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GOVERNMENT CROP CIRCULAR FOR SEPTEMBER.

CORN.

The average condition of corn on September 1 was 85.2. There was a decline during August amounting to 4.7 points, but the condition on September 1 was still 1.1 points higher than on Septem ber 1, 1898, 5.9 points higher han at the corresponding date in 1897, and 2.9 points above the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. The decline during August amounted to 3 points in Ohio and Missouri, 2 in Illinois, 9 in Kansas, and 14 in Nebraska and the average in nearly all the Southern States are also somewhat lower than on August 1. On the other hand, there was a slight appreciable gain, represented by about 1 point, in Kentucky, Indiana, and Iowa.

WHEAT.

The condition at harvest of winter and spring wheat consolidated was 70.9 as compared with 86.7 on September 1 1898, 85.7 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 82.5, the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. The condition on the first of the present month was the lowest September condition in twenty years. The reports from the principal winter-wheat States are, with the exception of those from Kansas and Missouri, slightly better than on July 1, the results of threshing being a shade less unfavorable than was anticipated. The Missouri report is the same as on July 1, while that of Kansas is 2 points lower. In the principal springwheat States there was a decline during August, ranging from 2 points in South Dakota and 3 in North Dakota to 12 in Minnesota, 16 in Iowa, and 11 in Nebraska. The department will make no quantitative estimate of the wheat crop pending a revision of the acreage figures in the Northwest and on the Pa cific slope.

OATS.

The average condition of oats on September 1 was 87.2, against 90.8 last month, 79 on September 1, 1898, 84.6 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 80, the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. Every State hav ing 1,000,000 acres or upwards in oats reports an impairment of condition during August, the decline in the different States being as follows: In New York, Pennsylvania, and Kansas, 2 points; in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, 3 points; in Indiana, 4 points; in Nebraska, 7 points, and in Minnesota, 10 points.

The average condition of barley on September 1 was 86.7, as compared with 93.6 last month, 79.2 on September 1, 1898, 86.4 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 84.1, the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. All the States having 100,000 acres or upwards in barley report a decline during August, New York showing a falling off of 4 points, Wisconsin 1 point, Minnesota 16 points, Iowa 11 points, South Dakota 3 points, North Dakota 5 points, and California 7 points.

RYE.

The condition at harvest of winter and spring rye consolidated was 82, as compared with 89.4 on September 1, 1898, 90.1 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 87.5, the mean of the September averages for the last ten years.

BUCKWHEAT.

1897, and 88, the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. In New York and Pennsylvania, which together produce about five-sevenths of the entire crop, there was a decline of 27 and 15 points, respectively, during the month. In Maine, Michigan, and Wisconsin, the only other States having 20,000 acres or upward in buckwheat, the condition declined 6 points, points, and 4 points, respectively.

COTTON.

The average condition of cotton on September 1 was 68.5, as compared with 84 last month, 79.8 on September 1, 1898 78.3 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 78.4, the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. The con- been more than verified by subsequent dition on the 1st of the present month developments. Of the fourteen States was, with the exception of the year 1896, the lowest September condition in bearing at the last census only one, twenty-five years. There was a general Indiana, fails to report even a more un-

amounting to 6 points in Alabama, 8 in than was recorded the previous month. Mississippi and Tennessee, 10 in North The decline is as follows: New York, Carolina and Georgia, 12 in South Caro-Carolina and Georgia, 12 in South Caro lina and Louisiana, 16 in Florida, 20 in and Ohio, 1 point; Tennessee, 9 points; Oklahoma, 24 in Arkansas, 26 in Texas, Virginia and Kentucky, 2 points; Mis-Oklahoma, 24 in Arkansas, 26 in Texas, and 40 in Indian Territory. The serious souri, 4 points; Maine and Illinois, 5 decline in condition is mainly the result points; Michigan, 8 points; Iowa, 20 of long-continued drought. Where local points, and Kansas, 11 points. In Inrains have fallen they have, with few exceptions, been so heavy as still further to aggravate the situation.

TOBACCO.

No average of condition for the entire country can be established for tobacco. There was, however, an improvement during August amounting to 8 points in Kentucky, 12 in Virginia, 1 in North Massachusetts, and 6 in Connecticut. On the other hand there was a decline of 22 points in New York, 2 in Tennessee, and 26 in Missouri.

POTATOES.

The average condition of potatoes on September 1 was 86.3. This shows decline of 6.7 points during August, but the condition is still 8.6 points higher than on September 1, 1898, 19.6 points higher than at the corresponding date in 1897, and 9.3 points above the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. The decline during August extended to all the principal potatogrowing States, being 10 points in New York and Ohio, 8 in Pennsylvania, 20 in Michigan, 5 in Illinois, 3 in Iowa, 9 in Wisconsin, and 4 in Minnesota and Nebraska, these being the States having 100,000 acres or upward in potatoes.

SWEET POTATOES.

The reports as to sweet potatoes are not such as to warrant the establishment of an average of condition of the entire country. There was an improvement of condition during August amounting to 1 point in Kentucky, 5 points in Virginia and Alabama, 8 points in New Jersey, and 4 points in Mississippi. On the other hand there was a decline of 6 points in Georgia, 4 in South Carolina, 5 in North Carolina, 2 in Tennessee and Florida, 14 in Arkansas, 19 in Texas, and 12 in Louisiana.

CLOVER SEED.

This also is a product for which, in the absence of a definite standard of comparison, it is impossible to establish an average of condition for the country at large. It is, however, manifest from the reports that have been received that the acreage is considerably less than it was last year and that the condition is in the main unfavorable. The reduction of average is estimated at 23 per cent in Kentucky, 7 per cent in Ohio, 33 per cent in Michigan, 14 per cent in Indiana, 30 per cent in Illinois, 18 per cent in Wisconsin, 45 per cent in Iowa, and 26 per cent in Missouri. The condition in the same States is reported to be as follows: Kentucky, 71; Ohio, 68; Michigan, 42; Indiana, 79; Illinois, 64; Wisconsin, 74; Iowa, 59; and Missouri, 78.

SUGAR CANE.

There was an improvement during August of 5 points in the condition of sugar cane in Louisiana, with changes of no especial importance in the minor cane-growing States.

In the twelve States having 15,000 acres or upward in sorghum at the last census the following changes occurred during August: An improvement of 7 points in Kentucky, 3 points in Alabama, and 1 point in Iowa, and a decline of 6 points in Kansas, 3 in Tennessee The average condition of buckwheat on September 1 was 75.2, as compared with 93.2 last month, 88.8 on September 1, 1898, 95.1 at the corresponding date in ble change of condition in Illinois. ble change of condition in Illinois.

Except in Florida and Mississippi where there was an improvement during August amounting to 28 points in the former State and 18 points in the latter, there has been a decline in the condition of rice since August 1 throughout the entire rice-growing region of the country. This decline amounted to 3 points in Louisiana (the principal rice State), North Carolina, and Alabama, 6 points in South Carolina and Georgia, and 34 points in Texas.

APPLES.

The unfavorable reports of the apple crop published in July and August have

impairment of condition during August, favorable condition on September 1 3 points; Pennsylvania, North Carolina. diana the condition underwent no appreciable change during August.

PEACHES.

No quantitative estimate of the total production of peaches can be made nor can the crop as a whole be compared, on a percentage basis, with the crop for any other year. It is obvious, however, that the peach crop of 1899 has been Carolina, 2 in Ohio, 5 in Indiana, 3 in one of the smallest on record, many of Wisconsin, 1 in Pennsylvania, 10 in the States upon which the country is one of the smallest on record, many of accustomed to rely for the largest contributions to its annual supply having either no crop at all, or, at the most, not to exceed 5 or 10 per cent of the normal. Of the really important peachgrowing States, California alone reports a good crop.

GRAPES.

In the North Atlantic States the crop is considerably above the ten-year average; in the South, in the Central Mis-sissippi Valley, and on the Pacific slope it is less satisfactory.

STOCK HOGS.

The number of stock hogs for fattening is estimated at 7.9 per cent less than on September 1 of last year. Various causes have contributed to this result, the prevalence of hog cholera and the increase of milk shipping being the principal. The condition is 95.9, which is 0.2 point below that of September 1, 1898, but 1.6 points above the mean of the September averages for the last ten

A Silo at Low Cost.

A new idea in silo construction-resulting from the combined thought of J. A. Zimmerman, associate editor of the Valley Falls Farmers' Vindicator, and his brother-in-law, John B. Harmon—is now in process of demonstration on the farm of the latter. Mr. Harmon is farmer and manager of a fertile 1,400 acres of Jefferson County land which comprises the farm of The Harmon Company, and his brotherin-law, Mr. Zimmerman, finds agreeable relaxation from his newspaper work in assisting in the planning of improvements from time to time.

Both of these gentlemen have had full courses of training at the agricultural college at Manhattan, and as a result of their start in the right direction they are always looking for ways of doubling up on the producing capacity of the farm in which they are interested. Recently Mr. Harmon gone pretty heavily into the dairy business and as harvest approached he looked ahead with a view to preserving his crops in the best possible shape for the production of milk. Here, as elsewhere in Jefferson County, corn is a staple, and the building of a silo was hence a very natural suggestion. Mr. Harmon was posted and knew that the old idea of caves and masonry, and air-tight chambers in silo construction was exploded. He wanted to build a wood silo, serviceable, yet not too expensive. Several companies advertised suitable structures of patent designs, but the prices of these were in the neighborhood of \$500 or \$600 so that plan did not suit. A consultation resulted in a decision to build, and now a 20 by 24 foot cylindrical silo stands a few feet from the end of Mr. Harmon's dairy barn ready to be filled. The description of the silo and its construction is, briefly, as follows:

The materials of construction were: Stone for the foundation; 2 by 8 pine stuff for sills; 2 by 4 and 2 by 6 hemlock for the sides; some strips of sheathing and weather-boarding for holding the sides in place during construction and No. 7 wire and inch bolts for hooping. The foundation wall was built to come a foot or so above the ground; the ground in the center was dug out and the dirt thrown around the walls to cover the sill. The sill was laid in the form of a polygon approaching a circle 20 feet in diameter. Around a circle marked on the sill a little than the sill a little th circle marked on the sill a 2-inch strip of inch pine was bent and nailed and to this the upright pieces forming the sides were nailed as they went up. The side, as before stated, was made of 2-inch thick hemlock pieces, 4 and 6 inches wide, and set up stave fashion without any beveling, matching or dressing of edges. The stuff was 16 feet in length and as the silo was 24 feet deep a length and a half was required to reach to the top, the long and short pieces being used at the bottom alternately. To support these tall side pieces while

they were being fastened a scaffolding was first put up all around, and to the inside posts were nailed and bent in circles, strips of inch and half-inch pine stuff. The side was then set up inside this circle, each piece being tacked at several points as it her.—Chicago News.



was put up. In this way the side was completed, and, even before the wire hoops were put on, stood fairly rigid against a Kansas gale. The hooping-up process came next. For each hoop two tighteners were made by connecting for each, two 2 by 6 hemlock pieces with inch bolts 18 inches long. To either side of these 2 tighteners 5 pieces of No. 7 wire, long enough to reach half way around the silo, were attached at equal distances from each other. The hoop was then separated at one of the tighteners and pulled into place around the silo; the two sides of the tighteners were again connected and a few turns of the wrench stretched the wires taut and closed the few cracks that showed between the scantlings in the side. Hoops like the one described were put on all the way up, where doors did not interfere, and by tightening them the structure is made close

The remainder is yet to be told. A conical roof is to go on after the silo is filled and six months more will elapse before the extent of success or failure is known. The builders say the cost of the silo will not run above \$100, and its capacity is estimated at 150 tons of ensilage. MORSE.

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By O. Oleson, read before farmers' institute, Speed, Kans., September 18, 1899.

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Cattle and Beef Prices.

We are accustomed to hear a howl about the "beef trust" every time the price of beef is marked up. There are some people and papers who make a business of this sort of thing. The truth is that the recent advance in beef prices was the result of existing relations between the supply and the consumption. The consumption of good beef was never larger than during this summer, and supplies of good cattle have been relatively much smaller than The consequence is that good fat cattle sell high and beef prices must be marked up accordingly. Those who think that prices of beef have been arbitrarily advanced would learn a valuable lesson if they were to buy and slaughter a few good cattle and market their product at present prices. We are no apologists for trusts, or combinations of any kind—and occasionally there is good reason to believe that slaughterers have an "understanding" about certain things; but that they could fix the prices of beef at will, with cattle sup-plies accessible to all slaughterers, is an absurdity.

And we may add, that without the economies of the modern concentrated slaughtering system beef prices would necessarily be higher than now. Here is an instance of this, though we have not all the particulars. A slaughterer paid \$6.55 per cwt. for a car-load of prime cattle and sold their carcasses to the retail trade at 101/4 cents per round. Suppose these cattle weighed 1.500 pounds and dressed out 60 per cent of beef; they then cost him \$98.25 per head and he received \$92.25 for the beef. He had the remainder of the carcass to make up the deficit and pay him for buying, slaughtering, and selling the beef and other products. It is evident that to make money he must waste nothing-and that the statement as to beef prices under the old system is correct.—National Stockman and Farmer.

Galloways in the South.

Editor Kansas Farmer: - During the past few months I have had a number of letters asking, "How do Galloways stand the warm climates?" and in order to properly answer this inquiry I have made some in-

Vistigation to obtain facts.
Last spring Mr. David McCrae sold a carlast spring Mr. David McCrae soid a car-load of Galloways at his place in Canada to Mr. S. I. Murphy, of Detroit, for his ranch in the Mesa Valley of Arizona. Mr. Murphy had previously sent his entire herd of Galloways to the ranch. His manager, Mr. A. C. McQueen, in answer to a letter from Mr. McCrae, asking how the Galloways were doing in the South, replied, "The Galloways we got from you have done fine and are looking and feeling well. I had no idea it would get so hot here or I would not have come with the Galloways in the first place. When I came there was no shade to speak of and, of course, the cattle had to take the hot sun all the time. all that, they have come out on top and do not suffer from the heat any more than native cattle. It is 16° in the shade. Sold one ranchman in Texas 25 young bulls and he is so much pleased with them that he says he is figuring on taking all I have fit for service next spring. I find our Galloways second to none either for milk or beef. I am milking a Galloway that I will put up against any cow in the valley on a test for six months. I have made this challenge at stock meetings here but there are no takers. All those I have tried are good milkers.'

This is from a man on the ground and is proof that Galloways will hold their own in any of the Southern States and I know of a number that have recently been taken to Texas and are proving entirely satisfactory. The thick skin and heavy coat of hair protect them from flies as well as prove

a great blessing in cold climates. From the correspondence I am having with cattlemen in the South I feel confident that it is a matter of only a short time until Galloways will have a strong hold in all Southern States. If those taken from Canada can become acclimated in so short a time, the ones bred in the Middle States should not feel the change. Mr. Winslow, who is president of the association, has sold a number to parties in Texas, several of whom purchased foundation stock to begin the exclusive breeding of Galloways. FRANK B. HEARNE, Secretary.

Independence, Mo.

Points on the Selection of a Good Brood Sow.

By P. D. Whitzel, Lawrence, Kans., read at Farmers' Institute, Sibley, Kans.

Brood sows are now considered a very important stone in the foundation of the farmers' prosperity, and as such deserve the large share of attention they are receiving. But to decide what are all the good points, and then to find them all in the individual is a task that would stump Solomon—sup-

posing he should go seeking brood sows.

I should look for the first point of excel-I should look for the first point of excel-lence in the mother of the sow I wished to choose. She should be capable, and in the habit of bringing forth and raising large families, for the mother instinct is in-herited to a degree, and it is patent to all that the sow which habitually brings two or three pigs at a litter is an unprofitable investment. Of course there are some good brood sows raised from small litters, but the exceptions only prove the rule. Then both sire and dam should be well bred and good individuals.

In choosing a brood sow, there are two classes of points to be considered; first, those that are qualities in themselves, and second, those that are but indications of hidden qualities.

It is well to remember that a sow transmits bad qualities as well as good ones, and the more good points there are about her the fewer the chances of poor pigs. To begin with, she should have perfect feet and stand well on her toes, for if the

foundation is bad, the whole structure may as well be condemned. They should be the extremities of short legs set wide apart, that the weight of the body may be well and easily borne. These should be topped by heavy hams and square shoulders, that

the whole may be symmetrical. Such qualities transmitted to their prog eny insures weighty porkers, easily fat-tened, easily matured and ready for market in the shortest possible time.

