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FARM LABOR, ITS TRIALS, SUCCESSES AND HONORS.

Farming in this country implies more than simple tillage for grain crops.

In Europe and most other countries much of the lands are cultivated by tenants or renters. It is the exception in this country and not the rule. And not the exception is a great folly in a free country like this, where every stroke a man makes in the various improvements necessary to build up a home, is done for himself and family, and not for another. Where he is the owner of every fruit, shade and ornamental tree, shrub, rose-bush, or plant, set by his own hands, around his dwelling or within his bounds.

Not merely a stopping place from time to time until the flower of life is gone in labor for the welfare of strange landlords. I say we have too many such wandering pilgrims, who pass through life, and make it a failure for the want of a fixed purpose. There is another class of farmers, in all the Western states who are quite as great failures in building up model homes as the former; because they can not understand that true happiness and success in life, does not consist in the multitude of things possessed.

They are ever on the stretch for more land, corn, hogs, cattle, or something to engage their means and time from home comforts, adornments, and enjoyments.

While every well regulated farm must have its domestic stock, there should not be one more than will be well fed and sheltered when necessary. And there should always be the very best quality that can be afforded; and should be as pure in blood, for each kind as possible. I do not know of any thoroughbred strain of horses, at all profitable for farm purposes; they are all too fractious except the Norman, and they are on the other extreme too slow and clumsy. A quarter blood of this strain from good American dams, is my choice for profitable farm horses.

Cattle, hogs, sheep, and fowls should be of pure blood; and each farmer should use such breeds as best suits his taste, that they may have the better care, and he enjoy the more pleasure in his work to grow and market them.

The thoroughbred has great advantage over grades and mongrels; and is the result of judicious and intelligent training for many years, and now will produce their like with the greatest certainty.

Grades are a cross between thoroughbreds and common stock; while mongrels are a cross with common stock and grades. Neither of them can be depended upon to produce their like, but are quite as apt to degenerate. It is amusing to hear the arguments of some men on these questions, of improved stock; and that feed or good keeping is the cause instead of long and persistent tact in judicious breeding.

Take for instance the difference in hogs. How could it be possible for extra feed to place the infallible marks of color in the different pure breeds. The pure Berkshire is black with white about the feet or face; while the Essex are all over black. The Magpie or Poland-China is white and black with mixed brown hairs, but the Chester county and Suffolk hogs are occasionally sprinkled with roan hairs. The general form and appearance of each of these breeds are also unlike, and can be as easily distinguished by the difference in color.

I have never seen any permanent good result from crossing any one of these different breeds with the other, and I have tried them all. But the pure bred male of any of these leading breeds crossed with our mixed high grade sows will produce hogs at eight and ten months old double the weight, of the best mongrel. In our improved breeds of sheep and cattle we find much the same results. In the large breeds of sheep, the pure Coltswoold invariably show a clear white face, while the South-downs and Shropshire sheep have black faces.

The different breeds of Merino sheep when found in pure flocks, hold their peculiar infallible difference in form and appearance.

Among cattle the Short-Horn Durham have several distinct features by which they are readily recognized from any other known breed in the world.

The late practice of breeding this strain to produce the Devon red color, has caused some change from the original leading colors, white and roan, yet they over carry that extraordinary depth, width, and roundness of barrel, and even compactness of form not found in any

other breed of cattle. I cannot here take time to notice farther the distinguishing points, of different well established breeds, of domestic farm stock.

These are sufficient to prove the fact that nothing short of long continued breeding, coupled with an unchangeable purpose to establish a high model type of excellence, by the close observation and intelligent selection of sire and dam from generation to generation best calculated to establish the desired end sought.

An old and intelligent stock breeder of Ohio some years ago compared "pure stock to pure Christians, who, like the price of liberty, requires eternal vigilance to keep them pure. Both has had for centuries judicious and intelligent culture; and there is not now and never was, and never will be an over stock of either in this world. I believe said he, a pure unadulterated Christian to be the most noble work of God, and like his prototype of the animal creation, is perfectly reliable. High grade Christians are invaluable; but like the same class of animals, not reliable as they have a tendency to go back, or back-slide." Now that our domestic stock of all kinds have been bred up to such an excellence of quality, farmers should not fail to possess the best of each kind for profit.

In 1833 my father paid \$50.00 to Jerry Miller near Columbus, Ohio, for what was considered at that time a very fine Short-Horn bull calf.

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The increased value of the produce of 40 brood sows by this boar soon became enormous, for those days.

I could say the same of five fine Spanish Merino sheep brought in after years to the same farm 13 miles south-west of Columbus, Ohio, from the improved flocks of Mr. Hammond of Vermont.

I know from experience as well as from observation that good stock on a farm pays much better in dollars and cents, than mongrels of any breed. And in addition there is great pleasure in caring for it; besides it has its influence for increased interest and attachment for home, by all the occupants.

As an organ or piano is to the girls in doors, so are fine stock to the boys, out-doors. Even a few fancy fowls have their tendency to enliven the monotony of the farm yard.

And here the reader must suffer me to say, that I have always taken pains to prepare in the spring of the year for wife and children, their required number of chicken coops. Not that I cared so much for the profit, as I did for the encouragement of this kind of pleasant out-door exercise for them. There can be no failure in running a farm if care be taken to stock it with the best quality possible of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep; and also with a choice supply of fruit trees, vines and berries.

If so, it will be for the want of common sense to obey the law of labor, and the prudence to live within one's means, while gathering substance in the prime of life to enjoy as did the old Scotch John Anderson and his truly noble helpmate. I am inclined here to give this model example of economy, attachment, and oneness of spirit, in the old, yet practical lesson, to husbands and wives in our day.

"John Anderson my Jo John,
We clamb the hill together,
And many a canty day, John,
We've had wi' ane another.
Now we maun toddle down, John,
But hand in hand we'll go,
And sleep thegither at the foot,
John Anderson my Jo."

Noble example this, of twain in one, climbing the rough steep of life, enjoying the scanty, as well as the more sumptuous meals; over the hill of time, and down its declining way, hand in hand to sleep together at its foot, the final sleep of death. This kind of spirit is one of the first requirements to a permanent happy home, where father, mother, sister and brother, with one accord equally enjoy the sacred altar, the social circle, the out-door and in-door labor of life, with pleasure for the good of all.

