a pleasure, and benefit as well, to see things grow.

Onions, onion sets, lettuce, radishes, early peas and potatoes may be planted as early as the ground can be worked. Plant two varieties of celery, early and late.

Wood ashes and air-siaked lime mixed half and half will make the worms on the currant and gooseberry bushes seek other fields. Also white hellebore dusted on is a sure cure.

When transplanting tomatoes, cabbage or other small plants into the garden, it is well to shade them with leafy branches. Cut branches with a good deal of leaf on, about a foot long. Stick one of them into the ground on the sunny side of the plants, and do not remove them until the roots are started, and then do it carefully.

For killing small weeds in the garden, and for breaking up the crust of the ground when baked after rain, and for keeping the surface of the soil in a loose, pulverized condition so beneficial to growing plants, there is no tool that is any better than the common iron-toothed hand rake.

All fruit trees and plants like potash fertilizers. Few things are equal to unleached wood ashes for fruit crops. Any tree or shrub planted on the premises that adds to our comfort also adds to the money value of the place. Whatever will make a place worth more to us will also to others who might like to own it. And if you do not own it and cannot therefore sell it, then be like Abou Ben Adhem and say: "I pray thee, then, write me as one that loves his fellow men." This consideration should stir us to plant the place where we live with trees and vines.

Pour a gallon of boiling water on broken and refuse tobacco leaves. Drain off and apply to plants. It will kill plant lice.

The birth rate of Milwaukee exceeds by 20 per cent. any other city of equal size in the United States. In Milwaukee the births average 26.28 per 1,000 population. In Detroit, a city of practically the same size, the birth rate is only 11.97 per 1,000 population.

Kansas and Nebraska are running a unique race. Each claims the lowest percentage of illiteracy of any State in the Union, or in any other country on the globe, Belgium alone excepted.

E. P. GAUN of Williams county Ohio, is now a believer in forestry. The other day he sold a black walnut tree standing on his place for \$4,900.

THE OLD WELL.

A Story of Moss, Microbes and Medicine.

It is the office of the poet to idealize. He paints pretty and pathetic word pictures which touch the heart and dim the eyes. But he does this regardless of physiology or pathology. When I sing a song of the old well on the farm and of the moss grown bucket in which the water was drawn, he hasn't a thought of the bacteria which find a fertile breeding ground in many an old well. He pictures the hot, thirsty day, and the bucket heaved with trickling drops which shine like pearls against the



mos. But he doesn't paint the picture of the man whose tongue is parched with fever, who tumbles and tosses in his hot room and narrow bed while the bucket of the bucket and the well are striving for his life. That wouldn't be a poetic theme, and he has nothing to do with a theme that is not poetic.

As a matter of fact the old well and its familiar bucket have been the means of disseminating whole neighborhoods. The microbes are everywhere, and the easiest vehicle for its introduction into the body is perhaps the water we drink. We can't keep the microbes out. We can prevent its harmfulness.

THE DANGER OF DISEASE

does not lie in the strength of the microbes but in the weakness of the body. When the blood is impure the microbes has a vantage ground from which to operate. When the blood is pure disease fails to find a breeding ground, and the microbes strives in vain against the man. Nobody can be healthy when the blood is impure. Taint the blood and every organ fed and nourished by blood must share the taint. Keep the blood pure and plentiful and the body is made strong to resist the assaults of disease.

"I honestly believe that I would have been in my grave to-day had it not been for your medicine, and the mercy of the good Lord," writes Mrs. James K. Moss, of New London, Stanly Co., N. C. "In the fall of 1892 I took a hard cold, which seemed to settle in my head, terminating in catarrh of the head. It bothered me all the time, but I did not think it was serious until the spring of 1893, when my health became so much impaired. My blood was all out of order, and I had to go to the doctor. He gave me medicine which helped me for a short time. In the winter of 1895 I got worse than I had ever been. My tonsils were enlarged and my neck swollen all out of shape; my throat was sore and I could not cure it. My husband went for the doctor, but he gave me no encouragement. He helped me a little, but it did not last long, and so he attended me for

ECCENTRICITIES OF GENIUS.

Henry Ward Beecher's Manner of Doing Good and Collins Huntington's Opinion of it.

