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LIFE IN THE COUNTRY.

BY GEORGE W. BUNGA.

I love to sit where gay birds flit,
Or soar in song above me,
Where brown bees hum, and wood-flowers bloom,
And friends are near that love me.

Here nature speaks, from buds and beaks,
The lesson God has taught her;
His bounty swells the hills and dells,
And spreads o'er land and water.

Through seas of grass the mowers pass,
And bend to tasks of duty;
On every bush the berries blush,
Red as the lips of beauty.

If birds can think, the bobolink,
Perched there above the clover,
Is full of praise these golden days,
And sweetly bubbles over.

The cloud that brings the rain has wings,
That gleams through rifted places,
Could we see through the windows blue,
We might see heavenly faces.

Here hope will be green as the tree
That nods upon the mountain,
And peace will flow like streams that glow
In sunlight from the fountain.

Among these hills, where daffodils
Grow close to rural roses,
Thy lily fair, with flaxen hair,
In peaceful sleep reposes.

BESSIE'S PIANO.

BY ANNA SHIELDS.

"If I only had a piano!"
Even as the wish rose, almost unconsciously,
to her lips, Essie Trowbridge blushed a deep
crimson tint, and her shy eyes looked out half
frightened from under the long lashes.

"A piano!"
The depth of sarcasm in John Trowbridge's
voice justified the shrinking of his little daughter-
in-law.

"A piano! Wouldn't you like a diamond
necklace, or a carriage with four horses? A
piano! This is one of the results of a plain
farmer marrying a fine lady!"

"I was not a fine lady when Harry married
me, only a hard-working district school teacher,"
said Essie, "and he was kind and good, and
never sneered at me because I loved music
and pictures, and—and—all the other pleasures
I had before my father died!"

"Well, there, there—don't cry," said the old
man, hastily. "I did not mean to hurt your
feelings. Harry was—"

But there the father choked, too; for was not
Harry his only child, the very idol of his old
heart, lying in the churchyard, and the six
months' widow sobbing beside him?

She rose softly from her seat, and crossing to
where her father-in-law sat, said gently:
"I will not try you again by extravagant desires.
I know how good you are to me, and I
will try to learn to be a better farmer's girl!"

"You are a good girl, a very good girl," was
the reply, "and it is only natural you should
hanker for what you've been brought up to
having. But pianos cost hundreds of dollars,
and I have none to spare, Essie. I can't get
round the farm as Harry did, and I have had
him to lean on so long that things go crooked
enough without him!"

Essie sighed, caressing the snowy hair, her
shy brown eyes full of trouble. She knew that
the farm was suffering for the master hand and
eyes, lying folded forever, and she longed to be
of some use to the father she had promised
Harry to love and comfort.

But she was only twenty, city bred, and was
reared in luxury. Just one year she taught a
district-school, after her father died bankrupt.
Then Harry Trowbridge, the handsome, tender
farmer, who met her in the country houses
where she "boarded round," told her his love,
and won the sweet, pure heart's affection.

Only a few months after the wedding, when
Essie was conquering one by one the difficulties
of farm housekeeping, Harry fell from a hay
wagon, and was fatally injured.

In the few hours of life granted him, his one
desire was to keep his father and his young
wife together, to love and comfort each other.
"You will give Essie a home when I am
gone," he begged, when his father bent over
him.

"While I have a roof to cover me," was the
answer.

"You will not leave my father utterly child-
less?" he whispered, when Essie put her cheek
to his to hide the tears that would fall.

"I will never leave him while my love is any
comfort."

And in the first days of mourning these two
were an unutterable comfort to each other.
But as time wore on, they found many rough
places in this life-contract each felt so solemnly

binding. John Trowbridge had a profound
contempt for all mankind who could not fill
his own rough ideal. A woman who could
churn, milk, cook, care for poultry, keep the
house shining, wash and iron, and keep in per-
fect, robust health withal, was a woman after
his own heart. A starving mind, a hungry
soul, were problems he had never realized as
existing.

It fretted him when Essie, bravely striving
to do the work so new in her experience,
would faint at her post. It roused his rough
sarcasms when the day closed upon duties un-
performed, when bread was heavy and cook-
ing imperfect.

And Essie, still hoping against hope to grow
stronger, made herself miserable in the suppo-
sition that she was a useless burden, where she
so earnestly desired to be a comfort and bless-
ing. She stifled her own craving for the books
and refinements that had been second nature;
and yet she could not fill the place they had oc-
cupied by interest in chickens, pigs and cows.

It added to her perplexities to know that the
farm had not paid its expenses in the last year.
Spring was still some weeks away, and pro-
visions were growing scarce, while ready money
was dwindling down to a pile alarmingly
small. She felt like a thief, when a baking
proved unobtainable, or a dinner was spoiled,
and yet such disasters occurred in spite of her con-
scientious efforts to avert them.

It had been a dreary day when her unfortu-
nate wish broke from her lips, and a sudden
craving for the music that had been her life's
delight took possession of her. Her penitence
for the words was very humble, and she put
away the desire with many another longing.

But John Trowbridge, though he was nar-
row-minded, and often rough, had a kind
heart under the hard crust gathered over it in
years of toil, poorly paid. The longing of the
shy brown eyes haunted him.

"I s'pose it is like telling the birds not to
sing, to shut her up here," he thought. "But
to give her a piano! How in the world—"

Then a sudden thought almost took away his
breath. He got up from his chair, and kissing
Essie, went to the door to think it over. The
young widow, warned that it was nearly tea-
time by the clock, sped to the kitchen, and did
not know when her father-in-law put on his
overcoat and hat and went down to the vil-
lage.

He came back with some great project in ev-
ery line of his rugged, sun-browned face.
Tea was a success. The toast was delicately
browned, and the ham was done to a turn.
When the meal was over, the old man said:

"Essie, do you remember the cross you told
me your father gave you for a birth-day gift?"

"My diamond cross!"

"You would not like to part with it? Per-
haps it is your only reminder of your father?"

"No. I have many other of his gifts. Nothing
so valuable as that. The gentleman who took
charge of my father's affairs told me I could
keep all his gifts to me."

"You—you—would not like to give me the
cross to sell, Essie? Our money is getting very
short—"

A kiss, tender and quick, stopped the words
that came so hesitatingly.

"You are gladly welcome to it father! I
wonder I did not think of it before."

So the dainty bauble lay in the farmer's
horny palm, and while Essie cleared the tea-
table John Trowbridge went once more to the
village.

Dr. Reynolds, the only physician there, Harry's
fast friend for years, was in his office
when the farmer entered.

"There it is!" said the visitor triumphantly.
"You are sure it is worth the money?"

"Perfectly sure. And Mrs. Trowbridge
wishes me to invest the sum I obtain in a
piano?"

"Bless you, no! that's my part of it. You
see, the poor little soul tries to do her best, but
she ain't fit for her hard life. If there was any
other home for her I'd send her away, though
I'd rather miss the sunlight. She's as dainty as
a butterfly, and yet she has no fine-lady ways
either. But she hankers for a piano, and she
shall have one. Earnest," and the old man's
eyes filled, "her own father gave her that
gimcrack, and I've seen her kiss it often, but
when I asked her to give it to me, because I
needed money, she put it in my hand with a
kiss, and told me I was gladly welcome. She's
a good girl, if she ain't much of a hand at
work."

"She is not very strong," and Earnest Rey-
nolds stifled a sigh as he spoke. Then, with a
quick change of voice, he added, "I am going
to the city to-morrow. I will sell the cross and
buy the piano."

But when the farmer was gone, Earnest
Reynolds took strange liberties with the jewel
he held in charge. He slipped a ribbon through
its ring, and hung it over his own heart. More
than once, he touched his lips to the hard, glit-
tering stones, whispering:
"Essie, little Essie!"

The next day, he had it valued by a jeweler,
and bought a piano with the sum named; but
the cross rested still upon his heart, as the bill
for the sweet toned instrument was paid.

It would be a vain task to describe Essie's
pleasure when the piano was brought to the
sitting-room. She cried and smiled at the same
time, and her earnest thanks brought moisture
to the old farmer's eyes.

He knew nothing of the wonderful power
prisoned in the slender fingers, scarred with
rough work. He had no true appreciation of
the genius of that tender young soul. But he
did know that Essie could sway him as she
willed by the sounds she drew from the won-
derous keys; could bring tears to his eyes or
smiles to his lips; could lift him to adoration
by her stirring hymns, or carry his heart to the
foot of the cross by the pleading power of her
voice in prayerful song.

She knew soon and well that her desire was
no pain to the kind old man, but that, while it
was rest and joy to her, it was a comfort to him.