When our agricultural people are practically educated for their special work, to "till, dress, subdue and keep the ground" and caused to feel at home in the knowledge of friends and enemies to their success; then will be an established purpose for each to vie with the other to build up model country homes. And surround them with clumps of shade trees,

screens of evergreens, and suchlike tasteful adornments, and which to encourage all the useful birds in the country to feel at home with their nests and young, to chirp and sing at pleasure.

Then, and not till then, will this class be led to see the fitness of all things in the divine arrangement of nature, for the comfort of man, and cheerfully enjoy the established law of labor.

W. W. TIPTON.

Burlington, Kan. Dec. 21 1876.

THE LOCUST PROBLEM.

EDITOR FARMER.—Permit us to say a few words upon strictures made on an article entitled, "The Grasshopper. What shall we do with him." Our critic quotes the opening clause of the article referred to, and then proceeds to make strange of Mr. L. fighting insects that God had sent for a purpose, but thinks it more strange that he should have broken the Sabbath in doing so. He thus makes the impression on my mind that he intended to slur the article because of the religious vein in which it was written, and, also, that he does not understand the idea of divine intervention, as understood by Mr. L., and as advocated by intelligent Christians; and, farther, that he speaks of breaking the Sabbath without any correct view in regard to a Sabbath.

It is possible that Mr. L. takes the same views of the Sabbath entertained by some other Christians, that, if there is a holy day, it is the seventh, the only day that God ever commanded to be kept, and as the Apostles and first Christians discarded the seventh as a holy day, and set apart none in its place as such, that we have none, and though it was a part of the moral law when every other part of the moral law was reaffirmed by our Blessed Lord and His Apostles, that was left out, and no one that advocates the holy character of the day, can give a standard for keeping it? They all admit that it is not to be kept as strict as the Jewish Sabbath, as the seventh day is termed; hence, we have no standard, and, consequently, no holy day. But, we have the Lord's day, one in seven, for divine worship, and instruction in divine things and for physical recuperation. Divine authority has attached no sanctity to this day. We are at liberty to fight 'hoppers on this day, and save, if we can, what God has given us the faculty to accumulate. We are well taught in the Divine Word, that religion does not consist in the observance of days, new moons, feasts, forms and ceremonies, but in the love of God.

But, our critic goes off to a period antecedent to the Christian era; to prove by the ignorance, superstition, fanaticism and moral and natural obliquity of those times, that Christians of the present day are in the bonds of ignorance and superstition, because, forsooth, they believe in special providences, which is fully taught in the Word of God, and the writer ought to know it, if he is acquainted with his Bible.

It seems never to have entered the minds of those primordial law-defenders, that there may be a great deal of divine intervention in the affairs of men, or of the world, without any intimation of unchangeable law. Then we confess to the belief that God, though a loving Father, interposes pests to restrain prosperity, and that, because our hearts are not pure. We must believe this or distrust God's word, for He has said that all things work together for good to them that love God, and none do love God but the pure in heart, and justification or pardon does not give the degree of grace necessary to purity of heart. Pardon is what is granted to the seeker after God's grace, and sanctification is a work of grace wrought in the heart or affections of the Christian, that fits him to love God with the whole heart, mind and strength, thus obeying the great commandment.

We have digressed to show what man should be, as a reason for our belief in special providences, to be taken in connection with what comes further on in regard to the appearing of the various scourges that will be referred to. And, while we deny that our position, in regard to divine intervention, presupposes any interference with unchangeable law, we affirm that there is abundant evidence in the Word of God, that God has not bound Himself by natural laws, and that he has often suspended them.

But, the man that was so filled with his subject that he must be permitted to speak, makes it heavy for us with Haley and his comet, and the Pope, and ancient Romish va-

garies and superstitions. Then he quotes on us Professor Riley, who says, (they), that is the believers in divine visitations, consider it impious to avert the act. We suppose that he means to prevent the damage that the insects would do. It seems clear that Mr. L. believed in no such stuff, and as we never heard or read of such a conclusion before, we take it that Prof. Riley has come in contact with one or two crack-brained persons, besides the Sedalla Negress. But, according to our critic, Prof. Riley evidently considers the doctrine of divine intervention very pernicious. How, I hope somebody will tell us.

We will now attempt to set forth the doctrine of divine intervention as understood by intelligent Christians. They believe that man is rebellious and disobedient as touching God's government and requirements, and that his heart is desperately wicked, and that worldly prosperity promotes and inflames these conditions, and, therefore, God disciplines man in his material interests, to curtail and repress his prosperity, that he may feel his dependence on the Author of all things, and be more disposed to seek His grace. Now let us look at our own nation and times, within our own experience, and see whether there has been divine visitation and intervention. Fifteen years ago ninety per cent of the white people of this nation was positively in favor of the perpetuation of the institution of slavery, or willing that it should continue, unless it could be got rid of by moral suasion or purchase, and then they must be colonized. A few said they did not think slavery right, but that we of the North had no business to meddle with it. Others said that the slave owners paid their money for their slaves, and, therefore, it was wrong to emancipate them. Practically we were a nation of slaveholders. When the Southern States commenced seceding, representative men from every part of the North met in convention, and proceeded to make pledges to the South that their slave property should not be interfered with, if they would remain in the Union; but all this could not stay a bloody war.

The facts are, further, that the government and armies were beaten, or frustrated, in perhaps seven-tenths of the attempts they made to put down the rebellion, until after the issuing of the emancipation proclamation, and from that date the success of the Union armies was almost uniform. The foregoing being true, what more proof does a sane person require, that God intervenes in the affairs of men.

If my conclusions are true, how is unchangeable law affected or interfered with? It will not be claimed that war is a natural law. It is certain that pests or scourges follow communities that do not exist where conditions are natural. Fifty years ago there was no pest infecting the honey bee. A few years later the wild bees, which were numerous in the forests of central Ohio, were extensively destroyed, and it was only with the greatest vigilance that the tame bees could be preserved. The pest was the well-known bee moth. The pest did not extend to Illinois until several years after its appearance in Ohio. Not far from that time the hog cholera made its appearance at the Ohio distilleries, and was thought to be the result of using strychnine in distilling whiskey. The farming interest in Indiana and Illinois, at this time, was becoming well developed, and large quantities of corn was being produced, and pork was, consequently, cheap. I saw good bacon that was bought in southern Illinois for \$2.50 per hundred, on time. Soon after this, the disease spread through that State, and we yet have it with us. Now is this disease the result of unchangeable law or divine intervention?