Having now the foundation and framing

timbers ready, we proceed to build the su-perstructure and increase the weight by placing thereon a short heavy neck, indicative of strength. This should be joined to a broad, well-arched back that no weight of pigs can break down, for the tendency of brood sows is to sink a little in the back with each successive litter, and in time grow sway-backed. The arch to the back of a swine is as a buttress to a stone wall.

The body should be long and deep, the ribs set squarely in the back-bone and well hooped in order to give plenty of space inside for the internal organs, and a large surface for the attachment of muscle and fat. Especially should the brood sow measurement of the special property of the statement of the beauty of the statement of the beauty of the statement of t ure well around the girth, that the heart and lungs may have room enough to insure good circulation and consequently easy breathing.

Add to this a broad back and square but-tock, and the picture lacks only the points which are indicative of hidden qualities to be complete.

Of these I will mention but two. The ideal brood sow should be wide between the eyes as an indication of intelligence. This quality is especially needed in a mother pig. If she has it she looks to the welfare of her family—never crushes the youngsters nor boxes their ears in her haste to put her feet in the trough or her eagerness to make a corn-crib of her stom-

Then she should possess a coat of long, heavy, glossy hair. This is an indication of a good, strong constitution and my vation has convinced me that it is a desirable feature. I prefer straight hair, though I am informed that the curled darlings bring as fair a price in the market as

I am informed that the curled darlings bring as fair a price in the market as their plainer sisters.

Finally, let the color and markings be perfect. By this I mean, let the Chester Whites be models of whiteness, the Duroc-Jerseys sport auburn tresses and the Poland-Chinas cling to their raven locks, their falley feet and snouts and their curled flags of truce.

Selected thus and properly cared for the brood sow becomes a source of pleasure, pride and profit.

Health for 10 cents. Cascarets make the bowels and kidneys act naturally, destroy microbes, cure headache, billiousness and constipation. All druggists.

Some people are so mean that they won't even speak the truth unless it is for the purpose of hurting some one's feelings.

Linn.—Both cattle and hogs about the fattening. Corn by feeding it to cattle and hogs. The feeder is profit in fattening. Corn 20 cents. All druggists, Testimonials from the feeder.

Jackson.—All say cattle are too high, while one says hogs are not. Cattle 25 per cent less; hogs about 15 less. Corn 18 to 12 less. Corn 18 to 12 less. Corn 19 to 21 cents. Margin for profit will be small.

Jefferson.—Cattle less by 5 per cent; hogs probably a slight increase, and both can be fed without fear of loss. Corn 15 to 19 cents.

Johnson.—Cattle about 5 per cent less, hogs 25 less. Corn 19 to 23 cents. A good margin for the feeder.

Klingman.—Increase of 20 per cent in cattle; hogs 40 per cent decrease. Corn 15 to 19 cents.

Leavenworth.—Cattle 25 per cent less, hogs about 15 less. Corn 18 to 19 cents.

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Stock Fattening in Kansas.

Kansas annually fattens vast numbers of Kansas annually fattens vast numbers of cattle and swine (fifty-odd million dollars' worth last year), presumably varying somewhat according to the quantity of grain and forage produced during the preceding growing season, although the price of stockers may also often prove considerable of a factor in determining the number to be full-fed. However that may be, Kansas has a much larger supply than usual of the be full-fed. However that may be, Kansas has a much larger supply than usual of the very best meat-producing foods this year, and the all-important question now is how it may best be utilized or disposed of. Probably the first proposition to be considered will be the probable profit of sending it to market via the live stock route, and hence the combination of an immense corn crop, abundance of all kinds of forage, and the high price of stock animals, has caused much speculation as to the probable number of cattle and hogs which will be grain-fattened in the State this

probable number of cattle and hogs which will be grain-fattened in the State this coming fall and winter.

Realizing the public interest and value of information along this line, Secretary F. D. Coburn, of the State Board of Agriculture, has made inquiries of leading stock growers, feeders and farmers, located principally in the foremost corn and stock counties with a view to ascertaining what in pally in the foremost corn and stock counties, with a view to ascertaining what in their judgment is likely to be done in this direction compared with last year's operations, if stock cattle and hogs are considered too high for probable profit in fattening, with grain and fat-stock prices as at present, and what feeders will likely have to pay for corn, delivered in their feed lots, between now and Christmas.

A summing up of the reports received

A summing up of the reports received show that in many of the larger cattle counties there is likely to be an increased number fattened over last year, and in others more or less of a decrease, while apparently there is a general scarcity of hogs, and the number for winter fattening is almost without exception reported less.

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A summary by counties, so far as heard from, is herewith presented:

Allen County.—Compared with last year the number of cattle likely to be full-fed is less by about 12 per cent, and the number of hogs to be fattened is less also by 30 per cent. Feeders are likely to have to pay 19 to 25 cents per bushel for corn, denivered, between now and the holidays, and those reporting think that if the present prices of both grain and fat stock are maintained there will be profit in fattening.

Anderson.—Both cattle and hogs less by 25 per cent. Corn 19 to 24 cents. One reports stock cattle too high for probable profit.

Atchison.—Cattle one-fourth more; hogs per cent less. Fair chance for a reasonable profit. Corn 19 to 23 cents.

Bourbon.—Cattle too high; 25 per cent less will be fattened. Hogs 40 less, and one says the prices are satisfactory. Corn 20 to 25 cents.

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Brown.—Cattle 50 per cent less; hogs 30 less. Cattle too high unless present prices of fat stock are maintained. Corn 18 cents.

Butler.—Increase of 10 per cent in cattle; hogs about 12 per cent decrease. One says that good western steers bought at 4 cents can be made to pay a profit, while another reports that the present prices are all right if cattle are judiciously fed. Corn 19 to 21 cents.

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Chautauqua.—Both cattle and hogs less by 25 per cent. Corn 25 cents. Cattle too high, while hogs will only pay for their raising.

Clay.—Cattle 25 per cent more; hogs about 10 less. Corn 14 to 16 cents. Two report that the possibility of profit is too uncertain

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Cloud.—Two report prices too high, while the others think them all right. Cattle 20 per cent more, and hogs 30 less. Corn 16 to 20 cents.

Coffey.—Stock cattle and hogs not considered too high, although there is a decrease reported of 25 per cent for cattle, and 10 per cent for hogs. Corn 22 cents.

Cowley.—Prices too high. Those who own their cattle will fatten, unless they sell. Many have sold lean cattle for 4½ to 5 cents. The number fed will likely be less than last year, and hogs are 40 per cent less. Corn 20 cents.

Decatur.—Cattle 50 per cent more; hogs 10 more, and there will be plenty of profit if prices remain steady. Corn 15 to 20 cents.

Dickinson.—Cattle 15 per cent more; hogs 5 less. Corn 18 cents. Prices all right.

Doniphan.—One reports cattle too high. There will be, however, 20 per cent more fed, while hogs are 50 less. Corn 18 to 20 cents.

Ellsworth.—Cattle 25 per cent more; hogs 20 less, and there will be profit in fattening both. Corn 15 to 20 cents.

B'ranklin.—All but one say it will be unwise to buy stock to fatten; number of cattle reported about the same; hogs 12 per cent less. Corn 18 to 24 cents.

Geary.—Increase of 20 per cent in cattle; hogs 15 per cent decrease. Both can be fed with profit. Corn 18 to 20 cents.

Greenwood.—Cattle 10 per cent more; hogs 30 less. Corn 19 cents. All but one say there will be profit in grain-fattening.

Harper.—One reports stockers too high. Cattle one-half more; hogs also one-half more. Corn 13 to 16 cents.

Harvey.—Twice as many cattle; hogs 50 per cent less. Corn 19 cents. One says can double money on corn by feeding it to cattle and hogs.

Hogeman.—Cattle and hogs about the same, and there is profit in fattening. Corn 20 cents.

Jackson.—All say cattle are too high,

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less. Two report cattle too high. Corn 19 to 25 cents.
Lyon.—Cattle 20 per cent less; hogs 30 less. Not likely to be much profit in fattening. Corn 18 to 20 cents.
Marion.—If good judgment is used in purchasing there will be profit in full-feeding. Cattle 50 per cent more; hogs 30 less. Corn 20 to 22 cents.
McPherson.—Cattle about 5 per cent less; hogs 30 less. Corn 16 to 20 cents. Of four reporting three believe stockers too high. Miami.—Ope says cattle and hogs are too high. A decrease in cattle of 30 per cent, and of hogs 40 per cent. Corn 21 cents.
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Twenty per cent more; hogs 25 less. One reports that cattle and hogs are too high. Corn 17 to 19 cents.
Norton.—Twenty-five per cent more cattle, and 20 per cent less hogs. One says prices are too high. Corn 20 cents.
Osage.—If stockers are carefully selected there should be profit in fattening. Cattle 20 per cent more; hogs about 20 less. Corn 15 to 20 cents.
Osborne.—One says hogs are altogether too high. Cattle 60 per cent more; hogs about 20 less. Corn 15 to 20 cents.
Phillips.—One-third more cattle; hogs about 20 less. Corn 15 to 20 cents.
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Pottawatomie.—Cattle 25 per cent more; hogs 40 less. Corn 15 to 20 cents.
Republic.—Stockers are not too high provided fat-stock prices keep up. Cattle 35 per cent more; hogs 10 greater. If prices of fat stock remain as at present there will be profit in feeding hogs, but it is doubtful as

less.
Washington.—Cattle 75 per cent more; hogs 15 less. It will pay to fatten if present prices of grain and fat stock are continued. Corn 17 to 20 cents.
Wilson.—Fair profit in fattening. Both cattle and hogs less by 25 per cent. Corn 16 to 20 cents.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

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Gossip About Stock.

B. W. Gowdy, of Garnett, is showing some of his fine Shorthorns at the Anderson County fair.

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Paul Kirk, of Garnett, is exhibiting some Duroc-Jersey hogs at the Anderson County fair. Mr. Kirk is just beginning a herd of registered Durocs, and is intending to turn all his attention to pure-bred hogs.

Mr. Ranson, on the Evergreen Ridge Stock Farm, North Wichita, will sell several fine young bulls, which will make extra good herd headers, at his sale on November 18. Read his sale card in the Kansas Farmer and if wanting Scotch and Bates Shorthorns it will pay you to attend

John Bollin and Gus Aaron, of Kickapoo, Kans., will hold their regular annual sale at Leavenworth on October 14, 1899. Their Poland-China swine rank with the very best in the United States. Notice their sale advertisement on 16th page and send for catalogue. A more extended mention of the sale will appear in stock gossip next week. Look for it.

Manwaring Brothers, of Lawrence, Kans., in sending Kansas Farmer a report of recent sale to Col. W. A. Harris, of Linwood, Kans., of a fine prize-winning Berkshire, also remark that one of Kansas Farmer subscribers has written them but has failed to sign name. If this item meets the eye of the party in question he will know why no answer has been received.

Know why no answer has been received.

The Snoddy Remedy Company, of Alton, Ill., manufacturers were burned out September 6. But orders continued to pour in and very nearly exhausted the stock of remedy in store before the necessary appliances could be obtained to again commence manufacturing this popular remedy for hog cholera. Work began again September 19 and the company will have plenty of goods again in a few days.

Mr. C. W. Wright of Richland, Kans

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Mr. C. W. Wright, of Richland, Kans, in a recent letter to T. F. B. Sotham, said: "My old Horace bred cow, Pansy Blossom 33492, has opened the eyes of my neighbors as to the possibilities of the Hereford for dairy purposes. She is 12 years old, and was never milked in her life as a milk cow. But last winter, after I weaned her calf, I milked her for two months, and sent her milk during the sixty days, and it tested 5.4 and 5.6. What she could have done if she had been raised as a milk cow in dairy fashion, may be conjectured."

The great combination sale of Short-

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The great combination sale of Shorthorns, advertised in the Farmer by H. C. Duncan and Joe Duncan, of Osborn, Mo.; George Bothwell, of Nettleton, Mo.; Thomas W. Ragsdale & Son, of Paris, Mo., and John Burruss, Miami, Mo., will present a very desirable opportunity for scores of breeders to add to their home herds from the best herds in Missouri. The cattle seen by our representatives are as shown in the catalogue, which tells an interesting story about a grand lot of cattle. Those of our readers who are interested in the purchase of Shorthorn cattle should send for a catalogue, not forgetting to mention the Kansas Farmer.

An old Kentucky breeder, whose fancy

Kansas Farmer.

An old Kentucky breeder, whose fancy Bates cattle have been his pride, offers in our want columns this week the last and choicest of his herd for sale. The offering consists of five cows and heifers, said to be the purest bred Wild Eyes animals west of the Mississippi. For a year's use of the dam of two of these cows, Hamilton Brothers, of Mount Sterling, Ky., one time offered \$2,000 in the hope of securing a bull calf from his Barrington bull. Mr. J. S. Berry, 723 Tracy ave., Kansas City, Mo., who offers these cows, says he will also sell at a low figure his last twelve volumes of the herd book and one share in the association.

Our illustration this week, in connection

of the herd book and one share in the association.

Our illustration this week, in connection with which we call attention to the advertisement of D. K. Kellerman & Son, Mound City, Kans., from whose herd the subject was taken, is a typical scene among the "Shorthorns that are feeders." Scotch Josephine 9th is a feeder, and represents as well as anything that could have been found, the sort of results this firm is now achieving after twenty-three years of breeding Shorthorn cattle. This calf, photographed at just 9 months, and herself calved when her dam was barely 2 years old, is descended from a line of cows tracing to Imported Flora and which has been in the Kellerman herd since its beginning. What has been added in later generations—an addition which, by the way, the proprietors of the herd count invaluable—shows most important in the last three crosses. Scotch Josephine 9th is by Lavender Dorritt 123459; dam Scotch Josephine 9th, by Lavender King 4th 108682; 2d dam Scotch Josephine by Armor Bearer 114272. The third and fourth dams were both out of prize-winning American sires and the 8th, 9th and 10th out of imported sires.

S. A. Smith, of Blue Springs, Neb., an anounces a public sale of Red Polled cattle.

Sth, 9th and 10th out of imported sires.

S. A. Smith, of Blue Springs, Neb., announces a public sale of Red Polled cattle, to take place at his farm one mile from town on October 17. It will be remembered that Mr. S. A. Smith bought some of the best things in the Miller dispersion sale, some years ago, among them the great World's Fair winner, Iowa Davyson 10th. The present offering will embrace many of the get of this famous bull. There will be 13 head of registered cattle in the sale, 12 head of high-grade milch cows, all giving the get of this famous bull. There will be 13 head of registered cattle in the sale, 12 head of high-grade milch cows, all giving milk at the present time, 5 high-grade young bulls, and 4 that are registered, including the 2-year-old herd bull, Freedom 5494, by Brown Ben 2632, dam Gloriana 8567. Mr. Smith has a fine string of calves from his cows this year, but they are scarcely old enough to bring their value in a public sale ring so he is reserving most of them. All cows in sale will be well along in calf or have calf at foot on sale day. There is perhaps a larger interest in Red Polled cattle in Kansas than in any other State, and Mr. Smith invites the attention of all interested to the very desirable character of his offering of 44 head of good cattle. Not having any reason to believe that prices will go high he asserts that the friends of the breed should be on hand and help themselves to what they want. Read the advertisement. advertisement.

The attention of the reader is again called The attention of the reader is again called to the public sale announcement found elsewhere in this issue concerning the public sale of high-class registered Shorthorn cattle that will be offered at South Omaha, Neb. Thursday, October 5, 1899. The offerings will consist of serviceable bulls, cows with calves at foot, unbred helfers and some young things. A major portion of the offerings will be consigned by Mr. B. O. Cowan, the well-known and success-

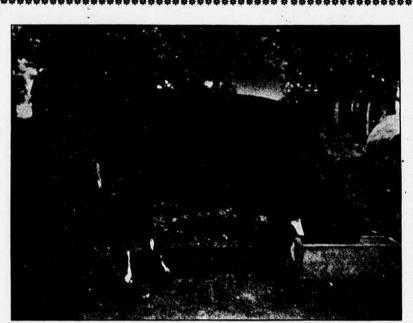
ful breeder, whose farm is situated near New Point, Holt County, Missouri. Mr. J. W. Ewing, of Saxton, Mo., joins Mr. Cowan in a consignment of 10 head that were sired by the Cowan-bred bull, Waterloo Prince 113063, or by Baron Ury 118024. The former is a Bates' Waterloo Cruickshank-topped, and the latter, Baron Ury, a Cruickshank's Mysie. Among the offerings are 4 bulls good enough to head any herd, while the others are a good lot of as well-bred individuals as one could desire. A major portion of the Cowan offering are the sons and daughters of Waterloo Prince. Among the exceptions are 2 bulls, Godoy's Champlon, by Godoy 115675, and Expansion, by Velveteen Prince 113981. For more complete information the reader is referred to the announcement elsewhere in this issue, and writing for a free copy of the sale catalogue that gives further information concerning the cattle and the sale.

