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### The Household.

#### THE CORN SONG.

Heap high the farmer's hoard!  
Heap high the golden corn!  
No richer gift has autumn poured  
From out her lavish horn!

Let other lands, exulting gleam,  
The apple from the pine,  
The orange from its glossy green,  
The cluster from the vine:

We better love the hardy gift  
Our rugged hills bestow,  
To cheer us when the storms shall drift  
Our harvest field with snow.

Through vales of grass and meads of flowers  
Our ploughs their furrows made,  
White on the hills the sun and showers  
Of changeful April played:

We dropped the seed o'er hill and plain,  
Beneath the sun of May,  
And lightened from our sprouting grain  
The robber crows away.

All through the long bright days of June,  
Its leaves grew green and fair,  
And waved in hot midsummer's noon  
Its soft and yellow hair.

And now with autumn's moonlit eyes,  
Its harvest time has come,  
We pluck away the frosted leaves,  
And bear the treasure home.

There, richer than the fabled gift  
Apollo showered of old,  
Fair hands the broken grain shall sift,  
And knead its meal of gold.

Let rapid rollers roll in silk  
Around their costly board;  
Give us the bowl of samp and milk,  
By homestead beauty poured!

Where'er the wide old kitchen hearth  
Sends up its smoky curls,  
Who will not thank the kindly earth,  
And bless our farmer girls?

Then shame on all the proud and vain,  
Who folly laughs to scorn  
The blessing of our hardy grain,  
Our wealth of golden corn!

Let earth withhold her goodly root,  
Let mildew blight the ryegrass,  
Give to the worm the orchard's fruit,  
The wheat-field to the fly;

But let the good old crops adorn  
The hills our father's tread;  
Still let us, for his golden corn,  
Send up our thanks to God!

—Massachusetts Ploughman.

#### "Pencil" to the Front.

Correspondence to "The Householder."

MR. EDITOR:—What on earth has become of all our old friends, the contributors to THE SPIRIT? Has paralysis struck them all, or did the drought this summer dry up all the ink, and nothing is left but my poor old pencil, and that so dull I could not write, and my knife too, or was it because they failed to recognize the voice of the shepherd? Well, now the old shepherd is back THE SPIRIT moves again. So I have borrowed a knife, sharpened up the old stump of pencil, and propose to do my part as best I can, and I hope all the old friends and many new ones will soon be heard from. Surely with such crops, each weather, and such exemption from sickness as we have been blessed with this season, who can help but shout for joy and thankfulness.

Crops of all kinds in Osage county have been a success. Wheat is of excellent quality, yielding from twenty to forty bushels to the acre; corn from thirty to seventy-five, and everything else in proportion. A much larger acreage of wheat than common has been sown this fall, and is looking just splendid. In fact, our chronic grumblers are in a good deal of the fit of an old friend I met at the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia, when I inquired as to the prospects where he lived; he said it was just the meanest season he ever saw; the wheat was good, the corn, oats, grass, all good, and in fact there was not a thing to grumble about, and he hated to live where there was nothing to find fault with. Our people in this county feel good over our season's work and we don't care who knows it. FRNCIL. CARROLLDALE, Nov. 6, 1882.

#### Sorghum Interests.

We find a report in the Lawrence Journal of Nov. 22, of Jas. Wilhelm, the noted sugar expert, touching the capacity of our soil for sorghum production, and the financial benefit that will accrue to our citizens from the establishment of sorghum mills, or sugar refineries in Kansas. This report coming from one who has given much time to the subject, and con-

ducted many valuable experiments, and obtained as the outcome of these experiments some remarkable results, is well worthy the perusal, not only of our farmer friends but of every citizen who feels an interest in our industrial prosperity. Mr. Wilhelm reports:

After repeated invitations to visit Kansas for the purpose of investigating her natural resources and more especially the adaptation of her soil and climate for the growing of Northern (or sorgho) canes for the production of sugar and refined syrup, last spring I availed myself of this invitation and have remained in the state ever since, thoroughly posting myself on all points pertaining to this industry. All along the line of the A., T. & S. F. railroad and its branches I found quite an industry established. Some large mills are in operation and any quantity of small mills, as a general thing these mills are turning out an excellent quality of crude molasses. The owners and operators of these mills are well satisfied with results of the past season, but are convinced that they must arrive at a higher state of perfection and make sugar and refined syrup, so as to compete with thoroughly equipped refineries operated by skilled labor previously educated in all the minutiae requisite for making this business a commercial success. Cane-growing in Kansas is an assumed success. When all other crops fail, cane stands up green and vigorous; most all the causes of failure in other crops have no effect on cane; all these canes have a center tap root that strikes deep in the soil sustaining the stock through any drought. I find a great diversity of opinion as regards the number of tons that can be produced on an acre. I saw some fields that would make over twenty tons per acre, then again I saw more fields that would not average eight tons per acre. This great diversity was caused by the mode of culture. As a general crop when thoroughly cultivated, it should yield from twelve to fifteen tons per acre—that is, Amber cane—there are other varieties that will yield much higher. As yet but little attention has been given to culture, one has been raised on a wholesale haphazard scale, equivalent almost to spontaneous growth, leaving a wide field for improvement. I may in some future letter give some practical and thorough points on culture, for this part of the sugar business has been sadly neglected, forming as it does the base of all successful operations.

My greatest surprise was the wonderful richness of those poorly-farmed canes in saccharine matter. J. K. Mayberry of Chase, Rice county, Kansas, produced perhaps the best crop of cane raised this year in this state. Some of his cane showed a Beaume test of 14 deg.; his working average all through the season was 12 deg. B; this cane by analysis showed an exponent of over seventy-five (75) per cent., making it equal to the tropical cane as grown in Louisiana. His cane was so rich in saccharine matter that it took only a little over three gallons of green juice to produce one gallon of heavy syrup. Had this crop been worked up in a refinery equipped with modern appliances under the guidance of a skilled operator, the result in sugar would have been remarkable. I deem it unnecessary to elaborate an analysis, as proven during the past season; suffice it to say, enough has been proven to establish the fact that cane raised in Kansas the past year showed a base of richness that would pay a large dividend on any amount of capital intelligently invested. Farmers are beginning to appreciate its merits. Not only is it profitable to raise for the refineries, but for the seed as it is equivalent to a crop of corn or oats. This seed contains about this same per cent. of starch as corn, hence for feeding purposes it is excellent for all kinds of stock. Cattle and sheep men have found it a grand reserve to fall back on when grass fails in extreme winter weather. The starch in the seed and sugar in the stalks improve stock more rapidly than grass and hay, this was potently demonstrated last winter in the western part of the state.