From two to four years after the appearance of the cholera, southern Illinois became a wheat producing country, which it had not been previously, and the chintz bug came also, and we know his history, and that of his legionary confederate, the 'hopper also. We ask again, is God, or primordial law, the creator and sender of those scourges?

But some, perhaps, will say that God is too good to thus deal with the people. Why, then, does he not destroy the bugs. He is the author of unchangeable law, and if they are originated by that law, why does he not change it?

Let us take the Bible view. In Proverbs, where God is spoken of under the figure of wisdom, He says: "I love them that love me." We are taught by the Apostle that Christ, though the Son of God, learned obedience by the things which He suffered, and that "He

chasteneth every son whom He receiveth. The Psalmist says: "God is good to Israel, even to such as are of an upright heart." Again, God says: "I make good and create evil; I the Lord do all these things." Of course natural evil is here referred to. Just such as we have had under discussion, and were it not for extending this article, we could show that previous to the Christian era, God did intervene in the affairs of the world repeatedly. The deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage, is an indisputable instance. God says: "I have holden the hand of my servant Cyrus to subdue nations before me.

But our critic thinks it strange that Mr. L. should attempt to defend himself against insects which God had sent for a purpose. Yet, God says: "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you," and this it seems, is just what Mr. L. did; there faith and works were successful in averting calamity.

God made the thorn and the thistle to grow with the brier and the hundred-and-one noxious weeds, for a purpose; yet, it is not strange that we fight them, and eat our bread in the sweat of our brows, because their growth was ordered a great while ago.

We do not know, Bro. L., and are not authorized to make any defence of his article, but, thinking that he probably would not deign a reply, we have taken this liberty.

E. TILTON.

Louisburg, January 3d, 1877.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TROT- TING HORSE BREEDERS.

At a meeting of the breeders of the trotting horses from various sections of the Union, held at the Everett House, in the city of New York, on the 20th of December, Major Thomas Morton was called to the chair, and Mr. L. D. Packer was chosen Secretary.

After informal discussion and interchange of views, a committee of five was appointed to prepare and submit a constitution and by-laws, for the purpose of organizing a National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders.

The following gentlemen were appointed to such committee: Charles Backman of Orange county, Clark Bell of New York City, L. Herr of Kentucky, Geo. M. Jewett of Kansas, Wm. B. Smith of Connecticut.

The following committee was appointed to prepare regulations governing pedigrees: H. C. McDowell of Kentucky, Benjamin Hershey of Iowa, Guy Miller of New York, Wm. A. Buckingham of Connecticut, Francis D. Norris of Brooklyn.

At the adjourned session both committees made full reports that the formal Constitution was adopted (which will be shortly ready for publication).

The organization then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: President—Chas. Backman of Orange county, N. Y. Vice-Presidents—First, Major H. C. McDowell of Kentucky; second, Major Thos. Morton of New York; third, Gov. Leland Stanford of California. Treasurer—Clark Bell, Esq., of New York. Secretary—L. D. Packer of New York. Directors (who with the officers compose the Executive Committee of the society)—Edwin Thorne of New York, Dr. L. Herr of Kentucky, Geo. M. Jewett of Kansas, Samuel J. Morgan of Connecticut, H. N. Smith of New Jersey.

The executive Committee elected as the Board of Censors, provided for by the Constitution, who have full charge of the question of pedigrees, the following gentlemen: Guy Miller, of Chester, N. Y., F. D. Norris, of Brooklyn, N. Y., David Bonner, of New York City, R. S. Veatch of Louisville, Ky., Gen. W. S. Tilton, of Togus, Me.

It was agreed to hold at least one great trotting meeting each Fall season for colts and fillies of five years old and under, and that the association should foster and encourage the holding of similar meetings throughout the United States under its auspices.

The association also assumed entire control of the subject of pedigrees, to be exercised through the Board of Censors.

An initiation fee of \$10 was agreed upon for membership.

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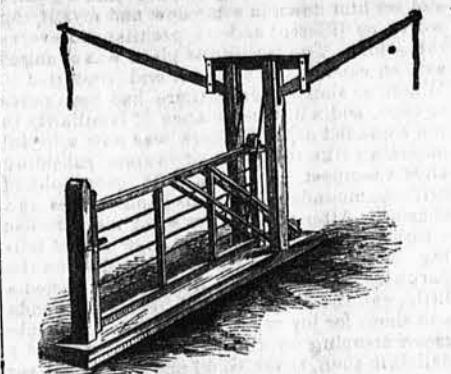
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"She's only a farmer's daughter,"
A stylish lady said,
With a scornful glance of her handsome eye,
And a toss of her handsome head.

She was filled and flounced and farbelowed
In the very latest style;
Her head was a wonder of crimps and curls,
And her train something less than a mile.

Her hands, that sparkled with many a ring,
Were shapely and fair to view—
As they well might be, for no useful work
Were they ever allowed to do.

To hear her talk of the "lower class,"
Of their life against propriety,
Of "her family" and of "country girls,"
And her horror of "mixed society."

One would think that among her ancestry
She numbered at least an Earl,
(Her father was once a publican,
And her mother a weaver's girl.)

They say she is brilliant and beautiful;
I will not try to deny;
But, ah! the farmer's daughter
Is fairer far to my eye.

She is not in the height of fashion,
But is very becomingly dressed,
With flounces enough for comfort,
And they look as if made of the best.

Mirth and innocent happiness
Of her blue eyes shine;
Her hair is untortured by crimps and curls,
And she wears it by right divine.

No mother toils in the kitchen for her,
While she on the sofa lolls,
Novel in hand, dressed in her best,
Receiving her morning calls.

A share in the heat and burden of life
She willingly, cheerfully takes,
And duty, and love, in that happy home,
A pleasure of labor makes.

And though you may smile at this curious fact,
I have seen her with her hand,
While she planted the corn, or waged war on the weeds,
When man's help was scarce in the land.

And her flowers—well, next summer you'll see them
yourself,
As you ride past the home on the prairie,
And mark the home covered with roses and vines,
The work of this Martha and Mary.

And I'm sure you will say, spite the verdict of those
Who live but in fashion's gay whirl,
That "only a farmer's daughter" means
Only a sensible girl.

The Premium Christmas Story from the Kansas
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A KANSAS PILGRIM.

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II.
(CONTINUED.)