A. O. Northrup, who begins this week as

Bros., who will gladly mail you a catalogue free of charge. Get in on the ground floor and start right; it will pay you. This herd is 3½ miles southwest of Whiting, which is reached by both the Rock Island and the Central Branch railways. By dropping them a card they will meet you at train any time.

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A. O. Northrup, who begins this week as an advertiser in the columns of the Farmer is a lready well known in Jefferson County as one of the most intelligent Poland China breeders of that section. Mr. Northrup has for a number of years been a feeder and shipper of fa hogs from the least of the feeder and shipper of fa hogs from the least of the feeder and shipper of facts from the feeder and shipper of facts from



Scotch Josephine 9th at 9 Months. Property of D. K. Kellerman & Son, Mound City, Kans.

drive from Valley Falls, or from Dunavant, on the K. C., W. & N. W.

Our representative had the pleasure of an interview with Newton Bros., proprietors of the Klondike herd of Duroc-Jersey swine, Whiting, Kans., at their farm last week. Their breeding is of the choicest strain. The herd is headed by Woodburn 3841, Vol. 'V., N. D.-J. R.—a dark cherry colored animal of good bone and breeding quality, as witnessed by the many head of choice swine in the pens hard by. Woodburn 3841 was sired by Dandy 1289, he by Betsey's Colonel 389 and he by Columbian Chief 3949a; his dam was Martha 4382, she out of Martha Jewett 3208 and she out of Red Low 1404. Of the sows mention will here be made of a few, just to show the breeding of same, and to let the public know that there are no better Duroc-Jersey swine in this section of the country than is found in the herd owned by the gentlemen who comprise this firm of breeders. First in importance is Lady Superior 8856 Vol. V., N. D.-J. R., out of a litter of 10, and a light red in color; she was sired by Pickwick 1973, he by Exchanger 304 435 and he by Exchanger 159; her dam was Missouri Bell 3810, she out of Aunt Sally 2306, and she out of Chump's Missouri Girl 1514. A companion to Lady Superior Is Klondike Queen 8660, Vol. V., N. D.-J. R.—a bright red colored animal, and sired by Silver Dick 1619, he by Ben Hur H. 4339a and he by Jim Bennett 1113; her dam was Goldie 5980, she out of Bued 10660a and she out of Boba 30 6474a. Next appears Anna Louden 8880, Vol. V., N. D.-J. R.—a dark red animal, from a litter of 10, and was sired by Banner's Dan 1149, he by lowa Banner 653 and he by Iowa Champion 247; her dam was Jennie Louden 3312, she out of Beauty D. 9422a. Many others might be enumerated, but suffice to say that in purchasing Duroc-Jerseys, for breeding purposes, our readers can not go amiss in placing their orders with Newton Bros. For courteous treatment and kind hospitality this firm is cheerfully commended, including Mother Newton and daughter, Miss Ida. Persons in quest drive from Valley Falls, or from Duna-vant, on the K. C., W. & N. W.

heifers at from \$48 to \$50; J. N. Shannon, of Vernon, 2 heifers at \$50; Wm. Stockebrand, of Yates Center, 9 heifers at \$28.50 to \$36; Arthur Coe, of Vernon, 9 yearling heifers at \$24.50; he also paid \$39 for a cow. Burt Cunningham, of Ridges, paid \$33 for a cow. J. W. Ball paid \$19.50 each for 5 heifer calves. H. B. Wright, of Humboldt, bought 11 2- and 3-year-old steers at \$40 each. (These steers averaged about 900 pounds.) F. W. Weide, of Finney, bought 14 2-year-old steers at \$29.25; J. N. Shannon, 11 2-year-old steers at \$29.25; J. N. Shannon, 11 2-year-old steers at \$29.25; J. N. Naylor, of Finney, 8 steer calves at \$21.25; Walt Agnew, of Yates Center, bought 22 Berkshire pigs for \$65.65; A. F. McCarty, of Humboldt, got 3 fine shoats for \$15.75; Mr. Bayer also sold 5 horses at very satisfactory prices.

Publishers' Paragraphs.

Stauber, Farrar & Co., 1119 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo., agents for the Cyclone Hat Fastener, advertise in our columns this week for agents—local and general. The chance is a good one for boys and girls in the country.

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WEEKLY WEATHER-CROP BULLE-TIN.

Weekly Weather-Crop Bulletin of the Kansas Weather Service, for the week ending September 26, 1899, prepared by T. B. Jennings, Section Director:

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

A cool week in the eastern half of the State, warmer in the western, with rainfall below the normal except in the extreme southern counties west of Cowley. Fair rains also fell from McPherson to Brown, Atchison, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte. A light general frost occurred early in the week except in the extreme eastern counties.

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RESULTS.

EASTERN DIVISION.

Wheat-sowing is general; in a few counties it is finished, and in a few it has just begun. Early-sown wheat is coming up in the western counties. Apples will yield a small crop; in most of the counties they are still falling badly; in many they are nearly all off the trees; in a few they have been benefited by the late rains. Cloverhulling continues in Atchison, yielding well a good seed. The potato crop is unusually good. Corn is about ready to crib in the central and southern counties and is ripening well in the northern.

Allen County.—Light rain first of week, followed by dry week; much wheat sown but ground not all ready yet—too dry to work well; corn drying rapidly and ready to cut, will not be as heavy a crop as promised six weeks ago.

Atchison.—Local rains; ground in good condition for fall seeding; a small acreage being sown to wheat; but few winter apples left; clover-hulling in progress, seed a good quality and yielding well; corn ripening well.

Chautauqua.—A good week; soil in good

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Cherokee.—A good week for wheat-sowing, which is now progressing rapidly, ground in good order where plowed early. Coffey.—A dry week; too dry for seeding; corn getting too dry for fodder; early-sown wheat is up, growing finely.

Donlphan.—Corn drying up, 75 per cent out of danger of frost; having mostly done and a good crop; apples a little over half a crop; ground rather dry for seeding, but wheat-sowing in full progress.

Douglas.—A fine week for work; wheat-

ress; alfalfa up, a good stand; apples still dropping, will not be over one-fourth of a normal crop.

Wilson.—Some wheat up, looking very fine; more rain needed to put the ground in good condition for finishing sowing; pastures turning brown; light frost 20th-21st; all nuts abundant in the woods; apples have mostly dropped off the trees.

Woodson.—Kaffir-corn being cut, most of it out of danger from frost; stock doing well on pasture; stock-water getting low.

Wyandotte.—Wheat-sowing in full progress; pastures getting green since the rain; ground in good condition; apples almost a failure.

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Wheat-sowing general; in most of the counties the early sown is up, presenting a fine stand of good color. Rye is coming up in the southwestern counties. Apples have fallen badly and do not promise over half a crop; in the southwestern counties they have improved and will give a fair yield of fine fruit. Late peaches are doing well in Barber. Potatoes a very fine crop. Corn is about dry enough in the northern counties to husk. Cattle-feeders are being brought into the northern counties in large numbers.

Barber.—Favorable week for plowing and seeding, soil in fine condition; a small acreage will be sown to wheat; rye coming up nicely; winter apples and late peaches greening up; water abundant; cattle on range in fine condition; late planted Kaffir doing well and promises a good crop; first light frost on the 18th.

Cloud.—Wheat-sowing nearly done, wheat coming up and promises well: an unusually

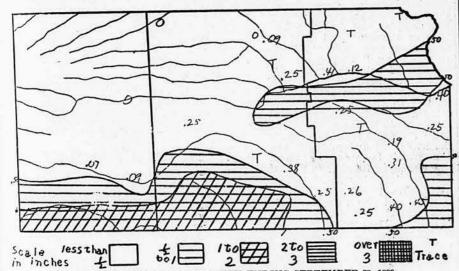
Cloud.—Wheat-sowing nearly done, wheat coming up and promises well; an unusually large acreage sown in the Solomon Valley; pastures are fair but need rain, are drying up in the northwestern part; cattle doing well; large herds of feeders being brought in.

Cowley.—A fine week for seeding, first sowing coming up and showing a fine stand; ground in fine condition.

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Dickinson.—Wheat-seeding nearly finished, smaller acreage than last year; ground in good condition; corn dry enough to husk; Kaffir and sorghum are large crops and will give large yields; apple crop very light; pastures are about done; hogs are scarce, with but few little pigs; feed plentiful.

Edwards .- Cool. quiet week; wheat-seed-



ACTUAL RAINFALL FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1899.

sowing in progress, ground in good condition; seeding about half done; apples very scarce and of poor quality.

Elk.—Very little wheat sown, and that not coming up well yet; apples nearly all off the trees; corn-gathering will begin by October 1; fall pasture good; stock doing well.

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Franklin.—A cool, dry week; local showers; not much wheat sown yet; meadow
fescue, a good crop harvested and considerable seeding done; apple crop light and
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ers; not much wheat sown yet; meadow fescue, a good crop harvested and considerable seeding done; apple crop light and quality poor.

Jefferson.—Good rain, followed by cool nights, greatly benefiting apples, late potatoes, pastures and fall plowing.

Johnson.—Rain improved the pastures; much plowing done this week.

Labette.—Rain benefited Kaffir and some late corn; Kaffir filling well; fall seeding progressing but the ground is too dry for good, rapid work; haying about finished; pastures drying rapidly; good apples scarce; grasshoppers very numerous and will probably take the first wheat up. Leavenworth.—Cool, pleasant, growing week; late potatoes fine; corn-cutting nearly done; pastures improving; stock doing well; apples poor, nearly all dropped off.

Lyon.—A very light frost Tuesday morning; everything out of the way of killing frost except Kaffir-corn.

Marshall.—Ground still dry and hard, but some wheat is being put in; some earlysown wheat is up and looking well; pastures somewhat dry but still furnishing good feed; apple crop almost a failure; potatoes are the best crop in years.

Miami.—Ground very dry, rain badly heeded; warm days.

Montgomery.—Farmers busy with wheat-seeding and gathering late forage crops; but a small acreage of wheat sown yet, rain needed to prepare the soil; pastures are fairly good yet but stock-water is getting low; winter apples not more than a third of a full crop.

Morris.—A cool week with two light frosts; Kaffir-corn cutting about finished; wheat-sowing progressing; ground in fine condition; apples still falling; corn about ready to crib, some in market; pastures holding well and cattle in good condition.

Osage.—Rains improved pastures: corncutting still progressing; apples still falling badly, will make poor crop: ground in

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Pottawatomie.—Wheat-sowing completed; wheat coming up nicely; sweet potatoes good quality, yielding well.
Riley.—Fine week for fall work; wheat-sowing about finished, wheat starting well; some corn being husked; temperature 1.5° below normal; rainfall 0.23 below normal; sunshine 18 per cent above normal; one light frost.
Shawnee.—Wheat-sowing still in prog-

ing progressing, some wheat and rye up; ground in fine condition; fall pastures are green and stock are doing well; apples all off the trees, dry hot weather in August did it.

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Harper.—Wheat-sowing in full progress, late rains having put ground in good condition; hay good; new corn on market; apples have been improved by late rains, yield fair.

Harvey.—Favorable week for seeding and threshing; early wheat growing well; hogs scarce and doing well; many cattle being put on full feed.

Kingman.—Fine week for seeding, ground in excellent condition; wheat and rye coming up rapidly, good stand and color; apples were injured by dry weather, dropped off badly, not over half left, they are now in fine condition.

McPherson.—First-sown wheat coming up nicely; seeding still in progress; ground in fine condition; new corn in market, good quality; prairie-hay about all put up, good crop.

Ottawa —Wheat-sowing progressing rap-

quality; prairie-hay about all put up, good crop.

Ottawa.—Wheat-sowing progressing rapidly toward a finish, the early sown up and looking finely; forage crops well in the shock, some yet to cut; apples are fine but not abundant; potatoes finest ever raised in county; cattle in pasture doing well; more rain needed to give wheat a good start.

Phillips.—Another dry week, hot days,

good start.
Phillips.—Another dry week, hot days, cool nights; haying about through, light crop; stock-water becoming scarce in localities, but stock doing well; too dry for

canties, but stock doing well; too dry for seeding.

Republic.—Dry and cool week; wheat mostly sown; corn drying up rapidly, will soon do to crib; no frost to damage sweet potatoes; pastures drying up.

Reno.—Wheat-sowing progressing rapidly with ground in fine condition; threshing continues, nearly finished; sorghum and Kaffir forage being cut, good crop; corn being gathered for present use, and is turning out well.

Rush.—Threshing and fall seeding progressing finely; some complaint of grasshoppers destroying the earliest sown wheat; ground in good condition to insure a good growth this fall; slight frost on 18th.

Saline.—Wheat-sowing about half fin-

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Saline.—Wheat-sowing about half finished, ground in fine condition, acreage
not as large as last year; the wheat that is
up is fine looking and a good stand; apples about half a crop.
Sedgwick.—Seeding to wheat is progressing.

Sumner.—Drilling wheat progressing rapidly, ground in very good condition, first sown coming up with favorable growing conditions.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Haying continues. The range-grass is well cured on the ground. Wheat-sowing

progresses in most of the wheat district. Forage crop cutting continues, most of it is now in stack, a large yield. Early-sown wheat is coming up in the northern counties, but the grasshoppers are damaging it in Thomas. Potatoes are unusually fine. Cattle are doing well, and large numbers of feeders are being brought in.

Decatur.—Good week for farm work; very little wheat sown yet, but it will commence soon; threshing nearly done, wheat very poor—rust and bugs—yield 3 to 15 bushels, testing 44 to 54; oats and barley fair crops; corn a large crop; late corn quite chaffy; alfalfa three fair crops; prairie hay a good crop.

Finney.—Pleasant week; feed mostly in stack; range-grass well cured; cattle in best condition; no wheat sown yet, and will be but little, if any; apple crop very

best condition; no wheat sown yet, and will be but little, if any; apple crop very light.

Ford.—Soil in fine condition for wheat; sowing progressing rapidly; last crop of alfalfa hay will be fine.

Haskell.—A pleasant week, a good rain, cool weather and very little wind; stock in good condition; feed-cutting in progress.

Morton.—Prairie-haying still in progress, also fodder-cutting; ranch cattle going to market.

Ness.—Fine weather for work; light frost; wheat— and rye-seeding progressing in north and south parts, but little yet in the central; range-grass cured; threshing well advanced; stock now fattening.

Norton.—Very little plowing done and practically no fall wheat sown, too dry; haying still in progress; young cattle and feeders still coming in in large numbers; some hog cholera; old corn being shelled to make room for new crop, which the dry weather and chinch-bugs shrunk considerably.

Bawlins.—Too dry to plow but large

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Rawlins.—Too dry to plow but large quantities of wheat are being sown; corn almost ready for husking; fall and winter pasture in good condition; Rawlins promises to go into winter drier than for years; northwest half of county has very little corn.

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Thomas.—Ground dry; wheat-sowing in full progress in eastern part; rain needed; grasshoppers damaging early-sown wheat; forage crops all cut except late Kaffir.

Trego.—Haying concluded; two weeks of threshing yet; fine weather for seeding, which is in full progress; some drilled wheat is 3 inches high; Kaffir-corn cutting; potatoes, largest crop ever harvested in county; yield of corn large.

Note.—With this issue the weekly bulletin will cease for the winter, to be resumed about April 1st next, when we hope to "see" all of our correspondents again. The sincere thanks of the Weather Bureau are extended to the correspondents of this section, who have made the bulletin what it is, a standard. Please discontinue the weekly reports till next spring.

Special Want Column.

"Wanted," "For Sale," "For Exchange," and small respectal advertisements for short time, will be inserted in this column, without display, for 10 cents per line, of seven words or less, per week. Initials or a number counted as one word. Cash with the order. It will pay. Try it!

