

ALL EYES ARE WATCHING THE CORN CROP

(From Journal of Commerce.)
 How is it with the corn crop? The commercial and industrial worlds are very anxious to know. This is the period when the alarming reports are being received, and they have assuredly been lacking. Wall Street wants to arrive at the true situation as it will have a distinct bearing on railroad earnings. Grain speculators want to guide their own operations and the unscrupulous ones color them for the use of the public. Manufacturers who now use corn products in a hundred ways are very anxious to know, while packers will be concerned with their supply seriously affected by any change in the situation. To none of these classes the fate of the corn crop appears to be only of casual interest, but should a calamity overtake it he would find himself vitally concerned with his cost of living problem forced sharply home. The magnitude of the interests involved when reduced to figures are almost beyond the ability of the mind to grasp. A corn crop of 3,000,000 bushels, which the present crop may be and which the last one exceeded, if given a value of 50 cents a bushel at the farm represents new production for the year of \$1,500,000,000. Should a widespread calamity reduce the yield to the figures of ten years ago, when the crop was but half that of last year, allowing for the progress of a decade in economic conditions, a violent readjustment would take place that would shock the aforesaid casual observer into a keen desire for the most reliable information available.

The reduced tonnage of the corn on the railroads might be the difference between dividends and loss. The reduced purchasing power of the farmers would certainly increase the cost of pork products to a point where consumption would be curtailed and exports reduced. The revived export demand for corn itself would of course be reduced, and the earnings of many transatlantic steamships reduced accordingly.

Among grain speculators there would be fortunes made and lost, a situation likely to engage every way. Grain handlers, elevator men and mill workers would feel the pinch. The manufacturers of the past ten years have been phenomenal, would be perhaps ruined. In these and other ways the shock of a corn crop would be received.

It is a body blow, in fact, so interdependent are the industries resting on the corn crop that a violent change in the crop situation would be as far reaching and continuous as the dropping of a stone in a pond, ultimately disturbing the whole pond.

These are the dire results of a corn crop and are all within the grasp of the imagination. But the question still remains: Is it a fact or a fancy? To read the reports issued by various commission houses, some of which they vouch for and some, be it said to their credit, they merely give out what they are worth, the only conclusion is that the worst has already happened and the country might as well get about adjusting itself to the misfortune that awaits it.

Corn has advanced in price in a way that leads seriously to the September corn at Chicago early in the season sold at low as 34 cents. On July 13 it sold at 37.5 cents. The low price was established on March 1 before the crop was planted. But the area is 1,000,000 acres greater than last year and it had a most auspicious start. The yield per acre last year was 27.4 bushels. That crop suffered all kinds of vicissitudes and imaginary conditions at the last a race with the month behind schedule time. It was the biggest crop of any single cereal ever harvested in the world's history, amounting to 3,125,000 bushels. A yield of 27.4 bushels on this year's acreage would mean a crop of 3,176,728 bushels, an excess of 51,000,000 bushels over last year. In other words, the average started this year with an average possibly of 51,000,000 bushels more than last year the question now is, has all this and enough more been hopelessly lost to justify an advance in price of 39 per cent? The low price above mentioned may have antedated the crop itself, but it nevertheless represents the trade idea as to the value of corn based on supplies left over from the previous crop and the possibilities of the present one. Since the crop was made the crop has been subjected to several days of severe storming weather and a protracted period of drought. In 1901 when the crop, as stated, was only half the present one, the price of corn on the Chicago market was only 59.34 cents in September and 67.12 cents

question appears to be in the negative. The answer to the query, for September corn has now declined 5 cents a bushel and the tendency is still downward.

The month has been broken, copious rains having fallen everywhere.

The public is partially responsible for the advance in price, for they have been willing victims of the speculators. Profit "taking" has been responsible for the decline, it being taken from the "eleventh hour bulls," otherwise the outside public.

It is significant that hog products have not undergone a corresponding advance, and that prices are at practically the same levels they were in early spring, and this notwithstanding the fact that in the speculative markets it is the practice to discount the future. The recent crop scare in relation to corn has been on the theory that great damage would result unless "rain came soon."

The rain has come and on the same argument the danger has now passed and the advance should be largely eliminated.

