

CROP CONDITIONS IN WESTERN CANADA

ARE THE MOST PROMISING FOR MANY YEARS.

The deepest interest is attached to the condition of the grain crops in Western Canada, especially among the thousands in the United States who are financially interested in lands in that country. This interest is fully as great among those who have friends there following farming and the growing of grain.

The reports from Canadian government officials convey the information that the area under crop this year in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will probably be no greater than that of last year. Last fall the weather was such that there was not as much fall plowing as had been hoped for. The getting ready of land this spring made a considerable portion of the grain late in seeding. Notwithstanding this, wheat, oats, barley and flax were got in in good shape, although from a week to ten days later than last year. On the 27th of June the reports regarding crop conditions generally in Western Canada were "Abundant sunshine with timely and copious rain throughout Western Canada gives every assurance of generous harvest. Climatic conditions in recent weeks have been absolutely ideal. Western correspondents agree in predicting every indication of a bumper crop under favorable conditions. Wheat should be headed out in Manitoba between July 10th and 12th, and in Saskatchewan and Alberta from 15th to 17th. The oat crop is looking well, although late and rather short in straw."

This is followed by a report July 5th. "Crop conditions continue in same satisfactory condition as last week. Prolonged rains have fallen all over prairie provinces, followed by general warm and splendid growing weather. Experts agree sufficient moisture for many weeks, while crop is ten to fifteen days late, prospects are extremely favorable and conditional upon reasonable weather for next four weeks. Splendid western crop is assured."

There is, therefore, the best reason to anticipate most magnificent crops throughout Western Canada in 1913.—Advertisement.

How to See Through Paper.

A very remarkable experiment which any one can repeat with very little trouble has been unearthed by a German. Take a piece of paper of such thickness that, when it is laid upon a piece of printed matter, the characters just show through, but cannot be read. Placing it over a printed sheet, impart to it a circular motion to and fro, and to your surprise you will find that now you can read the print below the paper.

It is rather difficult to explain this peculiar effect. The explanation offered is that the paper has thin places in it, and by rapidly moving it over the print, every part of the printed matter is exposed in turn underneath one or the other of the thin places in the paper, and thus the entire print can be read. However that may be, the experiment is interesting and very simple, requiring for its performance only the simplest means imaginable.

In the Making of Mirrors.

A chemical action of the ultraviolet rays, applicable to the making of mirrors, was recently demonstrated at the French Academy of Sciences. This action consists in decomposing gaseous metallic compounds and precipitating the metal in finely divided particles on glass to form a reflecting surface. By this method it is possible to produce mirrors backed by a reflecting layer of zinc, antimony and other nonprecious metals. It is said that the result compares favorably with the silvered mirror.—Popular Mechanics.

Real Diplomacy.

In the silk department a woman was in great agitation. She had bought a 25-cent remnant, found she couldn't use it and wanted it taken back. She was in fear and trembling, and ready to get much excited if they wouldn't. But they did. "You wonder why we exchanged that?" asked the buyer. "True, we may not be able to sell it again, for she's had it a week, but if we didn't she might never come in the store again. Some are so easily offended. Didn't you see how pleased she was? She might give us a big order now. Yes, women are queer. Some day I'm going to write a book about 'em.'"

Warm Enough?

While coaching a class of children for a little play, the teacher told the boys that in the third act they would have to wear their heavy overcoats, as that would be the snow scene. After a short silence a little fellow about seven years old raised his hand and said: "Teacher, father can't finish my overcoat in time because he works late; but will it be all right if I wear my heavy underwear?"

WENT EAST TO ASK FOR THE LIBERTY BELL



These young women, representing the states of the northwest, have just been on a trip to Philadelphia to ask that the Liberty bell be sent to the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915. With them is Philip S. Bates, publisher of The Northwest, of Portland, Ore.

THIEVES NEVER QUIT

Once Started Continued Through Life, Say Detectives.

Sleuth Tells of Apple, Chewing Gum, Secret Packet and Dog Collar Schemes in Stores—Loss From This Source Heavy.

New York.—Four years ago Lottie Gross married. Her husband knew that she had served a term in Moyamensing for shoplifting. But she promised him—and she meant it—that she would never steal again. And then the baby came. "I wanted pretty things for her," said Lottie. "And so I went back to the old game. If I couldn't quit for the best man in the world I guess I never can quit. Stealing is like a disease—except that it can't be cured."

That's about what the detectives think. Once a man or woman gets well started at stealing and he or she is a thief for life.