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When mercy's door is closed forever,
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I. B. STAPLES.

A HUMAN SLEUTH.

"Arkichita: A Tale of an Indian De tective," is a true story of Indian skill in trailing, that would have delighted the heart of Fenimore Cooper. It is told in the September St. Nicholas by Lieutenant W. C. Bennett, Sixth Infantry, U. S. A.

Arkichita, a typical Indian, was chief scout at Fort Sisseton, Dakota, in 1882. Although he knew English well, he held the old Indian hatred of its use, and would never speak it except under extraordinary circumstances. He stood about five feet nine inches in height, was slender, but wiry, and was about 34 years of age. Ordinarily he was slow and sedate in his actions—very dignified; but when the necessity arose, he could be as quick as a flash, and had, like every Indian on the northwestern plains, a pair of eyes that could equal any field

His services—for he had been employed as a scout for some years—had been very valuable to the Government, and, in recognition of this fact, the officer in command had secured authority from the War De-partment to promote him to the rank of sergeant; consequently he went around in sergeant; consequently ne went around in a neat uniform with chevrons and stripes, very much impressed with his own impor-tance, which he considered second only to that of the commanding officer; and he took care that every one else also should respect his rank and dignity.

As his native name is the Sioux for "sol-dier" it is easily seen why he was so

dier" it is easily seen why he was so named; but he had still another name, which the Indians had given him before his entering military circles, and that, translated into English, was the "grasswalker," or "trailer," from his absolutely marvelous ability to find the trail of anything that left even the slightest trace on the ground

as it passed over it.

A desperate soldier named Brice broke jail one night and was pursued the follow-ing morning. The trail led to the west for a trifle over a mile; then it turned north for a quarter of a mile, and we followed until we came to a tree at the edge of a slough to the northwest of the fort, called the "garden bar slough." Here Arkichita pointed under the tree and said Brice had lain down there to rest.

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The trail here led into the slough.

A Dakota "slough" is a shallow lake, the water of which is from six inches to three feet deep, with a soft, muddy bottom, but not generally miry. The center of the slough is usually free from grasses or weeds, but along the edges, from twenty to sixty yards out, long tube grass grows.

This particular slough was a mile long, and varied from an eighth to a quarter of a mile in width, and there was a foot of covering as much soft mud. the night the wind had roiled the water up considerably. It seemed hardly possible to track anything through it, except where the tule had been broken down. Where that was the case, even I could follow the trail; on reaching open water, however, the case was different.

The eastern end of the slough reached to

ter all; he had come to a dead standstill near the tule. Then an inspiration struck me; perhaps by a circle I could find the me; perhaps by a circle I could had the trail. Happy thought! I put it into immediate execution, and found one. Rather telated at my success, I called: "Come tquick; heap trail!" He came over, took one look; just the suggestion of a smile played on his face as he said, "Cow."

I did no more trailing, but understood what was bothering him. The post herd

also had waded through there since Brice's escape, and it took all the scout's endless patience and wonderful eyesight to keep the trail where the cattle had passed through it. The grass-stem was of no use

We had passed over half the slough in we had passed over that the slough me this circuitous route, when suddenly Arkichita started, straight as the crow flies, for the edge of the slough near the brick-kiln. Was he following the trail?

On he went until he came to the shore nearest the kiln; here he stopped, evidently bothered again. There was a scarcely dis-cernible footprint in the mud and water cernible footprint in the mud and water right at the edge of the slough, apparently the last step the deserter had taken before reaching hard ground. This footprint showed the toes, so the deserter was now barefooted. Another thing about this print was its direction; it stood at right angles to the line previously followed. Either the man had taken a sideward spring for the land from his right foot, or he had turned around and started back over his own trail.

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Arkichita went down on his knees and inspected the grass, blade by blade. I kept a respectful distance at one side, aston-ished at the turn the affair had taken. Now, inch by inch, on his knees, he wrenched the secret from the apparently unwilling surface of the earth. Eighty yards from the kiln he looked up and glanced at th. The same idea evidently instantly oc-curred to both of us. The trail was lead-ing to the kiln! Then he rose, and, bend-ing over, slowly advanced to the edge of the brick-yard.

the brick-yard.

After reaching the yard Arkichita walked slowly around the outer edge of it, examining the ground with the utmost care, until he came to the point from which he started, when he said: "Trail come inno go out; man in there," pointing to the kiln.

And circumstances proved him to be right, though it was thirty-six hours before the fugitive was located in the kiln and

The National G. A. R. Reunion-A Kansas Old Soldier's Account.

Editor Kansas Farmer: - September 2, 1899, at 4.40 p. m., the A., T. & S. F. train left Topeka for the G. A. R. re-union at Philadelphia, with hundreds of old soldiers and their friends. The train arrived at Chicago the next day at 10 a. m., and at 2.40 p. m. left for Philadelphia, and arrived there the next evening at 6 p. m. Tuesday the grand march

Through the kindness of our quarter-master W .W. Dennison, of Topeka, my wife received a ticket of admission to the grand stand. After escorting her to the seat assigned us she decided that I was too old to march so I remained and reviewed the grand procession. The place assigned us was about fifteen feet to the right and rear of the reviewing stand occupied by President McKinley. The procession commenced passing at 11 a. m., and was still passing at 4.30 p. m., when we vacafed for dinner. The veterans marched mostly in columns of twelve. The President promptly returned the salutes given him. The Ohio veterans generally took off their hats and cheered him. New Jersey came next in their salutations and cheering. The veterans from some States scarcely looked toward the grand stand. The Kansas, veterans had been in line of march so long that they were literally worn out when they reached the grand stand, but Colonel Veale took off his hat and cheered the President, and nearly every one followed the example. The Modocs cheered and in return received a most hearty cheer from the many thousands in the grand stand. Major Boyd's Topeka lady cadets marched with greater precision and better alinement than any others in the procession and received great applause but in my opinion the applause would have been ten times greater had they followed the example of a young lady who marched beside her crippled grandfather and carried the flag in front of the veterans. When she came in front of the President she dipped the flag, and then, facing the President, saluted him most gracefully, which he most appropriately returned, amid the tumultuous applause from the grand stand. Had a point near the fort not more than a hundred and fifty yards from a brick-yard, on which was a kiln that had been built during the summer. The kiln was now ready for firing.

Once I thought Arkichita was baffled, after all, he had some to a dead standard. Had the cadets followed her example their part would have been perfect and complete. Their perfect deportment at all times and on all occasions commanded the admiration and commendation of everybody.

Our Kansas officers, Commander O. H. Coulter, Quartermaster W. W. Dennison, and Adjutant George W. Veale, deserve the gratitude of every Kansan there for their untiring efforts to secure the best possible accommodations for the Kansas veterans and their friends, and the good wife of our Quartermaster Dennison wore herself entirely out in

caring for others. If I ever attend another encampment

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I hope we will be favored with the hood of Willow Springs and West same officers and Mrs. Dennison in particular. J. B. McAFEE.

Topeka, Kans.

Notes on a Pleasant Trip. When the French, early in the pres-

ent century, first settled in what is now the State of Missouri, they very naturally clung very close to the great Father of Waters and the Big Muddy, natural highways, upon which they could easily make their way back and forth to the Gulf, and push to the north and northwest, trading with the Indians and carrying on a primitive commerce. From the little settlement of St. Louis trappers started for the vast wilderness of the Northwest, in search of the precious beaver skins and furs of wild animals then so abundant, and the turbid Mis-souri made something of a highway for souri made something of a nighway for them. Down it they could float their bundles of pelts in cances of buffalo hide or cottonwood. Up the Missouri went Mr. Hunt, in 1810, on his great journey to Astoria, so delightfully nar-rated by Washington Irving, and many others made their perilous way up and down the great Missouri. But with all the hardihood and push of these early pioneers, it is probable that but little was known by them of the howling wildeness stretching every to the court derness stretching away to the south-west. What did they know of the Ozarks, and the salubrious airs that come and go over their ridges, and are so delightful? What did they know of the enchanting vistas that present themselves, as, standing on some eminence, one looks away over the wooded ridges, till they fade, fade, fade, away into the hazy blue, or, on clear days, stand out in clear-cut green against the sky? Or, if one is so fortunate as to pass over the divide on a full moonlight night, what rare and delicate scenes present themselves as the iron horse hurries along Now we plunge into the dark forest; weird and strange the trees look. Here and there a blackened and blasted stump or deadened monarch of the woods looks ghostly enough in the silvery light of the moon. If thou couldst but speak out, old tree; what stories thou couldst tell. Did the Indian have his tepee in thy shadow? Did columns of armed men march their dusty way by thee thirty odd years ago? But mute and silent he stands, and secrets are well hidden by him. He tells no tales. And then the train bursts suddenly out of the dark shadows and away and far away stretch their dreamy ridges, beautiful beyond description to the lover of the handiwork of God.

It has been the writer's good fortune to ride over the Memphis Route, through eastern Kansas and into southwestern Missouri several times, and when made under favorable conditions, has found it a pleasant trip indeed. Many things work together to this end. In the first place, the Memphis Route is a "good" road to ride on, and then the region is one of great natural endowment. The fruit-growing propensities of the Ozarks have often been enlarged upon, and no extended comment is necessary here. Suffice it to say that orcharding is one of the great industries, and one that will likely be developed more and more. The past summer has been one of unusual dryness in southern Missouri, generally speaking, which has greatly curtailed the fruit as well as other crops, at least in places, but conditions of that kind are of unusual occurrence there, and are apt to be felt at times in many other sections of the United States.

At the present time the attention of many people is being turned more and toward the development of the mineral resources of the country, which are undoubtedly great. In the neighbor-

Plains digging is going on, and in places has resulted in paying finds. The writer believes that ere long large amounts of zinc and lead, and perhaps other valuable ores, will be taken out of the earth in these regions. Stories are already told of real estate changing hands at a handsome figure in consideration of the minerals they contain ,and the people generally seem to be greatly interested and eager for the latest news about "finds."

So it is, indeed, a pleasant ride over the Memphis Route into southern Missouri. The outlook from the cars, pleas ant all along, increases to vistas of great beauty near the station of Cedar Gap, where the road crosses the backbone of the Ozarks, and the lumber interests, canneries, orchards, etc., add to the activity and interest of the trip, and show that business as well as beauty is to be found in the "Land of the big red apple."

A Grateful Snake.

One day, twenty odd years ago, while out hunting in the woods near Kickapoo Creek, I found a large rattlesnake lying torpid. It was a cold day and I passed him

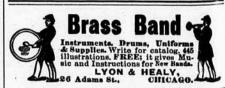
by, noticing that he had nine rattles.

Soon afterwards I went to California, and on returning eighteen years later, I took an early occasion to go on another little hunt. Passing by the same place as before, I ran upon a snake again, much larger and with twenty-seven rattles, which, I concluded, was the one I had seen on my previous trip. It was another cold day, and his majesty was stiff with cold. gathered him up and took him home and thawed him out.

He became a great pet and made himself at home in and around the house. I lived in the suburb of the town, and one warm night when I had left the windows open was awakened by an unusual noise. I found a burglar had entered the house, and that the snake had coiled himself partly around the bedpost and partly around the burglar, and had his tail out of the window rattling. This case shows that reptiles are not devoid of gratitude.—Western Paper.

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If in the heart for thee no dwelling place is found?

Rest! Rest! Of gifts to man thou art among the best; For he that is indeed of thee possessed Can boast a goodly store, Though Mammon's hand of gold ne'er rapped upon thy humble door.

Hope! Hope! Thou lift'st the fainting spirit up. Twere vain to seek for sweet within the cup, When heart has been deprived of thee. When "white-winged hope" shall take her flight our day will darkness be.

Life! Life! To thee we give our constant toil and strife,
For burden-bearing in this world is rife,
But he that hath peace, rest, and hope,
With all the trying ills of life may surely cope.

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LAURIENZIBERG.

Leaving the Abbey of Strahow, our party walked to the foot of a high hill, named Laurienziberg, and here we again rode on a cog-wheel car to the top. There are few cities which are so fortunately situated as Prague, in that there are so many localities in and near it from which grand views can be obtained. From the top of Laurienziberg the River Moldau could be traced with the eye above and below the city for many miles. To the right we saw "Weiss Berg," famous as the unfortunate battle-field where King Frederick V. of Bohemia met defeat from Maximillian of Bavaria, and where Frederick's Protestant army was broken and scattered.

A big church was erected on that hill by the Catholics to commemorate the glorious victory the Lord had given them over the army of their enemy. A large stone on the same hill is pointed out as being on the same spot where Frederick the Great of Prussia, in 1744, commanded his army at the battle of Prague, and he captured the city. He was a victor, while the other Frederick, from the Palatinate, 124 years before, was so badly beaten. Everybody has heard the "Battle of Prague" played

on the piano. So I'll not describe it.

In the distance could be seen the
Mountains of Moravia—the Giant Mountains, and to the westward the Erzgebirge range, between Bohemia and Sax-

In the city again, we visited nearly a dozen different churches, but in only one did we meet with an incident which I thought worth noting in my memorandum-book. At St. Nicholas Church, which is very pretty inside, with much marble and gold trimming, we saw the sexton with his wife and several other women preparing for some holiday ex-We stopped to make some inquiry, but the sexton spoke only the Czech language, and pointed to his wife, who could speak also German and French. She told me they were dressing an image of the Virgin Mary, as a child, to carry in a procession in honor of Saint Anna, the mother of Mary. It looked like a doll two feet tall, and they were putting on it lots of white lace clothing and artificial flowers. She explained that there was to be a "fete" in honor of Saint Anna, and in order to to get tickets, as all the places on the steamer had long since been spoken for, but she knew we were good Catholics, and she would manage somehow to get us a chance to go with her and the party who carried the baby Mary. We were greatly obliged, and I told her so, but had to explain that our time was exceedingly limited, so we would not be able to accept her kind invita-

From St. Nicholas Church we went to the Walenstein palace, which I have be-fore referred to. The story is, that in order to obtain room for this palace 230 houses had to be pulled down, 300 years ago. The building now does not present a very handsome appearance, but the gardens around it are the most beau-

It will be remembered by students of history that Count Von Waldstein

(General Wallenstein) was in command of the imperial army at the battle of White Hill, when the Protestant army was so badly broken. Well, a few years later he fought the Protestants again at Lutzen, in Saxony, and they were then commanded by Gustavus Adolphus, the Swedish King. Wallenstein's army was Swedish King. Wallenstein's army defeated, but Gustavus Adolphus killed. A few years later still, Wallenstein was assassinated by his enemies within his own army. At the time of his death he was taking a bath in this very palace where our American party now were visiting. We were shown the room and the spot where he stood when he was stabbed by the assassin.

THE JEWISH QUARTER.

When Titus Vespasian conquered Jerusalem, some thirty years or more after the crucifixion of our Savior, the Jews were scattered over the face of the A large party of them wandered earth. to the banks of the River Moldau, in the country of the Boil, and here, at the old city of Prague, they established a col-ony. They found it unprofitable busi-ness to try to sell "sheap clotings," but a new business opened up to them which proved quite profitable from a

money point of view.

The Boil and others made war on each other, and occasionally took cap-tives to be sold in slavery. The Jews found this a lucrative trade and bought the captives at "feefty per shent" below cost and sold them at an advance of twenty-five cents on the dollar, in the Of course, they become rich and East. were fine plucking for impecunious kings when such ones needed money.

In the quarter of the city called the Josephstadt are more Jews than I ever saw before in any one locality. I have seen many nice Jews; in fact, I never saw any in Kansas except those that were "just as nice as anybody," but these Jews in "Masne Kramy, a rednice (the Jewish quarter Zidovska" Prague), are the most disagreeable in appearance of any people I ever did see. The locality is nearly the center of Prague, but its boundary line dividing it from the rest of the city is mostly composed of bad smell and squalor.

Our noses admonished us not to investigate, but we wanted to see the old synagogue, and the graveyard (Z Prazskeho Gheta, Zidovsky Harbitov). The synagogue is a very old building, The synagogue is a very old building, in front of the cabin. I tried to move supposed to have been first erected my chair nearer the table. I discovered somewhere about the real of the cabin. somewhere about the year 600; it is it was fastened to the ground—it was a very unpleasant in appearance and not stump.

worth describing.

