

# WHEAT ADVANCES SOME DESPITE COLD WEATHER

The following is the official report of the Ohio department of Agriculture on the condition of crops and live stock May 1:

Wheat—Condition compared with standard average, 83 per cent. Oats—Area for 1909 as returned by township assessors, 1,592,167 acres. Oats—Area sown this year compared with 1909, 98 per cent. Oats—Estimated area for the harvest of 1910, 1,566,823 acres. Spring barley—Area sown compared with last year, 92 per cent. Winter barley—Condition compared with standard average, 88 per cent. Barley—Total area: Sown last fall, 26 per cent. Sown this spring, 74 per cent. Rye—Condition compared with standard average, 90 per cent. Clover—Average date of seeding, March 20. Clover—Acreage sown compared with last year, 98 per cent. Fruit—Prospect compared with normal yield, 54 per cent. Berries—Prospect compared with normal yield, 68 per cent. Live stock losses during winter and spring: Horses, 2 per cent. Cattle, 1 per cent. Sheep, 3 per cent. Hogs, 2 per cent. Notwithstanding that during a greater part of the past month weather conditions were most unfavorable to wheat growth, its condition has advanced 2 per cent since our last report, being now estimated at 85 per cent compared with a standard average. On the corresponding date one year ago its condition was estimated at 66 per cent. The present harvest

should exceed that of 1909. Damage reported by insect pests is immaterial.

The area seeded to oats is estimated at 1,566,823 acres. In comparison with the 1909 area, as reported by the township assessors this is a decline of 25,344 acres.

Condition of rye is estimated at 90 per cent compared with an average. Berry prospects reported 68 per cent compared with normal yield.

During the winter and spring months no unusual losses occurred among the live stock.

Reports during the past month of the entire destruction of fruit by frost now appear to have been greatly exaggerated, as our correspondents estimate the state average prospect as compared with a normal yield at 54 per cent. While this is a material decline from the prospect of one month ago, due consideration must be given to the low estimates reported from sections where the fruit industry is of minor importance, and the bright prospects reported from the counties of the fruit belts. The greatest damage by frost occurred in the central southwestern counties, while along the heavy producing lake counties the prospect is bright for a bountiful harvest.

Hon. William Miller, a recognized fruit authority, is sponsor for the claim that in the lake regions the yield will equal if not excel the normal production. This statement was made after a careful and thorough personal observation. In many sections where first reports were most discouraging, the fruit had not attained sufficient development to be affected by frost; hence the more encouraging prospect now reported.

## SHORT LOCALS

Mr. John Flynn went to Gambier Saturday morning on business. Mr. C. S. Barnhard of Circleville spent Friday in Mt. Vernon attending to some matters of business. Mr. L. A. Stream and Dr. C. K. Conard went to Utica Saturday morning to spend the day.

Miss Anna Tissot of Wellington is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. William Tissot of Park street. Dr. B. B. Scott went to Gambier Saturday morning on professional business.

Mr. James McElroy went to Howard Saturday morning to spend several days with relatives and friends. Mrs. H. C. Devin and son, Fletcher, of North Main street, went to Columbus Saturday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. May Westrich returned to her home in Howard Saturday morning after a short visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Professor Ralph Reed of Martinsburg spent Saturday in Mt. Vernon attending to some business matters.

Mr. John George went to Newark Saturday noon to attend to some matters of business.

Miss Lois Jones of North Mulberry street went to Newark Saturday noon to visit with relatives.

Councilman Robert Cole went to Cambridge Saturday noon to transact some matters of business.

Mr. Fred J. Kelley has accepted a position with the Guarantee Shoe store, South Main street.

Mrs. B. F. Hamond of Millwood spent Saturday in Mt. Vernon, the guest of friends.

Mr. J. S. Bonnell went to Wooster, Ohio, Saturday morning where he was called by some business matters.

Mrs. Clyde Michaels of North Lewis street left Saturday morning for Cleveland where she will spend several days with relatives.

Miss Myrtle Gotshall, who is attending school at Buena Vista, Kentucky, is spending several days at her home on North Mulberry street.

Misses Roberta and Gail Dorsey of Academia went to Newark Saturday to spend the day with her sister, Mrs. P. I. Gibson.

Mr. Lee Darling formerly of this city but now working in Akron, is home for several days celebrating his 21st birthday.

Mr. Walter Dudgeon returned to his home in Howard Saturday after transacting some business matters in this city.

Mrs. Roy Morey has returned to her home in Brandon in a much improved condition after a two weeks' treatment at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus.

Messrs. Harry J. Shipley and Leonard E. Itawlinson were in Columbus last evening attending the inspection of Columbus council, R. & S. M.

Mr. Daniel Cromley of Lancaster is spending several days in Mt. Vernon, the guest of his son, Mr. C. H. Cromley.

Mrs. O. G. Daniels returned to her home on E. High street Friday evening after spending several days in Granville attending a missionary convention.

Miss Ruth Raider left Saturday noon for her home in Cincinnati after a several days' visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Anderson of this city, who accompanied her to her home to spend several days.

Mrs. J. R. Richardson, of Marion avenue, has returned from Dr. Fisher's sanitarium at Mt. Vernon much improved in health, where she was treated for stomach trouble two weeks. Mrs. Richardson was accompanied by her son, Harold C. Ferguson.—Mansfield News.

The six Hungarians who were arrested at Millwood several days ago charged with dynamiting the creek near that village to kill the fish in the water were taken to Danville Saturday afternoon and given a hearing before Justice Blubaugh of that place, at five o'clock.

