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WHEAT CROP.

Reports of the Growing Crop from Thirty-Four Wheat Growing Counties in North and West Texas.

Eighteen Counties Report Increased Acreage, Seven Counties Report a Decrease, and Four Report the Same Acreage.

Brown County.

BROWNWOOD, TEX., Dec. 12.—We have had an abundance of rain this season, in Brown county, and an excellent season is in the ground. The acreage of wheat planted is about the same as last year, (36,000 acres) and the season has been unusually favorable for a large yeild. One good rain about April 1 would guarantee a crop; however, two or three rains between the middle of February and 1st of May is what we want. It will not make a full crop unless we get at least another rain. We could scarcely ask for wheat to be in a more favorable condition than at present, and barring some unlooked for misfortune, Brown county next year will have as large a yield of wheat per acre as she has ever known.

Cass County.

LINDEN, TEX., Dec. 13.—Your correspondent learns from a reliable source that there is only about 100 acres of wheat planted in this county this year. The prospects are very good for a profitable yield, as the rains have been plentiful.

Callahan County.

BAIRD, TEX., Dec. 14.—The wheat sowed this year is about 90 per cent. of last year's acreage. The season so far has been very favorable. The crop will need more rain in the spring, more rain at any time would do good. The crop is now very fine, two or three more good rains will almost insure an abundant harvest.

Coleman County.

COLEMAN, TEX, Dec. 16.—The acreage in wheat is about the same as last year, and prospects much better. Rains have fallen in great abundance and a fine stand all over the county.

Cooke County.

GAINESVILLE, TEX, Dec. 19.—The wheat crop for the next year promises to be larger than ever before in this county. More has been planted and the yield per acre promises to be greater. The ground is in excellent condition, and the crop looks well all through this section. The farmers are in fine spirits and think the prospects better than for many years past. The alliance of this county, with the assistance of a number of citizens of Gainesville, have organized a company with a capital stock of $30,000, and will build a mill and elevator in time for the next wheat crop.

Dallas County.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec 17.—The prospects for the coming wheat crop are equally as good, if not better, than same time last year. Owing to the lateness of the harvesting last year and attending circumstances, the sowing this year was later than usual, but the weather has been exceptionally fine for wheat growing and the growth excellent, having formed the first joint and beginning to stool. It is also in a healthy condition. The increase of acreage is about fifteen per cent. With warm rains the last of March or first of April would produce an abundant crop. The rain falling to the present has been sufficient, and not too much. With favorable rains in the spring the crop is estimated will average from thirty to thirty-five bushels to the acre.

Delta County.

COOPER, TEX., Dec. 15.—The season for wheat has been favorable; condition of crop good; the acreage about same as last year (the present crop.) The crop to this date has had plenty of rain. Ordinary seasons from now on will insure a good yield.

Denton County.

DENTON, TEX., Dec. 15.—The wheat crop in this county was never more promising at this season of the year than now. The acreage is about 10 per cent. greater than last year. The stand good, though not quite as forward as at this season last year. The rain has been ample, and with a few good rains in the spring the crop will doubtless be large.

Ellis County.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX., Dec. 18.—The wheat crop is looking exceedingly well, and promises an abundant harvest, the prospect being estimated at twenty-five per cent. better than this time last year, while the increase in acreage is thought to be at least ten per cent. more than last year.

Erath County.

The acreage in wheat in this county this year is greater than last by perhaps 10 to 15 per cent., and there would have been a greater acreage sown than there is but for the scarcity of seed wheat. Wheat that was sown before the late November rains is up and is fine stand and healthy, vigorous plant. Some wheat is still being sown. There is a very fine season in the ground and wheat will do well without any more rain till spring and not suffer.

The prospect for a fine crop of wheat next year was never better at this season of the year. More rain will not hurt wheat, but none will be needed on it till next spring to insure a fine yield and an abundant crop.