The cemetery is in the center of the Josephstadt, and we paid an old man 15 cents for each of our party to be allowed to enter and see the old grave-stones. The price included the service of the old Jew as guide, to tell us all he knew. If you ever saw "the Wandering Jew," immortalized by Eugene Sue, then you know how this old fellow looked, only this one was much older and

The burying-ground is covered with dilapidated, moss-grown tombstones, bearing deep-cut Hebrew inscriptions and symbols, with little pebble mounds, and the whole is overgrown with tall weeds and a few flowers. No interments have been allowed in it for over a cen-There are 12,600 grave-stones, tury. and the first one was put there 1,300 years ago and the last one in 1784. So our guide said; I take his word for it. In many cases an economical Jew had bought space for one grave, and then had begun burying deep down, with succeeding generations on the top of the founder of the family. In that way they economized space, yet each family could have an extensive cemetery of its own-extending downwards. The stones are marked with emblems to denote the daughter, at the head of the procession.
They were going by steamer, at 2 o'clock, down the river to the shrine of Saint Anna. It would be very difficult to get tickets, as all the places on the steamer. mals to denote something for a Jew's information, but wholly unintelligible

Many graves were covered and even heaped with small pebbles and stones which had been brought by friends and laid there as mementoes of love. We wandered among the old grave-stones for nearly an hour, making memoranda of names, objects and the peculiarities we found in this interesting place.

To counteract the gloomy and un-pleasant impression of the Jewish quarter, we afterward visited several museums and picture galleries, and then, the next morning, we said "good-bye" to Praha (Prague), the most interesting city to me that I had seen in Europe.

SAXON SWITZERLAND. From Prague we returned to Saxony,

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crossing the border at Tetchen, where we again had the little ceremony of custom-house inspection and stamping of valises. The official seemed especially interested to find out if we had tobacco or spirits which we were trying to smuggle into Germany; but I assured him we had no tobacco at all, though we were in pretty good spirits, having en-

joyed the trip into Austria very much.
We did not go through to Dresden,
but stopped at a small town named
Wehlen, from which point we started on a walking tour of the interesting region. Wehlen is on the Elbe River, twenty miles above Dresden, and the part of Saxony lying along the river between the capital and the Erzgebirge Moun-tains is called "Saechsische Schweiz" (Saxon Switzerland), while the beauti-ful mountain rocks and shaded nooks on the eastern side of the range is called "Boehmischen Schweiz" (Bohemian Switzerland), although the whole region is a long way from actual Switzerland.

Wehlen on the Elbe is surrounded, except on its river side, by heavilywooded hills, and our party, all Americans, were soon out of sight of both the river and the town, following a footpath over the hills. After a half-hour walk we came to the first point of especial interest, and it is called "the devil's kitchen," (Der Teufel's Kueche). It is a rocky gorge with a rushing stream of clear, cold water. The rocks are piled high above and over-arching the stream. The wind seems to find a the stream. The wind seems to find a strong draft through the gorge, even on a very mild day in summer.

We stopped at a little house—the only one we had seen since leaving Wehlen. It is a log cabin which would be perfectly at home in any Rocky Mountain region of America. It is also a restaurant for the convenience of the thousands of tourists who walk there every summer. We sat at rustic tables

A very old-fashioned appearing little girl waited on us at table. I asked her what the name of the gorge was, and she said, "Der Teufel's Kueche," only she pronounced it as though it were spelled "teuyful." I then asked her to tell me why it was so named. She said that in winter time or other stormy weather, when the wind blows very hard and it rains or snows, then "der Teufel" was known to be very busy down there doing his cooking, and the people would stay close in the house and say their prayers just as fast as they could to keep Satan at a distance. asked her if anybody had ever seen the party referred to. She answered that Hans Schmidt, the woodman, had once seen him, and ever since, Hans has been an imbecile, who sits and trembles all day for fear "der Teufel" would come and get him. It was quite interesting to me to hear the child tell of the matter, and the expression of her face and the manner of telling it, showed she be-lieved the cause of Schmidt's mental trouble was as she related it.

After a rest, we began again our mountain-climbing, and in an hour we came in sight of the Bastei-the huge rock we had seen from the car window, both in going to and returning from Here are huge rocks, stand Bohemia. ing like irregular columns, some reaching a great height. The Bastei is the highest point. A fine bridge, arched over many ravines, connects a large

number of these rocks.

Upon the top of the Bastei is a little hotel, or "cafe," from the porch of which we enjoyed a view absolutely unique in Europe; a vast amphitheater bounded by distant mountains and inclosing hundreds of pinnacled and castellated hills, some of the shapes most grotesque, with gorges richly wooded between and in the midst of them the broad and rapid Elbe sweeping in a curve immediately below us.

The river semed hundreds of feet below where we sat, but we enjoyed it in

safety while we listened to entertaining music furnished by an orchestra which was composed of a father and his eight children. The oldest of the children was the "concert meister." After each installment of music one of the children passed the hat, thus giving the concert a church-like appearance.

Starting again on our wanderings, we passed to the Bastei bridge, from which a winding path leads down to the level of the river. Standing on the bridge we could catch an occasional glimpse, be-tween the rocks, of the winding river. We spent a half hour in pointing out to each other very many of the queer rock formations, and the supposed figures that each of them represented. Sphinxlike faces seemed to be outlined in hundreds of these rocky freaks of nature. One huge rock, standof nature. separate from any group, d "the locomotive;" another ing called named "the sheep," while other animal forms could be traced, by imagination, in thousands of the rocks. No village or house could be seen, only rocky cliffs and wood-covered hills.

The little village of Rathen is at the foot of the path which leads down from the Bastei bridge, and from that place we took a river steamer to Schandau, at which latter place we spent the night and visited several Berlin friends who were stopping at this summer resort.

Besides visiting friends, we had the pleasure of helping in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the place as a health resort. The town was decorated with flags and flowers, and the people met in the early evening at the pretty garden in front of the "Cur-(cure house), to listen to a concert of fine music and a speech by the Burgomeister.

We did enjoy the concert, and out of politeness stayed the first hour of the Burgomeister's speech. He began by relating the whole history of the place from the time the Elbe was a small creek, and after talking an hour he was still nearly a hundred years back. Our politeness was exhausted. We left.

Next morning we continued our walk up the valley, five miles, to see the waterfalls in a stream tributary to the Elbe. Here we came to the "Kneipe Cure." What is that? Why, it is an establishment built for a summer resort, where city folks come to be cured of lots of complaints by walking in the grass with bare feet. We saw many pa-tients being cured in this manner. Little signs are posted at convenient intervals to direct the sick ones. One sign told them to "walk in the grass" at that point, another at the bank of the stream directed the patient to walk in the stream a while, etc.
We visited the "Kuhstahl," a huge

cavern in the rocks where cows were sheltered during the "Thirty Years' War." From the cow stable we went to the "Grosse Winterberg," then to the "Kleine Winterberg," thence through "Edmundsklamm," from Saxony into Bohemia again, to see the wonderful "Probitchthor," a natural bridge of rock across a wide and deep chasm. We remained one night at the Bohem-

ian village of Herrenskretchen. I would like to tell of Schreckenstein, Schloss Hirschstein, Lobsitz, Ziegenberg, Leit-meritz, Aussig, Paffenstein, Sperling-stein, and other places, all of which are interesting points along the Elbe; but I will simply hasten our party back to Dresden, and thence to Berlin, where I had left my mother and sister many days before.

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quarreled about after the fair was over. Governor Stanley and Superintendent Nelson delivered addresses, Tom Anderson sang, and everybody enjoyed the occcasion as much as if it had been a

big county fair. The Kansas Farmer hopes to obtain descriptions of the methods of production of the premium specimens of corn. No doubt the prevalence of clover in the rotation practiced had much to do with the surprising development of corn on the upland farms from which it was contributed to this exposition.

Specimens of a crop new to most farmers of Kansas, namely, Dwarf Essex rape, were shown by A. H. Buckman and Bradford Miller. These exhibits prove that rape grows well and quickly in Kansas. These prominent farmers find that it makes much green feed and that stock eat it well. They are unable to estimate its feeding value but Mr. Miller says the results are satisfactory. Mr. Buckman thinks pigs eat it about as well as pursley but that it is much easier to gather a feed of it than of any kind of weeds.

The exhibits of fruits, especially apples, were very fine. The pantry stores and fancy-work were characteristic of the thrifty, cultured ladies who have done so much to make Oak Grange justly famous

Should neighborhood fairs like this one, free from the demoralizing features of the larger fairs, become a feature of Kansas rural life a notable advance will have been made.

Following are the exhibits awarded

premiums: Pantry stores, made by girls under 14 years: Pumpkin pie, Bertha McGill, first, May Buckman, second. Ella Sims and annah Corbett also exhibited cakes Ella Sims, first in loaf cake; May Buckman first in layer cake. Potato salad, Ella Sims first, May Buckman second. Apple pie, May Buckman first. Ginger ccokies, Hannah Corbett first. loaf, Ella Sims first. Bread, white, Bessie Myers and Vernon Buckman, each given a blue ribbon; graham, Elia Sims

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Pantry stores by women: Cottage cheese, Mrs. Sims first, Allie Buckman econd. Fine brown bread, Mrs. H. W. Higgins first. Fruit cake, Mrs. K. J. McCracken first. Sponge cake, Mrs. K. J. W. Higgins. Suet pudding, Mrs. Curcier first. Ginger cookies, Celia Brobst first, Vina Steinberg second. Sugar first, Vina Steinberg second. Sugar cookies, Mrs. McCracken first, Vina Steinberg second. Plake beans, Mrs. H. W. Higgins first, Mrs. F. Buckman second. White bread, Vina Steinberg first, Mrs. H. Buckman second. White bread, Vina Steinberg first, Mrs. F. Buckman second. Pickels: Mrs. K. J. McCracken first in Allie Buckman second. White bread, Vina Steinberg first, Mrs. F. Buckman second. Pickels: Mrs. K. J. McCracken first in Allie Buckman second. Pickels: Mrs. K. J. McCracken first in Allie Buckman second. White bread, Vina Steinberg first, Mrs. F. Buckman second. Pickels: Mrs. K. J. McCracken first in Allie Buckman second. White bread, Vina Steinberg first, Mrs. F. Buckman second. Pickels: Mrs. K. J. McCracken first in sweet and sour. Preserved fruits and jellies: Jellies, cheese, Mrs. Sims first, Allie Buckman second. Fine brown bread, Mrs. H. W. Higgins first. Fruit cake, Mrs. K. J. McCracken first. Sponge cake, Mrs. H. W. Higgins. Suet pudding, Mrs. Currier first. Ginger cookies, Celia Brobst first, Vina Steinberg second. Sugar cookies, Mrs. McCracken first, Vina Brobst second. Baked beans, Mrs. H. W. Higgins first, Mrs. F. Buckman second. White bread, Vi Mrs Holloway second.

Mrs. Frank Logan first, Vina Steinberg second. Blackberries, Mrs. J. B. Sims first. Cherries, Mrs. H. Buckman first. Peaches, Mrs. H. W. Higgins first. Peaches, Mrs. H. Buckman first. Plums, Mary Green first. Gooseberries, Mrs. F. Mary Green first. Gooseberries Mrs. H. Mary Green first. Green first. Gooseberries Mrs. H. Mary Green first. Green firs Mary Green first. Gooseberries, Mrs. F.

Pears, Mrs. H. Buckman first. Plums, Mary Green first. Gooseberries, Mrs. F. McGill first.

Fancy-work: Best gingham apron, Mrs. Lutitia Cobbs, who is 75 years old, first. Prettiest pincushion, Mrs. W. H. McCracken. Prettiest and neatest dressed doll made by a girl under 14 years, Ella Sims first. Prillow, Mrs H. W. Higgins first. Prettiest handkerchief, Mrs. Anna Van Orsdal first. Prettiest embroidered toilet set, Vina Steinberg. Prettiest table spread, Mrs. Hepsa Higgins. Prettiest crocheted doiley. Mrs. Anna Van Orsdal. Best collection of hand-painted china, Belle Corbett first, Hannah Corbett second. Siumber robe, Mrs. H. W. Higgins. Best and handsomest doll quilt, Dorothy Sims, 5 years old. Cut flowers, Amos White first.

Apples: Maiden Blush, J. B. Sims first: Grimes' Golden, Mrs. Mary Green first. For best and largest display of apples, not less than ten varieties, George Van Orsdal first, J. B. Sims second. Jonathan, Henry Wallace first; Wine Sap, J. L. Dunn first; Rambo, John Harrison first; Ben Davis, John Harrison first: Peaches, best plate, A. J. Hughes. Best plate pears, J. E. Maus. Corn: Best dozen ears white, and best bushel same, Bradford Miller first; longest two dozen ears white, and best bushel same, Bradford Miller first; longest two dozen ears white, and best bushel same, Bradford Miller first; longest two dozen ears, Frank Logan, Tank Day and the first to the first

longest two dozen ears, Frank Logan, 13½ inches long; longest ear, Paul Bundy, 14 inches; best dozen ears yellow, J. B. Sims first, Alvin White second.

THE TRUST QUESTION.

Last week the Kansas Farmer gave copious excerpts from the addresses delivered at the great anti-trust conference at Chicago. Two noted speakers taking somehat different views are yet to be reported. Their addresses were voluminous and it will be possible here to give only brief excerpts characteristic of the positions taken.

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"There is no person who could have listened to the papers which have been read from this platform during the last three days and doubt for a moment that the object of this gathering was an honest search for truth. I think the country is to be congratulated upon some of the papers which were contributed to this discussion, notably those that came from the representatives from the labor organizations and from the National Grange.

"Indeed, as I listened to the conceptions of economic law which marked every address which I heard delivered by representative of organized labor, I became convinced that the laborers who spoke to us understood these laws much better than their employers. Indeed, I believe that some recent events in our history would have been impossible if both sides of these labor controversies understood the economic laws governing the relation of producers to consumers as well as one side showed that it understood them this very day.

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"A combination may be good or bad, according to its effect. For instance, a combination for prayer is a church. All good men would subscribe to the success of it. A combination for burglary is a conspiracy. All good men would call out the police to prevent it. Any industrial system which operates to swell the volume of production should be commended; anything that operates to restrict it should be suppressed. "Now, whether these combinations of capital or these combinations of labor operate to raise prices or to reduce them is a subject about which there has been a wide diversity of opinion, not merely in this hall, but wherever economic questions have been discussed.

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"The test is to ascertain whether the combination of capital flourishes through Government aid or without it, for, my friends, you must see that any industrial enterprise which dominates the market without aid from the Government must do so through cheapening the product, or as it is commonly called, underselling competitors. An industry which at one and the same time reduces prices and swells its own profits muct accomplish that result by increasing the volume of its production. On the other hand, an industry which dominates the market by the favor of government, direct or indirect, can not, in the nature of things, be forced to cheapen prices, because if it could dominate the market by underselling competitors in an open field without the favor, it would not need the Government favor. The interference of the Government would be an injury and not a benefit to it.

MAJORITY'S RIGHT TO PROGRESS.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYE PART-NERS.

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"We have seen that the rate of wages is fixed by the volume of the product, and nothing can change it. We have seen that since the employer and the employer must share prosperity from the same causes and adversity from the same conditions, their relation is a partnership and can not be changed. The employer may discharge his employe—that is to say, he may change his partners—but when he takes on others the partnership is renewed, and it is still a co-operative concern; its nature can not be changed. That has been fixed by the eternal laws of God and the universe.

"Now, when a great corporation, charged with the exercise of public franchises, suspends the services which it has been chartered to render, it is to-day the duty of the attorney-general to ask why that has occurred. A distinguished judge in New York State enjoined an application for a mandamus against a railway company whose system was tied up by a srike among its freight handlers, and I believe that a right of action lies now on the part of any member of the public against a corporation whose service is suspended, unless it can show the reason for the suspension.

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"The removal of the manacles from the hand of man has wonderfully increased his productivity; it has wonderfully extended the scope of his powers, multiplied his possessions, lengthened the span of his days and widen the horizon of his ambitions. But out of his very prosperity it has created this difficulty with which we are confronted to-day. The slave was willing to accept from the hand of his master a crust of bread as the reward for his labor, to escape the lash. But the free laborer enjoys a fair share of the prosperity which has been created by his toil. Thank heaven we have turned away from the question of foreign wars and exterior boundaries to internal conditions and domestic prosperity. I do not fear the spectre of socialism or anything else that can be conjured. Sufficient unto to-day is this day in which we have already achieved a splendid progress.