AN EXPLODING BOILER HURT WHOLE FAMILY

Special to The News.
 Concord, July 28.—Mr. George P. Blackwelder, his son, Martin, aged 18, and his daughter, Miss Lisora, aged 16, are seriously, if not fatally, injured, and Miss Tina, his twelve-year-old daughter, is dead, as a result of the explosion yesterday afternoon of a boiler at the former's sawmill in No. 7 township, this county. The young ladies had been assisting Mr. Blackwelder and his son in removing some slapping from the saw, when suddenly, and without warning, the boiler exploded and hurt all four of them. Flying pieces of the broken boiler and of timber flew in every direction, and one piece as large as the top of a buggy flew two hundred yards away. The engine was blown to pieces and the entire plant wrecked.

Mr. Blackwelder was struck by some flying timber, and is rather severely scalded. The older of his daughters, Miss Lisora, had about two-thirds of her body scalded, and the younger girl was scalded all over her entire body. The young man, Martin, received his injuries about the lower limbs, and while his injuries are very painful, they are not considered serious.

The cause of the explosion of the boiler can not be ascertained, but it was an old one, and it is thought that possibly the steam gauge did not register the right amount of steam and that there was more pressure on it than it indicated. The cries of the wounded and the noise of the explosion brought nearby friends to the scene as quickly as possible, and Drs. Matthews and Moore, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. Lentz, of Gold Hill, went to the scene as quickly as they could get there.

The Southern Railway good roads train is in Concord today. It is in charge of Mr. Y. J. Hurlburt, of the land and industrial department, with Messrs. R. Boykin and H. S. Furbush, engineers of the United States department of good roads.

The Cabarus, Young-Hartsell, and the Brown, and the Franklin Cotton Mills of this city, have all closed down on account of the water famine, and can not resume operation until more rain comes. The dry weather is the cause of much alarm here, and the citizens of Concord are feelingly sympathizing for the poor people of Charlotte. It is rumored that the Locke Cotton Mills are facing the same fate with regard to their No. 5 mill, which is operated by steam. The other mills of the Locke system receive their power from the Southern Power Company.

The Inferno.
 He had made a barrel of money as a bicycle manufacturer and was perfectly content with a squad of automobiles and a daughter who never got more than two furlongs away from a fluke. But his wife's middle name was "Excelsior."

"We must rise to still greater heights," she said. "We must possess a splendid library."

He objected. In the manner of men he utterly demolished her arguments with logic. Then he started in buying books.

First he bought them by the ton, then by the mile, and then his wife saw that some soul was necessary in the affair if her paternal home was not to become a grand lecture about Elzvir's, first editions, bibelots, and what-nots, winding up with a survey of the history of literature from the Stone Age to Robert Chambers.

"Our industries," said Mr. Newlands, "are on stilts as the result of the high protective tariff. It is not wise at one level to knock the stilts from under them just as it would not be wise for a man who had climbed a high steep and desires to come down to earth to jump down instead of climbing down. An automatic reduction of ten per cent per annum would accomplish almost everything that is desired in the way of gradually establishing a revenue tariff."

Double Action Prescription.
 On a wet and bitter night in winter old Dr. B. was summoned from his snug home to attend a farmer threatened with pneumonia. The farmer's wife, a little woman resembling a scared bird, reported that the patient called for hot punch, but that she awaited the doctor's permission before giving it.

"Make it," said Dr. B. "Make it as soon as you can, strong and hot, and let me see it."

The little woman soon fluttered in with the smoking punch. The doctor took it from her hands, examined it, smelled it, then drank it off and it smacked his lips in critical satisfaction.

"Exactly," he said. "Give your husband one just like it, only half as much."—Lippincott's.

The man who goes out to look for a four-leaved clover is lucky not to be the victim of poison ivy, a mad pig, mosquito bites or bee stings, bull, moquito bites or bee stings, even though he may find what he was looking for.

Murphy's Mail.
 A freckle-faced girl stopped at the postoffice and yelled out: "Anything for the Murphys?"
 "No, there is not," said the postmaster.

