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have caused their sister States to linger in wonder and admiration over the products of bluffy. their soil, and the enterprise of their citizens who have contributed to this unequaled dis-

Approaching from the south, one sees the verandas lined with people and a constant stream pouring in at the door, all anxious to gaze at this far famed exhibit.

The building is in the form of a maltese cross with office rooms in the door, all anxious building. Below the map a tier of graduated shelves is filled with samples of thresheld grain, completely covering this end of the building.

cross with office rooms in the corners formed at the intersections, each section is 132 tain, a beautiful bronze structure presented feet long by 46 feet wide. The hight of the wings to the eaves is 24 feet, and to centre and the fruit display is a handsome collection. ed at the intersections, each section is 132

The Kansas exhibit occupies the greatest length of the building from north to south, while Colorado has the west wing, and in the eastern one the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. has a special display of the products along its line.

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Commissioners have their office, in the and the growth of each year. southwest is the reading room where Kansans may look over the home news while they lounge in easy chairs, or entertain 10 feet from the ground, one stalk having 13

themselves with music and the company of ears upon it; wheat 5 to 61 feet high, oats the many friends they meet. In the northwest corner Colcrado offers equal attractions of music, pictures and the ed including buffalo grass 6 inches high

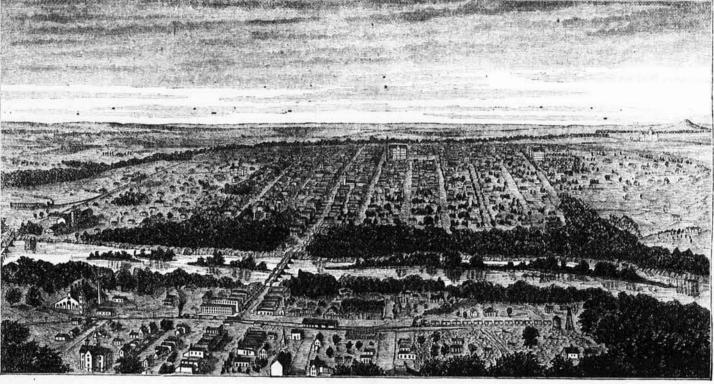
well appreciated collection of newspapers.

In the northeast corner are dressing rooms.

Both raw material and manufactured goods In the northeast corner are dressing rooms, here we found a flight of stairs which led of wool, cotton and silk are of good qualito the top of the building, and from there through the sky-light we looked down on a this is arranged to represent the dome of the beasts had broken loose and dined on Kan-Capitol at Washington, and reaches almost sas products. from the dome, and all are covered with fine specimens of apples and pears collected ducks, prairie chickens, wood-cock, and Bridge. from the farmers of the State, growing many little songsters, form a varied collecthem for their own use. About 90 varieties tion. Many good specimens of building are exhibited and they were collected from stone are shown. 45 counties.

One woman looked at the Osage Oranges sils. Near the center of the southern wing and remarked, what fine walnuts grew in Kansas. It is hopeless to wait for the crowd by the ladies of Wyandotte. to disperse, you must take your chance and ius in a century clock, which will not need ius in a century clock, which will not need

Next to the Architect who planned the winding until our next Centennial, and a few building, is the Artist who planned its decor-patents. ing is dispensed with and graceful grain and of minerals, of which she has a large and stately corn are pressed into service. Sus-valuable collection. pended from the dome is a fac simile of the Old Independence Bell, 8 feet 8 inches high, mountain, contributed and decorated by Mrs. diameter at open end 8 feet 9 inches. The outer rim is composed of wheat, millet, broom-corn and sorghum. The tongue consists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sists of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long, with a bell-shap-sist of a gourd 6 feet long fe ed gourd for a clapper, around the top the inscription "Proclaim Liberty to All" test, etc., is in millet and flax seed. Far up in the arches of the roof may be seen artistic on and among which the animals are group-



View of Topeka, the Capital of Kansas.

Shawnee County was organized in 1855. Received its name from ries from the north, Baubien, Cross, Soldier and Indian creeks; tribu-

gether at our great Centennial. Here Kansas and Colorado, by their united efforts,
have caused their sister States to linger in

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The corn cobs are left bare and the bales

The mineral collection is very rich in fos-

corn from 13 to 17½ feet high, with ears 8 to

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rusa one mile, smaller streams, various widths. General surface of the the county, on the north side of the Kansas river; stations, Topeka, tore a success. The exhibit of agriculture and Silver Lake and Rossville. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railbuffy.

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Total Ransas river; stations, Topeka, tore a success. The exhibit of agriculture and manufactures was not as large as at previous exhibitions, but was very creditable.

The stock department showed as decided improvement, in fact Greenwood county may justly

At the juncture of the two exhibits, hangs building. Below the map a tier of graduat-ed shelves is filled with samples of threshside, and the rolling prairies and sunny sky Immediately in front of this is the foun-

farmers grasp hands across the line.

From our Special Correspondent. THE ST. LOUIS FAIR

The St. Louis Fair or Exposition, which commenced on the 2d inst. and closed on the evening of the 7th inst. has, in many respects, been the best one yet held by the Association. In the southeast corner the Kansas State tions, showing the circumference of the tree The receipts on Thursday were nearly four thousand dollars in excess of those on the same day last year. It is believed that the establishment of the Zoological Department attracted thousands to the grounds, who usually 5 to 6½, rye 7, broom-corn over 18 feet. take but little interest in the other depart-Fourteen varieties of wild grass are display-ments of the Fair. It was at first feared that ments of the Fair. It was at first feared that he Centennial Exhibition would have deterred many from coming to the St. Louis Fair, but the facts go to show that it has not diminished the attendance. The Zoological Department will be open hereafter at all times, and as a through the sky-light we looked down on a mass of people surging around the luscious fruit so temptingly displayed before them. Association. Hereafter the St. Louis Fair to the bell suspended from the center of the roof. Tables are extended in four directions to the south wing of the building are castless and minerals. In the south wing of the building are castless are extended in four directions to the south wing of the building are castless and minerals. Huge pelicans, cranes, swans, geese, as much as Shaw's Garden or the Great

So far as the awards of premiums are concerned, especially on farm machinery, it may as well be stated that premiums in most cases had necessarily to be awarded on limited trials of excellence, that were by far too incomplete to give satisfaction to uninterested parties, or to those wishing to purchase. In the cattle department, too often Short horn breeders were selected as judges to pass upon the merits of The usual superabundance of bunt- Colorado's exhibits consisted principally Jersey cattle, and so on through all the departments. This however, let it be said in justice to the directors of the Association, was respective departments than of any one else.

pected to know of the milking qualities of an no sheep would a man be who made the fattening of sheep a specialty, and who was an earnest believer in Cotswolds, Southdowns or designs in grain or grasses.

Among them the suggestive K. K. K., which we must of course interpret differently from the "K. K. Ks.," so familiar a few years since, near the Kansas border. In the north end is an excellent map of the State, 24 feet long by 13 feet wide: above in hunter's costume and acouttements. State, 24 feet long by 13 feet wide; above this the great seal of the State is painted, resting on a foundation of corn and pumpkins, from the seal extend rays of cotton and miliar with the places which they represent.

Who know the points upon which a decision should, in justice to the exhibitor, be based Whoever is selected by the Association or the Agricultural Board to act as the superinten-

dent of a department, he should select his feel proud of the progress she is making committee from well known breeders in par-ticular line,s and spare no effort to have them on the ground promptly at the opening of the good. Among the agricultural products was Fair. If this were done, it would save a vast some very fine May wheat that weighed 671/2 amount of justifiable growling, and those who failed to get premiums could blame no one but themselves. Another word to the managers of Fair Associations; keep the whitewash brush out of the pens and stalls. You may whitewash all out of doors, but don't whitewash the pens inside or out. There are places where whitewashing is appropriate but it is not the pens of Merino sheep or Berkshires or sown. Short-horns.

The Short-horns fer which premiums were awarded were selections from the herds of J H. Kissenger & Co. of Clarksville, Mo; J. H Potts & Sons, Jacksonville, Ills.; W. & W. Pickrell, Mechanicsburg, Ills. and A. E. Kimberly, West Liberty, Iowa. DEVONS.

Fred Leiner, Sparta, Ill.

ALDERNEYS (OR JERSEYS).

and S. S. Stratton, Litchfield, Ills. STOCK MEN'S PREMIUM.

for the best car load of shipping cattle of not Some prairie breaking is being done. The loads were entered for the premiums offered. people are hopeful of the "good time coming." The judges awarded the 1st premium of \$200 to M. A. Stribling & Co. of Springfield, Kansas, and the second, \$100 to C. M. Lockland, of Mexico, Mo. It is expected that this will Nicholas Edick, proprietor, has turned out some become an interesting feature at the next and very nice syrup this fall, some of which had succeeding Fairs.

SWINE .- BERKSHIRES.

The heads of the following well known Pa.; J. W. Mason, Burnside, Ills,; David Press. \$1,50 to \$2, potatoes, 50.—Osage City Free Press. Gore & Son, Carlinville, Ills.; Kennedy & Nichols, Price P. O., Mo.; W. C. Norton, Al-Fairfield, Iowa.

POLAND CHINA.

Taylor Bros., Waynesville, Ills.; Jno. R. Mc.

CHESTER WHITE. S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio; E. R. Moody, Eminence, Ky. and Taylor Bros., Waynesville, Ills.

SUFFOLK AND ESSEX.
Frank Willson, Jackson, Mich.
and Taylor Bros., Waynesville, Ills. SHORT FACED LANCASHIRES.
G. W. Harris, Morrisania, N. Y.
THE SHEEP DEPARTMENT.

The exhibition was one of the best that has taken place in the West. The first premium for Merinos, one buck and ten ewes \$200, was awarded to Samuel Archer of Kansas City. Other premiums in this class were awarded to Samuel Jewett of Independence, and Taylor Bros. Waynesville Ills.

COTSWOLDS:
J. R. Craig & Bros., Edmonton,
Canada; T. W. Samuels & Sons, Nelson County, Ky.; W.S. Waddy &
Sons, Peytona, Ky.

Sons, Peytons, Ry.
SOUTHDOWNS.
J. H. Kissenger & Cc., Clarksville,
Mo.; Geo. Allen, Lexington, Ky.;
H. L. Stewart, Camp Point, Ills.;
Taylor Bros., Waynesville, Ills.

SHROPSHIRE, DOWNS.

Geo. Allen, Lexington, Ky.; Taylor
Bros., Waynesville, Ills. It will be seen that I have given the names of the parties who have received premiums, not so much for the purpose of giving them the advantage of a free advertisement, but as a general directory which will be of great advantage to the large and constantly

Greenwood county may justly pounds per bushel. This like the weight of the "Messer Pig," may be questioned, but its a fact. The officers of the society are some of the best business men in the county, and the probabilities are that we will soon have one of the best Fairs in southern Kansas.

The hoppers have not all left and many fields of wheat that they took, will not be re-

The prospects are that farmers will have to commence feeding stock by the 1st of Novema ber if not sooner. M. P. S.

FROM BARTON COUNTY.

The grasshoppers have entirely left this portion of Kansas without depositing any eggs. This insures us against grasshopper depreda-W. C. Flagg, Moro, Ills.; J. J. Scharff, New tions next spring, and in consequence a feeling Carlisle, O. ; J, L. Hyatt, Florissant, Mo. and of security exists that the wheat crop will mature next summer. A very large acreage is being sown this fall. The few who sowed in Douglass & Sons, Pevely, Mo., C. L. Hunt early August have resown as the hoppers der St. Louis, Mo., T. T. Turner, St. Louis, Mo. stroyed the first sowing. The late rains, of which we have had an abundance, are bring. ing the wheat up and giving it a splendid In addition to a general exhibition of all start. On an average the wheat crop promises the various breeds of cattle, during the last fifty per cent. better than this time last year. day of the Fair, on the half mile track, the Immigration is considerable, twenty-four perstock-men of the city made up a purse of \$300 sons settling near town in one day this week. less than ten head, style, fatness, quality, Barton county Fair comes off October the 10th weight and age considered. Three or four car and 11th at Great Bend. Money is scarce, but

A. J. HOISINGTON. Great Bend, Sept. 29, 1876.

The Garfield Sorghum Syrup manufactory, scarce any sorghum taste to it.-Larned Re-

Corn at 25 cents per bushel; oats dull at 20

J. A. Kennedy, our live cattle buyer, returned Nichols, Price P. O., Mo.; W. C. Norton, Aldenville, Pa.; Wm. Pullen, Cincinnati.; J. H. Kissenger & Co. Clarksville, Mo.; T. W., Samuels & Sons, Deatsville, Ky.; J. W. Shriner, Fairfield, Iowa. nedy ships fifteen car loads and Mr. Wharton, P. Brandon and M. E. and D. Grimes the bal-Taylor Bros., Waynesville, Ills.; Jno. R. Mc. ance. They will go to Buffalo, and can be Elderry, Fairfield, Iowa; J. W. Mason, Burnside, Ills.