But the pressure of poverty was coming
closer and closer upon the farm. Acre after
acre was sold to meet actual daily needs, and
the wolf drew very close to the door of John
Trowbridge's house. With stern pride he hid
his wants from his neighbors, and Essie knew
of privations and self-denials that wrung her
own tender heart.

Like a burst of sunlight there came to her
two offers. One to be organist at the village
church, one to take a class of music scholars in
the seminary five miles from the village.

Twice a week a carriage would be sent for her,
and the salaries were more than double the in-
come from the farm. Neither John Trowbridge
nor Essie knew that Dr. Reynolds, by
quiet, unsuspected influence, had brought
about this happy result. No one knew that he
had driven the principal of the seminary over
on an evening when Essie was pouring out her
whole soul in music, and held him spell-bound
for two hours on the farm-house porch.

But they did know that a strong-armed Irish
girl could be paid to do the work of the house
out of Essie's income, and that a trustworthy
man was found to take the farm-work on
shares.

John Trowbridge began to realize that there
were women of some value in the world, who
possessed but a small share of bone and muscle,
for actual hard work. For scholars came all
the way from L—, the market town, seven miles
away, to the farmhouse. Concerts were given
for charitable purposes, and Essie was engaged
at goodly sums to play. Strangers came to the
village church to hear the wondrous voice and
playing of the young organist.

And while the comforts of the farm were
multiplied by Essie's generous expenditure,
while the rooms gradually lost their bare, dis-
mal look, by addition of furniture and orna-
ments, while flowers blossomed on barren
spaces, and the farm itself was more fully
stocked, Essie was ever the same.

The same in respectful love for Harry's fa-
ther, the same gently-shy woman, modest as a
violet. Yet not the same as the months sped
by, and the sorrow of widowhood lost some-
thing of its keenest pain.

John Trowbridge wondered a little, when
the piano had filled its recess for a whole year,
why Earnest Reynolds was so much interested
in an old man's rheumatism. He had been al-
ways an attentive physician, and had never
neglected the father of his dear friend Harry
Trowbridge. But of late he lingered long
whenever he called, and often dropped in un-
professionally.

Essie learned to know his step, and her shy
eyes would brighten when she heard it. Harry
had told her of many noble traits in the doc-
tor's character, and in the village she had heard
of his gentle charities, his conscientious dis-
charge of every duty, his Christian influence
where pain and the shadow of death crossed his
daily path.

Ever shyly distrustful of herself, she did not
dream of winning the love of this hero of her
husband's boyhood, this generous friend of the
afflicted, this honored member of noble profes-
sion.

She had given her first love, true and warm,
to Harry. But the daisies had blossomed twice
over Harry's grave, and the gentle heart was
touched by other influence. June roses were

blooming, and Harry had been dead for two
years when one evening Essie sat at her piano,
with her fingers calling forth a melody full of
sweetness. It was neither glad nor sad, and
not so loud but John Trowbridge, in the porch,
could hear the voice of Dr. Reynolds, as that
gentleman spoke in deep heartfelt tones.

When he had heard all, the old man said:
"Go to Essie, Earnest, and tell her the one
wish of my heart will be granted if, when I die,
I leave her in the happiness of such love as
you bring to her. It has been my great sorrow
that her short married life tied her to an old
man who was so poor a companion for her. I
believe Harry himself would bid you God-
speed!"

And Essie, when the love plea was whis-
pered, the message delivered, bent her head to
hired happy tears.

"You will let me love you?" the doctor
pleaded. "You can love me?"

Only the little hand nestled closer in his own
for answer. But after a little time, the sweet,
clear voice asked:

"You will let me keep my promise to Harry,
Earnest? I could not desert father now!"

"I only ask to help you in your care for him.
My home shall be his! And if he will sell the
farm, he will have an income that will take
away all sense of dependence, while we can still
give him love."

"It seems so strange to think you love me!"
Essie said, after they had talked long.

"Little one, I loved you before Harry was
you, but I starved my own heart for yours. Do
you know what I have worn there, Essie, for
many a long month. See?"

And while he loosed the ribbon and put the
diamond-cross into her hand, she learned for
the first time the true story of the purchase of
that article of furniture, called at the farm
Essie's piano.

A Word About Marriage.

A physician writes the following sensible ad-
vice: My profession has thrown me among
women of all classes, and my experience teaches
me that God never gave man a greater proof
of his love than to place woman here with him.

My advice is: Go, propose to the most sensible
girl you know. If she says yes, tell her how
much your income is, from whence derived, and
tell her you will divide the last shilling with her,
and love her with all your heart in the bargain.

And then keep your promise. My word for it
she will live within your income, and to your
last hour you will regret that you didn't marry
sooner. Gentlemen don't worry about femi-
nine extravagances and feminine untruth. Just
you be true to her, love her sincerely, tell her
so frequently, and a more fond, faithful, foolish
slave you will never meet anywhere. You
won't deserve her, I know, but she will never
know it. Now throw aside pride and selfishness,
and see what will come of it.

Anecdotes.

Offerings of the season—20 cents on the dol-
lar.

Ought to be allowed to sit down—A politician
of forty years' standing.

Many a lady in Washington has come to want
—come to want diamond earrings.

A pretty little Ohio schoolmarm tried to whip
one of her pupils, a boy of fifteen, the other day,
but when she commenced operations he coolly
threw his arms around her neck and gave her
a hearty kiss. She went straight back to her
desk, and her face was "just as red."

"Plase, sur, what's the fare from Dublin to
Glasgow?" inquired a son of the Emerald Isle
one day of the clerk of a shipping office.

"Eighteen shillings," replied the other. "An'
what d'ye charge for a pig or a cow?" "Oh,
1s. 6d. for a pig, and 3s. for a cow." "Well,"
replied the pig, "book me as a pig."

A scholar in a country school was asked,
"How do you parse 'Mary milks the cow?'"

"The last word was disposed of as follows:
"Cow, a noun, feminine gender, third person,
and stands for Mary." "Stands for Mary! How
do you make that out?" "Because," added the
intelligent pupil, "if the cow didn't stand for
Mary, how could she milk her?"

A man in Detroit, on trial for beating his
wife, stated to the court that as he was going
for a drink, in the dark, and barefooted, he
stepped on a hot poker which his wife had left
lying on the floor; and that, moved by a sud-
den impulse, he expressed his feelings loudly,
and his wife coming to see what was the matter,
he struck her in the excitement of the moment.

The explanation was deemed satisfactory, and
the man was discharged, and the wife signifi-
cantly muttered that she "would know how to
put the poker to a better use next time."

Young Folks' Column.

DEAR EDITOR:—Your paper is a weekly
visitor at our house. I am very glad that you
have devoted a column to the little folks. I
have just finished reading all the little folks'
letters in the last paper. I am like "May," of
Madison, Kansas, I have not many associates,
but I have all the more time for my books and
letter writing, which is almost as good as com-
pany. I went to school last winter most of
three months, but we have no school now. So
I have to study at home. I am a subscriber
to the *American Young Folks*. I am well pleased
with it. I think all of the boys and girls ought
to take it. I have been planting my flower
garden this week, and pa made me four
mounds, and dug up two flower beds in front
of the house on each side. I got most of the
seeds from James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

Most of the farmers here have all of their
crops in with the exception of sod corn. The
small grain looks well now. Gardens also.
We have had plenty of rain this spring. Please
tell me if I may write again. I am ten years
old. Your friend, CLARA E. HEPLER.

WEST UNION, Kas., May 10, 1876.

[Yes, write as often as you have anything to
write about.—ED.]

MR. EDITOR:—It is with pleasure that I will
write a few lines for your paper. I have not
been doing much this week for it rained so that
we could not plow. It rained harder last Friday
night than ever I saw before. Ha! fall,
as big as a hen egg. I guess we can't plow for
about two days. Some of the corn is up that
we planted before the rain, but it is washed
out some. Some of the wheat is in head.
I guess we will commence harvest in about
three weeks. Our oats washed out so that I
guess we will have to sow them over again.
The rain washed about 20 rods of fence away
for us. Well I must close. Yours respectfully,
BENJAMIN F. STUBBAKER.

WILLOW SPRINGS, May 9, 1876.

MR. EDITOR:—Thinking that the boys and
girls would like to hear from this part of the
country, I thought I would write a few lines.
I am 14 years old. I set out 16 cherry trees
this spring. My mother says by the time I am
21 years of age the trees will be large enough
to bear fruit. I have plowed about 50 acres
this spring with a span of colts, one 4, and
other 3 years old. The wolves sit on the prairie
and watch me plow, and plant the corn and
beans. They came to the pig pen and tried to
get the pigs, and my father drove them away.
They are very shy when I have my gun with
me. I would like to get a shot at them.