Happily for him, if not for herself as well, the widow came in at this juncture to show him, unawares, his way out of the difficulty. It was a crisp December evening, and she insisted upon his remaining with her "just a few minutes" after tea when he would have gone at once. And then she told him, with much hesitation and by an interminable and roundabout method, that she had observed his coolness and neglect, and been mortified and made wretched by it, and she wanted an explanation; that she had given him her love and trusted in him, and he had said he adored her, and she couldn't stand it, so she couldn't, to be treated with such cruelty, which she didn't deserve, so she didn't; and worse still, that the neighbors had noticed the change which had come over him, and were talking of it to her discredit; and never before had her good name been called in question—"pecked at" was the way she put it—and then she gave him an energetic bit of weeping that was half sorrow and half nervousness.

Very likely her statement concerning her neighbors was a piece of inspirational fibbing; but served the purpose admirably, for it opened the Judge's eyes, at once and widely, to the whole meaning of the situation, and he met it with a sovereign decision and straightforwardness that was little less than solid courage. He made no defense for himself. He admitted the justice to the complaint, and thanked her for having called him to account in such a forbearing mood when he had wronged her so shamefully. "Pardon me," he said coaxingly; "but of course I know what you want. You think I ought to marry you. Very well, my dear woman; and so do I, speaking in general terms. But I can't." He paused a moment, and it was with a stifling effort that he managed to add, in a soothing, faltering, wounded manner, "The fact is, I have one wife already, Mrs. Harbison."

He expected her to shriek, if not faint; but the shock was either not entirely unexpected or unprepared for, or her pride was sustaining her like a religion. She merely stared at him, dazed-like and dumbly, with a wonder of pallidness in her face, and waited to hear what more he had to say.

"Yes," he resumed, "I have a wife—and a little daughter. You wouldn't think so, but I have honor here. My daughter is very pretty. You often remind me of her, Mrs. Harbison; it's your mouth, I guess, and the way you have of laughing with your lips shut. Yes, and I have a baby, too, I hear—born since I left home. Gerty wrote me about it." He stopped as if to collect his thoughts, and then: "I rock on it all right, but somehow, Mrs. Harbison, I can't just locate that baby. It seems like a soporific to me." The widow had never heard a baby called a soporific before, and she was growing curious to know more of this one.

"Gerty says the angels brought it so she and Mamma wouldn't be so lonesome while papa was gone," he went on fumbling in his pocket for the child's letter. "It's the first letter she ever wrote, Mrs. Harbison, and I have read it till I know it by heart. Some of the crookedest letters, like the h's and y's puzzle her some yet, and so she prints 'em, the little darling." Would you like to read it, Mrs. Harbison?

The widow shook her head slowly and her eyes wandered an instant and then sought the floor. He fancied she must be quietly summoning all her strength to shut a corner upon him; but he was mistaken. She was thinking of the baby.

I need is to be hidden away somewhere, covered up, as it were."

This was a challenge to her to say her worst and have have done with it. But he misjudged her again. She was not enraged, she was not wishing to pain him. Her women's heart was touched, and she wanted to cry. The remote, illogical baby that the angels brought to comfort the lonely wife and daughter "while papa was gone," had reached her also with its tender ministry; and when she looked up at last, straight into his restless eyes, she simply said, "I think you ought to go home to your family."

He stood a minute, irresolute and astonished and then murmuring to himself, with an absent air and very plaintively, "She is right," turned to go.

III.

The most intimate friend of Judge Shackleton would not have recognized him as he walked out of Topeka by the southwestern road the next day. His frayed and rent garb had been replaced by clothes that was a complete transformation. The trousers were an inch or two short, the visorless and liberally-padded gray cap came down to his eyes, the knit scarf around his neck was of a bright yellow color, and a blue army overcoat that had no cape and was belted at the waist with a leather strap, hung just below his knees in the form of a canopy. He was a picturesque object, even in his own sight, and he did not blame people for looking back at him blankly as they passed by him. He felt at the same time, that his disguise was perfect, and he could afford to trudge along, with chuckling unconcern. Occasionally, when no one in view, he halted and stooped to pull the legs of his trousers a little lower and he would laugh to see them fly back again at the first step. The gaudy scarf, as he closely regarded it from time to time, came as length to seem just a bit too ridiculous, and he cautiously tucked the flaunting ends of it inside his waistcoat. But the grotesque, loose-fitting gray cap, with its sinister veering from side to side, was wholly amusing to him; and he dwelt satisfiedly upon the pervasive breadth and blueness of the canopied overcoat—"old charity," he named it in his reveries, because, he thought, it "covered a multitude of sins."

The change of clothes had been procured for him by Mrs. Harbison, though the Woman's Christian Mission, and forced upon him against his desires and his protestations. She confronted him with them at the door of his room and firmly and solemnly announced to him that he could not leave the house until he had put them on. When he came down stairs in the new garments and tried to steal out unobserved, she met him again, and in the same grave and unrelenting manner, insisted upon trying the scarf around his neck—it was a piece of her own handiwork—and filling his pockets with luncheon, and then stepping back to let him pass on, handed him a little tin rattle box made vivid with red paint and a knot of pink ribbon. "That's for the baby," she said; and there was no other farewell between them.

The Judge's mind several times reverted to this singular parting as he went his way over the billowy and far-reaching prairie; but he did not allow this or anything else to engage him too much or too closely, for he needed to keep his wits about him on such a journey. It was no easy task to pilot one's self across the great bleak extent of unsettled and untraveled plain that, after his second day out from Topeka, lay between him and Peak City. All the roads and houses and route marks were behind him now. At irregular intervals, he came to a hillock that was a sort of oasis, or to a narrow make-believe path that might once have been an Indian trail; but nothing besides. All else in every direction, as far as sight could go, was a treeless, shrubless, trackless and tiresome waste, without as much as a bird-note to link it to the living world away back yonder over the distant and indistinct rim of it. Like the sea, it had, or looked to have, its swell and roll of waves, that far ahead, took on the sea bewilderment of spray and shadow. But unlike the sea, it held its secrets in an inflexible repose. To navigate it was to abandon reason and truth to instinct; to cease being a man and a brute. For not all the philosophy and all the prescience of all the schools could have guided this solitary wanderer as did that quick and subtle clairvoyance, which is the plainman's science. He read the sombre blackness as if it had been a book, and his progress was but the careful turning of its leaves.

