

THE WHEAT CROP OF THE WESTERN STATES.

The Chicago Tribune of Friday furnishes the following information relative to the wheat crop in the West:

During harvest time the reports from nearly all sections of the great North-west with regard to the crop of spring wheat more encouraging than of spring wheat crop, taking into account the backward and unsettled weather during April and May. During the months of June and July it was said we would have scarcely half a crop; but as harvest drew near the prospects improved, and with the end of the season it is generally estimated that there would be nearly if not quite an average.

Within the past ten or twelve days, however, it has been found that the crop does not show up anything like the amount expected. In the Northern part of the state especially is the yield deficient. Along the line of the Galena and Chicago Railroad and thence to the west, the crop is an average of ten bushels to the acre; while last year the yield was fully thirty bushels. On the line of the Rock Island and Burlington the reports are not quite so gloomy; but the highest yield we have reported to us is twelve bushels to the acre on an average while in some places it is as low as ten bushels.

From Minnesota and Northern Iowa the same gloomy reports come to hand. The Club wheat in the former state is almost a failure; but the "five wheat" is a fair crop.

In Southern Wisconsin the reports are in substance similar to those from the Northern part of this state. In some places the quality is much poorer than last year. With regard to Winter Wheat the reports are highly favorable. In the central counties of the state, the yield is of an average fully twenty bushels to the acre; but the breadth sown was less than usual. In the southern counties the crop is also good, with the exception of some places where the army worm has lessened the yield.

About ten days since the house and out buildings of Mr. Jesse Bowen, at Corinth, Vt., were destroyed by fire, and the body of Sally Bowen, his maiden sister, was found in the cellar, beneath the ruins of the house with her head partially buried. Mr. Bowen and his sister, who were each about sixty years old, lived alone upon a back road. He is a wealthy farmer, somewhat miserly and is known to have kept large sums of money by him. He had \$1200 in specie, which he cannot find, but finds where that should be, a knife blade which he cannot account for. Silver spoons are also missing, and it is supposed that Miss Bowen was murdered, and the house set on fire to hide the deed. Two brothers left the town the next morning, for Canada, and suspicion rests upon them. There was in Bowen's house, some two hundred bushels of wheat, five hundred bushels of corn, and two thousand pounds of sugar, which with other articles were consumed.

ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH BRITON.

The North Briton passed this place at 4 a. m. The Norwegian arrived at Liverpool at noon on the 27th ult.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The Queen still continues at Killarney.

Lord Palmerston was formally installed with all the ancient ceremonies as the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports at Dover on the 28th ult. In the course of one of his speeches Lord Palmerston eulogized the strong defensive measures adopted by England, and said that perfect defense is the only safe foundation for friendly relations with Foreign Powers. He alluded to the retreat at Bull's Run as evidence of the powerlessness of men individually brave but improperly drilled and organized, against an enemy.

The Times has another editorial on the loans and expenses of the Federal Government, which concludes as follows:—"In our belief the forcible subjugation of the South would prove a hopeless task; even if all the States of the North pour their wealth unsparring into the Federal exchequer, but if they attempt to defray its accumulating charges with money borrowed at 7 per cent they will find themselves engaged in expenditure which no country in the world could ever support."

AUSTRIA.—An animated discussion had taken place in the Lower House of Reichsrath, relative to the address of the Emperor on the Hungarian question. One member denied that the address to the Reichsrath had emanated from the Emperor, and asserted that the Ministry desired a vote of want of confidence for their Hungarian policy. Count Clau proposed a counter address favorable to decentralization.

POLAND.—The gendarmes and police have been withdrawn from the streets of Warsaw. All brawls are also drawn off.

General Lambert had formally received authority as new Governor of Warsaw.

RUSSIA.—Russia had proposed to the Porte to defer its decision on the question of the union of Moldavia with Wallachia for three years.

The Syrian commissioners had held a conference on the question of indemnity to be paid by the Porte. It was decided to send another commissioner to Beyrout, who would be more competent to settle the question.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The Mail from the Cape of July 2nd had arrived. Business continued dull. The House of Assembly rejected the separation project.

