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Letter from Missouri—By a Former Resident of Brush Valley.

DIAMOND GROVE PRAIRIE NOV. 18, '68

Fred. Kurtz esq. Editor Centre Reporter.

As I am in receipt of a large number of letters of inquiry concerning this country, I thought it most convenient to answer through the columns of your excelent paper.

The future prospects of Missouri are very encouraging to the emigrant, on account of the cheapness of land, delightfulness of the climate, and richness of the soil.

South West Missouri (which I chiefly describe) was but very thinly populated before the late war, and during that period was entirely depopulated, and what improvement was made before the war (which was very little) was entirely destroyed by the contending armies. So that we can safely say that this country is but two years old though being inhabited for forty years.

The soldiers of the north and east who traveled and fought through here under Seigel and Lyon, and other officers, were so delighted with the southwest, that immediately after peace was restored, they emigrated to this country to procure homes for themselves and families, and the country was rapidly filled up with an industrious and intelligent class of people.

The Illinoians represent the larger portion of our present population, although there are also large numbers here from Iowa, Indiana, and Michigan, and almost every state in this Union is represented by *some*, from Maine to Texas.

South Western Missouri is generally a prairie country, with plenty of timber interspersed for all ordinary purposes; timber being mostly along the streams; we have also some beautiful groves such as the Diamond and Round grove, &c.

The prairies are all high and rolling and a swamp or slough is scarcely to be found; this accounts for its healthfulness.

The soil is of three or four different kinds; mostly a black vegetable loam, also the red or mulatto, limestone and black limestone. The black loam and limestone is well adapted to all kinds of grain and fruit, and the red or mulatto soil is said to be the best wheat land in the United States; that along the creek and river bottoms is principally an aluvial soil and is exceedingly rich and fertile, while the high prairies are of a lighter nature.

The climate is exceedingly mild, occupying a happy medium between extreme heat and cold, corresponding with the latitude of southern Virginia and Kentucky, the heat being not more oppressive than in central Pennsylvania nor the cold so intense. The feeding for all kinds of stock would be about six weeks had we cultivated grass for pasture, such as timothy or bluegrass, but the prairie grass is mostly killed by the first frost, which extends our feeding season to about four months; to such who have no pastures of cultivated grasses, our time for planting and seeding is also extended; for instance, we have time to plant corn from the middle of March to the 1st of June; to sow wheat and rye from 1st of September until Christmas—early planting and seeding is however always considered the best.

The products of this country at present are chiefly corn, although there was also a large breadth of wheat sown this fall. Oats, Barley, and Sorghum are also extensively raised, and for fruit of all kinds this country cannot be excelled. The apples and peaches are perfectly at home here, and very seldom fail to bring a full crop; the apple bears at about six years from bud or seed, and the peach at three, and there is never any danger of the trees being winter killed. There are some very fine old apple and peach orchards in this country, and they can only be looked at to be admired; of the wild fruits the grape grows almost to perfection, and are as good tasted as most of the cultivated grapes in Pennsylvania; there was any quantity of them grown this year, and they were gathered by the wagon load. Raspberries, Blackberries, and Strawberreis also grow in great abundance, and of the finest quality.

The price of land varies according to quality and location; raw prairie sells at from four to ten dollars per acre, and improved farms from fifteen to thirty dollars per acre, according to the improvements on them, which generally consist of fencing, breaking and a little log house and sometimes fruit. Every alternate section of land through Newton and M'Donald counties, along the survey of the South West Pacific Rail Road, was given by the United States towards the building of said Road from St. Louis to the south west corner of the state, so that one half of the land here is not in market; but the road is now under contract and the land will be brought into market in a year or two, there will then no doubt be good chances of purchasing perhaps on time, but at what figures no one knows. Most all of this land is settled, claimed and improved. We are at present distant from the nearest Rail Road one hundred and seventy miles, being the Kansas Pacific R. R., but the South West Pacific Rail Road is completed from St. Louis to Little Piny, and is under contract from there to Springfield, and the present company promises to complete it to the western state line in two years; but Rail Road matters are always uncertain and I would not at present attempt to specify the precise time of its completion to the state line, but there is no doubt of the present company's not completeing it. The Tebo and Neosho Road from Sedalia south west through the western tier of counties is also much talked of, but nothing reliable as yet.

