

From the Phila. Ledger.  
The Germans of Pennsylvania.

A Buffalo newspaper, in a late article on the German farmers of Pennsylvania, informs the world that they are hardly more intelligent or independent than the serfs of the Fatherland a century and a half ago. "The immigrants came over here with their Priests," it says, "a fragment of the middle ages uneducated and uncivilized. What is the consequence? We see before us the perpetuation of a social and mental condition which has long since disappeared from Germany. We behold a picture of the dark and gloomy middle age."

No one familiar with the German farmers of Pennsylvania need be told that this is a stupid and ignorant libel. Its author has either never travelled through our State, or has maliciously misrepresented what he saw.

So far from our German farmers being on a level with the serfs of a hundred and fifty years ago, they are vastly in advance of contemporary German or French farmers, or even of English farmers of similar means. On this point we need go no further for authority than to Mr. Munch, the fellow laborer with Herder in the late campaign, who, though hostile in politics to our German farmers in general, was forced, during his tour through Pennsylvania, to admit their sterling worth. Mr. Munch is an experienced and practical agriculturist, and not merely a speculative man of letters, so that his judgment on such a question is worth that of a score of visionary, ill-informed, prejudiced, disappointed, demagogues or partizan editors. After eulogizing the picturesque natural features of the landscape of our German counties, praising the excellent taste which has preserved the woods on the hillsides, and extolling the appearance of the farms, this gentleman adds significantly that he found the population of a general solid as respectable stamp, enviable circumstances in comparison with the European farmers, very far his superior in intelligence and morals."

It is time that truth should be spoken, and justice done to our German population. We are willing to go as far as any one in testifying to the value of books, newspapers and schools; we are willing to a line that our German farmers, as a class, have cared less for these things than they ought; but we are not yet silly enough to say that a man is necessarily a bad farmer, a disorderly citizen, or a profligate husband, because he does not speak English, is not examined with book-learning, or does not take in half a dozen journals—Our German farmers prove the reverse—Whether a denizen of a State be valuable to it on account of what he annually adds to the realized wealth of the community, or for his faithful obedience to the laws or for the sacredness with which he preserves the family compact, our German farmers certainly merit as much as any other class for the practice of either of these virtues, or indeed for the harmonious exercise of all. Even their intelligence is popularly underrated. As Mr. Munch has said, they are of a general, solid and respectable stamp; there is no false mental glitter about them; in a word, they are rather men of sound judgment, than brilliant rhetoricians or one-sided ideologists. All persons who have had transactions with our German farmers, learn to respect the excellent sense they display in the ordinary concerns of life. It is only when political differences arise, that our Germans are stigmatized as dolts. Would it not be more consistent, not to say liberal, to give the Germans credit for equal honesty and shrewdness, in public affairs, as in private? Are those who denounce the Germans, because of their votes, possessed of a monopoly of the intelligence and patriotism of the republic?

But we are willing to waive this part of the question. There are other things, besides political soundness, valuable in a citizen. In many particulars German farmers surpass even the people of New England, who, of late, have put in a claim it would seem to be the *meilleur* in all things. They understand, or if they do not understand, they observe the laws of health better than even the rural population of Massachusetts; and the result is that they are really the finest race of men, physically, to be found within the borders of the United States. In certain favorable localities of Kentucky, or on the frontier, where, from being a dominant east, or from the immediate vicinity of unpeopled wilderness, the inhabitants live a half nomadic life, there are as fine, perhaps finer specimens of men to be seen; but there is nowhere, in all America, an agricultural population, the members of which personally till the soil, that has such thews and sinews, such a healthy development, or such generally prolonged life, as our much-abused "Pennsylvania Dutchmen."

To be plain, if some of our crotchety, oneida, dyspeptic, thin, evaduous, New England brethren would emigrate to our German countries; follow, for a generation or two, the open air life of our German farmers; and, last of all, intermarry into our vigorous, anti-hypochondriacal German families, they would soon cease to die by such scores of consumption, to complain that there were no longer any healthy women left, and to amuse sensible people with such silly vagaries as Brook farm associations, Pantheism, or the thousand and one intellectual vagaries which are born of their abnormal physical condition.

