
Tuestay，March $2 s, 1871$. FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

 Mr．Eyroro－It is an little over three
months since I l left the State of Kancus months since lleft the State or Kanxas．
WV intended beforo making our exit from
it，to write concerning its soil，elimate． productions，and other topies，but did not
take time to doso．Since itmy be advan－ tageous，or at least interesting to many of
your readers to hear something aboat that State，from one who has traveled over
difterent portionsof it，we have conclu
ded to commences to carry out that inten－ ded to commence to carry out that inten－
tion．We had the gratification，as well ns pleasure，of seeing large oprtions of
Northern and Southern Kannas，and can truly say that we were greatly pleased
with much that we saw and heard while there．
The setled portions of organized coun－ ties cover at least 25,000 square miles． with a slight tinelination to the South－ general course of the principal rivers tud
crecks which is from West from North west to South－enst．It is in place here to notico that stroams of the
sizo of oreoks in the Fast，are usually in
the West the 1 Net called rivers， ，well as thase to
which the mouth of the Knapas or Kaw Kiver
which flow central part of the State，is 850 feet above the ocan．The riso of the land
due West to the Nanduttan 107 is very uniform and gradual，and is $n$ lit lit tie over two feet to tho mile；thence West－ rapid．But the average height of the Eastern border is about 900 feet above
the level of the the level of the sea，and gradually ns．
scends toward the West，at the rute of about three feet to the nile．There much similiarity in several．Prepectes，in
the general appearance of the country of most of the State．It in generaul，with
the the exception of the slopes referred to，
resembles Iowa more than any Western State that I saw．Like Iown，it consists of gently undulating priairies，or prairies As in the latter，the timber is mostly general，the same ns that of Jowa，Jost general，the same ns that of lowa．Most
of the streams flow in narrow beds，and have，in many places along their course， No State in the Union has a better nides． ral druinage．The descent of the beds of the streams is，for the most part，suffi－ ciently great to produce oterably rapid
currents．There is ule sence of lakes，swaum，or an entire ing these things inwato，or manshes． connection with some mound－like hills
and ridgee，the conel and riages，the country，it can truly be
imagined，in the spring and summer， when the surface is covered with s carper， of green，prosenta a very beatiful and
picturesque appearance．So much for pieturesque appearance．So much for
the tppography of the country， in As to the soil：Along the streams it in in a great measure os aluwitial or frosh to the prairies，It is mixed with sands， clays，etc．The vegetable mould or hu－
mus of the high prairies is from one to three feot deep．It is a fine dark brown or black rich lofn，mixed with deposits from the different，kinds of rooks The
humna is deporits of decayed segethble humbus is deposits of deaayed vegetable
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 of soil，location，and improvements．Mio
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they have alon beon used in ornameotal carvinge At leant wearly every county
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nice variety of limestone，is found in sev． nice variety of limentone，in fund in sev－
eral localites of for State．It is of such erall hecaites on the state．It is of guch
a fine，sof ，unifolu grain tunt it oan be cut with knives or saws without injuring them．It is suscoptithe of a high degree
of polish．Fine looking housen live been builh of it．As to lead：It is sup－ posed in but lioteo of this aequatuted，that
there the state
Givmumm or sulphate ot Gypanm，of sulphate of hime commenle
called＂plaster of＂Paris＂or＂plaster．＂ nod exists in tolorably large quantifices－ Iron ore，suitahle for minnuficturius pur Pases，hass been iound in largo quantit State．With referencee to the amount
 ther as numerous yor thick as those in Pennsylvania．The coail beariug rooks are two thousund feet thick，and underlie an area of over eventeen thoyenand
square miles．Continued uext week．

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