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SILK RAISING.

The following proceedings of the Blue Mont Farmer's Club of Riley County, Kansas, will be found of interest to all our readers.

Prof. Whitman being present, on invitation, gave a "talk" on

SILK RAISING, &C, IN KANSAS.

Silk culture is not possible in all countries-Only in a few favored localities can it be brought to its highest state of perfection. A and then mulched. comparatively high, airy or windy country is gave some interesting observations in regard the best, since the worm needs plenty of pure to the manufacture of silk, personally, in heavy to keep out of the way of the cattle. sides, while its natural habitat is on a tree, on the leaves of which it is accustomed to feed. When transported to low lying or moist countries, it soon sickens and dies.

The silk districts in France, Turkey, Greece and other Eastern countries are found along Thought we ought to organize a silk raisers, vation. Experiments, already made in Kansas, have proved it peculiarly well adapted to edge of it. this business, both as to the healthfulness of the silk-worm and the quality of the silk or the proceedings of this meeting be prepared to the Kangas the silk-worm and the quality of the silk or cocoon. While the worms hatched from eggs or "seed." transported from Japan, and China to France, Turkey, &c., are more or less sickly, and soon degenerate or run out, because of the unsuitableness of the climate, in Kansas of the climate, in Kansas believed to the unsuitableness of the climate, in Kansas believed.

The thanks of the club were tendered the Professor for his very interesting and valuable lecture.

What you can from the wreck, rent a 1srm like a merchant rents a store-room, put every thing in young cattle, feed them well, hold the unsuitableness of the climate, in Kansas believed. all the more for the change.

In visiting Silkville, in Franklin county, last

was more favorably impressed with the desirbleness of the business than ever.

The quality of the silk depends on the food aten. Only certain kinds of mulberry, the "Morus Alba," produces the best silk.

Kansas is well adapted to the growth of the mulberry. Imported trees do not degenerate in Kansas soil, but take kindly to the situation and grow luxuriously. Examined the fifteen acres of trees, not one of which was sunscalded; could find no sign of borers on the trunks. No caterpillars, nor bark lice. The voracious grasshopper, though he ate up every other green thing, did not disturb the mulberry in either bark or foliage. Two acres gave a net income of twelve hundred dollars in a season of five week's labor of man and girl. They manufactured a very fine article of goods, ribbons and velvets.

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M. Bossier counts silk culture a fine art, and being a lucrative employment it gives ample leisure of reading and study.

The best and latest inventions in machinery are being introduced. They propose at Silk-ville to buy and manufacture all the silk that may be raised in Kansas while the business is being gotten under way.

They have imported from France the best varieties of the milest of the milest produced. It has proved the more varieties of the mulest of the milest gotten of the form of the strength of the form of the strength of the complete devener, avoiding all around the farm if only for woods. It is durable for posts, is good as firewood, and produces a fine fruit. It grows rapidly, and may be propagated from cuttings. These should be not less than a foot in length, and put down at such a depth as to expose only the top and at such a depth as to expose only the top and at such a depth as to expose only the top and at the discussion that followed Mr. Booth gave some interesting observations in regard

TONGUELESS

CULTIVATOR.

The best Fair to "The New Cultivator in the ind of draft preventing the machine, upon side doffer four the form of the theory of the control of the torgot in days, from crowding down; having no tongue, but on the four statistic of the manufacturers of the Tongued Plows, the four correction of the torgot great favor plants; capable of being turned quicker at the ends of rows, you can plow more corn in a day; the Front or Carriage being turned quicker at the ends of rows, you can plow more corn in a day; the Front or Carriage being made entirely of Iron, it is more durable and will require fewer repairs; it coccupies less space for storage, and its simplicity in construction makes it the Cultarpast Cultivators in a day in the cultivation and entirely plants; capable of being turned quicker at the ends of rows, you can plow more corn in a day; the Front or Carriage being made entirely of Iron, it is more durable and will require fewer repairs; it coccupies less space for long turned

Prof. Whitman-said they had manufactured seven thousand dollars worth of silken goods at Silkville the past year.

Too little is known of the splendid possibilities of the business throughout the State. association to spread abroad a proper knowl

"The New Departure."



There are many things that farmers must learn if they expect to make money farming. One thing is, to keep out of debt. And the first of all get out! Let this Centennial year be the grand time when the shackles shall be thrown off; when we can walk forth free as the air we breathe. For it has been well said, "Where is there any freedom like being out of debt?" If the farm is mortgaged and you are paying a ruinous rate of interest, make the best compromise you can and get out. Save what you can from the wreck, rent a farm like a merchant rents a store-room, put everything in young cattle, feed them well, hold them until they are fit for market, never sell an any animal vanil, it is medure and you will see.

I have just finished hauling eighty odd loads of manure into the fields, my only regret about it is that we have not three times this amount yet to haul. E. M. SHELTON, State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan, March 13, 1876.

The VITALITY OF SEEDS.

When a young man casts about him to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to alivelihood the important question for him to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to alivelihood the important question for him to determine what calling or lustines what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine what calling or business he will adopt to determine is, "Will it pay?" It matters not what business, or calling, whether selling goods, practicing medicine, pleading the doads of manure into the fields, my only regret about it is that we have not three times this amount yet to haul. E. M. Shelloton, what business, or calling, whether selling to determine is.

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corn, and those following corn-fed cattle, and the difference is so much in favor of those fol than compensate the cost of the fertilizer, laid down in the field. If the farmer lives in Kan intend to stick to it as long as I can,) that I more gaged in the business and be other than a gentleman."

The lecturer, after seeing all this, went home and pitched thirty-five tons of millet, and included the fall and winter, and fin-superphosphates besides, because the high the difference is so much in favor of those fol than compensate the cost of the fertilizer, laid down in the field. If the farmer lives in Kan white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. When the country of the country of the country whence the soil was produced. A similar set of experiments was instituted with white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The experiment with the soil from white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The experiment with the soil from white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The experiment with the soil from white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The control of the cultivation of potatoes or any other of experiments was instituted with white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The control of the cultivation of potatoes. The cultivation of potatoes or any other of experiments was instituted with white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The cultivation of experiments with the soil from white tertilary sand, and the result was the staple articles so essential to our sustenance. The control of the cultivation of experiments with the cultivation of experiments with the soil from the control of experiments was instituted with white

able him to do so profitably. If this sort of talk tends to "strengthen" learn if they expect to make money farming. farmers in their evil notions, and to "encour-

That certain seeds will retain their vitality

probably from a very small, light seed, that might have been conveyed by the air.

These experiments, however, cannot be considered as settling the question, for it is not likely that all deep soils contain latent seeds. Even if such seed-bearing soils were quite common, we might try many samples before happening to light upon one. On the other hand, as at Laurium, a subsoil might accidentally be uncovered in which the buried seeds would at once show the vitality that had remained dormant for ages. If the facts in this instance have been correctly reported in scientific journals (and we have no reason to doubt it), they are quite conclusive. The species being new,—in our day, at least,—the seeds could not have been recent ones introduced by accident, as was probable in Dr. Hoffmann's exnot have been recent ones introduced by accident, as was probable in Dr. Hoffmann's experiments. so that even if wheat from mummy-cases cannot be proved to have sprouted, it is pretty certain that this has occurred in the case of seeds eighteen centuries old. How much longer they might have retained their vitality it were idle to conjecture, but we have no reason for supposing that their lease of latent life had nearly run out.—Boston Journal of Chemistry.

lic holiday.

Naturally then the first consideration that

presents itself to any one contemplating the commencement of business is, 'Will it pay?'' When a young man casts about him to de-

system of our business relations. Do not unble lecture.

On motion the Club adjourned to next Monday evening, when Dr. C. F. Little, by special invitation, will address the club.

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In witting Silvilla, in Familia county, last summer. I naw no less than nise hundred the cases when large and fise, each being the exact counterpart of his fellow, and not act of the county for not have a considered in the case of summer to the found among them all.

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the monotony of the universal "hog and homlodger so common all over this

Western country.

The possession of these luxuries is not difficult a matter as many suppose. I will attempt a few simple directions, which I think will help any one to all they will be able to use of these delicious fruits at but little ex-

I must first insist upon compliance with one or two simple conditions, the neglect of which

or two simple conditions, the neglect of which is the most prollific cause of failure.

The conditions are these: you must attend to your strawberry and blackberry plants at the proper time, just when they need it, and not put it off until a more convenient season, like most persons are disposed to do with their spiritual interests.

The amount of work required is but trifling,

if done at the time, but if neglected, becomes a Herculean task and is not very remunerat-

STRAWBERRIES

I mention strawberries first, for two reasons First, because it is the earliest to ripen, and second, because it will make a return for the outlay of labor sooner than any other.

For garden culture would plant in beds 10 to 15 feet in width, setting the plants in row about two feet apart and the plants 12 to 15 inches from each other. The month of April is the best time to plant, all things considered.

Keep clean of weeds during the summer, letting the runners spread and mat over the ground, and after the ground becomes trozen pretty hard in the winter, cover 1½ or two inches in depth with clean wheat straw, prairie hay or corn stalks, and my word for it you will be rewarded with such a crop of berries as you never saw, provided however that the above directions have been strictly followed, and that a judicious selection of varieties has and that a judicious selection of varieties has The difficulties to be encountered thus far have been the risk of getting good plants and in getting them to start evenly, and the great and prevailing tendency to neglect them during the summer for more important work, and let the weeds smother them.

In the spring but little care is necessary except examining the mulch to see that it is not thick enough to smother the plants so that they do not get up through it, and pull up any stray weeds that may have the temerity to at-temp to occupy the ground along with the strawberries. After the crop is gathered, go over the bed with a sharp scythe and mow closely all the tops and rake or gather them with the mulch and stack carefully in a pile for part winter's use and with a spading for for next winter's use, and with a spading fork dig up the old row leaving a strip about 8 in-ches wide of the young plants in what was last season the space between two rows, and treat

as before.