Fuel! The chief expense of running a refinery is fuel. All the evaporation and power used is by steam. I have found no trouble in generating all the steam necessary to run a large set of works by using the bagasse or ground stalks; by using this bagasse as fuel the business is almost self-sustaining. Kansas climate and soil is admirably adapted to this industry, you can run on a three or four months working season and by adopting the Central system (the same I advocate some years ago) the Central refinery can be kept busy eight or nine months in the year. Sometimes it is difficult to procure 1,500 or 2,000 of

cane immediately adjoining the refinery; in such cases there should be subsidiary mills started in the neighborhood to work up from 500 to 600 acres of cane into semi-syrup and hauled to the central refinery to be worked into sugar and refined syrup. This semi-syrup made at the subsidiary mills must be prepared after a careful formula, so as to prevent fermentation. All such instruction should emanate from the expert having charge of the central refinery. It requires very little machinery to produce this semi-syrup, hence most every neighborhood can put up a set of works to produce vast quantities of this semi-syrup for the central refinery, by this plan the central works can be kept running a good part of the year. It would require too much space in this letter to enter into all the minutiae of this business. I can assure the public after years of experience in rendering this cane business commercial and systematizing it, that enough has been proven to insure capitalists a large return for any amount they judiciously invest, but will further say in this connection be careful. Your state will soon be over-run by speculative theories and assumed successes. The business must be conducted under the guidance of an expert, one that can give undoubted evidence of previous preparation and success in handling these canes and conducting all the manipulations requisite to cheaply produce sugar and syrup.

If this precaution is strictly observed there will be no monuments of folly scattered over the state to remind you of rash investments. My work during the past few years has not been of a pioneer nature, but of actual results on a scale of some magnitude, proving that cane can be grown as cheaply as Indian corn. It has been proven by the sugar and refined syrup produced that a grand industry has been inaugurated, causing commercial men to wake up to the true value of these canes and the great boon it will prove to all lovers of pure sweets, and that these sweets will soon be the death knell to artificial, glucose and all the vile adulterations that now enter into our sweets paying the way for premature disease and any amount of bodily suffering. So this noble work should be pushed along, until all the higher points of process and machinery are gained so as to render the production of cane into the highest degree of purity and uniformity and gain for it a quotation second to none in America. By so doing you create a new field for labor; a stimulus for emigration; higher prices for your land; a saving to our country of over one hundred million dollars that go to the West Indies and other countries for sugar that should be made at home.

#### STATE NEWS.

—A gang of thieves stole six horses in one night last week near Osawkee, Jefferson county.

—One man near Humboldt raised 14,000 heads of marketable cabbage this season on four acres of land.

—The sheep interest is growing rapidly about Wichita, and the demand for higher grades and finer wool increases.

—Gen. Pope and Lieut. Gen. Sheridan report that Fort Dodge, Larned and Wallace are no longer needed for military purposes.

—Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe earnings for the month of October were about \$1,250,000 against \$1,263,000 last October, a gain of \$87,000.

—The state agricultural college at Manhattan, has \$300,000 invested, is out of debt, has \$9,000 on hand and 12,500 acres of choice land still unsold.

—The Paola Republican says that a field of sixty acres in Jackson county yielded 6,900 bushels of corn; single acres yielded as high as 125 bushels.

—The Leavenworth apple trade continues uncommenced very probably 200,000 bushels have been handled there this season. Three firms in Lawrence have shipped this season nearly 20,000 barrels of apples.

—The total output of the mine at the penitentiary for the month of October was 64,616 bushels; there were loaded for shipment during the month 155 cars, of which twenty-eight cars went to state institutions.

—A man named Sullivan from Russell county killed a rattlesnake and a prairie dog and was awarded \$100 for each. He had in his pocket the head of a rattlesnake. He is also suspected of murdering a man near Lincoln for many years past.

#### AN ERRONEOUS BELIEF.

How a Mistaken Theory Nearly Cost a Well Known Minister His Life.

Chicago Standard

The following remarkable statement, made by a well known Baptist clergyman, besides the unusual matter of value it contains, will be found most readable and interesting:

MESSENGER EDITORS: I have always believed most firmly in the brotherhood of men, and that every human being is in duty bound to assist his fellow man to the fullest extent of his power. The relation, therefore, of my personal experience will, I trust, prove of benefit to many thousands in this land. My earlier years were full of health and pleasure. After the completion of my educational studies I undertook the profession of teaching, and under the severe strain to which I was subjected I gradually became reduced so that the least exposure or excitement would bring on sick headache, biliousness and general prostration. I gave up teaching and began to prepare for the ministry, and although I studied hard my health seemed to grow no worse. Finally I commenced preaching, and then my old physical troubles returned. The slightest amount of certain kinds of food distressed me and brought on heavy dullness, dizziness and often great depression of mind. A change of room atmosphere or clothing was almost certain to cause a cold, accompanied by most painful suffering. I attributed all this to the severe work I was obliged to do in the ministry, and so did not attempt to remove it. I next began to grow nervous and noticed that my feet were cold, while my left side and back frequently ached. I felt a drowsy or sleepy sensation after eating, while a little excitement caused me to lose my appetite entirely. At times my spirit would be light and I would feel as if I might live to a good old age, when possibly in less than an hour my head would feel, my body ache, and I would be overcome by a cold sweat would break out upon me and this would be followed by complete prostration. It would be impossible to describe the suffering I endured at these times, and yet I attributed it all to overwork and not to any special trouble of disease.

It was not until a year from the time the attacks first began that I consulted a physician. He examined me and declared that my lungs were affected, and that I was on the road to consumption. I derided this idea and so called upon another doctor. But he told me the same thing, as did also the other medical men whom I consulted. Indeed, I have been told that I was sent to Colorado, Dakota or the sea coast there was little hope. However, I did not change climate, but tried to continue my work as best I could. A year ago last May and in the November and December following, I had three severe attacks of what the doctors said was lung fever, but which I recovered from by the most faithful nursing, but I felt all the time as I know now that my troubles did not originate in my lungs, but in some other organs of the body. It is true, I felt severe pains in my lungs and I expectorated a great deal. I was extremely sensitive to cold, and the least draft or change of apparel seemed to bring on a cold. My breathing was at times most difficult and it frequently seemed that with all my exertions I could not get enough air into my lungs to satisfy them or keep my blood pure. As I am large in stature, weighing over 200 pounds, and being in the prime of my usefulness, you can imagine how I shrank from the formidable fate which seemed to stare me in the face.

One Sunday evening last February, upon coming down from my pulpit, also I prostrated and feeling that possibly it would be the last time I should ever enter it again, a number of my church approached me and said: "Brother Humphrey, I know just what you need to restore you to health. I have been troubled just as you are and I am perfectly well now." I thanked him for his suggestion, but shook my head sadly, for I felt there was little hope for me. However, after I returned home I began to reflect upon the subject, and next I sent my son to procure some of the medicine which had been recommended to me. It was an elixir, I believe, necessary to the success of a medicine, but I was lacking in this case, for I was really hopelessly. Greatly to my surprise, however, I began to feel much better, and the following Sunday I was able to preach with comparative ease. I continued to grow better as I continued to use the medicine, for it seemed to reach my entire system. I was able to preach, sing and work without exhaustion, and today I am a well man, sleep soundly, eat heartily, feel no lung troubles, and I believe I owe my life and health wholly to Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, which I consider a most infallible and suffering humanity.