In his "Eccentricities of Genius," Major Pond says that often while traveling Henry Ward Beecher improved his time by having what he called "a general house-cleaning" of his pockets, which would get loaded up with letters and papers until they could hold no more, when he would clear them out and destroy such papers as were worthless. On one occasion Beecher happened to put his hand in his watch-pocket of his pantaloons and found there a little envelope which he opened. When he saw its contents, he called Major Pond to sit beside him, and I remarked: "You remember the evening I married C. P. Huntington. I was so much interested in the subject that I forgot he handed me a little envelope as he went out of the door. I put it in the watchpocket of my pantaloons and never thought of it again until just now, and here it is—four one-thousand-dollar bills. Now," he said, "don't tell any one about it, and we will have a good time and make some happiness with this money. We will just consider that we found it." And so, in a day or two, Mr. Beecher went with Major Pond to look at a cargo of fine Oriental rugs, many of which he purchased and sent to different friends, and afterward he spent what remained of the money for coin-silver lamps, unmounted gems, and various pieces of bric-a-brac, all of which he gave away, until he had used up the entire four thousand dollars, "in making happiness among those whom he loved." After Mr. Beecher's death the Major related to Mr. Huntington the incident of this discovery of the four thousand dollar bills, and the railway magnate observed: "I should never have given them to him. It was all wrong. I made a mistake. Money never did him any good."

On the occasion of the last visit of P. T. Barnum to England, George Augustus Sala presided at a dinner given in honor of the famous showman. In the reception room all were waiting to welcome the guest of the evening, when Mr. Barnum came in beaming, and shaking hands with the chairman, said, with a strongly marked Yankee accent: "This is indeed a surprise to me." "Did you hear that?" Mr. Sala whispered, "why, he arranged for the dinner himself."

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twelve months, when I heard of a lady that was taking your medicine and was getting well. So I secured some of the medicine and began taking it. In one week I was able to do my cooking. When I began taking the medicine I could sit up only a few minutes at a time, and I could rest only a little while at a time. My throat was sore, at times I could not even swallow sweet milk, and my tonsils were full of little eating worms. My left side was swollen out of shape and so sore I could not bear my clothes fastened, as I could hardly get my breath. My vitals would sour on my stomach before I could leave the table. My folks and friends had about given me up. The doctor said I would not get well. My father said I would not live a month, but three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, three bottles of his 'Pellets,' three bottles of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy did the work and made me a well woman."

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"For about one year and a half my face was very badly broken. I had Miss Carrie Adams, of 116 West Main Street, Battle Creek, Mich. 'I spent a great deal of money with doctors and for different kinds of medicine, but received no benefit. At last I read one of your advertisements in a paper, and obtained a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Before I had taken one bottle of this medicine I noticed a change, and after taking three bottles I was entirely cured. I can well recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to any one similarly afflicted."

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Loadstone Extraordinary.

A deep hole of water in Nolyuh creek, 10 miles south of Bardstown, Ky., has for some time been attracting attracting attention by reason of the fact that it has a very strong suction. For years it has been known as "the suck hole." It is about 10 feet deep and about 50 yards long. The water is clear and bottom can easily be seen. It now develops that it is no "suck hole," but in the bottom of the river it is claimed there is a streak of powerful loadstone.

It was discovered that the river bottom is solid rock and that through the center of the rock, running lengthwise, is a black streak. It is about five inches in width and runs the length of the hole. This streak was examined with a common fish gig and was found to be very hard. The gig adhered to the stone and it took no little pulling to extricate it. Further investigation was made, and it is said the streak following the bottom of the river is undoubtedly powerful loadstone.

This hole was discovered over 40 years ago by Enoch Atteberry, who came near losing his life in the water having been rescued by two men, who pulled him out by means of a long pole. Lum West and Luther Trulock also came near losing their lives in the hole a short time ago while seining. They were rescued half-drowned by other members of the party. The attraction was so powerful toward a chain on the bottom of the seine that the seiners had to abandon it. A dog thrown into the water never comes out, but is quickly drawn to the bottom. When a trout line is stretched across the place the unseen energy attracts the hooks to the black streak and there holds them securely until they are drawn out. At times there is a strong undercurrent in the boyou, which is unaccounted for, and which often sweeps the bottom clean, relieving the loadstone of its collection.

The locality of the suck hole is getting to be a much dreaded one, especially by the superstitious. It is known to all negroes as the "Death Hole," and farmers in that section find it difficult to employ negro help. Many cattle and hogs have been lost.

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