In the long list of varieties in cultivation the Wilson's Albany is about as good as can be got, as it will not suffer by a little neglect. The Green Prolific has been very success-

fully raised, all over Kansas, but is pistillate and should have about one row in five of Wilson's, or some other strongly staminate planted with it to produce pollen, to fertalize the blossoms. Charles Downing, Triomphe de Gand, Kentucky, Downer's Prolific, Nicanor. and a number of others are more or less valuable and have their friends and advocate

Samuel Miller of Missouri, well known as the originator of the Martha grape, has pro duced some promising varieties of strawberries A seedling that he introduced some eight years ago, I have been cultivating since I have been in Kansas and I think it is valuable. It is not of very high flavor but is the hardlest of 13 kinds that I have grown and is quite early, and very firm fleshed, making it easy to hardle without early. handle without soiling.

RASPBERRIES.
Second in the order of ripening comes the raspherry. Although second on the list, I think it deserves first rank as a fruit for profit. The strawberry, although it is delicious in flavor and fit for the palate of an epicure, yet is ephemeral in its character. It lasts but a day and it is gone, while the raspherry can be dried and is but little inferior to the fresh fruit. When grown leavest for market little. fruit. When grown largely for market, if the supply should exceed the demand, the surplus is easily dried and will in the dried state sell at paying prices. Raspberries should be in rows not less than six and better eight feet apart, and the plants about two feet apart in the rows. The culture is about the same each the rows. The culture is about the same each year as a row of corn requires—keeping the ground clear of weeds and the surface loose Plant in the spring early, and at the approach of the first winter, cut all the growth off within an inch or two of the ground, and draw a small mound of earth over the root. As the young shoots grow each year they should be young shoots grow each year they should be pinched at a hight of from 2½ to 4 feet, according to the vigor of the cane to induce the laterals to grow, thereby forming a kind of hedge, each plant assisting to support the others. After the fruit has been gathered cut out the canes that have borne and remove them so as to allow room for the new shoots to develop. Proceed thus from year to year and you will reap a rich reward for the little bit of labor necessary to care for them and keep them in order.

Davison's Thornless is early and free from thorns, but a very ordinary fruit. Seneca, good but quite late. Mammoth Cluster, large, luscious and every way desirable, and Doolittle, good and popular. Many excellent ones can be found in the timber along our water courses by observing them at the time of ripening and marking them so that they may be found that they may be found again and removed to the garden at the prop-

BLACKBERRIES.

The same general directions for the planting and care of raspberries will apply to black. No blackberry has been found to

berries. No blackberry has been found to excel the Kittatinny so far.

I have not attempted to give directions for commercial grawers or the market gardener, but for the amateur and farmer, hoping that I may induce more persons to grow the delicious fruits more abundantly. I know this medicine is much easier taken than quinine and other villianous doctor's stuff, and I am convinced that if more of it was used doctors convinced that if more of it was used, doctors would not build such fine houses, and drug stores and patent medicine venders would not be so plenty all over the country.

Plant your big fields of corn, and wheat, raise your herds of cattle, increase your number of broad acres, and lay up something for a rainy day, but while doing this don't forget a rainy day, but while doing that the great Creator implanted in your that the great creator invento the "hog that breast a sentiment not given to the "hog that could see nothing but potatoes," a sentiment that elevates man above and beyond the mere that elevates man above and beyond the mere groveling instincts of the brute, a sentiment that if properly cultivated leads to a higher, a purer, and more lasting enjoyment of life and a better fitting for the life to come than a mere gratification of the animal appetites of his nature can ever afford. Cultivate fruits for your children that they may be made better, and not allowed too seek those pleasures that

lure only to destroy.

APPLES FOR A COMMERCIAL ORCHARD. O. H. P. Lear, of Hannibal, Mo., writes to us as follows in regard to the varieties of apples which he has found most profitable raise for market :

"After twenty-six years of experience growing apples for market and testing one hundred and thirty varieties of the leading sorts recommended in the books I have receivmore money from three varieties, en more money from three varieties, viz, Winesap, Geniton (Rawles Janet,) and Willow Twig, than from all the other varieties combined. The Ben Davis has proven more valuable than either of the three varieties above named, but it was not known here when I put out my first orchard of forty acres, I was the pioneer in planting improved fruit for market in this part of the country; had no experience in fruit growing, and worse than all, my neighbors knew no more than I did; we all thought that the man who had the greatest number of varieties had the best orchard. We all made the same mistake. If I had set out the three first varieties named, it would have been a success. The Genitons would have been a success. The Genitons have been gradually failing for a number of years, and the trees decay early, over-bear alternate years, and consequently the fruit is very small; it is now discarded. The Willow very small; it is now discarded. The Willow Twig has not been a complete success with me, yet it is a success all around me. Winesap has falled once in treenty-six years; the tree is very hardy—the fruit is rather small that it has been hardy—the fruit is rather small. bap has laired once in the my-six years; the tree is very hardy—the fruit is rather small but it bears handling better than any other sort. The Ben Davis is a perfect success all over the West. The tree is hardy, a good grower, bears young, and is full every year. Its fruit is very attractive in appearance, and sells at from fifteen to twenty-five per cent higher than any other variety—the grower does not have to hunt buyers, they hunt him. I am removing my old orchard at the rate of 200 trees yearly, and will in the future plant nothing but the Ben Davis. I will also set them between all my other trees, as they, (the old ones) will be gone by the time the young trees begin to hear

If all the apple trees within marketable distance of Hannibal were the Ben Davis, they would bring half a million of dollars annual-ly into the County, as we are in the centre of the finest fruit growing region in the West.

THE MANAGEMENT OF SHEEP.

N. W. H., In the New York Tribune, thus discourses on the success in sheep feeding :

In choosing ewes to breed from, care should be taken to select those which are rugged and be taken to select those which are rugged and well formed. If too old they will be weak in the spring, therefore it is better to let them go barren and fatten them the coming year. Neither should they be too young, not less than two years old past, so that they may be three years old the spring their first lamb is dropped. I will give my rules for telling the age. A lamb has eight small teeth on the lower jaw, called the sucking teeth. When it comes one year old past, the two centre ones come out and two wide ones fill their places. Thus they change, two coming out yearly untill they are four years old past, at which time they have a full set of these wide, short teeth, setting closely together. After this they grow long and narrow, and in time will loosen and tall out. Sheep will do well as long as these teeth remain firm, so they can feed in the summer. I have known the native or coarse sheen mer. I have known the native or coarse sheep to live and do well until fifteen years of ag Select a ram with large, full chest, which indicates a good constitution. If the flock is small the ram may run at large with them for a short time morning and night. In no case should two rams be allowed in the same flock at the same time, for if so, many ewes will not prove with lamb. Managed in this way one ram will suffice for from fifty to one hundred sheep, if properly fed. His food should con sist of good early cut hay, with a few oats also potatoes, pumpkins, or other vegetables.

Corn is too stimulating.

The ewes will usually drop their lambs three days less than five months from the time of their service. They should be kept in good condition throughout the year. Sheep unlike other stock, require much tresh air They should have a warm enclosure for cold Iney should have a warm exclosure for cold; stormy weather, one that can be well ventil-ated when the weather permits, also plenty of outdoor exercise (with free access to water), for it is well known that they invariably se-lect the highest point of land in the pasture to pass the night; but in a storm a more sheltered place. Sheep in summer eat much browse and herbage: thus they are the best stock to eat up the poor hay, such as grow on low or new land. But this should in all cases be cut early. Some choice clover and timothy should be reserved for them just before and after lambing, to insure a good flow of milk. They should be required to eat up their hay close, but the refuse shaken out and fed to colts and horses, which will thrive well on it, ever when taken from under their feet, the dust be ing all out. Sheep should have corn enough to keep their fiesh up during the winter. In addition to this, raw potatoes and oats should be given them to start the flow of milk. As soon as the lamb is dropped it and its mother. soon as the lamb is dropped, it and its mother should be marked alike, so that they may readily be distinguished from the rest of the flock See that the milk is started in the teat and that the lamb sucks as soon as it is strong enough. It is well to put them for a few days in a separate pen, and see that it sucks both teats. If the sheep should fail to have enough milk, steal, if possible, some from another sheep, rather that suckle them on a cow. But they have a supply. When about three days old, or strong enough, their tails should be old, or strong enough, their talls should be cut off and the rams castrated. Lambs should be allowed an apartment by themselves, where be allowed an apartment by themselves, where they have access to wheat, fine feed or oats, with plenty of clover hay for them to pick. Sheep should be kept well enough so that the lambs look straight and handsome. Managed in this way sheep will retain nearly all their wool and sheer a heavy fleece; but if allowed to get poor after lambing they will lose many of their lambs, also much of the wool from their legs and belly. Make a weak liquor of tobacco, put this in a tub and let two men take the lambs by its legs and head and dip it in, taking care that none gets into its eyes and effectually kill the ticks.

THE DAIRY AT THE CENTENNIAL Editors Western Rural:—The Centennial Committee of the American Dairymen's Association are making active preparations for the erection of a model cheese and butter fac-

tory on the Centennial grounds with large display rooms for the exhibition of cheese and We have raised about one-half the amount necessary and now require the remainder to carry out our plans.
It is proposed to expend from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The United States Centennial Commission

will issue shares of stock for all sums of \$10, which, it is expected, will give good return.