Anything for Jane Murphy?
 "Nothing."
 "Anything for Ann Murphy?"
 "No."
 "Anything for Bob Murphy?"
 "No, not a bit."
 "Anything for Jerry Murphy?"
 "Anything for Lize Murphy?"
 "No, nor for Pat Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor John, Jack nor Jim Paul Murphy, nor any Murphy, dead, living, unborn, native or foreign, civilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or disfranchised, natural or otherwise." Not franchised is positively nothing individual, jointly, severally, now and forever."
 The girl looked at the postmaster in astonishment and said: "Please see if there is anything for Clarence Murphy. There is anything for Clarence Murphy."—National Monthly.

Some men never succeed because they are always afraid of doing more than their share.



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NEWLANDS OFFERS AMENDMENT TO FREE LIST BILL

By Associated Press.
 Washington, July 29.—Commenting on the waste of time and effort on the part of congress in revising the tariff schedules, Senator Newlands, of Nevada yesterday urged the senate to amend the free list bill for an automatic reduction of prohibitory duties which would gradually bring them to a revenue basis. His contention was that a general provision should be put in the law providing that whenever it appears the importations of any dutiable article have been, for a year preceding less than one-tenth of the total domestic production of similar articles, the duty shall be reduced at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until the importations shall equal one-tenth of such domestic production, the reduction then to cease and the matter referred to Congress.

Mr. Newlands urged that by this method a reduction of the excessive and prohibitory duties of the tariff would be accomplished without imposing a flood of foreign importations and without disturbing American industries. He claimed that a large proportion of the duties of the existing tariff were prohibitory and not revenue duties.

"The duties of congress and its committees in the revision of tariff," said Mr. Newlands, "would thus be very much lightened and the work of the computation would be thrown upon the tariff board, which could ascertain the facts upon the existence of which the tariff reduction would be based. In this way a reduction can be accomplished which will excite no alarm, as the law itself will provide a safety brake and the reduction whenever the importations exceed a certain percentage. Such an amendment would not be a recognition of the principle of protection by democrats if they concurred in it; it would simply be a recognition of the fact of protection and would provide for a gradual change and reduction to a revenue basis without economic readjustments."

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Many Accidents In Statesville

Special to The News.
 Statesville, July 29.—A chapter of accidents yesterday afternoon kept some of the Statesville physicians on the go. Fortunately, none of the victims of the accidents are dangerously hurt, though all had narrow escapes.

Adjutant General R. L. Leinster, of Raleigh, who came to Statesville Wednesday to attend the funeral of his father, had a close call yesterday afternoon at the home of his mother when he took by mistake a dose of kresol for cough medicine. Kresol is a disinfectant and is very poisonous. A physician was called at once and through prompt action soon relieved him, but it was a close call for had the medical aid been delayed the dose may have proved fatal.

In Concord township yesterday afternoon about six miles from Statesville, Carl Sharpe, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Lee Sharpe, was run over by a wagon and painfully hurt.

While at work with a saw mill force about seven miles east of Statesville yesterday afternoon Dick Clark, colored, was caught under a heavy log and one of his legs was badly mangled, the bone being broken in several places. The circumstances under which he was hurt are not known.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ERVIN.

Special to The News.
 Statesville, July 29.—The remains of Mrs. Thomas B. Ervin, who died at her home in Salisbury Wednesday, were brought to Statesville, yesterday afternoon and interred in the city cemetery in a grave beside those of a son and a daughter of the deceased. The Ervin family formerly lived in Statesville, going from here to Salisbury a year ago. Deceased was 40 years old and leaves a husband and three children.

Mr. William Edwards, an attorney, formerly of Nebraska, now of Asheville, and Mr. J. D. Perkins, an attorney from Virginia, arrived in Statesville yesterday to take depositions in a claim Mr. Edwards is prosecuting against the government, for tobacco which was destroyed when Sherman's troops burned the depot at Statesville in April, 1865. The claimant is Fredrick Ayers, of Hinton, W. Va., who is represented by Mr. Edwards, and \$30,000 is the amount asked for.

Childlike and Bland.
 "Pop, did God make everything and everybody?"
 "Certainly, my boy."
 "It's queer; you're always saying that you are a self-made man."—Judge.

REAPING BENEFIT.
 From the Experience of Charlotte People.
 We are fortunate indeed to be able to profit by the experience of our neighbors. The public attentions of Charlotte residents on the following subject will interest and benefit thousands of our readers. Read this statement. No better proof can be had.