It is only natural that since my recovery I should feel enthusiastic over the remedy which had restored me and also observe its effects upon others. As a result I am forced to the conclusion that very much sickness which is supposed to originate in the lungs, arises wholly from diseased kidneys and liver. I believe thousands of people are suffering today and looking forward as I was to a consular grave, when their lungs are wholly sound and they might be restored to part of health by the same means that I employed. Beware of these truths and realize that our people are in a state of ignorance in this respect. I believe that I have rendered a most valuable service to humanity, and I would most gladly and earnestly recommend it to the world as a blessing to humanity. (REV.) B. P. HUMPHREY, AMBOY, Ill., July 24, 1882.

#### Gloves, Old and New.

Gloves are articles of Oriental dress, for according to Xenophon they were worn by Cyrus the Persian; and Athenian speaks of a celebrated gourmand who came to a banquet with gloved hands, that he might eat more rapidly than his fellow-guests, who had to wait until the viands were cool.

In ancient times a glove was employed as a token or pledge of faith in the making of contracts—a sort of substitute for the hand itself—being cast down by one contracting party, to be taken up as sealing the agreement by the other.

Before the union of England and Scotland, the Borderers having once pledged their faith to an enemy, regarded its violation as a grave crime; and, when such a breach of honor occurred, the injured person rode through the field at the next Border meeting, holding up a glove on the point of his spear—as a pledge of faith—and proclaimed the perfidy of him who had broken it. To wipe out such a stain, the criminal was often slain by his own clan.

Passing over all mention of the gloves worn by Knights with their mail armor, or having overlapping plates of steel, I will name a few of those of which some note has been made in history.

A fur-lined glove, worn by Henry VI, is still preserved in the old mansion that gave him shelter after the disastrous battle of Hexham (1464). The son-in-law of Tunstall, and "esquire of his lady," Sir Ralph Pudsey, kept him in concealment at Bolton Hall, Yorkshire, and there, when he left his faithful host, he also left a boot, spoon and glove. The latter is of tanned leather, lined with hairy deer skin, turned over at the wrist as a deep cuff.

The embroidered gloves of Cour de Lion lost him his liberty at one time, and might have cost him his life. He was lying in concealment in an enemy's country, and his page carried them very indiscreetly in his pocket—though perhaps for their better safety—when sent by his royal master to obtain food in the neighborhood of Vienna. How it happened it does not appear; but they were seen, and recognized as being only suitable for a crowned head to possess. The same night the King was captured by the Duke of Austria, and sold by him to Emperor Henry VI for 60,000 pounds of silver.

Anne Boleyn seems to have been very particular about her gloves, and it is recorded that her royal predecessor used to delight in making her play cards with them, that some little blemish in the shape of one of her nails might offend the King.

Queen Mary and her sister Elizabeth took pride in this article of dress. It is said that the latter was extravagant in the extreme about them, and that a marvelous pair was at one time presented to her that was inclosed in a walnut shell. She even retained her gloves when playing her virginal. One "pair of gloves embroidered with gold," is recorded as having been sent to her sister Mary as a New Year's gift before her accession, and "ten pair of Spanish gloves from a Duchess in Spain" came to her a year afterward, while at about that time "a pair of swete gloves" were also presented to her from Mrs. Wadlers.

The degradation of any exalted personage in the middle ages was expressed by the deprivation of his gloves—just as a glove was presented to him in the ceremony of bestowing on him lands or honors.

The enormous quantity of so called kid gloves is greatly afforded by the skins of all the young goats annually killed to supply the demand. There has long been quite a trade carried on in Paris by the gamins in rat skins, who have much profitable sport in catching them at the mouths of the great drains of the city. Our real kid skins come from Switzerland and Tuscany, dispatched from Leghorn.—Queen.

There are on file in the office of the Controller of Connecticut, in compliance with the requirements of the State law, the names of nearly or quite 3,000 depositors in the savings bank of the State whose deposits have remained uncalled for and have not been increased otherwise than by the accruing interest for twenty years past. The amounts thus unclaimed range from a few dollars to \$3,346.



By the River.

We went to walk by the river,
And the sun was dim in the west;
In a mist of sorrow the world was clad,

A FAIR AMANUENSES.

"Well, Benson, have I seen the last of them? Really I begin to believe my advertisement reached the eyes of every man in London out of employment,

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..... on that first morning when I determined to harden it against the wiles and fascinations of Sidney Grant."

Garibaldi's Discipline.

On one occasion an officer of his took a poor woman's horse from her and gave her a receipt, which, of course, was quite worthless.

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I asked an American the other day what he thought of our climate. He only laughed. "Why," said he, "you haven't got a climate, you've only got samples!"—London Truth.

There is hardly an adult person living but is sometimes troubled with kidney difficulty, which is the most prolific and dangerous cause of all disease.

Those girls who break down in the public schools are not usually the ones who get up in the morning and make their own beds, dust their rooms, and help wash dishes.—Boston Traveler.

It seems to satisfy. A family want, and I wonder how we ever got along without Parker's Ginger Tonic. It cured me of nervous prostration, and I have used it since for all sorts of complaints in our family.—Mrs. Jines, Albany.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS:

In sending communications to this paper do not write on both sides of the paper. A departure from this rule will often withhold the article from publication till next week's issue if not altogether. Do not forget this.

We hope no one will pass by Mr. Wilhelm's report on sorghum raising and sugar making, without a careful reading. It contains much important information.

THE SPIRIT of this week is nearly up to its old standard of excellence. During the six months it was in the hands of the Philistines it became sadly demoralized and was dropped by many of its readers as worthless.

We send this number of THE SPIRIT to several agricultural papers with which we have not the pleasure of an exchange. Will the editors of these papers send us a specimen number for inspection?

We send also a few numbers to publishers. If they have books or papers which they wish to have advertised by us or reviewed, we shall be happy to render what service we can in diffusing a knowledge of their publications among our readers.

We hope to rehabilitate our 'household department' in its last winter's sombre hues and in its springs variegated colors. Will the women friends of this department take notice? Where are our opponents Varner and Anderson? We have been to the land of the Puritans and our head is chock-full of new fangled notions and heresies which we shall have to give vent to.

The grange department, too, will receive our close attention. In our opinion we have observed with some care the working of the order, and we are more strengthened than ever in our opinion of its genuine merits. It is a school which must flourish and yield a harvest of good. Will the worthy secretary of the state grange send us a list of the names and location of the subordinate granges of the state and give us such information of the present condition of the granges as will be profitable and interesting to our readers.

The secretaries of the several county or local horticultural societies will not, we hope, forget or neglect the paper which has given fuller accounts of their work than any other publication in the state.