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THE AMERICAN YOUNG FOLKS FOR 1877. The AMERICAN YOUNG FOLKS for 1877 will be enlarged to twice its present size and the subscription price remain the same-viz; fifty cents per year.

The success attending our boys' and girls' paper is veryflattering. We believed there was a field for a cheap, illustrated, monthly boys' and girls' paper, which should be entertaining without being trashy and vicious; bright, useful and instructive, without making every page a prosy sermon on duty. In short we believed a paper could be made so cheap as to be within the reach of every family, that would be a welcome friend and counselor as well as and blight, and the diseases among domestic a jolly companion for boys and girls and yet be pure and elevating in its tone and its influence. We felt certain such a paper would receive the cordial endorsement of teachers and parents and we are more than pleased to be able to say it has received more kind and encouraging words than we had reason to hope they only treated of "book farming" is passi for. It is a success and it will enter intofits third year twice its present size, with many his paper, because it gives him, from a wide new features, carefully edited and published on the first of every month.

the FARMER and AMERICAN YOUNG FOLKS for the remainder of 1876 and for the year 1877. The subscription price of the AMERICAN Young Folks is fifty cents per year, no subscriptions taken for less than a year. The club rates on the AMERICAN YOUNG FOLKS is

To any boy or girl sending five names and \$2.50, we will send a copy free. This gives six copies one year, of a 16-page illustrated monthly for \$2.50. This is down to hard times prices.

A PRACTICAL ROUTE TO PROSPERITY. We take from the Commercial Advertiser the following information showing the Amer-

ican exports from New York for one day: Nine steamships leave New York this afternoon for Europe, the Anchor Line sending out no less than four, so that the number of de-partures for a single day is almost without precedent. All take full freights, and most of them have a number of passengers. The car-goes, as usual, are chiefly made up of agricultural produce, grain, cheese, tobacco and meats, but rather less of cotton, butter and flour, the demand abroad for these articles having declined. The England, for Liverpool, has 55,000 bushels of grain, 842 boxes of bacon, 217 hogsheads and 82 tierces tobacco, 179 tierces beef, 100, barrels pork, 800 barrels flour, 1.000 boxes cheese, 236 tons fresh beef, &c. The Denmark, for London, takes 64,000 bushels grain, 7,000 boxes cheese, 750 bales hops, &c.

The increase in our exports and the decline in our imports by nearly twenty millions for July and August shows a gain in our favor tion our only hope, of honestly paying our national debts, is to sell more than we buy and this we are doing to-day.

PREMIUM ESSAY ON DISEASES OF SWINE. EDS, FARMER:-The object of the American tion calculated to advance the interest of swine breeders generally.

In furtherance of a part of its work, and in view of the favor with which the Premium Es says on the origin, breeders and management of Berkshires was received, the association has decided to offer another premium of \$100 for the best approved essay on the diseases of swine, their causes, preventives and remedies. Said essay to be practical and exhaustive. The competing essays to be forwarded to this office on or before the 1st of January, 1877. The award will be made and the money paid at the annual meeting in February following. All competing essays will be the property of the association.

Competition is invited from the all practical men who have given attention to the diseases to which swine are subject Prof. Law, of Cornell University, N. Y.; Prof. Smith, of Toronto Veterinary College, Canada; Hon. T. C. Jones, of the "National Live Stock Journal," and E. G. Bedford, Esq., of Kentucky, have kindly consented to act as the Awarding Committee.

The Premium Essays will appear in Vol. II of the American Berkshire Record, now in course of preparation, the pedigrees for which, as fast as approved and certified, have record numbers assigned them, and certificates of registry forwarded to parties entitled to the same, in advance of publication in Vol. Il.

Address, Sec'y Am, Berkshire Ass'n, Springfield, Ill.

PRICE OF MEAT IN LONDON.

Now that the exportation of American meats appear to be successfully established, London prices will begin to be of greater interest to our The Pall Mall Gazette of that city gives the following as the mean prices of each kind of live meat per pound, sinking the offal, for the last three years at the Metropolitan

attle market.			550
Beef	1873. 8 17-32	1874. 8 1-16	1875. 7 16 32
Mutton	9 13-32	8 1-32	8 9-16
Pork Veal	6% 8 11 32	6 11-16	7 11-22
Lamb	112/	101/	4034

These prices are in English pence, and a penny may be taken as about equal to two cent of our money.

SMUGGLER'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED .- Geo. Hammill, the owner of Great Eastern has accepted the challenge of Col. Russell, the ownof Smuggler, to trot on such track as may be agreed upon, for either a purse or gate money. It is to be remembered that 2:19 is the best time made by Great Eastern.

THE VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PAPERS. No industry in the United States has made greater progress than farming. There has been not only great advances in the methods and appliances, but there has been very marked improvement in the intelligence of farmers as a class. Our grand common school system has done much, as also the telegraph and the daily press, in raising the standard of general intelligence among us as a nation. No influence the past twenty-five years has been more valuable in disseminating information among farmers, than the agricultural press. Valuable improvements in farm machinery, additions of improved seeds, fruits, and the introduction of improved stock, is in a great measure due to the continued efforts of the agricultural journals in each state. The discussions which annual ly take place in our agricultural journals regarding the ravages of insects, the mildew stock, bring out from all over the country so much practical experience, so many remedies and helps, that the aggregate value from this source is no to be computed. The once com mon sneer that was made against agricultural papers, viz: that they were useless because ing away. Every intelligent farmer must have range of observation, the practical hints of the best farmers of the country and it enables him To any person sending \$2.00 we will send to keep pace with the progress and improvement of his own business. The farmer who does not read in this day and age of the world is as much behind the times as the merchant or lawyer would be who ignores the best ideas and practices of those with whom he has to compete. No money expended in a farmer's family does more, to in: terest, as well as to instruct the younger members of the family, than that paid for their own paper. Every number of a farm and family journal is made to help the mother and the children; the three or four cents per week is returned a thousand fold in many ways besides the profit gained in information in crops and markets. The agricultural press have prepared the way for organization among the farmers and it is to the interest of every farmer not only for his own pecuniary benefit and that of his family, but for the profession of which he is a member, to assist to build up strong and able champions and supporters. No class of journals in the country are more ably edited or better printed than the farmer's papers and none deserve more thoroughly cordial support from the people in whose interests they are publish-

Minor Mention.

The Catechism of Money .- This work is now out and can be had by addressing Dr. J. P Root, Wyandotte, Kansas. It is without queswhich is very encouraging. As a debtor na- tion the best work on the financial question ever offered to the public. Every editor and politician in the country should have a copy of it; while no farmer, mechanic, merchant, laboring man, or attorney can afford to be without it. It presents the money question in a new light, and is really a complete history of Berkshire Association is to revise, preserve and the currency of the world from the days of the publish the pedigrees of pure bred Berkshire Patriarchs down to the present time. The swine; also to collect and disseminate informate style of the work is so plain and yet so comprehensive that anyone who can read will understand and be able to digest it .- Wyandotte Herald, Sept. 14, 1876.

In the above work every question possible to be asked is fully answered in such a manner as to enable the reader at once to be master of the great financial question now agitating all parts of the country. The Trade supplied at usual rates.

Prices, bound in cloth, \$1.25; pamphlet cover, 75 cents. Sent by mail, free, on receipt of dotte, Kansas.

Short-Horn Cattle Sale .- The recent sale of Mr. J. S. Latimer and others, at Dexter Park in Chicago, Oct. 5th, made a very good average considering the prices high-bred cattle have brought the past season. Major E. S. Ward, of Kansas City, purchased five head for which he paid three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars. The excellence of Mr. Latimer's herd is well recognized throughout the country. His post office address is Abingdon, Ill.

Premium Merino Sheep .- We are pleased to note the success of our friend Samuel Archer of Kansas City, Missouri, who ranks as one of the best breeders of Merinos in the whole West. At St. Louis his sheep received the following premiums:

Ram two years and over (Denver) 1st prez mium, \$40. Ram lambs (Denver's get) 1st premium, \$10, 2nd premium, \$5. Ewe two years and over,1st premium, \$40. Ewes one year old (Denver's get) 1st premium \$30, 2nd premium, \$10. Ewes under one year old (Denver's get) 1st premium, \$10, 2nd premium, \$5. Best flock (Denver and ten ewes—sweepstakes) \$150.

This flock is now at the the Centennial and we hope to hear a good report from them there, in competition with celebrated Eastern flocks.

Mr. Newton A. Clark, of Harveyville, Kan., has invented a plan for feeding hogs, which prevents the swine from approaching while preparing the food, and also prevents wasting. By a simple arrangement the trough can be shut out from the hogs, until the feed is placed, and when all is ready the gate swings back and each hog has a compartment to himself, which gives an equal chance and prevents the vicious ones from taking advantage of the weaker. State, county and farm rights can be had at reasonable rates by addressing Mr. Clark.

Berkshire and Essex Pigs.—Attention is called their superior stock for sale.

Luck at Durham Park .-- We are informed by-Major Crane, of Durham Park, Kansas, of the birth of a good and strong, red, heifer calf from on the 29th ultimo. This is the cow recently purchased at \$23,600. The rise is the 4th Duke of Hillhurst 21,500. This gives Kansas as many Durhams as any State in the ship his grain now in store, and all others as fast as he takes it in.—Neosho County Journal. Union, and more than any except Kentucky.

Mr. C. H. Crawford of Philadelphia, Pa. who may be found at 502 Cherry street, will provide parties who are visiting the Centennial with elegant rooms, good board and home comforts, at the low rate of \$10 per week. To those of our readers visiting the Centennial before its close, we say by all means call on Mr. Crawford.

Judge J. A. Beals, candidate for Lieut. Governor, on the Independent Party Ticket, will address the citizens of Shawnee county at the Court House in Topeka, on Saturday evening

Crops. Markets & Finance.

Opinions, Facts, and Figures from Various Sources

OFFICE OF THE KANSAS FARMER.

Торека, Кв. Ост. 18, 1876. We are in the midst of our delightful Indian summer, a heavy rain a few days since will give the best of fall pasturage and be of great advantage to the winter grain. The present weather, which is likely to last for thirty days, gives the farmers of the State every opportunity to secure their corn crops and push the fall plowing, digging of potato crops, erecting cattle sheds and doing other necessary work before the severe part of the winter begins. The present cool nights and pleasant warm days are advantageous to the fattening of stock and the farmer, who studies his business for profit, will not lose the opportunity of putting his stock in good condition for the approach. ing winter storms. Business throughout this portion of the West is unmistakably brightening up. The movement of the large surplus of grain must, of necessity, distribute a large amount of money. The present prospects for better prices in grain are encouraging. The foreign demand, the possibility of a general European war over the Turkish question, and the light grain crops in many of the northern States, conspire to make the corn, wheat and produce markets quite firm. At present all indications point to better prices and farmers who are not forced to sell to pay debts over due, will not lose money in holding their surplus.

From Rush County.

October 12-Stock of all kinds in good condition. Crops the past season have been light, quality good; wheat is coming up finely, and bids fair. Weather cool and pleasant. Corn 40c, wheat 60 to 80c, potatoes 60c, oats 30c, millet hay \$4 per ton. We have been clear of all insect pests, etc., the past season, except grasshoppers a few days, late in the season. FRANK B. SMITH.

From Chase County.

Winter wheat is good, about 50 per cent. more than last year. Good horses 50 to \$125, cattle 2 to 3 cents per pound, no hogs or sheep selling. Very good weather cool and dry. L. W. COLEMAN.

From Coffey County.

October 10-Crops in good condition save wheat, a broad acreage sown, some nipped by grasshoppers. Stock in fine condition for winter. Weather dry and clear with fine frosts. Old corn continues to come in market at 20c, new corn being gathered. Grasshoppers plenprice, by the Publisher, J. P. Root, Wyan- ty, but their eggs rotten not one in 1,000 can hatch as I have examined them well.

W. W. TIPTON.

From McPherson County.

Stock fat. Corn crop good, wheat did not yield very well, crops running from 2 to 23 bu. per acre, average from 10 to 12, sowing progressing slowly, were visited by the locusts Sept. 5, and again about a week later, a good many eggs were deposited, not so much wheat will be sown as was intended at first. Wheat brings about 65c at R. R. for No 3, and 75c for No 2. Farmers generally feel pretty blue, but live in hope of better times ahead. Broomcorn crop good, price started at \$120 per ton, down to \$80 at present, the crop pays well. JOHN RICHEY.

COLORADO.