The general outlook for good crops next year was never more encouraging than now. Our whole people are very much encouraged and hopeful over present prospects.

Fannin County.

BONHAM, TEX, Dec. 13.—There is a decrease of 30 per cent. in the acreage of the wheat crop in Fannin county as compared with last season. The season has been generally unfavorable. The continued drouth through the fall retarded the growth of the crop. The late abundant rains, although coming late, were a great benefit to the cereal, and a tolerably fair crop is expected. At present no more rain is needed.

Gregg County.

LONGVIEW, TEX, Dec. 14.—From conversation with various farmers THE GAZETTE learns that "before the war" wheat and other small grain was raised easily with excellent returns, but after that historical event the opinion prevailed that it did not pay to raise wheat and its culture was abandoned and only in the last four years have a few engagad in raising it, and that to a very limited extent. These remarks apply equally to all parts of East Texas. During these four years the raising of wheat and other small grains, particularly oats, has very materially increased until, in the opinion of the best and most progressive farmers, the year 1889 will see wheat shipped from Gregg county by the car load. From the best obtainable information the acreage now in wheat in the county aggregate nearly three hundred acres. The average yield per acre this year was over fifteen bushels. So far, the rains have not in any way injured the plant, except in a few places where small washes have occurred, but there is enough moisture now in the ground to assure the making of the crop.

Grayson County.

SHERMAN, TEX, Dec. 18.—Ten answers made to twelve inquiries regarding the condition of the wheat crop in Grayson county, revealed the fact that the acreage of wheat sown in the county is much smaller than that of last year, and a close estimate places the present growing crop at one-third less. The reduction is caused by the protracted drouth in October and November, which prevented sowing, and the foul conditions of rich black lands covered with heavy coats of grass and weeds caused by the heavy rains in the summer months, rendered it impossible to break the hard soil. The wheat sowed is in excellent condition, having improved rapidly since the recent heavy rains.

Hill County.

HILLSBORO, TEX., Dec. 18.—The acreage of land sown in wheat in Hill county this season is fully 50 per cent. over that of last season. The wheat crop so far has had the best season it has had for many years past. It has had an abundance of rain to date. Too much rain in the spring would be liable to cause rust. Prospects of wheat and volunteer oat crops were never better, and not so good for years past. With present prospects wheat will yield thirty-five bushels per acre and volunteer oats 100 bushels per acre.

Johnson County.

CLEBURNE, TEX., Dec. 15.—From what your correspondent has learned in reference to the prospects of the wheat and grain crops for the coming season it appears that there has been plenty of rain; that about twenty-five per cent. more area is planted in such grain than the preceding season, and that the yield promises to be a little more than average. Estimates are based upon the present outlook as compared with that of the preceding year.

Kaufman County.

TERRELL, TEX., Dec. 15.—The wheat crop in this section at present is in very fine condition. There is probably a decrease of 10 per cent. in acreage over the last crop. The seasons so far have been very favorable, but a continuation of the rainy spell may result badly for the crop. At present all indications are only tolerably good, but better weather soon at hand will materially increase the acreage as well as the crop.

Lamar County.

PARIS, TEX., Dec. 17.—The wheat prospects are very flattering. The late rains have been abundant and are sufficient to insure a bountiful yield. The increase in acreage is nearly double.

Lampasas County.

LAMPASAS, TEX, Dec. 13.—In reply to your card of the 7th inst., requesting information in regard to the wheat crop, will say that as far as I have been able to learn, the acreage is about the same as last year, but the prospect much more flattering. Mr. Donovan, a prominent mill man here, says the prospect for a wheat crop was never more promising, and it is not needing rain. The worms destroyed the early sowing which, perhaps, decreased the acreage to some extent, owing to the inability of the farmers to secure seed for a second sowing. Comparatively speaking, the acreage is small.

Martin County.

MARIENFELD, TEX, Dec. 14.—Our wheat crop never was better. Rains have been sufficient, and the growth rapid. The acreage is short, the farmers having had no seed wheat.

