

International Irrigation Congress.

The *Trade*, of Los Angeles, says:—"An interesting and important congress will meet at Los Angeles, Cal., on Oct. 10, to sit for five days. This is the International Irrigation Congress, the last session of which was held at Salt Lake City in September, 1891, about 700 delegates being present. It is expected that the Los Angeles congress will be numerously attended, not only from all parts of the United States, but from foreign countries as well.

"The people of the United States have only just begun to realize the importance of irrigation to this country. The available government land in the United States outside the arid regions is almost exhausted. The time is nearly gone when Uncle Sam could give every man a farm. What is left is mostly in the so-called 'desert' regions—those dry and forbidding stretches of sage brush and cactus covered land which were long believed to be absolutely worthless, but which water, directed by science, has in many cases transformed into veritable Edens. It is to these regions that those of the rising generation who desire to follow Horace Greely's advice and 'go west' must look for their independent homes, where they may literally sit under the shade of their own vine and fig-tree.

"If the man who causes two blades of grass to spring up where one grew before is worthy of honor, what shall be said of the man or men who build flourishing cities, surrounded by smiling orchards and vineyards, in spots where a few years ago a jack rabbit would have starved to death?

"The progress that has been made in irrigation development during the past few years is well shown by the following figures of the area under irrigation in the various states and territories:

States and territories.	Number of irrigators.	Acres irrigated.
Arizona	1,075	65,821
California	13,732	1,004,233
Colorado	9,659	890,735
Idaho	4,323	217,005
Montana	3,706	350,582
Nevada	1,167	224,403
New Mexico	3,085	91,745
Oregon	3,150	177,944
Utah	9,726	263,473
Washington	1,046	48,799
Wyoming	1,917	228,676
Sub-humid region	1,552	66,965
Totals	54,156	3,631,351

"It is fitting that Los Angeles, the 'City of the Queen of the Angels,' should be selected as the meeting place for this congress, for in the section of which that city is the commercial centre irrigation has reached its greatest development, and water, backed by pluck and perseverance, has accomplished greater marvels than in any other section of the United States, perhaps the world. Here are Pasadena and Riverside, beautiful and wealthy cities of some 10,000 inhabitants each, upon sites that twenty years ago were valued at less than \$5 an acre, and were considered good for nothing but sheep pasture. And Los Angeles itself is a good proof of the value of irrigation, for it has grown within a few years from a sleepy semi-Mexican pueblo of 12,000 people to a live and beautiful metropolis of 65,000 population, and this increase is due to the development of the surrounding country by means of irrigation."

The British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of Sept. 4, in its weekly review of the grain trade says:

"The latest estimates confirm the opinion that 6,500,000 qrs will be the utmost wheat production of the United Kingdom. New English wheat fetched rather more than old; both are in the finest condition. New white

wheat realized on Wednesday in the eastern counties 23 to 29s; new red, 26 to 27s; old wheat realized 27 to 28s; old red, 25 to 26s. The mean price of wheat Edinburgh last week fell to 22s 8d. The August average for old wheat was 26s 3d—the lowest yet recorded there. A comparison of grain prices on Friday, the first day of the cereal year, with those of 1891 and 1892 shows a decline in the last year of 5s in California and 0s in red winter, and a decline in the last two years of 17s in California and 16s in red winter."

The World's Wheat Crops.

(As estimated by the Vienna Congress.)

The estimates of the Vienna Congress were sent in percentages of an average crop, and indicated a smaller crop than figured by the Hungarian minister, and 200,000,000 bus. less than in 1892.

These percentages indicate the following crops in million bushels (000,000 omitted) compared with an average and with last year:—

	Average Crop.	Est'd Crop 1893	Crop 1892
Austria	43	39	51
Hungary	127	125	136
France	295	242	300
Italy	118	118	112
United Kingdom	73	66	65
Germany	93	89	102
Russia	234	213	247
Roumania	52	63	52
Serbia	8	6	11
Belgium	19	17	22
Holland	5	4	5
Denmark	4	4	3
Switzerland	5	4	3
Egypt	42	..	9
Bulgaria	45	33	51
Turkey	39	..	39
Spain	67	..	65
Portugal	7	..	6
Norway-Sweden	4	4	4
India	232	266	205
United States	..	395	516

Deficiency compared with last year, 205,000,000 bushels.