Now is the time for the friends of THE SPIRIT to show their good will to the paper by their works. Show this week's number to your neighbors and friends and be sure each one of you to get one subscriber. The past season has been a prosperous one to the farmer, and he will not grudge subscription to a paper which has stood up manfully and done much for the farming interests of Kansas. This paper has stood, and will ever stand, for the nobility of work and the worker. Let then the farmer stand by us, and do his part in sustaining and strengthening the paper which has been devoted so un begrudgingly to his interests. As you sow, so will you reap.

AGRICULTURAL PAPERS.

The best agricultural papers are not those that prescribe minute and formal rules; that give exact methods for doing this thing and that; which tell the farmer precisely how many bushels of wheat he must sow to the acre; how many inches deep he must plow; what kind of corn he must plant; and how many kernels in a hill, etc. Such specific rules may sometimes be a help to beginners, or to those who having eyes see not, neither understand.

Those agricultural papers are most useful to the farmer which stimulate

thought; lead to close observation; create a thirst for knowledge; induce a habit of watching carefully the processes of nature; of tracing out cause and effect and of exercising freely an independent judgment.

The conditions of soil and climate, the quality of seed planted, the difference of the seasons in regard to dry and wet, early and late, are so changing and divergent that any precise rules laid down and blindly followed will be pretty sure to result in disaster. No methods of culture, however well they may have succeeded in given cases, can be universally relied on. In order to attain success the farmer must gather up a multitude of facts in relation to his business; he must arrange these facts and deduce from them those general principles that will be safe to act upon.

Hence we believe that that is the best agricultural paper which gathers up and supplies to its readers the greatest number of facts relating to the farmers' business; which reports most carefully the processes of culture and modes of treatment by which the largest crops are raised; which presents a clear and distinct outline of the present condition of agriculture both in our own country and in foreign lands; which notes the progress the farmers are making in thrift; in the permanent improvement of their farms; in their better breeds of cattle and in their more thorough and efficient treatment of their land and crops. In short that is the best agricultural paper which is conducted under a full conviction of the dignity and worth of the farmers' calling; which exerts itself to keep abreast of the times and to chronicle all those items of news, indications of progress and achievements of success which will stimulate the farmer to think more, study more, accomplish more and become more interested in his work.

PLATFORMS.

We suppose the Republicans and Democratic parties when they send delegates to Topeka, or elsewhere, to nominate a governor and other state officers, will put into their platform such matters, and lay down such principles, as seem just and right to the delegates assembled. There are some things of vital interest to this state which other states, or the great parties of the nation, may ignore and not think it worth while to put into their platform when they come together to nominate a president, or representatives to congress. This is proper and right. But there are questions of state policy, of state administration, which seem of supreme importance to the people of a state, and they will not be debarred by any dictation from parties outside of the state from a declaration of principles and the construction of a platform which declares the sentiments and meets the wants of the people of the state. We plant ourselves on the rights of the state under the constitution of the United States. Whether as Democrats or Republicans, we shall make our own constitutions, enact such laws as we please under our state constitution. In vindication of our state rights we shall make our platforms, declare our principles, and deposit our votes in conformity therewith. Small newspaper politicians, and party bosses may attempt to dictate as to what the people shall or shall not do in the matter of constructing their own platforms. The lesson of our last election in this state and in other states of the Union is, our government, state and national, is a government of the people, by the people, for the people; and the people by their chosen delegates will, when they meet again to nominate governor and state officers, declare their sentiments and embody them in a platform which will be acceptable to their constituents. If it seem good and right to the delegates of either party to put into their platform the principles of universal suffrage, or the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks they will do so. If they see fit to ignore or denounce these principles they will be perfectly free to do so. In other words, the voters, the rank and file, the sovereign people, know their rights, feel their own power, and will execute their own will irrespective of what bosses and would be leaders of party may say or do.

POLITICS.

The uprising of the people at the late election is the rebuke of the 'spoils system' and the 'spoils system' in pol-

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itics. Machine politics must have the offices to operate with or cease to exist. To reform the civil service and break up machine politics are essentially one and the same thing. The 'spoils system' is the great moral offence in our politics at the present time. It is the festering center of all corruptions. It has degraded the high offices both of legislation and administration, even down to trivial and venal objects. It has postponed and wasted opportunities for statesmanship, in order to satisfy the preferred claim of party leaders and factions. It has turned the White House at Washington every four years and less into a scene of disgusting scramble and wrangle of office-seekers. It has made trading and bargaining in the public offices one of the political arts, whereby base demagogues get the means of lifting themselves into places of power at the expense of public honor, and often at the severe expense of the public treasury. It has debauched the conscience of political leaders, and subjected thousands of people to the bitter necessity of choosing between their principles and the means of their livelihood. It has even caused, by its traditional and imperial way in party counsels, some of the wisest and best of our public men to stoop to ignoble deeds which they have themselves soathingly condemned as violations of public trust and detrimental to public benefit. It has assassinated one president. It has harassed and driven another to an early grave. It has robbed all from Jackson to Arthur, of time and talents and strength which they had sworn to give to their country. The political defeat which even looks towards rooting out such an evil is a victory for the nation's life. -Index.

WINTER CARE AND TREATMENT OF STOCK.

Regularity in the feeding and watering of stock is of more importance to the comfort and good condition of animals than the average farmer is aware of. The quality and abundance of food given to cattle promote their health and growth but little more than the regularity with which it is fed to them. A gorge and surfeit of food to-day and a fast to-morrow are no better for cattle than for men. The fodder given to stock may be entirely sufficient in quantity and quality, but if not distributed in proper measures and at regular times the cattle cannot be brought up to proper measure of flesh and thrift.

Over this matter of feeding, the farmer himself ought to exercise personal care and supervision; it is a busi-

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ness which cannot be safely trusted to boys or irresponsible persons. The hours of feeding should be measured, not by the caprice or convenience of the farmer, but by the needs of the cattle. The kind and quantity of food demand close observation and sound discretion. Just so much fodder should be given at each time of feeding as the animals will eat up clean.

The stalls for cattle or the quarters where they are kept, should be dry and clean, and always sheltered from snow and rain and the piercing winds. It is cruel to expose dumb animals to those extremes of cold which would cause a man to shiver and feel uncomfortable. Stock suffers more from rain, sleet, and snow during the winter months than from dry weather, however severe the cold may be.

Arrangements should be made to give all kinds of animals free access to free pure water. We verily believe there is more real suffering to stock the year round from the lack of pure water than from a scarcity of food. Many of the diseases to which cattle are liable are found to have their origin in the impure and stagnant water which they are compelled to drink. To realize the best profits from stock,

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raising requires the exercise of good judgment and close attention. With a knowledge of the more general principles which underlie this branch of business, the farmer must form his own rules of feeding and pursue them with undeviating strictness. These rules must be rigorously enforced in regard to punctuality of time of feeding, the choice of food and the selection of the best methods to secure the comfort, the stock appearance and the very highest physical condition of the animal.

THEIR FIRST DUTY.

