

CONDITION OF CROPS

As Shown by Reports to the Weather Bureau—Cotton All Open and Progressing Rapidly.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, September 15.—Following are extracts from the summary of the weekly climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau:

North Carolina—Very warm week, with almost no rain; in streams and wells falling; sweet potatoes, peas, turnips and rice deteriorating; weather favorable for picking cotton, which is over half out, also favorable for gathering corn and for having; very little fall plowing or seeding yet done; tobacco nearly all housed.

South Carolina—Clear, hot weather; driest week of the season; cotton all open and over-picked; entire crop will be gathered this month; weather permitting, yield smaller than previously estimated.

Georgia—Cotton about all open and farmers are neglecting everything to push ahead, picking as rapidly as possible to save what they can.

Florida—Excellent week for harvesting cotton and crop will be picked before the 30th inst., excepting sections of some southern counties.

Alabama—Harvesting and ginning continues; cotton picking and ginning progressing rapidly and bulk of crop will be gathered this month.

Mississippi—Favorable for harvesting all crops generally; cotton picking being pushed forward rapidly; some harvesters and others nearly completed; scarcity of labor and delay to the completion in top crops.

Texas—Dry weather has continued, except in a few sections, and has been favorable for cotton picking, which is being rushed; the continued drought lessens the outlook for a top crop, and in many sections there is no top crop.

Arkansas—No improvement in condition of cotton and it is now too late for improvement; from one-third to one-half of crop picked, and picking has been delayed by hot weather.

CONSUL GEN. LEE

Demands Full Report from Weyer of the Alleged Sabotage in Cuba of Charles Goeben, an American Citizen.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The State Department is manifesting an active interest in the reported hacking to pieces of the Spanish Goeben, an American newspaper correspondent, and Consul General Lee has demanded a full report on the affair from the Spanish Consul at Havana.

The report is being handled by the State Department in the light of the fact that the Goeben was a passenger on the Spanish steamer and was bound to a tree and hacked to pieces with machetes. Consul General Lee will press his demands to a conclusion as promptly as possible.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Weak and Lower—Corn and Oats Declined in Symptom—January Land Closed Unchanged—Pork and Lard Lower.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, September 15.—Wheat opened 90 to 90 3/4, declined to 89 3/4, closing at 89 1/2—5/8c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weaker and 3/4c under last week.

May corn opened at 24 1/2c, declined to 24 1/4c, closing at 24 1/4c—3/8c under yesterday. Cash corn was easy and 3/4c lower.

May oats closed 23 3/4c under yesterday. Cash oats were steady for good quality, but poorer grades were easy and about 3/4c lower.

Provisions—The speculative atmosphere of the grain markets being weak dampened the feeling in provisions. Temporary steadiness succeeded the opening, but it was not sustained and quotations were marked lower.

A partial recovery to correspond with that of wheat took place before the close. January pork closed 1/4c lower, January lard unchanged, and January ribs 2 1/2c lower.

NORFOLK & WESTERN.

Sold by Order of Court Under Foreclosure of Mortgage.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Va., September 15.—The Norfolk and Western Railroad system, except the Maryland and Washington and the Lynchburg and Durham branches was sold here today by George E. Bowden and Charles Sharp, special masters, by order of the United States Court under the foreclosure of what is known as its one hundred year mortgage.

The sale was made to George Coppel, J. Kennedy, J. B. Morawetz and W. E. Givan, all of New York, who represent the Reorganization Committee of the bondholders.

BASE BALL.

Result of Games Played Yesterday at Various Places.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND—Chicago, 6; Cleveland, 4; Louisville—St. Louis, 13; Louisville, 14.

Washington—Washington, 4; Brooklyn, 1.

ARK YOU TIRED all the time? Then your blood needs to be enriched and purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier. It gives vigor and vitality.

HOOD'S PILLS are very easy to take and easy to operate. Cures indigestion and biliousness. 35c.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, September 15.—Spirits turpentine steady, quiet at 24@24 1/4c. Rosin quiet; strained common to good \$1 60@1 63 1/2.

CHARLESTON, September 15.—Spirits turpentine firm at 20 1/4@21 1/4c; sales: B. C. D. \$1.80, E. F. \$1.85, G. \$1.45, I. \$1.50, K. \$1.55, M. \$1.60, N. \$1.65, W. G. \$1.80, W. W. \$1.90.