The Island of Scholoe was formally annexed to Cape Colony.

The Legislative Council also voted for the annexation to Cape Colony of the whole of the independent Kaffraria.

The West India mail steamer arrived with over \$1,800,000 specie. Bank of England on the 29th at the reduced rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The New Galway and New York Screw Line has selected Southampton as their head quarters.

Russell's latest letter to the Times says: "The issue in America is rapidly narrowing to a contest between slavery and abolition; and thinks that the President will soon declare all slaves within the limits of the United States army free."

The Times editorial advises compromise and the day article suggests that the war must be terminated by the difficulty of providing for the cost, or if it goes on the banks will have to suspend.

It is stated that a leading house in Liverpool has purchased 1,500 bales of Burmah cotton for shipment to New York.

A terrible accident has occurred on the Boston Railroad. Two excursion trains collided in the tunnel. Twenty-three lives were lost and many injured.

Earl Russell in a diplomatic manifesto, on the Spanish occupation of San Domingo says that American forbearance in the matter cannot be calculated on as permanent.

Representatives of the Masonic Order from all sections of the Union are invited by a stirring and patriotic offer of prominent Masons in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Massachusetts to meet in Louisville, Ky., on Monday the 21st day of October for the purpose of dividing some plan to end the present internal war.

That brother has the most delightful fare out before him who sits at the table opposite to beautiful girls.

Fortress Monroe, Sept. 7.

His flag ship has not yet arrived. The Harriet Lane has sailed for New York, also the Quaker City, in consequence of new orders from the Commodore. The Geo. Peabody arrived last night from Hatteras Inlet, bringing recent intelligence and a number of fugitives' families from the mouth of the Tar river, who managed to escape to the Inlet.

The fortification at Ocoteco Inlet have been abandoned and probably those of Ocoteco Inlet, some 40 miles this side of Cape Hatteras.

A powerful steamer was seen inside at the latter place when the Peabody came up on Saturday.

There is no light at Hatteras the Confederates having removed the lenses. No signs of fortifications were to be seen at the Cape.

It is supposed the Confederates will make a stand at Fort Mason, a strong casemated work guarding the approach to Beaufort.

Refugees from North Carolina report that the lower counties of the State are ready to hoist the Union flag when assured of support. A perfect reign of terror exists.

The State troops were in part returning from Virginia.

A prominent clergyman from Hatteras Inlet said, that should a Federal force invade the mainland near Beaufort, it would at once be joined by 2,000 North Carolinians.

The Captain of the Peabody counted twenty-five wrecks between Cape Hatteras and Henry.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Wheat per 50 lbs., Spring 88c, to \$1; White Winter 1.07 1/2 to \$1.10; Red Winter \$1.05 to \$1.07 1/2.

Barley 50c. per 50 lbs. The second crop is expected to arrive at 97c. Higher prices than those above quoted are asked for shipping parcels of Winter Wheat.

Corn per 56 lbs., 45c. to 46c. Sales a latter price.

Peas per 66 lbs., 65c. to 70c; the latter price shipping parcels asked.

Oats nominal. Barley 50c. per 50 lbs.

The advices from the States are more favorable for Barley.

Flour.—Fine \$3.00 to \$3.50; Super. No. 2, \$4.10 to \$4.25; Superfine No. 1, \$4.55 to \$4.65; Fancy \$4.70 to \$4.80; Extra \$5.00 to \$5.10 Double Extra \$5.50 to \$6.00. Bag-Flour per 112 lbs., \$2.30 to \$2.55.

The lower grades of Flour when out of condition are very dull. Sales of inferior Super Flour reported at \$3.50 and \$3.75. Bags are dull.

It is to be remarked that Flour sold at the mills or at the Elevator, without cartage and storage, and sometimes even without inspection, at a given price, yields as good a return as if it were sold at from 7 1/2c. to 10 cents higher after all these charges are incurred; a fact which is always to be taken into account in the discrepancies which sometimes appear in quotations.

Oatmeal per cwt., 200 lbs., \$3.60 to \$3.75.

