

Agricultural Department.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Jan. 20, '69.

High Prices in the Domestic Market.

It is a general complaint everywhere, says the *State Guard*, that the high prices which prevail in the domestic markets of the country, are now grinding the faces and pinching the stomachs of the poor to a condition of starvation. From all parts of the country, alike in cities and in villages, the high prices of agricultural products demonstrate one of two propositions, to wit: that an insufficient proportion of our population is employed in agricultural industry, or that the cost of distributing these productions to consumers ought to be diminished. It may be that both of these propositions can be established.

The country needs more farmers, cheaper carriage, and fewer middle men. A direct tax on sales, as recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, would tend to bring the producer and consumer into more immediate connection, and the profits which now accrue to middle men might accrue in part to the treasury, and be made available in payment of the national debt without impoverishing the people. The great monopolies which control the carrying trade between the east and west ought to be subjected to a wholesome competition, so that they would be induced to take a crop of corn from New York or Boston for something less than half its value.

Recent developments have shown that agriculture is a profound science, yet in its infancy, but susceptible of indefinite advancement. Improved implements and improved fertilizers have already done much to alleviate the toils of the husbandman and to increase farm products, but what the country needs is more farmers, better cultivation, and more agricultural products to increase our exports and turn the balance of trade in our favor.

The farmer needs more skill and a better knowledge of economical husbandry. The wastes in fertilization and upon farms, if properly economized throughout the country, would pay the national debt in a few years.

Public attention needs to be aroused to the importance of this great industry. The farmers of the country want to be made to appreciate the true grandeur of their calling. The idle population in the cities ought to be induced to go to the country. The rich should be induced to engage in agriculture as an attraction, and the poor as a useful employment. Homes among farmers ought to be found for the boys and girls of the cities that are now being reared in idleness and vagrancy, where they might be taught useful industry, and be trained to be virtuous and worthy citizens.

If the herds of stock jobbers and speculators, and half the petty traders that are now living upon the honest industries of the people would abandon their callings, and turn their enterprise and industry to developing the agricultural resources of the nation, we should have but little more of hard times, or of the national debt. It is difficult to imagine what the genius, energy, and resources of Vanderbilt and Drew would have wrought out if they had been applied to developing the agricultural resources of the prairies of Illinois. They would have harnessed the elements to till the State, and fill the markets of the world with its products.

How to Grow Plums.—The *Rural American* says: "There is a secret about plum raising. We have discovered it in traveling over the country. We never visited a large plum orchard in our life that we did not find plenty of the fruit. And we never visited any place with eight or ten trees and found a good crop of fruit. Now these facts set us to thinking; and the result of our thoughts is this: that it is very easy to have all the plums you want to eat and sell. The secret connected with plum raising is to plant plenty of trees, so as to give fruit to the curculio, and to yourself also. If you will plant fifty or a hundred trees, you will have fruit enough for everybody. Every such orchard that we ever visited had plenty of ripe fruit. Some even complained that the curculio did not thin out the fruit enough—that the trees were overloaded. So we say to our readers, if you plant plums at all, plant fifty or one hundred trees, then you will be sure to have all the fruit you want. It sells for \$5 to \$10 a bushel in the St. Louis market, and is one of the most profitable crops raised."

Thirty-five years ago the net proceeds of a majority of our farmers would not have paid the taxes of today. The net annual proceeds of today are nearly as much as the farms would have sold for then.

In Western Massachusetts a company of farmers with their wives met at some good tavern, in December, talk over matters, and have a good dinner and a good time.

The best bank ever known is a bank of earth; it never refuses to discount to honest labor. And the best share is the plow-share, on which dividends are always liberal.

The general experience among women is, that if they follow the newspaper recipes for cooking, they have stuff which only very hungry folks will eat.

There are six thousand acres of grapes in Ohio.

Tobacco for Lice on Animals and Plants.

"What is the best method of killing lice on calves and cattle, and will the same thing kill fleas on dogs?"