Will Stack their Wheat.

The Grand Forks *Herald* is advised by a good many practical farmers that the stacking of wheat will be done more generally this fall than for many seasons past. This is a good move. Wheat standing in well-built stacks, after going through the sweating process, is much better, plumper and will command a higher price than wheat threshed from the shock. In ordinary seasons, when prices are fair, there is some excuse for threshing out quickly and rushing grain to the market, but there is no such incentive this year, and farmers may as well get all there is in their crop by resorting to the best methods of improving its quality.

Retailers who are Owned by Jobbers.

The following, from the *Grocers' Review*, issued by the Philadelphia Retail Grocers' Association, is probably worth perusal:—

"Too many of us do not pay our bills promptly, let alone discount, but steal as much time on them as our jobbers will allow us to do, consequently we allow our bank account to grow; then what do we do? We, as a rule, look around and purchase a home, probably through a building association by paying \$500 on it of the money that should go to our jobber. In speaking to a jobber the other day of a man who had made a purchase, we remarked he must be making money when he can do that. He said, 'Yes, on money he should have given me,' and he opened his book and, would you believe it, he just owed that man \$530. There is just where we make a mistake, we should not allow any jobber to own us, but too many of us do. While in this jobber's house we saw another come in, and, would you think, on a bill of \$80 he was charged just \$2.25 more than you would have paid for the same lot. The jobber said he had to charge

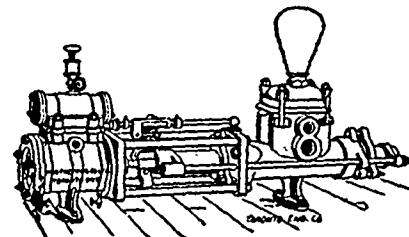
interest, as he had to wait so long for his cash and the buyer could not go any place else to purchase, for the jobber owned him. We are fools to let any jobber own us. We should be so fixed, so independent, that when a man told us a price that we could say, 'I can do better than that,' and if you are a prompt discounter you will have no trouble in getting the best prices on all goods."

A New Publication.

The first issue of *Winnipeg Saturday Night*, the new literary weekly, made its appearance last Saturday. The new publication is an offshoot from the well known *Toronto Saturday Night*. A short time ago E. E. Sheppard, of the latter paper, visited Winnipeg, and while here arranged for the publication of a paper by a local company. *Winnipeg Saturday Night* is a twelve page, illustrated paper. Eight pages are printed in Toronto, containing matter from *Toronto Saturday Night*, and the remaining pages are printed here and devoted to local interests and advertisements. E. W. Rugg, whose long experience in the printing trade fits him for the position, is manager of the enterprise.

Toronto Saturday Night is probably the most successful paper of its class in Canada, and it contains a large amount of original matter, from the ablest writers in the country. It is moreover a patriotic Canadian publication. It is the purpose of Mr. Sheppard to establish weekly publications on the line of *Toronto Saturday Night* in a number of Canadian cities. In his salutatory for the new *Winnipeg* venture he says: "It is proposed that five independent companies, allied by a community of interest and patriotism, and united in an effort to do the best thing for the country and themselves, shall publish in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver the five best local, literary and illustrated newspapers that can be found outside of London, Paris, Berlin and New York. Only by a clearly confessed and well defined unity of purpose, action and interest can this be accomplished. Every paper will be an advertisement for its particular locality and the enemy of nothing that is Canadian, but always for our common good." *Winnipeg Saturday Night* is therefore a link in this chain of publications. Subscribers to any one of the allied papers will receive the benefit of high class, original matter from able Canadian writers, which will be the common property of all.

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