The Commission have made no preparations for a consecutive display of cheese and butter, and therefore a proper exhibit of these goods depends wholly upon our efforts. They will assist us all they can and it is believed goods depends wholly upon our enorse. They will assist us all they can and it is believed that no feature of the exhibition will possess greater interest to the general observer than an equipped cheese and butter factory and a good display of dairy products. It is of the utmost importance to every producer, manufacturer and dealer in the country that this facturer and dealer in the country that this facturer and dealer in the country that this industry should be will represented. Thus weighing the matter, we take the liberty of requesting your aid in the manner suggested above. Remittances may be made direct to the treasurer, to any member of the Committee or to the undersigned, but wherever made, the sub-Executive Committee in Philadelphia should be notified and all correspondence should be addressed to the undersigned. Cer should be addressed to the undersigned. Certificates of stock will be issued immediately upon subscription being received. Full particulars as to exhibits will be furnished in due time. We desire to erect a building sufficiently large to accommodate exhibits from every cheese factory in the country and we hope you will assist in the effort by subscribnope you will assist in the eight by subscrib-ing yourself and inducing your neighbors to do the same. Kindly reply at once stating how much stock you will take. D. L. POPE, Char. Sub-Ex Com. Sec'y Sub-Ex Com.

GOOD VS. BAD COWS.

It has often been a cause of astonishment to me why so many farmers that are pretty smart in things generally relating to their profession, seem to use no care or judgment in selecting and caring for their milch cows. I remember hearing a story to the effect that Washington kept no cows, and did not make enough butter for family use. I suspect Aunt Chloe and Uncle Joe could have told why. I know of some people who ought to have ter to use and to sell, judging from the num-ber of cows they milk; yet they do not—and why is it? The answer may be briefly sum-med up as follows: Poor stock, poor feed, no care in keeping their cows from the storms and cold of winter. The difference between a good and poor cow is not generally appreciated, and the market price generally determines the amount of milk s.cow ought to give, which is a poor way of estimating her value. My father once bought four cows, for which he paid \$5, \$8, \$12, and \$15—in all \$40. He put them in charge of a German, who returned one-half the net profits, so that they cleared themselves the first year, and did better every year for four years, when they were sold for \$160—all on account of good care, feeding, and warm winter quarters. My own experi-ence is, that two cows, well fed and cared for, serve us as well as four formerly did, cared for as cows usually are. Besides, I now save the care and capital invested in two cows, and at least the feed of one. It will take two cows half cared for to produce as much butter as one well cared for, at double the expense, and cer tainly ruinous to the farmer. It is evidently a fact that, sooner or later, the American farmer will learn to produce more at less ex pense. The interest now being taken by the best and most prudent and thinking farmers throughout the country, is one of the most cheering signs that an improved and better grade of milch cows is to take the place of the common scrub stock that has so long held a prominent place in the American family dairy. The Jersey and Alderney are fast displacing the common stock of milkers, and our prom inent stock raisers are deserving of the grat-itude of every intelligent farmer, for the great benefit they have conferred on the people of America, be they producers or consumers.

Frank Lee, in Rural World.

Topics of General Interest.

Written Expressly for the Kansas Farmer. INDUCEMENT TO OFFICE.

In your issue of February 22nd, 1876, a very excellent article quoted from the California Agriculturist, says: "The remedy for political corruption is in a system that will drive out bad men by ceasing to offer inducements to them to seek office and that will at the same time offer inducements to honest patriotic and philanthropic persons to accept officers of trust and duty.'

We think the system of offering inducements beyond fair compensation, to officers re quired to exercise legislative or judicial ability, is wrong, and does not secure the best persons for these positions (nearly all other offices might be filled quite as efficiently and much more cheaply by contract with the lowequal to "unscrupulous politicians."

The best way to "drive out bad men" would be to drive in good men. Our best men will not generally run for office; not because they object to the duties of the office itself, but because they are unwilling to run the "gauntlet" of a campaign, incur its libelous attacks upon their character, and the drain upon their finances. To secure honest elections we want honest nominations, our delegates should be procured by some kind of draft and obliged to assemble and make nominations with the full convention that they could nominate any eligible person to office without asking him if he would consent to run. We should be able to vote at the polls with the full conviction that the persons elected were obliged to serve in office unless they could show sufficient excuse (such as want of health).

The principles of Freedom and Justice would not be violated any more in placing a man in nomination for commissioner, representative or judge against his will, and if elected, compelling him to serve than they now are in compelling a man to act as school director, sit on jury or defend his country, the principle is the same. Our Government protects us in right, provides for our public institutions and improvements, and has a claim upon us for that protection or provision for which our taxes alone will not compensate. It has and it ought to have an indisputable right upon the services of any of its citizens who will best fill its offices, providing it com-uniform system. And then think that each pensates them for that service. The fact that nation has as many of its own, and the diffi-

we can get men enough to fill our higher offi- culty of conveying ideas of quantity appears generally "honest and patriotic.". With such familiar and intelligible.

We give below three of the principal mewould not be confined in our elections to vote and measures of the world. for an undesirable candidate, because a desirable one would not run, on the contrary, modest, unassuming, "honest patriotic and philanthropic" men would be elected to office, because their modest refusal or unobtained consent would not prevent their election, as it now does. For a candidate to accept a nomination, virtually means that he solicits our votes and has arranged with his friends to nominate him and "electioneer" for him.

"Honest and patriotic" men seldom get office and "bad men" never get it without seeking it. The difficulty of electing good men, lies in the fact that we are confined to elect those "and 10 centi-grams. 10 deci-grams." those only," who "consent to run"; but in a law providing for nominating men without their consent and compelling them to serve if they refuse, we would not be thus confined in our choice at election, but would vote for the best man for the position with whom we were acquainted, without obtaining his consent.

THE GROWTH OF DEBTS AND TAXES.

progress we have made under the several heads in five years. The comparison is made with the year 1860. The population of all the taxes are \$70,464,000, an increase of \$43,199,-000, or 1581/2 per cent.; and the total indebtedness is \$367,146,000, an increase of \$100,-364,000, or 38 per cent. In fifteen years, therefore, the population of the States has increas ed from 31,200,000 to 44,100,000; the taxable wealth has increased from \$12,547,900 to \$18, 38,0000,900; the taxes have grown from 27, 200,000 per annum to \$70,400,000, and the debts have grown from \$266,800,000 to \$367,-146,000. All these figures, it should be stated, relate to the States only; they do not include the taxation and indebtedness of the counties, towns and cities. It is surprising to nete that the New England States make the worse showing in this exhibit, and the Western States the best. The taxes in New England have increased from \$1,646,060 to \$10,-456,000; and the debts from \$8,645,000 to \$46,476,000; while the population has increased 633,158; and the taxable wealth \$1,501,-549,000. The population has increased only 20 per cent, and the wealth 100 per cent. while the taxes have increased 535 per cent. and the debts 537 per cent. The Western States have increased their population 6,305,-000, or 69 per cent, and their wealth \$4,331, 000,000, or 163 per cent.; while their taxes have grown \$9,283,000, or 103 per cent., and their debts have been decreased \$20,000,000, or

The statement shows that the State govern ments cost the people an average of 90 cents per capita in 1860, and that they cost \$2.26 per canita now: that the state indebtedness was about \$8 a head in 1860, and is about \$12 a

31 per cent.

The federal debt and taxes, and the county, the decade and a half has been a period of unequalled extravagance, and involvement; as the Bulletin remarks: "The various forms of taxation have been steadily increased from year to year till the expenditures of government, in one form or another, eat up the whole surplus earnings of the people, if not even a larger sum : we are impoverished to the yerge of bankruptcy."

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

tric system of weights and measures, which has been approved by the United States gov-ernment and which is gradually finding its way into the commerce of all civilized nations. To bring it into general use is to give the whole world a uniform standard and do away with the puzzling reduction from one section al system into the system of another, before one can form an idea of the quantities signi-

The matter is freshly brought to mind by a circular issued by the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, calling upon all to petition Con-gress to fix a date after which the metric weights and measures shall be the only legal standards.

It will only be remembered that the chies points of excellence in the system are two points of excellence in the system are two: first, it is decimal, always increasing or decreasing by a fixed number, 10; secont, all the units of length, surface, solidity and weight are closely related to each other, because two data are only used, the meter, and the weight of a cube of water, the side of which the conducted the property of the conducted the state of the conducted the conducted the state of the conducted the state of the conducted the state of the conducted the c the weight of a cube of water, the side of which is one-hundredth part of a meter. The meter is one ten-millionth part of a quadrant of the earth's surface, so that it is a fixed standard, enduring as the earth itself. All the other units are derived from this.

This system is sure to prevail, because of its simplicity and its fixed standards. One has only to think for a moment of inches, ells and barleycorns, beer quarts and wine quarts, bushels and centals. long tons and short tons.

bushels and centals, long tons and short tons roods and leagues, and the hundred other measures which exist even in our own lan-

we can get men enough to fill our higher offices without compulsion is no argument against it, for these most available men are not

units, but by studylichtle.

men, laws, with the above provisions would be very unpopular; because they would lessen their chances of obtaining office. We miliar with the new and uniform weights

METRIC TABLES. The following, are the principal metric tables :

LENGTH, 10 milli-meters ... make a centimeter. 10 centi meters ... make a decimeter. 10 deci-meters ... make a meter. 10 deci-meters ... make a dekameter. 10 deka-meters ... make a hectometer. 10 hecto-meters ... make a kilometer. 10 kilo-meters ... make a myriameter.

CAPACITY. 10 milli liters...make a centiliter.
10 centi-liters...make a decliliter.
10 decl-liters...make a liter. [2.112 pints.]
10 liters...make a decliliter.
10 deka-liters...make a hectoliter.

WEIGHT.

