

GOODCROPS AND PRICE

PROSPERITY RAPIDLY RETURNING TO THE LAND.

Talk With a Distinguished Statistician and Agricultural Expert—E. 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 reported "no crops."

Mr. B. W. Snow, the ex-assistant statistician of the department of agriculture, who is still making a specialty of agricultural statistics, said, in speaking of the great agricultural wealth of the country at this time:

"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 optimistic."

"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 past year has been a year 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.

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

"Most gratifying. Although the season started late the yield will be large. 2,000,000,000 bushels is a fair estimate as the acreage 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 can be but one result."

"All along the line of agricultural production, including all live stock, there is a general steady increase. Large new flocks of sheep 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 products and that he individually will

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.

Table with 3 columns: Product, 1896, 1897. Items include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flaxseed, Hogs, Cattle, Sheep.

"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 Johnny."



The Outlook for Wool.

We congratulate the American wool growers upon their outlook. After nearly five years of steady depreciation in the value of sheep and wool, brought about solely by the Democratic policy of free trade to wool, our American sheep owners will have protection restored to their agricultural industry 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 Messrs. Goldsborough, Mort & Co., of Melbourne, dated May 7, is of interest:

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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 was disposing of 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 investment 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 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.

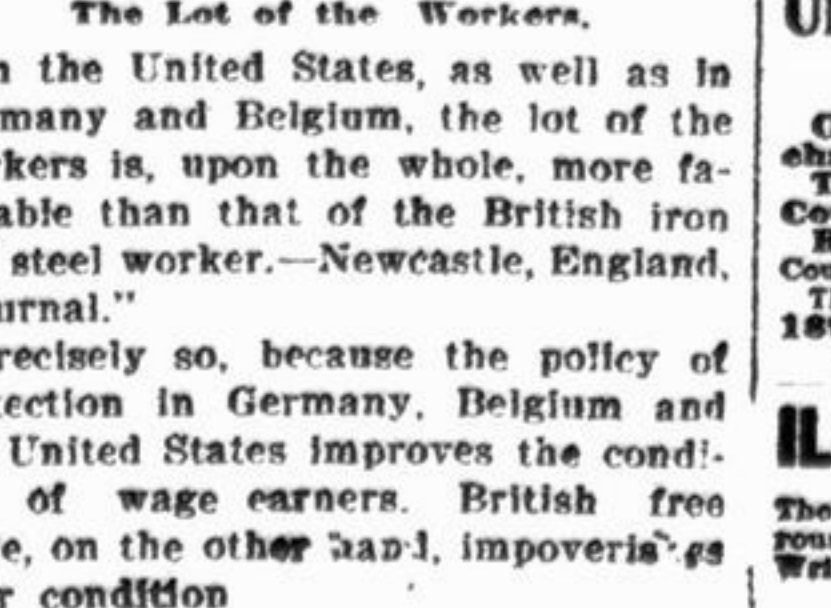
There are plenty of circumstances of this kind which might be detailed to show Mr. McLean's personal fondness for the yellow metal and his unwillingness to accept obligations which could be paid in silver, of which he now poses as a champion. While these are interesting and plentiful, they are omitted 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 interest.

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, 1899, 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 fineness," also requiring it to pay the "interest thereon in like gold coin."

There can be no doubt about the accuracy of this statement. The bonds were prepared and signed by the officers 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 permanent 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.

Turned Over a New Leaf.



The Lot of the Workers.

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Prospectors' Map of Utah. The Passenger Department of the Big Grande Western Railway has just issued an up-to-date map showing all mining districts of record, together with an outline sketch of the older districts, and calling special attention to several partially developed regions which recently have shown important coverings of gold and copper, now attracting notice of prospectors, investors and others. For copies of this valuable map address P. A. WADSWORTH, G.P.A. Salt Lake City, Utah.

The airship craze is said to be nearly as strong in Germany and on the continent as in this country.

Pertinent Questions.

Why Will a Woman Throw Away Her Good Looks and Comfort? Why will a woman drag out a sickly, half-hearted existence and miss three-quarters of the joy of living, when she has health almost within her grasp? If she does not value her good looks, does she not value her comfort?

Why, my sister, will you suffer that dull pain in the small of your back, those bearing-down, dragging sensations in the loins, that terrible fullness in the lower bowel, caused by constipation proceeding from the womb lying over and pressing on the rectum? Do you know that these are signs of displacement, and that you will never be well while that lasts?

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