

THE POST.

MIDDLEBURY, DECEMBER 8, 1870.

WHEN TO CUT TIMBER FOR FENCE POSTS. — A correspondent of the County Gentleman says: — "J. T. Warder, Springfield, O., had two fence posts at the State Fair, which had been set for some years, giving a curious illustration of the durability of timber in reference to the season of cutting. The posts were both of a second growth oak cut in the same grove from trees standing near together, one cut in August, 1833, and set soon afterwards, and the other was cut in March, 1852, and set in in June following. The posts were both set in black bottom land, one rod apart; both were the second log from the stump, and about equal in size. The post cut and set thirty-seven years ago was sound and in better preservation than the one and cut set eighteen years ago. Both posts looked to be good for such service as they had already rendered."

MANUFACTURE OF BUTTONS. — The first manufacturer of buttons in this country was Samuel Williston. While he was dragging along as a country tinkerkeeper — his eyes having failed him while studying for the ministry — his good wife, though her that she could earn by hand, the wooden buttons of the time, and thus earn an honest penny. From this the couple advanced in their ambition until they had perfect machinery for covering buttons; the first employed for the purpose in this country. From this sprung an immense factory, and then others, until Samuel Williston made half the buttons of the world. His factories are still running at Easthampton, coining wealth for the proprietors and known in buttons the world over. He is now between 70 and 80 years of age, is worth five or six millions, and has given \$400,000 to Easthampton for a seminary and churches, \$200,000 to South Hadley Female seminary, and \$200,000 to Amherst college, besides lesser gifts.

LICE ON HOGS. — In answer to a recent inquiry for a remedy for lice on hogs, allow me to say that I have an experience of twelve years with breeding hogs. The past five years I have used the following, which will clean off the lice in two days: Put about one gill of kerosene oil into an old dish, and with a paint brush or old wooden rag rub the oil up and down the back of the animals and behind the fore leg and on the flank. Be particular about the last two places, for it is where the lice deposit their eggs, which, if not destroyed, will hatch out in about nine days. If it be a black hog, these eggs can be plainly seen, being about the size of timothy seed and lying close to the skin and fast to the hair. No one need fear to use the oil in the least. Hot water will not kill these lice, nor I have seen them crawl after the hog had been scalded, in a barrel, after being butchered. — R. Woodruff.

POLL EXH.

A correspondent of the American Stock Journal had a horse with every symptom of poll — the cause being a bruit received two months previous. The editor advises: — "If there is only swelling and slight tenderness, but without fluctuation or pressure from contained matter, give the horse as a laxative five drams Barbadoes aloes, and rub the poll actively with an ointment made by mixing equal parts of mercurial and iodine emulsions. Repeat this application, if necessary, to induce some blistering action. If matter is already formed, as indicated by the fluctuation or pressure, the swelling should be at once opened so as to let it escape. An opening should then be made from the very lowest point of the sac, so that the matter may flow freely as soon as formed. If obstinate, it may be injected several times a week with a lotion containing half a dram of chloride of zinc to a pint of water."

The War in Europe.

Our latest advices from the continent of Europe leave no room to hope that matters will be amicably settled in relation to the Eastern question. Russia seems determined to swallow up Turkey in Europe, and in doing so she will certainly have to whip England and the Sultan both on land and sea. A long and bloody war will inevitably be the result from this state of affairs. Austria is holding aloof for the purpose of crushing her old enemy, Prussia, as soon as General Paladino, the hero of the hour shall succeed in driving the hitherto victorious Germans from France. France did as huge a work in 1793, and then some of her leaders fought for personal advancement. They were not Frenchmen or Republicans, however, and hence not patriots, but really traitors and incompetents like Bazaine, Ledesmarc and Le Bourg.

We allude to the state of affairs in Europe, here only to warn or produrers that they will find a demand for all their crops for the current year, and a good market for double crops in 1871. Our manufacturers have been experiencing the weight of an increased demand for articles by the nations not at war already, and when all Europe is convulsed in war we shall see the importance of our being the granary of the world.

Strange as it may seem, the war between France and Prussia has done more to pay off our war debt than the efforts of Mr. Bowell, whether his views be deemed sound or not. Last year our imports exceeded our exports in value by over \$100,000,000. This year the excess will be only a little over one-tenth of the amount. This means that our merchants have just \$90,000,000 more credit in Europe than they had in 1869. In the event of a general war in Europe, our exports will greatly exceed our imports, and if Congress will aid us in building up our ocean carrying trade, the commerce of the country will, in a few years, make the nation: Just only the shadow of the political bugaboo it now is, especially with an economical administration of the government — Com- mercial Traveller.

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