

BEADING MATTER WILL BE FOUND ON EACH PAGE OF THIS PAPER.

The canal of this State is open east of the mountains, and is expected to be in a navigable state here to-day. Our competitors are prepared to do a heavy business, and shippers need no apprehension of any delay of goods passing either East or West. Pittsburgh has the great routes to the East, the Canal, the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Slackwater and West Newton roads to Baltimore. Our West-cliffers have the best of the business, and our West-cliffers have the best of the business, and our West-cliffers have the best of the business.

FLAX COTTON.

We received yesterday a pamphlet on the Cultivation of Flax, and Preparation of Flax Cotton by the Chevalier Chassan Proost, together with a sample of prepared flax. In color and gloss it resembles raw silk. In length and fineness of fibre it is much like cotton, and we can easily believe that it can be manufactured by the same machinery. The writer enters into a calculation to show the profit arising from the business of growing flax, and also from the manufacture of flax cotton, both of which promise large returns. The first he says:

A practical English farmer gives the following result of his experience in flax-growing. Quantity sown is one acre, 200 bushels of seed raised to the acre, 200 bushels of straw, 21 tons. Flax is not considered a heavy yield. The flax is prepared in a factory in the county, Ohio, this season raised 60 bushels of flax-seed on 3 acres and 10 rods of ground, being now the best of the acre. This is the prospect of flax cotton manufacturing in this country, will indicate a prosperous business.

I know of no crop more profitable for a farmer to raise at the present time than flax. It is a crop that will raise more than 100 bushels to the acre, and 14 tons of straw, which will bring from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel, and the straw at \$5. per ton, and deducting 20 bushels for seed, it would amount to \$200 per acre. If the farmer in this country could be prevailed upon to sow more seed to an acre, the results would be found worth the cost of the experiment. If the flaxseed and flax could be had, I would recommend it to the first grower.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 11, 1882. The young grass, clothing the turf with its fresh verdure, and the flowers, remind us of the return of spring. The season is very early, and amply compensates for the unusual severity of the winter. It is to be feared that the seeds of the winter will not be so successful as to receive full injury from the frosts which we shall probably yet experience. Turning aside from the stream of politics and news, I to-day availed myself of an opportunity to examine a very interesting and valuable set of paintings, which I thought ought to be the property of the nation. They consist of one hundred and eighty portraits of Indians, taken from 1800, and are exhibited in a new gallery in the city of Washington.

The portraits are the work of a painter named Mr. Stanley, who has spent a considerable period of his life in the West, and has been able to obtain a large amount of material for his work. The portraits are of the most interesting and valuable character, and are well adapted for the purpose of a gallery in the city of Washington.

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