Professor Boggs says that his son, Oliver Boggs, produced this year forty-four and onehalf bushels of wheat to the acre; that John J. Sease, Sr., raised about forty bushels to the acre, and that in Mace's Hole Valley the average of wheat to the acre is at least thirty bushels, of excellent quality. Cattle, he says, are looking remarkably well in this region. The Professor is engaged in fish raising. He has four ponds for that purpose—two trout and two for native fish-and they contain a great many fish that are doing well. He is preparing to engage in the raising of salmon trout, which is a delicious fish for the table. The people n the district have a good public school at Mace's Hole, kept by Mr. Sellers. There is also at the same place an organized grange .-Pueblo Bulletin.

KANSAS.

We neglected last week to notice the fact that our venerable fellow citizen, Wm. B. Harrell, f Neosho township, determined not to be behind in the apple line, brought to our office a basket of nice Bellflower and Pippin apples. They were large and well flavored, and were of a lot that received the first premium at our county. Fair well as the Paris county. county Fair, as well as the Davis county Fair. land Mr. Fee has corn that is a great deal Morris county is destined soon to be known as heavier. We have no doubt that much of the the orchard county of the State .- Council Grove

J. W.Bugbee has his elevator here crammed to the advertisement of Prof. Shelton of the Agricultural College, who advertises some of their supposite stack for solo crop of Kansas is so immense this year that the M. K. & T. road, as well as all the other lines, cannot furnish cars fast enough to move the great bulk awaiting transhipment. Here, in the one instance above noted, there are Airdrie Duchess 3rd, at Port Huron, Michigan, probably eighty car loads ready to be loaded, and doubtless at the other towns and stations in the State are similarly situated. Mr. Bugbee has gone to Sedalia, and hopes to secure cars enough from the Missouri Pacific road to

BLOODED CATTLE.

There were several shipped from this station last evening for the far West, fifty eight head of this year's calves, the finest we ever saw, taking the size and quality into the account. Messrs. Gallap and Andrews of Busti send to Mound City, Kansas, seventeen head, four heifers and thirteen bulls, of thoroughbreds, from the best herds in Chautauqua county, many of them taking the first premiums at the late Fairs held in this vicinity. This is not the first venture of these enterprising Busti stock deals ers, they having made several shipments be-fore, and know that their Western friends appreciate the advantage of raising first class cattle instead of the inferior kind, Addy Gallap goes in charge, and we wish him a safe journey and a pocket full of rocks on his return - Jamestown (N. Y.) Journal.

The cattle above mentioned arrived at this place Monday evening, and after remaining a day in Pleasanton the importer drove them to Mound City township, to Mr. J. B. Broadhead's farm, the latter having purchased part of the lot. We publish the clipping to show that there is a rapidly increasing demand on the part of our stock raisers for blooded neat cattle, and that the demand is being filled. There is no reason why Linn county can not have as fine horses and cattle as any section in the Union; and she one day will have, when our farmers can accumulate sufficient capital to secure blooded stock, for they are thoroughly imbued with the idea that it is to the interes of all to make of our county and State a great cattle center .- Pleasanton Observer,

We are informed by the broom-corn men that this season's crop is the finest ever raised in this county, and the prospect for good prices is fair. Broom corn is a cash product and we sre glad that those who are engaged in this business are happy.—Western Progress.

Nelson called on us, yesterday, and related how he and others had discovered a new way of firing across the prairie in a high wind. During the strong wind of last Saturday week he and others run a fire across a field of long grass without letting it get out. They took a long, wide board, stood it upon edge, fired across the wind, by setting the fire on the north of the board. The wind was in the south. The flames instead of being blown off across the prairie, hugged close to the board, and were easily whipped out. In this way a back fire was made without setting the grass on the north. The plan is simple and the discovery valuable to those who have occasion to fight prairie fires .- McPherson Independent

Prairie fires visited this and Falls townships last week. We are informed that about fifty tons of hay were destroyed in Falls township. and several of Caldwell township farmers had a narrow escape. Men fought the fires like heroes for two days and nights. As people are slow to learn from first experience, and will not heed the warning given from time to time, to prepare fire guards to protect their property; we propose during the next session of the State Legislature, to petition for a law to be enacted, compelling every farmer in the State of Kansas to have a suitable fire guard around his premises, on or before the first day of September, or be liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one hundred days and not less than twenty five days, and making it the duty of the township trust seers to see that the law is enforced. have conversed with the leading men of this and Falis township, on the subject and they are in favor of it.—Sumner Co. Press.

Thomas Evans, of Wakarusa township had on exhibition at the Fair, thirty-one ears of corn that weigh, forty-one and a half pounds. How is that for drougthy Kansas,-Lawrence

HOG CHOLERA REMEDY .- C. W. Noyes of While Cloud, writes us that a preparation, new to this section of country, has lately been talk ed of as being a cure for the hog disease now so fatal to the hogs in many parts of the country. Some parties who possess the recipe, are asking \$5 for it. Mr. Noyes has been active in his efforts to introduce remedies for this disease, and sends us the new one, so that, if there is any virtue in it, the farmers may have the benefit of it. The preparation is as follows:

2 lbs. Copperas. 2 lbs. Saltpetre.

2 ozs. Asafætida. Dissolve in water.

Dose, equal to half a teacupful to a hog. If thought best, add a small piece of lime.—Kansas Chief. At the close of the Fair a committee was ap-

pointed who selected samples of apples for the Centennial that will bring Jefferson county to the front for this fruit. They also sent samples of squashes, beets etc., that will astonish the world at Philadelphia.—Kansas New Era.

Mr. N. White. of Hardscrabble Fruit Farm, left at this office some of the largest, sweet potatoes we have seen. These are specimens of high prairie production, and proves that Mr. W. understands his business. Ten of them weigh twenty-six pounds and are of the white variety. Kansas, and Davis county are the places to raise large vegetables and big crops f grain, and to get a cheap farm .- Junction City Union.

B. Grubb, of Liberty, Montgomery county, has 3,000 apple trees and several hundred peach and other fruit trees. He avoids the borers by going through the orchard in season and washing each tree with thin, soft soap, and when he finds a tree sickly he digs about and soaps it—hence he lost very few, and those left are thrifty and the bark looks as if they were but one year old .- Emporia Ledger.

Mr. Richard Fee, a mile northwest of Wathe na, has a good crop of corn, which may be cited as a good sample of the yield throughout this section. It has been cut and stacked in shocks of twelve hills square, making twenty shocks to the acre. A shock was husked out a few days ago; which yieded four bushels, making 80 bushels to the acre. This corn was raised on the high prairie. On some bottom yield 100 bushels per acre.- Wathena Reporter. quality and condition.

The fall wheat is about all sown, and there s a great deal more sown this fall than last. Wheat sown early looks well, A good deal of rye has been sown in this section, Corn crop never was better in Kansas; and while we are speaking of corn, Mr. Geo, Waller has brought us an ear of corn fourteen inches long sixteen rows, and eighty grains to the row, It is of the Iowa variety. It won't do to count one hundred ears to the bushel, this year, as it only takes sixty five.—Troy Chief,

W. S. Glenn, of Geneva, hung up a sweet potato in our office that would wake the naives of any country except Kansas. The people of this country have become so accustomed to seeing large potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, turnips and corn they will hardly devote a passing glance to anything that weighs less than twelve pounds. This one weighs twelve pounds and a half and is a fine formed potatoe, and yet some people will tell you that the grasshopper is a burden.— Woodson County Post. Sain, that sounds like a whopper.

What other town of six hundred inhabitants can surpass Clay Centre in its shipments—dur-ing last week one hundred and eleven car loads f produce were shipped from this point.—Clay County Dispatch.

We have been permitted to read a letter an old Topekan in California. In speaking of sheep he says: "I know of several lots that have been sold lately at forced sale, 2,200 sold at 31 cents per head. 2000 at 40 cents. Several large lots 50 cents, to \$1 00. Wool brings 7 to 9 cents. Few make both ends meet.

Plant a garden or anything, and you have everything to fight—dry weather, gophers, rats and squirrels by the thousand. Rabbits, etc., eat up all before you get a bite. It is all very nice, this California, but I can't see it. I can raise bees and honey here till you can't rest, but there is no market for either. Extracted honey brings 5 cents. Who wants to go to California by way of the Black Hills?—Topeka

TEXAS CATTLE IN ILLINOIS.

"Statutes of Illinois, ch. 8., p., 141, see. 2, says: That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, &c., to own or have in possession or control any Texas or Cherokee cattle, any time, at which may have been brought into the State at any time except between the first day of October and the first day of March, following, each year."

THE EASTERN WOOL MARKETS.

The Philadelphia, Pa., Price List of the 30th ult., has the following: -There has been a moderate inquiry from the manufactures, and prices of all grades are well maintained. The recipts from the West have materially fallen off, and the stocks in the hands of the dealers are reduced to a lower figure than at this period for some years past. Colorado has been selling freely and the stock is greatly reduced. A number of manufacturing establishments in different sections of the country, which have been idle for a year past, are now making preparations to resume business. At the close of the week there was a lively demand for the fine from the eastward, and holders put up their figures 228 per D. The New York Producer's Price Current, of the 30th says :-There is no great change to speak of in the general situation. Holders in all kinds of domestic wools are firm and confident in their views and to secure stocks, pretty full rates must be paid, while the supply and a sortment in the open market is not remarkably attractive. The demand, however, shows evidences of greater caution throughout, dealers seeing ne margin on investment at ruling cost, and manufactures in some cases complaining that an actual loss would ensue on material taken now. Fine fleeces appear to be admitted as the best sustained grade, though all kinds are worth full former rates. California styles comes forward slowly, the rates asked at point of growth proving too high for investment.

ST. LOUIS STOCK MARKETS.

We take the following regarding St. Louis Stock Markets from the St. Louis National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE.

Stock cattle have shown an increased demand for natives. We particularize but one sale We made Thursday morning, 22 common Southwest Missouri stockers, averaging 774 lbs, at \$2 40 per 100, amounting to \$18 57 per head. Does it pay to ship these cattle to market? There is an increased demand for stock cattle but buyers want smooth steers of 850 to 1100 hs average. For this grade the ruling price to day is from \$2 75 to \$3 25 per 100 hs, and all the talking that can be done by a commission man won't induce an experienced feeder to buy the common scalawag stuff at any price so it must lay in the pens for days sometimes before a buyer is found. While good stock steers will bring \$3 25, a nice smooth lot of feeding steers would command \$3 50 but that would be an outside figure, as they generally have flesh enough for the shippers and interior buyers, and cannot be properly styled "stock-

We have seen no demand for Texas stock steers.

Texas cattle have sold rapidly when in good flesh, though the large number of common natiues that have been on the market has had the effect of depressing them. Receipts of good steers have been light-fair to good Texas steers selling at from \$2 60 to 3 25. The latter price for right decent cattle. Texas cows have generally been in better condition than natives, and have sold as fully as well as natives—\$2 40 for fair \$3 00 for choice. Good Colorado cattle have been in liberal supply this week-and prices ranges from \$3 371/2 to 4 12½ for fair to good. Good fleshy Colorado stockers selling at \$3 75 per 100 fbs. Calves have been in light supply and good

demand, prices ranging from \$6 to \$10 per But few milch cows have been received, and

a continued good inquiry prevails, at prices ranging from \$20 \$50 for fair to extra milk-

HOGS.

The market was active and steady the past week until Thursday morning, when buyers held off for an hour or two, and demended concessions. This demand was based on reports from other markets, which all showed decline in values. Prices here fell 5 to 10c, when again the usual activity of the week prevailed, and soon the pens were cleared. \$5.65 to \$6 10 may be considered the extremes for shipping and butcher grades.

The market for sheep the past week was not as strong as noted for the previous week. Common sheep have been largely in excess of demand, and prices ruled low and easy. Good stockers have been in demand, and sold readily at \$2 75 for fair to \$3 for good. Common mutton have been dull, prices ranging from \$2 90 for common to \$3 50 for fair. Fair to good, native mutton sold at \$3 50 to \$4 00, and choice brought \$4 to \$425. Extra sheep would bring an extra price. Lambs are salacorn along the river in Doniphan county will ble at from 75c to \$3 00 per head, according to

CLASSIFICATION OF HIDES. Sales of Hides in the Kansas City market are made

upon the basis of the following classification: All Hides having one grub or more shall be throw

out as grubby Hides. GREEN HIDES .- Hides just as they come from the animal, never having been salted.

PART CURED .- Hides that have been salted, but no long enough to be thoroughly cured.

GREEN SALTED, -Hides that have been salted long

enough to by thoroughly cured. GREEN KIP .- All veal skins running from 15 to 25 pounds shall be classed as veal kip; all long-haired and thin skins running from 8 to 25 pounds shall be classed as runners.

DEACON SKINS, -All calf skins under 8 pounds shall be classed as deacons.