McLennan County.

WACO, TEX, Dec. 12.—The prospect for a very large wheat crop in this section was never better. Last year at this time 75 per cent. of the wheat planted had failed to come up. This year there is a splendid stand, and it is all in fine growing condition. The season has been very favorable. It will need no more rain this year, and with two or three good rains in January and February an abundant harvest will be insured. The increase in acreage is fully 10 per cent. above that of last year. The only danger feared now is rust from too much rain in the spring. This information is gathered from intelligent and reliable sources.

Parker County.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., Dec. 14.—The acreage of wheat sown in this county this year is an increase of over 20 per cent over that of last year, and the condition of the crop was never better in the history of the county. The leading farmers are of the opinion that one more good rain in the spring, the yield of the crop would be very large, and with two more rains, one in early spring and the other when the wheat is in head, the yield will be greater than ever known in this part of the country. The wheat is now furnishing abundance of pasturage for stock. Hon. W. S. Pickard, one of Parker county's most substantial farmers, stated to THE GAZETTE correspondent that his wheat field was furnishing all the pasturage that he needed, and that he had been sowing wheat thirty-one years in Parker county, and the prospects were better than he had ever seen, and predicts the best crop ever raised.

Rains County.

EMORY, TEX., Dec. 16.—Owing to the fact that the fall was so dry the farmers of Rains county have not planted the usual acreage in wheat. In fact there is little or no wheat planted in this county. There was but little wheat raised and gathered in this county this year and will be but little gathered in 1888. Farmers are speaking of sowing the land intended by them for wheat in oats.

Red River County.

CLARKSVILLE, TEX., Dec. 18.—This county deals almost entirely in corn, cotton, hay, etc. There is no wheat of any consequence raised.

Runnels County.

BALLINGER, TEX., Dec. 12.—The wheat crop in this (Runnels) county is in excellent condition. There is an increase of 10 per cent. in acreage of said crop over last year, and the season on same so far could not be surpassed. It will need no more rain until spring, and then one rain will make a yield anywhere from twenty-five to thirty-five bushels per acre.

Shackelford County.

ALBANY, TEX, Dec. 12.—The prospects for next year's crop of wheat in Shackelford county are indeed flattering. The season has been all that could be desired, although one more good rain would be a decided advantage to the grain that has been planted the past fortnight. The grain sown in the early fall is looking as well and growing as nicely as wheat under the most favorable circumstances always looks and grows in Texas, West Texas particularly. The area sown to wheat is as yet not as large as was sown last fall, but the outlook for a crop is so encouraging that a great many of our farmers will plant a large crop of spring wheat, which does as well and yields as large crops in this climate as winter wheat.

Somervell County.

GLEN ROSE, TEX., Dec. 13.—We have had splendid rains in this county this fall which insures a good wheat crop. There is at least 30 per cent. increase in acreage as compared with last year. The season has been very favorable and needs but little more rain to make an abundant yield. The farmers generally state that the prospects for a large wheat crop have never been better and they are feeling jubilant over it.

Taylor County.

ABILENE, TEX, Dec. 12.—The acreage of wheat sown this year in Taylor county does not exceed the crop planted last fall. The acreage planted in the year 1886 was the largest crop ever sown, some 8000 acres being put into the ground, which was an increase of 75 per cent. of former years. The present crop has had plenty of rain, and the prospects are most flattering for an abundant yield. More rain is not necessary to mature the crop, and would have little effect either way. With the present moisture in the ground, the wheat crop in Taylor county is assured.

Tarrant County.

FORT WORTH, TEX., Dec. 19.—The average increase in the wheat acreage in this county is between 30 and 33⅓ per cent. as compared with last year. The season up to this date, December 12, has been better than for four years past. To make a fair crop more rain is needed in March or April. Should a good rain fall late in March the yield would be from 25 to 30 bushels per acre, and the quality of the grain would be fine.