"The big stores lose more by amateur shoplifters than by professionals," said D. J. Botter, manager for the criminal department of a detective agency. "A woman steals some trifling thing, that catches her eye—and gets away with it. Then she comes back—and keeps on coming back. They never let up."

Cotter takes the professional thief-catcher's view of the defense of kleptomaniacs. Now and then there may be a kleptomaniac. Most kleptomaniacs are just thieves. They get started to stealing—and it's like rolling a snowball down hill—the stealing grows.

"There was the woman we may call Anna Eva," he said. "She is one of the most dangerous professional store thieves and shoplifters—there is a difference in the terms—in the country. Her husband is a captain of a lake vessel. So is one of her sons. They have a good home at Cleveland, where the daughter is married to a good man. But Anna Eva began to steal. She has been a professional thief for years, and now has a prison record."

"Mind you, she has no criminal associates. I do not suppose she knows another thief to speak to, though she may know them by sight. She has nothing to do with other crooks. She just steals. She travels most of the

time, living at good hotels. She is a kindly, placid, pleasant woman of middle age—and a professional thief. Like all the others, she began as an amateur.

"I don't know that there are any particularly new schemes against which store managers should be on the alert," said Cotter. "Every one knows the old trick with a hunk of chewing gum. The first thief sticks a ring under the ledge of the counter with the gum. Then the other comes along and runs his hand under the counter edge and gets the ring and vamooses. Open umbrellas are often used as receptacles.

The neatest trick turned lately was in the west, when a good looking, well dressed man sauntered into a jewelry store with an apple in his hand. He looked at a tray filled with valuable rings.

"Wah!" he suddenly sputtered. "This apple is wormy."

Whereupon he threw the apple into the street. The confederate, on the lookout, picked up the apple and the gem which had been hidden in it and made off. An almost equally nifty device is to equip the collar of a pet dog with a secret pocket. When the stolen ring has been placed in the pocket, while the operator is petting the animal, it leaps to the floor.

"Catch my dear little doggie," yelps the bereaved shoplifter.

Every one hurries to oblige. The dear little doggie fits its little tail into the groove and scampers for home, as it has been trained to do.

The shoplifter profits by the fact that the managers of stores hesitate to prosecute. They believe that honest customers are inclined to shun stores in which such arrests are frequently made, fearing that an entirely innocent action might lead to an unpleasant seizure and search. But the total loss by shoplifting and by store thieves is so great that the National Retail Dry Goods association was recently formed for co-operation in protection.

IN THE THICK OF THE FIGHT

One of the Thrilling Scenes from Hardest Fought Sporting Contest Ever Witnessed.

New York.—Those who have followed the international polo match played between the English and the



Thrilling Moment.

American teams at Meadow Brook, Long Island, have little conception of the strenuous game polo, when played as these champion poloists play it.

really is. The photograph vividly portrays an intense moment of the second game of the international match played June 14, when the following players (left to right) Waterbury, Freake and Milburn (Americans in white shirts, English in dark shirts) were engaged in a hair raising scrimmage as Captain Freake sent a smashing drive, but failed to make a goal.

BOY HELD AS BLACKMAILER

Telegraph Runner, Aged Fifteen, Confesses to Attempted Extortion in London.

Paris.—A telegraph boy, aged fifteen, was arrested on a charge of attempted blackmail. He and his comrades at a branch postoffice had been in the habit of opening telegrams and reading them. In this way the boy learned of an intrigue that was being carried on by a married woman. He wrote demanding \$30 as the price of his silence, but his letter fell into the hands of the woman's uncle, who gave him in charge. The lad confessed, but the woman declined to prosecute.

YOUNG BRIDE SUES PARENTS

Wife of Seventeen Years Takes Playthings of Childhood to Her New Home.

Denver, Colo.—"Three dolls and a teddy bear."

As Constable Sam C. Dorsey of Justice Rice's court called off these articles from a long list of children's playthings, Edith V. Chase, a seventeen-year-old bride, sorted them from a pile heaped high in the outer office. She was to take them to her home—her new home—following a decision of the court in a replevin action that she was entitled to the playthings of her childhood, even though her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Willis, attempted to retain them when their daughter became the wife of S. L. Chase, son of Adjutant General Chase, last December. The marriage was objected to because of the girl's tender years.

Other things in the lot were a little red wagon, a post card with soldier buttons on it, a magic lantern, one school cook-book, two skirts for a

doll, one picture of Cupid, and other things, with a value only to the one who has possessed them in childhood.

TAUGHT ROOSEVELT TO DANCE

Dancing Master Who Died at Eighty-Eight Was Also Instructor to Many Other Notables.