DRY FLINT .- Are thoroughly dry Hides that have not been salted. Dry Salted Hides are thoroughly dry

Hides, having been salted while green. All dry kip of calf shall be classed the same as Hides. All Hides shall be free from salt, dirt, meat, durg, horns, tails, bones, and sinews; and before being weighed all such substances shall be removed or a proper reduction be made from the weight; and when

the head hangs to the Hide by a narrow strip it shall be

cut off; also, when the head is not split in the center, it shall be made straight before being weighed. All bull, stag, tainted, badly scarred, cut, scored, and murrain Hides, both green and dry, shall be classed as dal taged, unless very badly damaged, when the

are classed as glue stock. A reduction of 10 per cent shall be made on all brand-

Topeka Produce Market.

Grocers retail price list, corrected weekly by	J. A. Lee.	1
Country produce quoted at buying prices.	Take a said	4
APPLES-Per bushel	.75@1.25	1
BEANS-Per bu-White Navy	2.00	d
Medium	1.50	ŀ
Common	1.00	1
Castor	.50	1
BEESWAX-Perlb	.25	×
BUTTER-Per 1b-Choice	15	
Medium	10	
CHEESE—Per lb	8.10	
MOOR Desides Week		
EGGS-Per doz-Fresh	.15	1
HOMINY—Per bbl	5.255.50	ľ
VINEGAR—Per gal	.20.30	
POTATOES-Per bu	.30@50	
POULTRY-Chickens, Live, per doz	1.75@2,00	4
Chickens, Dressed, per lb	81/4	ď
Turkeys, " "	10	1
Geese. " "	10	ľ
SWEET POTATOES-Per bu	.50@60	1
ONIONS-Per bu	50	
CABBAGE—Per dozen	.40@40	1
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KANSAS CITY, Oct. GRAIN.	18, 1876.
The fellowing are wholesale cash prices fro sion men.	m commis-
WHEAT-Per bu-Spring Red	.75to77
Fall, No. 4	.86to88
Wall No 9	94to95
Fall, No. 3	.98to1 00
Fall, No. 2	
CORN—Per bu— White	.31to31½
Shelled	33to.335
OATS-New per bu	28
RYENew per bu-No. 2	.47to48
BARLEY—Per bu—No. 3	.70to71
BUCKWHEAT-Per bu	.40to45
PRODUCE.	
BEESWAX-Per lb	.28
BUTTER-Per lb-Choice	.17to18
CHEESE—Per lb	9to10
CIDER—Per bbl	
EGGS-Per doz-Fresh	141015
	12%
TALLOW	6to634
TALLOWFEATHERS—Per lb—Mixed	.20to .25
FEATHERS-Per 10-Mixed	
Prime Live Geese	40to45
FLOUR—Per cwt—Rye	2.75to2 80
XX	1.90-2.20
XXX	2.20to2.40
XXXX	2.45to2 50
CORN MEAL—Per cwt	.95to.100
Kiln dried, per bbl	2 00to2 15

GOLD MEDALS.

Awarded Deere & Company's Gilpin Sulky Pious and Advance Cultivators at Indiana State Trials.

There are but few of our readers who are interested either in plows or plowing, who did not notice reports in June and July last of the great field trial of agricultural implements at Purdue University farm, near LaFayette, Ind. This trial was under the auspices and management of the State Board of agriculture of the State of Indiana, and was one of the most important ever held in this country, lasting several days, and every test being applied to

the different machines,
To give the committees ample time after the trial, to compare notes taken in the field, the awards were not to be made until the State Fair should be held this fall.

The awards were made this last week at In dianapolis, and in the trials of both Sulky Plows and Cultivators, Deere & Company triumphed, and came out of the contest the ribbons flying from both their Advance Cultivator, and Gilpin Sulky Plow.

This is but one of about 100 victories for their goods in actual field tests during the season of 1875, but is one of the most important of the Centennial year, as there were no less than twenty-one competitors in this class. -Davenport Gazette.

WICKEDNESS.—Not a bad heart, but a diseased Liver, is often the cause of violence of temper, vindictiveness, and sometimes crime; for, when the spleen is affected, the heart is clogged in its better impulses, for want of action to carry off the bile.

"I have used Simmons' Liver Regulator, not only once but often, and can confidently assert it has done me more good than any other med-icine l have ever used. I think it is the great-est medicine for diseased Liver made in the world. Many of my neighbors have used it, and all will say as much if not more than I do or its virtues. "JOHN J. ALLEN, Bibb Co, Ga."

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Send to E. A. PARKER, General Passenger Agent Kansas City, for descriptive pamphlets.

LUMBER. LUMBER. LUMBER.

Mr. I. M. Tipton, Lumber Dealer, corner 6th and Quincy streets, Topeka, Kansas, calls attention to the fact that he is selling lumber of all grades from one to five dollars per thousand lower than former prices.

It is supposed that the reason graduates of female colleges are called bachelors of art instead of maids of art, is that the former is a higher degree. At least the maids are always after the bachelors.

By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that Buck's Stove Company present the claims of their splendid stoves.

At the great St. Louis Fair last week, the "Guarantee" Cook stove carried off the first premium. This was a splendid endorsement.

FOR SALE OR TRADE FOR CITY PROPERTY,

A rare chance to get one of the best quarter sections in Shawnee county, Kansas. 160 acres of splendid land, 1 mile from Auburn,in a good neighborhood. Price \$800; only \$5 per acre; long time if desired. Will trade for city property. Must be sold. Address, Ross & McClintock,

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Frank Miller's Harness Oil received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition.

We call the attention of hog raisers and farmers generally to the advertisement of Jas. M. Clark & Co., who, in another column, adver-tise their celebrated "Food for Hogs." This food is highly recommended as a preventive to "Hog Cholera" and we would advise our readers to write to them for further information.

Frank Miller's Leather Preservative and Water Proof Blacking received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition.

The Goolman Scale which is now quite extensively manufactured at Kansas City, is giving satisfaction. One of the points in its favor is that it is sold at a reasonable price.

MONEY! MONEY!!

If you wish to borrow money upon Real Estate, and get your money without sending paper East, and at reasonable rates, go to the Kansas Loan and Trust Co. Topeka Kansas.

LEVEL BEST.

We are sure it pays to do your "level best" at all times, as whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well; as an illustration, the manufacturers of the famous Charter Oak Stove have always aimed to buy the best material, employ the best workmen, and make the best Cooking Stoves that could be produced, and the result is, the Charter Oak has attained a popularity unprecedented in the history of Stoves.

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Needles and parts of every Sewing Machine in the United States. Needles 50 cents per dozens. Address, "Singer Agency," Topeka

S TON STOCK SCALE FOR SALE CHEAP. A new 8 ton stock scale entirely new is offered at a bargain.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Topeka, Kansas.

COMPLETED JUNE 10th, 1876.

The extension of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Railway from Ferguson Station to The St. Louis Union Depot.

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For copies of this engraving, free, address C. K LORD, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis.

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Our readers, in replying to advertisements in the Farmer will do us a favor if they will state in their letters to advertisers that they saw this advertisement in the Kansas Farmer.

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BERKSHIRES at Auction.

G. M. GOSS, of Bloomfield, Iowa, will sell to the highest bider for Cash, October 26th, at §innton's Livery Stable, on 7th St. NINETY OR ONE HUNDRED THOROUGHBRED BERKSHIRE SHOATS, for breeders.

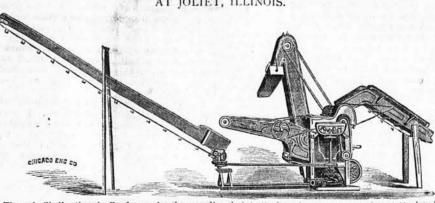
We see by reports published in the National Live Stock Journal, that Mr. Goss has taken the sweepstakes over allBerkshires shown at St. Lonis, in the fall of 1873, afterwards selling two pigs for \$300.00.

He has secured good shed and enclosures for the sale, where the buyers will be sheltered from wind and rain

PAINTING.—THE PATRONS' PAINT COMPANZ the manufacturing the INGERSOLL READY-MIXED PAINTS, and BRUSHES, and selling them at full trade discounts, delivering them freight paid, and no money required until the goods are received—making them cheaper than even the material can be bought elsewhere. They are an absolutely pure article, possessing great endurance and brilliancy, and are giving great satisfaction all over the country. We have a Patron friend who saved enough alone on Paint purchased to pay his Grange expenses for a life-time. They also sell ROOF PAINT 30 per cent, cheaper than any one else. It is to the interest of all about painting to write and have sent free their book, "Every One His Own Painter." It will save much money, whether you buy their Paint or not. Adreess, 259 FRONT STREET, NEW YORK.—(From "The Formers' Friend.")

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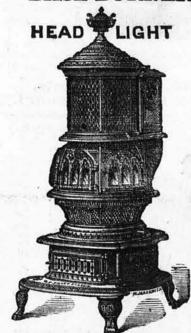
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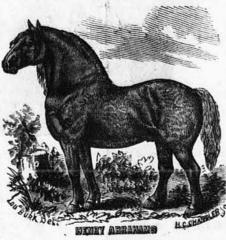
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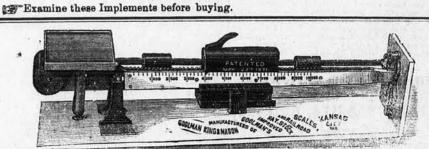
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NUMBER IV.

I intended to be early this morning, but was not a little surprised to find myself inside the gates at 7 o'clock, among men and women and teams hurrying in every direction to their work in the various departments. Squads of policemen were being marshalled to their respective posts, wagons were bringing in fresh supplies for the day and moving the refuse of the previous one. Everywhere, in the buildings and out, the walks were being sprinkled and swept and made fresh and enjoyable for the already gathering visitors.

After spending an hour watching this busy throng of workmen, armed with shovels, rakes, brooms, paint-pots, tool boxes or dinner baskets, I found I could enter Machinery Hall. Soon after entering, I came to some models of cars for transporting horses and cattle, which would be to the poor jaded beasts all that comfortable sleeping cars are to human kind.

Perhaps I might say they are equal to sleeper and restaurant combined, as they are provided with conveniences for feeding and watering as well as allowing each animal room to lie down. I secured a seat near the giant Corlis engine, and waited with many others, to see this monster move and give power to the countless machines surrounding and depending upon it. At 9 o'clock its duty begins, and its ponderous beams surge up and down, and its massive flywheel moves a few times slowly around, and then faster and more fast its movements are, till you feel over-powered by its strength and move away to forget your own insignificance.

Just south of "The Corlis," in a wing where the force pumps are, is a pool of water into which the pumps are playing. To this I returned at 2 o'clock to see the famous Paul Boynton swim in his rubber suit. 1 found a crowd there before me and the swimmer floating on his back, rowing himself about with an car which had a paddle at either end. At the close of the performance, as he stepped from the ladder by which he ascended from his watery stage, the cataract a sheet of water 30 ft. wide by 33 ft. long, thrown by one of the force pumps, fell in a curtain before him, as his rubber suit dropped from him, and left him bowing and smiling in citizen's dress, dry as the rest of us.

Machinery Hall is a very interesting place, and I spent most of the day watching the wonderful achievements of human invention. Engines of all sizes and powers are busy, and their burnished cylinders, steam-chests,

rods, cranks, etc., bespeak the tender care of their attendants.

Here we may witness the weaving of muslins, ginghams, jeans, carpets, both ingrain and Brussels, dress-goods, ribbons, scarfs, corsets, suspenders, etc. While I was watching a pair of suspenders woven, I was surprised to see, gradually growing on the face of them, the name and address of one of a well known firm of Kausas City.

A Loom is indeed a wonderful machine and past common comprehension. It is curious to see a combination of threads in one loom produce a beautiful ribbon with representations of the Centennial buildings or busts of Written expressly for the Kansas Farmer. Washington or Lincoln; while its neighbor is turning out corsets by the yard, widening and narrowing as it rattles along, the busy little shuttles flying to and fro faster than the eye can follow them.

But there is something here to please every one. We can stop and watch the manufacture of toilet soap or chocolate drops, envelopes or paper boxes, blacking boxes or pie patties, watches or needles, or wander farther and study paper making from the raw material till it is ready to put on to the wall. Mills, printing presses, wool carders, feather dyers, sugar boilers, rock drills, scroll saws, washing may chines, mangles, hair curlers, quarts mills and so on, and on, assemble in confusion before me to-night as I recall them; but in reality they are arranged quite systematically.

West of this building is the annex containing saw-mills for both wood and stone. And still further west is the fairy land of glass blowers. This I cannot pass by, and though it is very warm, must enter and swelter with the rest. 1 never saw prespiration roll in such profusion, nor ice water drank with such zest as here. But see! here comes a little fellow with a glowing ball, 11/2 inches in diameter and just ready to drop from the end of a long iron rod, he hands it to a man who gives it a few turns and a little-ever so little a blow, it expands and elongates, he gives it another turn or another blow, sits down and rolls the rod over and over on his knees, flattens it a little on the end with a shingle and he has made something like the stand of a goblet or vase, a few more turns and blows, and the goblet is completed and the boy hurries away with it to the oven.

