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THE WEATHER

For the 24 hours ending at 7 p. m., July 30, 1915.
 Temperature at 7 a. m. 58
 Temperature at 7 p. m. 68
 Highest temperature 75
 Lowest temperature 57
 Precipitation14
 Highest wind velocity 20-N

Forecast:

For North Dakota: Partly cloudy, with probably showers tonight or Saturday; not much change in temperature.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Section Director.

OPTIMISM IS GENERAL.

Crop reports published this morning in the Tribune from several sections reflect a decided optimism. Now is the crucial time, and the next two weeks will determine in a great measure the final yield. In some sections the crops are backward, but conditions for rapid maturing from now on are very favorable. The war prices have induced many farmers to decrease their corn acreage and turn to wheat and other grains. In view of the late year for corn this may not be an unmixed evil, but generally speaking, the farmers of the state are ahead who stick to corn and hogs. This year probably will prove no exception to the general rule.

Burlingame county never looked better. Unless hail gets the grain or an early frost prevents the corn from ripening, this county should stand up among the best for yield and quality. In fact, the Missouri Slope is the most promising section of the state. Now is the time for the most valuable publicity. The Industrial Exposition planned for October should be supported generally by the Slope country. It will afford an excellent medium for the neighboring counties to get their advantages before the prospective land seeker. Many eyes will be turned this way in the fall, when the crop returns are known. Everyone should boost for the Exposition.

A perusal of "Twenty Years Ago," excerpts from the Tribune files of 1895, brings vividly to mind the rapid progress the state has made. It is a long call to the cactus commission, for instance. The problem now is to market to best advantage the bumper crops of the state.

REVENUES DECLINE.

Those charged with providing sufficient revenues to meet the expenditures of the government will be confronted with a serious situation when Congress convenes. Since the beginning of the present fiscal year the daily expenditures of the government have exceeded the receipts by almost \$750,000.

At the close of business on June 30 the working balance in the treasury was \$37,025,716. Yesterday's balance was \$66,569,315, a shrinkage in less than a month of \$15,406,400.

Unless Congress takes some contrary action, sugar goes on the free list May 1, 1916. It is estimated that there will be a loss in customs revenues from this source alone of \$50,000,000, owing to the reasonable certainty that the usual big importations of March and April of next year will be held back until May to escape the tax. In addition to this, the war emergency tax ends by limitation December 1 of this year, with an estimated loss of revenue of \$15,000,000 over last year from this source.

A favorable balance on merchandise transactions of \$22,908,483 was shown by the figures on imports and exports of the department of commerce for the week ending July 24. This indicates that the balance for the month of July will amount to more than \$50,000,000 if the increase for last week continues. The balance for last week was three times as large as the balance for the week ending July 17.

Cotton exported during the week ending July 24 amounted to 45,712

bales, making the total since August 1, 1914, 8,441,028 bales.

NOT THE FORM.

It is unfair to blame a system of government because sometimes it is used by corrupt officials to do their bidding. Those who oppose the commission form of government have been citing the case of Nashville as an evidence of its failure.

There is no form of municipal government that will guarantee honesty or economy in public office. While the commission form of government is an improvement over the old ward system, it is as open to extravagance and incompetence.

The success of any government, municipal, state or national, depends upon the ability and integrity of the men who administer it. There are as many cities in the United States today which have gone to the same lengths of extravagance as the Tennessee town. These are not commission cities either.

Now that Wisconsin has repudiated him and his political varieties, it is only natural that LaFollette turn to other states for a hearing.

Leading state Democrats suggest that Burke's senatorial boom did not inflate sufficiently for the United States treasurer when he was here, so he withdrew it.

SNAP SHOTS

THE jury sometimes fails to convict on circumstantial evidence, but the neighbors never do.

In novels the man nearly always marries the right woman. And he succeeds in doing so about half the time in real life.

The fact that the fool-killer neglects his business contributes much to the safety of most of us.

In a way, a smallpox epidemic has its compensations. It keeps people from worrying about hydrophobia.

The Welsh terrier is said to be the coming dog. Meanwhile, if he is a little dilatory in arriving I want it understood that I shall not become impatient.

