

# COBURN SCORES WILSON

## For Saying That Kansas is Not Considered Corn Producing.

### QUOTES WILSON'S REPORTS.

Topeka, Aug. 6.—F. D. Coburn, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture defends Kansas from the statement of Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture, that Kansas is a "semi-arid region" and not to be considered as a great corn producing state as "the crops are too uncertain." Speaking about the matter Mr. Coburn said:

"I have been amazed to see in the daily newspapers under a Washington date line a statement that Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture is starting on a visit to observe conditions in the 'corn belt,' which he is careful to define as 'Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.' Also he refutes the contention that Kansas and Nebraska are included, for conditions there can never be counted on. The crops of those states are too uncertain."

The reports of Mr. Wilson's department for the past five years show the foremost corn producing states of the world (in aggregate yield) to be Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

"The corn crop of Kansas in one of the past ten years was greater than that of Iowa in four different years of the same period; greater than that of Illinois in seven of the years; greater than Nebraska's in nine of the years; while Missouri's nearest approach in the decade fell nearly 10,000,000 short of being its equal."

"If the lands of central part of Kansas 'belong to the semi-arid classification' it is lamentable that there are not larger areas in the United States that can properly come under the same classification, for the particular portion of the Sunflower state, as described, constitutes what is probably by odds the most profitably productive wheat field in the world, the flours from which are unsurpassed by the product from wheresoever, all of which is generally well known."

"This part of the state is the portion that has made Kansas famous to the ends of the earth by its wondrous output of winter wheats, out-doing all competitors, and placing the state in a class by itself. In short, this region, 'arid,' 'semi-arid,' or otherwise, is without a peer in wheat production."

"Agriculturally, therefore, Kansas, it would seem, is better equipped to successfully claim recognition as a foremost commonwealth than any of the states alleged to be so favorably mentioned producing largely both wheat and corn; the fore part of the season being favorable, a record breaking wheat crop is garnered, while if the later months are propitious a prodigious corn crop is gathered—one or the other, if not both; in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri as compared with the situation in Kansas, it is apparently either corn or confusion."

### Townsite Commissioners Appointed.

El Reno, Aug. 3.—Governor Richards has announced the names of the townsite commissioners. J. H. Hampton who had charge of the registration at Fort Sill, will take charge at Lawton. E. P. Holcomb who was in charge of a booth here during the registration, will be at Hobart. C. F. Nessler, Indian Inspector, will be in charge at Anadarko. The men now in the government employ will be relieved from duty here. The commissioners are required to give bond of one hundred thousand dollars each.

### A Boer Victory.

Durban, Natal, Aug. 1.—Details received here of what at first seemed an ordinary skirmish between a British column and a Boer commando near Nquna, July 28, shows that a hard all day fight occurred, in which the British narrowly escaped the loss of a gun of the sixty-seventh field battery. Four hundred Boers repeatedly rushed the British position, killing Major Edwards and Gunner Carpenter. The gun was limbered up and taken at a gallop for three miles under a heavy fire. Five British were killed.

### Both Ready to Make Concessions.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—The only new phase to the local labor trouble is a strong undercurrent that is making for peace. The municipal league, which held secret meetings with labor leaders and employers report that the outlook for a settlement is encouraging and that a basis of adjustment may be reached within twenty-four hours. An officer of the league said:

"We find both sides ready to make concessions on general lines."

### Wool and Wheat Clog Newton.

Newton, Kans., Aug. 6.—Yardmaster Anderson reports an immense traffic on the Santa Fe at present, in fact he says it is the heaviest he ever saw at this time of the year. The yards are blockaded every night and morning. There seems to be an immense amount of wool being shipped over the Santa Fe, and train load after train load of wheat passes through Newton every day. When night comes the employes are ready to go to bed as soon as they get their supper.