ALBERT BEAL.

PEORIA, Franklin county, Kan.

MR. EDITOR:—I am 11 years old. I have
not written for a paper yet, but I thought I
would try and write a few words. I have no
flower bed yet, but I intend to make one pret-
ty soon; and then I will tell you about it. I
have a hen with seven ducks and five chickens.
I have a hard time to keep them alive, for our
turkey gobbler tries to kill them every time he
can get a chance to get near them. I have
made a little garden which looks nice. I must
stop for this time. I intend to write for your
paper after this. Yours truly,
LUCY J. CHEVALIER.

LAWRENCE, May the 8th.

MR. EDITOR:—I am 8 years old the 20th of
next June. I have a hen sitting with guinea
eggs, which will hatch in about two weeks, and
then I will tell you how pretty they look. My
brother went to-day and bought five goose eggs,
for five cents, and mamma is going to set them,
and Justin says that if I feed the little geese
when they are hatched that he will give me two
of them. I have a little sister one year younger
than me who is going to wait till next week to
write for your paper. Your little friend,
LAWRENCE, May the 8th.

Enigmas.

I am composed of 24 letters:
My 1, 13, 23, 24, is a house.
My 2, 5, 21, 22, 24, is a bird's do.
My 6, 9, is a proposition.
My 3, 10, 6, 12, 11, 20, 14, are found in cities
and towns.

My 11, 23, 21, 6, 10, 1, is part of a store.
My 19, 3, 14, is what unmy people do.
My 4, 15, 18, 12, is the ebb or flow of the
waters of the ocean.
My 23, 7, 17, is part of the head.
My whole is a good book.

LAVINA HOVEY.

ANSWERS.—Frank Warner's Enigma—"Ar-
kadelphia;" Petronella Alward's "Petronella
Alward;" Frank Warner sends a correct an-
swer to the letter. Albert Beal answers Lor-
die Potodish's word puzzle; also Fred's. Flor-
a. Wilson answers Petronella Alward's.
We have several enigmas on hand.

THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

LAWRENCE, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1876.

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AN ESSAY.

Read by Mrs. Hollingsworth, Pomona of Lyon County Pomona Grange, at its last Installation of Officers.

Not wishing to retire from the somewhat responsible position in which the Patrons of this grange had placed me, without making at least an effort to perform the duties of my office, the present time has been chosen to make that effort; and should it prove a failure please do not attribute it to a lack of interest or devotion to the cause, but rather to a lack of ability sufficient to produce an interesting article.

I have not written with the expectation of advancing any new ideas, but simply to make more emphatic the old ones, as we all need "line upon line and precept upon precept," to keep us from deviating too far from the true course of duty.

Almost a hundred years have passed away since the founders of this great Republic gave to us a nation—a government that has never yet been equalled. Almost a hundred years since our forefathers threw off the British yoke of tyranny and oppression; threw off the yoke where birth and money ruled, and established a government where the lowest might become the highest, the poorest might become the wealthiest, and where rank and position might depend upon merit alone, and not upon birth or upon wealth.

Prominent among the great achievements won during the first century of our nation's existence, is a means of lifting up, of elevating and educating the farmer, placing him upon an equality with those of other callings and professions. This means is the grange. And the principles upon which the grange is founded are grand and noble, and if faithfully lived up to, will tend to make man higher and purer and nobler.

One of the great essentials to the success of the grange is regularity of attendance of its members. It has always been said that a student who attends school irregularly, cannot advance as fast, or succeed as well, as one who attends regularly, and the same rule will apply equally well to the Patron's attendance at the grange.

In regard to our fourth degree entertainment, or feast as it is usually called, cannot we substitute something that would be just as entertaining and vastly more beneficial with less labor and expense? I cannot see any special benefit to be derived from a feast, unless it be to bring out a certain class that do not come out on ordinary occasions.

not make the feast the grand ne plus ultra of excellence in the grange. It is not bodily food nor the expenditure of bodily strength that is needed to place the farmer upon an equality with those of other callings and professions; but it is thought and study with their productions of knowledge and wisdom, together with order and system in his business transactions, the farmer needs to elevate his calling.

The financial success of the grange, as well as of individuals, depends largely upon our co-operative system of buying and selling, and should be practiced and not theorized upon. Let every grange take up the matter and act and thus save us individually many dollars.

Daniel Webster said, "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, imbue them, with high principles, with the just love towards God and man, we engrave upon those tablets which no time can destroy, but which will brighten into eternity."

Tribute of Respect.

At a meeting of Shell Rock Grange, No. 1147, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Ruler of the universe to remove from the scene of his earthly labors, our late brother, Charles H. Norton, we, the Shell Rock Grange, No. 1147, desirous of giving expression to our sentiments of esteem and brotherly love for the deceased, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE GRANGE.

It is not probable that the founders of the grange movement anticipated the prosperity and rapid progress to which the order of Patrons of Husbandry has already attained. But it is evident that they did foresee just the discipline necessary to such an organization in every stage of its development, in order to insure the accomplishment of its purposes and establish its permanent existence, and, therefore, they include in its aims social and intellectual culture.

But underlying the social and pecuniary interests, we find its educational interests. Properly considered, intellectual development is the corner stone of the order of Patrons, and upon the increasing intelligence of its members, and the proper education of their families, depends its future and permanent prosperity.

Jefferson county, Pa., Pomona Grange circulated a petition some time since, praying the legislature to reduce the salaries of all the officers to what they were before the war. And why should not such salaries be reduced? Wages for all kinds of labor have been reduced to what they were before the war and farmers realize about the same prices for produce they did then, and why should city, county, State and federal office holders be paid the high salaries that were paid during the war? There are plenty of competent men to take these offices at reduced salaries.

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or was as rich as the Rothschilds, and as unenlightened and uncultivated as some rich farmers are now, agriculture would receive no new investment of dignity in consequence. That old fling about "ignorant, uncultivated farmers," is sometimes too true, and though we must for the present suffer its insolence, let the Patrons take measures now, that shall cause it to be sent to its everlasting rest, when the farmers' children of to-day shall have superseded the "old grangers."

If the granges are to exist as a blessing to the farming community, the members must see that the intellectual work of the order does not become a sham; and it is folly to establish new granges where there are no members reliable for these important duties.

The granges can be only what the members make them; and when persons enter into compact from no higher motive than pecuniary advancement, they are quite likely to dissolve that compact when discouragements arise, or more inviting avenues to wealth present themselves. Probably, nine-tenths of the granges that have ceased working, did not furnish the aids to pecuniary prosperity which their members expected to realize.

But I hear some of the Patrons exclaiming: "How are we to conduct this intellectual work? We have no system, and don't know how to commence." To all such I say, that if your lecturer is fit for his position, and understands the duties prescribed by the ritual, he will give you system enough.

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The Use of Pomona Granges.

Of what use are pomona granges? writes a Patron. We answer:

- 1. To unite subordinate granges in a county into a more solid, compact body; a thing impossible without a county organization.

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Let us do our Duty.

We never hear of a grange that is prosperous, but we are ready to say we know the spirit of that grange, and we never hear of a grange dying or their health is poor, but that we feel satisfied the contagion has entered; the former is for elevating, the latter is for self, and has forgotten the principle of our order. Let us watch, keep jealousy and selfishness far from us, let us look for the good of our members, to elevate them in and out of the grange; let us not be guilty of pulling down, but help them on the ladder of promotion if they try to do something for themselves; let us not turn away with a spirit of jealousy and refuse it to others, and in our cunning way get innocent members to carry some of the blame.

Missouri.

The master still continues on his rounds, doing good service among the weak and discouraged granges where work is needed. He was given a slim meeting in Barton, but a rousing one at Greenfield, in Dade county. A rain-fall at Mt. Vernon, Lawrence county, breaks up the preparations for a grove meeting and drives the people to the court house, where all can not get in. Mr. Allen reports that fifty papers were taken by the farmers in that county when the grange movement was started, and that about twelve hundred are now taken and read.

Grange Notes.

The State Lecturer of Virginia is a boy in appearance, but is said to be a very fine speaker. The granges in California ask the State Legislature to fix the fees of attorneys in all cases where no contract is made.

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They have had a "Granger collapse" in California, too. The order has saved Patrons in that State only seven millions of dollars.

The Master of the National Grange rules that, "in fact, illegibility is a question of fact in each particular case, and not of law. The grange is the jury."

Goodville Grange of Indiana has passed a resolution earnestly praying the executive committee of the State Grange to continue the State agency, either by commission or by salary.