The first duty of the Forty-eighth congress, after organizing, says the New York Sun, will be to adopt a resolution something like this:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this House, no subsidies in money, bonds, public lands, endorsements, or by pledge of the public credit should be granted by congress; that forfeited land grants should be recovered for the public use; that river and harbor appropriations are to be strictly limited to the objects contemplated by the constitution; and that all appropriations are to be limited to such amounts only as shall be imperatively demanded by the public service.

Would our Kansas representatives to congress vote for such a resolution, if moved by a Democratic house?

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37 Walker St., Baltimore, Dec. 1881. For six years I have been a great sufferer from Blood Disease, Dyspepsia, and Constipation, and became so debilitated that I could not retain anything on my stomach, in fact, life had almost become a burden. Finally, when hope had almost left me, my husband seeing BROWN'S IRON BITTERS advertised in the paper, induced me to give it a trial. I am now taking the third bottle and have not felt so well in six years as I do at the present time. Mrs. L. F. CURTIS.

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**Clubbing Rates.** THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS, \$1.25; the Farmer and Manufacturer, 50c., the two for \$1.30. THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS, \$1.25; Demorest's Monthly Magazine, \$2.00; the two for \$2.50. THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS, \$1.25; The People's Weekly, \$2.00; the two for \$2.50.

Our rates for clubbing with other papers next year will be as follows:

SPIRIT OF KANSAS, 1.25; American Agriculturist, 2.00; the two for \$2.00.

SPIRIT OF KANSAS \$1.25, Weekly Common wealth \$1; the two for \$1.85.

SPIRIT OF KANSAS \$1.25, Our Little Ones and the Nursery, \$1.50; the two for \$2.

THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS, \$1.25; The Midland Farmer, 60c; the two for \$1.35.

A \$20.00 Biblical Reward. The publishers of Rutledge's Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for December, among which is the following:

We will give \$20.00 in gold to the person telling us how many verses there are in the New Testament Scriptures (not the New Revision) by December 10, 1882. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner December 15, 1882. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the Christmas Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published. This may be worth \$20.00 to you; cut it out. Address Rutledge Publishing Company, Easton, Penn.

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## THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

BY HOODY & DAVIS. City and Vicinity.

MR. W. WHITE last week sold his farm in Grant township, near this city.

HON. D. C. HASKELL and family departed Thursday for the nation's capital.

ONE dollar and twenty-five cents pays for THE SPIRIT until January 1, 1882.

A. HADLEY, of this city, departed the first of the week for a brief trip to New Mexico.

To Farmers. A span of young mares for sale cheap. 11-311 S. O. HIXON & Co.

ELWOOD PLACE, better known as 'Shorty,' has it, and on the thumb too at that; it is only a felon.

THE university now boasts a society of engineers formed Wednesday by the engineer students of that institution.

\$1,500 per year can be easily made at home working for E. G. Eideout & Co., 16 Barclay street, New York. Send for their catalogue and all particulars.

AN exchange makes the assertion that there is but one Republican paper in Kansas that is wearing craps on account of the result of the late election.

OUR object. To double our list of subscribers by January first. If you only tell your neighbors we are bound to do it, at ten cents for three months.

SOME mighty nimrod shot a valuable cow for Mr. William Brown, the dairyman, last Tuesday. Said hunter was probably from the city and took the cow for a bear.

Another Offer. To all who will pay up arrearages and send \$1.25 in addition, we will send THE SPIRIT until January 1, 1882. Fifteen months for \$1.25. Three months free.

"THE New Jane Eyre" was presented at the Windsor Theatre last evening with an unusually strong cast. Miss Charlotte Thompson made the hit of the season.—New York Evening Telegram.

At the New Bowersock Opera House Tuesday evening, November 23.

THE Young Men's Social Club of this city as usual have arranged for their Thanksgiving ball and it promises to excel even all other Thanksgiving balls given by the Social Club, for a truly pleasant evening's enjoyment. The Club has our thanks for their remembrance with the elegant invitation.

During the week Miss Charlotte Thompson's fine interpretation of Jane Eyre has drawn good audiences to the Windsor theatre. Miss Thompson is one of the best actresses in this country and deserves her success.—New York Tribune.

Miss Thompson will appear at the opera house in this city on Tuesday evening, November 23.

THE Post of the G. A. R. at Ottawa have arranged with Capt. L. D. Dobbs for the production of his famous military allegory entitled 'The Spy of Atlanta,' at the new opera house in Ottawa on November 30 and December 1 and 2. We can assure the people of Franklin county that all who attend will be well entertained and receive full value for the money expended.

Is it True? The Tonganoxie Mirror, of last week, gets off the following on our jolly Jerry. We can't believe it without vouchers:

Jerry Glathart, the Lawrence barnyard auctioneer, dropped into the Continental in Leavenworth, Monday night, at about the 'witching hour,' and leaning over the office counter, said to the clerk: 'Shay, shonny, kin I gerra room here t'nigh?' The clerk took in the situation at a glance and seeing that Jerry had been rattling, said: 'No, sir; we're full.' 'That don't marrer,' said Jerry, confidentially, 'so am I!'

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## THE LATEST MARKETS.

Lawrence Markets. Reported for the SPIRIT OF KANSAS by E. B. GOOD, Grocer, 71 Massachusetts street, Lawrence, Kansas.

LAWRENCE, Kas., Nov. 23, 1882. As follows are about the ruling quotations:

Flour—Head Center \$3.10@3.30  
" Douglas Co. A 1, \$3.7@3.95  
Upper Crust, \$2.60@2.85  
Bran, per ton, \$3.75  
Shorts, \$1.40@1.50  
Corn Meal, \$1.40@1.60  
Wheat—75@80c  
Corn—new—35c  
Oats—32c  
Potatoes—Firm at 50@75c  
" Sweet, 60@75c

Beets—25@40c  
Onions—45@75c  
" small white, \$1.95@1.75  
Cabbage—per doz., 40@60  
Turnips—25@30c  
Squash, Hubbard, per doz., 75c@1.00  
Apples—50@60c per bush  
Peaches—\$1.00@1.75 per bushel, scarce  
Butter—Firm and scarce at 30@35c  
Eggs—Firm at 20@25c  
Lard—country, 13@15c  
Bacon—sides 13@17  
" canvassed breakfast, 20a35c  
Hams—Canvassed a. c., 18c per lb.  
Beans—Retail at 4 lbs for 25c  
Spring chickens \$3.00@3.25