10 milli-grams ... make a centigram.
10 centi-grams ... make a gram. [1-2i ounce.]
10 decl-grams ... make a gram. [1-2i ounce.]
10 grams ... make a dekagram.
10 deka-grams ... make a hectogram.
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10 kilo grams ... make a myriagram.
The liter is a cubic dectimeter.
The kilogram is the weight of a liter of water.

— Pacific Rural. WEIGHT.

PREACHING VS. PRACTICE.

Bro. Taylor, of the Wyandotte Gazette talks quare to the point about reforms within the

each of every voter. The growing importance of taxation and indebtedness in this country has induced the \$7,000 for his vote, for Lappin to attempt to New York Bulletin to anticipate the next census by making up a statement of the population, taxable wealth, taxation and indebtedness of all the States in 1875. The table is an interesting and valuable one as showing what progress we have made under the second gress, to treat to the clear or dribbs to progress. gress, to treat to the cigars or drinks, to pay for men's dinners at the hotel when they come in from the country to attend nominating con-here and now charge it home to the great mass of voters that they are willing and anxious to be paid something for their services, in a political way, and that as a body they will encourage and support a known corruptionist, as long as he has not been convicted and pointed out as guilty of some gross act of corruption, before they will another man, known to tion, before they will another man, known to be better qualified in every respect for the position, who is known to be strictly honest.

When the Supreme and District Court Judges and the members of the Legislature travel on passes, and nearly all candidates for travel on passes, and nearly all candidates for office undertake to purchase the support of the voters by paying out directly and indirectly woters by paying out directly and indirectly more or less money, according to their means, and all the people say Amen, we think the people themselves need blame nobody but themselves for the existing state of things. The preaching of political morality for a few weeks after the fall of one like Belknap amounts to but little, if we are to go right on in the old way and sustain the little knots of in the old way and sustain the little knots of shysters who in the main are the controlling spirits in our town and county conventions, nd who are known to use all the money they can get and think they need in their endeavors to control nominations and elections in their several localities.

Written expressly for the Kansas Farmer. THE ORPHAN BOY.

A child bereft of a father's protection or a mother's loving care is one of the most pitiful sights one sees in this world. A few days since while standing by my garden fence a little child-whom I had often seen with his father and mother, a happy gleeful boy-their youngest, and the darling of their declining years passed by and how sad the change. The small hand hardened and brown with toil-a weary, careworn look on the young face, clothes shabby and all too thin to shield him from the piercing wind. A few months ago the husband and father after weary days and months of sickness, passed away. He had town, school and city taxes have increased located on a homestead with little besides his more largely in the fifteen years referred to hands to do with, yet hopeful of making a who loveth and careth for us all saw fit to call him to another aud better world, and little J. is fatherless.

The kind voice that never spoke except in accents of tenderness to his cherished child is hushed. The eyes that ever beamed kindly on that young face are closed forever. The willing hands that would have borne the burden resting all too heavily on those young shoulders are peacefully folded over the heart The Centennial year is a fitting time to that can never throb again. Whatever of bring again to mind the advantage of the me good he may have done while here is still shedding its silent influence around us, if aught of evil-the last great day when all will be judged for the deeds done in the body will be sufficient time for their remembrance. A life on a Kansas homestead without means to improve it, is a hard lot under any circumstances, but when the husband and father is taken away by death and the desolate wife and mother is left with young children to bear the weary burden alone it is doubtly hard. K.

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Proclamation of the Master of the National Grange.

WHEREAS, Certain amendments to the Constitution of the National Grange were proposed at its Ninth Session; and whereas, it was provided at said session that when the Secretary of the National Grange shall have received official information that any one or more of said proposed amendments have been ratified by three fourths of all the State Granges, he shall communicate to the Master of the National Grange, who shall at once make official proclamation thereof; and whereas, informa-tion has been received of the ratification of of numbers one, three, four, five, six, seven ten, thirteen, and fourteen of said proposed amendments, Now, THEREFORE, I, JOHN T. JONES, Mas-

ter of the National Grange, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby declare numbers one, three, four, five, six, seven, ten thirteen, and fourteen of said proposed amend thirteen, and fourteen or said proposed amounteents ratified and in full force as part of the Constitution of the National Grauge.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto

JOHN T. JONES. Master. [SEAL]

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. (WHICH HAVE BEEN RATIFIED.)

Proposed at the Ninth Annual Session of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, at Louisville, Kentucky, November, 1875.

1. Amend the preamble under the head of "State Grange," by substituting the following for section 1:

"Section 1. Fifth Degree. Pomona (Hope). Composed of the Masters and Past Masters of the subordinate Granges, and their wives who are matrons; provided that Past Masters and their wives who are matrons shall be honorary members, eligible to office, but not entitled to vote, and provided that when the number of Subordinate Granges in any State Accesses. Subordinate Granges in any State becomes a great as to render it necessary, the State Grange may, in such manner as it may determine, reduce its representatives by providing for the election of a certain proportion of those entitled to membership in the State Grange from each county, and the members so chose shall constitute the voting members of the

3. Amend the constitution under the head of "Organization of State Granges," in the fourth line of page 4, by striking out the words "not to exceed three."

words "not to exceed three."

4. Amend the preamble to the constitution under the head "National Grange," by inserting between the words "Master" and "of," where they occur in the second line of said paragraph, the words "Past Masters and their wives," and also by adding at the close of said paragraph the words following, to wit: "Provided that only those members of the National Grange who are Masters of State Granges, and their wives who are matrons, shall be entitled to vote therein: and provided further, that Past Masters and their wives who have taken the Degree of Pomons, and all former members of the National Grange, shall be honorary members of the National Grange, sligible to office therein, but shall not be entitled to vote." eligible to office therein, but shall not be en-

5. Amend article 1, section 1, of the constitution, by inserting the word "District" between the words "State" and "on" where they occur in the second line of said section.

6. Amend article 1, section 2, of the con-

stitution, by inserting between the words "practicable" and "in," where they occur in the fourth line of said section, the words following, to-wit: "In the district Grange annually at such time as each District Grange may determine".

7. Amend article 1, section 2, of the constitution, by striking out the word "three" where it occurs in the sixth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two."

10. Amend article 5 by adding the follow 10. Amend article o by adding the following after the word "refunded," in the seventh line of said article; "And no petition shall be received from a rejected applicant until six months shall have elapsed after such rejec-

13. Amend article 7, section 8, of the con stitution, by striking out the word "ten," where it occurs in the third line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'thirty."

14. Amend article 8, section 7, of the consti-tution, by striking out the word "one," where it occurs in the first line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two."

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There will be open at the office of the Agen cy, a Crop and Stock Register, wherein any set my hand and caused the great seal of the Patron may have entered anything they may National Grange to be affixed at my office, have for sale. The Agency office will be a kind of Intelligence office, wherein buyers and sellers can find information they may be hunting. We are anxious that the Secretaries of Granges should send us lists of parties having articles they desire to sell, in order that they may be entered upon this register. After thirty days the entry will be considered of no force, and should be renewed, If the whole membership in the county would take hold and try to promptly hand in the reports, they would find the Agency office the best advertising medium yet invented. After a few months, buyers would seek our Agency for information; and many sales be effected with comparative little trouble.

But we must not be too lengthy in our first article, for, with your consent, Mr. Editor, we propose to have something to say further on the subject of co-operation from time to time. The whole community have an interest in this enterprise, and all who believe in co-operative buying and selling will find the Patrons' Agency a most desir-

able medium of exchange.

JOHN G. OTIS. Ag't P. C. A. Shawnee Co., Kan. S. E. Cor. Kan. Ave. & 7th St.

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER.—The time for sowing grass seed is near at hand.

I have sowed some grass seed in Kansas for many years past and nearly all common kinds and at all seasons.

and at all seasons.

For staple meadows or pasture for all kinds of stock, I will take red clover, small kind and orchard grass—one to two quarts of clover to eight quarts of orchard grass (not mixed when you sow) per acre on clean, smooth well worked soil, and I would not sow until the ground is warm and in proper condition. Harrow once after sowing then roll it smooth and keep the weeds mowed and no doubt you will have "good luck."

have "good luck."

About April 20th is a good time to sow grass seed. I don't take any stock in timothy grass Bouth of latitude 38°, in fact I would not try to grow it South of latitude 38°.

Yours, J. M. SPONABLE.

Political.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

of the State of Kansas will be held in Representative Hall, in the city of Topeks, on Wednesday; the 24th day of May, A. D. 1876, at the hour of two o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of choosing ten delegates and ten alternates to represent the Republican party of Kansas in the Union Republican National Convention to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 14th day of June, prox., for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. Each representative district entitled to representation in the Legislature of 1877 shall be entitled to two dele-

fer each delegate.

in the convention by virtue of holding the proxy of any of the delegates.

JOHN GUTHRIE,

A CALL BY THE REFORM STATE CENTRAL

pression of the business interests of the country; the unprecedented number of mercantile suspensions; the thousands of idle manufactories and work shops, and the hundreds o thousands of laboring men unable to find employment : and in view of the fact that the two great political parties of the nation manifest no desire to alleviate the financial embarassments of the people : we therefore deem it expedient that a delegate convention of the independent voters of Kansas, be held in the city of Topeks, on thursday, the 4th day of May, prox., at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing ten delegates to the National Greenback Convention, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Wednesday, the 17th day of May, 1876.

apportionment of the Legislature of Kansas will be entitled to two delegates. It is recommended that the primary meet-

ings be held at the various county seats on Saturday, the 29th day of April. All the people of Kansas who lament

financial policy made only in the interests of capital, and who believe,

1875. 2. The repeal of the National Banking Act. 3. That the greenback currency should be

4. That the bonded debt of the country should be refunded as speedily as possible into registered interchangeable bonds that shall bear an interest rate not exceeding 3.65 per cent. per annum, principal and interest

vice reform.