Robert H. Holbrooks, 502 W. Tenth St., Charlotte, N. C., says: "I am sorry I did not use Doan's Kidney Pills sooner for if I had, they would have spared me a great deal of suffering and expense. My back pained me continually and there were times when it was difficult for me to stoop. I also had a great deal of trouble from irregular passages of the kidney secretions. Hearing about Doan's Kidney Pills, I tried them and in a few weeks I was entirely cured. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other."

Mother—"Did do as I told you do Mrs. Winter's and not ask the second time for pie?"
 Willie—"Yes, ma. I didn't have to ask only once. I got the first piece 'thout askin'."—Boston Transcript.

Popular Excursion to Portsmouth-Norfolk, Va., via Seaboard Air-Line Railway, Tuesday, August 1st, 1911.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will operate their Annual Popular Excursion to Portsmouth-Norfolk, Va., Tuesday, August 1st, 1911, at very low rates for the round trip.

Special train will leave Charlotte Tuesday, August 1st, at 3:30 p. m., will consist of first class day coaches and Pullman sleepers, arriving in Portsmouth, Va., Wednesday, August 2nd at 10:00 a. m., returning leave Portsmouth Thursday, August 3rd, at 8:15 p. m. This train will be operated on very fast schedule in both directions.

Very low round trip rates from all points from Rutherfordton, N. C., to Cary, N. C., and from Clarkton to Hamlet, N. C., connecting at Charlotte and Hamlet with excursion train.

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Following round trip rates will apply from station named:

Rutherfordton to Co. Mt. Holly	\$5.00
Charlotte, N. C.	4.50
Matthews to Russellville	4.50
Wadesboro to Hamlet	4.00
Cognac to Lemon Springs	3.75
Sanford to Cary	3.50
Clarkton to Alma	4.50
Maxton to Old Hundred	4.25
Children under 12 years of age half above rates. Pullman sleepers will be attached to this train and reservations for berths should be made at once, price double lower berth one way \$2.25, price double upper berth one way \$1.80. For reservations write at once to James Ker, Jr., T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.	
For further information call on your nearest agent, see large hand bills, or write undersigned.	
JAMES KER, JR., T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.	
H. S. LEARD, D. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.	

Special Train to Wilmington via Southern Railway.

For accommodation of Veterans and others going to Wilmington to reunion of North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans, the Southern Railway will operate special train from Charlotte to Wilmington, N. C., via Greensboro, Sanford and Fayetteville, leaving Charlotte at 8:00 a. m. Tuesday August 1st. Greatly reduced rate tickets will be sold for this division from all points in North Carolina, and will be good to return on any regular train up to, and including trains leaving Wilmington, Aug. 6th.

Following round trip rates will apply from stations named:

Charlotte, N. C.	\$4.15
Salisbury, N. C.	4.15
Statesville, N. C.	4.65
Mooresville, N. C.	4.65
High Point, N. C.	4.15
Lexington, N. C.	4.15
Greensboro, N. C.	3.85
For further information see any agent of Southern Railway or write R. H. DeBUTTS, Trav. Pass. Agt., to Aug 1 Charlotte, N. C.	

N. & W. Railway

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 10:25 am Lv. Charlotte to Ry. 8:30 pm.
 2:05 pm Lv. Winston N&W 2:05 pm.
 5:39 pm Lv. Martville N&W Ar. 11:40 am.
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The series has 1,193 shares, which means we will pay our shareholders \$119,300.00, made up as follows, viz:

Canceled Mortgages	\$48,560.00
Free Shares	70,740.00
Total	\$119,300.00

On these 1,193 shares their owners have paid us in installments \$99,317.25, so we will return to them their entire payments to us, with \$19,982.75 added. This is a fairly good dividend, don't you think? So much for maturing shares.

Our last series, the 57th, was a record-breaker, 4,632 shares having been actually paid for. We are proud of this and are looking forward to our 58th series, anticipating an equally good or better record.

Books will open August 1st and subscriptions may be made and applications for loans filed any time during August. Payments commence the first Saturday in September. We want you to come in with us.

R. E. Cochrane Secretary and Treasurer.
J. H. Wearn President.

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