Mr. D. B. Grubb returned from Chicago this morning where he was in attendance at the Great Missionary Congress. He says that the array of speakers was the finest that he ever heard and that the interest and sane enthusiasm far surpassed his anticipation. Arrangements will be made for a report in the near future.

OLD SOL TO HIDE HIS FACE  
Washington, D. C., May 7.—There is to be a total eclipse of the sun tomorrow, but neither in America nor in Europe will the astronomers have an opportunity to observe the phenomenon. The path of totality starts in the Antarctic ocean, and curves around south of Australia, touching only on the southern half of the island of Tasmania.

Clutter-Bailey Wedding  
Mr. Ural S. Clutter of Brandon and Miss Iva M. Bailey of Homer were united in marriage Thursday morning by the Rev. P. E. Brininstool at the Baptist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Clutter are well-known young people and the best wishes of many friends go with them.

Entertained With Bridge  
Mrs. J. Warren Hulse, North Mulberry street, pleasantly entertained with bridge Thursday evening. Four tables were filled.

Entertained With Luncheon  
Mrs. J. B. Waight, East High street, delightfully entertained with a neighborhood luncheon Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Judson Vincent went to Columbus Thursday morning on business.

## COSTA RICA IS MASS OF RUINS

### Latest Estimates Place Number of Dead at 1,800.

## ENTIRE VILLAGES DISAPPEAR

### Greatest Loss of Life and Property Occurred in Mountainous Interior, Cartago Being Almost Wholly Destroyed—Couriers Bring First Tidings of Disaster and Say There Are No Refugees—Banana and Rubber Plantations Are Heavy Losers.

Port Limon, May 7.—Earthquakes have devastated the interior of Costa Rica. A large part of Cartago is in ruins. Conservative tabulations place the number of dead at 1,800. The country to the north and northeast of San Jose has been cleaved open. Entire villages have been undermined and lost in the quake. Telegraph communication between here and San Jose was lost for 24 hours. As it is now, only a feeble line tells the story of death in the interior.

Cartago probably has suffered the greatest pecuniary loss. The Temple of Justice, erected by Andrew Carnegie, was bent to the ground just as scores of humble huts surrounding it were razed by the earth's twisting. It has been impossible to get the full truth of the loss that the interior of Costa Rica has suffered. It was in the mountain country that the greatest damage was done so far as lives are reckoned. The first estimate of 500 dead is only a puny accounting of the disaster.

The earthquake smote its blow at noon on Wednesday. In the flash of an eye scores of buildings went down in Cartago. The Carnegie Palace of Justice crumbled into dust. The earth opened beneath it. The Carmel church went in much the same manner.

Mountain Districts Suffer Most.  
In the mountain country there were scores and scores of villages and humble settlements that dropped out of sight. The loss accruing from damage to banana and rubber plantations alone is enormous. The first news of the calamity was brought to San Jose by couriers from the interior. From villages to the north and northwest there came the same story of death and devastation. Between Cartago and San Jose much the same condition prevails. No refugees have come in. There are no refugees, as if death had suddenly stricken the entire country.

Government tabulations from San Jose, accounted from the couriers' relations, place the number of dead at 1,800. Probably it will run more than this number. Details are unattainable here. Attempts to get the names of towns destroyed were futile.

Fresno Gets Severe Jolt.  
Fresno, Cal., May 7.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt in this city. The vibrations lasted for more than a minute, shook windows and caused dishes to rattle. The courthouse shook so that the employees ran out of their offices.

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One hears so much about calories these days that we hasten to explain, for the benefit of those of our readers who may not understand what a calorie is, that it is equal to 41,533,010,600 ergs.

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Entertained With Luncheon

Mrs. J. B. Waight, East High street, delightfully entertained with a neighborhood luncheon Thursday afternoon.

Mr. James Cunningham of Gambier left Friday noon for Wheeling, West Virginia, where he will accept a position.

Mr. Judson Vincent went to Columbus Thursday morning on business.

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## NOTES

### Of General Interest From The Gas Field

(Utica Herald)

The Logan company has located No. 2 on the Kinney farm east of Shell Beach.

Helsay got a crooked hole on the Showman farm and had to shut down last week.

The Columbus Natural Gas Co. got a four million well two miles west of Pleasantville.

The traction company got a dry hole on their right-of-way between Hebron and Buckeye Lake.

The Logan company has made a location on the Charles Bader farm three miles south of Newark.

The George Griffith well of the Everett company, four miles northwest of Granville, which has given trouble ever since it was drilled two years ago, has been drawn and plugged.

The Utica company's Ben Weaver well, which showed half a million of gas when 13 feet in the sand, gave no increase at greater depth. Within a few hours after it was completed it had blown down to approximately 100,000 feet. It was tued after an assurance was received from Mr. Weaver that the royalty would be reduced to what it proves to be worth. There is a probability that the next well of the Utica company will be drilled on the Phil Benear lease five miles east of town, and that to save a costly pipe line, an arrangement will be made to meter it into the line of one of the big companies and draw an equal amount—less a share for use of the line—from the company's hub near Utica.

## SOCIETY NOTES

Surprise Party

For Mrs. Neal

A delightful surprise was given Mrs. Hugh Neal at her home on West High street Thursday evening by about twenty-five of her friends and neighbors in honor of her birthday anniversary. The evening was very pleasantly spent in music and conversation. Mrs. Neal was given many beautiful presents by the guests present during the evening.

Entertained With Theatre Party

The Phi Sigma Chi fraternity entertained their ladies with a theatre party Thursday evening at the Vogel minstrel show. About fifty persons composed the party which went to Hiawatha park in a special street car which had been chartered for that purpose. After the theatre, supper was served at Turner's restaurant.

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