

sample, being plump, hard and bright. In a few localities it was attacked by the midge and weevil, but the extent of injury by these pests pests is not appreci able on the aggregate crop.

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production of the crops of this year and last year-the production of the present harvest being based on the estimates o 1,150 correspondents:-

area of the one crop and the increased area of the other this year.

The English news refers frequently just now to the Cornwall case, and the enquiry is made as to the nature of it. The case is a most extraordinary one-so extraordinary that it defies detail-and a prize fight. none the less remarkable that the parties accused of making Dublin a sort of Gomorrah are mostly government officials, and all members of what is termed "society." William O'Brien is the youngest member of the Irish national parliamentary

party, and one of the most aggressive of that pugnacious band. Because of this he became the object of a good deal of official attention from detectives in particular and the servants of Dublin castle in general. He revenged himself upon the official classes, from the lord lieutenant down, by raking them in his paper, United Ireland. During the progress of this vendetta he accused a superintendent of the police named French, and one Cornwall, secretary of the Dublin postoffice, of certain Turkish practices from which, as a distinguished writer has said, "history averts her eyes." The accused brought action for libel and the defendant pleaded justification. Presuming that a number of witnesses did not perjure themselves, the evidence reveals a state of affairs in what has hitherto been considered respectable Dublin circles that would not be tolerated among heathen savages. The jury believed the evidence and O'Brien was acquitted in the Cornmall case. Such was the effect of the exposure that French's counsel withdrew his case upon the plea that he is suffering from softening of the brain, and the authorities felt constrained to arrest Cornwall, Capt. Kirwin, Dr. Fernandez of the Coldstream Guards, and others implicated by the evidence in the libel suit. The accused all possess powerful friends, and will hardly be committed except upon the clearest evidence. Whatever the outcome of their trials may be, the undoubted effect so far has been to intensify the popular dislike for the official classes, and to give aid and comfort to those who have always claimed that

Such is the present status of "the Corn wall case." It is not an edifying matter to discuss, but as one that is daily mentiened it demands outlining, so that future mens mention of its phases may suffice to