The prices of grain and produce are not as high here as they are east, on account of our great distance from the Rail Road and the large cities, but I think them pretty fair:

Wheat is worth $1,50 Corn 50 cents Apples 40 cents, Potatoes 50 c., Sweet Potatoes $1,00, Butter from 30 to 40 cents per lb, eggs 15 cents per dozen Great many eastern people think this dull market, but let them look back forty years when all grain and produce had to be wagoned to Philadelphia and then make the comparison.

School Districts are being organized all over the country, houses built, and a large number of schools are now in operation; we have also preaching by all denominations, now generally held in the groves, but churches are being built as fast as the country is settled up; the society is good as can be expected in a new country, all appear very sociable and benevolent.

A number of persons want my opinion about buying raw land on speculation—that is, letting it lay unimproved waiting for the rise in price as a good investment; but I cannot see much money in land in this way, because the taxes which are between four and five per cent would over-balance the rise in the land.

The above includes what may be called a general abridged discription of our country, although enough might be written to fill a volume; what I have said was given simply as information, and not to induce emigration.

However much this country is in need of 10,000 Penn'a Dutch farmers with their industry and capital, I would say, come and see the country and satisfy yourselves before you emigrate with your families.

The tide of emigration was almost entirely turned to the south west a year ago; most of the emigrants never saw the country, and this past summer on account of the drouth, they deserted their homes; but all these constitute about what may well be termed the floating population of the west, and are such as will undoubtedly be discontented and dissatisfied in heaven. All persons emigrating to a new country, must live under a great many disadvantages, and undergo a great many hardships, such as living in a log-cabin with a stick and mortar chimney, and having for their fare nothing but *corn dodgers and bacon.*

I will here conclude my simple remarks, hoping that I may in the future be able to give you some more interesting information.

Very Resp., H. G.

EARNING A WIFE.

[There is almost as much common sense as romance in the following sketch, and for that reason our readers will pardon us for the infliction of a love story.]

"AND so you want to marry my daughter, young man?" said farmer Bilkins, looking at the young fellow sharply from head to toes.

Despite his rather indolent, effeminate air, which was mainly the result of his education, Luke Jordan was a fine-looking fellow, and not easily moved from his self-possession; but he colored and grew confused beneath that sharp, scrutinizing gaze.

"Yes, sir; I spoke to Miss Mary last night, and she referred me to you."

The old man's face softened.

"Molly is a good girl, a very good girl," he said, stroking his chin with a thoughtful air, "and she deserves a good husband. What can you do?"

The young man looked rather blank at this abrupt inquiry.

"If you refer to my abilities to support a wife, I can assure you—"

"I know that you are a rich man, Luke Jordan, but I take it for granted that you ask my girl to marry *you*, not your property. What guarantee can you give me, in case it should be swept away, as it is in thousands of instances, that you could provide for her a comfortable home? You have hands and brains—do you know how to use them? Whas can you do?"

This was a style of catechism for which Luke was quite unprepared, and he started blandly at the questioner without speaking.

"I believe you managed to get through college—have you any profession?"

"No, sir; I thought?—"

"Have you any trade?"

"No, sir; my father thought that with the wealth I should inherit I should not need any."

"Your father thought like a fool then He'd much better have given you some honest occupation and cut you off with a shilling—it might have been the making of you. As it is, what are you fit for? Here you are, a strong, able-bodied young man, twenty-four years old, and never earned a dollar in your life! You ought to be ashamed of yourself. And you want to marry my daughter. Now, I've given Molly as good advatages for learning as any girl in town, and she hasn't thrown 'em away; but if she didn't know how to work, she'd be no daughter of mine. If I choose, I could keep more than one servant; but I don't, no more than I choose that my daughter should be a pale, spiritless creature, full of dyspepsia, and all sorts of fine lady ailments, instead of the smiling, bright-eyed, rosy cheeked lass she is. I *did* say that she should not marry a lad that had been cursed with a rich father; but she has taken a foolish liking for you, and I'll tell you what I'll do: go to work, and prove yourself to be a man; perfect yourself in some occupation—I don't care what, if it is honest—then come to me, and, if the girl is willing, she is yours."