SAVANNAH, September 15.—Spirits turpentine firm at 23 1/4c; sales: 70c cask; receipts 70 cask; sales after the close of the market at 2 1/2c higher. Rosin in strong demand; sales 100 barrels; receipts 109 barrels; A. B. C. D. \$1.40, E. F. G. H. I. \$1.50, K. \$1.55, M. \$1.60, N. \$1.65, W. G. \$1.80, W. W. \$1.90.

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BRYAN IN KENTUCKY.

EVERYWHERE RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC REJOICING.

Men, Women and Children Assemble by Thousands to Greet Him—Bale Did Not Suppress the Halleluiah.

Speakers at Frankfort, Lexington, Louisville, and Mayville.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 15.—The train on which Mr. Bryan made his journey to-day was run as the second section of the regular Frankfort accommodation. Mr. Bryan and his party, which included Senator Blackburn, Representative Allen, of Mississippi, Representative Stone, of Kentucky, Gen. Wm. Hartranft, of others of prominence occupied the same special car used on yesterday's journey, furnished by Urey Woodson, the Democratic National Committee agent in this State.

A heavy rain set in shortly after the candidate left Louisville, and the damp atmosphere had its effect on his already aching head, but he made the first speech of the day. As he thoroughly tired out as Mr. Bryan was last night after one of the hardest days in his campaign, he was somewhat of a stranger to the morning and ready for another ordeal, and even his voice gained strength after he had spoken awhile and it came a sudden voice when he made the first speech of the day. As he thoroughly tired out as Mr. Bryan was last night after one of the hardest days in his campaign, he was somewhat of a stranger to the morning and ready for another ordeal, and even his voice gained strength after he had spoken awhile and it came a sudden voice when he made the first speech of the day.

At Eminence, where the train arrived at 9:15 o'clock, banners waved in the streets and a brass band was on hand. Mr. Bryan was in the midst of his remarks when the clouds broke. A yell went up from the crowd, numbering at least 2,500, and some ran for shelter, but the majority held their places, huddled together under a sea of umbrellas. Mr. Bryan would stop talking until the rain ceased, but the crowd would not let him, and he went on. Among other things he said:

"If any man in this community would offer to buy all the eggs produced at 25 cents per dozen and was able to make good the offer nobody would sell eggs, or less, no matter what the cost of production, whether one cent or five cents a dozen. So with silver. Free coinage would establish the market price of silver at \$1.29 and nobody would sell it for a cent less. During the last five years the production of gold has increased more rapidly proportionally than any other metal, and yet gold has advanced, owing to our present financial system."

A few people braved the rain to get a peep at the candidate at Christiansburg. At several small station crowds cheered the train as it whisked by. Rain did not suppress the enthusiasm of the people. At one of the stations Mr. Bryan spoke during his short stop at Frankfort this morning. The L. & N. tracks run directly in front of the station and the people were packed in front of the grand old buildings was packed with a solid mass of umbrella bearers when Mr. Bryan's train drew near, after a pause of a few minutes it stopped at Frankfort at 10:30 o'clock. A stand covered with banners and lithographs of Bryan had been erected on the edge of the Capitol grounds and a crowd of people gathered there, a few steps only from where the train halted. Mayor Julian introduced Mr. Bryan, while the crowd cheered him when he was permitted to talk as follows:

"Ladies and gentlemen: I am in hearty accord with the declarations contained in the report of the State Convention. [Cheers.] Sometimes people have described party platforms as like the platforms of railroad coaches, made to get the people out of the car and onto the street. [Laughter.] But that is not my idea of a party platform. I have been reared in this school of Democracy which taught me that a party is not a mere tool to be exercised the authority conferred by law, was the servant of those for whom he labored and that they have a right to prescribe the course of conduct. [Applause.] The adoption of platform as the recognition of the right of the people to instruct the public servant. It is a recognition of the fact that subordination to the party platform is not the people upon the great issue, but to act for the people after they themselves have thought. [Applause.] If I am elected, I shall take for granted that the people are in favor of the policies for which I stand at this time, and the people shall never have cause to complain of the course of the party, but I advocate. [Cheers, long and continued applause.] [A voice, "What's the matter with Joe Blackburn?"]

