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The Agricultural Situation.

Correspondence of the Prairie Farmer.

At the beginning of a new year, it always has been, and probably always will be, in order to cast a look back upon the past and at the same time project ourselves as far forward into the future as the nature of things will admit. What have been the prominent features of the past year as seen from the agricultural standpoint, and what is the character of those likely to appear upon the scene of the coming year? Of both of these we can hope to give but an imperfect and limited idea, since the agriculture of the country has developed on so immense a scale, nothing less than the abilities of a comprehensive genius, who has not yet made his appearance in the world of agriculture, would be equal to the task.

For the valley of the Mississippi and the country generally, the crop season of 1882 was of an exceptional character, and that in the matter of large rainfall and low temperature. As usual, under like circumstances, there was an enormous growth of vegetation, without a corresponding yield of grains, roots and fruits, producing the usual result of a vast overestimate of the crops as promulgated from national, state and commercial sources. These reports have strongly influenced and depressed prices, and added to the other fact, that a period of high prices is infallibly followed by another period of low ones, the result is low prices and falling markets, and a state of things, wholly out of logical proportion to the yield of the crops of 1882, and the sum of agricultural products now in farmers' hands. Knowing the facts and refusing to admit the gross aggregations of the crops coming from official and commercial sources, intelligent farmers are keeping back their surplus crop, and one of the results is a falling off of receipts of grain in 1882, compared with 1881, of 75,000 carloads to Chicago, and amounts relatively large for other western cities. If one leading feature of 1882 was the gross exaggeration of the reports of the yields of the crops, another one for this year will be a general attempt to find a way to correct these errors—errors which, while they enable middle men to get control of the agricultural products of the country, rob the farmer and producer of a just reward for their labors, while they, do not, in the long run, benefit the average consumer at the other end of the line.

If the year past, like several preceding it, has been remarkable for an increased interest in the breeding of fine stock and dairying, a state of indifference in regard to the rapid lessening and deterioration of pastures and meadows and the neglect of the grasses has been equally remarkable. For 1883, the probability is, the fine stock and dairy boom having nearly reached high water mark the attention of farmers, breeders and feeders will be turned in some measure to grass, hay and forage crops and how to increase their acreage and yield. While maybe twenty, and perhaps not over ten per cent. of the pastures in Illinois and the others come, and grass sections and counties of the northwest are kept in a good enough state to furnish a full bite of fresh grass from one end of the year to the other, the remaining eighty or ninety per cent. are overstocked to double their capacity and bare fields and a very thin bite and thin or poor stock is the rule in the same proportion. But not only is the average pasture fed down to the bare

ground, but the forage plants are confined to blue grass, timothy and the two clovers, with here and there an invasion of some one of the grasses of second quality, which a peculiarly constituted soil invites and develops. Alfalfa, or Chili clover, that infallible source of abundant forage in hot and dry summers, like those of 1874 and 1881, orchard grass, which loves the shade but starts the earliest of all, the luxuriant and nutritious rye grasses of England and the south of Europe, the fescues, the meadow grasses and many others, are untried and unknown on the soils and under the climates where they would attain their most luxuriant and profitable development. Such being the condition of our pastures and meadows, the facts becoming known and the necessity of improvement admitted, we are likely to witness, in 1883, the beginning of a revival in the cultivation of the grasses and clovers.

The scarcity and high price of hay and cattle forage in the east, gave a great impetus to ensilage there, and the same cause lies at the bottom of the present excitement in the west, and especially in the dairy regions. But there, wherever the climate and soil enables the farmer and feeder to secure green grass for his stock during the winter months by means of a winter pasture of blue grass and timothy, the ensilage system is not likely to be largely extended. But in the cold regions of the north, where the rigors of the season interdict them or in the warm portions of the south beyond the true grass latitudes, ensilage, with limitations, seems destined to play an important part.

In the matter of need, industries connected with intensive agriculture, sugarmaking from sorghum cane is likely to be a leading feature of the year, with a reasonable probability that it will develop into an enormous business, and in course of time furnish a respectable portion of the two thousand million pounds of sugar yearly consumed in the United States—of which, so far, the mills of Louisiana have not furnished over ten per cent.

