

GOVERNMENT REPORTS
ON THE SUBJECTS
OF THE CROPS.

Government Report a Stimulus to Increased Investments.

LIGHT SURPLUS A BOON.

Farmers Will Receive Good Prices for Products, in Spite of the Vast Yield.

STRIKE FAILS TO HURT STOCKS

Only Coal Carriers That Were Aligned in Financial Difficulties Are Within Reach of the Great Labor Movement.

The Government crop report for the month of July issued on Saturday afternoon is fully as favorable as was anticipated.

The condition of winter wheat is 81.2 per cent, 2.7 per cent higher than last month and 5.6 per cent higher than in July of last year. Spring wheat has improved 1.6 per cent during the month of July and is but 2.1 per cent lower than in July of last year. The average condition of spring and winter wheat combined is 84.9, 1.5 higher than that of the corresponding period last year. As the acreage is largely increased the largest winter wheat crop since 1892 is assured, and for the first time in the history of this decade, it is practically certain that at least 500,000,000 bushels of wheat may be raised this year, and private experts place the yield at 550,000,000 bushels.

More important, however, than the prospective yield of the growing crops is the small reserve of the 1896 crops on hand, estimated by the Government statisticians as 5.46 per cent. With so light a remnant of last year's crop on hand, a short supply of wheat abroad and deficient crop elsewhere in the world, the great wheat crop of 1897 will find a ready market at profitable prices to the farmer. This means a large tonnage and increased revenue to all wheat carrying railroads from the far West to the seaboard.

The report for the corn crop is even more encouraging. The average condition is 82.9, or 1.1 per cent lower than in July of 1896, and a decrease of 1,000,000 acres, or 2 per cent, in the area planted. Government statistics indicate that under favorable conditions there will be an average crop. Such an enormous yield as characterized the crops of 1896 and 1895 would have been a misfortune. An excessive yield would have depressed the price of corn and of wheat sympathetically.

There has been some damage to corn since the Government statistics were compiled on July 1, and the chances favor perhaps a yield slightly below the average. This will result in a higher price for corn and stimulate an early movement of the vast surplus stock of corn in crib and on the farms. A smaller corn crop will be an advantage to both the farmer and the railroad, as a substantial price and not heavier supplies is wanted. An utter failure of the corn crop, of course, not desired, but just sufficient, with surplus already existing, to enable the farmer to market the new and old corn at a remunerative rate.

The late planting of corn and the cold weather in the first month of growth will retard maturity and leave the crop open to the danger of early frosts in the Fall. But as has already been indicated, nothing is to be feared except a total failure of the corn crop.

So far as crop prospects have influenced the course of prices in the security markets the Government statistics show that the market has not overreacted the situation. The promise of liberal earnings for the grain carrying railroads has not been so glowing nor so well assured since 1891. Wall Street recollects well the enormous expansion of railroad earnings in the fall of 1891, and will undoubtedly, as in that year, anticipate the increased and extra dividends which will accrue to the railroads. The average price of stocks are much lower than in the summer of 1891, and it is not surprising that the owners of stocks refuse to sell at the prices which have been offered during the past week. There was some realizing of profits during the week by speculators who were leaving the country during the heated season. These sales were so well absorbed that the majority of stocks closed higher than on the previous day, and the supply of stock offered in the market was so limited that it was almost impossible to buy stocks except at constantly advanced prices.

Old Fort Regarrisoned.

There Are a Number of Big Guns and a Torpedo Station Opposite Mount Vernon.

Washington, July 11.—During the coming week a garrison of seventy-five men will be permanently established at Fort Washington, on the Potomac, opposite Mount Vernon, and twenty miles from the Capitol.

The fort, which is one of the relics of the past age of fortifications, is a huge masonry structure, abandoned years ago and dismantled.

Lately, however, it has been equipped with a number of large calibre guns and will constitute one of the national defenses. A torpedo station is located near the point from which a number of torpedoes and mines ready to be placed in the bed of the river can be operated.

KILLED AT THE WINDOW.

A Thunderbolt Glanced from a Kitchen Chimney and Struck Down a Man.

Geneva, N. Y., July 11.—Thomas Rice, a prominent nursery man, was killed this afternoon at 4 o'clock by lightning.

A thunderstorm came up and he went upstairs to close a bedroom window. A bolt struck a projection of the chimney on the kitchen below, glancing over to him on the left foot and passing through his body, making an exit from the body and on the neck.

His wife also received a shock and is not expected to live. Rice was thirty-two years old and was a strong, robust man.

No Trace of Mate Brookes.

Not a trace was found yesterday of even Brookes, the missing second mate of the American ship George Steketon, who disappeared from Sweet's Hotel, at Fulton and South streets, on June 30. The ship arrived here from Khabul on June 27, and Brookes is supposed to be in East River.

Brookes was deposited an envelope, supposedly containing \$300 in gold, with Mr. Sweet. Then he borrowed \$10 from Sweet and went out for a dental parlor in East River, where he was seen by H. B. Tracy, who never called at the dentist's, and no trace whatever of the mate has been discovered since.

ATTACKED IN A HALLWAY.

Young Woman Nearly Killed in Her House by Four Unknown Men.

In a crowded tenement district when the sun was two hours high, and when many persons were returning from early mass, Annie Burkhardt, a good-looking woman of twenty-two years, was set upon by four men, and so brutally treated that she may die. The police have three men under arrest, and they will be held to await the result of the woman's injuries.

The young woman lives at No. 72 Thompson street, which is thickly populated. She was about entering her home, as nearly as the police and the surgeons can understand her statement, when she noticed four men following her. She gave but little heed to them, and had stepped into the hallway of the tall building and was fulfilling in her dress for the key to her apartment, when she was seized. Then the door of the hall was sharply closed, and then began the struggle.