## TEN THOUSAND AT LAWTON.

### And Crowds at the Two Other County Seat Sites.

Fort Sill, O. T., Aug. 5.—A town of 10,000 people, to be known as Lawton, has grown up just outside the fort's limits, within a night. Following the close of the allotment at El Reno, thousands of homeseekers who drew blanks started for Anadarko, Hobart and Lawton. A majority of the people favored Lawton, which is 25 miles inland and thousands are camped in and about the proposed townsite awaiting the sale of lots on August 6. Already Lawton has 400 temporary business houses, including a grocery firm, and a newspaper and three streets have been laid out. A national bank has been projected. Every form of gambling known on the frontier is being run wide open, side by side with fake shows of various descriptions, and to add to the scene a thousand Comanche Indians have pitched their tents near by. The Indians will await their last payment for grass, \$120,000 in the aggregate, which is due them under the old contract. Hundreds of persons have procured government liquor, stamps but it will take two weeks of routine in following out the laws of the territory before they can open their places. In the meantime Lawton will be dry.

### Victoria's Eldest Child.

Homburg, Germany, Aug. 6.—Empress Frederick is dying from cancer. Her son, the Kaiser, who has never shown any affection for his mother, is present. King Edward VII went by special train and boat to the bedside of his sister. The physician's bulletin says:

"The external disease from which her majesty is suffering, and which for years has been slowly increasing, has in the course of the last few weeks extended to the internal organs. Her majesty's strength is diminishing rapidly, owing to inability to take sufficient nourishment. She is conscious and at without pain."

Later: Empress Frederick died at 6:15 last evening.

### Immense Piles of Wheat.

Topeka, Aug. 6.—A Lincoln correspondent writes: "Enormous quantities of new wheat are piled upon the ground in the open air at different stations along the entire length of the Salina, Lincoln & Western railway—220 miles. At some stations ten or 20 thousand bushels are thus exposed to the winds, dust and possible rains. The aggregate amount thus exposed can hardly be less than a quarter of a million bushels, and may be much more. Of course no wheat is piled outside until the elevators and warehouses are filled and no cars in sight."

### Choctaw to Go to Wichita.

El Reno, Ok., Aug. 6.—The Choctaw railroad has changed its plans and will build its Kansas branch into Wichita. At first it intended to run a branch from Geary, Okla., to Kiowa, Kansas, a delegation of Kiowa people informed the company that Kiowa didn't care to have the road, so the company took Kiowa at its word and changed the route so that the line will go through Anthony and terminate at Wichita.

### Trotts A Mile in 3:02 1-4.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 5.—Creseucus, champion of the trotting turf, added more laurels to his fame by trotting a mile in 3:02 3/4, reducing by half second his week-old record of 3:02 3/4, made at Cleveland last Friday. The first half was trotted in 0:59 3/4, the first time that distance has been covered in less than one minute by a trotter. The time by quarters was 0:29 3/4, 0:59 3/4, 1:30 3/4, and 2:02 3/4.

A stiff wind blowing directly up the stretch kept him from stepping faster.

### On the Central Division.

Topeka, Aug. 3.—The Santa Fe railroad is preparing to equip its engines in the Central Division for the use of Beaumont Oil as fuel. They propose to spend nearly \$100,000 this year in equipping its engines for oil and providing receiving and delivery tanks along the line. Coal will eventually be entirely superseded on the entire system as a steam fuel by first using the Beaumont oil. The Santa Fe already has contracts for four hundred barrels of tannage.

### Youngest to Draw Claim.

Lawton, Aug. 5.—The youngest homeseeker to draw a claim in the Lawton district was little Ruth Donovan, the 1-year-old daughter of the late Judge Donovan, of Enid. Judge Donovan was a soldier. A guardian was appointed for the child and her name was registered for a claim under the law giving soldiers' widows and orphans the right to homestead land on the same basis as soldiers. She drew a claim in the El Reno district. Her guardian can hold the claim for her.

### Forest Fires in Prussia.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—A terrible fire is raging in the extensive forest near Kalden Kirchen on the Dutch-Prussian frontier. Firemen from all the neighboring villages, aided by the inhabitants headed by their burgomasters, are there trying to check the flames, but so far without success.

