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FINE FARMS.

Method of Crop Raising in Iowa Was a Revelation to Visitors. —"Garden of Eden."

Eighty agricultural experts from all parts of the United States have completed an inspection of the leading farms of Sac county, Iowa. This is a Garden of Eden," said Prof. Hamilton, of the Department of Agriculture. "Farmers like these hold their heads and feel they are a part of the United States."

"I have never before seen so many first-class farms together," was the remark of Prof. Weeks, of Nebraska. Prof. Rice, of Cornell University; Prof. Wooding, of West Virginia, and Prof. Louden, of New York, and other scientists, all declare they had never seen better land and could not suggest any method by which it could be improved. When the party arrived by special train at 9:40 this morning, 27 automobiles were lined up in front of the station. The best part of it was that two-thirds of the cars belonged to the farmers. They have spent over $20,000 for automobiles since January 1, and have about $500,000 in the three banks of the town. The farmers are all prosperous and live this year in the commodious houses they built last year. The party was a satisfied party of agricultural experts that boarded the special train and left Ida Grove after the day's trip. They had seen a glimpse of some of the best of Iowa's farming country, and the sight was a revelation. They had come expecting to see great things. What they saw far exceeded their expectations. The Adams farm with nearly 10 sections, 6,160 acres, to be exact, is the largest farm in the state. It lies in one continuous stretch. The fields for the most part, are laid off by sections, one mile long and one mile long and out fields a mile square. The farm is under the direct supervision of a manager. Under him are 12 foremen and at the time of the year 140 men are employed. Under a rotation of crops of corn and oats and with manure as his only fertiliser, Mr. Adams is making his acres yield as none other in the state. During the last 14 years he has laid by $1,000,000 in profits which is not so bad. The Cook farm, worked by selected tenants, is another of the great farms of Iowa. By keeping a large amount of live stock the Cook farm has been raised to a high degree of fertility. Its pastures will support more than one steer to the acre. Feed grown on the farm is feed there and thus the 3,500 acres are kept in a productive condition. The farm of Henry Henson was also visited and inspected. There every building is made of concrete, even to the roosts in the hen houses.

Wooden Shoe Trade.

It is said that in France wooden shoes to the number of 2,000,000 pairs are turned out every year. Both machine-made and hand-made shoes of this kind figure in the French industry.

In France it is held that the best wooden shoes are those made of maple. In the provinces every French woman possesses a pair of the finer sabots for use on special occasions. These show monograms and similar designs carved on the vamps, and they are kept on the foot by ornamented leather pieces over the instep. The manufacture of these leather pieces also forms an important industry in France. —Harpers Weekly.

To Relieve Corns.

A hot onion placed on a corn that is inflamed will give relief—provided it is not hot enough to burn.

The Farmers Home Journal—one of the best farmer's papers in the land—can be secured at this office. $1.00 gets the paper one year and a nice prize besides. See us about it.

Against Parcels Post.

Even the limited parcels post service is not going to be established without a fight, says a Washington correspondent. The opponents have already organized and petitions have begun to be received by Congressmen from merchants in the country towns who fear that parcels post will ultimately mean cutting down their business.

In the face of the recommendations of the department strongly indorsed by the President in his message, Congressmen are between two fires. There is a growing demand from residents on rural routes for the limited service which is proposed, but the general fear expressed by the opponents of the service is that, once it becomes popular on rural routes, there will be a demand that it be extended to all mail routes.

The rural routes parcels post is said by its opponents to be only an "entering wedge." The average Congressman is in a quandary over the subject.—Maysville Bulletin.

When the merchants of the country towns learn that the big Express Companies are' giving the mail order houses rates as low as one-third of what they charge said country merchants, they will quit petitioning Congressmen and join the Parcels Post advocates.

A Pathetic Incident.

A pathetic incident is told of a little newsboy who entered a suburban drugstore, where the bright red crosses were used on the door as a sign for the Red Cross Seal sale.