Throckmorton County.

THROCKMORTON, TEX., Dec. 12.—The condition of the wheat crop in this section is indeed very promising, having had abundance of rain during the entire fall and to the present, and it seems that we are smiled on with good crops generally, having had plenty of rain and not too much. There is a larger acreage sown in wheat this year by at least 100 per cent. than has ever been in this county, and with a few good rains in the spring will have an abundant yield. Most of the wheat has to be grazed down as it is growing so fast, and the fine luxuriant fields can be seen inside every farm.

Upshur County.

GILMER, TEX., Dec 13.—There is not much wheat raised in this county. The farmers have planted an increased acreage from last year amounting to about ten per cent. The condition of the crop is good. The early season was favorable and lately there has been a heavy rainfall. No more rain is needed for some time.

Van Zandt County.

CANTON, TEX., Dec. 13.—The increase of acreage in wheat, as near as can be ascertained, is about 10 per cent. above that of last year. The season has been very favorable; one more good rain will mature and make an excellent crop.

Williamson County.

GEORGETOWN, TEX., Dec. 11.—In response to your card concerning the prospect and condition of the wheat crop in this section beg leave to submit the following report: There is at least 50 per cent. increase in acreage over last year. The crop up to date has had a most favorable season, and with about two more good rains there will be an abundant yield. Taking everything into consideration the prospects are very flattering for the largest crop known for a number of years.

Wise County.

DECATUR, TEX, Dec. 17.—The wheat crop is looking fine. The acreage planted is quite double what it was last year. The season so far has been very favorable. It will not need any more rain before March, and would make a better crop than for the past three years without any more at all. The outlook is more favorable for an abundant yield than for years. Another rain March 1 will insure a big crop.

Young County.

GRAHAM, TEX, Dec. 12.—The acreage in wheat this year is a decrease of at least 10 per cent. as compared with last year. The season has been favorable, and the crop is in splendid condition. A good rain will be needed about the last of February to make a fair crop, and two more good rains in March will make it an abundant yield.

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Special to the Gazette.

TYLER, TEX., Dec. 19.—Captain James G. Garrison of this city, who is senior member of the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, wired his resignation to Governor Ross to-day. He has been a member of the board for eight years, being originally appointed by Governor Roberts.

Mr. R. A Payne died late last night from the effects of wounds received in a difficulty with J. W. Wagnor and John Boone of this city Saturday evening. Wagnor and Payne were involved in a family difficulty, and in endeavoring to prevent a serious injury to Wagnor, Boone struck Payne over the head with a billet of wood. At the time it was not thought dangerous, but Payne, who was drinking heavily, grew worse and died. Boone surrendered to the sheriff and is awaiting examination.

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Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 19.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon there were booked 950 delegates to the convention to be held here to-morrow. The trains to-night and in the morning will largely swell this number. The delegates represent the business and brainy men of the different Legislative districts of the state. There has been much enthusiasm among the delegates and people generally all day. There is an evident determination on the part of the people here to make the movement successful. The railroad men have not put in an appearance yet, but they are expected to-night and in the morning. From all appearances and expressions the success of the movement depends upon the railroads.

The convention will convene at the opera house at 11 o'clock sharp, and continue in session until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the convention will adjourn. This adjournment is made necessary because the opera house cannot be procured for a longer time on account of the theatrical performances in the evening. If an afternoon or night session is necessary, the convention will adjourn to meet in the Merchants' Exchange, which will be in readiness for the emergency.

The convention will be called to order by Captain J. S. Daugherty, the chairman of the committee of seven, when a permanet president will be selected. A committee of 100 has been appointed on reception, whose duty it will be not only to receive, but to see that all delegates are properly and well cared for.

A movement was put on foot to give a grand banquet to the delegates, but after a consultation with the business men and others, it was abandoned, although the money was subscribed and paid in. The point they took was that this was a business meeting of business men, who came here for a specific purpose; men who had business affairs that required their attention at home, and could not afford to take the time barquetting.