The Patrons of Husbandry of Ground Prairie Grange, No. 10, Oregon, have just adopted a resolution looking to the establishment of a wool grading house, at Albany, for grading the present clip of 1876.

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The grangers of Gratoit county, Mich., are in a prosperous condition. A number of them own fine halls. The county will soon be divided into three separate districts, and the present council superseded by the present co-operative associations.

Many subordinate granges throughout the country have passed resolutions declaring it the duty of the national government to pass a law fixing a uniform rate of interest for the entire nation, not to exceed six per cent. per annum, under the clause of the constitution to regulate commerce.

To work a grange successfully, the middle-aged and the old must improve upon what mental capital they have. They must talk more, think more, read more and write more; and the youth must be given better advantages than heretofore, the most important of which are involved in schools and literature.

It has been suggested that Patrons everywhere should try experiments, dividing out between members of the grange various things to be experimented upon. The suggestion is a good one. One seventh of all the male population of the United States engaged in agriculture belong to the grange, and if such a system of experiments should be adopted generally, the amount of good that will result would doubtless be incalculable.

We already hear of picnics being proposed in different counties in different States. This is well, and we hope that the subordinate granges everywhere, during the summer and fall, will have a social gathering for the benefit of themselves and their neighbors. This promotes a social and fraternal feeling and at the same time gives farmers and their families an opportunity to enjoy a holiday season of pleasant recreation at little expense.

Questions in regard to the culture of crops of every kind are constantly arising, and can only be determined by practical experience. A fruitful and profitable discussion for members of the order might be experimental farming. The difference of soil, of season, of cultivation are involved, and hence comparisons of all that pertains to the conditions of each case are absolutely required to ascertain the knowledge which is desired. These experiments need not be confined to the raising of ordinary crops; they should embrace horticulture, forestry, floriculture, stock raising, the dairy, and indeed all the rural industries. It is a work which comes within the scope and province of the grange and which ought to be inaugurated as a prominent feature among its objects.

Kansas State News.

A FINE vein of coal has been discovered in Cowley county.

ABOUT sixty men will soon leave Shawnee county for San Juan.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. HUTCHINSON, of Reno county, had a child badly scalded last week.

M. J. B. DAVIS, of Brown county, was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 by the great hail storm.

PAOLA is making arrangements to have a big Centennial Celebration on the approaching fourth of July.

MISSION township, Neosho county, has compromised its indebtedness of \$80,000 down to \$28,000, just 35 cents on the dollar.

The settlers on the Osage ceded lands propose to have a jollification at Mound Valley grove on the last Saturday in May.

ON Wednesday last, at Alma, the south wall of the Catholic church was blown down, leaving the building in a ruined condition.

MR. H. V. KIMBERLIN, who had his legs broken in the coal mine near Marat, died in Highland on Friday, after having both legs amputated.

WM. HIXSON was convicted at Belleville, Kansas, last term of court, of the murder of Joseph Garrel, and sentenced to eleven years' imprisonment.

In Coffey county, Mr. Whistler's cat is taking care of three chickens, and Mr. Wengley's hen has taken possession of some kittens and fights the old cat for their possession.

THE Walnut Valley Times says a fortune awaits the man who will start a brewery in Eldorado. The temperance majority of that county must have become demoralized.

HENRY GODSEY, aged twenty-three years, was drowned while attempting to ford Eagle Creek, near Burlington, Wednesday. He was a member of Valley grange, and was buried by the order.

PROF. SHELTON, of the Agricultural College, has just received from Prof. W. J. Beal, of Lansing, Michigan, 240 varieties of potatoes, which are all to be planted on the College farm this season.

A MEETING of the citizens of Wabaunsee county is to be held at Alma, May 20th, to make arrangements for a county celebration on the Fourth of July, in accordance with the proclamation of the Governor.

THE story that a man had been hung at Lakin, upon the Santa Fe road, on a cottonwood tree was discredited because there were no trees about there. But the man was hung, not upon a tree but to a bridge, and that for murder.

ONE evening last week a ruffianly scoundrel assaulted a lady in the streets of Parsons, knocked her down, and endeavored to stop her mouth with his hands, but she succeeded in giving the alarm and was rescued when the villain fled.

LAPPIN has succeeded in having his trial continued until next term of Shawnee county court. Lappin's attorneys gave notice that they would apply for a reduction of bail to an amount which will enable him to obtain a release from imprisonment.

TWO saloon keepers, named Mike Rogers and John Leggett, of Abilene, revived the old Texas cattle days of that town Saturday, a week ago, by engaging in a shooting affray which resulted in the serious and perhaps mortal wounding of both men.

T. H. WARNER writes from Middletown, Indiana, to the Oklahoman: "I brought with me some samples of Labette county wheat and clover, and the people here said it grew in a hot bed, and do not believe that we already have wheat from one to five feet high."

DURING the storm of Thursday, the 27th ult., the house of Fred Smith of Wier City, was struck by lightning, completely demolishing the chimney, and making fragments of the cooking stove and other articles in proximity. Fortunately no person was in the house at the time.

ONE of our exchanges, under the head of "Kansas Churches," has these startling items: "Waterville is to have three saloons at \$200 license fee each." "Neodesha and Cheryvale don't care anything about churches." "Sedan is to have a \$125 calaboose. Saloon license is fixed at \$200."

MR. SHELTON went to Jewell county three and a half years ago with a large family and only a team and two small pigs for capital. One of his pigs has netted him yearly \$100 and the other about \$80, making a total from the sale of pigs from two sows in three years of \$480, with a fine stock of hogs remaining on hand.

A LITTLE girl of John Easton, of Winfield, aged about three years, was playing around a wagon with some other children, and climbed upon the wheel, when the team started, throwing her underneath and running over her chest, crushing her lungs and ribs badly. She got up and walked home, about a hundred yards distant, and told her mother she was hurt and wanted to go to bed. Her mother put her in bed and a doctor was immediately summoned, but there was no help for her. She died in about one hour.

WEDNESDAY the 9th a fatal affray took place near Carbondale, resulting in the death of a man named James Greenfield, at the hands of Joseph Redman, Greenfield, Redman and others had been to Carbondale and indulged freely in liquor. While on the return home a quarrel took place and Greenfield struck Redman. The latter got out of the wagon, when his assailant followed, and again struck him a blow and knocked him down, when he commenced pounding him. Redman drew a pocket knife and stabbed Greenfield, killing him almost instantly.

DURING the storm of Sunday, the 7th inst., the barn of Mrs. Vikery, two miles south of Severance, was struck by lightning, and destroyed, together with about ten tons of hay in the loft. The stable was built in 1857, and having been a stopping place during the Pike's Peak fever, was regarded as a kind of landmark.

A FARMER named R. C. Taylor, Reno Station, a few days since shot and seriously wounded a man named McDaniels, who was living on his (Taylor's) farm at the time. It seems that McDaniels had purchased the farm from Taylor a year ago last fall, and had promised to pay for it in a year. Last fall, when the money became due, Taylor asked for it, and McDaniels being unable, could not pay it. Thereupon Taylor demanded possession, but finally agreed to let his tenant remain on the land for a short time. Returning to the farm Taylor commenced to remove some rails which McDaniels's forbids him to do, whereupon Taylor shot him. Taylor has fled.

JUDGE DILLON lately rendered a decision in Nebraska which may be of considerable importance to a good many in this State. The case was the collection of money loaned, interest &c., by the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., in a case where, in connection with the highest legal rate of interest, a commission had been paid to the agent. Judge Dillon held substantially that where the interest agreed upon and the commission paid to the agent exceeded the lawful rate of interest, the contract was usurious and could not be enforced. It appears from this decision that the mortgagee in such cases can only collect the maximum rate of legal interest, and the amount paid to the agent as commission together with interest on the same, must be deducted from the amount of the judgment.



Two young men out riding were passing a farm house where a farmer was trying to harness an obstinate mule. "Won't he draw?" said one of the men. "Of course," said the farmer, "he'll draw the attention of every fool that passes this way." The young men drove on.

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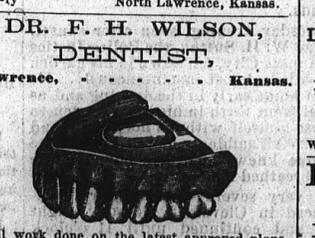
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THE GROWING GRAIN.

The Chicago Times, with characteristic enterprise, last Saturday published valuable statistics in regard to the growing wheat crop and the present prospects of the same.

In Illinois the acreage of wheat is fully up to that of last year, but in many counties the crop has been seriously damaged by the spring floods.

In Indiana, the general report for a good crop is discouraging. The heavy floods having ruined many fields, and much wheat was winter killed.