In speculative agriculture, if the term is an allowable one, the discussion on nitrogen is likely to be continued, with increased heat, if not improved "sweetness and light," and sooner or later we shall be suffered to see the sum and substance of the whole matter, which is, our soils having lost a portion of their nitrogen by the wasteful practice of burning vegetable matter, we can restore it, and to our worn soils their fertility by plowing all weeds and stubbles and more green crops under by the free use of the sulky plow, which has appeared on the scene at the very nick of time.

GRANGE NOTES.

Sixteen Granges have been added to the order in Tennessee since the meeting of the State Grange in August last.

The State Grange of Mississippi met at Jackson on the 12th, and reported a beautiful condition of the order in that state.

The New Jersey State Grange met in Trenton Tuesday the 12th inst. with representatives from 31 Granges. The order is on a firmer basis in New Jersey than ever before.

The Virginia State Grange reports the order in that state to be in a more prosperous condition than for several years. Dr. Gasconey, analytical chemist of the department of agriculture

delivered an address.

The Grange is non-partisan and must forever remain so. But notwithstanding this fact, individual members do not renounce their rights as citizens. The untrammelled use of the ballot is an inalienable right. When conscientiously exercised it purges the body politic. It is the foe of tyranny. The time has come when we must think and act independently in our own defense.

Over 100 of the 750 local and county Granges of Pa. were represented at the State Grange at Harrisburg, on the 12th inst., the first day of their meeting. The Lieutenant Governor of the state with several other distinguished personages, was present. Judge Jer. S. Black sent a stirring letter on the abuses of the taxing system of the state, which was read. The Grange Treasurer's report, shows a most gratifying condition of the financial affairs of the order in Pa.

THE LATEST MARKETS.

Lawrence Markets.

Reported for the SPRING OF KANSAS at the Grange Store Massachusetts street, Lawrence, Kansas, LAWRENCE, Kas., Jan. 6, 1883.

As follows are about the ruling quotations: Flour—Head Case \$3.10@3.35
" Douglass Co. A 1, \$2.60@2.85
Upper Crust, \$2.35@2.60
Bran, per ton, \$10.00
Shorts, \$11.00
Corn Meal, \$1.05@1.20
Wheat—75@80c.
Corn—new—33c.
Oats—27c.
Potatoes—Firm at 70@90c.
" Sweet, 50@75c.
Beets—25@40c.
Onions—45@75c.
" Small white, \$1.35@1.75.
Cabbage—per doz., 40@60.
Turnips—25@30c.
Squash, Hubbard, per doz., 75c@\$1.00.
Apples—50@60c. per bush
Butter—17@20c.
Eggs—Firm at 90@95c.
Lard—country, 12@15c.
Bacon—sides 12@17.
" canvassed breakfast, 20a25c.
Hams—Canvassed a. c., 18c per lb.
Beans—Retail at 4 lbs for 25c.
Dressed chickens 8@10c per lb.

Produce Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 6, 1883.

WHEAT—Market weak; No. 3, cash, 70c bid, 71-2 cents asked; January, 71½c bid; No. 2, cash sales, 78a79½c; January 80½c bid, 81c asked; February sales, 82½c; No. 1, cash sales, 86c; January, 85½c bid.
CORN—Market steady; No. 2 mixed, cash 40½c; January 40½c bid, 40½c asked; May, 42c bid, 42½c asked.
OATS—No. 2, cash, 30½c bid; May sales, 30c.
BUTTER—Steady at 25c for choice.
EGGS—Steady at 24¢ per dozen.
APPLES—green—40a75c per bu.; in car load lots, \$1 75a2 50 per bu.; dried apples, 5a6c.
CABBAGES—20a75c 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.

Live Stock Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 6, 1883.