Ashe per 112 lbs., Pots \$5.50 to \$5.85; Pearls \$6.25 to \$6.37 1/2.

Pork the following quotations are nominal: Prime, \$16 to \$17; Thin Mess, \$15 to \$16; Prime Mess, \$14 to \$14.50; Prime, \$12 to \$13.50. Lard 9c. to 9 1/2c. For good. Forward sales of Mess have been made at \$15.75. Tallow in demand at 8 to 8 1/2 cents.

Butter per lb., good dairy 12 to 12 1/2 cents. Good store packed, 11 1/2 to 12 cents. No demand for inferior qualities.

Considerable sales of superior store-packed at 12c. and 12 1/2c.

Wool.—22c. to 24c. for washed.

MINUTES OF McNAB COUNCIL.

Town Hall, McNab 10th Sept. 1861.

Pursuant to adjournment the Municipal Council of McNab met at the Town Hall. Present Messrs. Robertson, Fisher, Russell, Paris and the Reeve. The Reeve in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Council were read, confirmed and signed by the Reeve, when the following accounts, petitions and By-laws were presented and read.

An account from E. Eady, amounting to \$31.75 for work done on Arnprior Bridge.

An account from Jas O'Connor, amounting to \$37, for Sanborn's bridge.

An account from the Reeve for repairing Belmont bridge, amounting to \$110.

An account from J. Butler, amounting to \$1, for a tin box for Assessor.

The following petitions were presented from:

Zett Duff and others for \$60 to repair the road leading through Lots 11 and 12 in the 2nd Con.

Jas. Douglas and others for \$30 to repair the road at Burnstown.

D. McDougall and others for aid to repair the Flat Rapid and Arnprior road.

Jas. McCormick and others to alter S. S. No. 7.

Charles Hyde and others for aid to repair the road on 13th con.

B. Wilkins soliciting the office of Township Clerk.

A communication from the Municipal Council of Renfrew.

Mr. Robertson gave notice of a By-law to amend the several S. S. within the Municipality.

On Motion of Mr. Robertson the By-law was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Fisher the Council went into a committee of the whole. Mr. Fisher in the Chair, and on again resuming presented the following report:

The account of E. Eady, we recommended the same to lay over for further consideration. The account of Jas. O'Connor we recommended the same to be paid.

The account of Jno. Butler to be paid. The account for repairing Belmont Island bridge we recommended that the same be paid. The petition of Jas. O'Connor and others we cannot recommend the prayer thereof. The petition of B. Wilkins, we recommended the Clerk to reply to the same, stating that the office is not vacant.

The petition of A. Cochran and others we recommended that the sum of \$15 be granted and that Jno. Russell and A. Cochran be appointed to expend the same.

The petition of Donald McLaren and others we recommended that the sum of \$20 be granted and that Robert Pinkerton and Wm. Storie be appointed to expend the same. The Memorial from the Renfrew Council we recommended that this Council do petition the Governor in Council to reconsider their decision as regards the location of the County Town at the Village of Pembroke.

The report of Surveyor on Side line between lots 25 and 26 on the 9th Con., we recommended that the report be adopted, and that Jno. Storie do receive the sum of \$8 and Jas. Storie \$16 as compensate for said road.

The report of Surveyor from the 8th Con. through lots 10, 11, 12, in the 7th Con., lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 on the 6th Con., and lots 16, 17 and 18 on the 5th Con., we recommended that the report be adopted to the post marked 4, on the 17th lot in the 5th Con., and that Mr. Miller's offer be accepted with the following conditions: that he do commence where the present travelled road crosses the side line between lots 17 and 18 on the 6th Con. and continue on said road, on the present travelled track unless where the Township Surveyor may consider it necessary to deviate, crossing lot 18 and

continues from thence to the junction of the Sand Point and Burnstown road. The road to be grubbed 15 feet wide, all wood cleaned off 25 feet wide and properly levelled, all stones to be removed, all wet places to be properly drained and if any part thereof cannot be drained, to cross by the same in a good substantial manner. The whole to be subject to the approval of this Council. The work to be completed within five weeks and payment to be made as follows: \$100 to be paid when the work is completed, the balance to be paid on the first day of January 1862. The Contractor to furnish two good securities for the due performance of the work, and the Clerk to draw out the necessary Bonds and Specifications; and that the Surveyor be ordered to survey the part specified and desired on the said road and continue the said survey to Burnstown.