It is going counter to popular opinion to say so, but the fact is no lady can properly support a husband by taking in washing.

We brag about freeing the black slaves, but nobody seems to be doing anything for the woman who becomes the mother of seven or eight children.

If you are single and contemplate matrimony, remember that you must not work harder and have less, but that the sight of a corset hung over the back of a chair will greet you every morning for the balance of your life.

There are various methods by which a man may advertise the fact that he is bald. But probably the most effective method is to wear a wig.

It is only after a man becomes rich and famous that you recall the fact that you and he were schoolmates.



On Hearing "Taps" Played in the Distance

What mournful soul has rent this glorious dawn

With bugle notes of death? What agony

Of spirit bids him send his prayer out

'As if to chorus with those sounds of strife

'Across the seas? Is that the cause of this,

His sleeplessness—his bugled meditation?

We close our eyes and picture his blanched form

Framed in a window—listless, arm on sill—

Soul-agony in eye and hollow cheek—

Note—Unfinished because, as the sound drew nearer, the horns was discovered to be a fish horn.



Constantinople, July 30.—The receipts of the Turkish governmental tobacco monopoly for May, 1915, dropped to 19,700,000 piasters. For the same month in 1914 they were 24,600,000 piasters. The war is held responsible for the big drop.

Tribune want ads pay dividends.

Crop Reports Encouraging

WHEAT HARVEST IS UNDER WAY IN N. D.

Work Starts in Hundreds of Fields; Winter Rye Practically All Out.

Fargo, N. D., July 30.—The menace of black rust is not worrying the North Dakota farmers to any serious extent. Only the most favorable conditions for the development of rust might injure even the later seeded grain.

In the southern tier of counties, where rust usually makes its first appearance, the winter rye is practically all harvested, some oats are ready and there are hundreds of fields in which the wheat harvest began yesterday and today. Macaroni is ripe and in some localities Fife and Blue-stem also are being harvested. Harvesting the early barley also is general.

Grain is ripening in LaMoire and Tansom counties. In the Red River valley winter rye and early barley is being cut, but it will be a week or ten days before wheat harvest begins.

The seeding in the southern section of the state was much earlier than here and the grain matures more rapidly. The crops in the entire southern half of the state are practically perfect.

LAMOURE

Crop prospects in this section of the county are excellent. The feeling of optimism as to crop prospects seems to be unanimous. The weather at present is ideal. There is an abundance of moisture. Of course, the next two or three weeks is a vital period in the making of a grain crop, and conditions during that time will have much to do with the results, but at this time there is every indication that the farmers of LaMoire county will harvest a bumper crop. In fact, there is every indication that North Dakota will have the greatest crop in its history.

GRAND FORKS.

The weather has been remarkably favorable for the crops during the past ten days. Wheat, rye, barley and oats are heading out in first-class shape. If favorable conditions continue this section of North Dakota will have one of the largest small grain crops that has been harvested for years. The potatoes are coming on as well as can be expected, although the yield will be only fair. A new bugaboo has arisen in the potato growing, one that is commonly called stem rot. It is caused by a small worm that digs into the center of the stem from the ground. This causes the potato, as well as the stem, to decay.

WALSH.

Another week of as fine weather as could be wished for has passed, and the growing crop is doing just the very best. The harvesting of rye—which is the poor feature—is practically completed in this week. The outlook is fine. Here the outlook is fine. The straw is heavy and the heads well filled and a fine yield is promised. Mowing has been going ahead in fine shape the past week. This also is a fine crop and a lot of it is being put up. The wheat harvest will probably commence within two weeks, and the outlook is for a yield that has not been exceeded since '95. One conservative farmer—an old settler and reliable—says that he has seen fields in this locality that if present favorable conditions continue will yield up as high as 54 bushels per acre—but we were told not to make mention of this prediction.