Michigan reports good prospects for a full crop. In some localities the wheat has been injured by the late cold weather, and by heavy rains and floods.

Ohio does not give a very flattering report. Much of the wheat was winter killed and the floods also did much damage.

Missouri makes a good showing. The acreage sown last fall equals that of the previous year and a good crop is looked for at present.

Kansas gives a glowing account of the wheat crop. She never before had such flattering prospects of a bountiful wheat harvest. The last year's crop yielded 13,209,403 bushels of winter and spring wheat, and the estimate this year is 25 per cent. more, which, if correct, would give us 17,611,754 bushels, or the largest yield by far that Kansas has ever had.

Kentucky gives a good report of her wheat crop, and her yield will be fully up to and exceeding the average.

Tennessee, also gives a good account of her growing wheat crop.

The general report is that but little wheat remains in farmers' hands. The Indiana farmers are holding theirs over in anticipation of a short crop.

In addition to the above we have reports from Texas that the wheat has been attacked with rust in that State and is being seriously damaged. If Texas loses her crop Kansas has the prospect of being able to furnish her with the staff of life.

By special invitation, on Tuesday of last week, we were in attendance at the Franklin County Pomona Grange. The grange was held at the Baxter school house, three miles northwest of Ottawa.

At eleven p. m. the meeting ad-

journal, all feeling that a good day's work had been accomplished.

We went to spend the night with Deacon H. Kelsey, who, by the way, has one of the very best fruit farms in this State. From present appearances we should judge he would have, this year, over five hundred bushels of raspberries and blackberries.

The Patrons of Franklin county have just entered upon the work of co-operation, and so far with very flattering success. Stick to it Bro. Patrons of Franklin county, and success will surely crown your efforts.

JUDGE BASSETT.

The Russell Record says Judge Bassett is a "jurist of acknowledged ability" and that the State "would do honor to herself" by electing him Governor. Judge Bassett has many friends throughout the State, but whether they will interest themselves in his behalf is quite another thing.

Unfortunately for the destitute people in the western portion of the State the constitutionality of "the bonds voted to aid grasshopper sufferers" did not come before Judge Bassett for decision, though he did decide that a certain act of the legislature, passed in the winter of 1875, providing for relief for the destitute in Anderson and other counties specially named therein was constitutional.

If farmers who have anything to sell, such as horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, or second hand machinery, or if they are in want of any of these things, or of help on the farm or in the house, and will do as merchants do, advertise in their paper, they will find it a good investment in the way of saving time.

Some disloyal paper has collected the following list of names of prominent Republicans who have been dropped by their party:

Zach. Chandler, Benjamin F. Butler, Schuyler Colfax, Columbus Delano, Secretary Robeson, Attorney General Pierpont, "Landaulet" Williams, "Pest Trader" Belknap, Boss Shepherd, General "Sylph" Babcock, "Emma Mine" Schenck, "Bloody Shirt" Morton, Ten Thousand Dollar Harlan, "Subsidy" Pomeroy, South Carolina Moses, Simon Cameron, Roscoe Conkling, ULYSES S. GRANT.

The SPIRIT acknowledges a call from L. H. Plummer, who is on a visit to Kansas as the representative of the Chicago Times. That paper is bending its energies and enterprise in an effort to get up a grand Centennial edition, with a complete map and history of every railroad in the United States, which will soon be ready to scatter broadcast over the world. It possesses that vitality and pluck that ensures success.

A JOINT CANVASS.

The fellow who runs for Congress against Judge Goodin may as well make up his mind that he has a joint canvass before him. He has two months of the hardest little work he has ever put in. Goodin is a shrewd, sharp, popular canvasser. He is really the best canvasser in the State, though he is not half as smart as Ingalls. The fellow that canvasses with Goodin may as well make up his mind that cramming fossil theories of the books on finance is of very little use. A popular canvasser ought to be nominated. One whom the people like to hear should be in the field, and one who never gets tired and never sleeps. A man that wants to go to bed before the third crowing of the cock better turn up his little toes to the daisies at once. The November frosts will nip him sure. Goodin isn't that kind of a chicken.—Parsons Sun.

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Goods obtained in this market are loaded in cars that carry them direct to our stations all over the State, within 24 hours after loading; even to the most extreme points, it requires not more than 48 hours. I will, if I have time, get railroad rates of freights to every station in the State, thus enabling all to figure very close on the cost of every article.

I fear our Patrons are deferring their order for Nebraska harvesters, Garnhart and Massillon harvesters, until it will be too late. Orders should be sent in immediately, it is better to be too early than too late for harvest. Co-operative stores seem to be the order of the day; every few days I am receiving letters from different parts of our State bringing good news, of efforts being made to form joint stock associations, on the Rochdale plan. Orders still continue to come in, and one brother wrote me of a purchase I made for him of ladies' hats (trimmed), saying I saved him more than one hundred per cent. Letters expressing satisfaction always do me good, and encourages me to try and do still better. If the sisters in any of our granges will put their orders together, each giving a description of the kind of hat wanted, the color of trimmings, &c., and just the amount she wants the hat to cost, and send it along with the orders, I will agree that they will be more than pleased with their purchases.

I again call the attention of Patrons to the fact that harvest is fast approaching and time for ordering harvest machinery growing short. In addition to Climax reapers and mowers, Nebraska headers and Garnhart harvesters, I can now furnish the Marsh harvester at greatly reduced figures. Patrons, I am ready and anxious to receive your orders and to be of service to you. A. T. STEWART, State Agent. KANSAS CITY, May 10, 1876.

COWLEY COUNTY.

EDITOR SPIRIT:—The assessor of Cresswell township, Cowley county, has just completed his rolls, from which I extract the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Includes items like 'No. of inhabitants', 'acres in wheat', 'corn', 'rye', 'millet', 'oats', 'Irish potatoes', 'horses', 'milk cow', 'other cattle', 'sheep', 'hogs', 'fruit trees planted out'.

Our township is the smallest but one in the county, being only forty-six sections of land. It has fifteen miles river front on the Arkansas river. The Walnut runs through the center. It includes Arkansas City.

The weather has been cool and damp all the week; a fine rain on Monday night that did much good, and will help the wheat, rye and barley, all of which are looking splendidly. The prospect of an abundant harvest never was better, and our farmers are all in good spirits, and looking up reapers, harvesters, headers, and such like. Our implement dealers are all busy rigging up and exhibiting to the best advantage the various machines that they represent for cutting and binding wheat and other small grain. It is astonishing to see the amount of wheat there is in Cowley county this year—not less than 50,000 acres. Our farmers are looking for cutting to commence by the first of June, or the tenth at farthest. The barley and rye will be cut during this month from present appearances. My impression is that there will be a scarcity of hands and machines when the time comes. So that men and machines from other parts of the State will find profitable employment in Cowley county during wheat harvest. When the time comes we will see. C. ARKANSAS CITY, May 5, 1876.

STATE LECTURER'S APPOINTMENTS.

EDITOR SPIRIT:—Will you please publish the following list of appointments?

W. S. Hanna, Lecturer of the State Grange, will lecture to the Patrons at Garnett, Anderson county, Saturday, May 27, at 2 p. m. At Buffalo, Wilson Co., Monday, May 29, at 2 p. m. At

Charleston, Greenwood Co., Tuesday, May 30, at 2 p. m. At Howard City, Elk Co., Wednesday, May 31, at 2 p. m. At Freedonia, Wilson Co., Thursday, June 1, at 2 p. m. At Elk City, Montgomery Co., Saturday, June 3, at 2 p. m. At Independence, Montgomery Co., Monday, June 5, at 2 p. m. Cherryvale, Montgomery Co., Tuesday, June 6, at 2 p. m. At Thayer, Neosho Co., Wednesday, June 7, at 2 p. m. At Erie, Neosho Co., Thursday, June 8, at 2 p. m. At Parsons, Labette Co., Friday, June 9, at 2 p. m. At Labette City, Labette Co., Saturday, June 10, at 2 p. m. At Columbus, Cherokee Co., Monday, June 12, at 2 p. m. At Cherokee, Crawford Co., Tuesday, June 13, at 2 p. m. At Girard, Crawford Co., Wednesday, June 14, at 2 p. m.

We would earnestly urge the members of our order to turn out to those meetings. Let there be a good attendance at every appointment. Devote one day to the interests of the order, learn more of its work and advantages to the farmer, and you will regard it a day well spent. M. E. HUDSON, Master Kansas State Grange. MAPLETON, May 13, 1876.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Berkshire Woolen Company, of Great Barrington, Mass., has failed for \$300,000.