Several thousand acres of valuable timber has been destroyed. Train service through the district has been suspended, as the fire has reached the railway track.

## NOW IT IS A FREIGHT JAM.

### But Divided Among Half a Dozen Railroad Towns.

### GOODS PILED UP ANYWHERE.

El Reno, Aug. 5.—The railroads operating in the vicinity of the Kiowa-Comanche country are now troubled with a freight jam. For three weeks they were taxed to their utmost capacity to handle their passenger traffic. For the next month they will do a tremendous freight business. Homeseekers and people who expect to engage in business in the new country are all trying to get their goods shipped in at once. The passenger jam was at El Reno. The freight jam will be at Chickasha, Rush Springs, Marlow and Duncan for the next ten days, and after that Richards, the new town on the Lawton branch, will be included in the list. The Rock Island will get into Lawton about September 1, and until that time all goods will have to go via the towns mentioned above. All are 30 miles from Lawton, except Richards, which is 15 miles, but the line has not been completed there yet.

At Marlow freight is stacked all over a ten-acre field and farmers are making big money hauling it to the new country. The same condition exists at Rush Springs and Duncan. At Chickasha the jam is with freight cars, but the Rock Island will be able to handle it. The freight jam extended even to El Reno, and a north bound passenger train was laid out here seven hours on account of freight trains being piled up.

### Opening Postoffice Delayed.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Josiah T. White, who has been appointed postmaster at Lawton, in the Kiowa country, will not be able to open his postoffice at this important point on August 6 unless his bond arrives here and his commission can be forwarded in time to enable him to begin doing business on that date. The fault will not be his, however. When his commission was sent the usual small bond for a fourth class office was sent. Mr. White suggested that it be made large enough to cover the grade the office must soon reach and a bond for \$20,000 was sent.

W. R. Dutton, the postmaster for Anadarko, has not yet been commissioned. W. M. English has had his bond approved as postmaster at Hobart.

### Non-Mineral Affidavits.

El Reno, Aug. 6.—Governor W. A. Richards received information from the Interior department that persons making homestead entries on lands will not be required to make non-mineral land affidavits in connection with their filing. The affidavit can be made later on. According to the provisions of the affidavit a person is required to have knowledge of the land on which they file and accurately describe each forty acres. By this method, if the tracts of land examined should be taken when the applicant appears at the land office it would be an impossibility to make affidavit that the land filed on had been examined.

### Largest Stock of Gold.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The stock of gold in the treasury is the largest in the history of the government and is accumulating at the rate of \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 a month. The figures are \$504,354,297, of which \$248,658,698 is free gold, but including the \$150,000,000 gold reserve.

Since July 1, 1900, the stock of gold on hand has increased about \$81,000,000.

### School District Directors.

Topeka, Aug. 2.—In Jewell county the directors of the district schools have been paying themselves salaries and there are complaints. R. H. McBride, county attorney, wrote to Judge J. S. West, assistant attorney general, to obtain his opinion relative to the validity of the school directors' action and whether they could be prosecuted for diverting public funds to their own use. Judge West held the directors had no right to pay themselves salaries and that the money could be recovered.

### Chance for Wagon Immigrants.

El Reno, Aug. 5.—Commencing tomorrow 125 names in each land district will be called daily for sixty days for filing of homestead entries. Those who have not filed within that time will have lost their chance. It is estimated that fully 1,000 of the 6,500 numbers in each district will not be filed because of homesteaders who will be disqualified or who will leave the country. These claims will then be left for wagon immigrants and others who failed to draw lucky numbers.

### Tampa in a State of Siege.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 6.—Guards have been placed around many homes in Tampa to prevent incendiary fires. Those whose homes are guarded are known leaders in the anti-Resistencia strike movement. Rumors of possible incendiarism have been rife for two days. All of the closed cigar factories are kept guarded. It is believed that the crisis in the strike situation will be reached this week. As yet there has been no attempt at violence and every precaution has been taken to prevent it.

