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Volume 17.

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, April 7, 1892.

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J. W. ROYER, M. D., Practising Physician, TRAPPE, Pa. Office at his residence, nearly opposite Masonic Hall.

M. V. WEBER, M. D., Practising Physician, EVANSBURG, PA. Office Hours: - Until 9 a. m.; 7 to 9 p. m.

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MAGGIE MACGREGOR, Dressmaker, COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Will take work at home or can be engaged by the week.

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MRS. S. L. PUGI, TRAPPE, PA. Attends to laying out the dead, shroud-making, &c.

SUNDAY PAPERS. The different Philadelphia papers delivered to those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and Trappe, every Sunday morning.

F. W. SCHIEREN, Tonsorial ARTIST! COLLEGEVILLE, PENNA. Shaving, Hair Cutting, Shampooing, &c. Ladies' Bang Cutting a Specialty. The best establishment in town. Parlor Opposite Post Office.



W. L. GEORGE, COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Shaving and Hair Cutting Parlor. RAZORS PUT IN FIRST - CLASS ORDER. Opp. Grinstock & Vandervlisse's. "Stranger than Fiction." BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

Aunt Ruhamah wandered away and went to her relations out West. "Yes," observed Mr. Tucker, nervously scratching his head; "and until I get your Aunt Rucy's signature to my title deeds, they won't be worth more'n so much waste paper."

"I had a letter from her yesterday," said Kitty. "That's one reason I am here to-day. The cousins in Ohio won't have her any longer. She is getting older and more eccentric every day, and they say—that is quite true—that it is my business to care for her. And the poor thing expects to come back to the old Ritchie farmhouse just as if she had left it yesterday!"

"I don't see how you can get on with a little old woman—just there by the old well? We never could get Eben to put up a curb there, and sister Sarah was always afraid something would happen."

"I see the tall grass waving," said Kitty, "and a cloud coming over the surface of the rising moon, and that is all."

"I'm sorry as you be that the school ma'am sprained her ankle there. She's a nice girl, and she helps to support that old aunt o' hers out West, an'—"

"I know there was!" nodded his wife. "Mrs. Ritchie showed it to me herself. All gold eagles; tied up in a shabby bag, with a leather shoestring. The old captain give it to her nussin' him through that fever."

"I was born there, Mr. Tucker," said Kitty, in a low voice, "long before father and mother were obliged to sell the old place. Long before poor old

come forward with a sidling motion, into the light.

"Be you Kitty?" asked a soft, high-pitched little voice. "Is this home? I've come a good ways, and I'm sort o' turned round."

"It's a good ways," repeated the old woman, shifting her flat turning basket, "and I'm sort o' turned round. But I followed sister Sarah all the way. She went before, an' she beckoned. I followed her here. And she's gone out to the old well. I'm sort o' feared to follow her into the high, wet grass, but she keeps a-beckonin', and I guess I'll have to go!"

"It's her sister Sarah," said Aunt Rucy, pushing resolutely ahead; "and she wants me. Why, Kitty, do you mean to tell me that you don't know your own mother?"

"Very well," nodded Wait. "Any time you're ready, I am."

"What's true?" breathlessly demanded Mrs. Bradley.

"Yes," said Mrs. Tucker, in a low voice, "and when Gideon got to the house, there was Aunt Ruhamah settin' by the fire, with her knittin' work in her hands, jest for all the world like she was asleep, but stone dead. And wasn't it lucky she signed them title papers o' Gideon's last week? And Kitty's crying fit to break her heart. Kitty can be married now whenever she pleases. There ain't nothin' more to wait for. And who knows," she added, looking timidly over her shoulder at the gray shadows of the gloaming, "but that Aunt Ruhamah's glow clearer than we do, an' sister Sarah, Kitty's mother, was really beckoning on the edge of the old well?"

"Ah!" said Mrs. Bradley, "who knows?"—Saturday Night.

The Work of the Rain-Drop. As every student of geology knows, the surface of the earth has undergone, in past ages, and is even undergoing at present, the most radical changes in form and condition.

Mountain ranges higher than any at present existing have been raised up only to be worn down into sand, gravel, and clay, and spread out over the bottom of ancient oceans, which in their turn have been raised up into dry land.

Various geological forces have played their part in their transformations; the shrinking of the earth's crust, and the volcanic forces beneath have caused the land to rise and fall above or below the sea level; and the astronomical motions of the earth in its annual journey around the sun have caused the climate to change from time to time; and perhaps even changes in the radiant energy of the sun itself have not been without their effect upon the earth.