At the dawn of the third day, he thought he must be within forty miles of home, but the sky had been strangely ruffled during the night, and there was a boding haziness in the atmosphere that made him apprehensive and uneasy. As he went forward, the thin clouds floated together in darkening masses, the white spaces that had divided them gradually contracted and then vanished, a sudden chilliness came into the air from the northeast, and towards noon, large, wool-like flakes of snow began falling. It was a pretty sight, at first and seemed to please him, though there was a dash of grimness in the way he clasped his hands over his breast in mook anguish crying, "Once I was pure like the beautiful snow!" and then laughed outright. He was trying to make light of what was manifestly a very grave exigency. His peril was evident of imminent. The snow was sure, in time, to blot out the landscape with its dazzling whiteness and leave him no hint by which to grope his toilsome way; and afterwards the coldness might come—would come as it always did—to terrify him with threats of freezing. He whistled shrilly as he buttoned his coat a little closer, and attempted to sing a verse of Mrs. Harbison's favorite song—"Sweet Galilee," it was—but he couldn't recall the exact measure of the thing, and the words wouldn't fit smoothly. He was not fooling himself, and he knew it. He had once encountered the one supreme caprice of nature in face of which the plainman shudders and feels afraid. He did not stop to say, he did not dare to sleep, but pressed on all day and through the long night, sorely worn in body and mind, but calm, intent and resolute. The thick-dropping snow obstructed his vision and rendered his walking difficult and slow. Sometimes an intervening rise of ground, only slight in itself, would lift the white volume upward and forward like an inflowing tide, and let it fall away again on the other side in an ebb that had no appreciable ending. Or, an unexpected depression, a snow-choked till it was level with the general surface, would clog his steps and draw him downward, irritated and doubtful. Once, he stumbled and fell headlong, and said "Blast the luck!" as his feet slipped from him; but "blast" the luck wasn't all he thought. And to add to his perplexity and his danger, as the day waned, a rushing wind arose, with ominous noise, dashing and whirling the snow before it in a blinding fury.

When he looked abroad, an hour later through what was now the spiteful lulling of the storm, he half wondered if the wind had not carried him through space like a goblin and set him down in some new and mystifying world, so different and so peculiar did everything look. The face of the plain was changed as if an earthquake had rent and contorted it. Where so shortly since, there had been peace at least, and a dim semblance of familiarity in the shrouded outlook, there was now a fretful morning like the sound of waters subsiding after a tempest, and a fantastic geography of drifted mounds and cliffs and slopes and chasms. After a while the wind slackened to a light breeze, and soon the snow ceased falling, or fell only in a thin vapor, and when the darkness came on, the sullen clouds parted a little, and the Judge wanted to clap his hands and shout for joy as he saw the round, authentic moon creeping up the heavens. It was not a delirium then, thank God! and he was not yet losing his senses. But he was very, very cold. His feet tingled sharply; his knees ached when he bent them; his fingers touched one another like so many sticks; his breath froze as it left his mouth. He would have stopped then and there, so weary and quaking was he, to rest and sleep; but that would have been throwing away his last chance, perhaps, and so he plodded on. The night grew still by degrees—startle here and there—and when the moon could escape a moment from the scurrying clouds, the purple quietude was struck with gold. It was in one of these transfiguring instants—long after midnight, he imagined—that he saw, or thought he saw, not far in advance of him, a spectral something that took the shape, in his strained looking, of a lone tree trunk rearing itself above the snow, with gnarled and twisted limbs outreaching like arms on either side of it. Somehow, the weird object spoke to him hopefully, and he tried to hurry to it; but it was farther away than he thought, and the trusted snow made every step a laborious effort. Slowly, eagerly, excitedly, he neared it, unmindful of his pains and fatigue excepting as they impeded him, and when at length, after what seem to him a lifetime of toil and anxiety, he came up to it and paused in front of it, benumbed and exhausted, it did not disappear or change form, as he feared it would, but stood there erect and staunch, with its uncouth limbs outstretching into the night, as he had seen it at the first. True as it appeared to be, he distrusted his eyes. "It must be fancy, after all," he said aloud, and staggering against it felt it doubtfully with his hands, then put one stiffened arm about its body to steady himself, and with the other reached up and pushed the snow from off it to further test its reality. While yet he clung to it, a single ray of moonlight touched it placidly, and then all was darkness again as he relaxed his hold and sunk down at its foot like one praying.

He must have slept, for when daybreak came he opened his eyes with a start and found his mind confused. He was confident he must have been lying there several hours, but he could not recall anything—not a thought even—after he had felt himself slipping away from the tree down into what he took to be its shadow. But the tree was still there at any rate, and but a little way before it he could see other trees, and beyond them the steadfast hills he knew so well. He had reached the Valley of the Upper Gopher, carried in a circuit many miles out of his way, but brought, nevertheless, almost in sight of Peak City. His first impulse was to leap to his feet and run homeward. But when he would have lifted his cramped limbs he found them heavy as lead. He felt no pain save an acute twitching in his side, but a sense of dumb, stone-like impotence possessed him that was worse than the fiercest pain. How he contrived to get upon his knees after a time, and away himself this way and that in awkward attempts to rise and go forward, he never knew. Nor could he ever tell how he succeeded in crawling down the hillside, through the woods, along the river, and on across the prairie to the door of his little, low-roofed, snow-covered dwelling at the edge of the town. He only realized that by a despairing effort that was like a spasm, he had finally moved out of his snow bank at the foot of the tree, and all the rest was a blank and a miracle to him until late that evening, he came out of a horrible nightmare, as he thought, and saw that he was at home, in bed, with the strange clothes and the absurd yellow scarf hanging over a chair by the stove, and his wife and little Gerty standing close to him, sad-eyed and pale with alarm.

The night that followed was full of awful suffering to him, and he talked wildly and incessantly until nearly morning, when worn out with pain, and weariness, and excitement he fell into a troubled sleep. When the torment in his limbs and his head roused him again, it was broad daylight and the sun was shining in radiantly at the south window on the rose-bud that Gerty had coaxed back to life during his absence. Gerty herself was sitting upon his bedside, and as he looked up at her fondly, she said to him in childish rapture: "This is Christmas, Papa, don't you know?" And then, with a blush and very softly: "Did you bring me a present for a few minutes, and Gerty was afraid she had done wrong to speak so; but soon he motioned for his clothes, and she brought them and laid them on the bed, and in an agitated, undecided way, he pointed to the gaudy yellow scarf and said: "That's yours Gerty." And while she spread the flaring thing over her shoulders, with the greatest glee she had ever known, he felt about in the folds of the overcoat until he reached first one and then the other of its two cavernous pockets, and drew out the tin rattle the widow had given him, and timidly handed it to her. "That's for the baby," he whispered, remembering that those were exactly the words of Mrs. Harbison. His wife turned away from the bedside and put her hands to her face as if to avoid his searching gaze, and Gerty was left to answer, "The good angels took the baby back again, Papa."

