

The Telegraph in China.

It is stated in Paris that the telegraph now extends to Langson to Tonquin, on the Chinese border. As mentioned in *Nature*, on the Chinese side the telegraph was carried during the recent military operations in Tonquin from Canton Lungchow, about thirty miles from Langson. Hence, with the exception of this short gap of thirty miles, the telegraph extends in an unbroken line from Saigon to the south of the Indo Chinese peninsula to Peking, where five years ago there was no telegraph whatever. The rapidity with which, since 1881, it has spread all over China, and has come into general use, is one of the wonders of modern days.

Wheat Statistics.

The visible stocks of wheat in Minnesota, Dakota, and Wisconsin are heavier by 885,000 bushels April 1 than January 1. The amount stored in railway elevators in the Northwest April 1 was 11,069,481 bushels. The total quantity of spring wheat stocks at all points northwest of Chicago April 1 was 27,804,676 bushels, against 27,039,322 January 1. The mills at Minneapolis and other points in the Northwest have practically 11,000,000 bushels of wheat at the interior and in sight from which they may draw prior to harvesting, as compared (at the outside) with about the same quantity so stored and in sight January 1, 1886. Stocks of wheat out of farmers' hands at Chicago and Kansas City and northwest of a line drawn between these points (but east of the Rocky Mountains) actually amounted April 1, to 43,672,191 bushels, against 43,390,235 bushels January 1 last. If stocks in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio be included with those at and northwest of Chicago and Kansas City, the total April 1 is found to be 48,635,075 bushels, as compared with 48,485,497 bushels in sight there January 1. The net decline in stocks of wheat in sight throughout the country east of the Rocky Mountains thus far during 1886 has been 6,172,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,542,000 in the first quarter of 1885. On the Pacific coast the available wheat for export prior to next harvest is given at 10,385,000 bushels, as compared with over 26,000,000 January 1 last.



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