

SPLENDID OUTLOOK FOR CROPS IN WESTERN CANADA

RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM THE GRAIN FIELDS SHOW THAT THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

This is the time of year when considerable anxiety is felt in all the northern agricultural districts as to the probable outcome of the growing crops. Central Canada, comprising the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with their 16,000,000 acres of wheat, oats, barley and flax, of which 6,000,000 acres may be said to be sown to wheat alone, has become a great factor in the grain markets of the world. Besides this, government returns show that every state in the Union has representatives in these provinces, and naturally the friends of these representatives are anxious to hear of their success. It has never been said of that country that it is absolutely faultless. There are, and have been, districts that have experienced the vagaries of the weather, the same as in districts south of the boundary line between the two countries, but these are only such as are to be expected in any agricultural country. The past has proven that the agricultural possibilities of this portion of Canada are probably more attractive in every way than most countries where grain raising is the chief industry. The present year promises to be even better than past years, and in a month or six weeks it is felt there will be produced the evidence that warrants the enthusiasm of the present. Then these great broad acres will have the ripened wheat, oats, barley and flax, and the farmer, who has been looking forward to making his last payment on his big farm will be satisfied. At the time of writing, all crops give the promise of reaching the most sanguine expectations.

In the central portion of Alberta, it is said that crop conditions are more favorable than in any previous year. Heavy rains recently visited this part, and the whole of this grain growing section has been covered. Reports like the following come from all parts:

"Splendid heavy rain yesterday. Crops forging ahead. Great prospects. All grains more than a week ahead of last year. Weather warm last week. Good rains last night."

From southern Alberta the reports to hand indicate sufficient rain. Crops in excellent condition. Labor scarce. Throughout Saskatchewan all grains are looking well, and there has been sufficient rain to carry them through to harvest.

From all portions of Manitoba there comes an assurance of an abundant yield of all grains. Throughout southern Manitoba, where rain was needed a few weeks ago, there has lately been abundant precipitation, and that portion of the province will in all probability have a crop to equal the best anticipations. A large quantity of grain was sown on the stubble in the newer west, which is never a satisfactory method of farming, and may reduce the general average.

Taken altogether, the country is now fully two weeks in advance of last year, and in all grains the acreages sown are much larger than in 1911. This means that with auspicious weather the west will have the grandest harvest in its history. Two hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat has been mentioned as an estimate of the present growing crop, and it looks now as if that guess will be none too large.

Poets are born—and most of the great ones are dead.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JULY 28

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES.

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43. GOLDEN TEXT—"Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn." Matt. 13:20.

The thirteenth chapter of Matthew's gospel is the great kingdom chapter of the Bible. Seven parables in this chapter give us each of seven aspects or applications of the principles of the kingdom. In this lesson we are taught the mixed character of the kingdom and also of the ultimate separation of two classes of which it is composed. "A man," v. 24, goes out to sow good seed in his field. This man we are told in v. 37, is the Son of Man, and elsewhere that the field is the world, the hearts of men. Then followed the propagating stage, that period over which man has no control. During this period while men ate and slept awaiting the time for cultivation and of harvest, the enemy of men's souls came and sowed tares, the common darnel which so closely resembles wheat in its earliest stages. After this propagating period had passed the man and his servants went out one day to find in their field evidence that another had also sown seed. The test of every life is the fruit produced. During these earlier stages the tares had looked so nearly like the wheat as not to be readily distinguished, but now that the harvest time approaches the difference is all too evident. It is significant from this parable that no blame is laid upon the servants that they should have allowed the two to grow up during this first stage. Surprise, anger and disappointment stirred the hearts of the servants when they discovered the mixed character of the approaching harvest. The master, however, clears them of all blame, for, said he, "Our enemy hath done this." Not an enemy, as the King James version has it. Satan is ubiquitous, but the Son of God is greater than he, see I. Peter 3:22.

Parables He Taught.

If the servants had sought to uproot the tares they would in all likelihood have done more damage than good, though this does not imply any conflict with Jesus' words as found in Matthew 5:29, 30. The seed had the same environment and in God's good time the separation should take place. So "let both grow together" until both be fully developed. Then he will say to the reapers, gather first the tares and burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn. Notice the tares did not evolve into wheat. Like begets like. Gather into bundles is the command. If we sin together, we must expect to suffer together. The wheat was ripe for full salvation, blessing and a further usefulness, while the tares were ripe only for destruction.