The expression of delegates now on the ground is that speeches must be short—limited to five minutes.

The delegates will be grouped by senatorial districts, of which there are thirty-two, each district will be designated by a banner, and the legislative district in its respective senatorial district will assemble around their senatorial district banner.

In fact all the necessary arrangements have been made to receive the delegates and open the convention.

The question of "Where shall the headquarters be?" has been an all-absorbing question among delegates. It would seem that Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco are talked about more than any other points. The southern delegates favor Waco.

There is another matter being freely discussed to-day, and that is: "Shall any one point in the state be the terminus of the excursion train, or whatever train may bring immigrants or visitors?" Generally speaking, the delegates are opposed to such an arrangement. From the interest taken and the many plans and ideas about how things shall be done, are being discussed, the convention is likely to be of longer duration than is supposed or desired.

The Galveston delegates are here and mean business. Among them are: N. B. Sligh, George D. Rogers, J. D. Skinner, M. Laskers, E. S. Flint, W. L. Moody, R. L. Fulton, John Locke.

William Martin, F. H. Morrison, D. V. Johnson, C. H. Earnest, are here from Colorado, and M. A. Spounts and Henry Sales of Abilene.

Every other specie of news in Dallas seems to be absorbed by the big crowd of delegates which swarm the corridors of the hotels and streets. They are as fine a body of men as ever visited Dallas.

Governor Ross is expected to be here in attendance upon the Dallas convention.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

A Man Suspected of Horse Stealing Killed in Hill County.

Special to the Gazette.

VALLEY MILLS, TEX., Dec. 19.—A report reached here to-day that one Roberts was shot from ambush and killed just east of the Brazos river in Hill county on Saturday last. He was quite intimate with John Nail, who is supposed to have been waylaid near this same place about a month ago, and this killing does much towards confirming the death of Nail, whose body has not been found.

The cause that led to the killing of Roberts is that a horse was missing from the neighborhood and was tracked through his place and found dead in a thicket near by on the Brazos. People say they are determined that horse thieves nor even those suspected can find a resting place among them.

Sold a Stolen Team.

Special to the Gazette.

GREENVILLE, TEX., Dec. 19.—A tie-maker from Roberts will spend the holidays with Sheriff Mason, name not known. Last night he arrived here from Roberts having in possession a team belonging to Mr. William Hodges of that place. He placed the horses in charge of the Oak wagon yard at this place. The officers saw the man and team and suspected that something was wrong, and instructed the yardmaster to ratain the team some time. The tie-maker got into the yard, took the horses out, sold them to Rush Hart, secured the money, and was preparing to take the train for foreign parts when Sheriff Mason took him in charge and placed him in jail. Mr. Hodges recovered his team.

Newt. Vorce Besieged in a Dugout.

DENVER, COL, Dec. 19.—Newt Vorce has been tracked to a dugout, on Robinson ranch about twelve miles from Deer Trail where he is still holding men at bay who are attempting his arrest. Another man has lost his life, making two killed and one wounded since the first effort was made to arrest Vorce, and the desperado is not yet captured. A sheep herder was in the dugout with Vorce and has been shot and killed by the guards. Yesterday Sheriff Colvington and a number of deputies left for Deer Trail on a special train with two wagon loads of men all heavily armed.

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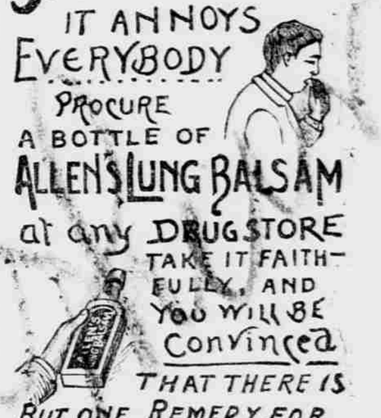

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