WHEAT FAMINE ✳ ✳ NOW IMMINENT.

Prospects of Half a Crop of Winter Wheat Will Send Prices Kiting.

Wheat's strength of late bears out the Record's oft-repeated prophecy of its final value.

While it may not touch the dollar mark on account of the quieting of the European situation, it will return a generous profit to those who have purchased it at any time this year or who will buy it around present prices.

The strength of the situation is clearly shown in the following special from Chicago to the New York World of yesterday:

The Board of Trade is waking up to the fact that the winter wheat crop is in a bad condition. The reports and private advices received by big grain houses indicate that despite the increased acreage the crop this year will be one of the smallest harvested in many years.

The estimates of the winter-wheat crop yield this year place it between 250,000,000 and 300,000,000 bushels, as against a yield of 370,000,000 last year. The trade has heretofore been inclined to look upon the crop-damage reports as exaggerated, but this advice from all the wheat growing States has become so insistent that the local market is entirely absorbed in the crop situation.

Private advices to-day from Indiana state that three-fourths of the wheat crop there is dead and the remaining one-quarter looks "sick." The situation in Illinois is represented as being worse than it has been for many years, the estimate being one-half to one-third of an ordinary crop.

Another dispatch circulated on the floor, from Huntington, Ind., to a local commission firm, states that the acreage sown there is a total failure and that not one field in fifty will have a binder put in. These communications are typical of scores of others received through private channels and over the wire from all sections of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kansas.

In Missouri, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and some portions of Ohio the news has not been so sensationally bullish. But from the entire winter-wheat growing territory the farmers and correspondents are sending out statements of damage more or less severe.

Thoughts for the Thoughtful

Bravery is always respected, even in an enemy.

How many thoughts go to a dozen heart-beats sometimes!

When the fight begins with himself, a man's worth something.

The man who for another's good tells a disagreeable thing usually himself gets the most good out of it.

The far-seeing man usually sees so much that he is too timid to undertake anything.

Gossip passes for fact, and surmise for history; and the nimble lie runs many a league while the truth is putting on its boots.

Whoever hesitates a moment perhaps lets that chance escape which fortune, for that moment alone, has put within his reach.

How many men there are who think they could become famous by being "untrue to themselves," as they please to call it; and how many think they might become rich were they to forego their "independence."

The world is growing decidedly too unceremonious, and, of necessity, too unscrupulous. We cannot afford to lose the guard which politeness and amenity place around the observance of the golden rule; and still less can we consent that the counterfeit of artificial society—and that only in public—should take the place of the hearty kindness which is true courtesy. Let home training counteract the threatened evil, and the family become the school of reform.

People talk of giving a rest to their minds; but it is not likely that the mind itself ever tires. The brain, or some overworked section of it, may need repose; and it seems a well established physiological fact that this central organ literally undergoes repair and renewal during sleep. The slowing down of the blood permits the deposit of nutritive particles, just as the slowing of a river permits it to drop its sediment. There is wisdom as well as wit in the quixotic saying, "Blessings on him that first invented sleep!"

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The Development of THE REAPER

And Where to Secure the Best.

The first intimation we have of any attempt to produce a machine for reaping grain is from an engraving on a stone found 150 years B. C.

The first patent for a Reaper was granted, Jos. Boyce, of England, July 4th, 1799, which was only remarkable because of its being the first. From that time on there were a number of unsuccessful attempts to produce a reaper, but not much was accomplished until 1822, when Henry Ogle, of England, invented a machine which is said to have cut and laid the grain in sheaves remarkably well. The farmers, however, hesitated at the expense, and the working people threatened to kill the builder if he persued any further, and it was dropped.

The first patent issued in America on this line of invention was to Richard French and T. J. Hawkins, May 17, 1803, of which little is known.

The first American invention which possessed any degree of merit was that of Wm. Manning, of New Jersey, patented May 3, 1831.

The next of any importance was the reaper patented by Obed Hussey, of Maryland, Dec. 31, 1833, which practically marks the era of harvesting grain by machinery, as the chief features of this machine have been incorporated in all harvesting machines made since, and it was the first successful reaper that was placed on the market. On Aug. 7, 1847, Obed Hussey obtained one of his most important patents, which was for the guard of the present day.

During the period following this date there were many patents issued of more or less value which we must pass unnoticed with one exception, which will no doubt interest our readers as it was issued to a citizen of our State also, Owen Dorsey, of Howard, Co., on Mar. 4, 1856. This was for the revolving reel raking device, a popular machine, and a valuable invention, and is still built by nearly all manufacturers. Space forbids us dwelling on the many different devices which contributed to the development of the reaper, and the next we will notice is the patent granted on the 17th of August, 1858, to C. W. and W. W. Marsh, of Illinois, for a harvester that elevated the grain and deposited it on a table where it was bound by two men standing on a platform.

This was a phototype of all machines which have since carried binders, whether men or automatic machinery, and marks another era in the harvesting of grain.

The Marsh Bros. were farmer boys and not mechanics and had many difficulties to overcome. In 1860 they attempted to build twelve machines at their home, but they were poorly constructed that they had not the strength nor capacity for the extraordinary heavy grain of that year, and all failed except one or two which were patched up and pulled through.

This disaster nearly discouraged them, but they went to Plano and had a machine built by a thorough mechanic which was experienced with more or less successfully until 1865, when they were successfully marketed by Stewart & Marsh.

Meantime Marsh Bros. had become involved through these experimental expenses and losses, and sold one-third interest of their invention to a speculator, and they together licensed six western States to Easter and Gammon, which afterward became the firm of Gammon & Deering.

Up to 1879 there had been made over 100,000 of these harvesters carrying men to bind, of which two-thirds were made by the Marsh combination.

By this time the wire binder began to displace the Marsh harvester, for in 1874, Gammon & Deering began the manufacture of the Gordon wire binder at Plano, which were attached to the Marsh harvester, which made a successful combination.

By 1899, the demand for harvesters and binders had become so great that Mr. Deering saw the business could no longer be handled with the available facilities at Plano, and in 1880, he began the erection at Chicago at what has grown to be the largest implement factory in the world, and in that same year built and placed on the market the first twine binder, the invention of Jno. F. Appleby.

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SUSAN ANDERSON, Col.,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of Oct., 1899, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

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