Another man is making vases, another enclosing little glass birds in fancy bottles, others moulding paper weights, and still others grinding and ornamenting articles that are through with the fiery ordeal. The west end railroad is well patronized, and after a visit to the glass-works, I found a ride on it quite refreshing. Taking the cars at this point, you ride northeast passing the Catholic fountain and coming to State avenue in front of the New Hampshire building, and pass the Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indians and Ohio, cross Belmont avenue near the New Jersey building, and make a circle around Agricultural Hall and the Brewers' Hall back to Belmont avenue and down it between the Government Hall may be light, but the great staples are always and the Woman's Pavilion, crossing Fountain evenue, getting a glimpse of the grounds in

front of Horticultural Hall, and the lake which contains the most beautiful fountain l ever saw consisting of a great many jets of water coming directly out of a bed of stone and thrown at least twenty feet high, those in he centre rather higher than the others.

Reaching the avenue of the Republic which extends the whole length of the Main Building and Machinery Hall, we turned east and were soon at the terminus near the eastern extremity of the Grounds.

This ride gives one a good idea of the extent of the enclosure and the situation of the different buildings; but to appreciate its picturesqueness and know all the delightful little glens, springs, waterfalls, shady nooks and rustic seats, one must loiter along its broad, smooth walks and seek its less frequented paths.

In winding my way from here to the Lansdown valley between the Art Gallery and Horticultural Hall, I find many things to hinder my progress. First is the Empire Transportation Co's building, exhibiting all modes of transportation by land or sea. Next the Photograph Gallery, which contains hundreds of exquisite pictures. But who can spare time to examine them with such a wealth of paint. ings and statuary within their reach and soon to pass forever beyond it?

Approaching the Art Gallery from this die ection, you are arrested by a beautiful bronze, The Wounded Lyon," representing the fer male with an arrow in her side, two cubs at play unconscious of their bereavement, while their sire stands over them, giving vent to his anguish in one long roar which you can almost hear, so life like is the group. Correst ponding to this just west of the gallery, is a bronze representing three soldiers who are very much interested in something one of them has discovered with his field glass.

The Pennsylvania Educational Department comes in my way, and I find it stored with contrivences for instructing youthful minds, as well as many examples of the work accomplished by the students. Next is the Singer Sewing Machine Co's attractive building with its delightful piszzas, elegant parlor, and gorgeous display of machine work.

Leaving this I reach the Music Pavilion in the valley in time to hear the afternoon music. Then following down a little stream, that runs from the Lake to the river, I am ground out at a turn stile, and, but for the plank walks, one leading to the railroad and one to the steamboat landing, am in a wilderness of bright leaves and ferns and flowers, and in my walk of an eighth of a mile to the depot I have gathered a glorious bunch to carry to the depths of the City, which is reached in twenty minutes by railroad, and a delightful ride along the Schuylkill included.

The fatigue following such a day of sight. seeing must be experienced, to be appreciated. So also must the magnificent spectacle be witnessed. Pen nor tongue cannot describe the fascination of this grand display of curious, beautiful and useful articles, gathered from the far ends of the earth and placed in this enchanting spot.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept 21, 1876.

SOUTH-EASTERN KANSAS.

examine properly, that he feels like the boy out at another.

The land buyer visiting the West, for the first time, sees much that is new and interesting and often returns without choosing; feela better place somewhere out West. The desire to "go West" seems to be engrafted as a permanent feeling in the American.

The sunset side of the Mississippi River only half satisfies him and the inclination to go West is only strengthened; and nothing short of death or the Pacific shore stops his

Extremes should be avoided in all things.

This is—practical temperance. There is a section of country lying between the extremes of the cold North and the hot South-the wet, worn-out, changeable East and the dry, desert lands of the West, where crops are raised only by artificial irrigation. This you say "must be that land I have read

facts before designating the boundaries." 1st. The soil is admitted to be rich enough which it is subject, which I must not forget to mention. It is extremely rich and produc-

about called Utopia." Let us examine a few

The greatest variety of the cereals and fruits not only may be produced, but have been produced for many years in great abundance. To enumerate the products of this country would be tiresome, yet interesting.

Corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, sorghum, buckwheat, millet, sweet and Irish potatoes, cabbage, onions, beets, parsnips, salsify, tomatoes, egg-plant, etc., etc., apples in great varieties, pears, peaches, plums, apricots, grapes, melons; nuts, such as pecans, hickory nuts, black and white walnuts, hazel and peanuts, hemp, flax, cotton, tobacco, wool, beef, pork and mutton, fish and game, and all these things in such abundance as to export annual-

A failure of crops is unknown, some crop produced in excess of home consumption.

farmer ought to thrive, and he does; notwith- ceedings, and one which we hope will be they find no opportunities for their satisfaction standing a careless hap-hazzard cultivation.

teem with such variety in abundance. heart of this favored land, may ask "Where is though some of the best stock in the State is er if he does not stop over this statement and that country you describe?" "Tell me and I'll move to it." So it is we fail to appreciate the

blessings we have. "Man never is, but always to be blest." When I say that the country I have described, is eastern Kansas and western Missouri, will it not be admitted by all that I have not drawn upon imagination for my farmer's Utopia, but stated only facta?

It may be said that I have told the truth, but not the whole truth correctly.

If I am questioned as to how much bitter is mixed with all this sweet, I am free to admit that no part of this earth is Heaven. I have sheep that I have yet seen. lived in this country nearly thirty years. I have seen it when I thought it was too wet, sultry. I have seen grasshoppers by the I never saw any lack of bread and meat, milk had some very fine hogs on exhibition.

Fill this country with an enterprising, moral, christian people, cultivate the soil as taught by science and common sense, build factories play of fruit. whenever possible, and whenever practicable, enact wise laws, get out of debt, owe no man any thing but love, reward honesty and punish crime. Then may we say:

'Here is a land, of every land the pride; Beloved by Heaven, o'er all the world beside. I have linked eastern Kansas with western

Missouri, because of similarity of soil, climate and productions. The extreme southeastern part of Kansas

which is becoming more than ordinarily interesting to the immigrant. The immense coal fields of this section are not to be overlooked by the KANSAS FARMER. You, Mr. Editor, send him out once every

seven days to tell not only what he knows about farming, but what others also may whisper in his ear about the immense resources and capabilities of all this new West.

Let him not forget to say that there is a warmth and power and weight in the extreme southeast corner of your State, which, if properly managed and directed, will build up a commonwealth.

his weekly visits to his admiring friends. Let him take a ride over the Missouri River, Fort Scott & Gulf R. R., from Kansas City to Baxter Springs, through the counties of Johnson, Miami, Linn, Bourbon, Crawford and

After this ride your FARMER will tell you that these six counties possess natural advantages equal, if not superior, to any in either State, if not the world. Imagine the condition of this country where each quarter section of land now belonging to this road and for sale is under cultivation, occupied by an intelligent farmer with his family.

Three hundred and eighty thousand acres land producing winter wheat or cotton, ri-A visitor to the Centennial Exhibition at valing France or California in grapes or wine. Philadelphia or any great Exposition, finds so New England in delicious apples or Kentucky much to see, or rather, there is so much that is in juicy blue-grass and supurb beef and mutinteresting, which he finds no time to see and ton, the smoke from a thousand factories ascending as incense to the God of industry. who boasted that he had been through college | The God who uttered the blessing, not the when he had merely gone in at one door and curse: "By the sweat of thy face shalt thou earn thy bread."

On the line of this road there is a mountain of brown sandstone, Mount St. Barnard. This stone is soft and easily carved when first taken ing that the half is not seen, and that there is from the quarry and hardens by exposure to life is one of the great evils of the time, and

A few years ago this stone was extensively quarried and used in some of the finest buildings in Kansas City and Chicago. The time is coming when some enterprising man or men will find a fortune in that brown sandstone of St. Barnard.

Black marble susceptable of a very high polish, is found near Fort Scott.

The mines of lead and zinc in this region, are probably as rich as any in the world. The agricultural resources are absolutely

unlimited, needing only the hand of man to develop untold wealth. Springs abound and Spring River is noted

for the abundance and fine quality of its fish. These are only a few of the things which the 'KANSAS FARMER" will note during a ride over er this road, and the future will no doubt, add and deep enough. There is one extreme to "ten thousand a year" as subscribers from this E: D. PARSONS. land of joy. Fort Scott, Sept. 22, 1876.

THE WABAUNSEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL

SOCIETY. The Sixth Annual Fair of this Society was

held at Alma, October 3rd and 4th. There were but few entries made the first day, and when night came, the outlook for a good show was slim. The weather, on the morning of the next day was disagreeably cold, cloudy and dismal. About 9 o'clock a. m. the clouds cleared away, and soon after, wagons could be seen coming from all directions loaded with people and articles for exhibition. Owing to the bad weather, the entry books were kept open until noon of the last day. There were about 275 entries made in the various departments. The Society have no land or buildings of their near, for the exhibition of articles and animals. A smooth piece of prairie near the town had It would seem that in such a country the ing and profitable feature of this day's pro- no provision made for these new wants, and Fruit Recorder.

largely copied at other Fairs, was a "trial of Good husbandry is the exception, make it speed in fast walking." A great deal of in. the rule and no portion of the earth would terest was manifested in regard to the result. children near him, he must learn the difference sem with such variety in abundance.

A large grey horse owned by Mr. A. Walton, between living and getting a living; and we of Harveyville, received the 1st premium. Al-mistake him and his grade of culture altogeth. owned in this county, yet there was but few animals on exhibition.

Among the horses I noticed two very fine, large stallions, owned by M. W. James, Esq. These animals were brought from Pennsylvania last spring, and are valuable additions to the stock of this class in the State. Mr. R. J. Stephenson of Maple Hill, was on hand with his pure blooded Cotswold sheep, and carried off all the premiums in that class, as usual. These sheep have heretofore been described in the FARMER, and it is only necessary to say that they are by far the largest and finest

Mr. D. C. Keeler exhibited a very fine Poland China sow and pigs, also some pure Berktoo dry, too hot, too cold, too windy and too shires. These hogs were all extra nice, and received 1st premiums and sweepstakes. Mr. bushel, hailstones as large as goose eggs, but J. C. McElvaine and D. S. Abbott, Esqs., also

> In the Horticultural Hall, there was a most splendid show of fruit. Fully 200 hundred square feet of space was occupied by this dis-

Col. C. B. Lines exhibited 30 varieties of apples and received the 1st premium on best collection. Capt. Wm. Mitchell occupied a large space on one of the tables with 20 varieties, receiving the 1st premium on best collection of winter apples. Mr. J. N. Bisby made an excellent show of 28 varieties and received the 1st premium on fall apples. Among the other exhibitors was Silas Brittan, B F. Hask inson, Anton Scheive and Samuel Woods. S. and southwestern part of Missouri, is a country H. Fairfield had a fine collection of 12 varieties, making an excellent display. The show of fruit at this Fair was the finest and largest ever made in Wabaunsee county. In the vegetable line there were but few entries, but the vegetables on exhibition were a superior lot. Mr. H. A. Stiles the principal exhibitor, had among other vegetables some white Brazilian sweet potatoes, that were very large. I weighed two of them and they aggregated 13 lbs

Among those exhibiting articles in the Ladies' Department, I noticed a number of entries by Mrs. Chas. Ross, Mrs. S. H. Fairfield, Miss great manufacturing as well as agricultural Rose Fix, and others. Miss Hattie Fairfield. 7 years old had on exhibition a very pretty hair This FARMER of yours is justly proud of all wreath made by herself, Miss Mary Fairchild. the valleys of which he has made mention in a very curious frame made of seeds. The success of this department was largely due to Mrs. Herrick the Superintendent. The attendence at this Fair was small until the afternoon of the last day. The receipts were about

Alma, Kansas, Oct. 4, 1876.

SOCIAL LIFE ON THE FARM.

There is hardly a city in the United States which does not contain more people than can get a tair, honest living, by labor or trade, in the best times. When times of business depression come, like those through which we have passed, and are passing, there is a large class that must be helped to keep them from perous class is the agricultural. We often witness the anomaly of thrifty farmers and starvng tradesmen. The country must be fed, and the farmers feed it. The city family may do without new clothes, and a thousand luxurious smaller extent.—N. Y. Bulletin. without new clothes and a thousand luxurious appliances, but it must have bread and meat. There is nothing that can prevent the steady prosperity of the American farmer but the combinations and "corners" of middlemen, that force unnatural conditions upon the finances and markets of the country.