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He must have slept, for when daybreak came he opened his eyes with a start and found his mind confused. He was confident he must have been lying there several hours, but he could not recall anything—not a thought even—after he had felt himself slipping away from the tree down into what he took to be its shadow. But the tree was still there at any rate, and but a little way before it he could see other trees, and beyond them the steadfast hills he knew so well. He had reached the Valley of the Upper Gopher, carried in a circuit many miles out of his way, but brought, nevertheless, almost in sight of Peak City. His first impulse was to leap to his feet and run homeward. But when he would have lifted his cramped limbs he found them heavy as lead. He felt no pain save an acute twitching in his side, but a sense of dumb, stone-like impotence possessed him that was worse than the fiercest pain. How he contrived to get upon his knees after a time, and away himself this way and that in awkward attempts to rise and go forward, he never knew. Nor could he ever tell how he succeeded in crawling down the hillside, through the woods, along the river, and on across the prairie to the door of his little, low-roofed, snow-covered dwelling at the edge of the town. He only realized that by a despairing effort that was like a spasm, he had finally moved out of his snow bank at the foot of the tree, and all the rest was a blank and a miracle to him until late that evening, he came out of a horrible nightmare, as he thought, and saw that he was at home, in bed, with the strange clothes and the absurd yellow scarf hanging over a chair by the stove, and his wife and little Gerty standing close to him, sad-eyed and pale with alarm.

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It was hours before he spoke any more. He did not appear to be suffering, and he lay like one in a stupor, only that his eyes were open and staring. Mrs. Shackleton was beginning to hope that he would get through, and Gerty thought him merely tired and too weak to talk. So they sat there waiting, in a solemn mood and so very silently that when at last they heard his voice again, it startled them both to their feet. He was looking towards his wife, and he said calmly, but in a full yearning tone: "I can't make it, Martha; I've got to go."

"Oh, Papa!" Gerty exclaimed, seizing his hand and bending so close to him that the yellow scarf fell over his face, "you're not going away again, are you?"

"Maybe, pet, maybe," he replied, "but don't look that way, Gerty. You think Papa's crying, but I'm not. It's just the cold and the snow—in my throat—that's all. See, Gerty, I'm laughing now." It was a ghastly noise he made, and Gerty was glad when his drawn features became smooth again. Presently, he asked, "What was the baby like, Gerty?" And then before she could answer, he glanced

anxiously across the room at the rose-bud in the sunny window.

"It's in bloom, Papa, it's in bloom!" she cried and ran to fetch it.

As she did so, he suddenly threw his arms out above the bed in an effort to rise, and gasping slightly, clutched quickly at the quilts as if in fright and dropped back again upon his pillow, with closed eyes, and very still.

Mrs. Shackleton knew it was death, and he was gone past all chance of hope, and she bowed her head in her lap, unable to move or speak. But when Gerty came and stood by the bed again, with the rose-bush in her hands, he looked so quiet to rest, and so free, at last from all signs of pain or weariness, that she could have laughed with delight but that it might have disturbed him.

So she carefully placed the rose-bush, superb with its single blossom on the little table that stood near his head, and walked over on tip-toe to where her mother was sitting. "He'll see it when he wakes," she said, gently, and

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Also, one bay filly, 1 yr old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

STEER—Taken up by Seth T. Harbert, Mill Creek Tp. one yearling steer, red and white spotted. Valued at \$12.00.

FILLY—Taken up by A. D. Goodpastor, Scott Tp. one dark sorrel filly 14 hands high, 2 yrs old. Valued at \$30.00.

STEER—Taken up by C. J. Fielder, Miami Tp. one yearling steer, red, some white on belly, half crop of left ear. Valued at \$15.00.

STEER—Taken up by John Keating, Freedom Tp. one large yearling or small 2-yr-old steer, dirty roan color, blue around the neck, dark colored ears, dim brand on blue around the neck. Valued at \$15.00.

Chase County—S. A. Reese, Clerk.

COW—Taken up by Lewis Gray, Dazear Tp. Dec. 2, 1876, one cow, black, white in face, roan sides, 6 yrs old. Valued at \$20.00.

FILLY—Taken up by Asa Taylor, Falls Tp. Dec. 23, 1876, one roan mare colt supposed to be 2 yrs old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$25.00.

Also, one gray mare colt, supposed to be 1 yr old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

Chautauque County—E. B. Hibbard, Clerk.

COW—Taken up by Wm. Moffit, Jefferson Tp. Nov. 17, 1876, one Indian cow's 5 yrs old, 11 hands high, black and white, square crop of left ear, upper and under bit in right ear, star in forehead. Valued at \$15.00.

STEER—Taken up by S. L. Blakeman, near Penn. one dark red steer 2 yrs old, medium size, line back, white under belly, swallow fork in right ear, slit and under bit in left ear. Valued at \$12.00.

Cherokee County—Ed. McPherson, Clerk.

HORSE—Taken up by S. W. Davis, Pleasant View Tp. Nov. 24, 1876, one black filly, one white foot, 1 1/2 hands high. Valued at \$20.00.

HORSE—Taken up by David Frakes, Shawnee Tp. Nov. 27, 1876, one pony horse 14 hands high, one white hind foot, star in forehead. Valued at \$20.00.

Also, one brown pony horse, 14 hands high, star in forehead, dim brand on left shoulder. Valued at \$20.00.

Doniphan County—Charles Rappleye, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by John Kilker, Dec. 12, 1876, one red and white spotted steer, smooth crop off both ears, unknown brand on left hip, 2 yrs old. Valued at \$12.00.

Elk County—Geo. Thompson, Clerk.

COLT—Taken up by Phillip Hand, Howard Tp. one bay mare colt, 1 yr old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$15.00.

STEER—Taken up by R. A. Burnham, Elk Falls Tp. one dark red steer, left ear cut off, upper edge of right ear cut off, long horns. Valued at \$12.00.