Produce Markets. KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23, 1882. WHEAT—No. 3, cash 74c; December, 74c 7/8c; No. 2, cash, 79@79 1/2c; December, 78 1/2c 79 1/2c; No. 1, cash, 8c; December, 83@84c. CORN—No. 2 mixed, cash, 48c; December, 45c; rejected, 44@44 1/2c. OATS—Market slow; No. 2, cash, 29c; December, 30 1/2c. BUTTER—10@36c. EGGS—25@26c per dozen. APPLES—green—40a75c per bu.; in car load lots, \$1 75a2.50 per bu.; dried apples, 5a6c. CABBAGE—30a75c per doz. POTATOES—50a75c per bu. TURNIPS—25a30c per bu. SWEET POTATOES—50a75c per bu. POULTRY—Chickens, \$2.25a3.50 per doz.; turkeys, per lb., 8a10c.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 23, 1882. FLOUR—Market quiet and unchanged; XXX, \$3.40@3.50; family, \$4.00@4.10; choice, \$4.25@4.60; fancy, \$4.70@5.10. WHEAT—Market quiet; No. 2 red, 94@94 1/2c, cash; 94c November; 94 1/2c December; 94c the year; 95 1/2c January; 94c February; \$1.02 1/2 May; No. 3, red, 88c bid. CORN—Higher; 67 1/2@68c cash; 68 1/2@69c November; 54 1/2c December and the year; 49 1/2c January; 49 1/2c February; 50c May. OATS—Higher; 35@36 1/2c cash; 35c November; 34c December; 33 1/2c the year; 32 1/2c January; 33 1/2c May. RYE—Market better at 57c cash. BARLEY—Market steady and unchanged; sample lots at 50@80c. BUTTER—Market quiet; creamery, 33@37c; dairy, 22@30c. EGGS—Firm, 24@24 1/2c. PORK—Dull and lower; old \$18; new, \$27.50. DRY SALT MEATS AND BACON very dull; only small peddling trade; boxed lots at irregular and lower prices.

Receipts for the past 24 hours—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 59,000 bu.; corn, 72,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.; rye, 10,000 bu.; barley, 12,000 bu. Shipments for the past 24 hours—Flour, 13,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 28,000 bu.; oats, — bu.; rye, 2,000 bu.; barley, none.

Live Stock Markets. KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23, 1882. CATTLE—Receipts, 993; shipments, 945; the receipts were principally natives. As usual there was a good demand for the better grades of cattle. Range of prices, \$2.40a4.60; bulk of sales, \$3.50a3.80. HOGS—Receipts, 6,100; shipments, 598; the receipts being large and Chicago prices unfavorable, induced quite a decline in prices; the range being \$5.80a6.90. SHEEP—Market quiet with only a slight local demand. Range of prices, \$1.25a1.60.

WILLIAM WIEDEMAN has put new and handsome show windows into his store, and made his place of business attractive to customers, of whom he has constantly increasing numbers. He deserves them by his enterprise and close attention to business.

MR. APITZ, the saddle and harness-maker, is finishing up his place of business on Massachusetts street. The building makes a fine appearance, and when completed will be an ornament to the city and an addition to its wealth and prosperity.

THE good crops of the season and the pleasant autumn weather, have brought good cheer and lots of cash to the enterprising business men of Lawrence and they feel assured of a prosperous future.

PROF. SNOW'S lecture at the university last Tuesday evening, on 'Dust,' was fully attended and gave great satisfaction, as his lectures always do. The people learn something by listening to him.

MISS THOMPSON has always been appreciated by the people of St. Louis, but we feel that her present reception has been more cordial than upon any of her previous visits, for the reason, no doubt, that she has proved herself proved during the past few years, and admitting that, we believe she has reached a state of excellence from which she can never retreat.—Post-Dispatch.

Our citizens will demonstrate their appreciation of Miss Thompson at the Bowersock opera house next Tuesday evening.

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## Sorghum Sugar.

EDITOR SPIRIT.—We would like to inquire what steps, if any, have been taken towards the erection of mills in Douglas county for the manufacture of our sorghum crop into molasses and sugar.

I cannot but cherish the belief if a sugar refinery or sorghum mill were established at some central point in Douglas county it would give an immediate and strong impulse to the industries of the country, and especially to our farming industry which is so essential to the prosperity of all other kinds of business. I hope some of our enterprising farmers will take this matter into consideration and take immediate steps towards the accomplishment of an object so worthy the enterprise of our citizens. A CITIZEN.

## THE LINWOOD HERD OF Short-Horn Cattle.

LINWOOD, Leavenworth County, Kan., is on the U. P. R'y, 27 miles west of Kansas City. The herd is composed of imported Victorias, Violas, and others from the celebrated herd of A. Cruickshank, Scotland. Also, Golden Drops, Lady Elizabeths, Young Phylises, Rose of Sharon, Young Marys, Etc., Etc. IMPORTED BARON VICTOR, (bred by Cruickshank), Vol. 27 E. H. B., and 10035 GOLDEN DROP'S HILLHURST 39120, head the herd. Farm corners at Linwood station. Inspection invited. W. A. HARRIS, Lawrence, Kas. 915 wly

WOOD, vegetables, butter or eggs, in limited quantities taken in exchange for subscription at this office. When you cannot dispose of your produce to satisfactory advantage come and see us. We pay balance in cash.

KNOW THE FUTURE! The future is not a mystery, it is a science. It can be known by the study of the laws of nature. The future is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of law. The future is not a matter of fate, it is a matter of choice. The future is not a matter of destiny, it is a matter of action. The future is not a matter of luck, it is a matter of skill. The future is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of law. The future is not a matter of fate, it is a matter of choice. The future is not a matter of destiny, it is a matter of action. The future is not a matter of luck, it is a matter of skill.

Horticultural Department.

Douglas County Horticultural Society.

Pursuant to notice, the regular monthly meeting of the Douglas County Horticultural society was held at the university on Saturday last.

S. W. Pearson reported a good showing of fruit buds on all young trees that he had examined, giving promise of a good crop of apples next year.

L. N. Wood did not think that the trees which had borne so very full this year would bear at all next year; that it was their habit to rest alternate years.

E. A. Colman replied that some varieties bore good crops every year, such as Missouri Pippin, Grimes Golden, and others; and if a sufficient quantity of fruit buds were formed we might reasonably expect a good crop of apples next year.

B. F. Smith, chairman of this committee, reported strawberry patches are generally looking well. The prospect for a good crop of berries next year is much better now than at this time last year.

FRUIT AT THE MEETING. The following report was presented: We find fruit on the table as follows.

APPLES. H. S. Smith—two unknown varieties. E. Flory—White pippin, Westfield, Seek-no-further, Ortley, Swaar, one fine seedling and three unknown.

GRAPES. B. F. Smith—The Prentice, a very fine white grape in good condition. E. A. COLMAN, S. W. PEARSON, M. L. MACY, Committee.

On motion of S. W. Pearson all members of this society were requested to attend the Kansas State Horticultural society as delegates. The motion prevailed. It will be remembered the state society meets in Topeka on the 5th of next month and will continue in session three days.

MARKETING FRUIT. This subject as usual, brought out a great deal of discussion. The great difference between the price paid for fruit here and the quotations of the Colorado markets shows that the shippers and railroad companies get the lion's share, leaving but a little for the lamb. D. G. Watt stated some of the causes and foreshadowed the remedy. Discrimination in freights against small shipments, collision among buyers, other monopolies were some of the causes. The remedy suggested was co-operation among producers, carefully selecting and handling of fruit, and statutory law prohibiting railroad companies from discrimination in transportation rates.