This is not the first occasion we have had for allusion to this subject, and it is not likely to be the last. The forsaking of the farm for city so far, it has received no appreciable check. Every young man, apparently, who thinks he can get a living in the city.or at the minor cen. tres of population quits his lonely home upon the farm and joins the multitude. Once in the and place of growth—on each side gigantic city he never returns. Notwithstanding the stalks of corn, broom corn, wheat, rye confinement and the straightened conditions of his new life, he clings to it until he dies adding his family to the permanent population of his new home. Mr. Greeley, in his day of active philanthropy, used to urge men to leave the city—to go west—to join the agricultural population, and thus make themselves sure of competent livelihood. He might as well have talked to the wind. A city population can neither be coaxed or driven into agricultural pursuits. It is not that they are afraid of work. The average worker of the city toils more hours than the average farmer in any quarter of the country. He is neither fed or lodged as well as the farmer. He is less independent than the farmer. He is a bond slave to bis employers and his conditions; yet the agricultural life has no charms for him.

Whatever the reason for this may be, it is not based in the nature of the work, or in it material rewards. The farmer is demonstrably better off than the worker of the city. He is more independent, has more command of his own time, fares better at table, lodges better, and gets a better return for his labor. What is the reason, then, that the farmer's boy runs to the city the first chance he can get, and remains, if he can possibly find there the means of life ?

It can only be found, we believe in the social leanness, or social starvation, of American agricultural life. The American farmer, in all his planning, and all his building, has never made provision for life. He has only considered the means of getting a living. Everything outside of this—everything relating to society and culture—has been steadily ignored. He gives his children the advantage of schools, not recognizing the fact that these very advantages call into life a new set of social wants. A bright, well educated family, in a lonely farm-house, is very different material from a family brought own, therefore used the Court House and sheds up in ignorance. An American farmer's child- I find plants that do not head well or appear near, for the exhibition of articles and animals. In the child- ing academy, resemble in no degree the child- will save all such plants. A quart of salt is ren of the European peasant. They come home been selected for a "track." A very interest- with new ideas and new wants; and if there is although more can be used with safety.

they will be ready, on reaching their majority, to fly the farm and seek the city. If the American farmer wishes to keep his

wonder what we mean by it. To get a living, to make money, to become "forehanded"—this is the whole of life to agricultural multitudes, discouraging in their numbers to contemplate.

To them there is no difference between living and getting a living. Their whole life consists in getting a living; and when their families come back to them from their schooling, and find that, really, this is the only pursuit that has any recognition under their paternal roof, they must go away. The boys push to the centres of the cities, and the girls follow them if they can. A young man or a young woman, raised to the point where they apprehend the difference between living and getting a living, can never be satisfied with the latter alone. Either the farmer's children must be kept ignorant, or provision must be made for their social wants. Brains and hearts need food and clothing as well as bodies; and those who have learned to recognize brains and hearts as the best and most important point of their personal possessions, will go where they can find the ministry they need.

What is the remedy? How shall farmers manage to keep their children near them? How can we discourage the influx of unnecessary—nay burdensome—population into the cities? We answer: By making agricultural society attractive. Fill the farm-house with periodicals and books. Establish central reading rooms or neighborhood clubs. Encourage the social meetings of the young. Have concerts, lectures, amateur dramatic associations. Establish a bright, active social life, that shall give some significance to labor.

NEW YORK VS. WESTERN DAIRIES.

The announcement that an Iowa creamery had carried off the first prize over all exhibits of butter from other States at the Centennial Exposition, naturally attracts the attention of the trade. The product of our own State has always been considered superior to that of any other section of the country, and the result of this competition from Iowa is to many a little surprising. Yet after all, we find a large num. ber of our dealers who look upon the award as a just and natural sequence of what is mildly attributed to carelessness on the part of many New York dairymen. Relying upon an established reputation to carry them through, they have neglected giving the careful attention to the product of the churn, common in former years, and hence this season complaints are numerous that a large precentage of water has been worked into stock, as if for the purpose of increasing weight, but at the sacrifice of solidity and staying qualities—a fault which has developed itselt very decidedly during the present warm weather. There is no doubt just as good butter produced in some sections of the State to-day as heretofore, and it is claimed that a proper representation of certain makes at the Centennial Dairymen's Association bullding, would have retained the laurels for New York. But it is also admitted that these really first-class offerings are the exceptation rather than the rule; that, constantly studying the wants at the cities on the sea-board, the West has dispossessed itself of the idea that almost "enviling" would do to send to New York, Philadelphia or Boston, and, steadily improving on it product, it now begins to produce grades on which it is not uncommon to obtain rates equal to those on the best State. outside of a few special dairies which preserve their superiority simply by practising the oldtime care in preparing butter for market. Ohio, Iowa, Illinois and other large sections of the West, are all magnificent dairy countries, and will soon obtain the supremacy for which they cruel suffering. Still the cities grow, while are striving, unless our dairymen at once whole regions of the country—especially its older portions—are depopulated year by year, yet the fact is patent to-day that the only prosnot be amiss for certain of our cheese makers to apply the same admonition to themselvesa corresponding evil already beginning to ex-

KANSAS AT THE CENTENNIAL.

Among the many kind and flattering words given the Kansas display at the Centennial. we find the following in the Wheaton Illinoian from Prof. J. A Bent of that State .

But in the lead of all, Kansas has the largest, completest and most artistically arranged array of cereals and vegetable productions on the grounds. An immense map of the State fills the end opposite the main entrance. Beneath this are well arranged specimens of front of this is the space to be devoted to exhibition of fruit this month. A fountain plays in the centre of the building. Above this is a copy of the Independence bell-it is, 8 feet high and 8 feet in diameter at the rim-made of the cereal growth of Kansas skillfully wov. en together, and the tongue is a six foot gourd. The black seeds of broom corn are so woven in as to mark the crack to be seen in the original bell at Independence Hall. The right wing is occupied by an exhibition of products gathered on the line of the A. T. & Santa Fe R. R. If any one has doubts as to the capacity for large growths in Kansas of grass and grain this exhbition will dispel the doubts. Coal, building rock, silk-worms and in cocoons, and a fine collection of stuffed birds and animals complete the collection. Colorado with her great display of minerals, animals and birds

occupies the other wing.

The continuous crowds that pass in and out of this building attest the deference willingly paid to the downright enterprise and art manifested by this one of the younger members in the Sisterhood of States

SALT FOR CABBAGE.

A New Jersey gardener considers salt necessary to the development of cabbage, especially in places far from the coast. He finds them more crisp, of better flavor and to keep better when salt is used than without. He uses it as follows:—A few days after setting out the plants, and when they are damp, eith er after a rain, or when the dew is on, I take a a small dish of fine salt, and walking among the rows, sprinkle a little pinch of salt on the centre of each plant. When the leaves begin to grow I repeat the salting, and when the centre of the leaves begin to form the head I apply salt again, scattering if over the leaves. After this I look them over occasionally and if sufficient for five hundred plants in a season,

Batrons of Husbandry.

The use in subordinate granges of the sett of receipt and order books issued at this office will prevent confusion and mixing of accounts; they are invaluable in keeping the money matters of a grange straight.

The three books are sent, postage paid, to any orange for \$1.50

THE "BROTHERS OF THE PLOW" TO THE BROTHERS OF THE PEN.

"The war drums throb no longer; The battle flags are furled: And now we feast together here, The men that rule the world The spade my septre, brother,
And yours the mighty pen,
We rule the world between us:—we, Its working, thinking men.

You at your press, my brother, And I upon my farm,— The one the world's great thinking brain; And one its strong right arm. For senators and judges, They're but the tools we use And if we find they will not do, Why better ones we'll choose.

So if we strive together, With honest hearts and bold, To make the century to come Still grander than the old, Our sons and daughters nobler far, In soul and body free,
Shall teach the world of future days What man was meant to be!

MEETING OF THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE. The State Grange will meet this year at Manhattan, Riley county, on Tuesday, December 12th. The following article of the constitution will show what number, and how delegates to State Grange shall be elected:

ARTICLE II. Sec. 2. Each grange shall elect one delegate at large, and one additional delegate for each twenty (20) members or fractional part thereof equal to fifteen (15) at the first regular meeting in October, who shall meet on the first Tuesday in November, at the county seat, or such place as may be designated, and elect from the masters or their wives who are matrons in said county, one delegate and one alternate as members for the county at large, and one additional delegate and alternate for every fifteen hundred (1500) members of subordinate granges in the county or fraction equal to ten hundred (1000.)

ARTICLE III. Sec. 1. This grange shall hold a regular annual meeting on the second Tuesday in Det cember at such place as the State Grange or executive committee may determine.
M. E. Hudson,

Master State Grange.

F. H. DUMBAULD, Chairman Executive Committee.

HIGHER DEGREES IN THE GRANGE.

The Journal of Agriculture contains the following very important and sensible remarks concerning the abolishment of the 6th and 7th degrees, or of permitting all members to enjoy the privilege. He says :

Very few Patrons are aware of the intense exclusiveness of the 6th and 7th degrees of the grange. Think of it! No patron, however worthy and wise he may be-no difference how long he has belonged to the order, nor how many sacrifices he may have made for it. can ever be a sixth or seventh degree dignitary unless he happens to have been master of a state grange-and how few can ever be that ! In Missouri out of a hundred thousand mem. bers, perhaps not a dozen in a lifetime can ever be Master, and therefore are totally denied a sight into the mysterious arcana that hovers above them.

How preposterous! how un-democratic! how anti-republican! how utterly opposed to all our American ideas of equality and an even chance for all! And what good can come of this extreme exclusiveness, this aristocracy, this elevation of a few above the many?

We have studied closely all the arguments of the advocates of this system, and cannot see a single sensible reason to continue these degress so repugnant, especially to western people. The only argument given is that there is no exclusiveness in it, because every patron may be elected master of a state grange, and may then get these degrees. Ah indeed! so he may. But is every good patron a seeker after the office? On the contrary most of our very best men refuse to have an office at all, and must they therefore be denied the privileges of the higher degrees?

Look at the actual working of these sixth and seventh degrees for one moment. A little body of men who have been masters of state granges over one year, get together in secret conclave-what they do, neither you or I can know, except just as they choose to tell uswe can never get there-one thing we do know the National Grange, or member of the executive committee.

The National Grange sits part of the time in the 4th degree, but whenever there are any discussions to take place that the "Priests of Merida" do not want the common herd to hear, that they go to work in the 6th degree and the plebeians are turned out. Now all this is so contrary to the plain common sense of the farmers-it is so clearly establishing a "privileged class" above and superior to us, that whether this "upper ten" does harm or good -it would be better to abolish the whole thing and come down to a basis where all patrons are on a perfect equality. Let there be no degrees in the grange which the worthy farmer who does not care to be an office-holder, may not take if he desires to and possesses the proper moral character and standing. If our order is to take the elevated stand which we claim for it, as the champion of right and jus- selves. If we allow a member to pay for viol tice, as the stern opponent of all shams and lating a sacred obligation we are lowering the swindles, rings and monopolies—as the rally. ing point for purer and better politics, we obligation that he will obey the laws of the must begin in our own household by rooting Order. One of these laws is that a Grange

we regard the higher degrees—we must purify our augean stables, where a little aristocracy, in one of the upper chambers, perhaps with the very best motives, are bringing distrust and discredit on our best of orders, by maintaining and perpetuating something too in Venetian history.

HOW TO MAKE THE GRANGE USEFUL. A correspondent of the Cincinnati Grange

up to a membership of sixty, initiating only those whom the most deliberate judgment pronounced worthy, says:

"After the initatory process became less interesting from its frequency we raised important questions, involving science and prace tical experience, thus increasing the interest int he lodge-room. By interchanging opinions, mental benefit resulted. Also, a course of cred duty. lectures was given, occurring semi-monthly during cold weather; and the lecturers having the privilege of selecting their subjects, a deliberation. Outsiders were benefited also by these entertainments being 'free to all.' Hence it would be no easy calculation to estimate the good influences resulting from this plan.

"We next turned our attention to literary improvement. We secured a library of a few hundred volumes, by each member donating whatever important and useful works he possessed, or saw fit to purchase and present to the lodge, to become his property again at his discretion. Essays and selections occupied a prominent position; and considerable zeal and energy is constantly manifested in this particular. Some considerable talent and intelligence is also discernable. So we have satisfactorily demonstrated the necessity of work, out side of lodge work proper, to keep up and retain the interest in our lodges.

ARE HARVEST FEASTS DESIRABLE ! A correspondent of the Dirigo Rural discussing the question of benefits from harvest feasts, holds the following : "Are they beneficial to the Order? I believe they are; at our harvest feasts we have a full attendance; our sisters come looking smiling and happy, and a good feeling prevails among the brothers, and the social features of the Grange are carried out to the letter. Our sisters who are some what backward about speaking can have a chance at the table to free their rainds which they would not do during the business hours, and as we sit at the table and cast a look around among the smiling faces of all we feel to bless the man who invented harvest feasts.