All the people of Kansas who maintain these principles are invited to participate in said convention.

S. D. McDonald, Chairman,

EDITOR FARMER.-If reports of fine pige are in order for publication I will give an

On the 7th, Mr D. S. Curry, of Nortonville, Kansas, butchered 3 pigs of his own raising. aged, 7m, 7d, which weighed 244, 207, 206 lbs net, respectively. They were a cross of Poland China and Berkshire. Yours,

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A delegate convention of the Republican

It is recommended that the district conven tions for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention herein called, be held on Saturday, the 13th day of May, 1876, at such hour as may be designated by the central com mittee of each representative district, or in the went that there be no such committee, by the entral committee of the county. It is also ecommended that in addition to the delegates herein provided for, one siternate be elected

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HELP NEEDED FOR COLORADO FARMERS

Mesara Wm D Arnett and M N Everett State Treasurer and J. S. Kinness of Jefferson county, Colorado, are in Kansas soliciting seed for the farmers of their State. Having suffered from the ravages of the grasshoppers, the farmers of that region find themselves destitute of seed for a new crop. The above named gentlemen bear the necessary documents of recommendation from the officials of Colorado, a general letter of introduction from the Governor, John L. Routt, and an indorsement of the needs of the country from the Mayor and City Council of Denver City. The farmers of Colorado lost their crops in 1874 and 1875.

Mr. J. J. Fisher, of Topeka, Kansas, has been

designated as an agent for receiving and forwarding supplies to Colorado. We hope every farmer of Kansas will give from his abundance in grain of some kind or other. Kansas cannot forget the generosity of the country in coming to her help and furnishing liberal seed, feed and clothing in her time of distress, and we believe generous citizens will promptly come forward with contributions of corn, wheat or oats. Mr. Arnett informs us that they are only asking for seed and that the clear grit of these people will aid them in getting through if they can only get sufficient seed. Colorado has suffered every visitation and drouth that has affected Kansas with the addition of the returning hosts of hoppers of last summer, which ate up the crops of last year, while our people here, had in the main, a very bountiful one We urge the Patrons of Kansas to take hold of this matter in their organizations, make up shipments which may be sent direct to the Mayor at Denver or to Mr. Fisher at Topeka, who will send forward all supplies as fast as received. The Kansas Pacific and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Rail Roads have offered to forward supplies at half rates. Let a committee be at once formed in each grange, supplies secured and forwarded before the hurry of spring work is upon us. A few bushels of grain from each farmer will not be missed Set the good work in motion, at once, in every community.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS AT THE CENTEN-NIAL.

It is a source of congratulation to the American press that the work of making an exhibition of all the Newspapers published in agency in this or any other country.

We do not believe it could have been placed in better hands. The plan of the exhibition is as follows: A separate and spacious building is to be erected for the exhibition of the American press. An alphabetical arrangement of partial files of each newspaper or periodical in such a manner as will make them instantly accessible; the space devoted to each bearing a label with the name of the publica. tion printed thereon, and further designated by a number, by means of which a stranger, upon reference to his catalogue, will be able at once to approach the section of the building where the particular journal which he de sires to examine or refer to may be found. The cases containing these files will form alcoves similar to those in public libraries for the arrangement of books; these alcoves forming long tiers, one on each side of the building throughout its entire length. A catalogue giving the name of each newspaper, its frequency of issue, and the number which de. signates the position allotted to it, together with such statistical information as will serve to convey a comprehensive knowledge of the nature and extent of the business of newspaper publishing in America, will be issued in a SOME OFFICIAL WORK FOR THE COMMIS

Will They Do It?

In New York the city authorities have of late, been vigorously endeavoring to suppress the lotteries which have long infested the city. St. Louis policemen have closed the lotteries of that city, and even in Kentucky, where for years the law has recognized a State Lottery, public sentiment seems to have rebelled against their continuance.

Nine-tenths of the people of Topeka and Shawnee County condemn, publicly and pri vately, the lottery now carried on in Topeka under the name of Topeka Library Aid Association. Let the County Commissioners direct the County Attorney to bring these swindlers to trial. Let the people know upon what pretexts, legal and otherwise, men may openly defy law and justice, collecting thousands of dollars weekly, from all over the country upon false pretenses. It is in the hands of the County Commissioners to test the matter. Will they do it? Nearly every business man in Topeka has been called upon to answer letters from various parts of the East inquiring as to the responsibility of this lottery, and we have yet to hear of one who did not reply that it was a plain swindle. The Courts of Shawnee County would send a man to the penitentiary who was caught stealing money, even if it was stolen to give a starving family food-society demands protection Here we have a set of sharpers who by one false pretense and another are receiving, we are told, more than a thousand dollars per day of money. The magnitude of the theft gives it a respectability that must be a puzzling problem to the petty thieves in jail and in the penitentiary for lesser crimes. The distinct charges we make against this swindle are:

First: That it did not originate with the Directors or Members of the Topeka Library but with the professional Lottery Swindlers who came from Dennison and Omaha.

Second : That the Topeka Library's name was used by this lottery one month without the consent or the sanction of the Members or

Directors.
Third: That the State Capitol Bank, that consents to receive the money received for tickets," exists only on paper. That it does not now and never has done a banking business in Topeka. That it does not receive deposits, deal in exchange or even collect its own drafts sent by the deluded people who buy their tickets. That this bank is a fraud without responsibility or capital and is only blind with which to fool the people.

Fourth: That the names of prominen citizens have been used without their permission as references

Fifth: That nine tenths of the citizens of Topeka denounce this as a swindle.

Sixth: That the Topeka Herakl, published as in its 10th Volume was created within four months, as the advertising sheet of this lottery and hundreds of thousands have been scattered broadcast over the country as a legitimate

This ingenious and high toned piece of rascality has assumed the respectability of a charitable and meritorious enterprise championed with an ability that would secure a competence in honest work. If justice is done the men who are thus taking peoples money under these false pretenses, the principals and abettors of this Topeka Library Aid Association, will yet wear the Penitentiary uniform, which they richly merit.

ARBOR DAY

Gov. Osborn has issued his proclamation setting apart April 1st. as arbor day, asking that the day may be devoted to the planting of trees by the citizens of Kansas.

The idea is a good one and if acted upon intelligently will be productive of benefi It is to be hoped our people may remember that the past history of tree planting in Kansas, shows that a very large per cent. of the most carefully planted trees die from one cause and another and that trees carelessly taken from the woods or the nursery, subjected to cold winds or the hot sun for hours, and even days usually make a sickly attempt to grow and when the first or second August sun visits them, they wither and die. A tree with its the United States is placed in the hands of roots closely pruned and driven into a small Geo. P. Rowell & Co. the largest advertising hole in the hard ground of a lawn, or side walk, or a park will wither and die after exhausting the sap already stored in the tree. Every phase of tree planting has been so thoroughly discussed in these columns, and the varieties of deciduous, ornamental and fruit trees so frequently and fully given, that a repetition here is not necessary. The caution we had in mind was to draw attention to the well attested fact that a carelessly planted tree is certain to die and unless persons are prepared to do this patriotic work of tree planting on arbor day, carefully and well, they might as well let it alone.

SENATOR HARVEY AND REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS.

Senator Harvey's vote upon the question of reducing the salary of the President from \$50,000 per year to \$25,000, was for the reduction, and his constituents in Kansas will say he voted right.

Hon. Wm. A. Phillips the Representative from the 1st. Congressional District has placed himself on the side of the people in a late financial speech, from which we shall give exinancial speech, from which we shall give ex-tracts next week. Col. Phillips may hereafter expect the consistent opposition of the monied rings and their organs, but his strength with the people will be greater than ever before It is needless to say to our readers that Col Phillips speech was against resumption and in favor of a national currency. SPRING ELECTIONS.

The spring elections are at hand, candi dates as usual are numerous, and we wish to express the hope that the independent voter is abroad. If the primaries are packed in the interest of some ring; if men by combination and treating secure a party nomination, and the voter knows them unworthy the position, party or no party, strike their names off. Vote "Leavenworth," foaled May 2, 1873, sired by no drunkard, liar, thief or gambler into any Sprague & Akers St. Elmo, for which I paid \$500 position of trust or profit. If your parts in cash. position of trust or profit. If your party permits such men to secure a place on your ticket, strike their names off. Make the first requisite of a party receiving your vote that it place upon your ticket citizens worthy the office and your vote. The severe partizan demands that the ticket be voted without regard to the character of the candidates. This gard to the character of the candidates. This shallow reasoning places dishonest, managevery year. Safety lies in every citizen putting his judgment and his conscience behind his ballot, and voting for no man for any position that his judgment does not commend.

OFFICIAL PATRONAGE.

If the American people ever come to thoroughly realize the corrupting influence of official patronage, we shall see a civil service reform that will not be put aside as easily as the sickly attempts of later years. That it is demoralizing to place within the hands of Kansas Avenue. JOHN G. OTIS, Agent P. C. A. Congressmen, Senators and the President the appointments to lucrative offices, is within the personal observation of every intelligent man To place in the hands of Congressmen and Senators the removal and appointment of post masters and route agents, is entirely foreign to the business of legislation. The power is used in the campaigns as so much capital, and is one of the corrupting influences that sets an army of officials to work zealously showing superloyalty to the reigning power. Let the people agitate the question as to their right to vote for every officer from President o post-master. Let Congressmen be given the duty of legislating, and take from them the power and temptation to peddle their ap pointments for the highest bid.

A SLANDER AGAINST OUR CROW-MO. Messrs. Alleger Bowlby & Co., of Washing ton, New Jersey, manufacturers of Pianos and organs in a recent letter say :

"We are in possession of one of the Kan-sas Farmer Crow-mo's which we consider the best thing out."
"We ask the privilege however of making

this suggestion viz, that you loosen the straps that hold the pulleys on the hind legs, if you have not already done so; they seem to be strapped so tight as to cause a swelling about the fetlock which we fear will prove dangerous if not treated in time."