CATTLE—Receipts, 801; market weaker and unsettled; native steers averaging 1,132 pounds sold at 4.15; cows, \$3@3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.15.
HORSES—Receipts, 6,509; market firmer and 5c higher; lots averaging 237 to 307 pounds sold at \$5.00@6.00.
SHEEP—Receipts 200; market nominally unchanged.
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Oberlin has no saloons and is generally sober.

The compliments of the season—colds, coughs, catarrh—may be effectively dealt with by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. To neglect prompt treatment for the ailment for the ailments is to risk consumption, which is said to cause one-sixth of the mortality of all civilized countries.

How the Story Grew.

The following story about children's gossip has a lesson for people of larger growth.

As Kittie Coleman and Maggie Weir were going to school one morning, Kittie said, "I was over to Uncle Fred's last Saturday, and came near staying too late. We had such fun I did not notice how near the sun was to setting, and I was very much afraid I would meet a tramp."

"Did you meet any one?" inquired Maggie.

"No one but Johnnie Gates; he was coming down the hill, whistling, and with a great big watermelon under his arm. I was scared at first, but when I saw who it was, I got over it."

At recess Maggie said to Mary Ford, "Kittie told me she saw Johnnie Gates carrying a big watermelon home Saturday evening. Wonder where he got it, and what he was going to do with it?" Before school called Mary whispered to Sallie Bates, "Johnnie Gates was seen carrying a great big watermelon Saturday evening. I wonder if he got it honestly?"

"Mr. Hart's melon patch was robbed about that time; maybe that's where it came from," answered Sallie.

At noon Sallie told Susan and Jennie, "I know something, and I'll tell you, if you won't breathe it to a soul."

"Oh, no, we won't," cried both girls in one breath; "what is it?"

"Why, Johnnie Gates robbed Mr. Hart's melon patch one night last week."

"Oh dear, isn't that awful!" exclaimed Susie.

"I always thought that Johnnie was not so much better than the rest of us, for all he made believe he was so honest," said Jennie.

"He couldn't have done it alone," Sallie said.

Whereupon Jennie hastened to a group of school children who were in the house and told them, "Johnnie Gates and a lot of other boys had robbed Mr. Hart's melon patch and distributed all they could not carry away."

Stride of Science.

We call the attention of our eastern friends to the fall styles in lynching in Wyoming and to the advancement thus being made in crude justice. The telegraphic pole has about played out here now as a western aid to speedy vindication and the advantage of a box car as a convenient lynching apparatus will be seen by all, and the day is not far distant when a car fitted up like a wrecking car only with a vigilance committee corner, coroner's jury, rope, etc., will be the popular thing. If the day ever comes when such a necktie chariot roams up and down the land, people will begin to look over their past record when they see it coming, and reform.

Wyoming may not be very recherche in many ways, but she has made some gallant strides in the way of sudden equity. Justice may be slow in the old world, but in Wyoming results come treading upon the heels of crime and effect some how seems to follow rapidly on the trail of cause.

The Pullman Palace Lynching car will have every convenience and be managed so as to give perfect satisfaction to all. It will be held subject to telegram and when the average bold, bad man, who is too handy with a six shooter, kills the principal business man in town, it will be coupled to an engine as soon as the wicked man can get himself in shape, the excursion train will come and take him along. When business is good, and several telegrams have to be attended to the first man can be hung while the car is making forty miles per hour on the way to the second man.

No doubt there are croakers who will sneer at this suggestion and claim that it is impossible, but other inventors besides us have been hooted at. When Galileo invented the steamboat and Archimedes discovered her lever, and Edison found out that the earth revolved on its hind feet, they were all laughed at because they were so far in advance of the age in which they lived. That may be our fate, but we cannot help it, when we get one of those glorious ideas, we just go to work and print it, and then let humanity avail itself of the statement or turn its back upon us and grope on through the black nights of ages.—*Lamarie Boomerang.*

Georgia Hospitality.

As I got beyond Rossville, in riding out to the battle-field of Chickamauga, it began to rain, and the way the thunder roared and lightning flashed and the flood-gates opened was appalling.

A farmer just over the Georgia line beckoned me in out of the wet, and there I stuck from 1 o'clock until dark. It was a steady storm, without a break for a minute, and as there were no signs of its clearing up before midnight the man said I had better stay all night.