Advices from Salonica state that the six principal culprits in the recent outbreaks have been publicly executed. Tranquility prevails.

Moody, Sankey & Co. are astonishing the people of Kansas City. They find the field a fruitful one but what the harvest will be remains to be seen.

The Manchester (N. H.) print mills shut down last Saturday, for an indefinite length of time, owing to the low price of calico, and 500 hands are thus thrown out of employment.

A bill has been introduced into the House, at the request of Mr. Goodin, to establish a new boundary line between the States of Missouri and Kansas, south of the Missouri river.

Wesley Frost, aged nineteen, a telegraph operator at Topeka, was drowned Sunday. He was swimming in Soldier Creek and was drawn into a whirlpool and before assistance reached him, drowned.

The National Greenback Convention met at Indianapolis Wednesday morning, with Hon. Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota, temporary chairman. After the appointment of committees, a recess was taken till 2:30 p. m.

A man and woman, both drunk, were seen to stagger down Chestnut street, Philadelphia, at one o'clock, Wednesday morning, proceed to the river, clasp hands, and jump off the pier into the water. The man was rescued but the woman was drowned.

The President has refused to interfere to stay proceedings in the case of McKee and McGuire the convicted St. Louis whisky ringers and the Attorney General refuses their application for pardon. They will have to go to prison. The way of the transgressor is hard.

Messenger & Wright, wool brokers and importers of New York, failed on Monday, with liabilities estimated at \$150,000 to \$250,000. The firm has a large mill at Worcester, Mass., and the failure is ascribed to the same cause which led to the suspension of the North Adams mill.

Mr. May, of Cheyenne, brings news that he was told by a Mr. Church that J. S. Saunders, of Cheyenne, and two others, were killed a few days ago on Sand creek, near Custer. Church's informant helped bury them. They were out prospecting. All were scalped. Church is expected in to-day.

The names of Judge Davis, of Illinois, B. F. Butler, of Massachusetts, ex-U. S. Treasurer Spinner, of N. Y., and Senator Booth, of California, are prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for President at the national Greenback Convention which met at Indianapolis yesterday.

In the House of Representatives, Tuesday, Mr. Morrison moved to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill to allow Mrs. Minnie Sherman-Fitch to receive free of duties, a wedding present from the Khedive of Egypt. Agreed to without yeas and nays. So Mrs. Fitch secures the long coveted diamonds.

Tuesday evening, soon after sunset, Judge W. H. Sutton, the Police Justice of Kansas City, fell down in his garden and died almost instantaneously. He went home early in the evening and as usual went forth in his little garden to amuse himself with his hoe, spade and rake. All suddenly he fell and before anyone knew what had happened he had breathed his last.

A very severe thunder storm commenced in Cleveland Tuesday night last and continued until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. A heavy fall of rain and lightning did considerable damage, setting the packing house of Rose & Bro. on fire, which was entirely destroyed. The Standard oil works were also set on fire. The spire of the German Lutheran Church, corner of Erie and Bolivar streets, was struck and badly shattered.

About 300 prominent gentlemen from various parts of the country, assembled at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, on Monday, to attend a political con-

ference called by W. C. Bryant, Horace W. Hill, A. N. Bullock and Carl Schurz. The object of the conference is to promote and further the interests of the country. Messrs. Parke Goodwin, Judge L. S. Foster, of Connecticut, Judge Hoyt, of Wisconsin, Martin Breemer, of Mass., and Carl Schurz, were appointed a committee to draw up some definite plan of action, and to take such other measures as may be deemed necessary, and report to the convention.

Dispatches from Summit, Miss, say that information was received there that a row occurred between the negroes and whites at Lowell hill, West Feliciana Parish, near the Mississippi line Friday night. Thirty negroes went to the store of a white man in that vicinity, called him to the door and riddled him with bullets. A posse from Bayou Sara, went out Saturday for the body. The negroes refused to give it up, and a fight ensued. Three negroes were killed; two white men are missing; the negroes are gathering; 1,100 men are said to be under arms; the whites are going down from the neighboring counties in Mississippi; a serious fight is expected. A special to the N. O. Republican, dated Bayou Sara, 15, says: "This is what I consider reliable as to the result on Saturday. Eight colored men were shot dead, four hanged and twenty wounded. No whites killed. Two colored men are reported held as prisoners. Their fate is uncertain; the supposition is that they will be killed also, and that the number of negroes killed will never be ascertained. Precautions have been taken to remove the dead secretly. The second dispatch from Bayou Sara says there has been a regular engagement at Laurel Hill, between the whites and negroes. Three whites are reported killed. God only knows where all this will end. The country is ablaze with excitement. All the whites are armed and in the saddle. The sheriff reports that he is unable to keep the peace, and asks the aid of the militia. The matter has been laid before Gen. Augur, commanding the department, who has reported it to Washington.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Produce Markets. ST. LOUIS.

Table of market prices for St. Louis, May 17, 1876. Includes items like Flour-Fancy, Family, XXX, Superfine, Wheat-No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, Corn-No. 2 mixed, Oats-No. 2 mixed, Barley-No. 2, Rye-No. 2, Pork, Green Meats-Shoulders, Hams, Dry Salt Meats-Shoulders, Bacon, Sugar-cured and canvassed hams, Lard, Butter-Creamery, Dairy, packed, Country, Eggs, Hay-Prairie, Hemp-Undressed, Dressed.

CHICAGO, May 17, 1876.

Table of market prices for Chicago, May 17, 1876. Includes items like Flour-No. 1, spring, No. 2, No. 3, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Pork, Bulk Meats, Lard.

KANSAS CITY, May 17, 1876.

Table of market prices for Kansas City, May 17, 1876. Includes items like Wheat, No. 3, red, fall, No. 4, Corn, Oats, Hay.

Live Stock Markets. ST. LOUIS, May 17, 1876.

Table of market prices for Live Stock Markets, St. Louis, May 17, 1876. Includes items like Cattle-Native Shippers, Cows, Pony Steers, Hogs-Shipping, Packing, Extra.

CHICAGO, May 17, 1876.

Table of market prices for Live Stock Markets, Chicago, May 17, 1876. Includes items like Cattle-Good Steers, Stockers, Shippers, Hogs-Packers, Bacon, Philadelphians.

[Corrected every day for the SPIRIT OF KANSAS by Shough, Reynolds & Casey, commission merchants, Kansas City.]

KANSAS CITY, May 17, 1876.

Table of market prices for Live Stock Markets, Kansas City, May 17, 1876. Includes items like Cattle-Prime to extra steers, Fair to good, 1,000 to 1,200, Native stockers, Medium stockers, Light natives and Texas, Native cows, do do poor, Hogs-Packers, Light packers, Stockers.

In St. Louis best grades of wheat are in better demand and prices higher than last quotation, interior grades lower. Corn a shade higher; oats lower; Cattle weak and little doing.

Flour is quiet in Chicago; wheat unsettled; corn is higher; cattle weak, dull and lower, and about 15 cents below above quotations.

In Kansas City, the past week has not been an active one in the live stock markets owing to the glutted condition of the receiving markets east. For two or three days early in last week there was considerable done in shipping cattle, but the market very soon weakened and has been rather flat until within the past few days, when an improvement took place. Hogs show a decline. Wheat fair with light receipts for shipment; corn has declined, owing to an advance in shipping rates.

THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

BY JAMES T. STEVENS.

LAWRENCE, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1876.

THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS IS THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF DOUGLAS COUNTY.

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City and Vicinity.

The alarm of fire yesterday was caused by the catching, from a defective flue, of the roof of the house of Mr. Shoals. But little damage was done.

Several burglars have been taken in out of the cold the past week,—two for robbing the residence of Daniel Innes, and the other for burglarizing the stores of Innes & Co. and Ottman & Potwin.

The following is a list of patents issued to inventors of Kansas for the week ending May 13, 1876, and each dated May 2d, 1876.

To The Ladies.

We desire once more to direct attention to the magnificent display of millinery goods at the store of Mrs. Gardner. This lady made her semi-annual visit to the eastern cities with special reference to introducing the newest styles...

THE Kansas City Times is getting up a novel scheme, by way of distributing premiums to new subscribers for that paper before the 31st of August...

As a Liniment WAKEFIELD'S MAGIC PAIN CURE has no equal for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache or pain in any part of the body...

Notice to Farmers. Use Leis' Condition Powders for Hog Cholera. They are a safe and sure remedy for that disease.

Answer to Correspondents. In answer to 'Alphabetical,' in your last issue, for a remedy for consumption in its first stages, I can recommend Dr. Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery'...

