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## Greatest Wheat Crop is Predicted

### First Official Estimate of 1915 Crop Places Figures Over 5-Year Average

Washington, June 8—The greatest wheat crop the country ever has known is in prospect for the coming harvest. In its forecast today, based on the condition of winter and spring wheat on June 1, the federal crop reporting board placed the prospective wheat crop at 950,000,000 bushels, which would exceed last year's record crop by 59,000,000 bushels. With continued good growing conditions the crop might reach 1,000,000,000 bushels.

Of the great wheat crop the bulk is from winter wheat planted last fall on the greatest acreage ever sown. The yield of that class of wheat is placed at 676,000,000 bushels, which would be 9,000,000 bushels under last year's record crop. Of spring wheat, 274,000,000 bushels are forecast. That amount would be 56,000,000 bushels under the record crop of 1912, but greater, however, than last year and the year before.

Oats were planted this spring on the greatest area ever sown to that crop, exceeding last year's area by almost 2,000,000 acres. The forecast of the oat crop places it at 1,288,000,000 bushels, which is more than harvested last year or in 1913 but 130,000,000 bushels less than the record crop of 1912.

The barley crop from present indications will be second in point of size, with 197,000,000 bushels, which will be 26,000,000 bushels less than the 1912 record crop, but more than grown last year or in 1913.

The statistics gathered from the many correspondents and agents of the department's bureau of statistics and compiled by the crop reporting board, with comparisons for other years, follow:

Spring Wheat—Area planted, 19,248,000 acres, compared with 17,533,000 last year. Condition, 94.9 per cent of a normal, compared with 95.5 last year, and 93.8, the 10-year average. Indicated yield, 14.1 bushels per acre, compared with 11.8 last year, and 13.3 the 1909-13 average. Estimated total production, 274,000,000 bushels, compared with 206,027,000 last year, and 245,000,000 the 1909-13 average.

Winter Wheat—Area planted, 40,169,000 acres, compared with 36,008,000 last year. Condition, 85.8 per cent of a normal com-

pared with 92.9 on May 1 this year, 92.7 on June 1 last year, and 82.3 the 10-year average.

Indicated yield, 16.9 bushels per acre, compared with 19.0 last year and 15.6 the 1909-13 average. Estimated total production, 679,000,000 bushels, compared with 684,990,000 last year, and 441,000,000, the 1909-13 average.

All Wheat—Area planted, 59,417,000 acres compared with 53,541,000 last year. Condition, 88.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 93.7 last year and 86.7 the 10-year average. Indicated yield, 16.0 bushels per acre, compared with 16.6 last year and 14.7 the 1909-13 average. Estimated total production, 950,000,000 bushels, compared with 891,017,000 last year, and 686,000,000 the 1909-13 average.

Oats—Area planted, 40,193,000 acres, compared with 38,442,000 last year. Condition, 92.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.5 last year and 88.6 the 10-year average. Indicated yield, 32.4 bushels per acre, compared with 29.7 last year and 30.6 the 1909-13 average. Estimated total production, 1,288,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,141,060,000 last year and 1,131,000,000 the 1909-13 average.

Barley—Area planted, 7,393,000 acres, compared with 7,565,000 last year. Condition, 94.6 per cent of a normal, compared with 95.5 last year and 90.6 the 10-year average. Indicated yield, 26.6 bushels per acre, compared with 25.8 last year and 24.3 the 1909-13 average. Estimated total production, 197,000,000 bushels, compared with 184,953,000 last year and 182,000,000 the 1909-13 average.

Rye—Condition 92.0 per cent of a normal, compared with 93.3 on May 1 this year, 93.6 on June 1 last year and 90.4 the 10-year average. Indicated yield 16.8 bushels per acre, compared with 16.8 last year and 16.1 bushels, the 1909-13 average.

Hay—Condition 87.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.8 on May 1 this year, 88.6, the seven-year average.

Pastures—Condition 91.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 87.2 on May 1 last, 89.8 in 1913 and 89.4 the 10-year average.

Apples—Condition 70.1 per cent of a normal, compared with 73.7 last year and 65.9 the 10-year average. Estimated total production, 191,000,000 bushels, compared with 253,000,000 last year and 176,000,000, the 1909-13 average.

Pioneer Press Publicity Pays! You can't reap your bumper crops unless you get your harness put in order at the Harness Shop.

## AN INTERESTING RAMBLE

BY REV. JAMES D. GOLD, D. D.