She was thrown to the floor, and four men—Italians, she thinks—were bending over her. She fought them with all the strength at her command, biting, scratching and kicking, but finally her strength was exhausted and she remembers no more.

Louis Patterson, of No. 38 Hamilton street, found her in the hallway bleeding and unconscious. He took her to St. Vincent's Hospital, near by. Dr. Donnelly saw that her injuries were serious, so later she was taken to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance, and the police of the Mercer Street station notified. They afterward arrested three Italians, Dominick Carraro, Tomasi Vanni and Peter Carmelino.

At Bellevue it was discovered that there were several scalp wounds, serious contusions of the abdomen, fractures of the ribs and of the bones of both wrists. There were also cuts on the cheeks, as if she had been slashed with a sharp knife.

Three teaspoons, six dessert spoon handles, three tin cup handles, two trussers buckles, three pieces of suspender buckle, three buttons, two pieces of tin, brass back of one comb, twenty-six pieces of glass, twenty-eight stones, one piece of slate, one large piece of sternal mattress, wire and twenty-five small pieces of wire.

In addition to this handsome collection of articles found in the stomach of the patient at Morris Plains, Dis-mantled His Bed for Food and Swallowed Spoons Wholesale.

Many unscientific persons apply the adjective "indigestible" to Welsh "rabbits," fresh cucumbers and other alluring articles. Yet "indigestible" is the strongest adjective that Dr. R. D. Evans, the insanity expert, could find to apply to a diet compared to which the Welsh "rabbit" is as harmless as mother's milk.

A patient in the New Jersey State Hospital, of which Dr. Evans is medical director, swallowed and retained in his stomach for months and possibly years, these articles:

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All the other amendments have been gone over and discussed the first time. The conferees now know where they are and just how they stand. The Senate conferees have made their declaration, especially on sugar, and the House representatives have just told what they want.

White pine and coal are the only two articles on which an agreement has been reached. The conferees had it hard to reach a common ground. One article is so closely related to another that a change is often far reaching. A weakening on the duty placed on one article means cutting on half a dozen others. So it is probable that when the break comes to sugar the agreement will be quickly reached. Already Congressmen are beginning to expect a report before the end of the week.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, is determined that the Sugar Trust shall have all the benefit of the increased differential in the Senate bill, which amounts to 75 cents a hundred pounds, and is worth having. He insists on the Senate figures, and urges his colleagues to stand by him. His wishes have particular weight, and the House conferees have found this out. Two of them stand stoutly by him, and agreements are being made up in a consequent hurry. Mr. Charlton, member of the Canadian Parliament, is in the city again. He was here just as the bill was to be reported to the Senate, and he is now in the House, and warned the members that the bill would cause trouble in Canada, bring about retaliation and other unpleasant consequences. He said that just as the bill was going into conference, and he is keeping an eye on all the changes being made.

Immigrants Try a Dodge.

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Almanac for Monday, July 12.

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Lunatic Adopted a Diet That Would Make an Os-trich Dizzy.

MATRESS WIRE A DAINTY.

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Washington, July 11.—The conferees on the Tariff bill are at loggerheads on the sugar schedule. Three of the Republican conferees are firm in their decision that the Senate schedule on sugar must be agreed to before any compromise is reached on anything else of importance.

The conferees spent four hours to-day in trying to settle their differences. The session of the conference began at 10 o'clock and lasted until 2. Then the Senators and Representatives started for their homes. No conclusions of any importance were reached.

Minor Points Settled.

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TO CREATE AN ART COMMISSION.

With Power to Pass on All Works Offered to the Government.

DOES IT MEAN MONOPOLY?

President Miranda, of the American Sculpture Society, Scores It.

Every endeavor has been made to keep from the public the fact that a monopoly is sought to be created in sculpture work in this city, with a view to ultimately controlling the work throughout the United States.

The principal object just now is to obtain the passage of a law by Congress, requiring the approval by a commissioner of all art works purchased or adopted by the United States Government. It is to be known as "The Art Commission of the United States," with power to appoint officers, juries, and employes to carry out the plans of the commission.

The bill provides that the Art Commission shall pass on every work of art, painting, sculpture, architecture, landscape, etc., purchased, constructed or offered as a gift to the Government, and all coins, seals, notes, medals, stamps and bonds to be fabricated by it, and it shall arrange for the organization of a commission.

President Fernando Miranda, of the American Sculpture Society, was seen at his studio, No. 51 West 27th street, yesterday. The foregoing outline of the general scheme was submitted to him.

"The statement is correct," he said. "I call it a monopoly. If such a scheme be carried out, it means the death of American sculpture."

"The people who institute any such undertaking intend to benefit themselves only by creating a number of well-paying positions for themselves and their friends, at the same time obtaining an autocratic control, which may result to their own imbecility or to the ruin of the country."

"Do you think there is any chance of the scheme succeeding?"

"I do not,"

"The promoters declare they are acting for the protection of art throughout the country."

"There is that protection needed?"

"We need no compulsion, no commanding, no injudicious judges; but we do need good examples of work, which can be obtained without noble and free competition."

"What steps, if any, have been taken to oppose this scheme?"

"The people who are interested in getting from the Government art positions there is not a single artist who would favor such a proposition, therefore nearly all will protest, and the American Sculpture Society will take every step to defend its rights trying to save the future of our living artists."

"In England there is such a society as the one contemplated here. It is called the Royal Academy, and for more than two centuries it has had two or three artists belonging to it, and they had all the commissions. We want no Royal Academy here. We do not want to let alone."

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