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THE CROPS.

Statistical Report of the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The Statistical Report of the Department of Agriculture makes an increase of only one half of one per cent. in the condition of corn. The past month has been very generally favorable, but the status of the large part of the crop was fixed at the date of the previous report. General average of condition is 72.8 instead of 72.3. The average of the seven surplus States is 64.9 instead of 64.2 in September. This is a lower condition than has ever been reported, except in 1881, when the average was nearly seven points lower, and the average yield 13.9 bushels. The indication is now for a yield of a small fraction over twenty bushels per acre. The exact area, exclusive of that cut for fodder as not worth harvesting, is not yet determined. The slight uncertainty regarding it may cause a variation in the final record of one or two per cent. from 1,500,000,000 bushels.

year. The acreage, which is large in Dakota, will make partial compensation, and bring the product nearly of quite to 450,000,000 bushels. The rate of yield in New York is 16.7 bushels; Pennsylvania 10.5, Ohio 12.4, Michigan 13.3, Indiana 15.5, Illinois 15.2, Wisconsin 10.3, Minnesota 9.5, Iowa 10, Missouri 17, Kansas 9.6, Nebraska 10.7, Dakota 10.5, California 13.8.

The yield of oats is slightly below an average of about 25 bushels per acre. The product is fully 600,000,000 bushels. In the principal States of the Central Valley region the State averages a range from 25 to 30 bushels.

The barley yield is nearly 20 per cent. less than the medium yield, or about 20 bushels per acre. New York 20.3, Michigan 19.5, Wisconsin 18.5, Minnesota 19, Iowa 19, California 20.5.

The yield of rye is 11.5 bushels per acre and the product about 24,000,000 bushels.

There has been a drop in the condition of buckwheat from 89 to nearly 77.

The condition of potatoes has declined from 67.3 to 61.5, partly from the appearance of rot in the Atlantic States.

The condition of cotton has far declined. The effect of the drought in reducing vitality and arresting growth is more apparent than on the 1st of September. The general average has been reduced from 82.8 to 76.5. It is still several points higher than in 1883 and 1884, and ten points higher than in 1881. The average of the condition by States is as follows: North Carolina 78, South Carolina 79, Georgia 77, Florida 79, Alabama 76, Mississippi 77, Louisiana 78, Texas 75, Arkansas 75, Tennessee 74.

The condition of tobacco averages 75.5, against 70.8. The figures for the States producing shipping and cutting leaf are—Maryland 92, Virginia 90, North Carolina 91, Kentucky 62, Ohio 56, Indiana 43, Illinois 58, Missouri 50, Tennessee 57.

Songs of the War.

One of the most interesting articles in "The Century" for August is from the pen of Brander Matthews, who gives the history of the most famous war songs. Of all these songs Mr. Matthews thinks but two are finer than "Yankee Doodle" and the "Star Spangled Banner," and these are "John Brown's Body" and "Marching through Georgia." Of the former, the genesis of both words and music is obscure. His conjectural construction of the story of the song is briefly:

In 1856, William Steffe of Philadelphia was asked by a fire company in Charleston, S. C., to write an air to certain verses, the chorus of which began, "Say, bammers, will you meet us?" After the air had served its purpose a new set of words was fitted to it, and it became the camp-meeting hymn, "Say, brothers, will you meet us?" In 1860, the same air was given to Republican campaign songs.

When Fort Sumter was fired on, the campaign songs, the street songs, among which was "Tell John Andrews John Brown's Dead," were fused, as it were, and "John Brown's Body" came into being. Mr. Matthews says this song was put together by a quartet of men in the Massachusetts Tigers, and the soldiers of the Twelfth Massachusetts Regiment sang it as they marched down Broadway, July 24, 1861. They sang it incessantly until 1862, and by that time the whole nation was familiar with it.

The most popular war song of the South was "My Marylan." James R. Randall was its author. He was a native of Baltimore, but in April, 1861, was residing in New Orleans. From the papers of that city he read a highly-colored account of the attack on the Massachusetts troops while they were passing through Baltimore. He worked himself up into a fever of excitement, and then wrote the words. Afterward the verses were set to the music of "Lauriger Horatius," a favorite college song of a jovial character.

"Dixie" was another popular song. It was composed in 1859, according to Mr. Matthews, by Dan D. Emmett, as a "walk around" for Bryant's minstrels. Emmett had travelled with circuses, had heard circus men speak of the country south of Mason and Dixon's line as Dixie, and had heard them wish themselves there as soon as Northern days became uncomfortably cold. "I wish I was in Dixie," they used to say, and it was upon this that Emmett founded his song. In the fall of 1860, Mrs. John Wood sang "Dixie" in New Orleans, in John Brougham's burlesque, "Pocahontas." Southern words to suit the tune had been written by Gen. Albert Pike, and the air was also used by the Republican campaign singers at the North.

"The Bonnie Blue Flag" also came from the theatre. The tune is an old Hibernian melody, according to Mr. Matthews, "The Irish Jaunting Car." The words were written by an Irish comedian, Har-

ry McCarthy. "The Bonnie Blue Flag" became at once popular, but was not so much sung as was "Dixie" or "Lorena," the Northern equivalent of "Just before the Battle, Mother." The latter was composed, words and music, by George F. Root of Chicago, who was also the author of "The Battle Cry of Freedom" and of "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching." All of Mr. Root's songs were immensely popular with the soldiers, but the first favorite was probably "The Battle Cry of Freedom."

Beyond a doubt, the most popular war song at the North is "Marching through Georgia." Probably Gen. Sherman has heard it a million times. He thinks he has, anyway, for the bands play it wherever he goes—pretty much as "Hail to the Obier" is played wherever the President shows his head. This was written by Henry C. Work, who was fond of reflecting the rude negro rhythms, and was familiar with the songs of the cotton field and levee. Mr. Matthews says, however, that "Marching through Georgia" was not founded on a negro air, and he regards the tune as new and fresh and spirited, "the chief musical legacy of the war."

"We are Coming, Eather Abraham, Three Hundred Thousand More" appeared originally in the "New York Evening Post," and as the author's name was not given, the public believed for a time that William Cullen Bryant wrote it. But its author was John S. Gibbons, a Quaker, who, so Mr. Matthews says, has "reasonable leaning toward wrath," in cases of emergency. The famous war song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," was written by P. S. Gilmore. Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was written, Mrs. Howe says, in the dim twilight of the early morning after a night given to thought of the subject, in which the lines were gradually worked out. The title was given to it by James T. Fields of the "Atlantic Monthly."—Roch. Post Exp.

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