Reflection in Two Medicine Lake—Mt. Rockwell

Well sir, the next time you walk from Cut Bank to Glacier Park just leave the railway at the Great Northern high bridge over the Two Medicine River and take to the right. I had stayed all night with Frank Baker, two miles east of the Bridge, and so had an early start for the day's tramp and sight-seeing. I called on my friend Fred Hixson in passing, but neither him nor his better by half could be seen. When I came to the high bridge I went down to the river bed and had a fine view of the great structure from below. It looks much higher and longer when viewed from the water level. After a long look at this marvel of man's victory over nature's difficulties I began to ascend the stream. I soon came to an obstacle that compelled me to climb back to the upper level. And this was some climb, you had better believe me. I had slid down three or four hundred feet, but it took nail and toe to bring me back up. Dante tells us that the descent to Avernus is easy—but getting up out again is the problem. Heaven is up hill, while any one can just let go and slide to perdition. Evil habits are more easily formed than given up.

Well, after thus philosophizing a little while, during a rest at the summit, I trudged on again, not knowing what the next difficulty might be, and not caring. I finally came to what looked like a road and followed it down a tremendous grade until it landed me at the roaring river again. Here I stood for some time watching the bubbles pass me at what seemed the rate of ten miles an hour at least. I thought of time as a stream never ending, and that we are all bubbles, borne by, never to return again. And the thought of time moving awoke me to the fact that I had a long hard jog ahead of me, and that this thing called time waits for nobody. I saw what looked like a foot path going up the almost perpendicular side of the North bank. Here I was trapped, for it was only the faint track of some animal feet that would as soon climb the face of a precipice as not. On going up about fifty feet I began to see what a job I had undertaken. My experience on Pike's Peak; Mount Rainer; Eagle Rock, in the Alleghanies; Dizzy Cliff, in the Blue Ridge; Langdale Pike, in English Lake Country; hanging over to kiss the Blarney stone in good old Ireland at the risk of my neck, be jabers; the awful side of the Cobbler above Loch Long in Scotland; the dizzy ascent of the Rigi in Switzerland and the Swartz Bergen in the Black Forest of Ger-

many; with many other such experiences, all seemed to crowd into my mind as with toe and finger nail I stuck to the face of the Two Medicine Cliff, trying to regain my breath. At one of the three precipices, while ascending to the Sperry Glacier, I had a like feeling. Afraid to go up and afraid to start down! But when in doubt, the best thing usually is to keep going up and refuse to look down. After I finally reached the top of the bluff, about four hundred feet above the water, I lay down under some small shrubbery completely wilted with the strain of the climb. But ah, here was a sight. Away beyond the bridge was the snow cover Lewis and Clark range, with the distant bridge itself a thing of grace and beauty, and the murmur of the rushing river, far below, adding music to the picture show. Then on I went through trees and brush, following the sound of the water, until finally I came within hearing of the object of my tramp—the lovely Falls of the Two Medicine. Have yhu never seen them? Ah, they are fine. When you walk to them, just tramp through Browning and I'll join you on the way. They are easily located, for their noise can be heard quite a distance. I'll never forget the first rime the mighty roar of Niagra broke upon my ear, long before I saw the water. That was when Niagara was as God made her, before the waterhogs destroyed her, and thus became guilty of murder against nature. The same hogs could not keep their unholy hands off the Great Falls of the Missouri, either. What a pity that we are so hard up that we can not leave such sights for our children.

Well, after musing to my hearts content I tramped along toward the automobile bridge, crossed Two Medicine, and took lunch with William Monroe at his lodge in the woods. All the way the mountains were in sight, with just a patch of Lower Two Medicine Lake glinting in the sunlight, and the changing scene of rock, trees and cloud filling the glorious vista. I found a family living in a tent by the road side, and the woman told me she had been tenting beside a German woman. She said she got along alright until the German woman told her that she and the Kaiser were related. She said she became afraid of any one related to such a blood thirsty murderer of little children and helpless women, and so, she said, I moved my tent to this place, a good mile from her. So here we have one of the

tragedies of life, in such holy surroundings, even. While resting on a log some jolly young men tramped past and gave your scribe a hearty saluto, which he as whole hearted returned.

To tell of all my feelings, of my delightful visit with William Monroe, who danced the Highland Fling for me, with Bilsborough, from Liverpool, with Frank Baker, till wee sma' hours, and above all else, the Great Companion, unseen by human eye, but seen, felt and heard by the trusting soul. Nature is nothing, unless you see, hear and feel God in it all.

### Barrington-Nomland

A very pretty home wedding occurred Wednesday evening, when Miss Elgie Barrington became the bride of Mr. Kemper Nomland of New York City, at the home of her mother south of town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Gold of Browning and was witnessed by about fifty intimate friends of the bride and groom. A pleasing program of music preceded the ceremony, rendered by Messrs. Stack and Bateman and Miss Thomas and Mrs. Coburn. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony and the happy twain left on No. 1 for Glacier Park and other western points. Friends in wishing them joy and happiness.