The above criticism upon our crow-mo was no doubt dictated by the most friendly concern for that horse. We hasten to relieve the anxiety of our friends for the welfare of that animal, by stating that roughness of the land and lack of feed caused his demise. As this heartless corn grower lived in the barrens of New Jersey, we recommend to our friends the organization of a Society for the protection of dumb animals. A re-currence of this sad case should be prevented. Gentlemen the responsibility rests'upon you.

ABOUT ALL ONE WAY.

Over the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern will go by far the largest portion of the shipment of Kansas products to the Centennial, and over the same road will go by far the greater number of Kansans, bound for the same destination. This is as it should be, for as at St. Louis, this however depends upon the no road in all the West has more justly earned freight rates, you may be able to secure to these ed favor with the masses than the St. L, K. C. make Chicago, St. Louis, or Baltimore preferable to & N. With that prompt and liberal regard any home market. for the comfort and safety of its patrons that has ever distinguished it, the most elegant coaches, finest engines and in fact every attainable improvement has been called into play for the Centennial season and those going to Philadelphia on this road will certainly for the comfort and safety of its patrons that come back by no other route.

THE "NEW DEPARTURE CULTIVATOR" On our first page will be found a cut illustrating the new Tongueless Cultivator. The general Westervagents for this newclaimant for popular favor is the reliable firm of Trumbull, Reynolds & Allen of Kansas City, Missouri We learn from the firm that it is sold much cheaper than the Tongue Cultivators, as it is free from the royalty upon the last class of cultivators and possesses points of merit. The firm will send their descriptive circulars upon

A Neglected Cough, Cold, or Sore Throat, which might be checked by a simple remedy like "Brown's Bronchial Troches," if allowed to progress may terminate seriously.

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Mlinor Mention.

IT PAYS TO RAISE GOOD STOCK.

From a private letter from our friend Chas, Dun can, of Leavenworth county, we take the following item which shows that it pays to raise good stock: Last week I purchased of Mr. A. B. Keller, of

New Varieties of Potatoes -Attention is call shallow reasoning places dishonest, managing politicians and incompetents in power every year. Safety lies in every citizen putponsible dealer.

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Also, flour, coffee, sugar, vinegar, soap, soda

Also, Hour, coffee, sugar, vinegar, soap, soda, candles, dairy salt, brooms, matches, and etc.

We are also buying and shipping corn, handling oats, potatoes, and other farm products.

A full stock of mowers and harrows coming. Also, have on hand sewing machines. Our Agency is the Head Quarters of the State for the "New American." Call and see, Corner 7th Street and Kansas Avenue. JOHN G CUES Agent P. C. A

We would call attention to the Ad of E. B. Guild, dealer in Pianos and Organs. Deals only with Manufacturers of the best instruments, which are fully warranted for five years. The instruments are sold at the lowest discount for eash or on time or fair and favorable terms, and not on a lease plan re-quiring the forfeiture of the instrument and amount paid in case of failure to meet payments promptly. Offering first class musical instruments on such terms has been the means of making large sales even in these dull times

Fire Arms.—See advertisement of the Western Gun Works, of Chicago. The proprietors of these works are young and enterprising, and have, in less than a year, built up a lively trade, which is constantly increasing. They keep all kinds of arms, including the noted "Buffalo Bill" revolver and the Evans' Repeating Rifle.

Brick store building on a corner lot in a flourish ing city in central Iowa, for sale on time, at a lov price. Address, E. B. Guild, Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. D. A. Rouner, of Newark, Missouri, a breeder of Short-horn Cattle writes that he has lately purchased of J. H. Pickerel, of Harrstown, Illinois, the Louan Bull, Breastplate, Louan Jr. second, thirteen months old by Breastplate 11,431, Dam Louan Bell third, by Sweepstakes 6,230.

Will some of the readers of the FARMER give the common name of the tanning plant, "Polygonum fluitans, which grows in great profusion throughou Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska." There is being quite a stir made about its wonderful tanning properties. WYANDOTTE,

Mr. Brewer, of Johnson county, a breeder of Poland China hogs writes that Pine Tar has stopped and cured, in this vicinity, every case of so-called hog holera where tried.

Mr. George Cameron writes: Please inform m through your paper the proper time to sow salt on old land in which barley is to be sown, whether to sow with the seed and harrow the same as seed, or sow on top of the ground after the grain is up, also whether in your judgment salt would benefit the land and crop, and how much to the acre ought to

We have had no experience in sowing salt or and for any purpose. Will some of our readers land for any purpose. Will son answer Mr. Cameron's question?

Mr. G. S. Spohr, of Riley county writes to ask "will good plump wheat weighing sixty-two pounds to the bushel pass in Kansas City or St. Louis for No. two or even No. three, what is required for wheat of grade No. two? Is it better to ship in bulk or in sacks and which do you consider the best market? bush of its sacks and which do you consider the best market? We answer that good, clean, plump, winter wheat weighing sixty-two pounds to the bushel should grade at least No, two in any market. As we understand the matter the above are the es-sentials for No, two wheat. For small lots it is unsentials for No. two wheat.

questionably the best to ship in sacks, for large quantities bulk is probably the most economical.

Frequently the market at Kansas City is as good

In reply we would say that the firm of John A. West, failed and so far as we can learn, have not been able to settle their accounts. Orders that have been sent, since the failure, have been filled by the old reliable house of Montgomery, Ward & Co., of the same city, the original Grange Supply House, and the largest and most substantial of its character, in the West Feilurge amount of the same city, the original Grange Supply House, and the largest and most substantial of its character, in the West Feilurge amount of the same city, the control of the same city and the same c in the West. Failures among commercial houses are frequent East, West, North and South, and the best that our friends or any body else can do, is to deal with the most reliable houses. As soon as Mr. West's failure was known it was published in the FARMER to protect our readers against loss, and the same will be done in the future with firms in which our readers may be interested

Crop Notes.

From Kendall County Illinois. Our winter has been very mild, but a late "freeze

up" has come, and we are getting plenty of snow at present. It is feared this kind of weather will be ard on fruit-buds, and winter whea DON JUAN.

From Allen County.

Corn 20 to 22c, wheat 75c to \$1.25. Fall wheat never looked better than now, Grange in a flour-shing state.

W. F. WAGGONER. From Jewell County.

March 17.—We have had snow storms. February 27, March 6, and March 15, altogether 8 or 10 meters of snow, but all blown into drifts. Feed is plenty, corn 15 cents per bushel, potatoes plenty and no demand at any price. Stock hogs in depended at feometers. plenty and no demand at any plenty and no demand at from 5 to 7 cents per pound.

I. D. RAYNOLDS.

From Cowley County.

March 22 — Condition of stock is good. Wheat and rye is fine. The peach crop is severely damaged if not entirely killed. Some oats sown and potatoes planted, but all farming is stopped for the present and our attention is turned to keeping up the fire. We had a snow storm on the 19th, to the depth of 9 inches which is still on the ground.

Wheat from 60 to 90c, corn 15 to 20c, butter 20c, eggs 15c, potatoes 25 to 40c, flour \$2.50 to 3.50, hay, cabbage and turnips plenty and no demand. No March 22 -- Condition of stock is good. Wheat

cabbage and turnips plenty and no demand. No insect pests or drouth, but plenty of snow at present with an Eastern wind to-day Money matters is close. A good many bound for the Black Hills. JAMES RENFRO

From Chase County.

March 21,-Wheat and rye good, a larger acreage than usual. Good horses \$75 to 125. Cattle two and a half to four cents, hogs six to seven cents, afraid fruit is all killed, corn twenty cents, oats eighteen cents, wheat seventy-five to one dollar. Best bottom land eight to ten dollars per acre.

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Weather cold six inches of snow now on the ground. Money ten to fifteen per cent. Not much emigration. This is a No. one sheep county, and five thousand good ewes would meet a ready sale here now. Several farmers wishing to buy.

L. W. COLEMAN. From Linn County.

March 23.—We are having winter in earnest, snow four inches deep the nin teenth inst. About half done sowing oats. Peaches badly damaged, if not total. Look for mud and water. Farm work at a stand still for the present, corn mostly cribed. Gardening two weeks ago was very brisk, but snowed under. Everybody cheerful, but money scarce. Markets, hogs six twenty-five to six seventy-five gross cattle three to four cents per pound. ty-five gross, cattle three to four cents per pound, oats twenty-five to thirty cents per bushel, for seed corn nineteen to twenty-two cents per bushel, wheat none.

WILLIAM RICHEY.

From Cherokee County.

About half of the peaches were killed ten days ago. I think the remainder are killed now as it has been the coldest weather this winter. Many of the peaches were in bloom, cherries just ready to bloom, snow now 8 inches deep.

Q. R. S.

From Marshall County.

Grange matters improving. Fall wheat and rye and all kinds of stock doing well. Teams in much better condition than ever before within four years (date of my arrival). Large amounts of good hay to keep over. It is raining and the soil is very wet

From Brown County.

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March 21.—The sudden cold and snow has caused a cessation in farming operations. It snowed twenty-four hours, with but little wind. Winter wheat looks very promising. Some spring wheat, barley and oats has already been sown. Most farmers were timid about plowing during the fine open winter, fearing that, like last spring, their ground might blow too much. Those that have plowed of course are satisfied with their course, as the abundant moisture in this month removes all fear on account of high winds. It appears that much barley is going to be sown, owing partly to the abundance of seed; last year's barley being light and bleached and only salable for seed.

H. F. M.

From Cloud County.

