

EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON WESTERN CROP CONDITIONS TO THE PRESS

DRY WEATHER CREATES SERIOUS CONDITION— PROSPECTS IMPROVING—MIDDLE WEST LOOKS GOOD.

The 1910 wheat crop will be 20 to 30 per cent short; the corn crop of the country will be a bumper; the fruit crop of the Pacific coast is in excellent condition, except prunes; the cotton crop of the southern states is above last year's good yield.

This, in brief, is the midsummer condition of the nation's crops, as told in special dispatches to The Spokane Press from the great agricultural sections of the country.

The only ray of sunshine in the wheat reports gleams from Texas and Oklahoma, where the crop is greater than ever before.

But the winter kill in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, a great heat blast the last two weeks of June in Minnesota and the Dakotas and a drought in Washington state has made the situation gloomy for the great food cereal.

DRY SPRING HERE.

This was the driest spring the Inland Empire has known in years. It was the driest month of June Spokane has experienced in 30 years, according to the United States weather bureau.

This condition of drought has hit the wheat, oats and vegetable crops of the Inland Empire hard—especially the great staple, wheat. The extent of the damage cannot be as yet definitely determined, as bountiful showers at this late day would be of great service in still making a good showing.

While the crop may be short there will still be wheat. The winter wheat has not suffered nearly so much as the spring wheat, which in the great Big Bend country is pretty short. Winter wheat has felt the drought, too, and in some regions of the Palouse the winter wheat has suffered more than the spring wheat.

The apple prospect is good, but some other lines of fruit are short. In western Montana, where hard wheat is grown, the climatic conditions vary from the Inland Empire. Reports from that region say the wheat outlook is promising.

POSITIVE DAMAGE TO CROPS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 4.—Positive damage to the northwestern wheat crop throughout unprecedented drought and great heat blast that extended over nearly all the last half of June is now admitted. Estimates from various portions of the spring wheat territory, including Minnesota and the Dakotas, place the damage at from 25 to 50 per cent, with a majority of the reports approximating the smaller figure. The principal damage is in the Red river valley, the largest and richest wheat producing territory in the country. Further west, in the newer sections, there is apparently less loss. Corn, oats and barley are in much better shape and will not begin to deteriorate for 10 days more, even if the drought should continue. What that would be very late in planting is so far along that it could not produce a good crop even if the rains were soon to come.

INCREASE IN OKLAHOMA.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 4.—This year shows an increase in the wheat crop of about 5,000,000 bushels. The local total yields will be approximately: Wheat, 20,000,000 bushels; oats, 15,000,000 bushels; corn, 125,000,000 bushels; cotton, 900,000 bales. Fruit will produce 50 per cent of an normal yield.

IMPROVED IN MIDDLE WEST

KANSAS CITY, July 4.—The agricultural outlook in the middle western states has improved since April. Unfavorable winter conditions caused some abandonment of wheat acreage in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, but winter wheat will make a much better total yield than expected. Kansas, the leading winter wheat producer of the union, is conceded to have between 60,000,000 and 65,000,000 bushels as against 55,000,000 bushels last year. Excellent quality is a big compensating factor in the three states named. The weather conditions have been perfect during May and June and every grain of wheat will be saved, providing enough help can be obtained to harvest the crop. Farmers are paying \$6 a day in some parts. The crop on the whole is the best in many years.

FAIR CALIFORNIA CROPS.

SACRAMENTO, July 4.—California will have just half the pruno crop this year, which may result in bringing the price up to such a point as to banish delicacy from boarding house tables. Apples, figs, peaches, apricots, cherries all are in good condition. Grapes will be plentiful, with a good outlook for oranges and lemons. Cold spring weather produced hay and alfalfa, besides wheat. Imperial valley melon crop is big.

FUNK'S WATER COMMISSION PLAN

Councilman Leonard Funk is the author of a resolution for the appointment of a water commission of five members, to continue five years, three members of the commission to be the corporation counsel, the city engineer and the water commissioner. The commission, under the resolution, is to be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council.

In view of the city council's experience with the last water commission, it is thought that it will move slowly in the matter of creating a new one. The city had a water commission a year ago, the majority members of which were strongly imbued with the idea that it was necessary to go to Priest lake to get a water supply.

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TAFT MAKES TRAVELING CIRCUS OF HIMSELF

(By United Press Leased Wire) BOSTON, July 4.—President Taft was an itinerant celebrant of the glorious Fourth today. A review of parades in three cities, participation in the Bostonian "safe and sane" observance of Independence day, and, as a finale, an address to the delegates to the National Educational association convention at the Harvard stadium, was on his program.