GRIGGS

The writer enjoyed a ride in the country west of Cooperstown Friday afternoon with T. G. Thompson of the Halvorson-Thompson Land Co. All the small grains are in splendid condition and the growth is rank in some places that it is beginning to lodge. Macaroni wheat almost as high as one's head was a common sight, with oats and barley not far behind. Rye in some places was almost ready to cut and harvest of small grains will be general along about August 10, with favorable weather conditions. Corn is not coming along very fast, as we have had anything but ideal corn weather, and will not fully mature. However, practically the same weather conditions have prevailed in Iowa and the corn in that state is coming along slowly also. On Sunday we enjoyed an auto ride to Lake Willow and all along the route the grain was in splendid condition. Griggs county will harvest a big crop this year.

RICHLAND.

There has been a little talk of black rust in the wheat this year in every community. The farmers were hit pretty hard by the rust in 1914 and the fear of it causes some to imagine that every time they have a heavy stand of straw it is coming again, but the experts who have made a close examination of the growing grain are unable to find any traces of it in the northwest. If there were any rust coming this year in time to damage the wheat, it would be noticeable now to the expert, even though the inexperienced eye could not detect it. The stand of straw in the fields this year is about as heavy as it was in 1914, but the straw is free from rust, though there is some red rust on the willow. The chances now that the crop will come looks better every day. The weather has been cool and the heads are filling, and with a few more days like the last two weeks, the government estimate of the crop to be issued on August 1 will show the promise of a larger yield than the state has ever given.

FOSTER.

It is reported that a Carrington farmer has contracted 5,000 bushels of wheat for September delivery at Minneapolis, at \$1.18 a bushel.

DICKEY

The farmers in this vicinity are now busy harvesting barley and rye, while some are haying. As soon as this is out of the way they will begin to harvest the early sown wheat, which is going to be a bumper crop.

STUTSMAN

A few of our farmers have started their barley harvest this week and by next week cutting will be in full blast. As a rule the grain in this section makes a fine showing and if nothing happens from now on there will be a large amount of grain marketed at this point this fall.

WARD.

Climatic conditions continue ideal. Some winter rye will be cut in a week. Early wheat is filling perfectly. We need some good warm weather and will get it in August. The crop is never safe, however, until it is in the granary. The critical period lies in the first two weeks of August.

LICE IN WHEAT FIELDS.

Jamestown, N. D., July 30.—Small green wheat lice have been found to be infesting some of the wheat fields near this city. The lice are found in the head and at the base of the kernels. Specimens were sent to Professor Bolley of the state agricultural college and he stated that the plant louse would not do much damage unless the weather was dry. The insect is a new pest to appear in North Dakota.

PEMBINA

Weather conditions for the past week in the Neche district have been ideal. Warm days and cool nights have aided materially in advancing the growth of grain. Garden truck is growing apace and the potato plants are in blossom. There is very little wild fruit this year on account of the June frosts. The tame fruit crop is seventy-five percent below the average. There are few apples or plums. Corn is much later than usual, but may mature in some instances if we have a late autumn.

CAVALIER.

The weather for the past week has been warm and dry and the crops are making wonderful progress, with the exception of a part of the northwest corner of the county which is badly in need of rain. While the crop of hay is light this year, the farmers are busy getting all there is, and a few more days of dry weather will see this one crop entirely out of the field. The grain is coming in very fast, and the harvest of early barley will be on before many days. The rye crop turned out better than was expected and in some localities it will yield well in spite of the frost.

MCLEAN

Grain throughout this section is making great progress. Many wheat fields are heading out and stand three or four feet high. While the straw will be heavy, the heads are unusually long, measuring three to four inches. If some unforeseen misfortune does not visit our farmers a bumper crop will be harvested. Oats, flax, barley, winter rye and all other small grain crops are looking perfect. What rye is being raised in this vicinity will be harvested most any time now. The season is considerably later than a year ago. This year very little wheat will be cut before the last of August and if frost holds off many a farmer will become wealthy from this crop.

RANSOM

Weather conditions could not have been more ideal for maturing the wheat crop than they have been during the past few days. There was a light rain Monday, but since then it has been cool with plenty of breeze. There was quite a scare Monday when some grain was brought in that seemed to be diseased and not filling well, part of the head being dead. A number of farmers have very carefully examined their fields this week and find now and then a head that seems to be damaged. Harvesting will be general by the middle of next week, and from present indications there will be a shortage of men as only a few are seen about town.