Another drop may fall into a crevice in the rock, there to remain until it expands in the act of freezing, and splits off a fragment, which in its turn is carried down to lower levels. Or, perhaps, the rain-drop fall as a snowflake, which, with many others, is in time consolidated into an ice-field and glacier, which plows down the mountain side, crushing and grinding the rocks, as it goes, into a form which can be readily transported to the lower levels by the streams of water formed by its melting.

Or perhaps the rain-drop falls upon a limestone formation. A little—a very little, but still a definite quantity—of the hard rock is dissolved and carried away to the ocean, or deposited in a distant locality by the evaporation of the water.

That the streams and rivers of the more level districts are continually lowering the level of the land is evident to every one. The bars which are formed at the mouths of rivers are only the earth which has been washed down from higher regions by the rushing rain-drops, and the level of the land is constantly being lowered, and in many cases, perceptibly so by this means.

There is still another indirect way

in which the rain-drop takes part in the action of geological forces. One would hardly associate the presence of water with a volcanic eruption; but water is always present and doubtless plays a most important part in the phenomena of volcanic activity.

The action of subterranean forces has raised the ocean beds and turned them into dry land, hills, and mountains, only to be once more returned to their native element. We cannot tell if these upheavals are to be repeated in future ages, but it seems more than probable. If not, then it is only a question of time—albeit an almost indefinitely long time—when the surface of the earth will become of one uniform level, covered with a shallow ocean, and in the polar regions, surmounted by caps of everlasting ice and snow.

But the rain-drop is not the first cause of all the changes which we have noted. When resting in the ocean it is powerless. To perform its work it must be raised up and transferred to the hills and mountain tops. Like all other forces on the earth, the force of the falling rain-drop and the rushing torrent has its source in the sun.

The geologist can see in imagination the mountains and hills dwindling away and following the lower lands into the sea; but not a rain-drop can fall, not a brook flow down the hillside, or a river down its valley, except the water is first raised from the ocean by the same force that lights and warms our houses, that propels our railroad cars and steamships, that turns the wheels of all our machinery, and without which even life itself would be impossible.

Decadence of Longevity. If Sir James Critchett Brown is to be believed, and he is one of the first physicians of the day, the time is fast approaching when, unless a radical change in manner of living is made, men will not live out half their days.

The eminent oculist Critchett that his experience of over a quarter of a century leads him to think that both men and women now seek aid from glasses at an earlier period of life than their ancestors.

From the same source we learn that the ordinary age for the adoption of spectacles for reading used to be fifty; it is now nearly forty-five. Dr. Brown further tells us that the teeth are dropping out earlier, baldness more prevalent, senile insanity is more common and suicide is increasing.

These are very unpleasant facts, but they appear to be well substantiated. The moral of it all is that those who are already old must make the best of the situation and live as carefully and regularly as they can; those in middle age can put off the evil day by steady obedience to the laws of health and by a judicious regimen, but the best and truest remedy for the loss of old age is to teach children more earnestly the fact that to enjoy the last half of life they must take care of the first half.—Chicago News.

Flour by Electricity. An event of the greatest interest to manufacturers and scientists is soon to occur at St. Paul, Minn., the erection of a great flour mill to be operated entirely by electricity.

The structure is to be erected on the site of the St. Paul Roller Mill, burned two years ago, and the revolution is to be brought about by Kingsland Smith, of St. Paul. If the experiment proves a success all the great mills of St. Paul and Minneapolis, including those of Washburns and the Pillsbury-English syndicate, will use electricity as motive power, the water of the falls of the Mississippi being used only for the generation of electricity. Kingsland Smith is a man who, some years ago, invented the roller process, which then created a revolution in flour making.

Rescued by a Pig. "You think that you have seen smart things done by dogs," said a farmer who was in Fort Smith, Ark., with a load of hay.

He lives several miles beyond Van Buren, and is well known to many of our citizens. "I'll tell you," he went on, "there's a pig on my place, about six months old, I reckon, that I feel pretty grateful to these days, and I don't reckon my feeling'll change much as long as I live. It was just a common pig—no fine breed, but its come of average good stock. I've got a little girl that's been delicate pretty much all her life, and I gave her this pig when it wasn't much bigger'n your fist, thinking it might amuse her. She raised the pig and they've been playmates ever since, every day that she was able to play out of doors."

