

Western Acreage.

Crop reports from the Western States say that the acreage of spring wheat exceeds the large extent of last year by 15 to 20 per cent. The wheat fields present a fine healthy appearance, the grain coming up thick and the color being good. The crops having been got in unusually early, and made such good progress in the first stages of growth, a great point has been gained towards a good crop, as the plant will be the better able to withstand dry weather or insects. The Western prospects are thus unusually promising.

Barley in the Western States.

Accounts from the Western States show that there is an average decrease in the amount of barley sown for the crop of 1878, amounting to 35 per cent., as compared with last year. The Chicago National Board of Trade has the following:— "Minnesota reports from thirty-one counties show a decrease of 27 per cent., seven reporting about the same as last year, six a decrease of 50 per cent., and but two any increase at all. Wisconsin reports eighteen counties, showing an average decrease of 35 per cent., two reporting the same as last year, several a decrease of 50 per cent., and none showing any increase. Iowa reports twenty-two counties, showing an average decrease of 26 per cent., seven reporting the same as last year, eight a decrease of 50 per cent., each, and but one showing any increase at all. Nebraska reports nineteen counties, showing an average decrease of 51 per cent., three reporting the same as last year, several showing a decrease of 75 per cent., each, and but one any increase at all. Reports from twelve counties in the State of Kansas show an average decrease of 27 per cent. But one county shows any increase over last year. The State of Illinois not being a very heavy barley growing State, reports about a dozen counties showing an average decrease of 15 per cent., four reporting about the same as last year."

The Next Wool Clip.

The April wool circular of Walter Brown & Son, New York, expressed the opinion that prices for the next clip would open at low figures. That of Mauger & Avery, under date of April 15th, says that little can be predicted as to the market:

"It depends upon the fever of the buyers. Farmers have learned this, and when they find several buyers competing for their clips, as they did last summer, they sell. There have been very few seasons when wools have not netted the farmer more in the clipping season than they would if sold later; and at this time, when there are so many anxious to handle the comparatively small amount of the clip, the chances are that there will be no room for material advance over the prices at which the bulk of last year's clip was marketed.

"Farmers are censured for the dishonest manner in which

in many localities, they put up their wools. It is but fair to state in their defence that the local buyer is aware of it and is largely responsible for it, as he, either for the sake of his commission, knowingly pays full price for such wools, or else, if he happens to be a storekeeper, for fear of losing a customer he does not prosecute the offender, and thus the majority of the farmers who would take the same pride in the condition of their fleeces that they do in their stock, are discouraged from keeping up their standard. If farmers would put in their fleeces a tag, with their name and address, they would ere long find buyers who would appreciate honesty, and if the local buyers will not discriminate between light and heavy wools, they can find responsible houses in the East who will obtain their relative value.

Our Meat Exports.

The following paragraph from *Bell's Messenger*, London, April 8th, seems to support the opinion that our exportation of fresh meats has become as much a regular feature in our transatlantic trade as that of products of any other kind:

"The quantity of American beef and mutton brought to Liverpool last week was very large, and was conveyed in the following steamers: The City of Montreal brought 592 quarters of beef, 76 carcasses of mutton, and 176 dead pigs; the Sarmatian, 600 quarters of beef; the England, 785 quarters of beef and 472 carcasses of mutton; the Britannic, 1,580 quarters of beef and 650 carcasses of mutton; and the Nevada, 3,000 quarters of beef and 1,200 carcasses of mutton. This last consignment is by far the largest that has yet arrived in this country in a single steamer, and even exceeds the quantity brought during many weeks by all the steamers. The steamer Faraday reached the river with 299 head of live oxen, while the Lake Nepigon had on board 80. The totals for the week were—6,557 quarters of beef, 2,398 carcasses of mutton, 176 dead pigs, and 377 live cattle."

In another part of the same paper it is stated, on the authority of a parliamentary return, that Great Britain imported in the year 1877, 7,649 cattle and 10,275 sheep from Canada, and 11,538 cattle and 13,120 sheep from the United States—against 273 cattle from Canada and "one head of cattle and one sheep" from the United States, in 1874.

It is proposed to start a butter factory at Wroxeter, and a meeting has been held to consider the project fully. The capital stock will probably be \$2,500, in 250 shares of \$10 each. One is also to be erected in Walkerton by Messrs. Peter Todd & Co.

The Eastern complications are having a very unfavorable effect on British India freights. There is just now more idle shipping at Calcutta than was ever before known to be there at one time.

Why they Fail.

There have been not less than twenty-five grocery merchants in this city who ingloriously wound up business under the mallet of the constable or sheriff within the last two months. Now the secret of this is simply that the unfortunate merchants failed to take in the cash when the goods went out. It really seems that our merchants will never try the cash system, but instead follow up the old trade ways, and so long as they are followed just so long may we expect to hear of failures. Stop it, grocers, and say "Cash" in the future and don't vary from the rule.—*Western Grocer*.

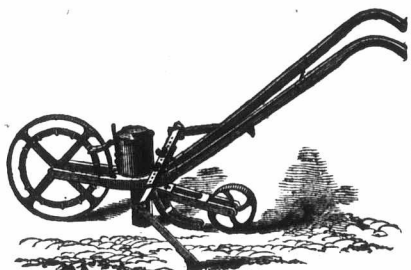
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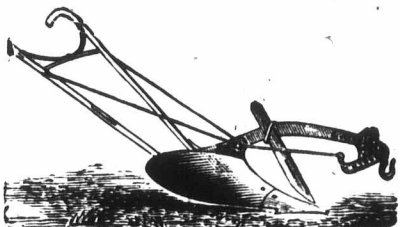
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