

EUROPEAN CROPS

Beerbohm says the English oats crop is not turning out well, although perhaps better than expected. Last year's official average yield in Great Britain was 42.27 bushels per acre; whilst the previous ten years' average was 39.98 bushels. The present year's crop is expected to reach 36 to 37 bushels. In France, foreign oats are now competing with home-grown, and although this year's crop is a poor one, the tendency of prices is very weak. Germany expects a very good crop, according to our Berlin correspondent, but with regard to the important Russian crop, we at present know nothing definite. From the returns of the exports it is to be seen that America has shipped to Europe during the past twelve months 3,793,000 quarters, against 7,869,000 quarters last year; whilst Russia has managed to export only about 3,100,000 quarters against 3,162,000 quarters last season, and 8,392,000 quarters in 1896-1897.

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The little town of Morehead, in the very north-west corner of Labette County, Kansas, is probably the only town in the United States that is run on a co-operative plan to any extent. This little town has a population of about five or six hundred people, and has adopted co-operative methods almost exclusively. It is situated on the Santa Fe Railroad between here and Kansas City, and is about thirty miles north of here. It is the heart of a great agricultural section, and the co-operative idea has been extended into the country, where several farms are run on the co-operative basis. The farmers raise their crops and divide up, so that if one farmer has poor crops he need not suffer a total loss, as he would do otherwise.

The co-operative methods that have been adopted so far have proven a success and more enterprises are constantly being put under this method of doing business. At present the town has a co-operative hotel, a co-operative laundry, a co-operative hall, a co-operative creamery, a co-operative canning factory, a co-operative dining-hall has besides just been put in operation, where several families, perhaps two dozen, take their meals.

Anybody who is a member of the company can get meals at a reduced rate there, and many farmers have become members, so that they can get a good square meal at a low price when they come to town on Saturday. A co-operative housekeeping movement is to be started soon, which, together with the dining-hall already in operation, will do away with the hired girl problem. An experienced manager oversees each common enterprise, and renders his account at the end of each month, and the expenses are divided up amongst the members of the co-operative society.

The town is prospering, and new houses are going up. Other enterprises will be put on a co-operative basis at once, and it is intended soon to have all the cooking and other work done in common, and such a town as Edward Bellamy pictures in "Looking Backward" will in all probability be realized here, as that is the intention of the people of Morehead.—Kansas Cor. Washington Star.

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