"The other day I was out in the field, about 5 o'clock in the evening, when I heard the horn sound at the house. I knew in a minute something was wrong, just from the way it sounded, and I dropped my work and went running. When I got there my wife looked like she'd drop in her tracks, and she says: 'Oh, Nathan, I can't find Nellie anywhere, and the last I remembered seeing her was 1 o'clock. She was playing under the big tree by the gate.' It was a whole minute before I could gather up my senses, but when I could think, you know what I did? I went and let that pig out. He ran around the yard a minute and then stopped to eat some crumbs of cake Nellie had left under the big tree by the gate. I thought I'd go crazy at that, but at all at once away he went with his nose to the ground, running so fast that I could not keep up with him, though I am a pretty good runner. He turned out of the road and plunged into the woods, and I plunged in after him. Along the ridge he went, gaining ground all the time, and at last he turned suddenly to the left and went racing down the slope and out of sight as though something uncommon were after him. My heart went right down into my boots. At the bottom of the hill lay a marsh covered with a green growth, and I almost knew that poor little Nellie had walked into it somewhere and was drowned. I went racing down the hill, but at first I didn't see anything of the pig. Around a bend in the marsh, and what do you think I saw? On the bank, with his feet firmly braced, was the pig, holding Nellie up in the water as best he could by her clothing. I thought at first that she was dead, and she did come very near slipping away from us, but we finally brought her around."—St. Louis Republic.

All but nine States out of the forty-nine in the United States now make scientific temperance education compulsory in their common schools. There are between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 children in America to whom it is required that this instruction be given.

The importance of planting and properly caring for trees is paramount and beyond question.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania are overwhelmingly in favor of Ex-President Cleveland for President.

The selection of I. Heston Todd as delegate to the National Convention, by the State delegates elected at the Democratic Convention at Norristown, Tuesday, is evidence that the Democrats of Montgomery are not under everlasting obligations to Messrs. Markley and Hunsicker, and that they are not in favor of constantly dealing out honors to men who trade in politics for spoils.

WHITELEW REID, of the New York Tribune, has retired from the French Mission and will arrive in New York this week to resume his editorial duties.

Political honors of some kinds do not seem to agree with some editors.

A. D. SIMPSON, of this township, is a candidate for the office of Sheriff, and we take particular pleasure in presenting his name to his Republican brethren for consideration.

SILVER sold on Saturday at 87 cents per ounce, and as there are 371 1/4 grains of pure silver in the standard silver dollar, its intrinsic value was 67.15 cents, or just a trifle more than two-thirds of a dollar.

MISSISSIPPI farmers are hoping for good results from diversified crops. Peppermint and castor beans have been planted to a considerable extent on farms along the eastern border, and the ground thus utilized has made paying returns on a small scale.

THE fourth annual congress of the Scotch-Irish Society of America will convene in Atlanta on April 28th, and remain in session three days.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 1, 1892. Senator Stewart, of Nevada, proposes doing all in his power to transfer the free coinage fight, which petered out so oddly in the House this week, to the Senate, although he admits that the same influences which downed the silver men in the House will be powerfully exercised in the Senate.

third party members, says of it: "It is the death knell of the old democratic organization. Many thousands of Southern voters have felt that the democratic party would give them financial relief, if it had the chance. With a majority of 148 in the House it had the chance, but it did not accept it. It was only by the help of 9 people's party members and 11 republicans that the immense democratic majority escaped a Waterloo. No power on earth can now prevent the electoral vote of Georgia being cast for the people's party and I believe other Southern States will do the same."

The usual talk which is always heard at about this stage of the long sessions, of an early adjournment of Congress is now on deck, and new members are actually naming as early a date as June 1, for adjournment, but the veterans like Holman and Burrows, who have been through the mill often enough to know how futile such talk is will tell you that an adjournment before the middle of July or first of August is not at all probable, much as it may be desired by either party.

The immigration investigation now being conducted by the joint House and Senate committees has unearthed a big departmental scandal, which would, of course, have had to come out soon. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Nettleton accuses Immigration Commissioner Owen of being an unfit person to fill a responsible public position and has filed a bill of particulars with Secretary Foster, in the shape of formal charges, the counts of which embrace incompetency, untrustworthiness and lack of integrity.

General debate on the free wool bill is to be closed this week, and the bill is to be passed under a suspension of the rules, next Monday.

The Cleveland democrats have made the most of the side-tracking of the silver bill in the House, which they claim has greatly increased Mr. Cleveland's chances of getting the democratic nomination.