I have found by experience that a strong decoction of tobacco will destroy vermin on either animals or plants. I have used it extensively during many years, for destroying ticks on sheep and lambs; have dipped thousands of them in tobacco water, made by boiling coarse, damaged, cheap tobacco, or stems and waste, in water, and have found it an effectual cure for the scab, which disease is caused by the working of an insect or mite in the skin of the sheep. It is a new and severe remedy for the blue lice on cattle and horses.

Tobacco water will destroy the aphids, or plant louse. Gardeners find their greenhouse plants need to be submitted to a deluging of this wash occasionally, to place them in a condition to become healthy and vigorous. When applied to fruit trees, if coarse, waste tobacco is used, add one pound of coppers to five gallons of the wash. Plug tobacco contains coppers in quantities sufficient to kill any animal, who has not accustomed himself, by slow degrees, to its use.

Almost every tree or plant infested with an injurious insect, peculiar to itself, which preys upon its substance, and will, if in sufficient numbers, destroy its vitality. The hop, in sections infested with the hop aphid, is frequently either wholly or partially destroyed, when, by one or two thorough applications of tobacco water, by means of a force pump or garden engine, as they come into the sweep, the whole aphid army might be swept away. When the vine is trained low, upon seven feet stakes and twine, a garden engine is unnecessary, as the wash can be applied as effectively, and with less waste, with a common large hand syringe.

Tobacco smoke will stupify any animal, and, used in a sufficient quantity, has a fatal effect upon all which plug tobacco will destroy. Indeed there seems to be but one animal—the chief of the class mammalia—upon which tobacco, in either shape, does not have an immediate fatal effect. However, if that animal would otherwise be infested with insects, even trichinosis in their nature, in the month, tobacco will keep them away. Perhaps that is their case.

If a sheep or calf is covered with a rubber or leather spread, or thick blanket, and a smoke of tobacco is made under this covering, in half an hour or less, every tick and nit will be destroyed. Current worms may be served in the same manner. This is not only an effective remedy against vermin, but a good use for a most obnoxious weed.—*Cor. Country Gent.*

Small Farming vs. Large Farming.

It is no less true now, than when the American philosopher said—
"A little farm well tilled,
A little wife well tended."

A disposition to extend the broad acres, upon a large farm, and all the land adjoining it, is a great mistake; and, in nine cases out of ten, the real profits of the large farmer fall from 25 to 50 per cent. below those of the thrifty, frugal man, on his 80 or 160 acres.

There are a few instances where men may occasionally succeed, but they are exceptions to the rule of large farming. The large farmer has to expend more than the small farmer in the way of teams, wagons, implements and machinery, hired help, heavy taxes on large tracts of land, stock and personal property, which he necessarily has to accumulate; then, there is the wear and tear of harness and tools, the continual expense of keeping up fences, buildings, etc. Last, and not least, there must needs be a large amount of capital invested in all this necessary outfit for a large farm.

The small farmer on his 80 acres, or quarter section, with one good team, himself and a little hired help, or his own boys, if he has any, can perform his labor of improving his farm, cultivating and harvesting his crop, with a moderate expenditure; and when he foots up his accounts at the end of the year, will come out ahead of his large farmer neighbor. The great success in farming is, manuring, deep plowing and thorough tillage. This is more easily done on small tracts of land, and much more likely to be done, than on the large farm.

Small farming can be done more scientifically and systematically than it is generally practicable to have done on large farms; and the consequence is, that more is produced to the acre, than is the result of large farming. If such is the fact—which is founded upon reason and practical demonstration—small farming adds to the wealth of our country, both in excess of products and the actual worth of real estate; which is more thoroughly and generally improved in small than in large tracts of land. It is manifest evidence of growing wealth and prosperity, to see the large farms and tracts in Missouri, being divided into small farms, and making still more new homes; increase our population, stimulate enterprise, build up our institutions, and make us a strong and wealthy State.—*Cor. Rural World.*

All orchard trees should be kept free of sprouts that start out from the base of the trunks of the trees; remove the soil and cut them clear off.

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