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## TOBACCO.

What the Agricultural Bureau Knows About the Crop.

We compile the following from the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture of February and March, 1874:

Tobacco is a special crop, very irregular in its distribution and fluctuating in extent of local breadth, and hence specific investigations are necessary even to obtain comparative estimates of quantity. Though it is produced in all the States, there were only fourteen States in 1870 (on census authority) that produced (each) as much as 1,000,000 pounds, while several counties in tobacco States yield each two, three, to five millions of pounds. Kentucky and Virginia are credited with more than half of the crop, the former State alone 40 per cent. of it. Only seven States separately exceeded 100,000,000 pounds, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, in order of precedence. Yet in point of fact the product was much greater than indicated by the census, the fear of taxation doubtless preventing a full return. As an instance of deficiency, the total census of Ohio was only a total of 18,741,343 pounds. In 1869 the state assessors returned for the same year 38,953,206 pounds; and undoubtedly neither census obtained a return of the entire production. These seven States produced about 85 per cent. of the tobacco grown.

Few people apparently realize the small area actually occupied by the crop. Allowing 100,000,000 pounds increase over the 262,735,431 pounds reported by the census, twenty townships of land of 3600 acres will suffice. This is the size of a medium county. This fact affords an explanation of the necessity of care in preventing great fluctuations in the breadth of production, and shows how easy it would be to glut the market and ruin prices.

A recent inquiry was directed to our correspondents in countries producing not less than 100,000 pounds, for an actual census or careful estimate of the quantity harvested in 1873, the average price, the number of acres cultivated, and the quality of the crop. Returns have been received from a large proportion as them; and as tobacco is a crop so restricted in its breadth, and so peculiar and variable in its quantities and yields, it is deemed best to give the details from each county instead of our usual condensed statement by States. It will also illustrate the immense labor, of which the public generally have no idea, of tabulating, averaging and analyzing returns of the more extended and general crops. If any of these county returns are inaccurate, an opportunity is thus afforded for correction.

One county in New Hampshire, Cheshire, in 1870 returned 76 per cent. of all the tobacco reported for the State. Its estimate is now 200,000 pounds, instead of 151,180 pounds in 1870, and the quality is good. It is on the Connecticut river, adjoining Franklin county, in Massachusetts.

Three counties in Massachusetts, on the Connecticut, returned in 1870 but 23,610 pounds of the 7,812,885 pounds made in the State. Franklin county estimates 25 per cent. increase on 1870, 40 per cent. better than the crop of 1872. A reduction is indicated in Hampshire, but the quality is good. A small increase in Hampden, "some very good, but much the largest portion low grade, colored, uneven, caused in part by drought, checking the growth, in part by too large a portion of special fertilizers and too little barn-manure, but principally by too late setting." The price is low, averaging 10 cents per pound.

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correspondent makes the estimate the same as 1872. The prices received are \$15 per hundred for wrappers and \$5 for fillers, or an average of \$13, according to the proportion of the grades. The crop in Bucks is not disposed of; the average price last year was 16 cents.

## Co-Operation Among the Farmers.

The Ford County (Ill.) Journal has the following upon this subject in relation to manufacturing:

The farmers of this county pay annually not less than \$300,000 for wagons and farm machinery, including plows and cultivators. Of that amount they pay not less than \$150,000 as profits to manufacturers and agents, which could be saved by them if they would build and control a manufacturing establishment of their own.

These establishments are springing up all over the land, and will, in a few years, be in every county. They are usually established. All that is necessary is to organize a Grange company under the State laws, and then let the farmers' friends take the stock and own the works. Two hundred farmers, by investing \$100 each, could raise \$20,000, which would be sufficient to erect the necessary buildings, and purchase machinery, lumber and all kinds of materials needed to manufacture all the wagons, plows, cultivators, harrows, etc., needed by the farmers of Ford and adjoining counties. The stockholders could organize to employ their own men to attend to the business for them. In this way they would be enabled to save immense sums of money annually that now go out of our country to enrich capitalists, who know and appreciate the value of our own capital.

This is a question of great importance and should receive the immediate attention of our farmers. There is no reason why they should be slaves to money combinations longer, and they will only remain as they are so long as they fail to open their eyes to the importance of action on their own account and with their own means.

Whereupon the Industrial Age remarks: We are glad to see that the attention of the farmers is being directed to the question of co-operation. We differ, however, from our friend, in his statement of what is alone necessary to success in co-operative business operations. To organize a stock company of farmers, and obtain their subscriptions, may be comparatively easy, but our friends should hasten slowly. Without the employment of practical men—manufacturing experts and good managers—their time and money is likely to be wasted. A mechanic might as well try to conduct a farm successfully without experience, as a company of farmers attempt to set up and run a manufacturing factory of farm machinery or a store. Business, as well as mechanical ability is required, and unless these can be secured, and the work prosecuted under the proper conditions, such enterprises are likely to turn out disastrously. If the farmers will remember the motto of Davy Crockett, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead," they will make less mistakes in this direction.

There has been in Iowa and Minnesota a few failures in co-operative enterprises under the patronage of the Grangers. The effect of these has been deeply demoralizing to the industrial cause. It will take much time and care to organize and systemize the plans necessary to have co-operative efforts work to advantage.

A letter to the Truckee Republican from the County Clerk of Nevada informs that paper that the Board of Supervisors will meet on Monday next for the purpose of calling another election under the Local Option Law for Meadow Lake Township, the election previously ordered being null and void on account of not having been advertised in the Republican.

There has been formed in the centre of the Yuba river, above and below the new bridge, a bar of sand which stands fully as high as the natural bank on the south side. "And," says the Marysville Appeal, "if these bars were to be submitted to the vote of the people under the Local Option Act, they would be put down unanimously."

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