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New Jersey vs. The West.

In an able article on "The Questions of the Hour," the *Prairie Farmer*, of the 7th inst., says:

"Empty words are those we hear at our annual fairs and other farmers' gatherings, about the fertility of our soil and the vast agricultural resources of the West. In vain does the pioneer press forward to the great corn and wheat plains beyond the Missouri. Of secondary importance are the schools established for the improvement of agriculture.

The question of the hour, is not how much we can raise, but how much we get for it; not how many bushels of corn and wheat an acre of land can be made to produce, but whether it will pay the cost of production; how to reach a market, not how to fill bins and corn cribs, is the question of the hour."

Not so with the farmers of New Jersey, with them "the question of the hour" is how much can we make our acres produce.

The soil of New Jersey is not as naturally fertile and as infinitely productive as the virgin soil of the great West, but by a system of intelligent application of fertilizers, and thorough cultivation, it will produce as much of wheat and corn per acre as does many of the Western States. With the agriculturists of New Jersey, especially of South Jersey, "the question of the hour" is not "how to reach a market," for the great markets of the East, with their overteeming populations, are at his door. He has only to consider how to increase the products of his acres, being sure that he will find ready sale for everything he raises, at fair prices.

The labor of cultivating an acre of land in South Jersey is no more, if as much as that of cultivating an acre on the prairies of the West, and the results are attended with much greater profits, and of course, more satisfactory results. Upon this point let us take the facts as they exist. According to the census of 1870, the average yield per acre, of corn, in New Jersey was 33 bushels, while the average yield of the same acre, in the great corn producing States of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas and Nebraska, was 32 bushels per acre, at an average price of 44 cents per bushel, while in New Jersey the crop was rated at 81 cents per bushel or nearly double the price it commanded in the West.

In the production of wheat New Jersey equalled the average yield per acre, of the great States of Illinois and Iowa, and was exceeded by an average yield of two bushels per acre, in the other four states named. The value of the wheat crop in New Jersey in 1870 was \$1.43 per bushel and in the Western States about 80 cents on an average. In the hay crop New Jersey excelled all the above named Western States in the average yield per acre, except Minnesota and Nebraska, which equalled her in this product. While the price per ton is set down at \$10.00, and in the six named Western States, the average price is \$8.00 per ton. The average yield of other crops and their cash value are in about the same proportion, and always largely in favor of the New Jersey farmers. The difference in the price obtained for the products of the soil, by the farmers of the great grain growing states of the West, and that obtained by the farmers of New Jersey for the same kind of crops, is still more marked than that given by the census of 1870.

A gentleman writing from Nebraska, says he "can get but ten cents per bushel for his corn and a proportionate price for other grain and produce, and haul it twenty miles to market at that. Fuel is very high; cost almost beyond the question."

... Correspondent of the *Prairie Farmer*, writing from Pontiac, Ill., quotes the price of corn at 18 cents and oats 14 cents at that place. This is certainly not a very encouraging condition of affairs to the farmers of that section. How do the prices compare with the prices in South Jersey for the products of the farm. Here, corn is sold at \$1.00 per bushel; wheat, \$2.00; potatoes, \$1.00; oats, 75 cents, per bushel, and other things in proportion; a good market and ready sale for all the produce of the farm. There are in South and West Jersey, about 500,000 acres of unimproved land, lands that can, by a thorough system of cultivation, be made to produce as much wheat, corn and hay per acre, as is usually raised on the prairies of the West. These Jersey lands which are located near churches, schools, mills, stores, and convenient to market, can be bought at low figures, and on the most favorable terms to actual settlers. The climate is mild, the water pure and excellent and the soil easily subdued, and can be cultivated with but little labor.

... (material) for building cost much less than on the prairies of the West. With all these advantages of soil, climate, markets, money, &c. there is no good reason why all these hundreds of thousands of acres in New Jersey, should not enter into an industry, happy and prosperous, for years to come. We have an executive head of capital and experience, and great wealth,

plants, both domestic and foreign may be induced to settle in this section, to cultivate the lands, establish manufacturers, and introduce new and more vigorous elements of industry and enterprise. Shall it be done? It only requires an organized energetic effort, properly directed, to turn a large tide of emigration into South Jersey.

Will the owners of large tracts of unproductive lands make the effort, or will they encourage those who have the energy and the will to make the effort? The question is before them; let them consider it well.

## New Advertisements.

### Orphan's Court.

The following executors and administrators accounts were approved and confirmed by the Court:

M Parkhurst, exec'r of A M Ellis, dec'd.  
D B Ashley, exec'r of John O Adams, dec'd.  
E R Somers, adm'r of Erich Somers, dec'd.  
H Orphall, adm'r of E L Kellenberg, dec'd.  
A E Conover and J B Steelman, adm'rs of Job Conover, dec'd.

*Guardian's accounts examined and approved.*

W O Horton, guar'n of Nellie Horton, a minor.  
A M Lawlor, guar'n of A M T Lawlor, a minor.

J Chamberlin, guar'n of L B Bartlett, a minor.

Commissioners appointed to divide the Real Estate of John Mc Babcock, dec'd, between his wife and to set off Harriet I Babcock, dower. An order-to-sell land was granted to J B Collins and R I Risley, adm'rs of Henry Risley, dec'd.

The following sales of land were confirmed:

A E Conover and J B Steelman, adm'rs of Job Conover, dec'd.