As the old man said this he deliberately rose from the settee of the porch and went into the house.

Pretty Mary Bilkins was waiting to see her lover down at the garden gate, their usual teysting-place. The smiling light faded from her eyes as she noticed his sober, discomfited look.

"Father means well," she said, as Luke told her the result of his application. "And I'm not sure but he's about right, for it seems to me that every man, rich or poor, ought to have some occupation."

Then, as she noticed her lover's grave look, she said, softly,—

"Never mind,—I'll wait for you, Luke."

Luke Jordan suddenly disappeared from his accustomed haunts, much to the surprise of his gay associates. But wherever he went, he carried with him those words which were like a tower of strength to his soul: "I'll wait for you, Luke."

One pleasant, sunshiny morning, late in October, as farmer Bilkins was propping up the grapevine in his front yard, that threatened to break down with the weight of its luxurious burden, a neat-looking cart drove up, from which Luke Jordan alighted with a quick, elastic step, quite in contrast with his formerly easy, leisurely movements.

"Good morning, Mr. Bilkins. I understood that you wanted to buy some butter tubs and cider barrels. I think I have some that will just suit you."

"Whose make are they?" asked the old man, as, opening the gate, he paused by the wagon.

"Mine," replied Luke, with an air of pardonable pride.

Mr. Bilkins examined them one by one.

"They'll do," he said coolly, as he set down the last of the lot. What will ye take for them."

"What I asked you for six months ago to-day—your daughter, sir."

The roguish twinkle in the old man's eyes broadened into a smile.

"You've got the right metal in you, after all," he cried. "Come in, lad—come in. I shouldn't wonder if we made a trade after all."

Nothing loth, Luke obeyed.

"Molly!" bawled Mr. Bilkins, thrusting his head into the kitchen door.

Molly tripped out into the entry. The round white arms were bared above the elbows and bore traces of the flour she had been sifting. Her dress was a neat gingham, over which was tied a blue checked apron; but she looked as winning and lovely as she always did wherever she was found.

She blushed and blushed and smiled as she saw Luke, and then, turning her eyes upon her father, waited dutifully to hear what he had to say.

The old man regarded his daughter for a moment with a quizzical look.

"Moll, this young man—mayhap youv'e seen him before—has brought me a lot of tubs and barrels, all of his own make—a right good article, too. He asks a pretty steep price for 'em, but if you are willing to give it, well and good; and hark ye, my girl, whatever bargain you make, your father will ratify."

As Mr. Bilkins said this he considerately stepped out of the room, and we will follow his example. But the kind of bargain the young people made can be readily conjectured by the speedy wedding that followed.

Luke Jordan turned his attention to the study of medicine, of which profession he became a useful and influential member; every year, on the anniversary of his marriage, he delights his mother-in-law by some specimens of the handicraft by which he won what he declares to be the best and dearest wife in the world.

It is asserted that a number of negro women were registered and voted in Mobile. They were dressed up in mens clothing, and of course voted the Radical ticket.

The friends of the robbers of the Norway (Me.) Bank threaten to burn and pilliage the village of Norwry if the robber now in prison at Thomaston, Me., is not released. The people are considerably alarmed at these threats.

Gen. Grant, it is said, will favor in his first message, an election of President, directly by the people, in future, for the term of ten years, and not to be eligible for re-election—Congressmen to be elected in all the States with the President.

At Blountville, Tenn., last week, a man named Rhea shot his wife in the head, inflicting what will probably prove a fatal wound. On being shot Mrs. Rhea fled to the yard, where she fell exhausted. Her husband pursued her and attempted to shoot her a second time, when he fell on the steps, accidentally discharging the pistol in his own body, killing him instantly.

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—The steamer Idaho has arrived with Honolulu advices to November 14. The disturbances at Hawaii, it is thought, would be suppressed without further loss of life. The ringleaders were captured and brought to Honolulu for trial.

The crater at Kilamea is again active, and at night is quite brilliant.

No earthquakes have been felt at Hilo, and only an occasional one in Kau.

James Grant, who, it is alleged, shot H. R. Pollard, in Richmond, was examined on the 27th, and bailed in 1,000 to answer at the February term of court.

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I MISS THEE.

BY A LADY.

