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CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS. JUNE 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce that Samuel Decker, of Walker township, is a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce that David R. Foreman, of Potter township, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce that Charles R. Kurtz, of Centre Hall borough, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce that M. I. Gardner, of Bellefonte, formerly of Howard, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

ASSEMBLY.

We are authorized to announce that James Scudford, of Bellefonte Borough, is a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce that Dr. Philip S. Fisher, of Zions, is a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce that John T. McCormick, of Ferguson township, is a candidate for Legislature, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce that William J. Singer, of Bellefonte Borough, is a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce that John M. Ketchum, of Bellefonte Borough, is a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

The Minnesota Storm.

Last Wednesday's storm in Minnesota left a scene of ruin. While, fortunately, the first reports as to loss of life provide to have been somewhat over-estimated, yet the death toll is not less than thirty, and as reports come in later it may grow to fifty. The number of injured is very large.

The track of the storm is marked by ruined houses, devastated farms, dead and maimed men women and children. The groves of trees surrounding farm houses were laid low, and in many cases not a vestige remains of houses, barns or stock; everything fell before the rebirth of the terrible tornado. Houses and cattle have been found many miles from where the wind caught them in its grasp.

The storm originated near Jackson, in Martin County, took a northeasterly course through Faribault County until it reached a point between Wells and Minnesota Lake, where it divided into two sections, one continuing its northeasterly course through Waseca County into Steel County, where it was dissipated. The other section took a south-by-east course through Freeborn, Mower, and Fillmore Counties, extending nearly to the Mississippi River before it lost its force.

A Wells, Minn., correspondent says of the passage of the cloud, During the passage of the storm, which lasted about fifteen minutes, the scene was one of the most awe-inspiring character. The air was full of debris of every description. Scantling, boards, windows, chickens, ducks, and geese were whirled about in the grasp of the current 200 feet above the earth. The cloud rose and fell at intervals of a mile, and dozens of houses were wrecked at every swoop.

Additional Fast Express to the South west via Pennsylvania Railroad.

In order to better accommodate the increasing traffic to the Southwest, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will on and after June 12th, place in service a new fast train to Cincinnati and St. Louis. This train, to be known as the Southwestern Express, will leave New York at 8.20 P. M. daily; Newark, 8.56, Trenton at 10.03, Philadelphia at 11.10 P. M., Washington 9.40, Baltimore 10.40 P. M., Harrisburg 2.05 A. M., Altoona 5.40, Johnstown 6.53, arriving at Pittsburgh 9.15 A. M., Cincinnati 6.15 P. M., and St. Louis 7.00 A. M. the second morning after leaving New York. It will be completely equipped with Pullman sleeping cars to Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Memphis, via Cincinnati, and coaches to Pittsburgh. A dining car will also be attached at Altoona, from which all necessary meals will be served. The Southwestern Express is the fastest and best equipped train to the Southwestern territory and will prove a great convenience to travelers to the Mississippi River and beyond.

Pronounced Hopeless, Yet Saved.

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd, of Groton, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all, eight bottles; it was cured me, and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drugstore, regular size, 50c. and \$1.00.

CALIFORNIA.

Valuable Facts About the Wonderful State. Its Area, Population, etc.

California would extend from Florida to Massachusetts. It is larger in area than the ten states of Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Ohio.

The population of California, census of 1890, is 1,208,130—so the reader of the REPORTER will see there is plenty of room in California yet for him and many millions in addition.

One can select his own climate in California, only no winter, in the summer, mercury being but a few degrees higher than in Pennsylvania, evenings cool, and you can raise anything you desire, with far easier labor than here.

The mean temperature may be said to be 50 to 60. In summer 85 to 100 degrees are felt.

They have no rain in that state only in November and December, and part of January. Thunder gusts they do not have at all but can hear the rumbling of thunder sometimes in the far off mountains. Their soil is made productive by irrigation solely. Irrigating canals run through all sections and are tapped by those who engage in raising fruit or grain. Water rights are always sold with every piece of land. These canals get their supplies from the high mountain districts, where the melting snows supply the streams all the year round. By this means the valleys and foot-hills are all made wonderfully productive.

By foot-hills are meant the small mountain ridges skirting the valleys, back of which are the greater mountains, which are barren or only sparsely dotted with small trees and brush. The Roeky, Sierra Nevada and other mountain ranges are in a large measure mountains of solid, smooth-faced rock, cone shaped, some with perpendicular sides, and not a spear of grass from base to pinnacle—varying in color and kind. The valleys at the base are beds of sand, or sandy soil, where the cactus and sagebrush have their home, and thousands of acres have little or no vegetation, there being no moisture to sustain it. But the Californian has called in the aid of irrigation and thereby lovely and profitable garden spots, with green and gold now charm the eye of the tourist, and happiness sits enthroned there amid luscious fruits, flowers and vines, in residences that princess would envy.

Wherever the sage brush grows in California, Colorado, or Arizona, it is an indication of good soil. In California I have seen hundreds of acres plowed in which the sod was turned up only two inches deep.

Wells are struck in many instances at a depth of from twelve to forty feet, and lands irrigated by the water obtained, wind pumps being used. I inquired of a group of farmers, in the grain section, when their harvest time set in. With a smile the reply came, "That depends when we sow, we sow any time here."