Somewhat diffidently he approached the clerk and said, "Aw,say Mister, have you got any of them stickers I see on the door? Them with the crosses on them? Why,yes, answered the clerk. "What do you want with them? Got many Christmas things to send off, or many letters you'd like to seal with them?"

Sadly the little boy shook his head. "No,no letters and no Santa Claus packages. We ain't had no Christmas at our house since my daddy went away, and I can't write much, no way. But, say, Mister, will them stickers go to cure consumption? Somebody told me they do and what can I get just one for?" The sooty little hand reached for his pocket. "I want to cure my mamma; she's got consumption."

What is a million for the prevention of tuberculosis when you know that thundreds of thousands of little boys and girls are homeless and friendless to-night because of this grim plague, consumption! What are a few dollars, when nearly one-half the children in our orphan asylums and homes for juvenile dependents are there because one or both of their parents are sick or dead with tuberculosis! A million for tuberculosis is but a beginning of what should be spent, and it is only an infinitesimal part of the many lives and suffering, figured in dollars and cents that could be saved.

Pure Food Fads.

The following are some of the things that will happen to you according to the pure food doctrine:

Drink water and get typhoid fever. Drink milk and get tuberculosis. Drink whisky and get jimjams. Drink soup and get fat. Eat meat and encourage cancer, appendicy and appendicitis. Eat oysters and absorb typhoid-gastric poison germs. Eat vegetables and get Asiatic thinblooded weakness. Eat dessert and die of puresis or something else. Smoke cigarettes and die too soon. Drink coffee and fall into insomnia or nervous prostration. Drink tea and get a weak heart. Drink wine and so drink gout. Blame it all, if you want to keep well, just quit eating and drinking, smoking and loving, and before you breathe or touch anything see that the air and everything is perfectly sterilized.

STATE POULTRY SHOW.

For the first time in the history of Kentucky a great State Poultry Show is to be held. By the efforts of Hon. M. C. Rankin, Commissioner of Agriculture, the Kentucky Poultry Association was formed some months since and it will hold its first Annual Show or Poultry Fair at Lexington on January 16 to 21 next. Premium list and catalogue will be ready for distribution January 1st, and will be sent to anyone on application to Secretary Frank L. Smith, Lexington, Ky.

A pleasant thought: January bills will be due Monday.—Cynthiana Democrat.

The Meat Trust.

The meat trust is probably the greatest merchant on earth. It feeds billions. In all lands, in every army commissariat and naval store its products may be found. Battles on land and sea cannot be fought without first consulting it. This colossal combination, unlike most others, did not achieve it immense proportions through the operation of the tariff. It was built up by ruthlessly smothering domestic competition. It was able to introduce many economies in production, but these have all gone into dividends, as in other monopolies. The consumer never gets the benefit. In ten years, according to the Bureau of Labor beef has risen 22 per cent, mutton 35 per cent, fresh pork 65 per cent, salt pork and bacon 80 per cent and veal 30 per cent. The trust controls the cattle-growing industry of the world, is able to meet competition abroad and to fix and enforce prices at home. When meats were sold at reasonable prices we had no need to import them and the tariff on them was something of a joke. But now that the people are being held up almost to the point where prices are prohibitory we cannot send abroad for this essential food because the tariff keeps it out. Thus the trust, having controlled absolutely the home market by a process of elimination and absorption, is made safe from the competition of the entire outside world by this beneficient system of high protection. The tariff on meat should be immediately repealed. It is an unnecessary to the robbery of the people.

We're Opposed to Mail Order Concerns Because—

But—

Therefore

Advertise!

Total Vote cast in the Piano Contest, which closed Saturday, is 81,538.

BIG PIANO CONTEST IS OVER

MISS FLOSSIE GAUNCE

MISS CLARINE MYERS

Miss Gaunce Wins First Prize, the Piano; Miss Myers, Second, the Diamond Ring, and Miss Rogers, Third, Silver Tea Set.

The Contest a Success From Start to Finish.---Everybody Satisfied With the Result.

The Mercury Piano Contest closed Saturday evening, December 31st, at 5 o'clock, and when the judges had finished the count of votes they announced that Miss Flossie Gaunce was winner of the first prize, (a handsome $400 Mallar piano); Miss Clarine Myers, second (a beautiful diamond ring), and Miss Anna Rogers, third (an elegant silver tea set).

