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KANSAS.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

LAWRENCE, Sept. 26, 1868.

I have been travelling about for some ten days in all directions from this city—some miles northward, as far southward as Ottawa—thirty miles, and to Junction City westward, and really were I asked which part is best I could not tell. It is all very good. The broad level bottom of the Kansas river has the richest and deepest soil—in some places eight to ten feet of black sandy loam; but nearly all the higher and rolling prairies have soil far deeper than ever the plough can reach. I think that for wheat culture the higher lands are preferable to the river bottom, as they certainly are better for all kinds of fruits. They are more beautiful and pleasant; the gentle undulations of occasional bluffs and knolls render them extremely picturesque. The country south of this city is full of farms, many of them well improved, while the numerous streams are all broadly belted with timber. From any little eminence their courses can be traced by these belts of timber for many miles, while the intervening grassy prairies, cultivated farms, houses, orchards and villages, all combine to form magnificent landscapes.

While at Ottawa I found the hotels crowded with men in search of land. A reference to the registers showed that Ohio was more largely represented than any other state. Next to that Indiana and Illinois, while the States further east had a few representatives. The Neosho valley is drawing strongly, and so I am told is the region around Salina, including the valleys of the Saline and Salomon. Another strong stream of immigration is setting in towards the valleys of the Republican, the Big Blue and the intervening country. Some push out far towards the borders, where stock-raising may be prosecuted to better advantage; while others seek locations where they can at once enjoy social, educational and religious advantages.

Day before yesterday I took the train on the Union Pacific Railway, E. D., to go up to Manhattan and Junction City, the latter of which is three miles beyond Fort Riley, and about one hundred miles west of this city. Manhattan is twenty miles this side. I was surprised to find so many people traveling; and another thing which attracted the attention of our little party—Judge Agnew, of our Supreme Court, and his two daughters, and a gentleman from St. Louis—was the marked intelligence and energy of the passengers. It is no ordinary class of people who are pushing their way into this magnificent region; and when, after a few years of vigorous and well directed industry, they shall have improved it as such men can improve it, there will probably not be anything to equal it on the globe.

I find that very many who purchase lands in the more settled parts, content themselves with eighty acres, or half of a quarter section—80 by 160 perches. It is enough in such a country as this where every acre is available, and where the soil is so strong that there is no necessity to leave it half the time resting. I read not long ago an article in an agricultural paper, in which the writer advised farmers to double the quantity of their land, not by doubling the number of their acres, but by doubling *the depth of their soil.* Measured by that rule, eighty acres of Kansas soil is a big farm. This contentment with small tracts is wisdom on their part; for the money which they would be required to buy another eighty acres can be better employed in improving the first eighty. Wealthy men may with propriety purchase more; but it is bad policy for a comparatively poor man to put nearly all his means into land, which, when he has it, he is unable to cultivate, or to go in debt, and thus keep his nose to the grindstone at the very time when he is least able to bear the operation.

When I wrote some letters from Kansas last year I spoke of the exceeding thrift and beauty of fruit trees in this State. This time I have had an opportunity of seeing and tasting the fruit they produce; and I have no hesitation in saying that I never saw such apples and peaches anywhere, especially the latter. The peach crop was very abundant wherever there were trees old enough to bear. In size, in flavor, in richness of color and cleanness of skin, this is true. Even the seedlings surpassed the finest I saw in Pittsburgh before I left home. It is my impression that ere long the business of canning peaches will become important and profitable one in this State. Grapes do better here than any place I ever saw, and for size and richness of bloom they excel any I ever tasted. The highest grounds are the best for them, as indeed they are for fruit of all kinds.

A nurseryman told me the other day that the ailanthus, which grows with great rapidity here, is an excellent and durable wood for fence posts, being only second to locust and cedar. I expressed surprise at this, but he assured me that it was so. They are grown in great numbers by nurserymen. The common locust grows very rapidly until attacked by borers. One man told me that where they are planted all over a field like an orchard, only greatly more crowded, the borer has little effect upon them. In many parts of this State cedars grow naturally. I have seen some cedar posts.

Fruit trees are planted much closer here than with us. Twenty feet asunder is enough for apple trees. Trees seem to have a kind of instinct; and where they are required to resist an almost constant breeze they grow more sturdy, and do not send their boughs away off from the trunk as they do with us. This is true of all trees, but especially fruit trees.

The Osage orange is very largely used for hedges, and with the most satisfactory result. Some farmers, however, prefer to enclose their fields with stone, which, on most farms, can be done very well at moderate expense. The magnesian limestone, which is found in all the bluffs, make the best stone fences I ever saw. This is because they generally lie in layers of uniform thickness, from four to fourteen and sixteen inches. Wire is pretty extensively used in the more Western settlements on new farms. Sometimes three, but more frequently four, strands are used, which are passed through holes in the posts. These are set from eight to fifteen feet asunder, and are frequently quite small.