THE DAY'S GOOD STORIES

Art and Artists.
A fashionable painter, noted for his prolific output, was discussing at a studio tea in New York a recent scandal in the picture trade. "Look here, old man," said G. Tunis Kerr, the etcher, "do you paint all your own pictures?" "I do," the other answered, hotly, "and with my own hands, too." "And what do you pay your hands?" Mr. Kerr inquired. "I'm thinking of starting an art factory myself."—Washington Star.

INDIANS WALLOPED TO TUNE OF 10 TO 2

The Tacoma Tigers walloped the Indians at Recreation park this morning, winning a one-sided game by the score of 10 to 2.

Bonner was put in the box for Spokane and was good until the fifth inning, when Tacoma began to take very kindly to his offerings and he was chased at the end of the seventh after the Tigers had put five over the rubber. Keener was brought in from center and put on the mound, while Ostiedek took Keener's place.

Spokane started the run-getting in the fourth when Cooney walked, was sacrificed to second by Weed and came home on Keener's two-bag swat to center. Davis walked and Keener rang the bell again when he came home on Nordyke's single to center.

Tacoma retaliated in the fifth and tied the score, with a walk, an error and two hits. In the seventh, the Tigers crossed the Gooden three outs before the necessary three outs were obtained, and Keener was put in the box. He issued two free passes to first and these combined with four safe ones, one a three-bagger, increased the Tigers' total to 10 runs. Spokane could do nothing with Hall after the fourth.

R. H. E.
Spokane 2 5 3
Tacoma 10 10 1
Batteries—Bonner, Keener and Brooks; Hall and Blankenship. Umpire—Frary.

DENONCE THE TARIFF LAW

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, July 4.—The Payne tariff law was denounced as iniquitous by Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, speaking at the Tammany Hall Fourth of July celebration here.

Following are extracts from Clark's speech: "It is more dishonest to secure office by false pretenses than to obtain money feloniously." "I bring the glad tidings that we house of representatives insurgents are presenting a solid front to the enemy." "The high cost of living in the United States is driving a hundred thousand Americans annually to North America."

HE CARRIED AN ARSENAL

Walter R. Craig, aged 22, late with the Swain Detective agency, was arrested at an early hour this morning on a charge of highway robbery preferred by Howard Mallison, who alleges that he was relieved of \$40 at the point of a gun by Craig.

Craig, the records will show, was given a special police star recently by Chief Sullivan on the recommendation of the Y. M. C. A. This star was lifted a week ago at the time the stars of all private detectives were called in. When arrested a police officer's star, No. 53, was found on Craig, which is said at the police station to have been manufactured and is a forgery. No. 53 is the star once worn by the late Officer Waterbury, murdered on duty.

Craig, while in the employ of Swain was stationed at Davenport's restaurant to keep guard on the striking culinary workers. After this he was detailed on one or two private cases by Captain Swain.

TWO KILLED, TWO WOUNDED IN A FAMILY QUARREL

(By United Press Leased Wire) EAST ST. LOUIS, Puy 4.—Robert Higginbotham of Kansas City is probably fatally wounded, Henry G. Fellauer is seriously wounded, and Michael Moser and Evelyn Higginbotham are dead today, as a result of Higginbotham's attempt to take Evelyn, age 11, from Moser's home here.

NEW PUMPS GIVE CITY ENOUGH WATER

City Commissioners Mudgett and Weymouth visited the upriver pumping station this morning and saw the first unit of the new battery of pumps in operation. The machinery was working as smoothly as clockwork and throwing a stream of water that made the big mains throb with the force of the pressure.

SOUTHERN GIRL SELLS CIGARS WHILE GETTING USED TO BEING RICH



MISS CORDELIA WALLACE.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., July 4.—A \$75,000 plantation willed to Miss Cordelia Wallace, a pretty clerk in a Muskogee cigar stand by her great-aunt, lies unclaimed at Monroe, La., while she shakes the box and hands out smokes as she did when she had to earn her living. And she beams even more brightly on her customers.

"I think I will just keep on selling cigars here for a while, until I get used to being rich, and then I'll go to look over the estate," she said.

Miss Wallace didn't expect her fortune. She's a namesake of her aunt, but she hadn't visited her since she romped barefooted on the big plantation, of which she will now be mistress. She was shaking the dice box with customers when an attorney from Monroe walked in and broke the news to her.