## LIKE JONAH'S GOURD.

### Lawton Was a City of 10,000 a Week Before a Lot Was Sold.

Fort Sill, O. T., Aug. 6.—Enid was a great town in its day, and so was Perry, but Lawton is a town before its day. Perry and Enid became cities of 10,000 inhabitants after the Cherokee strip was opened to settlement. Lawton had a population of 10,000 inhabitants six days before it can become a town. Before a lot could be purchased on the townsite it had three streets, 400 business houses and 1,500 tents. Along the main road running south of the townsite and separating it from the homesteads which Mr. Woods and Miss Beal will beyond a doubt select, runs McCoy avenue, a distance of one mile. Goo Goo avenue is immediately east of the townsite and is half a mile long. Grandview avenue bounds the townsite on the north. An area of 320 acres between these thoroughfares is barren, save for a land office in the very center, 35 by 64 feet, and a frame building that will be used for a national bank just as soon as a lot can be purchased at the auction sale. Before it was a town Lawton had a wholesale grocery and a daily newspaper.

### Strike Will Not Delay Rock Island.

Topeka, Aug. 6.—"Enough steel rails are stacked up at Chickasha to complete all of our lines now under the course of construction," said a Rock Island official. "We got our order in time to have it filled before the steel strike. Our greatest difficulty is in getting men to lay track. Under ordinary circumstances our Lawton branch would have been completed and thrown open for traffic now. We intended to have it in operation for the opening. But the big wheat harvest came on and the farmers took our laborers away from us."

### Atchison Elevator Fire.

Atchison, Kas., Aug. 3.—The elevator of the S. R. Washer Grain company is totally destroyed by fire together with all its contents, consisting of about 350,000 bushels of grain. The loss, which is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, was covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. Three Missouri Pacific freight cars loaded with wheat for the elevator were also destroyed, and the loss of the railroad is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

### Joplin Gets Carnegie Library.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 3.—A \$40,000 public library is to be built at Joplin by Andrew Carnegie. A letter to that effect has just been received from Mr. Carnegie's private secretary. About three months ago Professor Elft, superintendent of the public schools here, wrote to Mr. Carnegie in behalf of Joplin's library committee requesting a donation. The letter just received is an answer to his.

### One Strike Settled.

Sharon, Pa., Aug. 5.—The machinists' strike at the National steel work and the Sharon steel plant is settled. The agreement provides for an advance of wages of 50 cents per day, pay and one-half for overtime, and a week of 58 1/2 hours. The company had agreed to discharge all non-union men now at work within fifteen days.

### Veteran of Kansas Eighth.

Leavenworth, Aug.—The temperature reached 100 between 3 and 4 o'clock. Rudolph Maag, a veteran from the Soldiers' home, started to walk to the city when he was overcome by the heat and died. Maag was a soldier in Company B, Eighth Kansas infantry during the war. He had been at the Soldiers' home three years.

The new battleship Maine has been successfully launched at Philadelphia.

### Why so Many Oklahomans.

El Reno, Aug. 2.—From reading the names of names in the drawing one might think that Oklahoma, and especially El Reno, had a cinch on the game. But as a matter of fact only a small per cent of those who have given their addresses to be notified, as El Reno and other parts of the territory are residents of Oklahoma. These addresses were given as a matter of convenience, to all those who intend remaining here or near here until after the drawing.

### To Punish Repeaters.

El Reno, Aug. 5.—Judge Dale is quoted thus: "Judge, you have already unearthed several repeaters. Can they be punished for violating the rules of the drawing?" "Certainly," was the reply. "The law gives the president authority to make all rules and regulations and make them the force of law. A violation of those rules is just the same as a violation of statute law. Those repeaters will be arrested and prosecuted."

### To Protect Foreigners.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The state department has received through Mr. Squires, secretary of legation at Pekin, a note from Li Hung Chang, describing the regulation for the control of the mounted patrol, which it is proposed to establish along the road between Ching-Ting and Pao Ting Fu. Mr. Squires says this is the first step on the part of the Chinese authorities toward the protection of foreigners traveling through the disturbed districts of the provinces of Shan Si and Chi-Li.