D B and Deborah Somers, adm'rs of Washington Somers, dec'd.

D B Somers, W Lake and S R Risley, com's of R L Somers' estate.

John Hartland for W O Horton, exec'r of W Horton, dec'd and guar'n of N Horton to be and appear at the next April term.

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M. J. COVIL, M. D., Editor, &c.  
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### Congress.

In the Senate on Monday, Mr. Sherwood's resolution directing the Committee on Privileges and Elections to investigate the troubles in Louisiana, Objecting being made it was laid over until Tuesday. Mr. Morton offered a resolution, directing the same committee to report at the next session upon the best and most practicable mode of electing President and Vice President, and of providing a tribunal to decide all questions connected with Presidential elections. The Financial Committee were directed to inquire whether the Secretary of the Treasury has a right to receive bonds in lieu of the \$2,000,000 reserved under the act of 1860, and the Judiciary Committee to consider the propriety of repealing so much of the Bankrupt act as relates to involuntary bankruptcy. A bill was introduced by Mr. Ferry setting apart a portion of the Island of Mackinaw as a National Park. The Indian appropriation bill was considered.

In the house, Mr. Leonard Myer introduced a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to contract with the American Steamship Company, for semi-monthly mail service, between Philadelphia and Liverpool, at a rate not to exceed \$150,000. Mr. Lynch, offered a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Congress continued, making the President and Vice President elective by the vote of the people. A bill was also introduced proposing the taxation of the U. S. Bonds. Both went over until next Monday, a resolution was adopted, 130 to 75, directing that the Credit Mobilier investigation be open to the public. A vote was adopted directing suit against the Credit Mobilier Company to recover over five millions of dollars, for which the Union Pacific Railroad is in default for interest paid by the government on its bonds. The President vetoed the bill to remit duties on spirits destroyed in bond.

The House upon its re-assembling removed the secrecy of the Credit Mobilier investigation, and the proceedings were opened to the public. So far, the testimony has failed to implicate any of the persons charged in any corrupt practices. Blaine it seems, who was charged with having been bribed with the stock, never had any, and never negotiated for any. Mr. Dawes gave \$1,000 interest in the company, but no stock had ever been transferred. Mr. Colfax holds a certain number of shares on which he has not received any dividends, though he is entitled to them. Senator Wilson did not own any shares though he has been charged with it, but some friends presented him with \$2,000 worth of the stock, on the anniversary of his silver wedding; but it was subsequently returned to him. Mr. Bingham, Mr. Sofield, Mr. F. Wilson and Mr. Albion, of Iowa, all had more or less of the stock. Nothing, as yet, has been elicited from the speakers to show that these transactions were made with a view to securing legislation in favor of the Credit Mobilier Company, but that they were purely business transactions. We wait for the end.

The Newark Evening Courier, one of our very best evening exchanges commences the New Year by brushing up, and putting on a new cross throughout, and the editor bows himself into the New Year with becoming grace in a glowing account of its course and prosperity. The Courier is a staunch Republican paper, and says, "It is the full and most unbodied confidence in Republicanism in which it will remain, as long as the Republican party continues to be the party of ideas, of purity and of progress." These are our sentiments, shall always be happy to greet you, Evening Courier, but especially now, with your clear shining face.

The State Legislature convenes next Tuesday. What with the numerous applications for Railroad Charters, new towns, new counties, &c., with all its other business, it will be a busy session. Gov. Parker's message was given to the printer some days ago.

The Farmers of Camden have decided not to deal with commission men who do not pay for baskets they lose. Many of them claim they have lost their entire profits or more because of the non return of baskets. Our people know something about that themselves.

The following communication furnished us in proof sheet, from the *Democrat* office, to appear in both papers on the same day, we cheerfully give a place in our columns:

WEST ELMWOOD, Jan. 6th, 1873.  
EDITOR ATLANTIC DEMOCRAT.

That a Musical Festival as you suggested some time since, to be held somewhere in this county, may be possible. I have not the shadow of a doubt. Its utility, opportunities for instruction, and as a means to this end, the promotion of innocent and attractive social pleasure and amusement, I think no one, at least, no one fond of music, will deny.

The popularity of and eager desire for good music, is shown by the numerous bands in this part of the State, and by the many, who like myself, are always "sawing on" and making the old fiddle groan and scratch, and also by every young lady (and now and then an old one), who can afford to, distractedly trying to wear out her finger ends by pounding, drumming and thumping on a "piano," melodeon or organ, and more yet, in nearly every school district and church congregation, some violinist or vocal instructor leads a class to the attainment of singing by note.

One of the results of the Festival would be the assembling of about two hundred men and boys, who used to collapse about the village green, through horns.

It is probable that a comparatively successful Orchestra might be organized, and also some pleasing and choice musicians, by some of our excellent violinists and pianists, to add to the enjoyment and the attraction of the Festival. Those supposed to be the best musicians present might also be selected and formed into a Brass Band, which would give a full practical illustration of the kind of music that a brass band should make.

There are three places within reach of where suitable halls can be secured: Absecon, Egg Harbor City and Hammonton; but the time and place can not be determined until an effective organization has been formed among the several rival bands. I would suggest Washington's Birthday as the time, at any rate it should be within two months. We could have an efficient Director in the gentlemen who has instructed most of the bands—Professor G. W. Queen.

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