

FARMING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Why it is not profitable and what agriculturalists must do.

Too Much Wheat and Corn Grown—The Cattle Industry Not Prosperous—Effects of Fallow Discrimination.

Harrisburg Dispatch to Philadelphia Times.

The chief of the bureau of industrial statistics addressed thirty-one questions to grangers and farmers in Pennsylvania to ascertain the condition of the farming industry and to obtain practical suggestions on agricultural subjects, and he received replies from a fair proportion of those to whom they were submitted.

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OUR MARKETS DIMINISHING. Statistics are here introduced showing that the products of corn in bushels have been increased from 222,000,000 in 1849 to 2,000,000,000 in 1889, and from 1,000,000,000 in 1850 to 2,000,000,000 in 1889, and from 140,000,000 to 700,000,000 bushels, while hay and potatoes have increased in similar proportions.

The increase in population, though wonderful, has fallen far short of the same proportion, and, therefore, unless an enormous market could be created, a surplus of food products is inevitable, and this surplus is being sold at a price which is not sufficient to cover the cost of production.

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THE TOBACCO MARKETS.

A Few Hundred Cases Disposed of by Local Dealers.

The local tobacco market the past week was not so active as the preceding one. The sales do not suggest any special cases, and were in small lots to manufacturers.

The heavy storms last week did considerable damage to the tobacco just planted and necessitated in many cases re-planting. This is a great hardship now, particularly as there is a great scarcity of plants.

The crop of '89 has been packed and all the warehouses with a few exceptions have been empty for the season. The exceptions will wind up this week or not later than next.

Trade in New York. To describe the condition of the market for tobacco in New York, it is necessary to refer to what has been reported of the rush and boom in Sumatra since people commenced to think seriously about the possibility of a surplus in the early part of the crop.

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THIRTY-ONE KILLED.

LAMP IGNITES GAS IN THE HILL FARM MINE, NEAR DUNBAR.

The Mine All Ablaze After the Explosion—81 Men Escaped, but the Others Die of Fire and Suffocation.

The explosion in the Hill Farm mine near Dunbar, on Monday morning, shook the miners' dwellings and hurled about terrified persons who knew the sound too well feared another mine disaster.

A rush was made to the mouth of the pit, but ingress was impossible, as the water in dense volumes was issuing forth. Fifty-two miners had gone to work in the morning, and were in the mine when the explosion occurred.

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