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ONE YEAR'S HAIL BILL

Few people realize the amount of devastation caused by hail. The United States Weather Bureau has recently published some pertinent figures. It appears that the total estimated losses from 298 hailstorms in the United States during the year 1927 amounted to more than \$15,000,000. Part of this loss was due to high winds prevailing at the time of hailstorms. It is impossible to segregate the losses due to hail alone under such circumstances, but this cause was undoubtedly responsible for by far the greater part of the damage done. In 1926 there were 295 storms and the losses totaled \$12,000,000.

In the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska single hailstorms during 1927 wrought damage in excess of a million dollars, while one remarkable storm in Kansas, on June 2, caused losses estimated at two million dollars through the destruction of 30 square miles of promising wheat about ready for harvest.

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