"Who's that?" "Me!" "Who's me?" "Jim Baker."

Riches in New York. And, by the way, you notice how surely though gradually we are drifting here into two classes—the rich and the poor?

It gives a man a vivid conception of the hallowness of all earthly things when he sees the commander of a barber shop with a head as barren as the bottom of a wash bowl.

"What's the crowd about?" queried a stranger, as he noticed a stream of visitors going into a fashionable residence.

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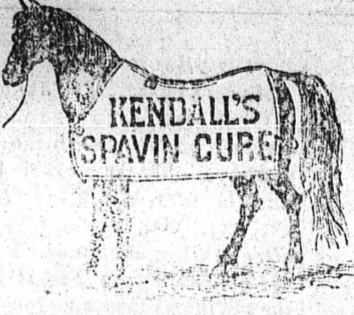
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FROM A PROMINENT PHYSICIAN. Washingtonville, Ohio, June 17th, 1880. Dr. B. J. Kendall & Co., Gents:—Reading your advertisement in Turf, Field and Farm, of Kendall's Spavin Cure, and having a valuable and speedy horse which had been lame from spavin for eighteen months.

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TO ADVERTISERS: THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS is the best organ through which to reach the farmers of the West of any periodical published.

TO CORRESPONDENTS: In sending communications to this paper do not write on both sides of the paper.

The Kansas Farmer looks nice in its new form and we hope it may prosper as it deserves to.

The average value of the wheat crop of the United States is about \$10, and corn \$15, to each inhabitant.

The traffic in eggs in this country is estimated by competent authorities to equal \$150,000,000 per annum.

The prices of corn in the country at points east of the Mississippi range from 45 to 60 cents per bushel.

Capt. Stewart, a member of the legislature from Allen county, manufactures on his farm near Humboldt about \$2,000 worth of cheese per annum from thirty to forty cows.

An Illinois farmer gives the following directions for curing galled shoulders on horses, and says it is infallible: Take leather and burn into a crisp; rub the same on the galled part.

It pays to plant trees in Kansas. The Anthony Republican tells how, in the spring of 1878, Mr. Kemp set out three acres of cuttings and small rooted trees.

The state temperance convention will be in session in Topeka on the 9th and 10th inst. We are pleased to know that there has been a very general appointing of delegates by the temperance societies to attend the meeting.

Wolf Teeth. The Indiana Farmer says that wolf teeth has nothing to do with the horses eyes, nor have their eyes with the teeth.

A Poultry Pointer.

To The Spirit of Kansas: MANHATTAN, KAS., January, 1883.

What breed of fowls to keep is often a vexed question with the beginner in poultry on his farm or his lot in town. Each breeder has his own particular variety, which he thinks is the ne plus ultra of all chickenkind.

Patriotic Notes.

To The Spirit of Kansas: We are having a dry but rather pleasant winter. In some instances stock water is very scarce and many wells are dry, or nearly so.

A creamery has been located here and the success attained warrants the continuation of the business with increased capacity for next season.

Wheat was a fair crop, but wheat raising has fallen into disfavor, and except on new land, but little is sown.

Corn was a good crop and is growing more in favor each year and more is being fed than formerly.

Fruit was also a good crop. Of winter apples the Winesap, Ben Davis and Pippins are most profitable.

Spring work will soon be demanding attention, particularly garden work. Haul out the manure and put it in convenient piles for working with plow or spade.

We have had much to cheer us in our calling. Yet we need the sunshine of youth in our order.

The growth of the Grange in this country during the past year, as compared with the year previous, shows an increase of 85 per cent.

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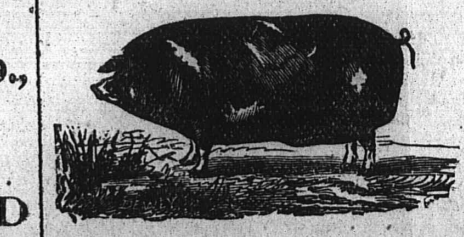
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