







THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS. LAWRENCE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1890.

At a sale of wool in England, American manufacturers actually run up the price of the raw material upon English manufacturers.

The successful growing of the coffee plant in South Florida seems to be now established beyond question, and the Commission of Agriculture has awarded the premium offered some time since for the first pound of coffee grown in the open air.

A correspondent of the Northwestern Farmer gives the following reasons why clover and timothy seed should always be sown together: First, the clover being tap-rooted penetrates deeply, stands drought, mellows the soil, and the timothy grows much stronger and holds up the clover.

We received a letter from the above firm a few days since in which they requested us to thank the farmers of Kansas for the very liberal patronage received from them during the past year.

A very large number of the farmers of Kansas have bought goods of this firm for several years past, and we have never yet heard one word of complaint. We also have done considerable business with this firm during the past five years, and it is but just to them to say we have always found them both honorable and prompt in all our business relations.

Our stock is very large and complete. We shall at all times look out sharp for the interests of our customers. We are not in business for the day only, but wish to make for it a foundation that will stand for our children's children.

Mrs. L. A. B. Steele, of this city, has written and had published a book entitled "Rev. Adonijah and his Wife's Relations." In this work Mrs. Steele has succeeded in framing a story that is in every particular true to life, and the reader will lay aside the book with a desire to hear the talented author again.

"This book is an amusing account of the troubles a young minister met with in his first parish."—New Northwest, Portland, Oregon. "The book is prettily bound in square form, and the print is clear and distinct. They give an account of a minister's associations with his people, and the style is spicy and readable."

Mr. E. A. Smith, proprietor of Norwood stock farm, near this city, received this week fourteen head of Jersey cattle which he imported directly from the old country. For milk and butter the Jerseys stand at the head of all other breeds, and the herd just imported by Mr. Smith is one of the finest that was ever brought to this country.

We hope our farmers will avail them-

selves of the rare opportunity now offered to improve their stock. Good stock of all kinds always finds a ready market at good prices, while scrubs are always hard to sell, at an inferior price; and it costs fully as much to raise a scrub as it does the best.

Jay Gould is making the Board of Trade of Kansas City howl, because he gives the people of the state of Kansas through rates to St. Louis and the East, and does not compel them to stop and pay two cents a bushel toll to the hungry Kansas City gentlemen as was the case until Gould made the change.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Lawrence held Friday evening the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Complaint has been and is made in Kansas City touching the manner of operating the Kansas Pacific railroad in connection with the Missouri Pacific whereby the people of Kansas are enabled to send and receive freights to and from St. Louis without being compelled to pay way charges thereon at Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, The present management is for the interest of Lawrence, and all the people of Kansas as well; therefore, be it Resolved, That we fully appreciate the management of the Kansas Pacific and Missouri Pacific railroads whereby freight destined for and forwarded from Lawrence, and all other points west of the Kansas river, is carried through Kansas City without being obliged to pay tribute to the stock-yard and elevator men of that city.

WHY SHOULD FARMERS ORGANIZE?

The matter of protecting himself from the encroachments and tyranny of railroad and other centralized capital has resolved itself into a matter of vital importance to the farmer. The lack of union in the farming community has exposed the producer to every sort of combination, and capital which should be his friend is more and more inclined to concentrate to his injury. The railroads are absorbing the profits which the farmer should receive, and in some sections his family is stunted, his children poorly educated, and debts remain unpaid or are increased, simply because no profits remain after he submits, as he is compelled to, to the assessments of organized capital on almost everything he buys, besides having to pay outrageous transportation rates on what he sends to market.

All reading and thinking farmers are aware that what we have said is true; but we fear a large majority do not realize the importance of the situation. They do not seem to understand that it will take a live, energetic working organization on their part to relieve their calling from the encroachments already made by organized capital.

General News.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Commissioner Le Duc has sent to the Hon. James W. Covert, chairman of the house committee on Agriculture, the report of Dr. Charles P. Lyman on the subject of "contagious pleuro-pneumonia or lung plague of cattle—where and to what extent the disease exists in this country." Dr. Lyman's report consists of a diary of his travels in the infected district during the months of February and March, together with a good deal of detailed information, collected by inquiry and by personal examination, respecting the circumstances attending each outbreak of the disease in the localities which he visited.

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JOPLIN, Mo., April 24.—About 5 o'clock this evening this city was struck by a severe tornado. Considerable damage was done to property, but no lives were lost. About a dozen houses were blown down, but in every case the occupants escaped uninjured. Chimneys, signs, awnings, kitchens, out-houses and barns were demolished and scattered over the city.

CHICAGO, April 26.—The following are additional particulars of Saturday night's storm: At Ashland, Ill., several thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed. Heavy hail alternated with rain, which continued all night, flooding streets, cellars, and basements of stores, etc.

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Eighteen were killed outright, and forty more or less injured, some perhaps fatally. After the storm some of the ruins caught fire, but it was checked before spreading to any extent. About 10 o'clock a perfect water spout visited the scene to render it more horrible. Men and women were found to-day decapitated, limbs torn from the body, and otherwise mutilated, a quarter of a mile from their homes.

to win in a tree top. One house in the center of the storm was whirled around and its front changed in the exact opposite direction. A negro woman was found dead in a field west of the depot literally stripped of all clothing. Charred wagons bearing the dead and wounded from the scene of destruction are to be seen on every side.

The railroad shops, round-houses, and all rolling stock on the side tracks are completely wrecked. Maj. C. Fleming, assistant general superintendent, is on the spot with a large force clearing away the debris and repairing the loss, which is variously estimated at from \$125,000 to \$200,000.

THE CANADA SOUTHERN RAILWAY LINES. The only route through Canada under American management. THE SHORT & QUICK LINE TO THE EAST VIA Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

GOLDEN BELT ROUTE. KANSAS CITY TO DENVER VIA Kansas Division of Union Pacific Railway (Formerly Kansas Pacific Railway).

DAYLIGHT RIDE. Through daylight the greater portion of the best belt of agricultural land in the state of Kansas.

52,500 FINE FARMS for sale in Kansas at prices and on terms within the reach of all, and easily accessible to the great through line.

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME. Uncle Sam is no longer able to "give us all a farm," but those who come first can have the choicest land in the most refined communities.

THOS. L. KIMBALL, Gen'l Pass. & Ticket Agt., Kansas City, Mo. JOHN MUIR, Freight Agt., Kansas City, Mo.







