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Sorghum in Chester County.

We looked into the Sorghum mill of Messrs. W. & T. Hoopes, near our borough a few days ago. We found that many of the citizens of West Chester and neighborhood had made the same pilgrimage, and in fact it was a popular resort. Molasses suits the taste, especially the youngers, and we are not surprised that a mill where the delicious fluid is made to order at the rate of twelve to fifteen gallons an hour has strong attractions for them. We found half a hundred of blooming school girls just emerging from the mill. The mill is situated in a fertile vale north of the borough, and is got up by the proprietors, who are gentlemen of mechanical skill, according to their own ideas, and combines all the latest improvements. The building is too small, if we may venture a criticism, but the works are so compactly arranged, as apparently to give ample room. In the lower story is the engine, furnaces, boilers, coolers, &c. A stairway leads to the second story, where are the heavy iron rollers, which crush the stalks. The rollers draw in the stalks as they are fed by an attendant, and the sap gushes out and runs into boxes, from whence it flows by tubes as it is needed into the vats or boilers below. We do not propose to describe the process of manufacture, further than to state that the boilers consist of large wooden troughs, and the liquid is boiled by means of lairs of tubes at the bottom, which are heated by steam. By this system, the molasses is not scorched—hence the article made by the Messrs. H. has no superior anywhere.

We are glad to announce that notwithstanding the large capacity of this mill, it has as much custom engaged as it can possibly execute for this season. At the time we visited the mill, an adjacent field was covered with "stacks" of the raw material—awaiting their turn—resembling a city of tents or an Indian village. Two hundred farmers had engaged the services of the mill, and wagons were hourly arriving laden with the cane.

enable outlay in these works; but at a charge of 30 cents a gallon, and 12 or 15 gallons an hour, they are likely to receive an appropriate reward for their enterprise. The success of Messrs. H. is an example and encouragement to gentlemen in other parts of the country, where there are no mills, but where there should be. They took a practical view of the subject. Last spring when proposing to erect their mill, they supplied themselves with a lot of superior sorghum seed; then advertising in the "Record" that farmers could obtain the seed by calling upon them, they furnished every farmer who applied; then going to work they had their mill ready for work when the cane was ripe. By thus obtaining the seed, supplying the farmers and encouraging them to plant, they created a need for a mill, and when a mill was needed it was ready. There is now no article in the market, domestic or imported, superior to the article made by Messrs. Hoopes—little that is equal to it. We advise all persons who wish to be informed upon this interesting subject, to visit the establishment; and if they should happen to have an idle moment, the proprietors will give them much valuable information and a cordial welcome.

We have heretofore referred to the popularity and success of the manufacture of sorghum in Chester county, and the rapid growth of its production during the last two years. We present the following list of mills at this time in "the full tide of successful experiment" in Chester county:

- Milton Conard, Londongrove township, Darlington Pyle, do
 - Evered Conard, New London, do
 - John Huston, do
 - Wm. Graves, Kennett, do
 - Erwin Dixon, do
 - Inaac Mauls, West Marlborough, do
 - Abner Pusser, East Marlborough, do
 - Edward Michener, New Garden, do
 - Henry Walter Popson, do
 - James Cloud, West Fallowfield, do
 - David Evans, Westtown, do
 - Ferdinand Wood, Londongrove, do
 - Joseph Kent, Upper Oxford, do
 - William Evans, do
 - Estlin Kramer, Valley Forge, do
 - C. & D. Mercer, London Britain, do
 - Jesse Woolens, East Nottingham, do
 - Jesse Mauls, West Marlborough, do
- These twenty mills, each having one hundred customer, would show that two thousand farmers in Chester county, had cultivated sorghum last year. Some of these mills have two or three hundred customers, and the whole number of farmers who raise their own molasses is not less than three or four thousand in the county. There is but one mill north of the Lancaster turnpike, but we may expect in another year, there will be several established.

We gave in the Record, a list of the Sorghum mill in Chester county, so far as we were able to collect them. We omitted to name that of Jonathan T. Lewis, in East Brandywine, who has already manufactured this season, some 3000 gallons. There are probably other mills in the county. Mr. Lewis mentions to us as an instance of the productiveness of the sorghum, that the crop of John Mason, grow on the eight of an acre, yielded forty-two gallons of molasses.

A bottle of Sorghum from C and D Mercer, of London Britain; also, one from Elwood Michener, of new Garden, Chester county, have been presented to us. These specimens fully come up to the highest standard of excellence, and satisfy us that hence forth Chester county will import but little molasses which has come to be one of the necessities of life. The Messrs. Mercer had the first steam manufactory in the county. Their mill was burnt down last fall; but they quickly fixed up another by water power and are now driving a head. In estimating the skill of the manufacturer, the quality of the cane, which varies very much, is to be taken into consideration.

—West Chester Record.

The Washington Star gives the following account of the capture of Roger A. Pryor:—An officer on picket duty noticing a man prowling in front on the picket line, drew a paper from his pocket and waved it to the rebel as a sign to come forward and "exchange," not for a moment suspecting the individual was Pryor seeing the officer waving the paper, boldly advanced towards our lines. When the Union officer discovered that he was a rebel of rank, and instead of offering the paper for exchange, drew a pistol and presented it to Roger's head, at the same time requesting him to surrender, which he did without resistance, but was evidently a little crestfallen at being "taken in and done for" by a Yankee. Pryor now belongs to the 7th Virginia cavalry, having been reduced to the ranks. It will be remembered, by court martial for disobedience of orders. At the time of his capture he was attached to General Lee's headquarters as Lee's chief scout.

The official vote of New York for Governor, foats up as follows: Fenton, 369,567; Seymour, 331,264. Union majority, 8,303.

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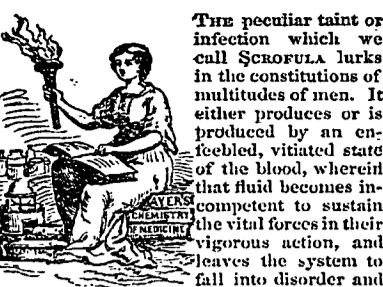
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