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BUGS NOT VERY BAD.

Secretary Mohler and Prof. Snow Give the Results of their Investigation. Special to the Kansas City Times. Topeka, Kas., April 30.—Secretary Martin Mohler and Chancellor Snow returned this morning from Russell county, where they went Tuesday to make an investigation into the reported damage done to the wheat fields by a pest in the form of a bug. Briefly their conclusion is that the bad wheat fields in Russell county are simply the results of shiftless farming. On arriving at Russell Tuesday night Prof. Snow was shown a lot of bugs taken from a neighboring wheat field and placed in a bottle for his inspection. He found in the bug a stranger and nothing answering its description is in his book on entomology.

It was green in color and only about half the size of a chinch bug. Yesterday morning the investigators visited wheat fields near Russell and found them to be in a very bad condition. The plant was apparently dead and turning yellow in color. Bugs were found running on the ground in all stages of development. They did not appear to be attracted especially by the wheat stalks, but were in all parts of the field. They were not half as numerous as a chinch bug swarm for an assault upon wheat. Secretary Mohler and Prof. Snow took a team and drove over the country for several miles and examined about twenty fields during the day.

In the limited section of the country passed through in Russell county they estimated that about one-half the wheat fields were affected. In some of these no sign of the little green bug could be found. This convinced them that the bug was not the principal cause of the injury to the wheat. An inquiry was made with a view to ascertaining what other reasons there were for the wheat being in such poor condition under the favorable conditions that have existed.

It was learned that without a single exception the fields which were not thriving had been plowed before grain had been put into them. The seed had been drilled into the ground where wheat had been harvested last year without any preparation, the object of the farmer seeming to be to cover as big an acreage as possible and trust to the weather to bring forth a large yield. It was extensively drilled into the corn fields between the stumps and stalks. In cases where these corn fields had been carefully cultivated last year the wheat had done nicely, but where they had been neglected and weeds permitted to grow the plant is dying. All the fields that were plowed are in fair condition and no sign of damage was discovered, while in some of the stable fields where the wheat was in fields which had been tilled before seeds were put in. An examination of the roots of wheat stalks which were dying showed them to be in a state of decay.

Prof. Snow and Secretary Mohler agreed that the damaged fields visited by them can be directly attributed to the lack of preparation of the ground. In March and early April there was a heavy fall of rain and snow. The snow at times fell to a depth of one foot in Russell county. It melted very rapidly and on the ground which had not been plowed it rested upon the hard surface and did not penetrate the earth readily. The water was collected in large pools and soaked in very slowly. The continued wetness rotted the root of the grain and killed the plant. This was not the case on the plowed ground.

Secretary Mohler says that it has been the common practice of many farmers to sow wheat without first preparing the ground for it and their crops had been realized in this way. When the rainfall was not heavy he had known that crops to be raised from fields of this kind, even after the plant had turned yellow or been burned by the hot sun and after the root had been partially decayed. He thinks there is good reason to believe that the crop will not by any means be a total loss in the fields visited by Prof. Snow and himself. Secretary Mohler and Prof. Snow carefully observed the wheat fields along the line of the railroad between Topeka and Russell and found them to be in an exceedingly prosperous condition, and they noticed scarcely a single field that did not promise an exceedingly large yield.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE. From the Troy Chief. We have started out to convince Republicans who have been inveigled into the Farmers' Alliance, under the pretense that it is a non-partisan organization, designed to benefit the condition of the farmers, that it is really a Democratic contrivance, originated in the south, by Southern Democrats, for the purpose of dividing the Republican party of the north, so that the Democrats may win an easy victory. In this work we shall "cry aloud and upon the wall" to the end that every Republican remaining in the organization, may fully understand what the effect will be. If they wish to break down the party, for the benefit of the Democracy, they should remain in the Alliance, although they could accomplish the same object by the more manly course of going over to the Democracy at once. But the result will be the same. Can anybody name a single instance in which the Alliance has resulted in advantage to any but the Democratic party? Republican voters compose the bulk of the party in the north, and yet they have benefitted only the Democratic party. In the south, the Alliance openly proclaims that it will not consent to any organization or movement that will be to the disadvantage of the Democratic party; and

THE SOUL OF A LYRIC.

With words that first to their thoughts to stir, With thoughts for the world to hear, With a trumpet call, or the rise and fall Of a four-measure strain, Like the magic notes that dawn unfold, Dream songs that hold no truth, With the light tearing from heaven's portal, Is the soul of a lyric born.

THE BIG QUICKSAND.

"Papa, I don't like the way those men huddle together forward. They are up to some mischief, you can depend upon it." "Nonsense, Ella; nonsense!" cried bluff old Captain Myers, he pushed back the broad brimmed straw hat which protected his head from the fierce tropical sun. "The crew is all right, and by sundown, if this breeze holds, will be at the mouth of the Colorado." "Perhaps you know best, papa," said the captain's pretty daughter; "but I believe they are plotting mischief or some other dreadful thing, and Mr. Edwards—" "Enough!" growlingly interrupted the captain, and he scowled darkly. "It's from Frank Edwards then that you get these false ideas about my crew?" "Nothing of the kind, papa," protested Ella, although the blundered reply, it was who first noticed the queer actions of the men, and called his attention to the matter. He said he would suggest to you—" "Well, I don't want his suggestions!" bellowed the captain. "I'm commander of the Peorles, and have sailed those waters long enough to know my business. These things are all in your imagination, and I don't thank Frank Edwards for encouraging you in libeling my most excellent crew even by thought."