"Do they pay? I consider that anything that serves to secure a full attendance at our meetings pays. We do not expect to get our pay in scrip, then and there; neither do we expect to receive pay if we send our children to school to obtain an education; and as our harvest feasts are one of the social features of of the Order we must consider that we get our pay as we go along. The expenses of eating supper at the hall or at home makes very little difference. We do not believe in making a great display or that one should try to outdo the other, but to carry such food to our harvest feast as we have at home and it will be of little trouble for a large amount of good time. Fry it Patrons.

If all the Patrons in the State would wake up, and step to the front, as have the Patrons in Brown county, the farmers of Kansas would very soon be able to control in a great measure the prices of their own produce: It is the lethargy, stupidity, and lack of co-operative efforts among the producing classes that has forced them to take a subordinate position among men. We do not say these seeming harsh words to wound the feelings of any, but on the contrary we would, if possible incite our farmer friends all over the land to an active, united effort in their own behalf, and thus not only make their calling the more respectable and honorable, but also greatly enhance the remuneration they receive for their hard toil. It does us good to visit a county where the Patrons are alive and actively at work for their own best interests, hence our readers can easily imagine we have a warm corner in our heart for the good Patrons of Brown county.-Spirit of Kansas.

Brother Post, the State Secretary, states that more Subordinate Granges are paying dues -that no man who does not belong to their promptly than in any of the previous quarters conclave can now ever get to be an officer of of the year, and evidently more than paid regularly either last year or the year before, This shows that the Order is on good footing. In his late lecture tour in Fulton County he found the Order in fine condition, there as elsewhere.-Indiana Farmer.

> The largest Grange in the State of Maine is the Northern Light, of Winterport, having a membership of 139; those having over 100 members are Turner and Paris Granges, each 138; Eastern Star, Hampden and Summersett, Norridgewock, 120 each; Dexter, 113; Norway, 111; Enterprise, Richmond, 110; Victor, Fairfield 120; Gorham, 101. The smallest is the North Star, with only twelve names upon

Sone Granges punish non-attendance by fines. This is not right. We seek, says our code of principles, to establish a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourstandard of honor. Every Patron takes an out all shams and humbugs, and in this light shall meet once a month. The Grange is a farmers profits.—New York Times.

unit of individuals, and every one of these individuals is bound by this regulation to attend the stated meetings, and when one fails to attend without good excuse he to all intehts and proposes stultifies himself.

There are hundreds of so-called Patrons in much like the secret Council of Ten, so famous this country who habitually violate their words of honor by neglecting their meetings, and by so doing are actually defrauding their sworn brothers and sisters. How so? We venture the assertion that there never was a Bulletin, whose Grange was speedily brought Grange in which there was not two or three good Patrons, but the rest indifferent to their duties stay away until the charter is revoked or the Grange recorded as dormant and the few zealous ones are thus defrauded of their rights and forced into the disgraceful relation of expelled members by that blunted sense of truth and honor which enables the absentees to justify their gross neglect of sa-

The only remedy which should be applied is for the offending members to be kindly instructed in their relative duties, and then if variety of material was brought before us for they habitually neglect those duties, let them know that there is no room inside the gate for wilful prejurors, and compel them to leave an institution to which they are a reproach and an incubus .- Virginia Patron.

MIDDLEMEN.

The Grange claims there is a great amount of work performed by these middlemen that it could do for itself; that the cream of its profits are skimmed off by having too many men to do its business. If a number of farmers, then, can arrange to do the work through one agent that formerly took three, there will be the wages of two saved and producer and consumer brought into more direct contact. If there are two elevators at any of our shipping points where one would be sufficient, grain could be shipped at half cost if only one were employed. Farmers, however, must control the elevators, and prevent others from raising the charges to their former rates, which they would if under their control. This they can only do by owning them. To own their elevators is not only legitimate, but really necessary, They would then have their grain shipped at a greater reduction than when so many men and elevators were employed; in fact, at the cheapest possible rates. This is what can be done in moditying the present business arrangements by intelligent farmers managing their own busi-

We really cannot see why farmers cannot manage their own elevators, pork packing establishments, a storage warehouse, a dock and a ship, or canal boat for conveying produce to different markets, as well as running a cheese factory or steam thresher. We see no reason why farmers should not look to the services of those whom they employ as agents for the disposal of their produces as to get any other la-bor cheap, and employ their spare capital in these enterprises as well as putting it into the

banks, &c. And we see no reason why it should not prove as successful with the same experience and business ability. But a railroad, a woolen and cotton factory, and similar mechanical operations requiring skilled labor, and teach nical training, and business experience, which can only be profitably effective when the oper-ator is owner of the establishment, would seem to be outside of the farmer's province, and only doomed to failure. The principle of the Grangers with regard to middlemen is that the abundance or scantiness of the annual supply of a nation must depend upon the proportion between the numbers of those who are annuin useful labor, and that of those who are not employed .- Canadian Granger.

FARM LIFE.

One of the compensations of a farm not mear. ured by dollars and cents exists in a feeling of independence and security which no one can possess more satisfactorily than a good farmer upon a good farm, well stocked and free from No reverse or revulsion of affairs can touch him. In the worst times the world must eat and be clothed, and the farmer feeds and clothes the world. His market can never fail. There is in addition to this the vast satisfaction of possessing in security something which he can improve and adorn and spend his labors of love upon. It pays to live and breathe; social pleasures pay; the attachments of the family pay; the culture derived from the study of books, of men, and of the beauties and mysteries of nature pays, and all these the farmer may enjoy, if he will, in a greater degree than the majority of other men. He may labor harder, and be exposed to heat and cold and rains and storms, but the sleep of the laboring man is sweet to him; he breathes the purest air and enjoys the easy digestion of his food, which consists of the best and the freshest the fields, gardens and orchards yield. He may "find tongues in trees. books in the running brooks, sermons in the stones, and good in everything." In all these he may count his profit, and the farmer who ignores all but the money he can gather at the end of the year, lives but a small portion of his life, and that the worst. It is all that makes the possession of a piece of land a passion inherent in the disposition of a man, al though he may not fully recognize it, and it may lie latent in him; and it is this which forces the successful man to seek recreation upon a farm, and the disappointed one to find solace and resources there. Just at this time there are more men than ever looking to a farm as a more certain possession and to ing as a more securely profitable and more desirable occupation than business promises to be in the near future. Some of the best and most successful farmers are those who have been driven to the farm as a refuge from business reverses, and many such are now daily leaving the cities to find homes in the country Both for these and those who are "native and to the manner born," we would point out what seems to us really the most profitable results of a farm life, and that which to us has been productive of more comfort and enjoyment than all the pecuniary results. No one sup-poses for a moment that farmers can live or enjoy life without at least as fair an equivalent for their labor as others can secure, but it is a great mistake, made by many farmers, that many other industries offer higher compensation for labor than theirs, and they forget that much that they enjoy without cost is ab soluetly necessary to the comfort of every man, and is purchased dearly by others; the value of this never enters into the calculation of a

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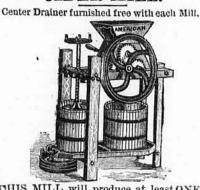


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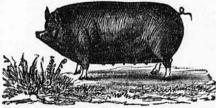
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You thread with tender fingers, oft, The shining ringlets of my hair; You tell me they are fine and soft, And yet you say, your heart they hold n their long links of sunny gold— An idle, willing prisoner there.

And you have told me, when my hand Lay warm in yours, that in its clasp Your future waited, great and grand, If I should choose to let it stay; But that, if it were drawn away, All hope would fly beyond your grasp.

And you have said, times not a few, That death, whene'er it cross your way, Will find your heart as firm and true As now, when blithe, and young, and fair, You gauge me by my shining hair And by my smiling eyes to-day.

And though I think a truer heart Ne'er breathed on earth than yours, I know That if, with hand in hand we start On life's long journey, there will come. Ere one of us in death is dumb, Words of regret and bitter woe.

For you love beauty; and some day, When Time comes by and finds me fair, He'll turn, with touch of sure decay, My golden links to gray—and lo! Your heart will slip its bonds and go. In new-found freedom otherwhere

And the white hand, whose clasp in yours Makes all, you say, your life is worth, Might, even as its touch assures, Be strong some day to cross your will, And right or wrong, persist until It should become your bane on earth.

And when death comes, as come it must-To me, suppose—'twill better be, If, looking on my quiet dust, You can say faintly through your tears. We have been friends for many years, And she was very dear to me,'

Than that, with bitter parting sigh, You should look back, far back again, Along a wasted life, and cry, "Ah, better had I lived alone! For we had long estranged grown,
And life was nought but constant pain.

So, friends in deed, and word, and thought Let us shake hands and go our ways, And some time, when the years have brought Their many changes, we can see That it was better things should be Just as they were in former days.

TWO SIDES TO A BUREAU

BY HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD.

ONE SIDE.

When I turned around and she was coming in the door, I'm sure I though I was dream-If it had been the Queen a-coming in, I shouldn't have been more surprised; and the three children with their faces like little pigs! "Here you," whispered I to Benjamin Franklin, "you go 'long and stick your face in some water, quick metre! And give Johnny's a scrubbing too." And I wet the corner of my apron between my lips in a hurry, and rubbed Sue's mouth; and then I made believe I hadn't seen her before, and dusted the other chair for her; and she sat down, and I sat down, and we looked at one another. Lord! she was that fine! Her flounces were silk, and they were scalloped like so many roses, and lace showing under the edge of them, and she had such boots, setting like gloves—just enough to make your eyes water. But the flowers in her hat—you should have seen them—I declare you could have smelled them! Well, she seemed to fill up the little room, and if ever I and so I don't say anything about all the box was glad of anything, I was glad that I'd es and bundles I have to keep my things in, neck. scrubbed the floor that very day, so that it was clean enough to eat off of—glad, too, that I'd taken Jim's old hat out of the broken window, and put in the smooth bottom of a box with good respectable looking tacks. Jim might Jack-at-all trades, but he'd rather play on the fiddle than eat, and he was a playing it out in the tie-up that moment, with all the wind there was blowing. However, I couldn't complain, for he'd just mended the chair, so that it was as good as new, and had put up as tidy a says I, for she was looking perfectly amazed; shelf as you please over the stove for the really, just as if I was a little monster, and she'd shelf as you please over the stove for the brush and comb and the hair oil bottle. If I'd been a little slicked up myself, with my new print and my pink apron, or if I'd only had my bhang on, I wouldn't 'a minded. But when Benjamin Franklin came back with just the top dirt rinsed off, and the rest all smears, I did fell so vexed that I gave him as good a shaking as a nut tree gets in harvest. "Bless my heart!" says she,"what are you do-

"Because he's so aggravating," says I. There

you go 'long;" and gave him a shove.
"Why," says she, "don't you remember how
it used to feel to be shaken yourself?"

"I don't know as I do," says I.
"As if you were flying to atoms? And your

"Why, look a-here," says I. "Be you a missionary ?

"A missionary?" says she, laughing. "No; I'm Mr. Mulgrave's wife. And I came up to see how the new house was getting on; the house is so full of plaster dust inside, and the whirlwind is blowing the things off the roof so outside that I thought I would venture in here till the cloud passed. 'Oh," says I.

"I knocked, but you didn't hear me." "I'm real glad to see you," says I. "It's a dreadful lonesome place, and hardly any body ever comes. Only I'm sorry every thing's so at sixes and sevens. You see, where there's a family of children, and the wind blowing so, says I, with a lucky though-it's always good to have the wind or the weather to lay things to, because nobody is responsible for the ele-ments—"things will get to looking like ride-

"Children do make confusion," says she "but confusion is pleasanter with them than pimlico order without them." "Well, that's so," I answered; "for I remem-

ber when Johnny had the measles last year I thought if he only got well I'd let him whittle thought if he only got well I'd let him whittle the door all to pieces if ever he wanted to again. Here, Benny," says I, for I began to feel bad to think I'd treated him so—if he'd mortified me, 'twas no reason why I should mortify him, and right before folks so—"take that to little sister," and Igave them something to keep them quiet. "I suppose you wouldn't eare for any water?" says I to her them. "Not if I put some molasses in it? I didn't know but the wind might have made you dry. Yes,

"Marriage does bring trouble;
A single life is best;
They should never double
Who would be at rest."
But there! I wouldn't be without them for

all the fine clothes I used to have when I was single and worked in the shop. I worked down at Burrage's-I suppose you never buy

any shoes there?"
"What makes you suppose so?" says she

smiling.
"Well, because your boots don't look like our work, they look like—like Cinderella's slip— Yes, I worked at Burrage's, off and on, pers. a good many years—on most of the time. I had six dollars a week. Folks used to wonder how I got so many clothes with it, after I'd paid my board. But I always had that six dol. lars laid out long before pay day—in my mind you know-so that I spent it to the best advantage. There's a great deal of pleasure in that.