Greenwood County—W. T. Reese, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by Alfred T. McKinney, Madison Tp. Dec. 15, 1876, one red steer, spots on sides, 2 yrs old, unknown brand on left hip, spot and under bit off left ear, half crop of right ear.

Jefferson County—D. B. Baker, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by John Edmonds, Union Tp. one white steer 2 years old, under bit in left ear, horns heavy. Valued at \$15.00.

STEER—Taken up by J. W. Hodges, Fairview Tp. one red and white, 3 yrs old, crop and hole in both ears, branded C on left hip. Valued at \$20.00.

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FILLY—Taken up by P. F. Anderson, Oskaloosa Tp. Nov. 27, 1876, one 2-yr-old bay filly, black mane and tail, brown spot over right flank, no marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

HEIFER—Taken up by Chas. Jennings, Oskaloosa Tp. one red and white spotted, 2-yr-old heifer, slit in left ear, no other marks or brands. Valued at \$12.00.

COLT—Taken up by Thos. Farr, Union Tp. one bay horse colt 3 yrs old, white face, left hind foot white, no other marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

COW—Taken up by H. C. House, Jefferson Tp. Dec. 1, 1876, one speckled roan cow, drooping horns, 10 or 12 yrs old. Valued at \$15.00.

STEER—Taken up by L. A. Eshom, Jefferson Tp. one yearling steer, roan sides, line back, white face and legs. Valued at \$12.00.

Jackson County—J. G. Porterfield, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by A. J. Turner, Franklin Tp. Dec. 9, 1876, one red and white spotted yearling steer, crop off left ear, short tail. Valued at \$14.00.

STEER—Taken up by J. F. Pomeroy, Grant Tp. Dec. 19, 1876, one red and white yearling steer, star in forehead, body mostly red, unknown brand on left hip.

Johnson County—Jos. Martin, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by J. D. Hawkins, Lexington Tp. Nov. 13, 1876, one 2-yr-old, small sized, white steer, scar or brand on left hip, no ear marks. Valued at \$15.00.

COW—Taken up by Samuel McClure, Spring Hill Tp. one roan cow 4 yrs old, branded J M on right hip, crop off left ear, no other marks or brands. Valued at \$15.00.

Lyon County—J. S. Craig, Clerk.

PONY—Taken up by David Williams, Emporia Tp. Nov. 7, 1876, one bay pony, hind feet white, blaze in face, 2 yrs old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$15.00.

STAG—Taken up by Geo. S. Armor, Emporia Tp. (Emporia P O) one red and white speckled stag, 4 yrs old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$15.00.

FILLY—Taken up by Chas. E. Paine, Waterloo Tp. (Emporia P O) Dec. 15, 1876, one bay filly, one year old, white spot in face, right hind foot white, badly burned (by prairie fire) between the hind legs, medium size. Valued at \$12.00.

Also, one gray filly, 1 yr old, large size, no marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

COW—Taken up by C. R. Priest, Center Tp. (Emporia P O) Dec. 23, 1876, one medium sized cow, black and white spotted, branded T on right hip, half under crop on right ear, 4 yrs old. Valued at \$12.00.

Also, one dark red cow, medium sized, branded T on right hip, half under crop on left ear, notched on upper and under sides of right ear, white spot on end of tail, 5 yrs old. Valued at \$12.00.

FILLY—Taken up by Ross Thomas, Pike Tp. Nov. 15, 1876, one black filly, star in face, one yr old, no marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

MARE—Taken up by J. G. Robins, near Neosho Rapids, Jackson Tp. Dec. 4, 1876, one gray mare 2 yrs old, good size, no marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

HORSE—Taken up by S. S. Hesse, Jackson Tp. Nov. 23, 1876, one sorrel horse 2 years old, has one seed. Valued at \$25.00.

MARE—Taken up by D. A. McCaw, American Tp. (American P O) Dec. 23, 1876, one light bay mare 3 yrs old, star in face, left hind foot white to pastern joint, white on nose. Valued at \$35.00.

MARE—Taken up by Ezekiel White, American Tp. Dec. 17, 1876, and dark brown mare 3 yrs old, large white stripe in face, underlip white, white hind foot, white hock joint, no marks or brands. Valued at \$30.00.

Miami County—C. H. Giller, Clerk.

STEER—Taken up by Ruth Nichols, Middle Creek Tp. Nov. 20, 1876, one white yearling steer, dim brand on right hip, no other marks or brands. Valued at \$14.00.

STEER—Taken up by J. W. Lindwood, West Tp. Nov. 30, 1876, one yearling steer, white back, roan head. Valued at \$15.00.

Also, one black and white yearling steer, large white spot in face, no other marks or brands. Valued at \$15.00.

MARE—Taken up by G. W. Smith, Miami Tp. Dec. 2, 1876, one bay mare 2 yrs old, feet white to pastern joint, white spot in forehead, white stripe on end of nose, 11 hands high. Valued at \$20.00.

COLT—Taken up by H. M. Shoff, Richland Tp. Nov. 11, 1876, one bay mare colt, 2 yrs old, white spot in forehead, right hind foot partly white, no other marks or brands. Valued at \$20.00.

Nemaha County—W. J. Ingram, Clerk.

HEIFER—Taken up by A. K. Moore, Valley Tp. one white yearling heifer, ears out or frozen.

Oaage County—E. Spaulding, Clerk.

HEIFER—Taken up by J. J. Sears, Valley Brook Tp. Nov. 15, 1876, one 2-yr-old white heifer, red ears, pale red spots on side and neck. Valued at \$15.00.

STEER—Taken up by Mahlon Oliphant, Arvonia Tp. Nov. 28, 1876, one 2-yr-old steer part Texan, red and black with white spots, crop in right ear, notch in left ear. Valued at \$15.00.

HEIFER—Taken up by George McCollough, Junction Tp. Nov. 30, 1876, one 2-yr-old white heifer, red inside of ears. Valued at \$15.00.

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Pottawatomie County—H. P. Smith, Co. Clerk.

HORSE—Taken up by J. J. Love, Mill Creek Tp. Oct. 28, 1876, one brown horse 3 yrs old, hind feet and left fore foot white, white stripe in forehead, few white hairs on nose, lump on left hind leg, few white fetlock and hock joint, collar marked. Valued at \$40.00.

STEER—Taken up by John McKimmons, Pottawatomie Tp. Nov. 20, 1876, one 2-yr-old red steer, line back, little white on face, white spot behind each horn. Valued at \$20.00.

