

THE FARMERS' PRIDE. Are Tutti-Frutti, Progressive Euchre and Laocoë Ruining Him? SUGGESTIVE COMPARISONS GIVEN As a Result of Testimony that it Costs \$300 a Head on a Farm. THE LAND WON'T YIELD IT ORDINARILY

"Is farming a failure," is Allegheny county? has often been asked and answered in the affirmative. The answer has puzzled many people, and the explanation tendered has generally been a compound one, that competition with localities that could get stuff in earlier than it could get it here, and that but little more than \$300 a head on a farm.

It is difficult to conjecture, but though the reader may not perceive much cause of reason in the parallel, it may serve to introduce one reason why farming does not pay in Allegheny county. That reason seems to be that the standard of living is higher—much higher—than in farming communities generally. The receipts are kept close.

Judge Hawkins testified to the effect that the other day in the Orphan's Court, the subject of cost of living in Allegheny county farms, and it was developed that there was a vast difference of opinion on the subject. A lady, a widow, was the plaintiff, and some of her witnesses testified that their family expenses amounted to \$500 a year.

But the question is interesting as a solution of the other question, is farming in Allegheny county a failure? The farming population, as a rule, profits, and eight to a family is not all uncommon. The farmer is said to be a capitalist in his own right. He has a few acres of land, and he is said to be a capitalist in his own right.

It is interesting to note that the farmer in this county can cultivate, unless he be so situated that he can garden with profit, and but few can.

Just imagine it. The two tons of timothy to the acre are a large amount, and one acre will support a family of eight were to harvest and haul this hay to market themselves, they would just realize \$15 a year more than they would for taxes. Out of this must come fully 1 cent per acre, \$70. Then there would be insurance, say \$10 a year, repairs, \$100 a year, and fertilizer, say \$200 a year, and the cost of the hay would be \$220 a year, and at least every three years there would be a 50 per cent failure of crop, so that on an average the farmer would have a deficit in the family budget of \$500, or more than the profits of four years.

It is well known that somewhere and it must be in the over-caring of family expenses, there is a large margin of loss. Some other feed and clothe their families comfortably, but store up money. Come to think of it, an expenditure of \$400 in the country would produce the equal of one of \$1,000 a year in the city. Farmers who do not do this, but produce stomach for the safety of a republican, that will prosper, and that will prosper.

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