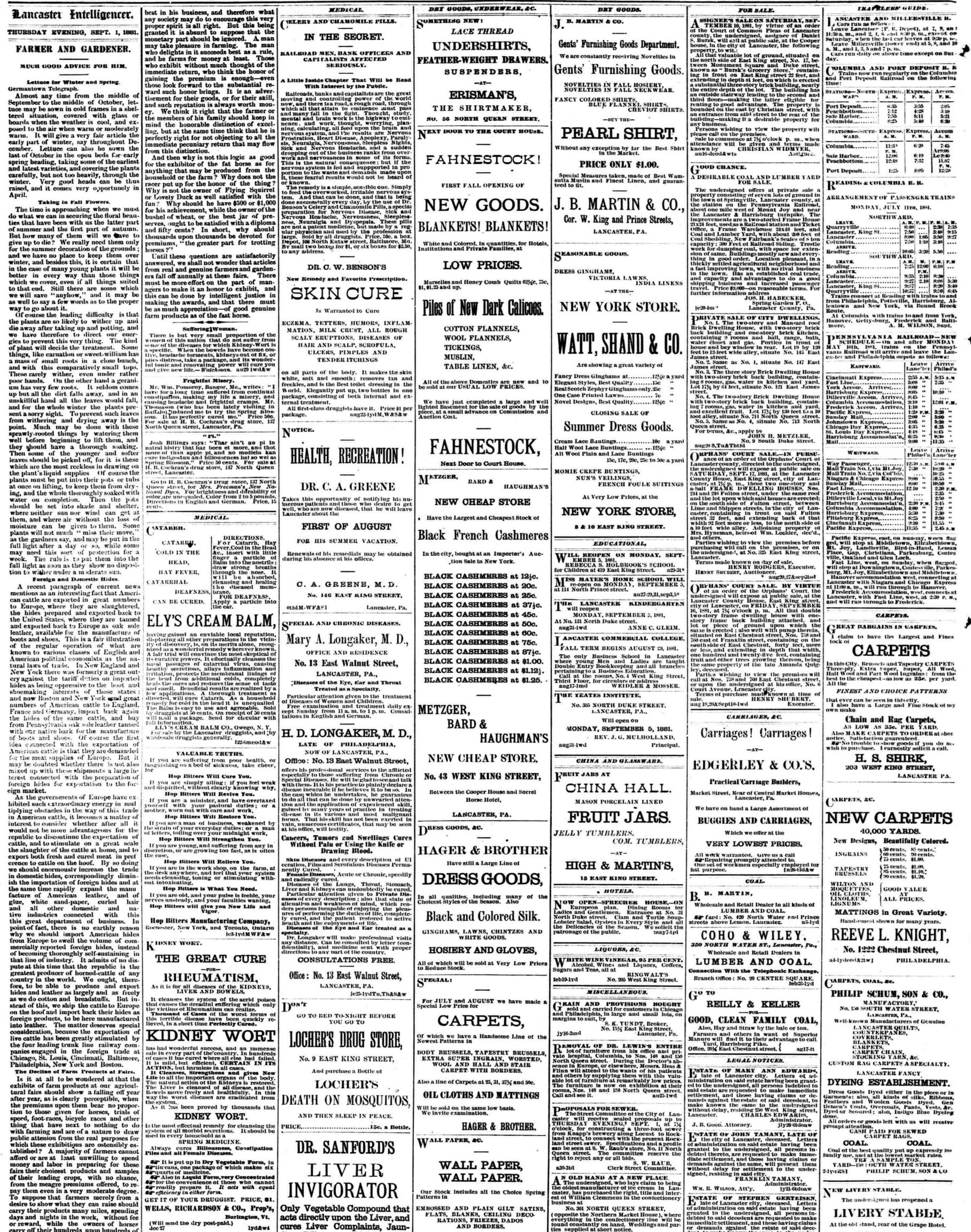
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mentions as an interesting fact that American cattle are exported in great numbers to Europe, where they are slaughtered, the hides prepared and exported back to the United States, where they are tanned and exported back to Europe as oak sole leather, available for the manufacture of boots and shoes. This is a fair illustration of the regular operation of what are known to various classes of English and American political economists as the natural laws of trade. In New England and New York there was formerly a great outcry against the tariff duties on imported hides as being oppressive to the boot and shoemaking interests of those states : and now Boston and New York and great numbers of American cattle to England, France and Germany, import back again the hides of the same cattle, and buy from Pennsylvania oak sole leather tanned with our native bark for the manufacture of boots and shoes. Of course the first idea connected with the exportation of American cattle is that they are demanded for the meat supplies of Europe. But it may be doubted whether there is not also mixed up with these shipments a large interest connected with the preparation of foreign hides for exportation to the for-

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eign market. As the governments of Europe have exhibited such extraordinary energy in mul tiplying obstacles in the way of this trade in American cattle, it becomes a matter of interest to consider whether after all it would not be more advantageous for the republic to discontinue the exportation of cattle, and to stimulate on a great scale the slaughter of the cattle at home, and to export both fresh and cured meat in pref crence to cattle on the hoof. By so doing we should enormously increase the trade domestic hides, correspondingly diminish the importation of foreign hides and at the same time rapidly expand the manu facture of American leather, and of glue, white sand-paper, curled hair and all other domestic and native industries connected with this great department of business. In point of fact, there is no earthly reason why we should import American hides from Europe to swell the volume of commercially reported foreign hides, instead of becoming thoroughly self-sustaining in that line of industry. It admits of no dis-pute at this time that the republic is the greatest producer of horned-cattle of any country in the world. We ought, therefore, to be able to produce and export hides and leather as largely and as freely as we do cotton and breadstuffs. But inconsideration, because the exportation of live cattle has been greatly stimulated by the four leading trunk line railway companies engaged in the foreign trade at Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

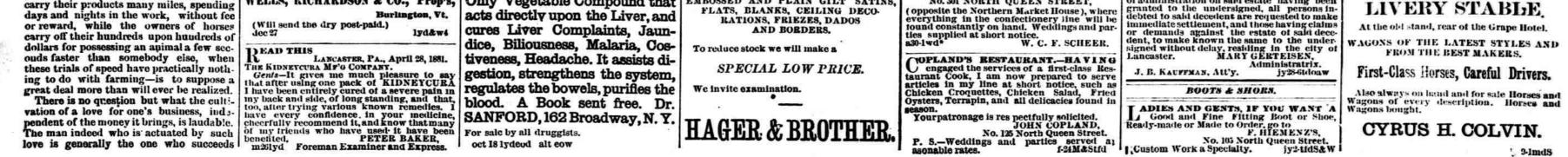
The Decline of Farm Products at Fairs. Is it at all to be wondered at that the exhibits of farm products at our agricul-tural fairs should show a falling off year after year, as is clearly perceptible, when the premiums upon them bear no proportion to those given for horses, trials of speed, foot-races, bicycle races and other thing that have next to nothing to do with farming and are of a nature to draw public atteniou from the real purposes for which these exhibitions are ostensibly established? A majority of farmers cannot carry their products many miles, spending days and nights in the work, without fee or reward, while the owners of horses

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