Mr. Bryan, to Joe Blackburn, where he always is, in the front of every fight. [Great applause.] It seems to me that this campaign demonstrates more than any recent campaign the power of the people to govern themselves. [Cheers.] In ordinary times people let the machinery of the party control them, but in times of great emergency, the people themselves assert their sovereign right to conduct public affairs. [Cheers.] The Democratic party has proved in the recent campaign its capacity for the people to do what they please in a measure which concerns them. We entered upon a great contest in the Democratic party in which Democracy differed; some believe in a gold standard, a voice, and let them go! and some believe in the free coinage of silver, and the classical Democrats went before the primaries throughout the States to determine before the people themselves what should be the policy of the Democratic party. We believe that a majority of the party had a right to control the policy of the party. [Applause and cheers.] Not only the right to control the policy of the party, but the right to retain the party name by so controlling it. [Applause.] The battle was fought out at Chicago, and in a regularity of the majority of the Democrats of this Union declared for the immediate restoration of free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver. [Applause.] It is a matter of 10 to 1 [applause] without waiting for the consent or aid of any other nation. [Applause.]

VERMILION, Ky., Sept. 15.—Rain was falling heavily from 10 to 11 o'clock, and reached the little town of Rain at 11:30 this morning, and the people who were expecting a speech from Mr. Bryan, were disappointed on account of the weather. They crowded around the train and asked for a few words, but Mr. Bryan decided not to talk at Midway. Mr. Bryan, Senator Blackburn, Representative Allen, of Mississippi, National Committee man Woodson, and the others in the Presidential nomination party were transferred to a special train on the Southern Railway, in which they proceeded to Versailles, the L. & N. special going on from one train to another in a carriage from most of those with him had a race with a hundred yards of mud, along with a crowd of several hundred men and boys. Mr. Bryan reached Versailles at 12:30. A band was at the station playing "Old Kentucky Home" when the train came in, and when the train lead and followed by a troop of horsemen, he was escorted to a stand erected on the beautiful thoroughfare. Here Mr. Bryan spoke to several hundred people and then went off to Senator Blackburn's residence, where a banquet was served to a large party.

LEXINGTON, Ky., September 15.—William J. Bryan was given a rousing reception here. He made a speech at the fair grounds on an immense audit before an estimated crowd of 12,000 to 20,000 people, who were present to see the famous grandstand, said to hold 8,000 people, was used by spectators to the extent of three-fourths of its capacity. In the lower stand which was packed with humanity, nearly all the places were filled by men, while in the upper story a majority of the on-lookers were women. On the track in front of the kitchen-like judge's stand, from which Mr. Bryan made his address, several thousand men and boys stood aside-despising mud, and where about the stand were a couple of thousand more spectators.

Mr. Bryan, Senator Blackburn and a big party of Democrats from Louisville and other places in the State, reached Lexington on Versailles over the Southern Railway at 3 p. m., and were met by State Senator Bronson, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and a number of local supporters. Mr. Bryan was presented by State Senator Bronson. Just after the candidate had begun his speech a heavy shower drove many spectators from the field, but their places were taken by a continuous stream of constantly arriving people.

One of the pleasant incidents of the day was the parade of over 900 horsemen, which passed over the road which Mr. Bryan was speaking. In the middle of his speech the equestrians made their appearance, carrying banners, and cheering Mr. Bryan as they passed. They were a very impressive sight. They cheered him time and again, and fell in line at the outskirts of the crowd and listened to the rest of his speech. Mr. Bryan said in part:

"Nature smiles upon your husbandry. Your soil gives forth in rich profusion, and your fields are green and bright as farmer, with all he can do with his industry, with his economy, with all his patient toil, he finds that the load of the American farmer grows heavier each year. [Great applause.] In olden times, under the rule of those who waded and swept the sower as they deemed by right, the complaint was uttered in the land of the free, but now the just complaint of the toiling millions of the United States is answered by charges that they are Anarchists and Socialists. [Great applause.]

