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TEST WILL BE MADE AT THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

FIRST TRIAL IS SUCCESSFUL

Crop Was Harvested Ninety Days After Seeding—Heads Four Inches Long.

(Special Prankfort Correspondence.)

Frankfort—Kentucky spring wheat will be tested out at the agricultural experimental station as the result of a successful trial made by F. C. Dickson, of Tipton, with a sowing secured from Duluth. He planted the wheat on April 3 and in ninety days reaped a few rows of hard wheat. His heads from these rows are four inches in length as compared with heads averaging two to two and a half inches for the field wheat. Gerson Zorn, of Louisville, who sent Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman specimens of the wheat, said he understood the same quality of wheat sold in Duluth for $1.90. The advantage, besides the larger yield and higher price commanded by this wheat, is that the farmer can sow it sooner crop in the fall and plow it under in the spring before planting the wheat, thus increasing the productivity of the soil. This is the first known successful effort to raise spring wheat in Kentucky.

Pension List is Growing.

The Confederate pension roll now totals 2,935, representing an expenditure of $235,000 a month. The state is paying $311,200 annually for pensions. The Confederate Pension Board has granted the following pensions: Oliver Hodge, Campbell county; Natalie Owens, Jefferson county; Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, Jefferson county; Mrs. Scott, county; Jane Potter, Pike county; William Harper, Gallatin county; Thomas Rousey, Fulton county; Samuel P. Reader, Jefferson county; Kirtley T. Reid, Ohio county; Jerry Rodgers, Harrison county; A. A. Rizzins, Bedford county; Moses Spears, Greenup county; Mrs Tennessee C. Tandy, Christian county; William P. Tatman, Calloway county; Anna Waddle, Jefferson county; Ambrose Watts, Breathitt county; David Welch, Trimble county; Alice A. Hunter, Caldwell county; J. F. Prince, Spencer county; Mrs. Mary Drew, Richmond county; David N. Gordon, Henry county; Jesse Ann Carty, Scott county; Lail Florence, Harrison county; Samantha F. Alexander, Lincoln county; John F. Ashworth, Lincoln county; Annie B. Ayres, Logan county; Laura Bell, Elliott county; F. H. Bingham, Union county; Mildred Bland, Hickman county; Laura J. Bliffoster, Nelson county; Emma C. Brown, Kenton county; Julia Brown, Nelson county; Mrs. Lucy Bush, Lyon county; Alex Bryant, Jefferson county; Rebecca C. Burton, Calloway county; Clifton Cain, Morrison county; James Cecil Clark, Carter county; Viola Clement, Jefferson county; Mrs. Ann Cox, Hardin county; Sarah Jane Gordon, Kenton county; J. W. Craigmiles, Hardin county; Martha A. Garrett, Pulaski county; Lucinda Dorsey, Taylor county; A. J. Gabbard, Floyd county; A. R. Ham, Nicholas county; Martha F. Hinkle, Shelby county; Margaret Houze, Harrison county; J. H. Jones, Greve county; Kate Jost, Washington county; Mary Kincheloe, Kenton county; John M. Mathis, Carter county; Bettie McPherson, Jefferson county; Elizabeth Moore, Caldwell county; and John W. Mosely.

Primary Election Officers.

Precinct election officers who conducted the regular election last fall declared the primary election held on the 4th of August to be the most quiet affair of the kind ever held in the county. Officers for the primary election were appointed at the last election, and each precinct had the same officers that were serving in the primary. It recommended that the compensation of the judges and the commissioners. Twenty-five per cent of the candidates voted a straight party affiliations, may perform an election officer of that party. Those appointed as a precinct, 50 per cent to vote two, and 75 per cent to vote three. Atty Gen Garnett contended that the election inspectors must, in fact, especially as to voting the official ballot. William Bailey, of Fort Jefferson, Ky., is the first to apply for the position of inspector.

Governor Address Guards.

In an address delivered at Owensboro Governor Stanley the review of the Kentucky National Guard, Gov. McCreary declared that he hoped there would be none with honor. "If the flag of the United States is insulted or dishonored by sword, "I am ready for war. In the position of commander-in-chief and governor of Kentucky, I represent the people for the preservation of the honor of the state and nation. I would machine-gun to-day if necessary."

State Aid Given to Forest Fires.

The United States forest service announced that it has appropriated $4,000 to the State of Kentucky to be used in fighting forest fires on state and private land. This appropriation must be made under the Weeks law and is conditional upon the state raising at least an equal amount. Under the law the Federal funds can be used only to pay the salaries of forest patrolmen or lookout men. The money will be disbursed under the State Board of Forestry or as much of it as may be needed.

Contest Over Tariffs.

The taking of evidence on the complaints of the Cabin Creek Coal Co., Big Clear Creek Coal Co., and the Cabin Pluff Co., all of Cincinnati, in the discrimination charges against the C. & O. Railroad Co. was called in tariff rates on coal from the West Virginia coal fields to Central Kentucky points, was completed. H. C. Ruffin, of Washington, D. C., examiner-attorney for the interstate commerce commission, presided. W. J. McGee, of Cincinnati, manager and treasurer for the Carbon Fuel Co., and C. R. Moriarity, of Cincinnati, western sales agent for the Cabin Creek Coal Co., testified, and R. A. Dickson, of Cincinnati, representing the Clear Creek Coal Co.; G. M. Freer, of Cincinnati, representing the traffic department of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, examined the witnesses. The tariff was canceled by the C. & O. Railroad because the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific railroad and the Louisville & Nashville railroad increased their proportion of the joint rates so high that the Cincinnati coal operators claimed the rate was prohibitive. They asserted that the rates were increased to give out their competition with the coal controlled on the C. N. O. & T. P. and L. & N. railroads. Counsel for the railroads contended that the only purpose was to prevent the operators on their roads and the C. N. O. & T. P. railroad claimed that it sent only destined to protect the coal operators on its road. Under its service additional charges for the narrow of rates in most cases by the two roads was 50 cents per ton. It was also testified that this increase was the first increase in rates since 1907, and that the rates charged by other roads for their vessels had been raised four times since then.

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Harrowing Spectacle Witnessed by Thousands on Bridges and Docks Unable to Render Any Assistance—Worst Ship Disaster in History.

Chicago, July 24.—About fifteen hundred lives were lost Saturday morning in the greatest ship calamity in history.

The steamship Eastland turned on its side at its dock in the Chicago river near Clark street at 7:40 in the morning. Aboard were 2,500 holiday makers, bent on the annual excursion to Michigan City given by the Western Electric company to its employees.

As the boat capsized hundreds on the upper deck were thrown in masses into the river. Those on lower decks were lost. Most of the other passengers, caught by the rush of water, ran to the upper decks, perished without chance of escape. Those who escaped from the icy waters graves in the sight of other thousands who lined the docks on the Clark street bridge, the wharves and the windows of buildings on the river.

Lieutenant General von Kneussel, who won the Order of Merit for being the first to enter the fortress of Przemysl with his Bavarian troops when it was taken by the Germans

Terror Greater Than Iroquois.

Chicago is still reeling in dread. The visitors' lists are still growing longer. The list of dead is added to daily as that following the Iroquois disaster. In point of victims is greater. It is the worst excursion boat horror on record in America. It claimed more victims than the wreck of the fire-swept General Slocum, eleven years ago, off Hell Gate in New York harbor.

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