In this Centennial year it is all important to be well posted in regard to everything, especially in regard to prices in clothing. Read the SPIRIT carefully and you will see that Mr. J. House, of the Centennial Clothing Store, Lawrence, has a stock of clothing, hats, caps, trunks, valises, &c., &c., that cannot be excelled in the west...

ONE of the most extensive job printing, book binding and blank book making establishments in the State is that of our neighbors of the Journal Company. We have had occasion to sample their work many times and it is first class.

THE readers of the SPIRIT are again reminded of the importance of remembering an institution that all Patrons, as well as others, will find to their interest to bear in mind. We refer to the mammoth clothing house of Hammerslough, the enterprising clothing merchant of Kansas City.

Help in Acquiring Knowledge. In acquiring a knowledge of the English Language, and especially in learning the meaning of words, probably no other work, nor many other books altogether, can afford so much aid as Webster's Unabridged Dictionary...

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

TO SECRETARIES.—We have within a few days mailed to the Secretary of every Grange in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, with our new samples of Spring Goods, a new circular giving suggestions for making up orders from Granges. We will mail them to the Secretary of any Grange in other States desiring them upon application by letter bearing seal.

Our suggestion as to making up orders is a new one and especially suited to distant States and Territories.

TO MEMBERS: Please apply to your Secretary for the information above mentioned. It is not necessary for applications for samples or orders for clothing to come to us through Secretaries or Business agents; any one writing to us by Postal Card will receive them by next mail, with all directions for taking measures and making choice of style of garments, so plainly given that no mistake can be made.

PATRONS AND OTHERS calling at our store are cautioned to be careful in finding the proper number, 518 MARKET STREET, with a LARGE STREET CLOCK, keeping accurate time, hanging just over our doorway. Be careful to see the number and name of firm, BENNETT & CO., and enter right under the clock. Even if told "this is Tower Hall," do not believe it without noticing the clock right over your head, the name and number on it. We are thus particular from it having come to our knowledge that Patrons, as well as others, have been sold inferior and trashy garments at high prices by unscrupulous persons doing business in our neighborhood, who constantly deceive and swindle the unwary in this way, representing their stores to be ours.

Those who visit Philadelphia we shall be glad to have call on us, whether they wish to purchase or not. We shall at all times be happy to show our goods and explain our mode of doing business. BENNETT & CO., TOWER HALL, 518 Market Street, Philadelphia.

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Ashland Chief. The only first Mambrino in Kansas, will make the season of 1876 at the farm of the subscribers, near Reno Station, Leavenworth county, Kansas.

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NORWOOD. Was got by Alexander Norman, who was the sire of "Lulu," record of 2:15. Nashville Girl, now May Queen, record 2:20, and Blackwood, who trotted on the Lexington track, Kentucky when but three years old in 2:31; was sold to Mr. Durkee, of New York for \$50.00. Norwood's first dam was by Old Cocksbur; second dam by Cherokee; third dam by Tiger Whip; fourth dam a thoroughbred mare. Terms \$500 the season. Was never trained, but can trot 2:30.

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There are about nine thousand acres of these lands, situate as above mentioned in Franklin county, Kansas, and all within a few miles of the city of Ottawa, the county seat of said county, a place of some 2500 inhabitants, and in the very midst of well settled communities, convenient to railroads, schools and churches, and embrace some of the finest farming lands in Franklin county.

The title to these lands is perfect, being direct to said trustees from the government.

TERMS OF SALE. One-third cash, balance in equal annual payments with interest at ten per cent. per annum, payable annually, said payments to be secured by mortgage on premises.

BIDS. All bids will be opened at the office of Geo. J. Barker, Secretary, in the city of Lawrence, Kansas, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1876.

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Horticultural Department.

Seasonable Hints.

Under the heading of "Fruit and Vegetable Gardening," the *Gardner's Monthly* says:

Fruit culture for profit has had to contend with over-abundant crops the past year or two, and the trees in such cases are weakened. Now, this may be remedied by thinning out fruit in infancy. This prevents a glut, gives finer fruit, and saves the trees.

Besides thinning the fruit, we should thin the young branches. Handsome forms are as desirable in fruit as in ornamental trees. No winter pruning will do this exclusively. It may furnish the skeleton—but it is summer pinching which clothes the bones with beauty. A strong shoot soon draws all the nutriment to itself. Never allow one shoot to grow that wants to be bigger than the others. Equality must be insisted on. Pinch out always as soon as they appear, such as would push too strongly ahead, and keep doing so until the new buds seem no stronger than the others. Thus the food gets equally distributed.

Fruit growing primarily for pleasure, to follow with plenty of good fruit, has been much encouraged by the greater success of the grape of late years. There is much more interest in having collections of varieties than there used to be.

As to the best system of pruning grapes, there are several "schools," all contending that their views are "decidedly the best." In such cases, we have generally found there is much to admire in them all—situations and peculiar circumstances deciding the point in each individual instance. There are a few points incontrovertible to insure success, and it matters little what system of pruning is followed, so that they are secured. First, a healthy set of roots of the previous year's growth is essential to produce vigorous start of growth the year following. Secondly, after starting, these roots can only be kept vigorous by encouraging an abundance of healthy foliage, to be retained on the vine as long as possible. Thirdly, the leaves of the first growth are at least of double the value to the plant than those from secondary or lateral shoots; they should, therefore, be carefully guarded from injury. Fourthly, checking the strong-growing shoots strengthens the weaker ones, equalizes the flow of sap to every part of the vine, and insures regular and harmonious action between all the parts. Any system that secures this does all that is necessary for the health and vigor of the vine; and where some special objects are desirable, such as dwarfing, particularly early bearing, productivity at the expense of longevity, special means must be employed to bring them about.

In the cultivation of garden crops, the hoe and rake should be kept continually at work. Weeds should be taken in hand before they are barely out of the seed-leaf, and one-half the usual labor of vegetable-gardening will be avoided. Hoeing or earthing up of most garden crops is of immense advantage in nearly every case. One would suppose that in our hot climate flat culture should be more beneficial; but a fair trial, say on every other row of a bed of cabbages, will show a great difference in favor of the earthed-up plants. It would be easy to explain the reason of this, but in this column we try to confine ourselves to "hints," and leave reasons to our other departments.

Cabbage, Cauliflower and Broccoli are now set out for fall crops, and Endive sown for winter salad. Lettuce also for summer and fall use. This, however, must be sown in very rich soil and in a partially shaded situation, or it will go to seed. Peas, beans, and other crops should be sown every two weeks. They do much better than when a large crop is sown at one time to waste.

Melons, cucumbers, corn, okra, squash, beans, sweet potatoes, Lima beans, pepper, egg-plants, tomatoes, and other tender vegetables that do well till the sun gets high, and the ground warm, should go into the soil without delay.

Bean poles should be set before the beans are planted; and near cities where they are comparatively high-priced, their ends should be charred. This will make them last some years. Try also short, stout poles for cucumbers and tomatoes. They do remarkably well this way.

Neglected Orchards.

The orchard is a portion of the farm that too often suffers from neglect. We often see trees of good varieties, growing on good soil, with their trunks and branches covered with lousy sprouts and black, dead limbs, disfiguring their forms and strewing the ground. Many farmers seem to value the orchard chiefly as a convenient enclosure for confining hogs and other stock. The old sod is rarely broken up, and then a crop is taken off, and the trees with their shade are looked upon as a nuisance. No manure is ever applied, and the owner would as soon think of thinning his wheat field as his fruit trees. The pruning knife rarely disturbs the wayward branches, and the caterpillars spread their tents and rear their loathsome armies molested only by those friends to the farmer, the birds.

It is not strange that this should be so, as the orchard is not strictly a department of the farm, and the thorough farmer makes everything bend to his business. But the orchard when properly cared for will yield a much better income than most farm crops. Much

time and experience is required to bring up an orchard into full bearing, and the farmer is unwise who incurs this expense without making it yield its fullest income.

Proper directions for the management of an orchard cannot be given in a single article. We will simply say that the orchard should be pruned every year, cutting out all the dead limbs, all sprouts from the trunks and large branches, and when the branches rub against each other one should be removed. Either cultivation or manuring is necessary on all but the most fertile soils, and in many cases a few hours spent in thinning the fruit on a tree inclined to overbear, will repay the labor a hundred fold.

All portions of the fruit should be used either for cider or in the family. It should always be gathered at the proper time. If this is neglected loss is sure to result. It is important, also, that trees should be of good varieties. A tree that yields large and luscious fruit requires no more labor or room than a worthless one. Improper varieties should be regrafted, and dying trees should be replaced by thrifty ones. A thrifty apple tree, of a good variety, in full bearing, is a valuable piece of property.