HOW TO KEEP APPLES THROUGH THE WINTER. Mrs. Ladd and others wished to be informed of the best method of keeping apples over till spring. E. A. Colman gave his method which in brief, was to pick his fruit as soon as it began to drop, keep it on the ground lightly covered in the shade of the trees till November, and then pack it away in the cellar in boxes, hogsheads or barrels giving as much ventila-

tion as possible. He makes a practice of opening his apple cellar door a few hours every day in winter unless it should storm too badly. He finds that they rot worse when spread out on shelves, than when placed in larger bulk. If the cellar is damp the apples will keep all the better.

A. H. Griesa said that if there should occur at any time through the winter a warm spell the cellar door should be left open at night. This would tend to keep the cellar sufficiently cool. It is well known that if fruit is kept at an even temperature a little above the freezing point there is little danger of decay.

It was decided to take specimens of fruit to the state meeting and S. W. Pearson was appointed to take charge of the same. He requests that all such specimens be left at the Pacific express office on Saturday, December 24, or on the following Monday.

SAUEL REYNOLDS, Secretary. Louisville Home and Farm. Frank O. Herring, Esq., of the Champlin Safe Works 231 and 232 Broadway, New York, reports the use of St. Jacobs Oil for a stiffness and soreness of the shoulder, with most pleasant and efficacious effects.

THE Year's Apple Crop. Mr. G. C. Brackett, secretary of the Kansas Horticultural Society, some weeks ago, sent out enquiries in regard to the apple crop of the states west of the Alleghanies, showing the percentage of an average crop of apples—100 being the standard. These enquiries were sent out somewhat earlier in the season than a fair estimate could be made of the outcome of the crop, but it is mainly correct. Our information is that in Michigan the crop is about 40 percent. of an average one, and that the same is true of Indiana. Nevertheless, the fact is patent that Kansas leads the van this year.

Kansas, 76 per cent.; Michigan, 30; Illinois, 33; Indiana, 20; Iowa, 30; Ohio, 37; Missouri, 75. "Buckwheat Cakes and the Measles." Rochester Sentinel. When a young husband had gone from home, and with fond solicitude telegraphed his little wife: "What have you for breakfast, and how's the baby?"—he received the brief, suggestive reply: "Buckwheat cakes and the measles." We have the report of a case in our midst, not where the measles was the bill of fare, but where Sciatic rheumatism confined Mr. J. Dawson, the well-known druggist, to his room for a long period. It was stated to our reporter in the following words: The son of this firm was attacked with Sciatic rheumatism December last, and for four weeks could scarcely leave his room. He used St. Jacobs Oil, and is now able to be at his place of business, feeling no worse for his recent affliction. The inference is convincing.

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Farm and Stock.

Subscribers are earnestly requested to send for publication in this department any facts not generally known, but of interest to stock raisers and farmers.

Character.

There is no reason why farmers should not be the kindest and most cultivated of men. There is nothing in plowing the fields to make men cross, cruel and crabbed. To look upon the sunny slopes covered does not tend to make men unjust.

Brood Sows.

The National Live Stock Journal makes wise suggestions in selecting brood sows:

It is now time to determine upon the breeding sows to be used during the coming year, and now is the time that men are tempted to put spring pigs to breeding, preferring the early spring pigs, even though the litter be made up of three or four runts, rather than to wait for a late farrowing of the young sow, giving the summer to grass, with a clover growth, and the full vigor of maturity, thus making her much more valuable for another year.

With these considerations in view, it is better to hold the young sows till late winter or early spring before permitting service. Their future growth will be greater and their vigor and value greatly enhanced.

Plowing by Steam.

A letter from a gentleman in Central Illinois who has taken considerable interest in the subject of plowing by steam, asks for further information about the steam plow referred to in the Prairie Farmer, reported as being in successful operation at Blanchard, Dakota.

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Haste Makes Waste. Our farmers may profit by reading the following criticism by the Commonwealth of Topeka:

One great drawback to successful farming in Kansas is the prevalent habit of haste. In every line of business, farming included, every one is in a hurry. There is no time for thought or reflection. Transactions that would command deliberate consideration for days, if not weeks, in older and more conservative places, are concluded off-hand here.

Look Well to the Farm.

If farmers will cultivate well and without waste; if they will so build that their houses will be warm in winter and cool in summer; if they will plant trees and beautify their homes; if they will occupy their leisure in reading, in thinking, in improving their minds and devising ways and means to make their business profitable and pleasant; if they will live nearer together and cultivate sociability; if they will come together often; if they will have reading rooms and cultivate music; if they will have bath rooms, ice houses and good gardens; if their wives can have an easy time; if the nights can be taken for sleep and the evenings for enjoyment, everybody will be in love with the fields. Happiness should be the object of life, and if life on the farm can be made really happy, the children will grow up in love with the meadows, the streams, the woods and the old home.

Imported Stock.

The Pittsburg Stockman's statements concerning the amount of money paid for imported stock by breeders in the different sections of the United States is worthy of note. It says:

The outlay in this direction was \$3,675,518, or more than the exports of live cattle from the United States amounted to in the first half of the present year. There is a solid increase in the importation total for 1882, and it is not likely that it will fall much below \$5,000,000. No other people in the world are making as liberal investments in fine stock at this time as the breeders of the United States.

A prominent lumberman has had his coat-of-arms painted on the panels of his carriage, with the Latin motto 'Vidi,' which by interpretation is 'I saw.'

A Voice from the Press.