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"Closer co-operation is a step toward the brotherhood of man. If socialism is to be the fruit of higher development I am not afraid of the word. I am not disturbed by anything which will extend that principle into our industrial system, for it is that which underlies it. It is the origin of this industrial system built upon freedom. enlarged, not merely the field of man in citizenship, but his partnership in industry, and then the height to which this man has risen will be at the point which he can survey with confidence, that strength and that determination to reach still greater heights that shall ennoble him."

W. J. BRYAN.

The following excerpts from near the middle of Colonel Bryan's lengthy address convey some impressions of his views as to remedies:

REMEDY FOR THE TRUSTS.

"Now, what can be done to prevent the organization of monopoly? I rather think that we differ more in remedy than we do in our opinion of the trust. I venture to guess that few people will defend the trust as a principle, or a trust organization as a good thing, but I imagine our great difference will be as to remedy, and I want, for the moment, to discuss the remediations.

second place, the State has or should have the right to prohibit any foreign corporation from doing business in the State, and it ought to have or has the right to impose such restrictions and limitations as the people of the State may think necessary as upon any foreign corporation doing business in the State. In other words, the people of the State not only have the right to create the corporations they want, but they should be permitted to protect themselves from any outside corporation.

"But I do not think this is sufficient. I believe in addition to a State remedy, there must be a federal remedy, and I believe that Congress has or should have the power to place such restrictions and limitations, even to the point of prohibition, upon any corporation organized in one State that wants to do business outside of the State. I say that Congress has or should have the power to place upon that corporation such limitations and restrictions even to the point of prohibition as may to Congress seem necessary for the protection of the public good.

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"Now, I believe that these concurrent remedies will reach the difficulty, that the people of every State shall first decide whether they want to create a corporation; that they shall, secondly, decide whether they want any outside corporation to do business in the State, and, if so, upon what conditions; and, thirdly, that Congress shall exercise the right to place upon every corporation doing business outside of the State in which it is organized, such limitations and restrictions as may be necessary for the protection of the public good.

"I do not believe that the people of one State can rely upon the people of another State in the management of a corporation. And I might give you a reason. I have here a letter that was sent out by the Corporation Trust Company of Delaware. It has an office in New York. This a most remarkable document on this subject that has ever fallen under my observation. We have talked about the State of New Jersey having a law favorable to trusts. I have a letter here which shows that in Delaware they adopted a law for the purpose of making Delaware more favorable to trusts. I have a letter here which shows that in Delaware they adopted a law for the purpose of making Delaware more favorable to trusts than New Jersey.

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"Now, I am here to hear and to receive and to adopt any method that anybody can propose that looks to the annihilation of the trusts. One method has occurred to me, and to me it seems a complete method. It may not commend itself to you. If you have something better I shall accept it in the place of this which I am about to suggest. But the method that occurs to me is this:

"That Congress should pass a law providing that no corporation organized in any State should do business outside of the State in which it is organized until it receives from some power created by Congress a license authorizing it to do business outside of its own State. Now, if the corporation must come to this body created by Congress to secure permission to do business outside the State, then that license can be granted upon conditions which will, in the first place, prevent the watering of stock; in the second place, prevent monopoly in any branch of business; and third, provide for publicity as to all of the transactions and business of the corporation." (A voice: "Colonel, would such a law be constitutional?") "I was going to cover that. I am glad you mentioned it.

"What I mean to say is this, that Congress ought now to pass such a law. If it is unconstitutional and so declared by the supreme court I am in favor of an amendment to the constitution that will give to Congress power to destroy every trust in the country.

"Now, if this license is granted, then the first conditions can be that any corporation desiring to do business outside of the State in which it is organized shall bring to that board or body proof that the stock is bona fide and that there is no water in it. In my judgment, when you take from monopoly the power to issue stock not represented by money you will go more than half the way toward destroying monopoly in the United States.

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"You can provide for publicity, and that annually or at such other times as the corporation shall make returns of its business, of its earnings, because, as has been well said by men who have spoken here, corporations can not claim that they have a right or that it is necessary to cover their transactions with secrecy; and when you provide for publicity so that the public shall know just what there is in the corporation, just what it is doing, just what it is making, you will go another long step towards the destruction of the principle of monopoly.

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"But I am not willing to stop there. I do not want to take one step or two steps; I want to go all the way and make the principle of monopoly absolutely impossible, or a monopoly absolutely impossible, or a monopoly absolutely impossible in the industry of this country. And, therefore, as a third condition, I suggest that this license shall not be granted until the corporation show that it has not had a monopoly, and is not attempting a monopoly of any branch of industry or any article of merchandise, and then provide that if the law is violated the license can be revoked. I do not believe in the Government giving privileges to be exercised by a corporation without reserving the right to withdraw them when those privileges become hurtful to the people."

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Colonel Bryan's further remarks were devoted largely to arguments to prove that the United States and the several States have the right to take such measures as he suggests as to corporations.

The purchase of extensive ranch properties in Texas by some of the great packers is followed by the report that the packers aspire ultimately to control the beef supply from the time the calf is born until it reaches the consumer.

It is generally conceded that the world's crop of breadstuffs is not so large this year as last. The prices of wheat and corn hold 5 to 7 cents higher than at corresponding dates last year.

Cost of Wheat-Growing in Washington.

The American Agriculturist prints the following correspondence and comment by its statistical editor, Mr. B. W. Snow: COST OF RAISING 160 ACRES OF WHEAT IN WHITMAN COUNTY, WASH.

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Plowing, per acre \$1.
Harrowing, 4 horses and 1 man, a week...
Drilling with 4 horses, 2 weeks...
Harrowing after drilling, 1 week...
Seed wheat, 75 pounds per acre...
Poisoning ground squirels...
Heading and stacking at \$1.50 per acre...
Threshing 4,000 bushels wheat at &c...
2,000 grain sacks...
Hauling to warehouse at 2c per bushel...
Rent of drill and harrow...

The 4,000 bushels of wheat has cost \$1,100 to produce without any charge on land. The taxes on that land will be \$50, and the interest charge on a valuation and the interest charge on a valuation of \$4,000 will be \$240, or the total cost of the quarter section crop will be \$1,390, or the cost per bushel of a crop of 25 bushels per acre, or 4,000 bushels will be within a fraction of 35 cents per bushel. The average price received from 1893 to 1899, inclusive, has been 40 cents, leaving the royal amount of 5 cents per bushel margin, out of which the insurance, clothing, store bills, and other items of living will have to be paid, or an income of \$200 per year, to keep, clothe, provide for, and educate the children and family. If the crop falls below 25 bushels were are which it has done frequently if per acre, which it has done frequently, if sickness or other disasters strike, oh, where is the farmer? These figures are actual facts for this entire county. The interest charge at 6 per cent is lower than the actual charge and must be met, because most people pay that per annum. No, it does not pay to raise wheat here nor anywhere not pay to take wheat here nor anywhere else except a very scant hard living. If it did pay the farmer would get out of debt, which he does not. If one happens to pay out the other will be in, and the fact is that the farm mortgages in the United States increase instead of diminish, all political campaign talk notwithstanding. The rate of interest the freight obarges and profits of interest, the freight charges and profits on farm machinery are too high, and there is no sign of any letting up in that direction. In estimating the cost of production of wheat or any other farm crop, most naturally the interest on land must be taken into consideration, or is the crop raised without the land, or has the land no value? Every concern, whether manufacturing or purveying, merchandising, freighting, or shipping bases, its cost on capital invested. To say that land is no capital invested is the meanest kind of soph-

his hopeless condition and to figure out a profit where there has been an actual loss.

Whitman County, Washington.

istry to blind the farmer to the facts

COMMENT ON ABOVE VIEWS. Mr. English's showing of the cost of growng wheat in his county is probably reasonably correct, but his conclusions are not well drawn. By his showing the grower hires horses and machinery as well as la-bor. It follows, therefore, that the grower has no capital invested in his business except his land. This Mr. English puts as \$4,000. The actual cash outlay in producing the crop is \$1,100, plus \$50 for taxes, or \$1,150. The profit of the crop, again by the English's showing is first, 6 per cent in-Mr. English's showing is, first, 6 per cent in-terest on all the money invested, or \$240, and second, 5 cents per bushel on 4,000 bushels, or \$200, making a total earning on a \$4,000 investment of \$440 a year, or 11 per cent. It will be difficult for Mr. Enper cent. It will be difficult for Mr. Enferthering this to name any other form of investment in which the principal is equally as safe as it is in good farm land which will pay the owner 11 per cent per annum. It is almost double the legal rate of interest. If the owner of this \$4,000 investment saw the fold his bands in idleness he would fit to fold his hands in idleness he would have an income of \$440 per year, but the farmer does not do this. He does his own work, and thus in addition to geting interest from his investment, he secures regular wages for the season. Could \$4,000 invested elsewhere secure 11 per cent interest for the owner and at the same time pay him wages in addition? Mr. English tes-tily insists that to figure cost he must include an allowance for interest on capital used. This is a mistake. When he thus allows 6 per cent he gets a figure which shows the price at which his wheat must sell in order to net him 6 per cent on the investment. If he were a borrower he would hardly admit the right of the owner of the \$4.000 to change him first 6 pay cent of the \$4,000 to charge him first 6 per cent for interest and an additional 6 per cent for "profit," yet this is exactly what he insists the farmer who has the \$4,000 invested in the land shall do. His figures prove not that the wheat farmer of Whitman County is working for nothing, as he claims, but that by investing \$4,000 in land he is securing 11 per cent annually on his money in addition to receiving wages for the season's work from the same investment.

National Hereford Show.

At no time since the introduction of the Hereford breed of cattle, commonly known as "whitefaces," into this country has there been the interest mani-

fested nor their appreciation so highly esteemed as at the present time. At the annual meeting of the American Here-ford Cattle Breeders' Association, held last November, it was decided to hold a national show and sale at Kansas City under the auspices of the association. In order to bring out the better class of cattle and afford the entire Hereford fraternity an opportunity to present the merits of their favorites the association set aside the sum of \$5,000 as an inducement for members to make a successful exhibit. When it is considered that at the leading State fairs only about \$500 is hung up annually, the \$5,000 with the specials \$3,000, making the grand aggregate \$8,000, is an attractive showaggregate \$8,000, is an attractive snowing. Such is the enthusiasm already developed that breeders, not only of the whiteface, but of all beef grades, have announced that they will be present from nearly every State in the Union, also from Canada, the Northwest Britana and Marie and Ma ish possessions and Mexico.

The most attractive feature of the sale is perhaps the fact that the animals in both the show and sale will be representatives from 60 established herds, extending from Virginia on the east to Nevada on the west, thus af-fording the visitor an opportunity to judge of the merits of all the prominent strains of blood known to the breed. It is conceded, too, that no class of beef cattle breeders have espoused their cause more deeply nor exercise a more thorough knowledge in the development of the better class of beef cattle than the whiteface breeder, hence the visitor or prospective buyer will be afforded the opportunity of a lifetime to judge of the merits of the cattle as well as their future in the hands of an enterprising and intelligent breeder of beef cattle. W. P. BRUSH.

Congress of the Rational Alimentation of Cattle.

From the United States Commissioner to the Paris Exposition of 1900.

An international congress on questions An international congress on questions concerning the rational alimentation of cattle has been organized by the French society of that name, under Government pattername for the exposition of 1900. The ronage, for the exposition of 1900. The meetings will take during the three days beginning June 21, following immediately after the congresses of agricultural teaching and agronomic stations, and preced-ing by a single week the great congress of agriculture. The present congress appeals to agriculturists and specialists of all countries, in order that results already acquired may be submitted for examination.

The membership card is 10 francs for French members. Foreign delegates are admitted free, unless they desire to receive the publications of the congress. Only members of the congress can take active members of the congress can take active part in the work of the congress.

Reports on the following questions are already under preparation; documents and communications concerning these questions are earnestly solicited from other countries. such communications should be in the hands of the committee of organization by the first of March, 1900:

1. Substitutes for milk in the food of calves, whether to be reared or butchered. Reporters: M. Gouin, corresponding member of the National Society of Agriculture, proprietor and breeder; Dr. Saint-Yves Monard diseases of the residual transfer of the proprietor and breeder; Dr. Saint-Yves Monard diseases of the residual transfer of the residual nard, director of the vaccination service of

the city of Paris.

2. Influence of food on the fatty matters in milk. M. Dechambre, professor in the National School of Agriculture, at Grignon.

3. Part played by saccharine matters in nutrition; use of molasses and sugar in the food of cattle. M. Grandeau, inspector-general of agronomic stations.

4. Importance of the relative proportions of nitrogenous and non-nitrogenous matter in the rations of working animals. M. Lavard, delegate administrator of the Omni-bus Company, Paris.

5. Sale and purchase of food according to analysis; supervision of foods. M. A. Ch. Girard, professor at the National Agronomic Institute.

6. Ensilage. M. Jules Le Conte of the Cour des Comptes, proprietor and breeder. 7. Drying methods applicable to the preservation of food substances rich in water

(beets, potatoes, green fodder, etc). Grandeau. Communications concerning the congress should be addressed to the secretary-treas-urer, M. Gallo, 69 rue de la Victoire, Paris. The American members of the Comite de

Patronage are: Messrs. W. O. Atwater, director of the Stoors Agricultural Experiment Station, Stoors, Conn., W. A. Henry, Madison, Wis., and C. D. Woods, Orono, Me.

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The September number of Cold Storage is authority for the statement that the American packers are in a big scheme to drive the Australians out of the English market, and that to this end they dropped the price of meat after a meeting of members at which it was agreed to lose \$1,000,000 a month to fight the Australians in the English market, and that therefore the trust is selling meat cheaper to-day in London than it is in this country, and has raised the price to consumers here to make up the loss incurred abroad.

DEWEY DAY CELEBRATIONS.

New York, September 29-30, 1899. Washington, D. C., October 2-3, 1899.

"Eastward the course of travel takes its way" towards the end of this month to greet the greatest naval hero of this age, Admiral George Dewey, who will arrive from Manila in his flagship, the Olympia, on September 28. To accommodate those who wish to attend these notable gatherings, the Chicago Great Western Railway—"Maple Leaf Route" —will sell excursion tickets at the rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip. Sale of tickets for New York, commencing September 25; for Washington, September 29; good to return October 4 and 6 respectively. For further information, inquire of and Chicago Great Western Agent or address F. H. Lord, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, 113 Adams St., Chicago.

Chicago Fall Festivities,

which will include the laying of the corner stone of the new government build-ing, will me held October 4 to 11, 1899. President McKinley, Admiral Dewey, President Diaz of Mexico, and Premier Laurier of Canada will be present on this notable occasion. The Chicago Great Western Railway will sell, com-mencing October 2, excursion tickets to Chicago at the rate for round trip of one fare, good to return till October 14, inclusive.

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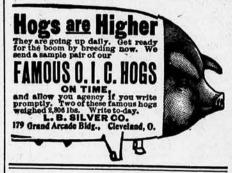
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Borticulture.

DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN VA-RIETIES OF GRAPES.

rom "Fifty Years Improvement in American Grapes," by T. V. Munson, in American Gardening.

Until about the year 1850, no intelligent effort to improve the native grapes by crossing, hybridizing, or even by growing select seedlings from the best varieties found wild, with very few exceptions (one of which was the Diana from Catawba seed by Diana Grehore,) was made.

The efforts for over two hundred years prior to 1850, in the Colonies and the States, had almost entirely been expended in trying to carry on an industry, as in Europe, with vinifera varieties, only to meet general failure, owing to the destruction of the vines by the unknown phylloxera (root-louse), and the rotting of the foliage and fruit by mildew and black rot, then little understood and without known remedies, except in a limited way by sulphuring the vines.

THE LABRUSCA.

The Cape grape, a pure wild labruca, commonly known as "Fox grape," found near the Schulkill River, in Pennsylvania, had been substituted in the Dufour vinehad been substituted in the Dutour vine-yards of Kentucky and Indiana for the vinifera varieties, which had been exten-sively, but disastrously, tried there for many years. The Cape grape was a healthy, prolific, foxy, pulpy grape, which made a common, rough, red wine, and is probably the parent of the Ives' seedling, which is now considered so poor in quality that its chief effect in the market is to kill it for about ten days in the beginning of it for about ten days in the beginning of the grape season, where it is much grown, which is from Ohio and Missouri rivers southward into Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, etc. It is popular because it is prolific and comparatively free from

LABRUSCA \times VINIFERA HYBRIDS. Among the accidental wild finds were the Isabella in South Carolina, and Catawba in North Carolina, about the beginning of the century. These are commonly considered pure labrusca varieties. Even Prof. L. H. Bailey, the leading horticultural writer in this country, is inclined to this view. (See his admirable work "Evolution of Our Native Truits")

of Our Native Fruits.")