## DRAWING BLANKS CONTINUES

### Arrangements For Townsite Auctions About Completed.

### LEAVE HISTORY MAKING TOWN.

El Reno, Aug. 5.—N. J. O'Brien, special agent of the general land office, with headquarters at Denver, will be the official town lot auctioneer at Lawton. Mr. O'Brien left promptly for Lawton, and will arrange for suitable quarters for the government force.

J. R. Hampton, the Lawton townsite commissioner, is sick at the Kerfoot with illness, and there are some fears that he will not recover in time to take charge of the work on the 6th. The name of the official auctioneer for Anadarko has not yet been announced.

Wagons loaded with supplies of every description have left here for Lawton and other points in the new country. The tents which have been in all parts of the city are being taken down and the people who have been here for days are rapidly leaving El Reno. The trains out of the city in every direction are crowded with homeseekers either going home or starting for the new towns.

E. P. Holcomb, townsite commissioner for Hobart, has gone to make preparations for his work there. A force of men went with him to carry on the work connected with the sale of lots. Col. Andrew J. James, of Olathe, Kans., will be the official auctioneer at Hobart. He left with Commissioner Holcomb to assist in the preparations for the work.

A silly rumor has gained much credence here to the effect that those unsuccessful prizes in the way of town lots. Town lots in the county seats will be sold at auction, the proceeds to be used in public improvements and in meeting the expenses of their government until there is something to tax for that purpose. All other townsites will be entered under existing laws.

### A Fight to the Finish.

Pittsburg, Aug. 6.—It will be a fight to the finish. No quarter will be given. We are prepared to spend all the money and time necessary to wipe out the Amalgamated association in all of our mills.

This was the message that came over the wires from New York to local officials of the United States steel corporation. Some of the officials heard the message with misgivings; others with unconcealed satisfaction. One of the officials declaring that he was glad of it. The fight would surely be carried to a finish, and the corporation could once and for all be free from the influence of the union men.

It is considered probable by all interested that the strike order will be made general, calling out the Union men in the National Steel company, the Federal Steel company and the National Tube company.

### Smuggling Girls.

Rome, Aug. 2.—The frequent walks across the Swiss-Italian frontier of girls of a seminary near Masliance aroused the suspicions of the customs officers, who finally stopped a procession of forty walking two by two and ascertained that each girl was smuggling cigars or cigarettes of the aggregate value of \$30,000.

### Fastest Hundred Yards.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 6.—During the athletic contests attendant upon the quarto-centennial celebration here Cadiras De Foya, Ute Indian, broke the world's running record for 100 yards, making the distance in 9 seconds flat. The professional record was 9 3/5, and the amateur record 1-5 second slower.

### Free Transportation.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—What is considered to be an important move toward the abolishment of free transportation has been inaugurated by officials of lines centering at Chicago. Owing to the extra heavy passenger traffic prevailing at present it has become necessary, the officials say, to prohibit the issuance of free-trip passes of all descriptions, until the close of the Pan-American exposition in October.

### Steel Gang Increasing.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 5.—The Union Pacific is using a large number of men on its steel gangs and a day has hardly passed in two or three months but from twelve to twenty-five men have been shipped out for work along the Union Pacific. The steel gang near Wa Keeney has been absorbing a vast number of laborers for some time, but now all new recruits will be sent along the Solomon-Beloit branch, where a new steel gang starts the coming week.

### Now it is the Federation.

Washington, Aug. 6.—President Shaffer and other members of the executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, have been sounding the American Federation of Labor as to the extent the latter body can be depended upon in supporting the great steel strike now under way. If any decisive action is to be taken by the federation in aiding steel strikers, it is probable a meeting of the council will be called for that purpose. President Gompers is expected here.

## COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS

Kansas City.		Chicago.		St. Louis Live Stock.	
CATTLE—Heavy.....	5 30	WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	69 1/2	BEEVES.....	4 00
HOGS—Choice to heavy.....	5 75	WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	69 1/2	CORN—No. 2.....	2 50
WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	68 1/2	CORN—No. 2.....	68 1/2	SOUTHERN STEERS.....	3 00
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....	59 1/2	OATS—No. 2.....	35		
HAY—Choice timothy.....	11 00				
Choice prairie.....	11 00				
BUTTER.....	18 1/2				
EGGS.....	19 1/2				

  

Chicago.		Wichita Live Stock.		Chicago Live Stock.	
WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	69 1/2	BEEVES.....	4 00	GOOD TO PRIME.....	5 50
CORN—No. 2.....	68 1/2	CORN—No. 2.....	2 50	COWS & HEIFERS.....	4 75
OATS—No. 2.....	35	SOUTHERN STEERS.....	3 00	STOCKERS & FEEDERS.....	3 25
				TEXAS FED BEEVES.....	3 00
				HOGS.....	5 80

  

Wichita Grain.		Uplands.		Gulf.	
WHEAT.....	69 1/2	LIVERPOOL.....	4 1/2		
SEP.....	69 1/2	NEW YORK.....	8 1-100		
CORN.....	56 1/2	GALVESTON.....	5 1-100		
SEP.....	57 1/2				
OATS.....	34 1/2				
SEP.....	35				

## THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rear Admiral John Irwin, retired, died July 29, aged 69 years.

Fire did \$50,000 damage in the Boecler Lumber company's yards in St. Louis.

Emperor Nicholas has ordered the organization of an army of 308,500 recruits.

Eighteen of the twenty railroads entering Chicago have approved of plans for a union station.

Manitoba and the northwest territory expects a wheat crop this year of from 55 to 60 million bushels.

There are reports of serious damage to crops in Sweden from the hot weather. Forest fires are burning in several up-land districts.

The Santa Fe is about to double the capacity of its shops at San Bernardino and to increase the force from 500 to about 1,000 men.

General Miles has ordered the organization of nine more companies of coast artillery, making 106 of the 126 companies provided for by law.

Cotton spindles of South Carolina increased 290,363 in the past two years. That state now takes second place in the manufactured cotton output.

Fire in Chicago destroyed the plants of the Simplex Railway and Appliance company, the Western Rawhide Tanning company and the Hammond Buggy company.

In Norway, where saloons are permitted only beer, the saloons are closed on Saturday afternoons, which is the general pay day, and savings banks are open until midnight.

The name of the transport Samoa has been changed to Dix, in honor of General John A. Dix, who gave the famous order: "If any man attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot."

The manufacturers at Tampa, Fla., representing over \$40,000,000 capital, have issued a manifesto declaring that they would move elsewhere if the citizens of Tampa did not suppress the anarchist leaders and protect them in their business.

The editor of the Cincinnati Price Current says that 50 cents a bushel for corn at Chicago is all that can reasonably be expected. He figures on the total supply from the present crop and old stock as about equal to the annual consumption export demand not taken into consideration.

Secretary Long cautions naval officers against giving any public utterance of their sentiments regarding the Schley-Sampson investigation.

An oil company, with a paid up capital of \$1,500,000, has incorporated in Utah. The company has 3,000 acres in the Green River, Utah, oil fields.

The Freudenblatt, the organ of the Austro-Hungarian foreign office, commenting on the proposed German tariff law, says: "If Germany wishes a tariff war, Austria, Russia and the United States will be ready to undertake it."

Probably a majority of the people of Kansas have believed for 25 years that the Benders were killed and buried near Cherryvale.

A prehistoric city has been found on the Navajo reservation between Durango, Col., and Farmington, N. M., in which a palace of a thousand rooms, older than the Aztecs.

The American Forestry association will hold a summer meeting at Denver August 27-29. It is expected that James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, will preside.

T. D. Skinner, the oldest traveling man in the United States, has just celebrated his golden wedding at St. Joseph, Mo.

The Columbia has sailed the Constitution out of any chance to meet Shamrock II.

A Kansas City firm bought 100,000 bushels of oats on the market at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The British house of Lords has voted a half million dollars to Lord Roberts, who commanded in the South African war.