HORSE—Taken up by James Carroll, St. Mary's Tp. Oct. 22, 1876, one sorrel horse, some white in face, white feet, 9 yrs old. Valued at \$25.00.

MARE—Taken up by John Plummer, St. George Tp. Nov. 3, 1876, one 3-yr-old mare colt, black with little white on nose and forehead. Valued at \$25.00.

HEIFER—Taken up by Julia Costello, Blue Tp. Nov. 22, 1876, one roan heifer, one horn turns down, red neck, 2 yrs old, star in forehead. Valued at \$15.00.

HORSE—Taken up by Geo. W. Pauley, Blue Tp. Nov. 15, 1876, one sorrel horse, 3 yrs old, white stripe on nose, star in forehead, one hind foot and one fore foot white, no marks.

FILLY—Taken up by William Walden, Rock Creek Tp. Nov. 3, 1876, one light bay filly, 2 yrs old, white spot in forehead, branded S on left shoulder. Valued at \$20.00.

Also, one black horse mule, 1 yr old, branded G U on left shoulder, branded on left foreleg. Valued at \$20.00.

HORSE—Taken up by Lindsey Stratton, Louisville Tp. Nov. 20, 1876, one sorrel horse, 3 yrs old, blaze in face, white feet, 15 hands high, branded L J on left shoulder. Valued at \$20.00.

COLT—Taken up by W. J. Gillespie, Green Tp. Nov. 14, 1876, one gray horse colt, white strip in face, 1 yr old. Valued at \$25.00.

MARE—Taken up by Robert Thompson, Green Tp. Nov. 12, 1876, one black pony mare 3 yrs old, star in forehead. Valued at \$10.00.

MARE—Taken up by Wm. Zeigler, Vienna Tp. Nov. 21, 1876, one brown pony mare 1 1/2 hands high, white spot in forehead, black mane and tail long and heavy, black legs to knees, hind feet white, white spots on shoulders, 7 yrs old, two unknown brands on left shoulder and one on right jaw. Valued at \$25.00.

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COLT—Taken up by Wm. Knipp, Mill Creek Tp. Nov. 17, 1876, one bay horse colt 2 yrs old, 13 hands high, branded F on left shoulder, coarse and loosely made. Valued at \$20.00.

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MARE—Taken up by G. W. Hough, Pottawatomie Tp. Dec. 11, 1876, one sorrel pony mare 3 or 4 yrs old, star in forehead. Valued at \$20.00.

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Hush County—Allen McCann, Clerk.

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Shawnee County—J. Lee Knight, Clerk.

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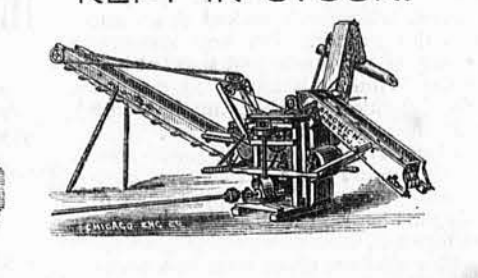
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Then the hog took to running through bushes, some of which had large thorns on them, hoping to drag Whitmarsh off from his tail, squealing horribly all the time; but Whitmarsh still held on, determined to die right there rather than to let go. Finally the hog dashed into a large pile of decayed tomatoes, and Whitmarsh forgetting himself for a moment, put his hand up to his face to prevent its being smeared with the odoriferous mass. In doing this he let go his grip on the hog's tail and that animal, leaving him in the tomato heap, disappeared through a hole in the fence with a farewell squeal of triumph. Whitmarsh picked himself up and went into the house; and when he came out of the bath-room, two hours later, he remarked, with suppressed emotion, that he now had but one object in life, and that was to be the supreme owner and governor of a small State, and to see some enterprising genius undertake to bring a hog into it. He says that after disposing of that case he could die happy. —New Orleans Bulletin.

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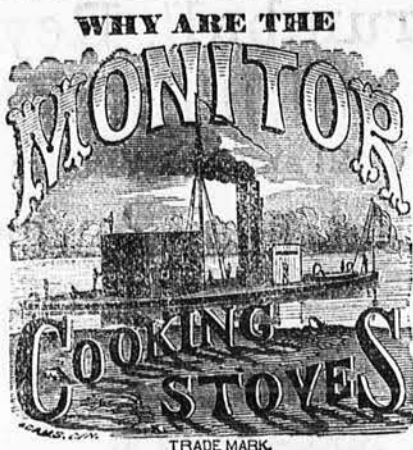
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CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I beg to urge upon you the importance of an early framing and consideration of all important legislation that it may not be defeated for want that it may not be defeated for want of adequate time or defective from honest or evasive action. I am satisfied that you, State officers have no other motive than the public good in the recommendation, and estimates they place before you. It is due to the heads of the several State departments that you give them a respectful hearing. They will, I know, most cheerfully join you in every effort to secure the maximum of efficiency and the minimum of expenditure in all departments of the administration.

Geo. T. ASTRORH,
Executive Department, Topeka, Kansas.
January 10, 1876.

FRONTIER NOTES.
Cheyenne, W. T., January 12.—(Crook) accompanied by Lieut. Schuch, leaves to morning for Red Cloud, where will remain some time. He has undoubtedly faith in the successful working of plan of the enlistment of friendly Sioux as scouts. An instance of their value found in the fact that on the last campaign against the Cheyennes, where the Sars and Pawnees had followed their circuit tracks for several days, the Sioux dashed out in a straight line and struck the village at once, the surprises proving so combustible that many Cheyennes died without even

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Prospectus for 1877.

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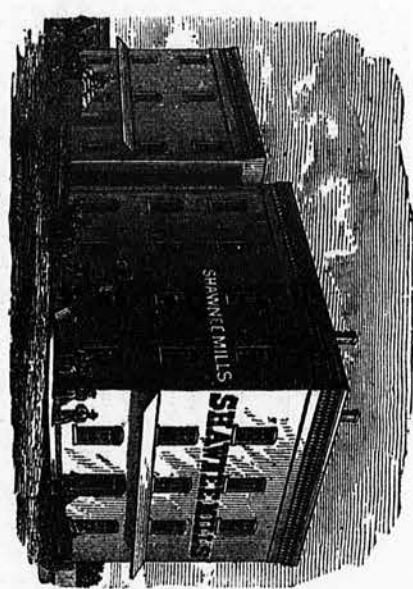
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