"A great deal," says she.

"That's what I say to Jim; and then he says his is all spent before pay day too—but with a difference, you know. I suppose you've got a

real good steady husband?"
"Oh yes, indeed," says she, laughing some

"You must, to have such a nice house as that is going to be. But there! I shouldn't know what to do with it, and I don't envy you s

"Oh, you needn't," says she, a twitching her shoulders; "I expect to have trouble enough with it."

"Not," says I-"I don't mean that Jim isn't He's as steady as a clock—at that old fiddle of his. But sometimes I wish he loved his regular trade as well, or else that that was his trade. But I suppose if fiddling was his trade, he'd want to be wood carving all the

"Why don't you speak to him," says she 'seriously ?"

"Well, you can't," says I. "He's so sweet and good natured and pleasant that when I've got my mind all made up to give him a sound talking to, he makes me like him so, and sets me to laughing, and plays such a twirling, twittering tune, that I can't do it to save my

You see, I'd got to talking rather free with her, because she listened so, and seemed interested, and kept looking at me in a wondering way, and at last took Sue up on her lap and gave her, her rings to play with. Such rings! My gracious! one of them flashed with stones all around just like the Milky Way. I should think it would have shone through her glove.

"But," says she, "you should tell him that his children will be growing up presently and

"Oh, I do that," says I. "And he says, well he'll do for the bad example they're to take warning by; and, at any rate, it's no use wor-rying before the time comes, and when they do grow up they can take care of themselves just the way we do."

"Are you contented to leave it so?" says

"Well, I'm contented enough. That is. in general. But I do wish sometimes that Jim would go down to his work regular every day, with his tin pail in his hand, like other men, and come back at night, and have a good round sum of money in hand at once, instead of just working long enough to get some flour and fish and pork and potatoes and sugar, and then not so much as lifting his finger again till that all gives out : it's such a hand-to-mouth way

ting so much money in a pile; and if I do hap pen to, why then there's something I must have, like Jim's boots, or flannel and yarn and cloth, or a little bed—because you can't sleep with more than two children in one bed And so, somehow, I never get the bureau. But then I don't give it up. Oh, I suppose you think my notions are dreadful extravagant, Oh, I suppose you never seen the like. "And perhaps they are. But people must have something to ambition them, and it seems to me as though, if I even could get a bureau, I should 'most feel as if I'd got a house!

"Well, I declare!" says she, drawing of

long breath.
"I did come precious near it last fall," says I-for I wanted her to see that it wasn't altogether an impossibility, and I wasn't wasting my time in vapors—"when Jim was at work up here, helping lay out the garden. He was paid by the day, you know: Mr Mulgrave paid him; and he was paid here, and I had the hand-ling of the money; and I said to myself, Now or never for that bureau! But dear me, I had body was as powerless as if it had been in the hands of a giant, and your heart as full of the things I couldn't do without any way at all, that before I got round to the bureau it was evrey cent gone!"
"Yes," she says,"its apt to be so. I know if

I don't get the expensive thing when I have the money in my pruse, the money is filtered away and I've nothing to show for it."

"That's just the way it is with me," says I.

But somehow I can't seem to do without the shoes and flannel, and all that. Oh, here's your husband! That's a powerful horse of his. But I should be afraid he'd break my neck if I was behind him."

"Not when my husband's driving," says she And she bids me good day, and kisses Sue, and springs into the wagon, and is off like a bird, with her veil and her feathers and her ribbons

with her veri and her reathers and her ribbons and streamers all flying. Well, so far so good. Thinks I to myself: "She'll be a very pleasant neighbor. If she's ever so fine, she don't put on airs. And it does you good once in a while to have somebody listen when you want to run on about yourself. And may be she'll have odd chores that I can turn my hand to-plain sewing, or clear starching, or an extra help when company comes in. I shouldn't wonder if we were quite a mutual advantage." And so I told Jim, and he said he shouldn't wonder too.

children do make trouble. One of Jim's songs house, and it not half done, either. But it's blue ones, and black guipure or Chantilly on house, and it not haif done, either. But it is none of my business. Maybe it's a refrigerator to be set in the cellar," And I went on patting Sue, when all at once Jim's fiddle stopped short, as if it broke, and I heard a gruff voice saying, Where'll you have it?" Here, you, sir, lend a hand." And I dropped Sue on the bed and ran to the door, and they were a bringit in—there, look at it, as pretty a bureau as you'll find in a day's walk. It's pine, to be you'll find in a day's walk. It's pine, to be sure but it's seasoned, and every drawer shuts smooth and easy; and it's painted and grain. ed like black-walnut, and there's four deep drawers, and a shallow one at the bottom, and two little drawers at the top; and in the upper drawer of the deep ones there's a place for this all parted off, and a place for that, and a place for the other; and, to crown the whole, a great swinging glass that you can see yourself in from head to belt. Just look! Oh. I tell you it's a great thing! "With Mrs. Mul-grave's compliments," says the man, and went off and shut the door.

I never waited for anything. Sue was screaming on the bed; I let her scream. I never minded Benny's rassling nor Jim's laughing. I got down every bandbox, and basket and bundle I had on the shelves, got out every bag there was under the bed and behind the doors, and in ten minutes that bureau was so full you couldn't shut a drawer. Then I took them all out and fixed them all over again, 'It's ours, Jim!" says I; and then I just sat down and cried.

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than last season. Red flannel balmorals, trimmed with black velvet, are in vogue. Sandal shoes and slippers are not so much

in demand this fall. Only a little lace, which must be very fine is used on dress hats. The square mesh, netted silk ties are the fa

vorites this season. Ruchings with colored edges are only to be used for morning wear.
Silleul, or linden color, is one of the new

hades of greenish cream color. All polonaises are made very long, showing but little of the dress skirt. The new shades of green, brown and blue

in dress goods are almost black. Ulsters will be as much worn this season as ast by both gentlemen and boys.

Broad belts, with large silver, steel, or jet buckles still continue in favor. Very deep and heavy worsted fringes are very stylish for trimming dolmans.

White ivory ornaments are very pretty and

Many of the long streamers worn on hats are caught together at the ends by an ornamental Linen collars and cuffs, to be worn with walking dresses, are edged with blue, red or

Mother Goose is one of the names given to the high-crowned hats. Why not Mother Hubbard also.

The hair is worn low on the neck, in square meshed silk nets, the nets matching in color either the hair or the dress. Shetland wool hoods are to be worn by chil-

dren this winter, instead of the ganal white wiss and Valenciennes lace ones.

Ruchings, either of fine organdie or crepe lisse are used in the necks and sleeves of evening dresses in preference to lace. Long circular capes, either with silk lined with fur, or else entirely made of cloth, are to

be worn this winter for carriage wraps. Magnolia is the name given to a new shade of green. It is very pale, being almost a yel-low, with a scarcely perceptible tinge of

Basques and overskirts are cut so that you can scarcely tell where the basques end or the overskirts commence; but polonaises are the most fashionable.

Hats have either two long streamers, without any loops, or are made to present a close cut off appearance in the back. No short ends or loops are used. A new notion in the way of reticules, to be

worn with street dresses, is made of black velvet, ornamented with silver, and with a silver chain to attach it to the belt. The reticule is a very little larger than an ordinary purse. Little girls' cloaks are made as long as the dresses in front. The backs are not cut quite as long, but a side pleating is put in to make them the same length. A sash is tied across the top of the pleating. A plain round collar

finishes the neck. There a new patent skirt-lifter which is excellent. It consists of a short chain, which at one end has a hook, by which it is caught in the belt; at the other end there is a catch which opens, and looks like a pair of tweezers. The skirt of the dress is gathered up and

caught in this. Some very pretty dolmans for evenings, of light blue, pink and cardinal red cashmere are shown. The fronts are cut quite long, with pockets sewed on the outside. The wraps are

black ones.

A very handsome evening dress has a black velvet skirt, with a deep, box-pleated flounce. The polonaise is made of pearl-colored brocade silk. It is drawn tight together in the back and quite low down. This gathering is hidden by a large black velvet sash coming from under the arms at the waist line, in the back. The edge of the polonaise is finished by a heavy fringe made of pearl-colored silk and black velvet. In front there two rows of the fringe, the second about twelve inches above the first, which edges the polonaise. The sleeves are of black velvet, with a double ruffle of the silk. In the neck there is a black velvet collar.

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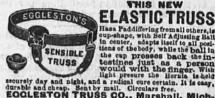
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Dis worl' dat we's a libbin' in is like a cotton row, Where ebery culled gentleman has got his line to hoe; And ebery time a lazy nigger stops to take his nap, De grass keeps on a growin' for to smudder up his

When Moses led de Jews acrost de waters ob de sea, Dey had to keep a goin', jes as fas' as fas' could be; Do you s'pose dat dey could ebber hab succeeded in

And reached de Promised Land at last, if dey had stopped to fish ?

My frien's, dar was a garden once whar Adam libbed

Wid no one 'round to bodder dem, no neighbors for to thieve, And ebery day was Christmas, and dey got deir ration s

And eberyting belonged to dem except an an apple

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A stump tail, rusty moccasin, a crawlin' on de groun' How Eve an' Adam eat de fruit an' went an' hid deir

Till de angeloberseer he came an' drove 'em off de place. Now, s'pose dat man an' 'coman hadn't tempted for

But had gone about der gardenin', and tended to deir

to shirk,

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But if you quits a workin' ebery time de sun is hot, De sheriff's gwyne to lebby on eberyting you's got, Whateber'tis you's dribin at, be sure an'dribe it troo,

An'don't let nuffin' stop you but do what yon's gwine

For when you see a nigger foolin' den, shore as you's You's gwyne to see him come out ob de small eend ob

I thanks for de 'teution you has' gib dis afternoon-Sister Williams will oblige us by a raisin, ob a tune-I see dat Brudder Johnson's 'hout to pass aroun' de

And don't let's have no half-way doin's when it comes to dat.

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Strays for the Week Ending Sept. 27th, 1876.

Cherokee County—Ed. McPherson, Clerk. HORSE—Taken no by C. Rickner, Aug. 29th, 1876, Lowell Tp., one gray horse pony, about 13½ hands high, left eye defective, had on a bell and three shoes. Valued at \$20.

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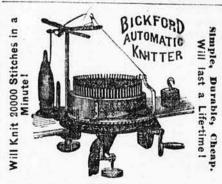
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

To the Constitution of the State of Kansas, submitted by the Legislature at its last session for the ratification or rejection of the electors of the State of the next gen-eral election.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. ONE

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, proposing amend ments to Articles two and nine of the Constitut tion of the State of Kansas, relating to the appropriations and county officers.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to each house con-curring therein:

SECTION 1. The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on the Tnesday succeeding the first Monday in November, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-six (1870):

Proposition one: Section twenty four of article two

Proposition one: Section twenty four of article two shall be amended as to read as follows: Section 24. No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of a specific appropriation made by law, and no appropriation shall be for a longer term than two years.

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Proposition two: Section three of article nine shall be amended so as to read as follows: Section 3. All county officers shall hold their flices for the term of two years and until their successors shall be qualified, except county commissioners, who shall hold their offices for the term of three years: Provided, That at the general election in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven the commissioner elected from district number one in each county shall hold his office for the term of one year, the commissioner elected from district number two in each county shall hold his office for the term of two years, and the commissioner elected from district number three in each county shall hold his office for the term of three years; but no person shall hold the office of sheriff or county treasurer for more than two consecutive terms.

SEC. 2. The following shall be the method of submitting said propositions, namely: The ballots shall be either written or printed, or partly printed and partly written. In regard to proposition one aforesaid the form of the ballot shall be, "For proposition one to amend the Constitution" and "Against the proposition one to amend the Constitution," In regard to proposition two, to amend section three of article nine of the Constitution of the State of Kansas," or "Against proposition two, to amend section three of article nine of the Constitution shall take effect and be in forced.

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Sec 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book. I hereby testify that the above bill originated in the Senate on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1876, and passed the body on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1876, to-thirds of the members elected voting therefor.

JNO H. FOLKS.

or.
M. J. SALTER,
President of Senate.

Passed the House, February 16, 1876, two thirds of the nembers elected voting therefor.

HENRY BOOTH,

Chief Clerk of House. D. C. HASKELL. Chief Clerk by House.
Speaker of House.
Approved February 22, 1876.
THOS. A. OSBORN, Governor.

I hereby testify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original enrolled joint resolution now on file in my office, and that the same took effect by publication in the statute book May 1st, A. D. 1876.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the great seal of State. Done at Topeka, Kansas, this 10th day of July, A. D. 1876.

THOS. H. CAVANAUGH. Secretary of St