March 20.—In reply to E. Ferry, Waverly, Iowa. Would say that there is good water power on the Solomon River at this point, (Glasco,) not hard to improve. A good woolen mill would be considered a good thing here, there is none in the valley. The people would be willing to aid in the work, could probably get sufficient wool of good quality to run them. Weather miserable—cold—with sone snow. ABRAM BUTLER

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Fall, No. 1
No. 2
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CORN—Per bu; Mixed
White, No. 1
Yellow,
OATS—Per bu; No. 1
RYE—Per bu
BARLEY—Per bu
FLOUR—Per 100 lbs—Fall, No. 1
Fall, No. 2
No. 3
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CORN MEAL—Per 100 lbs...
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OATS—New per bn	.28.2 80
	.58@56
BARLEY-Per bu-No. 8	40 60
BUCKWHEAT-Per buPRODUCE.	.40@15
POTATOES—Per bu	.20@25
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APPLES-Per bbl	4 00@4.50
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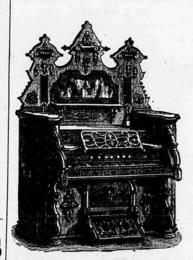
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THE LESSON WHICH MRS, BELKNAP'S CRIME SHOULD TEACH AMERICAN WOMEN.

History tells us of numerous Queens and princesses and ladies of the royal blood, who had such influence with monarchs and great warriors, that those who wanted favors of these great personages, first beguiled the wife or the favored lady into interceding for them. Great injustice was often done in this way, for these influential women were not always wise, nor good; some were very ignorant and others very easily flattered; but whether they were pure-minded women and exerted their influence for good only—as many of them undoubtedly did-or whether they were corrupt, and sought to strengthen tyranny and injustice, we do not remember an instance where one of them sold her power outright for gold. Nearly all seem to have been content with the glory that power gave them, and it has been reserved for one of our proud Republic's daughters to so disgrace her womanhood as to make money the only consideration.

That she alone was to blame no thoughtful person will insist; she was tempted, and urged by the undeniable fact that money gives a social status that nothing else can give-to be sure it gives political power and power of every kind, but it is presumable that the ambition of a woman like Mrs. Belknap was to reign socially, and nothing but great wealth could give her the power to do that in our national capital. She is not responsible for the fact that money is the object of our idolatry, and must not be censured too severely by by those of us who have never been tempted by its alluring power. Neither would it be womanly in us to forget that she has been doing what all women do, striving to make her self agreeable to and beautiful in the sight of men. She has been surrounded by men who seek out and flatter and admire and pay their court to the wearers of handsome toilets. There is no denying this, albeit they are Cabinet officers, Senators and Congressmen, and just so long as men load women with fulsome flattery for their folly, so long will women wear extravagant costumes at any cost; and men should bear part of the blame. If there is any difference, we believe men more than women need to cultivate a taste for simplicity.

Furthermore, in Mrs. Belknap's defence, it does not look probable to common mortals that the Secretary was unaware of her crime. He is probably sufficiently human to take enough interest in his wlfe's fortune to know just how it was invested and what revenue it brought, and if he did know this and knew that she was receiving money from some other source which he would not openly take for fear of injuring his reputation, then it seems to us the most cowardly act in the drama for him to assume any self-sacrifice now, or to allow his friends to assume any for him, in order that he may defend his wife. A husband's duty to a weak woman would have

our mind we have the saddest phase of all. If the facinations and temptations of fashionable life have become so degrading that they will trust. induce a wife to risk her husband's good name and honorable reputation, and sell her own conscience for a bribe, it is ligh time for every good woman to lend her influence towards bringing about a civil society reform. Does not the contemplation of such an unnatural crime in a woman-for what is dearer to a wife than her husband's honor-cause every woman to query whether the seclusion of her own fireside a part of the time, is not necessar ry to enable her to see clearly the straight narrow path of rectitude?

influences and temptations that ordinarily women do not come in contact with, and if her influence is to be a potent one for right, it must nearly always be because her moral vision is cleared by looking through the calm and refining influence of home. A life of constant fashionable dissipation will not give a woman this privilege, and if she values her honor as a wife and mother, and the honor of her country which her children must help to sustain, she will not indulge in it.

From the Cincinnati Times.
FRAGMENTS.

From A Young Wife's Dairy.

I have been married seven weeks. * *
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Long, very long it is, since I first knew this.
Gradually, not suddenly, the great mystery of
love overshadowed me, until at last I found
the truth, that I was my own no more. All
the world's beauty I saw through his eyes; all
the world's goodness and great mystery.

and no more. Everything in me is only a re-flection of him. Sometimes I even marvel that he loved me, so unworthy as I seem; yet, that he loved me, so unworthy as I seem; yet, when heaven rained on me the rich blessing of his love, my thirsty soul drank it in, and I felt that had it never come, for lack of it I must have died. I did almost die, for the jow was long in coming. Though, as I know now, he loved me well and dearly; yet, for some reason or other, he would not tell me so. The vail might never have fallen from our hearts, save for one blessed chance. I will relate it. I love to dream over that brief hour, to which my whole existence can never show a parallel. whole existence can never show a parallel

We were walking all together—my sister, Laurence Lane and I—when there came on an August thunder-storm. Our danger was great, Laurence Lane and I—when there came on an August thunder-storm. Our danger was great, for we were in the midst of a wood. My sixter fled; but I, being weak and ill—alas! my heart was breaking quietly, though he knew it not—I had no strength to fly. He was too kind to forsake me; so we staid in an open space in the wood, I clinging to his arm and thinking—God forgive me!—that if I could only die then, close to him, encompassed by his gentle care, it would be so happy—happler far than my life was then. What he thought I knew not. He spoke in hurried, broken words, and turned his face from me all the while.

It grew dark, like night, and there came flash after flash, peal after peal. I could not stand; I leaned against his arm. At last there shone all around us a frightful glare, as if the whole wood were in flames. A crash of boughs, a roar above, as though the heavens were falling, then—silence.

Death had passed close by us and smote us

To-morrow has come—to-morrow has gone!

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Death had passed close by us and smote unot, and Death was the precursor of love.

We looked at one another, Laurence and I then, with a great cry, our hearts, long tortur-ed, sprang together. There never can be such a meeting, save that of two parted ones, who meet in heaven. No words were spoken, save a murmur—"Emma!" "Laurence!"—but we knew that between us two there was but one felt neither the thunder nor the rain. I feared not death, for I now knew that in either I
should never be divided from him.

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Laurence wished it so, and I disputed not—I
never disputed with him in any thing. Besides, I was not happy at home—my sisters did
not understand him. They jested with me
because he was grave and reserved—even subject to moody fits sometimes. They said I
"should have a great deal to put up with; but
it was worth while, for Mr. Lane's grand estate
atoned for all." My Laurence! as if I had
aven thought whether he was rich or poor!
I smiled, too, at my sisters' jests about his
melancholy, and the possibility of his being a
"bandit in disguise." None truly knew him—
none but I. Yet I was half afraid of him at
times; but that was only from the intensity of none but 1. Yet I was half afraid of him at times; but that was only from the intensity of my love. I never asked him of his for me—how it grew—or why he had so long conceal—ed it; enough for me that it was there. Yet it was always calm; he never showed any passionate emotion, save one night—the night before our wedding day.

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I went with him to the gate myself, walking in the moonlight under the holly trees. I trembled a little; but I was lappy—very happy. He held me long in his arms ere he would part with me—the last brief parting ere we would have no need to part any more. I said, looking up from his face unto the stars, "Laurence, in our full joy, let us thank God, and pray Him to bless us."

His heart seemed bursting. He howed his

His heart seemed bursting. He bowed his bend to lift her clear of such breakers.

But if, on the other hand, Mrs. Belknap is guilty, without her husband's knowledge, to our mind we have the saddest phase of all. If the totalk in this way! and about me! but

In asswered him soothingly, so that he might feel how dear was my love—how entire my He said, at last, half mournfully: "You are content to take me, then, just as I am, to

forgive my past—to bear with my present give hope to my fut my love, my Emma?' to my future. Will you do this,

I answered solemnly "I will." Then, for the first time, I dared to lift my arms to his neck; and as he stooped, I kissed his forehead. It was the seal of this, my promise—which, may God give me strength to keep evermore!

We were laughing, to-day, Laurence and I, about first loves. It was scarcely a subject for mirth; but one of his bachelor friends had been telling us of a newly married couple, OATMEAL AND COCC A man in any walk of life is subjected to who, in some comical fashion, mutually made the discovery of each other's "first loves." I said to my husband, smiling happily, "that he need have no such fear." And I repeated half in sport the lines:

"He was her own, her ocean treasure, cast Like a rich wreck—her first love and her last." So it was with your poor Emma." Touch-

ed by the thought, my gayety melted into tears. But I laughed them off, and added; "Come, Laurence, confess the same. You never loved any one but me?"

He looked pained, said coldly, "I believe I have not given cause—" then stopped. How I trembled; but, I went up to him, and whispered, "Laurence, dearest, forgive me." He looked at me a moment, then caught me passionately to his breast. I wept there a little—my heart was so full. Yet I could not help again murmuring that question—"You love me? You do love me?" "I love you as I never before loved woman. I swear this in the sight of heaven. Believe it, my wife!" was his vehement answer. I hated myself for having so tried him. My dear, my noble husband! I was mad to have a moment's doubt of thee. He looked pained, said coldly, "I believe I

Long, very long it is, since I first knew this. Gradually, not suddenly, the great mystery of love overshadowed me, until at last I found the truth, that I was my own no more. All the world's beauty I saw through his eyes; all the world's goodness and greatness came reflected through his noble heart. In his presence I was a child; I forgot myselt, my own existence, hopes and aims. Everywhere—at all times and all places—his power was upon me. He seemed to absorb and inhale my whole soul into his, until I became like a cloud melting away in sunshine, and vanishing from the face of heaven.