After teaching these parables, of which this is but one, Jesus sent the multitude away and more fully and completely taught his disciples the inner meaning of this parable. The field is the world, and if we ask we shall have the heathen for our inheritance and the uttermost part of the world as a possession (Pa. 2:8). The good seed are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons (children) of the evil one. Both the sons of the good and the sons of the bad grow from, and develop out of seed, the sons of the kingdom from the good seed.

We must remember the three lessons we have been studying. The first concerned the nature of the seed and the soil; the second deals with the mystery of the growth and development of the kingdom, whereas this lesson has to do with the mixed.

World the Field.

As the Psalmist puts it (1:5), "The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, e. g., has no standing, nor sinners (abide) in the congregation of the righteous." It is not our place to gather the tares into bundles. God will send forth reapers (v. 30) and his reapers are the angels (v. 39). The fact is we are here warned against useless or profitless activity. Ours is to sow the right seed and then stand back and let God work. We are not even responsible for any process of separation, for God will take care of his own and in his own time will send forth his reapers who will do what we would make sorry work of attempting to do. How often we see men zealously attempting the separation process during the propagating and developing period, only to uproot the wheat with the darnel.

TRAIN ROLLED DOWN A BANK

NONE OF THE 200 PASSENGERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Pere Marquette Flyer, Going 50 Miles an Hour, Derailed by Loose Crossing Board.

Chicago, Ill.—Two hundred passengers, riding more than 50 miles an hour, were hurled down a 12-foot embankment when Pere Marquette train No. 4 was wrecked near Chesterton, Ind., and only five of them were injured.

Although all except one of the seven cars was overturned and smashed and one of the coaches took fire, the passengers were merely shaken up and frightened. It was a rare and fortunate freak in the history of train wrecks.

Engineer Davidson was pinned under his engine and it was half an hour before he could be extricated. Fireman Gorman was hurled 15 feet over a barbed wire fence, into a hedge.

A loose plank in a crossing was twisted under the engine wheels and an instant later the cars were jerking and tossing upside down at the bottom of an embankment.

Two day coaches, three Pullmans, a dining car and a baggage car were tangled in the wreckage.

SLUGGED AND LEFT ON RAILROAD

Kansas Farmer, Rescued, Tells His Story—Three Arrests Made—Believed to Be Work of Gang.

Winfield, Kansas.—Silas Blackburn, a farmer living near here, was picked up unconscious on the Santa Fe railroad tracks and taken by a freight crew to Udall.

He has just become able to tell his story. He said he had taken a cab ride with some men, who took him to a lonely place and slugged and robbed him. They took even his cap and shoes. Then they laid him on the track to be run over by a train. Though helpless from the blow, he could hear and understand what they were doing.

The sheriff's force arrested three men and charged them with the crime. In those arrested the officers believe they have secured the gang responsible for several recent murders resembling the one just attempted.

DEAD IN SMALL KANSAS TORNADO

Ellsworth County Storm Did Much Damage to Farm Buildings and Crops.

Ellsworth, Kansas.—A small tornado swept through Ellsworth county, doing considerably damage and causing one death. Jesse Sochek, a young farmer, living two miles south of here, was struck by lightning and killed outright. The air dome theaters were demolished and heavy damage to farm buildings and crops in the eastern part of the county is reported. Two inches of rain fell in half an hour. Telephone lines are down. Three wheat stacks belonging to Robert Vora were struck by lightning.

Congress Will Have Busy Week.

Washington, D. C.—The removal of the tariff as an issue in congress before the end of the week will mark an important step in the progress toward an early adjournment of the present session. Agreements for votes on the leading tariff bills, coupled with understandings that other important legislation either will be disposed of or hastened toward action, indicate that the week will embrace some of the most important work of the session.

Gomez Is Under Arrest.

San Antonio, Texas.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, provisional president of Mexico, was arrested by secret-service officers and taken before the United States commissioner. At about the same time, Francisco Guzman, Gomez's private secretary, and Dr. P. Rueda were arrested on the streets and Francis Perez and Felipe Mivanon were arrested while boarding a train for El Paso.

To Make Flying Safe.

Chicago, Illinois.—Denunciation of dare devil flying, a warning to aeroplane builders that machines must be constructed more securely, and a pledge that all members of the association will turn in for common information notations of new knowledge gained in the air, marked the first meeting here of the American Aviators' association.