The writer, having from boyhood been familiar with these, and in more recent years having critically studied them and a good many of their progeny botanically, in comparison with pure labrusca vines from the woods of the Carolinas, and also with pure vinifera and known vinifera & labrusca hybrids, is fully convinced that × labrusca hybrids, is fully convinced that both possess vinifera blood. That such hybrids should occur in the woods of the Carolinas is not impossible, nor improbable, for numerous vineyards of vinifera vines. in various parts of these states had been planted during more than one hundred and fifty years prior to 1800. Hybrids between the native grapes and the vinifera varieties in many sections in the South, in Califor-nia, and Mexico, are numerously found, as the writer can testify by personal ob-servation. Be that as it may, these two varieties were the first to raise the standard of quality among what were known as the of quality among what were known as the American grapes. They were seriously affected by mildew and rot, diseases generally resisted by pure labruscas, and they were not fully hardy in the North, yet they slowly worked their way over the country by force of their superiority to other native varieties known at that time, greatly stim-ulating grape-growing in the settlements. Like all labruscas and labrusca hybrids, they succeeded better northward than in

THE CONCORD AND ITS FAMILY.

About the year 1849 Mr. E. W. Bull, of disseminated and has ever since been most planted of any variety in the United States. Such was its impetus that even now, when there are quite a number of varieties, sprung from it, superior to it in profitable ness, it is yet the most popular of all varieties, simply because it is known by every

one, while the others are not.

The Concord came more by accident than The Concord came more by accident than by systematic course of experimentation. Some boys having been to the woods one day hunting wild grapes, passed by Mr. Bull's place on their way home, and handed Mr. Bull some of what they considered unusually good wild grapes. He ate of

them and was so well pleased that he planted the seeds and from these, among others, raised the celebrated Concord. The variety has by some been reported as a cross made artificially by Mr. Bull be-tween a native Massachusetts labrusca and the Isabella. Numerous pure seedlings of Concord have been produced in many parts of the country by many persons and dozens of these varieties have been cultivated by the writer, and seedlings of some of them grown by him, but among them all there have been no evidences of Isabella blood observed. There is much evidence of a nearly pure labrusca blood of the northern type, with a faint touch of the riparia or Riverside grape.

The credit is nevertheless due Mr. Bull

for giving this grand blessing to this country. Most persons would have eaten the wild grapes and thrown the seeds away but this careful man planted, and blessed a great nation. How sad it is, that that notion allowed him to die in want. He nation allowed him to die in want. He not only produced a solid basis for profit able vineyard planting, but a basis as well for great and varied improvement in va-rieties both pure blood and of hybrid character, especially for the North, as the large Concord family of grapes attest. This variety possesses wonderful variations in its pure seedlings, in season, color, and quality, as seen in Moore's Early, Worden, McPike, Lady Martha, Pocklington, and hundreds of others less meritorious.

Of all the large family of Concord seed-lings, I consider the McPike, produced by Mr. McPike, of Alton, Ill., far ahead, the Concord included. This applies to quality, size of cluster, and berry, persistence to pedicel, evenness in ripening, good shipping character, strength and health of vine. It is very early and an excellent keeper on and off the vine.

Concord has entered into may valu able crosses and hybrids in the hands of such thoughtful, intelligent, and persistent hybridizers as Sephen Underhill, A. J. Caywood, J. H. Ricketts, G. W. Campbell, Jacob Moore, and others. Some of the leading crosses and hybrids of Concord are, Black Eagle, Brighton, Campbell's Early Concord-Chasselas, Concord-Muscat, Dia-mond, Highland, Irving, Jefferson, Nectar, Niagara, and Triumph.

Among these, the most valuable in the Among these, the most valuable in the great middle regions, lying on both sides of the Ohio and Missouri rivers, are Niagara and Diamond, white; Brighton and Jefferson, red; Campbell's Early and Nectar, black. The Brighton and Nectar are the best in quality and the earliest. The Nectar is the best black grape with one-half Concord blood known to the writer. It is a Concord X Deleware cross, by A J. Caywood. The vine is fairly vigorous, prolific; cluster and berry medium to large, and an excellent shipper. It is not nearly

well enough known.

We could exhaust all our space on the pure Concord seedlings alone and then not mention all.

THE DELAWARE.

Along with the Concord came the Dela ware. It was found in the garden of P H. Provost, of New Jersey, about 1850, and was brought to public notice in 1855 by A. Thompson, of Delaware, Ohio, the town giving its name to the variety. The variety was generally disseminated in the sixties by G. W. Campbell, the veteran viticulturist of Ohio. The introduction of this variety t once raised the standard of quality in American grapes, beyond the cherished Catawba and almost to the equal to the best vinifera varieties. Much theorizing has been indulged in as to its origin and blood. By botanical analysis its characters are partly labruscan and partly of the Herbemont (V. Bourquiniana) type. It succeeds better in the South than in the North although nearly as hardy in vine as the Concord. It has not been used as the mother parent of new varieties nearly so much as the Concord, yet has a Concord, Mass., originated the Concord and first showed its fine fruit before the Mass-achusetts Horticultural Society in 1853. It attracted great attention and was rapidly as the Concord Town originated the Concord and goodly number of progeny, pure and hybrid. Its pure seedlings rarely, if ever, equal it, attracted great attention and was rapidly as the Concord Town originated the Concord and goodly number of progeny, pure and hybrid. Lindeley, Brighton as the Concord, Ives etc., it has left indellible fine points, as in the Early Victor, Nectar, Brilliant, Delago, Dalawba, etc., and seems to be destined as a powerful element in numerous very fine grapes, as it often transmits its beautiful color and fine quality to its progeny. Its greatest weakness is in its non-resistance to mildew in foliage and it is not a very heavy cropper. It is almost en-tirely exempt from black rot and generally transmits this power of resistance to its progeny.

At this point we could mention the Hart-

ford, Champion, Perkins, Dracut, and many other labrusca varieties removed from the wild state or raised from seed of wild varieties, but among them all, and their progeny, would be found little or no progre beyond the Ives, which originated in 1841 or 1842 by Henry Ives, near Cincinnati, Ohio. It is a pure labrusca, although al-leged by Mr. Ives to have come from a seed

Kansas Experience in Orcharding.

From "The Kansas Apple."

A. J. Kleinhans, Grantville, Jefferson County: I have lived in the State forty-one years. Have an apple orchard of 300 trees, twenty to twenty for trees, twenty to twenty-five years old. For market I prefer Winesap and Ben Davis; and for family orchard Summer Astrachan, Bellflower, and White Winter Pearmain. Have tried and discarded Pearmain. Missouri Pippin, Russet, Baldwin, Red Astrachan, Little Romanite, Pound Pippin. My orchard is situated in the Naw Valley. I plant my orchard to corn, until the trees get too large; then cease cropping and seed to clover and timothy. I prune lightly, to keep the limbs off the ground and let in the sun and light; I think it pays. I do not thin the fruit while on the trees. I pasture my orchard late in the fall with young dehorned cattle; I think it advisable and that it pays. My trees are troubled with canker-worms, and my apples with codling-moths. I do not spray I sell apples in the orchard at wholesale.

H. Dubois, Burlingame, Osage County: I have lived in Kansas forty-one years. Have an orchard of 50 apple-trees from ten to twenty years old. For market I prefer Ben Davis, Winesap, and Missouri Pippin, and would add for family orchard Early Harvest, Duchess of Oldenburg, and Maiden's Blush. I prefer a rich bottom having a red subsoil, and a northeast slope. I prefer thrifty, 2-year-old, medium-height trees, set thirty feet each way. I cultivate my orchard as long as it lives with a shovel-plow and cultivator, and keep the ground stirred. Plant potatoes in a young orchard, and cease cropping when the trees begin to bear; then sow oats and let the pigs eat off while it is green. Windbreaks are not essential here, but some have forest-trees planted on the north side of their est-trees planted on the north side of their orchards. I prune my trees in the spring to give shape; can not say whether it is beneficial or not. I fertilize my orchard with barn-yard litter. I pasture my orchard with pigs until the ripe fruit begins to fall; I think it advisable and that it pays, as the pigs eat all the wormy and worthless fruit that falls. My trees are troubled with tent-caternillar root applies. troubled with tent-caterpillar, root aphis, round- and flat-headed borers, and wooly aphis, and my apples with codling-moth.

William Bond, Rossville, Shawnee County: I have lived in Kansas twenty one years; have an apple orchard of about 300 trees, from 5 to 25 years old. For market I prefer Ben Davis, Missouri Pippin, and Winesap; and for a family or-chard would add Chenango, Strawberry, Maiden's Blush. I have tried and discarded Rawle's Janet on account of rot, worms, and shy bearing, and Smith's Cider on account of blight. I prefer bottom land having a deep, porous subsoil and an east or south slope. I prefer 2-year-old trees, set in rows thirty feet apart each way. I cultivate my orchard with corn or potatoes for all the property of gifthy years using a common cultivation. six or eight years, using a common cultivator, and cease cropping at the end of this time; plant the bearing orchard to clover. Wind-breaks would be beneficial; would make them of forest-trees or Osage orange, by planting in three close rows on the south and west sides of the orchard. For rabbits I tie split corn-stalks around the trees. I prune very little; just enough to keep the head open and the water-sprouts off. I do not thin the fruit while on the trees. My trees are planted with one variety in a row. I do not fertilize my orchard. I do not pasture my orchard; it is not advisable. My trees are troubled with canker-worms and flat-head borers, and my apples with codling-moth. I do not spray I pick my apples by hand. I sell apples in the orehard; also wholesale, retail and peddle some. The home market is best; never tried distant markets. I do not dry or store any. I do not irrigate. Apples were 50 cents per bushel in the fall of 1897. I paid my help \$1 per day.

Atkinson, Perry, Jefferso County: I have resided in Kansas seventeen years; have an apple orchard of 2,100 trees from two to eighteen years old. For market I prefer Winesap, Missouri Pippin, and Jonathan. I have tried and discarded Ben Davis; the tree is not hardy. I prefer a porous, red clay subsoil, and a northeast or east aspect. I cultivate my orchard to corn six years from setting, and cease cropping after twelve years. I seed the bearing orchard to clover. Windbreaks are essential on the south and west side of the orchard; when possible, natural forest is best. I prune my trees sparingly to improve the grade of the fruit; I think it pays when properly done. I do not thin the fruit on the trees. Can see no difference whether trees are in block [of one kind] or mixed plantings. I fertilize my orchard when it needs it with barn-yard litter and wood ashes; would not advise it on all soils. I do not pasture my orchard. My trees are of a Malaga grape taken from grapes eaten by him. On this supposition it was named Ives' Madeira by Nicholas Long-worth, the great vineyardist of Cincinnati. green: I can get rid of borers only by pertroubled with root aphis, and my apples



sistant effort. I sort my apples in four classes: No. 1, No. 2, drying, and stock and cider. Pack in twelve-peck barrels, and market in apple racks. I sometimes wholesale my apples in the orchard. Never tried distant markets. I do not dry any.

Am successful in storing in barrels in a fruit-house which is built near the crest of a hill with a fall of 14 in 100 feet. Excavated 23 by 53 feet; depth at extreme back end, 14 feet; at front 7 feet. Tile ditch 14 inches deeper than excavation next to bank, filled with broken rock. Stone wall 10 feet high; fine broken rock between wall and bank from ditch to top of wall around the entire building. The front end of the building stands 3 feet out of the ground, allowing two windows in the front with refrigerator shutters, also refrigerator door. Heavy timbers supported by posts covered with bridge lumber, constitute the frame-work, upon which is seven feet of earth. Through the roof are five sewer-pipe ventilators covered by thimble tops. In the front end are four small ven-tilators. In the extreme back end is placed an elevator building forming an opening six feet square; this extends eight feet above the top of the earth covering. There are three windows and one door in the elevator building. By means of small ven-tilators the house can be ventilated very gradually, but by the elevator opening in the back end of the building, and the windows and doors in the front end, the air can all be swept out by natural draft and replaced by fresh air. Five minutes is sufficient to thoroughly ventilate. During all this extreme wet weather the floor of the building has been dust-dry.

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Wants a Balanced Ration.

A correspondent from Macksville, Kans., writes as follows:

"We raise Kaffir-corn for grain and Can we sow sorghum for roughness. obtain a balanced ration for milch cows from the above feeds by adding bran? If so, how much per thousand pounds live weight?"

Suppose a cow eats 20 pounds of sorghum hay, 6 pounds Kaffir-corn and 4 pounds bran. This ration would contain the following elements:

FORMULA.	Digestible nutrients in one hundred pounds.			
	Protein.	Carbo- hydrates.	Fat.	
Sorghum hay, 20 lbs	.48	8.12	.24	
Kaffir-corn meal, 6 lbs	.468	3.42	.16	
Bran, 4 lbs	.49	1.48	.10	
Total	1.43	13.02	.50	
Required	2.5	12.5		

It will be seen from this table that there is a large deficiency in protein and a light excess of carbohydrates and fat. It is impossible to make a good balanced ration from the above feeds. The ration needs some feed rich in protein. In the absence of alfalfa and soy-beans it will be necessary to purchase some concentrated feed like cottonseed-meal or oil-meal. The following formula approaches the standard:

FORMULA.	Digestible nutrients in one hundred pounds.			
	Protein.	Carbo- hydrates.	Fat.	
Sorghum hay, 20 bs Kaffir-corn meal,3 bs. Bran, 5 bs Cottonseed-meal,3 bs	.48 .23 .61 1.11	8.12 1.71 1.85 .49	.24 .08 .13 .37	
Total	2.43	12.17	.82	

This ration is a little deficient in protein and carbohydrates but the extra fat will more than make up for the carbohydrates. For a cow that does not have a tendency to fatten this ration ought to give good results in the milk production.

An Inquiry as to Why Skim-milk Tests as High as Whole Milk.

reader of the Kansas Farmer writes for information concerning the Babcock test as follows:

When the creameryman tests the milk he dips a ladle in the middle of the can and takes that for the test. Now suppose there are two milkings in the can, night and morning. Would not the night's milk have raised cream and would not that cream be near the top, and if so would they get a fair test? If the test is right how is it that when parties have skimmed the night's milk before putting the other in they get as good a test as when they send it all in?"

In regard to the sampling of the milk at the creamery the Kansas Experiment Station has made a test as to the accuracy of different methods. The writer visited the Manhattan Creamery, and while the milk was being received took samples from the weigh-can before and after stirring and from the top and middle and bottom of the can. A careful test of these different samples for about a dozen patrons showed that

it is sufficiently mixed to give a fair test if the sample is taken at once.

As to skimmed and unskimmed milk testing the same, it is needless to say that such a condition is out of the question, and where the test has indicated such a result it is due to improper testing or to a misjudgment on the part of the one who skimmed his milk as to the cause of the variation of butter fat. The dairy page of the Kansas Farmer does not wish to get mixed up with any differences between patron and creamery about the test. If the creamery does not employ a competent and honest man to do the testing then it is to blame and should be brought to time. On the other hand there is no doubt but that many good conscientious men have a great deal of blame heaped on their heads on account of the Babcock test. Because a patron's test varies from month to month or because it remains the same while he skims one month and does not the other is no reason why he should condemn the Babcock test and call the man who does the testing a cheat and a rascal. There are many causes (known and unknown) for variation in the per cent of butter fat and any or all of these may be in operation during the period that the patron complains of From the middle of March to the middle of April our cows at the agricultural college dropped an average of about one per cent in butter fat and that without any apparent cause. The testing was done by the college.

There is no question but when a man takes off cream he is lessening the true test of his milk. If any one doubts it let him skim all his cream and make butter and sell his skim-milk to the creamery and in this way double his profits. We shall be glad to hear through the Kansas Farmer from any one who makes a success of this dual method of handling dairy products. D. H. O.

Do You Multiply by 5 or by 6?

One of the Kansas creameries writes for information in regard to testing cream. In order to test cream in milkbottles the butter-maker has been taking one part cream and diluting it with five parts water. After the test was made the question arose as to whether the result should be multiplied by 5 or by 6.

