
FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

 The coal fields of Northern Kansss are thin, but in the South -estern part of the
state the beds are not only numerous, but many aro thick, The thickness of the
beds is one foot and over, furuishing an average of over twenty-five feet.
is alibo good authority for asserting, that thick beds of good, brown coal exist in
a large arcan of Western Kansas. The a Large arase of Wetera Kansas . The
cont reasures of Southern Kansas oxtend
Wermel Westward, under the Pesmian rocks, to
no unknown extent. Perthaps also no unknown extent Perhaps a also
through tho entire central and Western
then portions. The quality of of alarge parto of
the coal is pood. Are there any salt beds the coal is good. Are there any salt beds
in the state ? some one may ask. It has in the state? somo one may ask. It has
been found that there is salt enough in seeveral Western and Southern counties to supply the whole, Mississippi valley for many years to come.
The common schools
sitrendy common numenos; theors of the state arso are the higher grades. A large ounantity of
the publio land was reserved for sebool purposes. There are alse many churches
belonging to several christing belonging to several christian denomina.
tions.
number of rairoods oxtend the state. There is yet much land in the Western and Southern part of the state that can be taken by homestead, or preemption. Nearly every town of consid-
erable size has albo one or more hand agents. Among these there is none whom 1 more willingly recommend, to land buyers, for honesty and reliability than Mr.
Talbot, of Atchison. He has a great amount of improved and unimproved land in the market; land lying io many differ-
ent counties. Allow me, in conclusion to state that $I$ will cheerfally comply with
his request to give letters of introduction his request to give letters of introduction
to him, to any one in case they apply,who to him, to any one in case they apply, who
will go to Atchison to purchess
ANREF Krom him. Draining Warms the Soll. The following extract is from a prize
eessay on under draining by Mr. J. Miller :
that Laveriments made in England showed that land that had been under-drainod had a cemperature of 6 f degreess highier
than similir land that had not been under$\underset{\substack{\text { rained. } \\ \text { In } \\ \text { an }}}{ }$
reater in country the difference is much direct rays of the sun. 26th experiment that I mpril hast on on on the exactly the name, except in part that had been underdrained, showed a difference of 13 de grees at a depth of four inches, and a litthe more at the surface.
afternoon.
degrees in the the shader had been up to 66 grees then.
That of
That of the drained land was the same, terperature that would germinate
Indinan corn
Subbequent experiments showed not much difloreance, as the water gradually Cried up oo the under-drained part.
The probability drought, when such a soil beocores thoroughly dried and cracked, as it will, tho temperature becomes the highest, and much wo high; so much so that it ex.
tracts no moisture from the air during the night
it always contains someme moisture, and andoubtedly extracts a great amount from the air on cloudy days and nights.
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