Miners Indorse Suffrage.

Cripple Creek, Colorado.—Women, present as fraternal delegates, played an important part in the sessions of the Western Federation of Miners in annual session at Victor. Several suffragette leaders addressed the delegates and, as a result, a resolution to aid woman's suffrage was passed.

Excellent Plan. "I see," said Mrs. De Jones, while Mrs. Van Tyle was calling, "that you have a Chinese chauffeur. Do you find him satisfactory?" "He's perfectly fine," said Mrs. Van Tyle. "To begin with, his yellow complexion is such that at the end of a long, dusty ride he doesn't show any spots, and then when I am out in my limousine I have his pigtail stuck through a little hole in the plate-glass window and I use it as a sort of bell rope to tell him where to stop."—Harper's Weekly.

Keeping Mice From Pianos. To prevent mice entering pianos there has been invented a simple sliding plate to be mounted on a pedal so that it covers its opening.

Advantage. Stella—Has that summer resort any views? Bella—Er—no, but it is close to the moonlight.

Let's Be Thankful for That. At any rate a woman's shoes haven't yet reached the point where they button up the back.



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MADE BIG PROFIT FOR STATE

Purely Business Argument for the Establishment of Sanatoriums for the Tuberculous.

According to figures contained in the annual report of Dr. H. L. Barnes, superintendent of the Rhode Island state sanatorium, the earnings of the ex-patients of that institution during the year 1911 would amount to over \$266,000. This is a sum three times as large as that spent each year for maintenance of the institution, including four per cent. interest and depreciation charges.

The actual earnings in 1911 of 170 ex-patients were obtained by Dr. Barnes. These ranged from \$2 to \$31 per week, the total earnings for the year amounting to \$102,752. On this basis, Dr. Barnes computes the figures above given. He says, however: "While institutions for the cure of tuberculosis are good investments, there is good reason for thinking that institution for the isolation of far-advanced cases would be still better investments."

Out of a total of 46,450 hospital days' treatment given, 39,147, or 84 per cent., were free, the treatment costing the state on an average \$200 per patient. Out of 188 free cases investigated, 56 had no families and no income on admission to the sanatorium. Out of 132 patients having homes, the number in the family averaged 5.2, and the average family earnings were 5.46. In 59 cases the families had no income, and in only five cases were there any savings, none of which amounted to as much as \$100.

Generous.

Jack—When I met my pretty cousin at the train I was in doubt whether I should kiss her.
Tom—Well, what did you do?
Jack—I gave her the benefit of the doubt.

Height of Selfishness.

Some men are so selfish that if they were living in a haunted house they wouldn't be willing to give up the ghost.—Florida Times Union.

The Middle-Aged Woman.

Of the many ways in which the middle-aged woman may vary the effect of her afternoon gowns none is simpler than the use of a collar and cuffs of white voile edged with scalloping and a demobroderie in a floral design. Another change may be the frock set of white cotton with broad black malines, and still another is the one of black net hemstitched with silver thread. Some of these collars are so long in front that they terminate only at the waist line, where they cross in surplice effect and are tucked away under the girdle. An excellent model of this sort is of light blue lawn embroidered with black dots, and a second is of white agaric trimmed with tiny folds of broadcloth, alternating with eponge.

Meeting Emergencies.

Senator Dixon was condemning a piece of political deception. "The thing was as flagrant," he said, "as the railway case."
"Two men, one of them very short, were passing through a station toward the train gates when the bigger one was heard to say:
"I've took a half ticket fur ye, George. Yer so little, ye'll pass, all right."
"But," protested George, "how about my beard?" And he twiddled his chin beard nervously.
"Oh," rejoined the other, "tell 'em it's a mole."

A Lottery.

"Is that picture one of the old masters you were telling me about?" asked Mr. Cumrox.
"Yes," replied the art dealer. "It is a genuine treasure; absolutely authentic."
"I'll buy it. I already have three just like it, and somewhere in the bunch I'm liable to hit the original."

Goodness does not more certainly make men happy than happiness makes them good.—Landon.

Only a married man can fully appreciate heaven if there are no wash days or house cleaning seasons there.

Old Michigan's wonderful batter Eats Toasties, 'tis said, once a day, For he knows they are healthful and wholesome And furnish him strength for the fray.

His rivals have wondered and marvelled To see him so much on the job, Not knowing his strength and endurance Is due to the corn in TY COBB.

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