The late autumn and winter varieties are preferable for the farmer, as they are not so perishable as earlier kinds, and they ripen at a season when he has time to harvest them.—*Husbandman.*

Bees and Peaches.

When I saw it stated a few weeks ago, that bees devoured peaches I smiled incredulously, and said to myself, "That is clearly a mistake, and you must look elsewhere for the robbers." When I state that for thirty years I have been a peach grower in places abounding with bees, and that I have never seen a peach touched by them, you will, I trust, admit that I had reason on the side of my mistrust; but alas! the awakening.

In the beginning of this year I went to a new situation where peaches had not hitherto been much cultivated. Peach growing is one of my specialties and I had a beautiful crop of which I was very proud. One day a swarm of bees alighted in my garden. I made inquiries, but failed to find an owner; so, having hived them, I kept them, and that, too, in a most vulnerable part. Last week I found that my prized crop of peaches was ruined, and I had to take them off for preserving, or whatever else could be made of the halves which were left. They were literally worried, and as I swept off the bees they fell to the ground helpless; completely surfeited, and unable to fly from the place. The destruction was little less complete than the destruction I afterwards made of the bees, and I guarantee that it is the last hive that will find a resting place in my garden. I send you this, my experience, in the hope that it may prevent others being the victims of their own overweening confidence.

J. R. H.

[The bees were starving, owing to the bad honey season. Had they been fed with a few pounds of sugar and water, they would not have attacked the fruit.—*Eds.*—*Journal of Horticulture (English).*]

Fear Blight.

A most formidable difficulty in the cultivation of the pear is the blight, known in its various modifications, supposed or real, by the names fire blight, insect blight, frost blight and frozen sap blight. The causes may be various, but the appearances are very similar, being a sudden withering and turning black of the leaves on certain limbs during rapid growth, and while the rest of the tree remains apparently in full vigor. The evil extends downwards, unless naturally or artificially checked, until finally the whole tree is destroyed. By a close investigation for a series of years, I am satisfied that blight is caused by long, warm falls, and the immature hardening of the young wood, and sudden hard weather following. Here, then, is the true cause; and now for the remedy. The only remedy known to fruit growers, is to use the knife vigorously. As soon as the disease makes its appearance, cut back freely, far below the diseased wood. Don't be afraid of cutting too much, or you will lose the whole tree. I make it a rule to cut off the affected limb as soon as I see the blight make its appearance, and cut down until I find sound, healthy wood. If this is not done, and on the first appearance of the evil, you will lose the tree. If you only cut as far back as the wood is black, you had as well not cut at all. I say again, don't be afraid to cut. I write this, hoping that it may meet the eye of many inquirers.—*Farmers Home Journal.*

Strawberries in Pots.

Dr. Smith, when dining with a friend in New Orleans, was regaled with some splendid strawberries, and on inquiry found that he raised them in a very small back yard in pots, placed on shelves. The pots were put in the cellar in winter, and thus the same plants were kept for several years. He made these remarks for the benefit of those who had not a garden.—*N. Y. Farmers' Club.*

Our State gives the promise of another good fruit crop. The cherry crop gives the best promise, and apples look well. It is thought that there will yet be many peaches.

The Household.

TO CURE SUMMER COMPLAINT.—Beat up the yolk of an egg with sugar and a little milk; keep giving until cured.

GINGER SNAPS.—Boil together one pint of molasses and one teacupful of butter. Let it stand till cool; add two tablespoonfuls of ginger and one teaspoonful of soda, flour enough to make a soft dough. Roll thin and bake in a quick oven.

HOW TO MAKE COFFEE.—There are a number of things to be taken into consideration, in order to make good coffee. First, select good coffee; second, brown it good; third, keep the coffee-pot clean; fourth, steep it; fifth, do not let it stand when done; sixth, do not make some to waste; seventh, have good sugar and cream; last, but not least, have a good judge.

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CLEAN UP.—At this season cellars should be well ventilated and rubbish and vegetables especially decayed ones removed. Whitewash the walls, throw in lime and thoroughly disinfect, if you would keep off sickness and avoid doctor's as well as undertaker's bills. Damp dark, improperly ventilated cellars contain the seeds of disease sufficient to keep any family sick all summer. Now is the time to act.

TO CURE LOCKJAW.—A Tennessee writer says: To cure lockjaw or tetanus from the wound, you should open the wound with a sharp knife, and inject the wound six or eight times a day with a strong, warm decoction of tobacco. I have known this to cure several badly wounded animals in Summer county suffering from lockjaw, and every person who owns a horse or other stock ought to buy a good book on farriery, and he will save money by it.

MOths.—Prevention is the best cure. If furs and woollens are carefully sealed up in paper cases, or put away in chests and trunks which the moth-fly can not penetrate, they are safe. Fabrics already attacked by them should be beaten and sunned repeatedly and the ravages will be checked. To keep it from plush furniture, twice a year, on a bright, sunny day, take the furniture out of doors, remove the bottoms from the chairs if they can be removed, and give the cushions a good switching with long, pliable switches, till the dust is removed. Then brush them thoroughly. While the cushions are being sunned, give the frames a coat of varnish. Let the furniture remain in the sun nearly all day.

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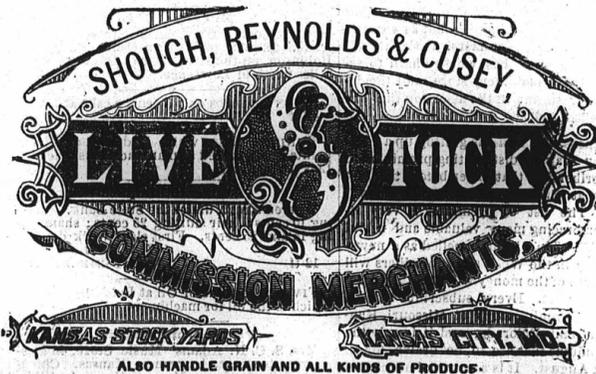
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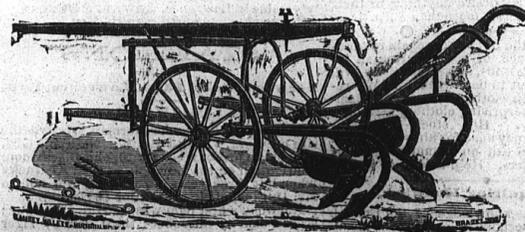
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Last winter I kept quite a number of my cheese dairy cows farrow, and during the extreme cold weather I set the milk in the cheese vats...

It may properly be added, that a small quantity of plaster applied to a field where the ground is extremely dry and the crop is suffering thereby...

Condition of Farm Animals.

As a general rule cattle and sheep went into winter-quarters in good condition. Up to the 1st of March, in all sections of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, the winter was extraordinary for its mildness...

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My neighbor bought a trio of fine pigs, paying therefor the reasonable sum of \$120. The male was valued at \$60, and the females at \$30 each.

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Veterinary Items.

Scratches.

I have a horse, six years old, that can trot in about 2:30. He was taken last July with the appearance of the scratches; he got quite lame on one hind leg, it swelled some and had a good deal of fever.

ANSWER.—From above description, it is evident the horse is troubled with scratches. First have the stable cleaned and keep it clean. In ordinary cases, after washing the legs and feet thoroughly, a simple lotion, consisting of a strong infusion of copperas, applied twice a day, is all that is necessary.

Thoroughpin.

I have a mare that has been lame some two months in the gambrel joint. There has appeared in the meantime a puff upon the outside (in the hollow of the joint) about half as large as a pigeon's egg, and also one on inside about the same size.

ANSWER.—The disease is Thoroughpin, and arises from irritation of flexor tendons. Apply arnica lotion every three hours until the fever abates.

Rubbing the Tail.

I have a horse that is continually rubbing his tail. We keep his tail very clean, and have tried almost everything to prevent him from rubbing it, but without the least effect.

ANSWER.—Take one fluid ounce of sulphuric acid and thoroughly mix it into one gallon of tepid water, and apply by means of a sponge to the parts the animal rubs, and rub well into the surface of the skin of the tail by means of a scrubbing brush...

Inquiry.

My friend has a valuable cow, that about four months since had a hard lump come a little back of her chin. The lump was as large as a man's fist, and quite hard. Now it is a large, raw sore, and spreads over a surface four inches in diameter; cannot see that it discharges much.

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I have a colt, three years old, that has sore ears. There are white scabs on the inside of them. I have asked some of the horsemen here, and they say that they cannot be cured. Please advise me through your veterinary column how to effect a cure.

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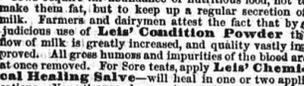
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