For two weeks before the close no one knew who was ahead or in fact, how any one of the contestants stood, as the ballot boxes had been sealed up and one placed in the Deposit Bank and the other at the Mercury office. These were, consequently, a number of surprises when the votes were counted and the result announced.

Another curious thing in connection with the piano contest is the number of people who pay subscriptions and vote the coupons for some particular girl under a condition that their name be not revealed either to the candidate or her opponents.

It was a foregone conclusion that all could not win, but the instrument went to a deserving young lady who worked very hard and brought the Mercury many new subscriptions. Every girl who stayed in the contest at all won a special prize and some during the nearly three months the contest was in progress won as high as four, so that no girl worked for nothing.

There were 37 special prizes given away during the contest. These ranged from fountain pens to silver sets, including rings, jewel boxes, chatelaine watches, necklaces, etc.

We wish to say this: we have never seen a nicer lot of girls in a contest. So far we have heard not one single word of disparagement of one candidate by another. Each girl attended strictly to her own affairs and transacted all work in a ladylike and dignified manner.

The contest was the means of largely increasing the circulation of the Mercury until it can be safely said it has by several hundred the largest circulation of paper in Nicholas county. If advertisers wish to know exactly what they are to get for their money we shall be pleased to show them our subscription list. If we should ask a little more than others they should know that they are getting more circulation. The Mercury goes to nearly every home in Nicholas county. If you want to reach the people we can furnish you the medium at a reasonable rate.

Come in and see us if you need our services and if we don't convince you that we have the circulation you can give your patronage to some one who cannot give you the circulation we can.

We are sorry that we cannot give a half-tone likeness of the winner of the third prize, Miss Anna Rogers, this week, it being impossible to have the cut made in time for this issue.

Turn Over a New Leaf

By subscribing for THIS PAPER

Put It Up To Independents.

When the Burley growers met in Lexington, they put it right up to the independent growers who have all along remained out of the organization for various alleged reasons. They said to the independents, "Come right in now and fix the thing up to suit yourselves. We can't succeed without you, and there is going to be no more organization and pooling if you do not come in."

The independent will have to give up his lame excuse and join in the movement which has been started so much for him, while he has had no share in its responsibilities. The independent has fared better than the pooler, because the pool fixes the price and the independent receives that price without having to bear any of the burdens necessary to maintain the organization.

The Burley organization has gone to pieces, and no reorganization goes unless the independent comes in. The prices on Burley has gone so low that the growers cannot raise tobacco except at a loss. The independent is responsible for this condition. He is to be made responsible if it continues. The growers who were in the old organization do not intend to let the independents do the sponge act any longer, and in this they are right. Prosperity carries with it some responsibility of time and money and if the independent Burley grower is to have future prosperity he must put up the price the same as the farmers in the pool.—Owensboro Inquirer.

Judge Montgomery Dead.

Judge Alexander Brooks Montgomery, who served four terms in Congress from 1886 to 1894, died at his home in Elizabethtown, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 27, of Bright's disease and complications. He had been in bad health for several years and death had been expected for the past ten days.

Judge Montgomery was seventy-three years of age, a native of Hardin county and prominent in public life since 1870, having served as Deputy Sheriff, County Judge and State Senator before going to Congress.

He is survived by his wife and five children; also by two brothers, Judge James Montgomery of Elizabethtown, and Dr. E. R. Montgomery, of Louisville.

The surviving children are: W. C., J. C. and Brooks Montgomery, of Elizabethtown; Dr. Lafayette Montgomery, of Danville, and Mrs. Talbott Clay, of Lexington.

During his congressional career he served on the Ways and Means Committee with Wm. J. Bryan, and was also on the committee which framed the Wilson tariff bill. Judge Montgomery was appointed by President Cleveland as a member of the Dawes Commission for the allotment of public lands, resigning in 1896 after two years' service.

"Bob" Greene in the Race.