EMMONS

The writer took occasion to run out into the country Saturday night and Sunday and we can truthfully say we never saw such fine looking grain since living in North Dakota as is to be seen this year. Everywhere the fields are even and thick with the straw standing from three to over five feet high and the heads are long and give every promise of being well filled. From what we noted, wheat is just out of bloom and the kernel is beginning to form. Six row heads are quite numerous and one man told us he counted 90 kernels in a single head of wheat. The weather gives every prospect of remaining cool, which will give the grain a splendid chance to fill in good shape.

The cool weather, however, will make the harvest somewhat later than usual and from what we saw and could glean it will be at least three weeks yet before wheat will be ready for the sickle. Rye, which in ordinary years is all harvested by this time, is a week or two away from the harvest yet, but the crop looks splendid.

Corn has picked up wonderfully during the past two weeks and much of the early flint is tasseling out, while the later varieties give promise of making matured corn, barring extra early frosts. The flax crop is looking splendid, and best of all, the price of all kinds of grain looks good to the farmer.



A Galley o' Fun!

JUST ABOUT. Uncle Ezra—Then what do you think is the matter with the world nowadays? Uncle Eben—Just this: There's too much business in religion and not enough religion in business!

WHEN HUSBANDS ADVERTISE.

In that glorious age coming, when free love, trial marriages, and suffrage shall be supreme; when women will choose their mates, and there will be mating here, there, and everywhere, it is advisable for good husbands to advertise for wives in a manner similar to that now employed by publishers in vending their books. Like this, for example:

The Much-Discussed Co-respondent in the Smith-Brown Divorce, Is Now at Liberty.

"He is a good husband. I enjoyed his two evenings at home exceedingly. I speak from six months' experience."—Fannie Bryce Jenkins-Jennings—Kirk-Jones—Werkman-Keith.

"His mouth makes the most adorable pucker when about to kiss."—Gertrude X. (Present name furnished to reputable parties upon application. No triflers need apply.)

"I loved the way he said 'prunes.' We never quarreled but twice in our married life of ten days. I would especially recommend him as a husband to women desirous of having a husband that will give their lapdogs the care and affection to which they have been accustomed."—Joy Hartwell—Jones—Munson.

"There was only one thing I didn't like about J. Henry—he would never wear a puff tie and, of course, I couldn't live all my life with a man like that. Aside from this strange eccentricity of his, I had a perfectly lovely time while married to him."—Statement upon witness-stand made by plaintiff in Mr. Jones' tenth suit for divorce. See Ala. 356, E. 23, 1911, page 422.

"One can't say too much about Mr. Jones' English. He used the most elegant English of any gent I was ever married to."—Oliver Cornmeal. (Maiden name restored at last divorce on grounds that Miss Cornmeal couldn't sign all her married names on the hotel register without taking two pages and slopping over on the third.)

Above testimonials give striking evidence of the high esteem in which Mr. Jones was held by his former wives. Applications will be filed in the order received, and must be accompanied by certified check to cover wedding-suit and marriage-license. References required. Address, J. Henry Jones' (at liberty), 23 Newlywed Apartments.

THE ERA OF TROUSERS.



For "My Lady."

INDULGENCE.

At Four Years. She wanted lots of candy. The preciously little pet! And when the darling wanted She surely ought to get! Of cookies, pies, and coffee, Or sugar-plums, in force; And it ruined her digestion, Of course!

At Six Years.

She wanted toys and lollies, Or something else instead. She wouldn't eat her porridge. And wouldn't go to bed! She fought, and won the battle, And screamed 'til she was hoarse; And spoiled her disposition, Of course!

At Sixteen.

She wanted to be pretty, A sort of fluffy dream, She lived on cake and pickles, A dainty, precious team! She loathed fresh air, and walking, And work, and all that's coarse; And she ruined her complexion, Of course!

At Seventeen.

She wanted shows, and novels, And everything that's gay, A lazy life, and easy, And only fun and play. And in the race with Mother, She rode the winning horse; And she clipped her education, Of course!

At Eighteen.

She wanted to get married, Her heart was all aflame, She loved him just unworthily, She loved him just the same. She thought she did, the baby! And Father must endorse; And she spoiled her life forever, Of course!