It is Senator Mills now, as that gentleman was duly sworn in as a Senator, on Wednesday.

KINETOGRAMS.

From the America Farmer. Political straws—rye. The oldest twine combine—the boy's pocket. The most expensive grinder of cow feed is the cow.

If you want to farm without soiling your hands or clothes, do it on paper. The rooster that crows off his own fence must be ready to fence as well as crow.

Compound interest is the interest you take in the mother whose daughter you are courting. The first political agitator begun by persuading the first farmer that he was "down-trodden."

REMARKABLE, IF TRUE.

A COINCIDENCE WHICH PASSES GENERAL BELIEF IN SUCH THINGS. London Correspondence of the Leeds Mercury. Among the stories of extraordinary coincidences, not the least curious is the history of a letter, for the accuracy of which I can vouch. A short time ago a lady in London wishes to write to a lady in America, whose address she did not know.

dispatched. The ship which carried the letters was wrecked, and the mails for a time lost. They were eventually recovered and brought back to England, the letters, now much damaged by sea water, being returned through the dead letter office to the senders. The letter in question was sent back to the lady, who naturally examined it minutely. To her surprise she found that another letter had become closely stuck to it. Holding up the twofold missive to the light, she deciphered the address on the one which was stuck to her own. It was a letter addressed to the friend to whom she had wished to write, and to discover whose whereabouts her own letter had been dispatched. Her letter thus literally brought back its own answer.

PASS IT AROUND AS A TARIFF PICTURE.

Everywhere shops are either closing indefinitely or big reduction in wages are being announced which the employees must accept or lose their places. The trouble seems to be most in the various iron industries and one would hardly expect this pitiful situation to exist under the blessing of a high tariff on iron as we have under the McKinly bill.

SEVERAL TOWNS DESTROYED BY A CYCLONE.

A destructive tornado swept over Kansas Friday night. Butler county seems to have been the scene of the greatest havoc. The town of Towanda was entirely wiped off the earth, and Augusta, a few miles distant, was buffeted out of all semblance to its former self.

At Augusta three of the killed outright, Harmon Hoskins, James Baines and the infant child of Will Rhodes, who was blown out of his mother's arms and dashed against a brick wall. Rhodes himself is fatally injured, as is also the wife of Harmon Hoskins. Fifteen others were hurt more or less seriously, according to present reports, but all wires are down and it is impossible to get any detailed account from either place.

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ONE THOUSAND MILE TICKETS.

That the assimilation of the Reading Railroad's recently acquired lines is steadily progressing is evidenced by the latest circular issued by General Passenger Agent Hancock. It gives notice that from April 1st the 1000-mile tickets issued by the Reading Railroad Company will be accepted on all portions of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, except between Bound Brook and Newark.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob Geheimeier, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to HENRY H. WEISER, Administrator.

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CRAYON PORTRAITS!

First-class Crayon Portraits; warranted not to fade and to be true pictures of the original. Price low. Instructions given. Crayons Drawing. R. E. BALDWIN, Lower Providence, Pa. Orders taken at this office.

CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS! PRICE Quality and Workmanship

All right. Have you thought of your need of carpets this spring? We have been thinking of it for you and the result of our efforts are now ready for your inspection.

HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS.

Housefurnishing Goods, Carpets, Bedding, Window Shades made and put up.

L. H. Brendlinger LEADING DEALER IN DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS, CARPETS AND BOOKS.

FOR FURNITURE CARPETS, - - BEDDING Housefurnishing Goods.

Grand -:- Depot, MARKLEY'S The Cheapest Place in the County.

Window Shades made and put up. Carpets Sewed and Laid. Prime Geese Feathers and Cork Shavings always on hand.

Young Housekeepers Furnished with Goods from Cellar to Garret. Grand Depot is as lively as a Beehive. There is bustling and bustling from morning till night.

OUR SPECIALS ARE: 11-4 All-wool Bed Blankets that were sold at \$6.00 are closed out at \$3.75—a Great Sacrifice.

Great Reduction in Woolen Underwear and Men's Suits and Overcoats. 2500 Yards Calico—Full Pieces, no Remnants, at 4c. per yard, worth 7c. per yard.

Lot of Fancy Towels at Less than Half Price. The above are Dollars in your Pocket every time. GOODS DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGE.