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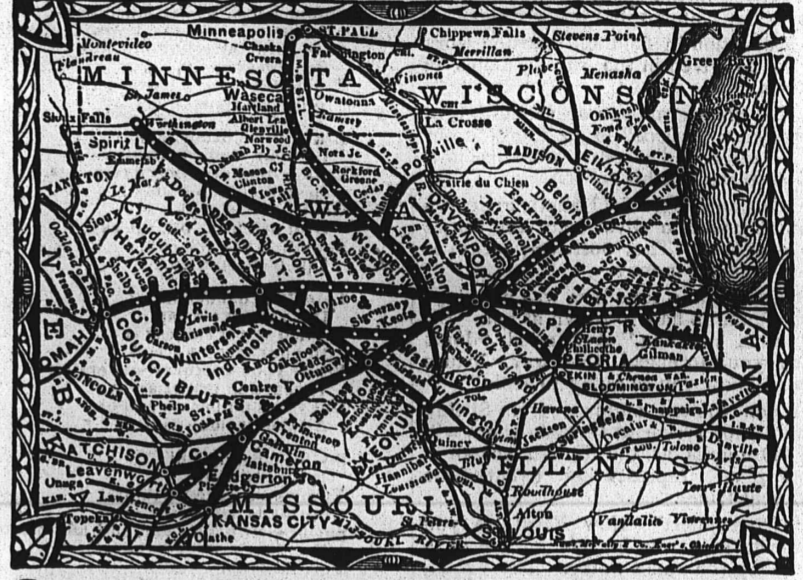
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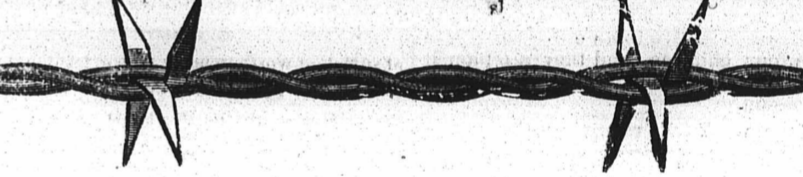
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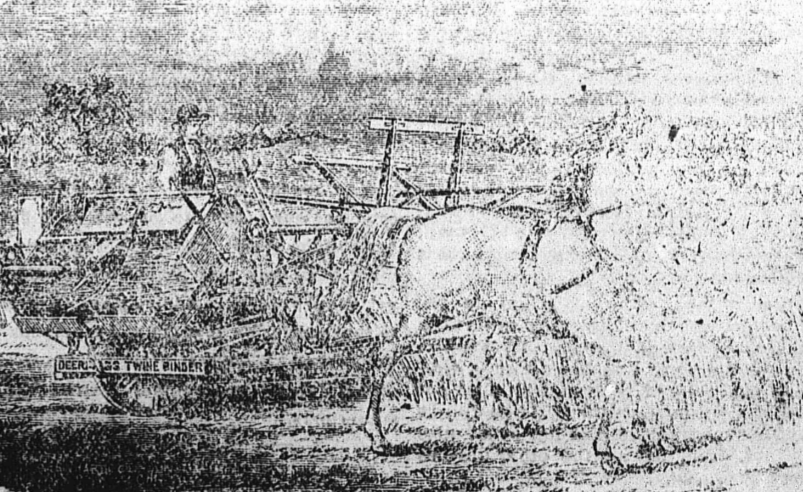
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CLEANINGS.

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A Vermont Justice of the Peace fined everybody in the room \$2 each because a dog fight interrupted proceedings.

Instruction in field and garden work is to be given in the rural schools of Russia.

The great-grandson of the author of "Robinson Crusoe" is in indigent circumstances, and a penny subscription is to be started for his relief.

Louisiana negro field hands insist upon being paid in silver coin, and bright coin at that. They positively refuse to receive paper money.

Once upon a time Ava was naughty, and mamma had to frown at her. "O mamma, mamma," Ava cried; "don't shut your forehead that way, 'cause then I know you're going to scold!"

When the ten children from Sitting Bull's tribe arrive at Carlisle there will be 360 pupils at the Indian school at that place, representing twenty-nine different tribes.

"Geographer!" New York, as you suspect, is a city in one corner of a State by the same name. The principal occupation of one-half its population is selling beer to the other half.

A woman of Tusculum, Ala. was struck by lightning and found upon recovery that her hair, once a beautiful brown, had been instantaneously turned to a snow white color.

Club snobs will next be caricatured in comic opera. W. S. Gilbert has been black-balled in a London club. The wealthy son of a retired butter merchant had been informed that Gilbert had worked for a living, and is therefore not respectable.

An English girl who saw the Prince of Wales at a theatre writes: "He, as usual, enjoyed the play as much as a schoolboy. It is delightful to hear him laugh—a rich 'Ho ho!' that rolls right across the theatre. He is so nice!"

Mr. Boucault says: "Egypt was fatal to Assyria; to the Hebrews; to St. George, who was hanged for looking, and to Napoleon. It is the graveyard of the world, and England has gone there to steal a lot for a quiet family vault."

A Baltimore physician is quoted as saying that if he could maintain throughout the year an average practice of twenty patients he (or any other physician) would consider that he was doing well, and his practice would amount to several thousand dollars per annum.

Near Fort Valley, Ga., live a man who has named his children after animals, having a belief that they will, in consequence, live to an old age. There are four children, and they are named respectively Rabbit, Coon, Fox, and Possum.

The work of removing the guano from the famous bat cave in Uvalde county is progressing. A tramway has been constructed for some distance in the cave, over which the deposits are brought out by means of steam instead of the slow process of horse-power.

An English lady who sued for damages because of a fall when boarding a steambath, has just lost her case. The jury decided that her high-heeled boots had wantonly and wilfully contributed to cause the injury of which she complained.

A fruit-raiser at Quitman, Ga., has peach trees whose leaves are perfectly black. The fruit, also, is black at first, but turns white when ripening. The trees were carried from North Carolina many years ago, and are a distinct species of which the fruitmen seem to know nothing.

A gentleman who recently visited the Skagit country, in Washington territory, states that the mouth of Deep slough, near the mouth of the river, is a spruce tree forty feet in circumference, which at some time has been uprooted and washed there, where it will probably remain. For at least sixty feet the tree is the same size, and is described as equal to the famous big trees of California.

France has 37,673,000 inhabitants, representing an increase of only 765,000 within the last five years. Paris has 2,269,000 inhabitants. Lyons 376,000, Marseilles 360,000, Lille 178,000, Toulouse 140,000, Havre 106,000, Rheims 93,000, Angers 64,000, Nizza 66,000, Dijon 55,000.

A Medford rum manufacturer meant to leave a will under which his distillery would be torn down and the business discontinued; but, as he wrote "after the expiration of three years" without specifying how soon after, the heirs will continue at the old stand so long as it is profitable.

The spread of information in the South cannot have been very general in all these years, if there is any truth in the statement that in Lee County, Ga., is an old colored woman who does not yet know that she is free. She thinks that her mistress retains her as a house servant, and that all the other darkies have been sold.

The other morning when a Montreal bird-fancier opened his store he was much surprised to find six of his best canaries minus a leg each and fifteen of the birds missing. Rats had gnawed a hole through the floor, had got on the counter, and from there to a large cage in which were the birds. The mutilated birds are doing well, and seem quite lively in spite of the professional amputation to which they were subjected.

Young Folks' Department.

LATE LITTLE DANDELION.

Bright little dandelion, Blooming all alone, Summer flowers are faded now, Summer birds have flown;

Have little dandelion! By your friends forsaken, Lifting up your cherry face In this sheltered nook!

Late little dandelion! Did you take a nap, Keated warm and cozy In your mother's lap?

Sly little dandelion! It is very plain You would have us think Spring is here again;

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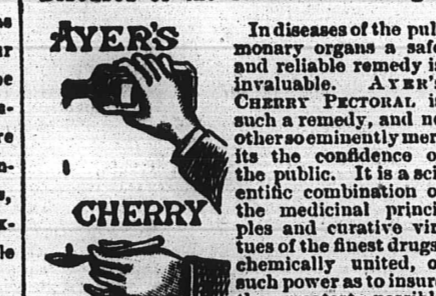
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