I miss the warm clasp of thy hand, dear friend,
The kind loving look of thine eye,
The low murmered words of friendship and trust,
When you bid me the last "Good Bye."

I miss thee, at morning when over the earth,
The sun his bright rays has thrown;
And at eve, when twilight has gathered o'er all,
And I from the world am alone.

I miss the kind care that you ever bestow,
And the words of assurance you give;
That though mountains divide us, you'll never forget,
But remember me long as you live.

There's a sad lonely feeling around my heart,
That naught but thy presence can cheer;
Oh, I miss thee, at morning, at noon, and at night,
And *ever*—when thou art not near.

But should we ne'er meet again in this life,
There's a place where partings unknown,
In mansions above the ransomed *all* meet,
And gather around the white throne.

There forever to stay while eternity rolls
Its years, as the sands of the sea—
May kind heaven grant that you and I,
Among that blest number may be.

MADISON, PA., Nov. 1868.

BOSTON.

The Women's Rights Convention--Fred. Douglass on the Stump—Preamble and Constitution—The Balance of Power.

BOSTON, November 19.—There was a large attendance on the reassembling of the Woman's Rights Convention. Rev. James Freedman Clark advocated educating the sexes together. Addresses followed by Chas. Barnard, Frederick Douglass and Hon. Frank W. Bird, expressive of sympathy in the movement to establish suffrage for women.

A resolution was presented and laid over for discussion, of which the following embraces the general scope:

Resolved, That we invite the Republican party to drop the watchword of manhood suffrage, and the Democratic party to abandon its motto of a white man's government, and unite in an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending suffrage to all men and women, as the inalienable birthright of every American citizen.

Rev. B. J. Bolles, of Springfield, Rev. D. A. Mason, Lucy Stone Blackwell and her husband, Mr. Blackwell, made addresses. The latter advocated the forming of a league to obtain and use the balance of political power to effect the enfranchisement of women in Massachusetts.

Samuel E. Sewell read the proposed constitution and preamble, which is as follows:

Believing in the natural equality of the two sexes, and that women enough to enjoy the same rights and privileges as men, and that as long as women are denied the elective franchise they suffer a great wrong, the undersigned agree to unite in an association, to be called the New England Woman Suffrage Association. The object of the Association is declared to be to procure the right of suffrage for women, and to support such changes in the laws, as shall place women in all respects on an equal legal footing with men. Adopted.

He proposed a list of officers; President—Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. Vice Presidents—William Lloyd Garrison, Pauline W. Davis, James F. Clarke, Sarah A. Russell, Louisa Alcot, Lucy Goddard, Samuel E. Sewell, Lydia Emerson, Jonah E. Hunkerson, H. K. Hunt, Mrs. Nathaniel White, L. M. Alcot, and J. G. Whittier. Corresponding Secretary, Sarah Clark; Recording Secretary, Charles K. Whipple; Treasurer, Ebenezer Draper. This list was unanimously adopted; also, an executive committee of fifteen. William Lloyd Garrison and Senator Wilson spoke and were warmly welcomed. Senator Wilson expressed himself strongly in favor of female suffrage, but he did not want that or any other question put forward till the Southern question was fully settled. He had no doubt Congress would authorize the colored men to vote in every State, but as some good men doubted it, it was prsposed the coming winter to put foreward an amendment to the Constitution, enforcing the political dogma, that the colored man has a right to vote in every State. With twenty-six Legislatures in our favor to only nine against us, our success was probable, That done, the female question would have a clear way and be aided by the success of the other, and it would stand a better chance of a speedy triumph, because men could not feel prejudices against their own sisters, lovers, mothers and friends as they had against the colored men. Therefore make the colored suffrage first, before taking another step.

The Dubuque (Iowa,) Times tells this story. A few days ago three maimed brothers from Minnesota crossed on the ferryboat to this side. One had lost both arms and legs, and the other two both legs. They related to Comodore Yates the following fearful incident: Last Winter, the three brothers started out to a singing-school, three young ladies, in an ox-sled. While on the way a heavy snow storm came up and caused them to lose their way. After wandering about for hours they were finally "snowed in" on the prairie. Locked up in that snowy prison the three women froze to death, and the three brothers were so badly frozen as to result in their present maimed condition.

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