"Friends, there is one unfortunate thing in connection with the use of the word Anarchist as applied to the farmers of this country. Anarchy is a thing not to be considered in a land like this. Anarchy can have no home among the people who have the ballot to right their wrongs. [Great applause.] And the unfortunate thing about this campaign is that when the name 'Anarchist' is applied to the bone and muscle of this country by men who are doing more to overthrow our Government than any Anarchist who ever carried out a revolution, the name 'Anarchist' is applied to the toiling millions by men who seek without toil to usurp the fruits and reap the rewards of the toiling millions. [Uproarious applause and loud cheering.] I protest against the use of the name for the purpose which deprives it of all its terrors."

"My friends, those who are opposed to me cannot afford to place the farmers of this country and the laborers of this country in the position of enemies of government, because they are the only ones who support our government. [Applause.]

"My friends these very men who are abused and despised by those who doubt the capacity of the masses for self-government are the very people who in times of emergency must protect their callumaxians from themselves and their associates. [Applause.]

"My friends there is not a syndicate that has preyed upon the public which would not rather try its case against another syndicate before the common people of this country than before a jury made up of another syndicate. [Great applause.] I shall remember this speech because it is the most splendid of the parade of which I have ever been my good fortune to witness. [Applause.] And they bore banners which present motions which make any other motion in this country a mere shadow. [Applause.] The motto 'Our bars are full, but our pockets are empty.' [Applause.] And in that sentence is epitomized twenty years of farming history in the United States."

"On the conclusion of his speech Mr. Bryan was driven to his special car at Versailles by Lexington, followed by the parade which had met part of his escort to the grounds. The train left for Mayville at 5 p. m.

MAYVILLE, Ky., Sept. 15.—Mr. Bryan spent the night at Mayville, and to-night by addressing several thousand people during a heavy rainstorm.

He reached Mayville by a special train from Lexington at 9:30, and the Lexington train, scheduled to leave there at 10:45 to night for Knoxville and Harrison, Tenn.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, September 15.—The Sun says: Cotton declined four to six points, but recovered the loss and advanced seventeen to twenty-two points, closing very steady, with sales of \$19,500 bales. The week's features: The weekly Government report was the principal factor in the speculation to-day, and as it was decidedly bullish prices advanced sharply. As first there was a slight decline in sympathy with the weakness in Liverpool, due to large offerings of spot cotton from the South and an absence of buyers, but later the weekly spot here advanced, the Southern spot markets were active, the exports from the ports were liberal, New Orleans advanced to \$11.00, and bought and shorts covered. The Texas Commissioner of Agriculture reiterated his previous estimate of the Texas crop of 1,700,000 bales. Liverpool sold freely. Hagdon & Co. bought heavily. The weekly report said that in Texas the continued drought lessens the outlook for a top crop, and in many sections there is no top crop. In Louisiana work has begun on the late cotton in some localities. In Arkansas there is no improvement in the condition of the crop, and it is now too late for improvement.

WARM WIRELETS. S. W. Loomis, wholesale clothing dealer, Boston, has assigned. Liabilities are said to exceed \$100,000. Considerable excitement prevails in commercial circles in Havana. The Spanish bank has closed its exchange department.

The U. S. Treasury gold reserve at the close of this morning, just as the express wagon drove to the office door to unload matter received from the north-bound Mobile & Ohio train at 3 a. m., two masked men stepped from around the corner, covering the driver and eight clerk with pistols, ordering them into the Express of Ohio Railway. Both men pulled out to open the safe. After securing such plunder as they could, the robbers escaped. The amount of booty secured has not yet been ascertained.

Acting Secretary Hamlin has wired the collector of customs at Wilmington, Del., to release the retained schooner "Clyde" at his instance, the vessel is not designed to engage in violations of the law.

The financial situation at New Orleans is reported as improving. The U. S. Treasury is said to have \$100,000 of money there, having forwarded during Monday and yesterday about \$1,000,000.

J. V. Northam & Co., wholesale and retail liquor dealers, continued judgment in favor of the Atlas National Bank for \$25,000. The liabilities are \$125,000 or more, with assets 90 per cent in cash of bullion.

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EXPRESS ROBBERY

By Two Masked Men at West Point, Mississippi.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Receipts and Expenditures—Condition of the Gold Reserve.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—For the first half of September the receipts have aggregated \$18,000,000 and the expenditures \$18,651,000, leaving a small deficit so far. The receipts are running \$3,000,000 lighter than for the same period of September last, but expenditures are being kept down by the daily sale of \$24,000,000