I intended to say something about the lateral railroads of this State, but I have already made this letter quite long enough. In another, I must tell you what I saw at Junction City, and other places up the road. C.

Coming to Grief.

Delmar, the statistician of the Treasury Department, is likely to come to grief, so far as his figures are concerned. The Secretary of the Treasury says they are *entirely incorrect and misrepresent facts.* General Spinner says the true records of the department will show that Delmar's figures are *deliberate falsifications.* It is understood that a prominent official of the Treasury Department will, at the request of the Secretary, prepare an official statement of all items purporting to be given by Delmar. This will be taken from the books and official records of the Department, and will give a complete account of the receipts and expenses of the Government.

The Oil Revival at Pleasantville.

The Titusville *Herald* prints a letter dated September 24th, from which we quote:

In this particular section, at the present writing, politics are seldom thought of, the people are so absorbed in oil. Everybody, will talk of leases, and fee simples, and fractional interest, and wells, productions, etc., but politics are almost tabooed.

You have already heard that Pleasantville is the new land of promise—the Mecca of every pilgrim. Six months ago it was a delightful village of about one thousand inhabitants. There was a single hotel and perhaps half a dozen business establishments. Everybody admired the handsome gardens and pretty houses strung along the road, but if one had predicted that Pleasantville was the site of the largest "oil basin" yet discovered, he would have been deemed a proper candidate for the nearest lunatic asylum. Yet, indeed, it has so become. The development of a hundred barrel well, at once attracted the attention of operators in general, and from that time till the present there has been an incessant tide of travel, and steadily increasing investments at the great oil centre. The population of the place has trebled within the period indicated, and the great problem has been how to accommodate the people. Hotels and boarding houses are constantly filled to overflowing, and the Chase House, a building which originally cost seventy thousand dollars, has been removed from Pithole, to meet the necessities of the rising old metropolis. An opera house has been transported from the same place and re-erected here, and now does a better business in the line of popular entertainment than Pithole ever witnessed at the palmiest "stage" of inflation. Forty or fifty hacks run between Titusville and Pleasantville, a distance of six miles, making three or four trips per day, and loaded with passengers. Anybody who is familiar with the daily panorama of a thriving "oil town" will recognize many of its characteristics in Pleasantville. Horses dragging themselves to death, drivers exposed to all weather, carpenters piling up derricks; drillers dropping the everlasting "thud," engines puffing, whistles screaming, petroleum spirting, machinery pounding, inn-keepers, cooks and waiters always on the go, grocers and merchants packing and unpacking, speculators busy at maps, lawyers drawing papers and ferreting out titles, boys hawking papers, hackmen yelling; but amid all this are the features of an established civilization, essential churches, flourishing schools, home life, good fare, comfortable rest, law and order, and a hallowed Sabbath; for Pleasantville, under the administration of Burgess Beebe, is the best governed town in the oil region.

There are now about forty-eight wells at Pleasantville, and the oil production is between 2,500 and 2,600 barrels per day. There has been no single instance of failure to procure oil, and although the wells are not large, probably none exceeding 153 barrels per day, there is but one other district in the oil region that has a larger daily production. The oil is found mostly in the fifth sand rock, at the depth of 825 feet. The extent of the producing territory is still a matter of conjecture, but the belt ranges at least two and a half miles in width and has developed longitudinally a distance of between three and four miles. Such a field of operations must require a long time to exhaust, and after a careful survey of the general indications, I should estimate a continually increasing production for at least a year to come. Operators who took advantage of the early developments and secured territory at a low price, have realized very handsomely from the result of their investments.

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No. 174, December Term, 1868, in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

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W. AUGHINBAUGH,

se26:y22:s Solicitor for Petitioners.

NOTICE--Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted by the Register of Allegheny county, to the undersigned, on the estate of FREDERICK SAUER, late of Allegheny county, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to pay the same, and all persons having claims against the said estate, to present the same, properly authenticated, for settlement.

MAGDALENA SAUER,

Administratrix of Frederick Sauer, deceased.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 7, 1868. sep8:x35

NOTICE.—Whereas, Letters of Administration on the estate of JOHN S. DAVISON, late of Oakland Township, deceased, have been duly granted to the undersigned, by the Register of Allegheny county, all persons indebted to or having claims against the estate of said deceased are requested to present the same without delay, for settlement, at the office of THOS. EWING, Attorney, No. 156 Fourth St., Pittsburgh.

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