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PROSPERITY RAPIDLY RETURN-ING TO THE LAND.

Talk With a Distinguished Statesman and Agricultural Expert .- W. Snow Has Some Interesting Views on Conditions and Prospects.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1, 1897. It is seldom that the entire country is blessed with such an abundance as this year. In no section is there re-"no crops." Illinois has pehaps the poorest wheat yield but her corn crop is magnificent and the small losses from winter killed wheat sections do not amount to anything in the grand total yield.

Mr. B. W. Snow, the ex-assistant statistician of the department of agricuiture, who is still making a specialty of agricultural statistics, said, in speaking of the great agricultural wealth of the country at this time: "With the bountiful crops throughout the United States not in prospect but actually in hand, with increased and increasing consumption at home and a larger foreign demand for American products and with prices on the up grade even while the crops are still on the farms, this year of 1897 will be remembered as a year of great agricultural prosperity and plenty."

"Harvesting is so far advanced, Mr. Snow, that it is no longer a matter of estimate and conjecture as to the yield. but in many cases you have the actual approximate figures?"

"Yes. The crop season is now so far advanced that the final results can be safely promised. Nevertheless the result is no less pleasing than the earlier prospective hopes of the most optomistic. In no line of agricultural production is it a light year and in most the yields are heavy. Hay has rarely flourished as it has this year. The abundant rains have given us a very unusual crop and hay is a more important crop than usually thought. The rates of the new tariff law thoroughly protec, our farmers in this respect. The year's wheat crop is the second largest in the history of the country, running upwards of 500,000, 000 bushels and well distributed over the country. The corn crop promises to be a very large one. The out crop in minor crops are in promising form. The fruit crop generally promises good results. But these facts of large yield and good promise do not tell the whole story of prosperity. Prolific crops have been harvested before, but in some cases, have for want of consumption and demand, proven a burden rather than a blessing. It was a common saying that the farmer would rathe have small crops with good prices than large crops and no prices. But the year come the abundant crops and high prices, a rare combination and our calculated to warm the cackles of the hear; of the thrifty farmer. Pricis are high and inclining upward. There is no reason to fear a reaction and slump because of the actual conditions of the world's crops. The United States holds the key to prices. The wheat crop of the world is known to be about 100,000,000 bushels shor: Argentina, India and Australia have no surplus and Russia practically none Great Britain, France and Germany are far short in their production of their home demand. There was at American surplus of last year's crop of 70,000,000 bushels and the fortunat thing is that this is in the hands of the farmer. The advanced position of wheat developed before the farmer had disposed of his wheat to buyers and now he will reap the full benefit of the

advance." "Is not the present crop larger than was expected sometime ago, Mr. Snow?"

"It is, and the quality is of the finest. In winter killed sections the wheat braced up wonderfully. Fields in Illinois whose plowing under was contemplated early in the season have made very fair yields and others with a supposed small yield have shown by the thresher enormous returns. The actual increase in money in the hands of the farmers through their wheat holdings throughout the country is an enormous sum. Wheat is worth now about 20 cents a bushel more than the crop last year and the advance for this year has just begun. The market will continue to rise. The increased value of the wheat crop of Kansas alone this year in comparison with last amounts to nearly or quite \$25,000,000. while the increased value of the coun try's crop at present prices is in excess of \$100,000,000 over that of last rear."

"What are the corn outlooks, Mr. Snow?"

"Most gratifying. Although the season started late the yield will be large. 2,000,000,000 hushels is a fair estimate as the screage is the largest ever planted. Every indication points to advancing prices in corn. Last year at this time prices were shrinking at the prospect of a large crop; this year the tendency is upward. Millions of bushels of old corn now lie in the cribs in the west and with rising prices for this as well as the new crop, there a few public men who have deceived can be but one result."

"All along the line of agricultura! production, including all live stock there is a general steady increase. Large new flocks of aheep are contemplated as a result of the wool tariff and the demand has increased the value of the sheep holdings of the

country \$10,000,000. "But the finest point in all these increases is the fact that they come at a time when the farmer holds his exchanges and through our various products and that he individually will prome services.

reap the full benefit. I have a little table here prepared some days ago for publication which shows the improvement in cash values of leading farm products. They are recent Chicago quotations for 1897 in comparison with those exactly one year ago

POR WHILE	those exactly	one year ago.
	1896	1897.
Wheat .	.58	.77
Corn	.35%	.27%
Oats	.18	.17
Rye	.29	.39
Barley	.27	.31
Flaxseed	.73	.83
Hogs	\$2.90 to \$3.20	\$3.40 to \$3.60
Cattle	\$3.95 to \$4.30	\$4.40 to \$4.90
Sheep	\$2.00 to \$3.80	\$2.35 to \$4.00

"In these articles named, with the single exception of flaxseed this year's supply is larger than that of last and the supply, as I have said, is in the hands of the producer."

G. H. WILLIAMS.

Come in Out of the Wet Johnnie.



The Outlook for Wool.

We congratulate the American woo growers upon their outlook. After nearly five years of steady depreciation in the value of sheep and wool, brought about solely by the Democrat ic policy of free trade in wool, our American sheep owners will have protection restored to their agricultural inalso well above the average. All the dustry and with it, we trust, an increase in the number and value of their flocks. While we wish no harm to Australian sheep owners, the following extract from the monthly wool circular of Messra, Goldsbrough, Mort & Co., of Melbourne, dated May 7, is of inter-

The pastoral position almost through out Australia is at present one of great gravity; the severity of the drought is almost as acute as it is widespread. The preservation of stock requires incessant effort, and mortality is increasing with painful rapidity, while the prospects of a lambing season have seldom, if ever, been more unpromising.