E. L. MARKLEY, 213, 215 & 217 Main St., ROYERSFORD, PA. Garden, Flower, and Field SEEDS

D. Landreth & Sons, Seed and Implement Warehouse, Nos. 21 and 23 South Sixth Sts. PHILADELPHIA, PA. FOUNDED 1784.

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Paints. For inside and outside work. The "Cleveland Rubber" is the best outside paint made, and is the only ready-made paint which upon analysis shows the presence of enough rubber to act as a preserver of surfaces to which it is applied.

Furniture Polish. No one of cleaning houses without it; the only thing to be gotten that needs only an old rag for its application, and yet gives a look of newness to furniture. We use it exclusively on the furniture we send out.

Carriage Paints. All colors, in just as nice a good for wear if put on at home only 66c. for the job—38c. for paint, 18c. for a brush.

Household Goods FOR Outfits White Rock Lime in Cans. White-wash and Paint Brushes. Spring Styles in Men's and Boys' Hats, and Clothes Stuffs.

KULP & WAGNER, GRATER'S FOOD. PENNA. BARGAINS IN ALL KINDS OF STORE - GOODS!

IS THE ORDER AT FENTON'S. The list of Specialties is comprehensive and includes just what you want and at the right price. In the line of DRY GOODS!

SHOES FOR MEN, LADIES and CHILDREN, HATS AND CAPS FOR MEN AND BOYS. We Mean to be Ahead!

Our \$1.25 and \$1.68 Ladies' Kid Shoes are unsurpassed. Ladies' Oxford Ties, only \$1.00 and \$1.25. Extra Fine Dongola Kid Shoe, \$2.00 and \$2.50, guaranteed.

In Quality for Fine Groceries, WE CAN'T BE BEATEN. Choice Bee-Hive Syrup, only 50c. gal. Good Table and Baking Syrup, only 40c.

W. P. FENTON, 315b COLLEGEVILLE, PA. NEW FAC-

DRESS GOODS For the Winter of 1891-92 LEOPOLD'S!

We have just received from some of the leading importers a choice variety of new Cheviots, Homespuns, Habit Cloths, Camels Hair, and other Novelties IN BEAUTIFUL STYLES.

Leopold's, 254 HIGH ST., POTTSVILLE, PA.

WANTED OPERATORS in the Power. Also work given home. Good pay. STEEL FAC- TORY, Marshall and DeKalb Sts., Norristown, Pa.

Hartranft House, (Near Main St. Depot.) Theo. Hallman, PROPRIETOR, NORRISTOWN, PA.

All Modern Conveniences. First-Class Accommodations. Afforded Transient and Permanent Guests. Ample Stabling in charge of a painstaking hostler.

COLLEGEVILLE DRUG STORE. THIS IS THE PLACE TO GET PRIME SWEET MAJORAM. PURE BLACK PEPPER AND ALL OTHER SPICES. CANARY SEED AND GRAVEL. COMPOUND COUGH SYRUP. Will Cure your Cough, Croup and Grippe.

No Collection Complete Without Our STERLING -:- SILVER -:- SOUVENIR -:- SPOON! No Collection Complete Without Our STERLING -:- SILVER -:- SOUVENIR -:- SPOON!

WE LEAD THEM ALL! Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, &c. Largest Stock to Select From!

THE REASON WHY! In trying to solve the question why "hard times" rest heavily upon many, we can discern at least one, and perhaps the most important, reason.

Clothing at Gotwals' Store, PROVIDENCE SQUARE. You can get the same made to order just as cheap as you buy them ready-made—and satisfaction guaranteed every time.

THREE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PLACE YOUR ORDERS WITH H. L. SAYLOR, -PROPRIETOR OF- Colledgeville Marble & Granite Works

THE IMPROVED PERFECT WASHER. Sold on its Merits. WHO HAVE USED THE PERFECT WASHER

Cheerfully Testify to Its Unsurpassed Merits. If you need a Washer, be sure to give the Perfect Washer a trial, and you will want no other.

If you want the Finest Ornamental Trees and Shrubbery in the World, communicate with Evergreen Nurseries. GEO. PINNEY, Evergreen, Wis.

HATS! Retailed at Wholesale Prices! The Leading Spring Styles!

FOR SALE! A farm of 110 acres of productive land in Upper Providence. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply to J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Colledgeville, Pa.

FOR RENT. A House and Lot in Trappe. Apply to J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Colledgeville, Pa.