New York.—John H. Trenor, who died at his home in New Rochelle at the age of eighty-eight years, boasted that he had taught Theodore Roosevelt, William K. Vanderbilt, Chauncey M. Depew and James Gordon Bennett how to dance. Trenor for many years taught members of New York society the art of dancing and accumulated a large fortune. He claimed to have built the first apartment house in New York, at the corner of Sixth avenue and Forty-eighth street.

Improved Street Sweeper. The up-to-date street sweeping machine is entirely enclosed in a canvas envelope to prevent the scattering of the dirt from the broom.

OFFERS CHILDREN FOR SALE

Poverty Stricken Mother Advertises Two Girls and Baby Boy for \$750 Each.

Berlin.—For several days various newspapers of Thuringia and elsewhere in central Germany have contained an advertisement stating that a mother offers to sell "a beautiful girl of fourteen, a handsome girl of five and a bonny baby boy aged one" for \$750 apiece.

An investigation shows that the woman is a divorcee, who, despairing of making a livelihood for herself or her children, conceived the idea of selling them. Only the eldest girl is a child of her divorced husband, the two younger children having been born since she lived apart from him.

The authorities have decided to withdraw the children from their mother's care and to place them in institutions.

Danger in Some Spots.

Some forms of professional sport cause enlargement of the heart and also of the head.

Constipation Vanishes

Discovery from World's Great Health Resort that Doctors Prescribe as Best on Earth for Torpid Livers.

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, the great remedy for Constipation, Sluggish Liver and all stomach and bowel trouble is HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS.

Every visitor to Hot Springs has heard of these little wonder workers because learned physicians there prescribe them and everybody takes them when a laxative is required.

They are the really perfect, gentle, safe, sure, liver and bowel regulator. Take one to-night—cut out Calomel and harsh cathartics.

All druggists at 25 cents. For free sample write Hot Springs Chemical Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

Matrimonial bonds are taxable, but not negotiable.

Yes, Cordella, the artist's favorite color is long green.

Girls shouldn't marry until they are old enough to say "yes."

A man without ambition is as useless as a last year's dog license.

Red Cross Ball Blue will wash double as many clothes as any other. Don't put your money into any other. Adv.

Perhaps it is the house on the other fellow's lot that makes us dissatisfied with our own.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

In these days of easy divorce it's a wise child that knows its own step-father.

What He Meant.

"That man looks as if he had lost something."

"Yes; he has lost his wife."

"I mean something valuable."

Short Ration.

He—Something's preying on my mind.

She—It must be pretty hungry.—Yale Record.

Good Guess.

"And what do you do at the hospital?"

"I am an interne."

"Oh, you have charge of the internal disorders, eh?"

Divided His Time.

Ministerial duties and increasing dignity have not robbed a certain minister of his cherished hobby of accomplishment of making fritters. He frequently exercises this skill at breakfast time, much to the delight of the younger members of the family. Edith, the four-year-old daughter, recently took tea with a member of the congregation. After the silent grace the little one, looking at her unmarried hostess, remarked with pity:

"You don't have any one to pray for you, do you?"

Said one of the ladies present, smiling:

"I suppose your papa prays for you three times a day."

"Oh, no, he doesn't," was the innocent and earnest answer. "He fries in the morning and prays in the afternoon!"

FOUND A WAY

To Be Clear of Coffee Troubles.

"Husband and myself both had the coffee habit, and finally his stomach and kidneys got in such a bad condition that he was compelled to give up a good position that he had held for years. He was too sick to work. His skin was yellow, and there didn't seem to be an organ in his body that was not affected.

"I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee and after some discussion he decided to give it up."

"It was a struggle, because of the powerful habit. One day we heard about Postum and concluded to try it and then it was easy to leave off coffee."

"His fearful headaches grew less frequent, his complexion began to clear, kidneys grew better until at last he was a new man altogether, as a result of leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. Then I began to drink it too. "Although I was never as bad off as my husband, I was always very nervous and never at any time very strong, only weighing 95 lbs. before I began to use Postum. Now I weigh 115 lbs. and can do as much work as anyone my size, I think."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Write for booklet, "The Road to Wellville."

Postum comes in two forms. Regular Postum (must be boiled.) Instant Postum doesn't require boiling, but is prepared instantly by stirring a level teaspoonful in an ordinary cup of hot water, which makes it right for most persons.

A big cup requires more and some people who like strong things put in a heaping spoonful and temper it with a large supply of cream.

Experiment until you know the amount that pleases your palate and have it served that way in the future. "There's a Reason" for Postum.