Even in stronger confirmation of the unfavorable outlook for the Australian flocks, with a consequent decrease in the production of Australian wool, is the following extract from a printed letter dated at Sydney, Australia, May 8:

"Here we are passing through a severe drought one of the worst experienced for many, many years, and think that nearly the whole crop of lambs will be lost and possibly eight to ten millions more sheep, so that you may look for the numbers in this colony (New South Wales) going down from 47 millions at December 31 last year to about 35 to 37 millions at the end of this year, because, even though rain may come now, there must be a tremendous mortality as the ewes are lambing and the sheep generally are in a very weak condition in most parts of the colony. The bad season will also militate large'y against the crops."

If it he possible to collect a duty upon all foreign wool imported in anticipation of the enactment of a protective tariff, either in such manner as has been suggested by Senator Warren or by an internal revenue tax, then the improvement in the outlook for all American wool interests will be even unicker, stronger and surer.

That "Endless Chain" Smashed,

The eagerness of importers to evade the new tariff had one noteworthy result. It smashed the Cleveland invention, that the drain of gold from the treasury was due to our currency. which furnished an "endless chain" for the drawing out of gold. The currency is the same to-day it was when Messrs. Cleveland and Carlisle were casting about for any reason but the true one to account for their bond sales. The currency is the same and the treasury is not drawn upon for gold exceptionally. The reason is the treasury has money enough to meet the government's expenser. Republicans said ail the while the drain of gold and the bond sales were due to the tariff for deficit and would cease as soon as revenue receipts equaled expenses.-Utica, N. Y., Herald.

Democrats Not Free Traders. There are a great many editors and themselves into believing that the democratic party is a free trade party. We need not pause here to inquare how so confusing an error got afoot. It is sufficient to say that the time has come to correct it,-"Constitution,"

Atlanta, Ga. We are indeed very glad to hear it. and gladly do our part toward correcting the misapprehension by giving the above Democratic statement the widest possible circulation among our

M'LEAN A GOLD BUG.

Mr. McLean, it appears, has quite as great a fondness for gold as those other gentlemen with whom he vies in his alleged friendship for silver. While he evidently considers silver good enough for the poor man, he does not consider it good enough for John R. McLean.

There are plenty of evidences of this in Mr. McLean's business transactions in the District of Columbia. In his investments, which have been numerous and large here, he has, where possible, selected those payable in gold, and has even gone so far as to discard any silver obligations which may have incidentally fallen into his hands, so soon as he found opportunity. An instance is related in which a few years ago he purchased a number of bonds of the District of Columbia of two classes. These purchases were made indiscriminately without reference to the classes of bonds, but were soon followed by a sale by McLean of a number of those which he had apparently bought as a permanent investment. Observation as to the class of bonds of which he was disposing disclosed that he invariably retained the gold bonds and disposed of those which were not specifically made payable in gold coin, although they were guaranteed by the United States. Mr. McLean has made no concealment of his motive in these transactions, saying frankly that he wanted the obligations which he held as an irvestment payable in gold. On another occasion, when one of Mr. Bland's silver measures was pending in congress. and there seemed a probability that it might become a law, it is related on good authority that Mr. McLean hurriedly disposed of large quantities of Navarre. United States bonds, taking gold coin in exchange therefor and depositing it in the vaults of one of the great safe deposit establishments of this city, piling up many thousands of dollars of the yellow metal against the possibility of legislation in favor of silver, which, however, did not take place.

There are plenty of circumstances of this kind which might be detailed to show Mr. McLean's personal fondness for the yellow metal and his unwilling- | says. ness to accept obligations which could be paid in silver, of which he now poses as a champion. While these are interesting and plentiful, they are omitted on this occasion in order to give space for the details of a single transaction showing his fondness for gold and distrust of the other classes of currency which he and his associates in Ohio are now seeking to force upon the masses

The transaction in question is that of a contract made by him with the Columbia Athletic club of this city in 1889 in which he requires that organization to make sundry obligations, amounting to \$70,000, payable to him individually in gold coin, both principal and inter-

The transaction related to the construction of a club house for this organization, the Columbia Athletic club of the District of Columbia. In that year he made an agreement with the club by which he sold to it certain lots in the fashionable northwest part of Washington, near the War, State, and Navy Departments, and erected thereupon a commodious and costly club house, the price of the land and the club house being \$70,000. This money the club agreed to pay on or before the 1st of March, 1909, and issued bonds payable to John R. McLean, bearing his name upon their face. These bonds he required the club to agree to pay in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fine ness," also requiring it to pay the "in terest thereon in like gold coin."

There can be no doubt about the ac curacy of this statement. The bonds were prepared and signed by the offcers of the club and turned over to him, and some of them have since passed into the hands of other parties who now hold them. Not only are these bonds still extant and readily obtainable by those who desire to verify this statement, but a still more permanen; and unimpeachable record of this transaction is found upon the official records of the District of Columbia. The details of the entire transaction between Mr. McLean and the Columbia Athletic club are set forth in a copy of a deed of trust given in connection with this transaction.



The Lot of the Workers,

In the United States, as well as in Germany and Belgium, the lot of the workers is, upon the whole, more favorable than that of the British iron and steel worker. - Newcastle, England,

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