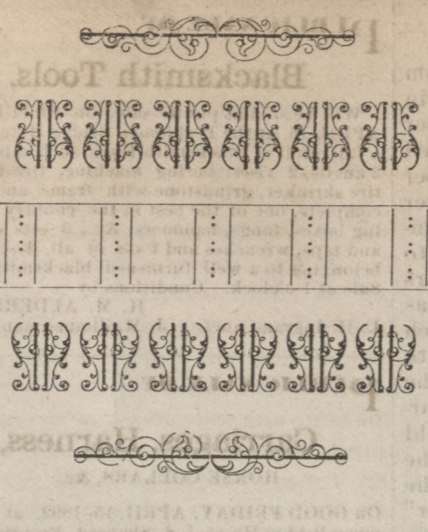


RAILROADS.

PERKIOMEN RAILROAD. Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows: FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R. SHORT AND DIRECT ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND, THE SOUTH AND WEST.

On and after November 15, 1891. TRAINS LEAVE COLLEGEVILLE (Via Perkiomen R. R.) connecting at Perkiomen Junction as follows:



Our facilities for executing JOB WORK are such as to enable us to do strictly first-class work promptly and at reasonable prices. The Job Work done at the Independent Office favorably compares with that done anywhere in the county. Favor us with your orders and we will do our best to serve you well.

Department of Agriculture.

REVIVING PARTLY EXHAUSTED LAND. Much partly exhausted land is far richer than is commonly supposed. What it has lost is the humus or vegetable matter that by decomposing furnishes heat and helps makes mineral fertility available.

GRASS FOR A PERMANENT PASTURE. The one best grass for a pasture is orchard grass, as it remains in the soil many years, and makes an early and late growth. The seed may be sown in the spring at the rate of two and a half bushels to the acre, and it is desirable to sow common red clover with it, as the clover affords plenty of feeding while the grass is spreading over the ground. But it is vain to expect really good pasture of any grass unless the land has been well prepared by thorough plowing and manuring.

THE COST OF FEED.

There is little accuracy or approximation to accuracy in the usual estimate of the cost of pasture. In fact, a good many people practically think that pasture costs nothing. This sort of recklessness in considering the cost of summer feeding when pasture alone furnishes the food, is a part of the extravagance of our system of agriculture, which is the direct result of having plenty of land. When the time comes in the history of the United States that our farms will be small and every acre will be compelled to yield to its utmost—and that time is coming—we shall know better what pasture costs.

that the land is resting that the improvement comes. Every quart of milk and pound of butter and cheese take substance from the soil. How much do they take? While we may not be able to determine that, the fact that something is taken is sufficient to remind us that it costs something even to pasture cattle on our farms.—Western Rural.

The first duty of a farmer is to supply his home with all the various luxuries that can be grown on a farm. With the many varieties of fruits and vegetables that can be produced on a farm the farmer should be able to have nearly all his wants supplied, so far as his table is concerned. In estimating the receipts for the year the farmer should always include those articles supplied by him to his family.

An authority on commercial grape growing has recently stated that the vineyards of Europe are giving out, on account of the phylloxera, and that within five years the resources of the United States will be taxed to the utmost to supply the deficiency in the wine supply which will then exist. Wholly aside from this consideration, however, it will pay to continue planting grapes.

In the Eastern States the farmers aim to grow a large crop on a small area, while in the West the total is looked at regardless of the number of acres. In the East manure is considered as important as seed, and we are glad to say that the Western farmer is now turning more attention to the matter of keeping up the fertility of the soil. The motto should be, "Cultivate well what is cultivated."

Labor on the farm is said to be constant, beginning early and late. The same may be said of many other occupations. There are periods of the year when the farmer is very busy, but when the loss of time during the Winter is considered, and the number of hours of actual employment is aggregated for the whole year it is doubtful if farmers exceed the average number of hours of labor for an entire year.

Ten acres of small fruits will often make a man more truly prosperous than ten times as much land in wheat or corn. He may not be worth as much in actual capital invested, but he will be getting a larger net income, and do it with much less severe toil. The small farm, well tilled, whether it be in fruits, dairy, vegetables, etc., is almost always the most satisfactory. The principal capital needed to start such a farm is a level head and a knowledge of your business.

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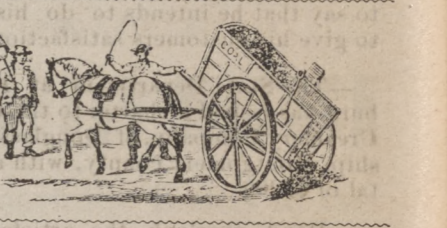
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