CHARLES IRVIN TUNNIN.

CARTOONS OF THE DAY



LOUDER PLEASE, LOUDER! I CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU SAY!" By Orr in The Nashville Tennessean.

The PEOPLE'S LEGAL FRIEND

He Didn't Dig His Cellar to Be a Cistern

Q. The authorities of the city where I live caused the grade of a part of a street to be raised for the purpose of directing the flow of water in a different way and improving the drainage. Since then I have found that my premises are flooded whenever there is a heavy rainfall. Could I recover damages from the city?

A. If the injury to your property was caused by the negligent or careless manner in which the work was done, you can recover damages.

It's Illegal

Q. May two persons make a valid contract concerning a matter forbidden by the state law?

A. No.

His Dilemma—and the Mortgage

Q. A man was embarrassed financially and in danger of prosecution on the charge of embezzlement. Under these circumstances he gave a mortgage, which his wife also signed, her action being influenced by the unfortunate condition of his affairs. The person in whose favor the mortgage was given made no attempt to induce this man's wife to sign the paper and had nothing to do with the threatened criminal proceedings against him. Is the mortgage good?

A. If the facts as you give them are correct, the mortgage is good.

A Man's House is His Castle

Q. I recently bought a piece of property and it was understood that I was to have immediate possession. There is a dwelling-house upon it and at the time I made the purchase this house was occupied by a tenant whose lease had run out. I began to make some improvements and wanted the tenant to leave the place, but he showed no signs of doing so. Finally, when he was absent from the house one day, I removed his household furniture. He now claims the furniture was damaged and says he intends to bring suit. Do you think he has a good case?

A. He certainly has. You had no right to make a forcible entry upon a tenant holding over. You should have resorted to your legal remedy.

Division of Estate

Q. Has a father the right to give a sum of money to his son, 30 years old, upon receiving a promise from the latter that he will not make any claim to cause for your action. The Peoples Legal Friend will answer the legal questions you wish to ask. If your question is of general interest the answer will appear in this column; if not the answer will be sent to you direct provided stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Address all letters to The Peoples Legal Friend in care of this newspaper.

Twenty Years Ago

From File of Tribune of This Date. THURSDAY, JULY 31

The first carload of spring wheat to be put upon the Minneapolis market this season graded No. 2 Northern and sold at 68 1/4 cents.

Donovan, one of the prisoners at work in the corn field at the pen, made a sprint for liberty yesterday. He slipped his shackles in some way and scouted across the country, but was rounded up in the vicinity of the spice mills and taken back to his labors.

Secretary Buck of the Cactus commission is sending out sample notices to county auditors to use in notifying parties on whose lands Russian thistle or French Weed is found.

Grand Forks defeated the Minneapolis Hawks, 22 to 1, and pronounces the latter the worst fake team it has ever encountered.

United States Marshal Cronan has a new baby girl at his home at Fargo.

Devi's Lake, N. D., July 30.—Moderate weather, giving the wheat plenty of time to fill without crowding it in the least, insuring a full head and a plump kernel, prevails in the Lake region this week. Conditions

are ideal for the last lap of the grain season. For the first season in years not even a rumor of rust has been heard in this section.

The cutting of barley and winter wheat has started, but it will be a week before the spring wheat is ready for the binder.

BIDS WANTED.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Burleigh County, North Dakota, until two o'clock p. m., August 3rd, 1915, for widening the earth fill in the S. 1/4 Section 7, T. 141, R. 80, in accordance with plans and specifications of the County Surveyor. A certified check in a sum equal to 5 per cent of the full amount bid, payable to E. G. Patterson, Chairman, must accompany each bid. All bids must be addressed to the County Auditor at Bismarck, North Dakota, and marked "Bids For Grading."

The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

T. E. FLAHERTY, County Auditor. (July 23, 27, 31)

Zurich, Switzerland, July 30.—At a meeting of the German reichstag early in August, Finance Minister Helfferich is expected to submit proposals for a third German loan, which will probably be floated early in the autumn. The imperial finance minister has already discussed his plans with the financial ministers of all the states of the German empire.

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