In the matter of J. Francis, Esq., relating to the damage done to Belmont Island bridge by the Contractor to furnish two good securities for the due performance of the work, and the Clerk to draw out the necessary Bonds and Specifications; and that the Surveyor be ordered to survey the part specified and desired on the said road and continue the said survey to Burnstown.

In reading the report, Mr. Robertson objected to the part concerning Millers road survey and demanded the Yeas and Nays. Yeas, Messrs. Fisher Russell and the Reeve. Nays, Robertson.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the report was adopted.

Mr. Robertson gave notice that he would during the next meeting of Council introduce a By-law to establish a line of road on side line between lots 25 and 26 in the 9th Concession.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the By-law to alter the several S. S. was read a second and third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the Reeve granted the following orders to the Treasurer: To Hugh McLaren for Belmont Island bridge \$110.

To A. McNab for \$2 for assisting surveyor To Township Clerk for \$16 to pay Election of Jurors for 1861.

To Jno. Storie for \$8. Jas. Storie \$16 for road.

To Jas. Butler for \$1 for tin box.

To Jas O'Connor for \$37 for Sanborns bridge.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the Township Surveyor is empowered to employ men to assist him in surveying, and this Council will provide funds to pay them.

Adjourned to the third Monday in October: A. H. DOWSWELL, Town Clerk.

A LADY'S TURKISH BATH.

A lady writer in the new number of St. James's Magazine thus describes her bath at Stamboul:—"The second room was filled with hot air to a degree which to me was most oppressive; and I dipped my feet into the little channels of steaming water which intersected the floor, and which were so heated that I sank from the contact. I was still, however, as soon discovered, only in a transition state; for I had to enter and traverse the bath, and the heat of the establishment, an extensive octagonal hall containing eight fountains, where all who do not care or cannot afford to pay for a separate apartment, avail themselves as best they may of their opportunities of appropriating them. When I at length reached it. The first few instants were positively bewildering. The dense heavy atmosphere, the murmuring which completely checked my breathing, and almost suffocated me—the shrill, discordant, cries of the slaves, who he shouted to each other until the domes of the hall appeared to be alive with discord—the low laughter and subdued tones of their mistresses murmuring alone in an under current of sound—the spectacle of nearly three hundred women, only partially attired and of that muslin so fine a texture and so perfectly saturated with vapor as to reveal every outline of the form—the black and busy slaves traversing the hall in every direction, with their arms folded upon their breast and balancing on their curly heads trays of fringed or embroidered towels, beryls of lovely girls engaged in earnest, and evidently confidential, conversation, in every graceful attitude that can be conceived—parties of playful children, chasing each other among the various groups apparently quite regardless of the oppressive atmosphere which made faint and faint—and to crown all, the sudden bursting forth of one of the wildest and most ear-piercing of Turkish melodies, which rang again and again with a fierce challenge to the echoes by which it was instantly and deafeningly emulated; all combined to produce upon my mind the effect of some delusion. The clusters of fair women, their white skins gleaming like alabaster through their slender draperies and their bright eyes flashing with pleasure, or languid with luxury, contrasted so strangely with the sable and half clad daughters of Africa; the rolling vapors shifting perpetually—now hiding and now revealing certain features of the scene—were so magical in their effect; the insufferable noise—so utterly uncouthly in its character that it would have done no discredit to the subterranean demons of Etna or Vesuvius—was all combined to form a whole which I shall never cease vividly to recall to mind.

The Halifax papers state that the English and French fleets will sail on the 15th of September for the Southern States, for the purpose of raising the blockade.

The Nova Scotia gold fields are exciting attention, and the presence of the metal is supposed to extend over a large area.

The annual Fall Fair will be held at McDonald's Corner, Dalhousie, on Friday the 27th inst., being the last Friday in September.

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