

WHEAT RAISED IN KANSAS

A Queer Community Not Affected By Corn Invasion.

FARMERS ARE WEALTHY

Descendants of Russians Who Have Vast Farms and Whose Only Complaint is About Need of Cars to Carry Away the Crops—Water in the Sands.

Every one knows of Kansas as a State of corn. Its wheat-producing capacity is of more recent growth. From a trifle, it has within a decade grown to enormous proportions. Formerly the western third, approximately, of Kansas, was counted almost as a part of the great American desert.

The soil of western Kansas that yields from 15 to 25 bushels of wheat to the acre (one bushel of wheat paying the entire expense of the acre's crop) is from three to fifteen feet thick. Beneath is a stratum of sand perhaps fifty feet thick, and beneath that lies a bed of clay. It is the layer of sand that holds the hope of this land for the future diversification of agriculture as well as for a vast increase in the yield per acre of winter wheat.

Why Democratic? Just because a large percentage of its settlers were "agin the government." Whence they came they had been of the oppressed. Therefore they were naturally, in their new home, of the party of the opposition.

To this, their third land of residence in modern history, these German-Russians brought their own customs, their own costumes, their own tongue and their Catholic religion. They retain them all. Some of the first comers are now grandparents, but it is the second generation that is in the prime of working life and which is garnering the prosperity of which their fathers laid the foundation in hardship.

The Louvre is passing through an anxious ordeal. Another of its treasures of antiquity, and in its way the most important in the world, is attacked. In 1869 M. Clermont-Ganneau, then dragoman of the French Consulate at Jerusalem, found in the ruins of Dhiban, to the east of the Dead Sea, a lettered monument, which the first experts of the day declared to be the triumphal stone of Mesu. King of Moab, reciting his triumphs over the Jews and the wars between the two countries from the time of David to Jehoshaphat.

I was told of one Russian farmer near Hays City whose crop this year will pay him a net profit of \$7,000. Will he deposit or invest that money? Not he. When he receives a check for his wheat from the elevator owner he turns it into cash at the bank. That is his only use for the bank. He carries his money home. Where he puts it there is the secret of himself and his family.

of wheat this year, one can only guess at the millions of idle capital thus boarded. But it needs no guess to know that many of these farmers are rich as riches are counted in rural communities and that they are growing richer. Only this wheat development is very recent.

In the second Bryan campaign an effort was made to teach these Democratic Russo-Americans an object lesson upon free silver. For their wheat checks the local bank paid them silver dollars. They had grown accustomed to paper money, which they knew was as good as gold.

Whence comes the water in the sub-soil sand? Presumably it seeps through that stratum clear from the Rockies. It is one of Nature's wonders. But this vast sand reservoir also retains, when once the hard soil above is broken, the water that soaks through from the spring rainfalls—water that formerly ran off in surface drainage into the flooded creeks and rivers.

Out in this land, the horse and buggy is the great means of transportation. The buggy is the vehicle of social communication. It is supplemented by the telephone, connected with miles of barbed wire fence as a convenient and efficient conductor of electricity, and by the rural mail carrier.

It is a wonderful spectacle to behold the separation of the grain from the stalk. The reaper cuts high, below the grain. Into great sacks, running north and south, the fallen straw is heaped. Between two of these stacks the giant separator is placed, connected by a belt with the traction engine. The wheat is fed into the huge machine. The grain as it comes out is automatically weighed by the half bushel. The prevalent south wind whirls the clouds of dust away in the air.

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The only metal that is found in more than one color is iron, which appears in almost every shade.

This is the season when the wise young man leaveth off his summer frivolity and looketh about for a comfortable parlor wherein to camp the long winter evenings.

MANAGING A HUSBAND.

Joseph King, who for more than twenty-five years has been an inmate of the Danville Hospital, died at that institution Saturday, apparently without relatives and friendless. Superintendent Meredith is endeavoring to find some relatives. If he does not succeed the body will be sent to the anatomical board at Philadelphia. During all the time that he has been an inmate, no one has asked to see him.



TACT IS HER ONLY WEAPON.

so true that you wanted to ask his advice about something. What would he have done? "I think he would have kissed me and asked me what worried me. He is always considerate when I am troubled."

"Then suppose you had said: 'Well, the house is pretty large, and it would be pretty hard; but if you advise it I'll try. When I picked out the house, I did not think...'"

"On his advice or yours." "His, I suppose." "Really?" "Well, I don't know. He'd think so, anyway."

Knocked Senseless by Fish. A huge tarpon leaped from the water in Timbalier bay, La., beside the canoe in which Albert Lefert was slowly drifting, and so violently whacked him in the breast with its tail that he was knocked senseless and reeled overboard. He was rescued by some friends, but was so injured he was forced to take to his bed.

Razor Wouldn't Let Go. Chicago has a school for barbers Tramps and other unfortunates who cannot pay for a shave or a hair-cut are operated on by the novices, while patrons who pay are attended by experts.

Color of Iron Ores. The only metal that is found in more than one color is iron, which appears in almost every shade.

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J.C. Peck.

Has He No Relatives? Joseph King, who for more than twenty-five years has been an inmate of the Danville Hospital, died at that institution Saturday, apparently without relatives and friendless.

Trespass Notices. Notices warning hunters to keep off the land are for sale at this office.

Pennsylvania Railroad's Winter Excursion Route Book. In pursuance of its annual custom, the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just issued an attractive and comprehensive book descriptive of the leading Winter resorts of the East and South.

DECEMBER McCLURE'S. McClure's Magazine for December decidedly Christmasy, with its beautiful illustrations and amiable fiction; and is all aglow with the spirit of true-time.

TRAVERSE JURORS—First Week. E. W. Alexander, Benton Boro. Miles H. Betz, Bloom.

THE DECEMBER LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE. The Christmas number of "Lippincott's Magazine" is favored in becoming the medium for one of the most catchy novels of the season.

Impugned Antiquity. The Louvre is passing through an anxious ordeal. Another of its treasures of antiquity, and in its way the most important in the world, is attacked.

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NO CHAIN IS STRONGER THAN ITS WEAKEST LINK NO MAN IS STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH D' PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY MAKES WEAK STOMACHS STRONG.

DECEMBER URYMEN.

The jurymen for the December term of court were drawn by jury commissioners Shultz and Hageneub and Sheriff Knorr on Monday. Following is the list:

GRAND JURORS C. E. Adams, Briar Creek. Henry Bardo, Greenwood. John Chamberlin, Madison.

MANAGER WANTED. Trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage business in this County and adjoining Territory for well and favorably known House of solid financial standing.

Holiday Gifts That Last. When you purchase a present, select something that will last, or the person receiving it is likely to soon forget the giver. Artistic designs, beautifully finished together with great wearing qualities are combined in the "1847 Rogers Bros." SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES, ETC.

Clinton Sterling, Bloom. W. A. Snyder, Scott. G. A. Tubbs, Benton Boro.

TRIAL LIST

For week beginning Monday, December 27th, 1903. 1. Susan Cooper now to use of Daniel F. Seybert vs. Margaret Averil, Edward Averil and Archie Averil, doing business as Averil & Sons.

For week beginning Monday 14th, 1903. 1. John A. Shuman vs. The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company.

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