Miss Wallace received 20 offers of marriage the first two days after she received notification of her legacy, and they're still coming. But she laughs at them all. Her waste-basket is full of love letters.

A GREAT DEVICE FOR RUBBERNECKS



SEEING THROUGH A SOLID CROWD.

Something new for rubbernecks has been invented by an Englishman. When the late king's funeral procession was passing through the streets of London, immense crowds thronged every available spot to catch a glimpse of the many notables following the hearse.

With a bamboo cane, selected because of its lightness, and two mirrors, placed as seen in picture, he devised a means of seeing the procession from the rear of a dense crowd. The mirror at top is placed at the right angle to reflect the scene upon the lower one, which in turn pictures the happenings as faithfully as if the eye were glancing directly at the object itself.

When the next circus comes along rig up a mechanical rubberneck and watch the elephant from a comfortable location.

IN MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Chicago—
First game: R. H. E.
St. Louis 4 4 4
Chicago 5 7 1
Batteries—Spade and Killifer; Lang and Sullivan.

At Washington—
First game: R. H. E.
Boston 3 12 4
Washington 5 8 0
Batteries—Karger, Smith and Kleinow, Carrigan; Walker and Street.

At Philadelphia—
First game: R. H. E.
New York 7 1 1
Philadelphia 3 8 2
Batteries—Fisher and Sweeney; Dygert and Lapp.

At Cleveland—
First game: R. H. E.
Detroit 3 9 4
Cleveland 1 2 2
Batteries—Donovan and Schmidt; Young and Easterly.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Pittsburg—
R. H. E.
Chicago 2 3 5
Pittsburg 5 8 1
Batteries—McIntyre, Richie, Pfeiffer and Kling; Maddox, Lefield and Gibson.

At Boston—
First game: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 4 7 3
Boston 3 8 1
Batteries—McQuillen, Moren and Dooin; Ferguson, Mattern, Brown and Rarden.

At New York—
R. H. E.
Brooklyn 5 9 4
New York 6 9 4
Batteries—Rucker, Bergen and Erwin; Drucke and Meyers.

STABBED

C. O. Allen, aged 24, 1702 Sprague avenue, was taken to the police station at 11 o'clock this forenoon, suffering from stab wounds said to have been inflicted by some unknown Italian near the N. P. roundhouse. One wound entered the hand and the other the thigh. Neither wound was serious. The man had been drinking and the wounds were believed to have been received in a drunken brawl.

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With a martial band of gray-headed veterans playing a repertoire of airs that were familiar at the front in the days of '61 to '65, the third annual camp of the Spokane County Veterans' association opened at 10 o'clock this morning. Each succeeding number brought forth volleys of cheers, as the musicians of nearly half a century ago discoursed the tunes that still rang familiar in their ears. "That's it, that's it," shouted some veteran as a favorite air struck his ear. First it was "John Brown's Body," then "The Girl I Left Behind," and after that "I Hear My Comrades Marching. They Will Surely Come." "We Are Coming, Father Abraham, Three Hundred Thousand Strong," "Dixie" and other favorites.

The soldiers' camp for veterans of the civil and Spanish wars opened under auspicious circumstances. The weather was fine, the crowds large and everything moved along in fine shape. The camp is located just south of Fort Wright on the fort car line.

The first event after the concert by the martial band was the picnic dinner at noon, in which the camp management served pork and beans, hard tack, coffee and pickles free to all comers.

NO-MEN-WANTED SIGN ON DOORS OF OMAHA BACHELOR GIRLS' HALL

OMAHA, Neb., July 4.—Every time the sun rises he finds something new. Now women are to have bachelors' hall, just like the men. But the apartments will be equipped with cute little "kitchenettes" (new thing No. 2).

Mrs. Perry Watson of New York will erect a building in Omaha devoted solely to the housing of bachelor girls. Men are to be denied the privilege of straying through its portals. Exceptions, of course, will be made in the case of the janitor and engineer.

Presuming men are betting that it will not be long before the bachelor girls convert some of those rooms into parlors to entertain somebody else's brothers who might later ask them to display their culinary skill in real kitchens and leave the "kitchenette" behind.

Specializing. He was an American visitor, and as he sauntered into the barber shop he freely criticized British methods of work and business. "You don't specialize," he said, "you should stick to one branch of a thing and master it completely." The barber said nothing, but lathered his face very liberally, and then sat down to read.

"Well, why don't you shave me?" inquired the American after five minutes.

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