

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

KANSAS.

Summer in Kansas—Rains—Floods—Fruit—Kansas Takes the Highest Prize for Fruit in Philadelphia—Interesting Extract—General Remarks.

I have now been here about four months, and have seen the whole of a Kansas summer. For a few days the thermometer ranged above 90 degrees, and one day it touched 100 degrees; but...

Take one year with another, more rain falls in Kansas than in Pennsylvania—less in the fall and winter, but more in the spring and summer. But, unlike the Indiana and Illinois, the ground does not become covered over with a sheet of water after a heavy rain.

Chills and fevers are prevalent just now in the valleys where the soil is excessively rich and vegetation rank; but on the higher grounds, the upland prairie, the people are generally in the enjoyment of very good health.

These uplands are composed of rich sandy loam, resting upon successive strata of limestone. In some places sandstone are found. The soil is strongly impregnated with lime, and is of a light chocolate color. The top soil varies in color from dark chocolate to black, and is from one to three feet deep.

It is to these drifts that this State owes its matchless adaptability to fruit growing. In Illinois there are some drifts at long intervals, and it is there that we find the finest and most productive orchards.

From the opening of the Fair on Wednesday morning, the hall was greatly crowded with admiring and deeply interested visitors, and the Kansas tables were the centre of attraction, both on account of the greatly superior character of the fruits and the artistic manner in which they were displayed.

Everybody, without any exception, who made any remarks while surveying the fruit, pronounced it decidedly the finest on exhibition, as it most certainly was. The visitors were mostly from the better classes of society, intelligent and wealthy, and a large number of them were fruit growers, and in commenting on the display, would remark, "This exhibition of such splendid fruit will be a great thing for our young State; it will be worth millions of dollars to you."

The writer subsequently remarks: "By the unanimous action of the Society's Executive Board, the Kansas State Horticultural Society at the great State Fair, Pennsylvania their GOLD MEDAL for a superior collection of fruits, which is the highest award they could make, and was made in honor of our young State."

In a series of letters to the GAZETTE written more than two years ago, I spoke of Kansas likely to become the best fruit and grape growing State on the side of California; but I hardly expected then that it would so soon be able to enter the lists successfully against all the other States.

I might speak of the corn crop of the present year, which exceeds anything before known in that State both for breadth and heaviness of crop. Farmers are afraid that there is so much of it that the price will be very low. But as the crop is so heavy, and the farmers are so poor to hold on to it, they will fall prey to speculators.

WHAT IS A PUNCH?—The following epigram repays to the foregoing question several more of sense than it does of all the other answers combined. Experience has proved that the juice of three or four lemons and three-quarters of a pound of loaf sugar dissolved in three pints of boiling water, give support to the system which strike the palate at such intervals that the thrilling acidity of the lemon juice, and the cloying sweetness of the sugar are no longer distinguishable.

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LETTER FROM ST. LOUIS.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

St. Louis, Oct. 6, 1899. Anyone who writes from or about St. Louis this week, must needs write about the Fair, which absorbs universal attention; and yet, as I think of it, the subject naturally divides itself into two chapters, of which only the first would relate to the great St. Louis Annual Fair, now going on.

One fair of this kind is so much like another, differing so far as I can see only in seeing anything, in comparatively few words on this. Perhaps as a reviewer and responsible correspondent I should go on there and take notes. I hear there are a few things, but I can't confess to any sympathy with the sporting race. On the whole, I am gratifying myself and soothing my conscience by religiously staying away, but if any of the dear readers of the GAZETTE want to know anything about it, I'll send them one of our dailies, that is crammed with it.

Staying away, however, does not relieve one of all the annoyances of this carnival of the agriculturalists. No engineering can save you from being jostled every ten yards by ladies and gentlemen from the rural districts, to whom there is a dearth of steering men, a multitude, and who are a crowd and ten a multitude, and who are a crowd and ten a multitude.

They are everywhere, and goodness knows where they stay nights. The fair is a delight to them, and a visit to it, doubtless to many, an event long to be remembered. I shall have to take some other time to do justice to the whole.

The South Pacific Railroad has completed its extension to Lebanon, fifty miles this side of Springfield, which town they will reach and will open communication with one of the finest agricultural regions in the West.

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