NO SECRET AT ALL.

London, April 30.—A correspondent writing from Hamburg says that much surprise is expressed there by the authorities of justice at the rejection in America of an immigrant named Bader known to have been guilty of crime in Germany. The correspondent says that there is but little concealment of the custom in all the German states as well as other European countries of shipping incorrigible criminals to America.

In Greenland the released convict signs an agreement promising not to return to the country. Although America is not mentioned in this agreement nearly all the exiled criminals go to America and land. The government generally pays the passage, although some of the money is contributed by friends. The men are warned beforehand what to say when they reach America and it is said that very few of them return to Germany showing that they have been permitted to land.

In this way the petty states of Germany save themselves a considerable expense for prisons, the convicts who would otherwise prove a permanent charge being regularly drafted off to the United States.

The same correspondent writes that another crying evil in connection with the emigration from Germany is the number of wives and betrothed women who are deserted by husbands and lovers among the emigrants. The extent of this evil, he declares, can be appreciated only by minute inquiries among the poorer classes. The husbands and lovers go to America, promising to send for those left behind and no doubt intending to do so, but they become entangled in other alliances here landing and finally abandon those who are left behind. Thousands of women and children, says the writer, are thus deserted. He suggests for a remedy for this phase of wrong the married men should not be allowed entrance without their families.

The emigration from Hamburg is greatly on the increase and there has arrived during the week a large body of Lutherans driven from Russia by the revolt of religious persecution. Some of them will remain in England and others proceed to the United States.

NEW POLITICAL PARTIES.

One of the inalienable rights of American freemen is to organize a political party. It is a right not infrequently exercised. The sands of Salt Creek are strewn with the white-hot remains of political parties that once flourished and paved the air and finally panned their sleeve buttons. The approach of the Presidential season can be told by the development of new political parties. There is always more or less encouragement of a substantial kind about that time for the new political partisan who can draw votes from the opposite ticket. A new political party, or Presidential year, or just before is like a raft coming down the Missouri in spring—a few solid logs and acres of driftwood. The driftwood is, of course, from the other parties.

One obstacle to the serious growth of new political parties is the objection of the average American citizen to throw away his vote. He likes to know that his candidate has at least a chance. He likes to be able to say: "I voted for Harrison," or "I voted for Cleveland," or "I voted for Seymour, Lincoln or McClellan." Pulling chestnuts out of the fire for the other fellows is not a thrilling business. Some people are enthusiastic enough to do it; but they are not apt to brag about it. But, as we have said, the formation of new parties is an inalienable right, and every citizen should be defended in enjoyment thereof.—N. Y. Press.

CHILDREN CRY FOR PITCHER'S CASTOR.

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company. Before the latter could draw weapons the mate shot one and badly wounded the other. Rosario released Ella, whom he had seized, and shouted for assistance. Reversing his heavy six shooter Mate Edwards brought the butt down upon Rosario's head with a force that sent him reeling and half senseless to the deck. "Quick!" he cried, seizing Ella's arm. "Over the stern rail. There is a ladder. Drop into the sea! I will keep these other ruffians at bay."

He began firing into the horde of advancing mutineers. By the time his revolver was emptied Captain Myers and Ella reached the boat. During the afternoon he had cleaned the captain's double barreled shotgun, and taking advantage of the lull in the storm, Frank slipped over the rail and cut the boat adrift.

Before he could seize the oars the first big wave of the tide was upon them and they were hurried on past the vessel and fast up the river with frightful velocity. Then came the recoil and they drifted back toward the Peorles.

Frank pulled toward a little island on the right hand side of the channel and succeeded in making a landing. He made fast the boat painter to a heavy rock, and the three, retreating, were above high water mark when the second wave swept up the stream.

Rosario, maddened at the blow he had received, staggered to his feet as the dinghy swept by the vessel and ordered out the long boat. Into it he leaped with his followers to pursue.

The second wave swept them toward the fugitives, and when the recoil came they were within 200 yards of the island. "After them!" shouted Rosario, leaping upon the beach as soon as the boat grounded.

Suddenly they began to flounder and sink in the sand. "A quicksand!" they cried, and made desperate efforts to reach firm ground. In vain!

The more they struggled the deeper they sank, and when the next wave swept up the river they were engulfed in ten feet of water. Not a soul escaped, and when, after waiting patiently on the island until the big tide was full, Mate Edwards rowed the captain and his daughter back to the Peorles, there was a look of grateful pride on the old seaman's face as he regarded his brave young mate.

Four of the mutineers had been shot dead and three others were desperately wounded. The bodies of the dead were thrown overboard and the wounded were imprisoned in the forecastle. When Fort Yuma was reached and the vessel had been unloaded there was a grand wedding on the deck of the Peorles, and when she started on her homeward voyage a happier couple could not be found than Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards.—New York World.

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