Robert L. Greene, one of the best known lawyers of this section of the state, last night announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Mr. Greene was deputy clerk of the highest court for twenty years and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office. During the time he has engaged in the clerk's office he knew every lawyer in Kentucky and was relied upon by them who had practice before the Court of Appeals. Mr. Greene twice made the race for the nomination for clerk but was defeated each time. He served last under Zach Phelps. He stands on the record. He has a large number of friends in the State who will rally to his support.—Frankfort Journal.

Frankfort Woman Dies Aged 108.

On the anniversary of her one hundred and eighth Christmas Eve, Mrs. Jane Arsen, the oldest white woman in Central Kentucky, died at Frankfort Sunday. She has been for years the most accurate encyclopedia of the early history of Frankfort. She came to the first steamboat to leave Frankfort, the first steamboat to leave the city, and was present at the dedication of every capitol erected in Frankfort. She could recall when citizens of Franklin county had to carry guns on their way to Christmas services, fearing attacks of the Indians.

Mike Cudahy, the founder of the firm of meat packers that bear his name, died leaving an estate of $11,000,000. He started in business by killing his own beef once a week.

A Word to the Borrower

If you are a borrower of this paper, don't you think it would be fair injustice to the man who is buying for it? Having no backing for it at this very moment. Make it a rule that when to your home. The subscription price is an improvement that will repay you.

LESLIE C. LITTRELL

Runs Newspaper, Conducts Hardware Store, and Is 'Way Up In Politics.

Leslie C. Littrell, of Oxenton, was a visitor to our town last Sunday, and for a brief while we had the pleasure of entertaining him at our house. Mr. Littrell is editor of the Owen County Democrat and is also Owen's representative in the Kentucky Legislature. He also conducts a large hardware store in Owenton, and with newspaper work, merchandising and politics, is a pretty busy man.

Before last Sunday we had not the pleasure of meeting this brother of the Kentucky Press, and as an appreciation which we believe he fully merits, we can only say that we can only regret that we had not sooner known this neighbor from the State of Owen. Les Littrell (for he is a man you cannot know very long until you drift into the habit of calling him by his first name) is a very likable fellow.

Just now he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a fact which we learned from his own lips. He seeks to succeed Prof. [illegible] who has been a most efficient Superintendent. Mr. Littrell is a graduate of the Owen County schools, and gave his office an educational institution, we know, furthermore, that he has been in close and intimate touch with educational matters for a number of years; we know, also, that he is a public spirited citizen, always allying his efforts with the best elements of progress. We know, too, that he has the confidence and esteem of all who have known him. But, did we not know any of this, we would believe this from the impression formed at our first meeting that Leslie C. Littrell would make an excellent Superintendent of Public Instruction—that the State's educational interests would, in his hands, be conserved and strengthened. And we base it all, not so much on what we have heard, but on this estimate formed that this big, brawny son of Sweet Owen, of generous heart and discerning mind, would never allow ambition's living light to lead him to any plane beyond the limit of his capability.—[Warsaw Independent.

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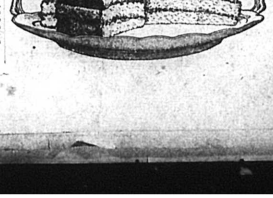

Mrs. Kane Dies.

Mrs. Katherine Kane, widow of John C. Kane, died Monday at her home on South Main street of general debility, aged 75. Mrs. Kane was born in County Waterford, Ireland, and had resided on Bourbon for nearly a third of a century. She is survived by four sons, Mr. John T. Kane, Mr. T. F. Kane, Mr. T. J. Kane and Mr. W. E. Kane; two daughters, Misses Mamie and Katie Kane, and a brother, Mr. John Cassidy of Carlisle. The funeral services took place at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Eugene DePuyn officiating. The interment in the Paris Catholic cemetery.—[Kentuckian Citizen.

Poverty.

Poverty is, except where there is an actual want of food and raiment, a thing much more imaginary than real. The shame of poverty—the shame of being thought poor—is a great and fatal weakness, though attached in this country from the fashion of the times themselves.