"The wheat grower in the main valleys begins to put in his summer fallow in August, plows for his winter crop from the first rains until February, then puts in his barley for feed, begins plowing his summer fallow for next crop, and finishes in May." Frost never interferes.

"Then he begins to harvest in June and keeps on through July and August. He leaves his sacks piled in the field until ready to haul them to market. No frost, rain or hail injures his crop." What a blessing this would be esteemed by our Pennsylvania farmers.

In vegetables as soon as you take off one crop you can put in another. You can calculate with certainty upon large and unending crops of oranges, lemons, limes, raisins, figs, prunes, apricots, nectarines, persimmons, almonds and English walnuts.

Horses and cattle can be pastured all the year round, and California excels in these as it does in fruits and cereals. In California the average wheat farm is about 640 acres, and this does not require more help than an eastern farm of 160 acres.

Peaches bear in three years after planting trees lasting as long as thirty years. The peach pests are not known in California. They bear very largely and are easily dried in the open air without artificial means. \$75 to \$100 are realized per acre.

Cherries are fine and trees are known to have yielded 2000 to 3000 pounds, bringing six cents per pound.

Pears and plums are extra fine in size and quality.

Young orange orchards of five years will average \$300 in fruit per acre, older orchards will yield from \$500 to \$800 per acre each year, above all expenses of labor etc. Orange orchards can be purchased at from \$500 to \$3000 per acre, according to favorableness of location. Orange land without trees, with water, can be purchased at from \$100 to \$200 per acre, in the choice localities; in other sections from \$35 to \$100 per acre. The cost of production can be given thus:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Includes 10 acres land, clearing, plowing, leveling, cost of building 3 post roads, 100x8 ft. 8 ft high out same, first crop, cost of orchard lot to 5 year, interest on \$12,280 at 7 per cent, taxes, total \$5,297.30.

CONTRA.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Yield 4th year, 500 boxes, at \$2.50; Yield 5th year, 750 boxes, at \$2.50; Value of orchard; Total 11.50.

This showing is for orchards where the owner hires all help, and gives the ranch no personal attention.

The orange tree is hardy and stands rough handling. There are orange trees now in California planted over 100 years ago, and show no signs of decay.

Culture of the grape for raisins and wine has already reached large proportions. Vineyards have begun to yield a profit at eighteen months after planting. At full maturity the crop runs as high as fourteen and fifteen tons of grapes to the acre, and produce from \$80 to \$240 per acre, \$40 covering all expense per acre. Three pounds of grapes are required for one pound of raisins.

The harvester in California is built to cut from fifteen to forty feet wide, drawn by as many as thirty horses,—reaping, threshing, cleaning and sacking, all in one operation, with five men for a crew. They cut for a full day's work from two to two and one-half acres for every foot in width.

Oats are produced in great crops in the coast and mountain countries and are nearly twenty-five per cent heavier than our Pennsylvania oats to the bushel.

Alfalfa clover for California stands at the head of all grasses. It fattens their horses, cattle and swine—green, or cured as hay—it is one of the most valuable of California plants. Governor John Bigler introduced it from Chili. It sends its roots down fifteen and twenty feet, which accounts for its wonderful crops, which seem to improve the soil, and don't impoverish it, as Californians assured me. Two tons per acre is an average crop, and a crop can be taken off every six weeks, where irrigation is attended to. One acre will sustain from two to four cows. As I said in a previous article, it looks coarser to the eye than our red clover, but it proves far better as a feed. Once set and it will not wear out. It would grow here but the winters would kill the roots making it necessary to start it anew every year.

About twenty pounds of Alfalfa seed are sown to the acre. I observed the Alfalfa all through Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

All other fruits and cereals not mentioned above are grown profitably in California, but space will not permit me to mention all.

In truck farming the net average income per acre is given me as follows: Asparagus \$217; celery \$247; cabbage \$145; pears \$67; potatoes \$107; sweet potatoes \$110; watermelons \$53 and tomatoes \$65.

For flowers, evergreens, and ornamentals it is a paradise.

For breeding fine horses and sleek cattle California stands at the head.

What has been written in the columns of the REPORTER in the past six issues, will give the reader a fair general idea of California; to be more elaborate might weary the reader.

F. K.

A Boy's Essay.

A boy in the Wichita schools, California has been suspended for reading the following essay on "Pants," says the Philadelphia Record: "Pants are made for men, and not men for pants. Women are made for men, and not pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants are like molasses, they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold. The man in the moon changes his pants during an eclipse. Don't go to the pantry for pants you may be mistaken. Men are often mistaken in pants. Such mistakes makes breaches of promise. There has been much discussion as to whether 'pants' is singular or plural. Seems to us when men wear pants they are plural, and when they don't wear any they are singular. Men get on a tear in their pants and it is all right; but when the pants get on a tear it is all wrong."

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the Liver be inactive, you have a Bilious Look, if your stomach be disordered you have a Pinched Look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alterative and Tonic acts directly on these vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blisters, Bolls and gives a good complexion. Sold at J. D. Murray's Drugstore, 50c. per bottle.

Men's working pants, strong and tough, \$1.00.

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