

CORN HURT IN SPOTS

CROP IN GENERAL EMERGES FROM DROUGHT IN GOOD CONDITION.

FIRING ONLY IN LIGHT SOIL AND WEEDY FIELDS

Harvesting of Small Grains Finished in Southern Section and Well Advanced in North—Yields of Small Grain Variable—Oats Ranging From Thirty to Seventy-five Bushels.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Aug. 2.—The crop report for the week says:

The daily mean temperature of the week was about ten degrees above the normal and the daily maximum temperatures were near or above 100 degrees. The rainfall was nil until July 31 or Aug. 1, when light to moderate and fairly well distributed showers occurred. Corn has generally held its own remarkably well and most of it retains its dark green, healthy color, but slight wilting is noticeable on light soil and poorly cultivated fields.

The local showers and somewhat lower temperature prevailing at the close of the week are timely and will be of great benefit to corn. Except for the intense heat and its effect on man and beast, the weather was fine for harvesting and threshing. Harvesting is finished in the southern and central counties and is well advanced in the northern districts. Threshing is being rushed, with generally satisfactory results, but the yields of small grain are variable. The yield of oats ranges from thirty to seventy-five bushels per acre; winter wheat, ten to thirty-five, and barley, twenty to thirty-five bushels per acre.

Pastures are dry and late potatoes and truck have been badly damaged by drought and heat. Apples are falling badly in some sections. Many houses were overcome by the heat in the harvest fields. The second crop of alfalfa was secured in excellent condition.

More Rain Needed, Says Wallace. "We need rains like the one yesterday for ten days or more, if we are going to have a full corn crop this year," is the verdict given by Henry C. Wallace, of Wallace's Farmer last night.

"The rain has helped the corn crop mightily, but there is nowhere near enough of it," he said. "Of course, we have crop killers and crop boomers. In such a period as this the crop killers think everything has gone to rot. The crop boomers, on the other hand, decline to look at the real situation and make light of claims of damage."

Adapts Itself to Conditions. "It must be remembered, however, that the corn plant adapts itself to conditions of soil moisture and soil fertility, and it plants its ears according to these. The yield has been affected by the July drought; how much, no one can tell as yet. In fact it will depend a good deal upon whether we have sufficient rain from now on."

Mr. Wallace went on to say that the conditions about present drought conditions is that they are general not only in this state, but all over the corn belt. Thus, if the crop is short, the price will be correspondingly high. He said that the farmer as a rule gets more dollars for a small crop than for a big one.

"Taking the corn belt as a whole," Mr. Wallace said, "the rainfall in July this year was less than in July of any year since 1894. This year we had only about 1.8 inches of rain in that month. Records in Past Years.

"In 1894 we had 1.5 inches of rain and our yield that year was 18.8 bushels per acre. In 1901 we had 2.0 inches of rain in July and the yield was 17.8 bushels. In 1912 we had 2.3 inches of rain in the month and the yield was 25.4 bushels. In 1914 we had 2.1 inches and the yield was 26.3 bushels. The average July rainfall for the corn belt is about 4.5 inches, and the average yield of corn is right around thirty-one bushels per acre."

"On the whole," Mr. Wallace said, "I am optimistic about the Iowa corn crop if we have a decent amount of rain from now on. It probably is not seriously hurt yet, also we can't tell for sure how much damage has been done until later in the season. We don't have any more rain in the next month than we had in the one just past there won't be much of a crop."

MANY HORSES DIE OF HEAT.

Thirty-five Head in Clinton County Succumb During Week. Clinton, Aug. 2.—Fully thirty-five horses succumbed to the heat as a result of last week's temperatures, according to estimates by Clinton veterinarians and horse dealers. These figures are placed for the county, and are made in proportion to the number of horse deaths within limited areas near here.

No accurate record has been kept of the number of deaths. In most cases a veterinarian is not called, death being instantaneous. In others, the animal died while medical assistance was on its way. The rendering works, which receives the bodies of practically all animals within a radius of ten miles, can get in touch with all the animals throughout the county, farmers burying without any notification. Without precedent in a number of years is this killing by the heat. Usually horses in the county have been able to withstand all sorts of weather changes, but this year's heat period was too much for Dobbin.

What Really Counted. "I was standing peacefully on the corner, not bothering anybody, when a big husky cop came up and told me to move on."

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"Oh, yes, I knew that, but I was afraid the cop didn't know it."

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State Cuts Another Juicy Auto Tax Melon and Every Township in State Will Receive \$151—Money Not Equally Distributed Based on Auto in Use.

Des Moines, Aug. 2.—The state treasurer is preparing to send out warrants to the ninety-nine counties for the sums they are entitled to in the second distribution of the automobile registration fund for 1916. Each county will receive \$151 for every township. The total amount to be distributed is \$250,000.

The counties for 1916 get \$1,407,138 from the auto fund. The total received in 1915 was \$1,137,766. The increase is due to the fact that Iowa now has 178,000 automobiles registered while the number of cars registered for the entire twelve months last year was 146,000.

Rush Early in Year. Quincy A. Willis, deputy treasurer of state, on April 1, cut the first melon for the counties. At that time \$1,157,138 was distributed. For the same period in 1915 the state distributed \$893,246. The new registration law went into effect Jan. 1, 1916 requiring all old cars to be registered before April 1, or be subject to penalties which increased monthly. This resulted in a rush of registration in the first three months of this year, increasing the receipts of the department for that period to an unusual degree.

The melon cut now is made up of fees received since April 1. It totals \$250,000. This sum does not contain a large amount of penalties as most of the owners of old cars avoided the extra tax by renewing registration within the time limit.

Go to Townships. Iowa has 1,616 townships. Each county receives its share of the auto fund in accordance with the number of civil townships within the county. Thus a county with a small number of autos but a large number of townships may receive a big slice of the melon, while a county with many autos and few townships may get only a small portion. The money goes into the road fund in each county. It is distributed so as to be available for the season's work.

Last April Polk county received \$15,466 as its share of the auto fund. It will receive \$3,322 for the second distribution, making a total of \$18,788 for the year.

Great Growth in Catholic Order Shown by Reports. Davenport, Aug. 2.—The growth of the Knights of Columbus was revealed Tuesday in the annual reports of James Flaherty, supreme knight, of Philadelphia, and W. J. McGinley, supreme secretary, New Haven, Conn. The total membership is placed at 388,135, a gain of 141,846 in seven years. The organization has \$13,862,842 insurance in force, a gain of \$46,410,842 in the same period.

In speaking of the Mexican situation, Supreme Knight Flaherty said: "Let it be the earnest hope and prayer of all, that unhappy Mexico may awake from her nightmare of anarchy and take hold of the work of rehabilitation which every truehearted citizen of the United States desires for her."

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Homer S. Cummings, who has been vice chairman of the democratic national committee has charge of the democratic speakers' bureau in the present national campaign and expects to have his organization in full working order soon. Chairman Wilcox of the republican national committee, announced that he had appointed ex-

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