In order to make the matter clear let us assume that we have 100 pounds of cream that we know tests 25 per cent. This would be 25 pounds butter fat. Suppose we add five parts (500 pounds) water. This will make 600 pounds of the mixture. But this mixture contains only 25 per cent butter fat. In order to find the per cent of butter fat in the mixture we divide 25 by 600, which gives the result of 4.166 per cent. We see at a glance that it would not be correct to multiply this by 5, but 6 times 4.166 equals 25, the per cent of fat in the original 100 pounds of cream. D. H. O.

Dehorn While Young.

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This is a much beter way than waiting until the animal is two or three years old and then taking off the horn with a saw or knife. It costs less, takes less time and is not so cruel, causes less pain and you run no risk of bleeding or having sore heads, and the hair is left nice and smooth with no halfgrown horns or stubs to disfigure the animal.

A word of caution is necessary about the use of caustic. Be careful not to get any of it on your hands or face, or more on the calf's head than is necessary. Stick caustic is better than any 'liquid dehorner" because you can put it just where you want it.

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in abundance and the purest of water. Why then should we not be the leading State in dairying in the Union? What is there to prevent? I look to see greater strides along this line during the next five years than there have been in the preceding ten. We must remember that it is the cow that has put us out of debt, and she is the one who will continue to cause you to pile up riches. Long after we are dead and the history of Iowa is rewritten, it will be said that the State owes its superiority over the other States to the dairy cow, which raised the mortgages, and built these fine churches and schools, and made the people of Iowa the most thrifty, the brightest and happiest of any country under the sun.—F. A. Leighton, in Chicago Dairy Produce.

Forage and Feeding.

Since the dairy cow is a machine for the manufacture of milk, the intelligent dairyman will study to supply her with the feeds, out of which that product may be elaborated most economically. These feeds will vary somewhat in various locations and in different seasons. In our own portion of the country, during the height of the grazing season, when forage is fresh and tempting, nothing is better or cheaper than our prairie-grass. Through May, June, and July it is not wise to feed anything else. With the advent of hot and dry weather, when pastures fail, and our native grasses become tough and less nutritious, we should feed green sorghum, Indian corn and fodder, Kaffircorn or alfalfa hay.

I have sometimes sown sorghum seed in May at the rate of one bushel per acre and grazed it during August and September. At another time I have cut and heaped it into the pasture; and with myself, the latter method has proved more satisfactory, as the waste incident

great State(Iowa) with the finest of feed to grazing is avoided. If sorghum or Kaffir-corn is grazed care and judgment must be exercised in turning the cows in, that founder does not result.

For October and November feeding, good shock corn is an excellent ration, and if one can utilize the offal with hogs, there is probably no more economical feed for these two months, including also December, than shock corn.

With the coming of cold and inclement weather, when it becomes necessary to confine the herd to the barn, with short intermissions, it is inconvenient to feed shock corn, and we then resort to other feeds. Without doubt, alfalfa is the best forage plant we can grow for the dairy cow, as well as for her calf. Alfalfa cut at the proper time, and cured into good hay is the best single feed we can give the dairy cow. Fed in connection with corn, ground with or without the cob, it supplies a balanced ration for the production of milk. Ground Kaffir-corn is equally good; but to feed with alfalfa I would prefer to have it mixed with Indian corn, and I need scarcely add that it should be ground fine.

While I regard alfalfa as the most



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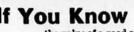
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valuable of forage plants, I would by no means advise that we should confine ourselves to it, at any season of the year. With alfalfa we may profitably feed sorghum, millet, Kaffir-corn and prairie hay. These add variety to the ration, and will be appreciated by the herd; at the same time being cheaper feeds than alfalfa. I doubt whether there is any single point in this connection of more importance than variety of feed. I would make the list of roughages as extensive as practicable, and then supply the herd with all it could consume, worrying none if a portion of the refuse were trampled under foot for bedding.

During ordinary seasons it will not be profitabe to buy commercial feeds. Bran, oil-meal, cottonseed-meal, etc., while excellent feeds are expensive and require the outlay of too much money. It is more economical to supply our cows with the products of our farms.

The quantity of grain that should be fed is modified by so many conditions, that no arbitrary rule can be laid down. The cow that puts her feed upon her back instead of in her milk pail should be sparingly fed; while the heavy milker should have a correspondingly large ration. If urged to be more specific, I would say, that a variety and abundance of rough feed should be supplemented by five or ten pounds of grain per

While it may be outside of the subject I will close by adding that good feed should always be accompanied by good shelter and protection against cold and shelter and production inclement weather.

F. P. GILLESPIE.

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Farmers' Institutes.

The following farmers' institutes, which professors from the Agricultural College will take part, have been announced:
October 7—Olesburg.
October 6—Stockdale.

THE STRAY LIST.

FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 14, 1899.

Cloud County—A. R. Moore, Clerk.

HEIFER—Taken up by Lercy Bishop in Lyon tp.,
(P. O. Glasco), August 1, 1899, one 2-year-old roan
heifer, with white face; deborned.

Labette County—E. H. Hughes, Clerk.

MULE—Taken up by B. C. Murphy, (P. O. Edna), August 18, 1899, one dark brown male mule, 3 years old, mealy nose, old wire cut on point of left shoulder and on right knee; valued at \$30. MULE—By same, one black male mule, 3 years old.

Wichita County—P. M. Reinhenner, Clerk. MARE—Taken up by W. H. Burch, in White Wom-an tp., August 26, 1899, one bay mare, sore neck, mane out-off, A. on left thigh; valued at \$30.

FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 21, 1899.

Crawford County—F. Cunningham, Clerk.

MULE—Taken up by Nels Smith, in Sherman tp.,
September 13, 1899, one brown mare mule, 13½ hands
high. slight collar marks; valued at \$20.

MULE—By same, one brown mare mule, 13½ hands
high, small white spot at top and back part of right
hip; valued at \$20.

Both supposed to be about 6 years old.

FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 28, 1899.

Harvey County—S. M. Spangler, Clerk.
HEIFER—Taken up by F. T. Jacobs, in Newton tp.,
August 28, 1899, one red helfer, 2 years old, a little
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Hogs—Receipts since Saturday, 3,015; shipped Saturday, none. The market was strong to 5c higher. The following are representative sales:

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Sheep—Receipts since Saturday, 1,736; shipped Saturday, 1,178. The market was barely stead of the following are representative sales:

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Neb., Sept. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,700; market steady; native beef steers. \$4.00@6.15; western steers, \$4.30@5.25; Texas steers, \$3.75@4.40; cows and heifers, \$3.50@4.25; canners, \$2.25@3.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.80@5.00; calves, \$4.00@6.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.75@3.85.

**2.763.85. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; market steady; heavy, \$4.35@4.45; mixed, \$4.40@4.45; light, \$4.40@4.50; pigs, \$4.00@4.45; bulk of sales, \$4.40@4.45. Sheep—Receipts, 12,600; market 100 lower; yearlings, \$3.80@4.10; western muttons, \$3.70@4.00; stock sheep, \$3.50@3.80; lambs, \$4.25@5.25.

St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis, Sept. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,500; market steady to lower; native shipping and beef steers, \$3.85@6.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.80@5.60; cows and helfers, \$2.25@4.70, with

fancy worth up to \$5.40; canners, \$1.00@2.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.20@4.60.
Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; pigs and lights, \$4.50@4.65; packers, \$4.50@4.60; butchers, \$4.60@4.70.
Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market strong; native muttons, \$3.60@4.01; lample, \$2.00@5.00; toolsore.

muttons, \$3.63@4.03; lambs, \$3.93@5.00; stockers, \$2.50@3.00; culls and bucks, \$1.00@3.25.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000; market lower; beeves, \$4.40@6.70; cows and helfers, \$1.70@5.00; Texas steers, \$3.50@4.25;

**Stockers and feeders. \$2.75@5.00.

Hogs—Receipts, \$2.003: market firm; mixed and butchers, \$4.40@4.75; good heavy, \$4.40@4.75; rough heavy, \$4.15@4.25; light, \$4.40@4.8234.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000: market lower; sheep, \$2.75@4.40; lambs, \$4.00@5.70.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Sept. 25.	Opened	High'st	Lowest	Closing
Wh't —Sept Dec	78¼ 72¼	74% 73%	78 721/6	74% 78%
Corn —Sept	74 % 34 %	73 % 35	74% 34%	75%
Dec	29% 31%	301/4 301/4	8014	30½ 30¾
Oats Sept Dec May	22% 22% 23%	23 22¾ 24	22% 22%	22%
Pork —Oct Dec	8 071/2 0 271/2	8 171/4 8 321/4	8 07½ 8 22¼	8 15 8 30
Lard—Oct	9 70	9 80	9 67%	9 80 5 3214
Deo	5 40 5 5214	5 40	5 371/2 5 50	
Ribs —Oct Dec	5 15 5 021/4	5 17½ 5 05	5 10 5 021/4	5 17½ 5 05
Jan	5 10	5 121/2	5 071/4	5 10

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Sept 25.—Wheat—Receipts here to-day were 288 cars; a week ago, 279 cars; a year ago, 878 cars. Sales by sample on track: Hard, No. 2, 66c; No. 3 hard, 63,65½c; No. 4 hard, 58¼65½c; rejected hard, 58%65c. Soft, No. 2, nominally 68,660c; No. 3 red, 66,667c; No. 4 red, 60,666c Freierd 51½655c.

red, 6266c; rejected, 51½656c.
Corn—Receipts here to-day were 56 cars; a week ago, 35 cars; a year ago, 56 cars. Sales by sample on track: Mixed, No. 2, 29c; No. 3

mixed, 284@29c; No. 4 mixed, nominally 28@28c; no grade, nominally 25@26c. White. No. 2, nominally 29c; No. 8 white, 28%c; No. 4 white, nominally 26728c.

Oats—Receipts here to-day were 24 cars; a week ago, 16 cars; a year ago, 84 cars. Sales by sample on track: Mixed, No. 2, 221/0231/c; No. 3 mixed, 221/c; No. 4 mixed, 191/0211/c. White, No. 2, nominally 250; No. 3 white, 230;

No. 4 white, nominally 21@22c.

Rye—No. 2, 54c; No. 3, nominally 58c; No. 4, nominally 51@52c.

Hay—Receipts here to-day were 85 cars; a week ago, 51 cars; a year ago, 84 cars. Quotations are: Choice prairie, \$6.50@6.75; No. 1, \$6.00@6.50. Timothy, choice, \$7.25@7.50. Clover, pure, \$5.00@6.50. Alfalfa, \$6.50@7.50.

Chicago Cash Grain.
Chicago, Sept. 25.—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, 78½c; No. 3 red, 70@72c; No. 2 hard winter, 69c; No. 3 hard winter, 66@69c; No. 1 northern spring, 72%@78½c; No. 2 northern spring, 72%@78½c; No. 2 northern spring, 72%

@730; No. 3 northern spring, 63@720. Corn—Cash, No. 2, 34%c; No. 3, 32@32%c. Oats—Cash, No. 2, 23%c; No. 3, 22%@230.

St. Louis Cash Grain.
St. Louis, Sept 25.—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, elevator, 711/0711/0; track, 711/0720; No. 2

hard, 69%. Corn—Cash, No. 2, 820; track, 820. Oats—Cash. No. 2, 23%; track, 23%; No 2 white, 25%@260.

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Grapes—Home grown, 25c per 10-lb. basket.

Potatoes—Home grown, 30c per bu.; Kaw valley, sacked, 28@30c per bu. Sweet, 35@45c per bu.

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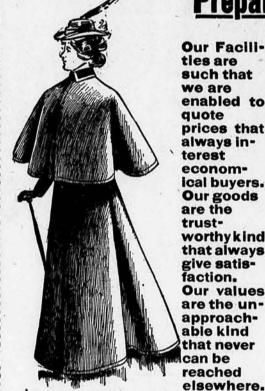
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Southern Kansas Poultry and Pet Stock Association—Sealy L. Brown, secretary; L. P. Harris, judge, Coffeyville, December 11-14.

Kay County Poultry Association—Geo. M. Oarson, secretary; H. B. Savage, judge, Blackwell, Okla., January 17-20, 1900.

FEEDING.

THE FEEDING OF LIME TO FOWLS. It is a general supposition that lime must be given fowls in the shape of ground or cracked shells, mortar, etc., but a close examination will show that lime exists in all food, and in sufficient quantities to supply the necessities of the birds. Oyster shells, or old lime, consist of carbonate of lime, which is insoluble in water. The birds can derive no benefit from it until it is dis-solved. Whether lime or oyster shells is chemically changed in the gizzard or digestive organs from a carbonate to a muriate, or some other form, is difficult to state, but the lime probably under-goes no such change. It is, of course mechanically reduced to a very fine condition by the gizzard, and is passed into the intestines, but that it enters into the circulation, or is directed to the formation of the egg shell, is a matter of doubt on the part of some. Ground shells assist the gizzard to reduce the food. If pounded or broken shells are placed before the hens they will select the sharpest or roughest pieces to be found, and care but little for those that are finer, which is evidence that they swallow the shells for the purpose of grinding the food. The lime in the food exists in many forms, and if the ash of the foods be examined lime will be found in excess, thus demonstrating that the shells come from the food rath er than from the lime taken in the crop in the shape of oyster shells or mortar In taking this position we may be in error, but as hens lay well where there is no lime obtained except through the food consumed, while others lay soft-shelled eggs though freely supplied with lime, it leaves room for reflection.

FEEDING SOFT FOOD.

Soft food should be of the proper consistency. If too soft and sticky the birds will not readily partake of it. Soft food is not natural for fowls under any circumstances, but it affords an excellent mode for giving them many substances which they will not partake of in any other form. The proper mode is to thoroughly mix the ingredients dry, and then add only enough milk or water to adhere the substances in a somewhat crumbly state, so that the birds can pick up portions without having their bills plastered up. By watching them after eating soft food they will frequently be observed wiping and cleaning their bills. Feed soft food as dry as possible.

FEEDING GRAIN. Fowls often become disgusted with only one kind of grain. This is because the system demands something which the grain does not supply, and a change is required. Whenever the hens refuse to eat of grain that they have been receiving, such as wheat, give them oats, and, if in cold weather, give corn, and it may be noticed that they will eat as if very hungry. After a week or more they will want the old kind again. For this reason—the necessity of change—the food should consist of a variety, in order that all the wants of the fowls may be satisfied. ANIMAL FOOD FOR YOUNG TURKEYS.

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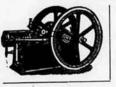
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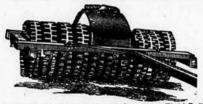
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for them. When the best methods of manipulating bees were brought out, they were used on the new races of bees principally, and the black bees did not get the opportunity to compete with them, and was lost sight of, so to speak, and have since got nothing but abuse. It was said that the moth-worms would totally do them up, and that the Italians were proof against moths, etc. Well, it seems that the Italians are moth proof, at least this is my experience after Well, it seems that the Italians are moth proof, at least this is my experience after keeping them twenty years, but for the same length of time I have no personal knowledge of a hive of bees of the black sort having been destroyed by moths. If bees were kept as they were thirty years or forty years ago, we would still find empty hives, or empty as far as bees are concerned, and full of moth-worms, just as we found them then. There has been much profit in the new races as far as bees are concerned the new races as far as bees are concerned anyway, and no one denies the fact that they have produced lots of honey; but how far behind would black bees have been had they got the same management with all the improvements in hives and implements generally, and the selection of the best stock, the improvement in breeding, etc.? It has been said by a few that a cross of the black and Italian was the best eross of the black and Italian was the best all-round bee, but the race for the "golden banded bee" was so great everybody tried to keep up with the procession and our old friends, the black bees, were left in the shuffle, and it seems now that no one has a good word for them. I do not pretend to say that the black bees are better than the Italian bees, nor that they are as good, but I do say they have not had a chance to compete with the new races, and seem to have been thrown overboard from pure

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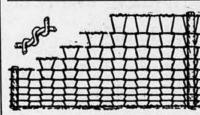
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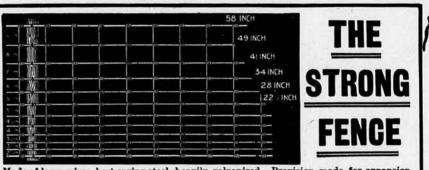
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