### Drake Sued

C. H. Drake, Conrad druggist, has been made defendant in a damage suit in the amount of \$4,000, according to the Great Falls Tribune, plaintiff being Thomas J. Barker of Kansas City Mo., a former clerk in the Drake store at Conrad. Complainant alleges that he was induced to purchase stock, in the Drake company and that said stock was represented to him to be a good investment but was entirely worthless at that time.

Barker claims further that during all this time the directors and trustees of the company never held a meeting as required by law or otherwise and that the company is insolvent. He accordingly asks judgment for the \$3,000 invested in stock and the \$1,000 which he claims he was required to expend in moving his family back to Missouri.

### Auction Sale

Robert Powell, residing six miles northeast of Cut Bank, will hold a big public sale on Thursday, June 24, commencing at one o'clock. A big list, including live stock and good farm machinery, will be offered for sale. Col. Ed Buckner will be auctioneer and F. H. Worden, clerk.

Barring the loss by hail, the prospects for a bumper crop were never better in the vicinity of Cut Bank. That we are in a belt that is frequently visited by hail storms was evidenced by the hail that fell in the last thunder storm. You can be protected against loss by hail if you will insure at Farmers State Bank.

See letter below, by H. O. Peterson, who was fully protected by one of the policies. Farmers State Bank. Cut Bank, Montana.

### Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your draft for \$656.50 in payment of hail loss under policy No. 87125 in the Northwestern Fire & Marine Ins. Co., covering one-half crop on one hundred and fifty acres. The adjustment of loss was made August 3rd and I am in receipt of payment today. August 11th. Your adjuster allowed 90 per cent loss on barley, oats and flax and 80 per cent loss on wheat. This is very satisfactory to me, as I will be able to cut quite a crop of hay on all the land, and by having the hail insurance, I am free from any loss on account of hail.

I want to thank you for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which settlement was made, and I heartily recommend your company to all my farmer neighbors.

Yours truly,

H. O. PETERSON.

FARMERS STATE BANK

## Post Has Pen Picture of Park

### Noted Western Author Tells About Tourist Mecca

Glacier National Park is given two pages in the current number of the Saturday Evening Post, the most widely read publication in America. The story of our newest yet best known national playground is written by Emerson Hough, well known Western writer and naturalist.

Emerson Hough is not one of the breed of western scribblers who have written superficial impressions from the observation car of a transcontinental train. He has gone into the mountain fastness on the Rockies and in company with such well known guides as Jack Monroe and the late Joe Kipp, explored the unfrequented places, spending weeks at a time in the deep primeval forests and scaling defiant mountain peaks long before Glacier Park was known to pale eastern tourists.

After going into some detail concerning the

ringing the wild beautiful scenery of Glacier to the attention of the country. Dr. George Grinnell is also paid a fine tribute, Hough declaring that he ought to have the title of Father of Glacier Park. He was perhaps the first man to explore the Park and write intelligently of its magnificent scenery. Grinnell was given much aid by Hugh Monroe, the discoverer of St. Mary Lake.

Hugh speaks of his associations with J. W. Shultz, the Blackfoot Indian painter, Jack Monroe, Billy Jackson and Joe Kipp, all well known western characters. He regrets that one of the mountains was not named in honor of Kipp.

The article is embellished by many splendid views of scenes in the park. Cut Bank pass, Cut Bank valley and Cut Bank glacier are mentioned frequently—all of which helps to advertise our own budding metropolis in the shadows of America's greatest tourist mecca.

Jack Danens, Sam Strayer and Burrell Glisby spent several days near Vaier last week fishing. They report catching about a thousand fish, most of which they brought home with them. The Pioneer Press was remembered with several nice ones Tuesday.

## Mr. Grain Grower:

Surely you will resent any insinuation that you are not a business man; that farming is not a business, and a mighty important one, especially for this community?

THEN put your farming on a business basis!

Modern business has no principle more firmly fixed than this; IT MUST BE INSURED.

INSURED, to establish its credit. INSURED, for its own protection!

The greatest ENEMY you have; the only one that stands between you and a plentiful HARVEST, is

## Hail!

I can write your insurance at the lowest rates, in a company that has gained its prominence by a prompt and fair payment of losses, and by honorable dealing.

TOMORROW? The cost will be no less. It may be TOO LATE! Put in your application today!

THE PREMIUM! I will take your note for it.

**BRUCE R. McNAMER**  
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