All this reads very wild and mad; but eh Laurence, Laurence! none would marvel at it who had once looked on thee! Not that he is a perfect Apollo, this worshipped husband of mine; you may meet a score far handsomer. But who cares? Not I! All that is grand, all that is beautiful, all that makes a man look godlike through the inward shining of his

godlike soul, I see in my Laurence. His eyes —soft, yet proud, his wavy hair, his hand that I st and class, his strong arm that I lean on, all compose an image wherein I see no flaw. Nay, I could scarce believe in any beauty that bore no likeness to Laurence.

This is my husband—what am I? His wife, my sister Kate. She is a good girl, and a dear girl; but I miss Laurence; I did especially in my walk, to-day, through a lovely wooded country, and a sweet little village. I was thinking of him all the time, so much so, that I quite started when I heard one of the village children called atter as "Laurence". children called after as "Laurence."

Very foolish it is of me—a loving weakness I have not yet got over, but I never hear the name my husband bears without a pleasant thrill; I never even see it written up in the street without turning again to look at it. So, unconsciously, I turned to the little rosy ur-chin, whom his grandmamma honored by the name of "Laurence.

A pretty, sturdy boy, of five or six years old

a child to glad any mother. I wondered had
he a mother! I staid and asked. I always

To-morrow has come-to-morrow has gone What a gulf lies between that yesterday and its to-morrow

* * Kate and I walked to the village * * * Kate and I walked to the village; ting, save that of two parted ones, who in heaven. No words were spoken, save that between us two there was but one We stood there, all the while the storm. He sheltered me in his arms, and I oither the thunder nor the rain. I feardeath, for I now knew that in either I never be divided from him.

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know. Thank heaven, those words were put into my lips.

So we went. My little beauty of a boy was not there, and I had the curiosity to approach the cottage where his grandmother lived. It stood in a garden, with a high hedge around. I heard a child's laugh, and could not forbear peeping through. There was my little favorite, held aloft in the arms of a man, who stood half hidden behind a tree. "He looks like a gentleman; perhaps it is the wretch of a father," whispered Katle. "Sister, we aught to come away." And she walked forward indignantly. dignantly.

But I still staid—still looked. Despite my horror of the crime, I felt a sort of attraction it was some sign of grace in the man that he should at least acknowledge and show kind-ness to his child. And the miserable mother! ness to his child. And the miserable mother! I, a happy wife, could have wept to think of her. I wondered did he think of her, too? He might; for though the boy laughed and chattered, lavishing on him all those pet diminutives which children make out of the sweet word "father," I did not hear this father answer by a slavely word.

answer by a single word.

Katie came to hurry me away. "Hush!" !
said, "one moment, and I will go." The little one had ceased chattering; the father put it down and came forth from his

Heaven! It was my husband. * * * I think I should then have fallen down dead, save for one thing. I turned and met my sister's eyes. They were full of horror—indignation—pity. She, too, had seen, Like lightning there flashed across me all the

future, my father's wrath—the world's mockery—his shame.

I said—and I had strength to say it quite calmly—"Katle, you have guessed our secret; how he was the manual to the say it quite calmly—"Katle, you have guessed our secret; how he was the more than to the say it was the more than the say it was the more than the say it was the more than the say it was the sa at keep it—promise."
She looked aghast—confounded.

"You see," I went on—and I actually smiled
-- "You see I know all about it, and so does
Laurence. It is his child."

May heaven forgive me for that lie I told
-it was to save my husband's honor.
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with considerable water until soft, and thicken just before serving with corn starch dis-

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COLT-Taken up by Thos Rutledge, Deer Creek Tp, Feb 12, 1876, one bay filly colt, both fore leet and the right hind foot white, small white stripe on the nose, iy roid past. Valued at \$12.

STEER-Taken up by James H Runyan, Elm Tp, Feb 14, 1876, one yearling black steer, small white spot in face. Valued at \$12.

Anderson County—J. W. Goltra, Clerk.

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STERE—Taken up by A J Vaughn, Jackson Tp, March

3, 1876, one white steer, red ears, few red spots on neck,
horns rather short, no marks or brands perceivable, 1 yr
old last spring. Valued at \$16.

MARE—Taken up by Thos Gowdy, Jackson Tp, March

11, 1876, one dark roau mare, supposed to be 6 yrs old,
small white spot on left side of neck, no marks or brands
perceivable, about 14 hds high. Valued at \$40.

MARE—Also, one dark gray mare, supposed to be 6 yrs
old, small white spot in foreixad, shod in front, no marks
or brands perceivable, about 14 hds high. Valued at \$40.

Bourbon County—J. H. Brown, Clerk.

COW—Taken up by E. Marble Scott. En one helicide.

COW-Taken up by E L Marble, Scott Tp, one brindle ow, underbit out of left ear, supposed to be 4 yrs old cow, underbit out of feet car, supposed at \$46.

COLT—Taken up by J K McMillen, Mill Creek Tp, one roan yearling horse colt, some white in forchead. Valued

Coffey County-Job Throckmorton, Clerk. FILLY—Taken up by James D Bixler, Ottumwa Tp, ne 3 yr old black filly, few white hairs in forehead. Valone 3 yr old black filly, few white nairs in research that it is the first one 2 yr old brown florse, small-star in forchead, half of tall roped. Valued at \$20, for the first of the first of the first one 1 yr old by horse colt, saip on the note. It is a first of the first of the first of the first one first of the first one first of the first one first of the first one first of the first of the first of the first one first of the first one first of the first of the first of the first one first of the first one first one first one first one first of the first one firs bay mare colt, 2 yrs old, medium size, no marks or brands. Valued at \$16. HkfFkR—Taken up by Thomas Johnston, Pleasant Tp, one light roan helfer, supposed to be 2 yrs old. Valued at \$12.

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HORSK-Also, one roan horse, 1 yr eld past, no marks or brands. Valued at \$10.

Chase County—S. A Breese, Clerk. PONY—Taken up by J W Harvey, Bazaar Tp, Feb 23, 876, one roan mare pony, about 12 yrs old. Valued at 12.

Jackson County-J. G. Porterfield, Clerk. Jackson County—J. G. Porterfield, Clerk.
STEER—Taken up Jan 11, 1876, by Luther Myers, Codar Tp, one red and white spotted steer, crop off left ear, 3 yrs old. Valued at \$20 COLT—Taken up Feb 2, 1876, by Ed McNelve, Washington Tp, one black stud colt, kar in forehead. little white around left hind foot, 1 yr old. Valued at \$20.

Lyon County—J. S. Craig, Clerk.
FILLY—Taken up by James Jones, Waterlon Tp, Feb 26, 1876, one 1 yr old dark iron gray filly, with a little red around the nose. Valued at \$20.

Shawnee County—J. Lee Knight, Clerk.

MARE—Taken up by Edward Chilson, Dover Tp, one dark bay mare 16 hds bigh, with a new rope tied around her neck, blind in right eye, no brand or marks, 9 or 10 yrs old; was taken up at Silver Lake ferry.

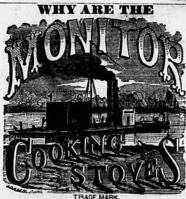
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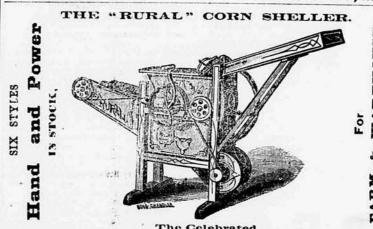


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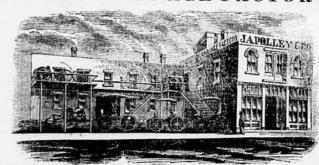
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Her rosy cheeks and rolling eyes like arrows pearced my breast and they called her handsome clara the liley of the west.

I corted her for just 3 days, her love i thought to gain to soon, to soon she slited me which gave me grief and pain.

she robed me of my liberty and deprived me of my rest but still I love my clara the liley of the

MY DREAM. I dreamp a dream the other night down by you shady grove I saw a cnap of high degree convercing with my love.

he sung he sung so merrily while I was soar oppres and he sung to lovely clara the liley of the

I rushed up to my rival a dagar in my hand I tore him from my true love and boldly bid him stand.

being man to desperation my dagger pearced his breast and I was betrade by clara the lift y of the west.

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That's the manner (says the Chronicle) in which one of Washington's dusky damsels put it to her adorer last evening.
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"Sposen me an' you was goin' on a 'scursion

"Sposen me an' you was goin' on a 'scursion Yas," broken in Midas, "down to Mount

"Anywha's, 'tall, down de riber. Midis. kin

you swim?"

"No, Luce, I,se sorry to 'form you dat de only drecksion what I kin circumstanshiate fru de water am de bottom."

"Well, den, as I was 'latin. 'Spose we was on de boat, glidin' lubinly an' harmunly down de bussum ub de river's stream, de moon was lookin shiningly down 'pon de smokestack, and you was sottin' rite up to me jas (slide up here closer an' lem me show you how) dat's de way."

(slide up here closer an' lem me snow you now) dat's de way."

"Yah! yah! but wouldn't dat be scumptious," interapted Midas.

"Sposen," continued Lucy, "you had jest put your arm roun' my wai' (dat's it), dey wasn't nobody 'bout, you was equeszen' me up an' was jest gwine to gimme de lubbinest kind of a kiss, an'—an'—an' de bller would bust!"

"Oh, de debbil!" said the disappointed Midas.

das.
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'Luce, can you swim?" he asked after hesi-

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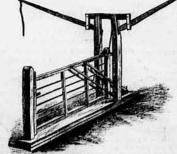
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