WHAT MAKES A BUSTEE.—The following table of the number of pounds of various articles to a bushel may be of interest to our readers at this particular season:

Wheat sixty pounds.

Corn, shelled, fifty-six pounds.

Corn, on the cob, seventy pounds.

Rye, fifty-six pounds.

Oats, thirty-six pounds.

Bailey, forty-six pounds.

Buckwheat, fifty-two pounds.

Irish potatoes, sixty pounds.

Sweet potatoes, fifty pounds.

Onions, fifty-seven pounds.

Beans, sixty pounds.

Bran, twenty pounds.

Clover seed, sixty pounds.

Timothy seed, forty-five pounds.

Flax seed, forty-five pounds.

Hemp seed, forty-five pounds.

Blue grass seed, fourteen pounds.

Dried peaches, thirty-three pounds.

Mr. Joseph Jackson formerly of Cincinnati, the Postmaster General of the Sandwich Islands.

The Buffalo Commercial has heard of a good thing recently said by Mr. Buchanan, in reply to a distinguished politician who had assured the President elect that he wished for no office himself, and had no friend whom he desired to press for a place in the Cabinet—but, sir, he continued, I am not sure that I may not wish to keep some man out of it—Mr. Buchanan's reason is easier to keep a man out, than to get him in.

The sum of \$1,000 has been subscribed in Philadelphia in aid of the State rail Railroad.

EVERY READER.—Will please notice the advertisement descriptive of Mr. Stagg's PICTORIAL FAMILY BIBLE, and send for the Printed Catalogue of all our Illustrated Works.

To the multitudin in the great art of selling Books, we would say, that we present a scheme for more money-making, better than all the gold mines of California and Australia.

Any person wishing to embark in the enterprise will find it best, by sending to the Publisher \$25, for which he will receive sample copies of the various works, (at wholesale prices,) carefully bound, inscribed, and directed, a very liberal percentage to be agent for him.

With this, he will be able to ascertain the most valuable, and order accordingly.

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181 William Street, New York.

October 20th, 1856—1 ft.

THE subscriber has just received, and now opens out at his store room in the borough of Loretto, a large and well selected stock of

Fall and Winter Goods, viz.—Cloths, Cassimere, Satins, Tweeds, Jeans, Express West, 10 o'clock, 22 min. A. M. Mail Train East 12 12 P. M. Mail Train, " 6 54 " P. M. Mail West, " 8 41 " P. M.

Leave this station immediately after the departure of the train for Ebensburg.

PHIL S. NOON,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
EBENSBURG, PENNA.

Office on C. L. Moore Row.

Orphans' Court Sale.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Cambria County, the undersigned will

expose the Public Vendue or outcry, on Saturday, 10th DAY OF JANUARY 1857

at the following property to wit: Bound and described as follows: Beginning at a sugar tree by land conveyed to John Westover and land conveyed to Richard Baum, near 110 1/2 acres, more or less, to a post, there by land conveyed to Washington Layton, and 140 perches to a post, thence by land conveyed to Henry Lloyd south 110 1/2 acres more or less to a post, thence by land conveyed to John Baum, west 154 perches more or less to the place of beginning, containing about one and one-half acres more or less, situate in Sanguenna Township, Cambria County.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third to be paid on confirmation of Sale, the balance in two annual payments with interest from date to be secured by mortgages and bonds on the premises. Sales to take place on the premises.

By the Court,

MARY ANN MANNION,

A'm'k of the Estate of Thomas Croghan deceased.

Dec. 24, 1856.

Orphans' Court Sale.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court

of Cambria County, the undersigned will

expose the Public Vendue or outcry, on Saturday, 10th DAY OF JANUARY 1857

at the following Real Estate to wit: Land and

described as follows: Beginning at a post, in the west corner of a larger tract surveyed for Bales, thence east over one and sixty perches to a post, thence south thirty-four perches for post, thence by land survey to George Meek, south forty degrees west one hundred and forty-four perches to a white oak, thence west fifty perches to a Beech, thence one hundred and twenty six perches to place of beginning. Containing eighty nine acres and ninety seven perches more or less, situated and being in Carroll township, Cambria County, to sell on the premises in Wednesdays, the 12th day of July 1857.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third to be paid on confirmation of Sale, the balance in two annual payments with interest from date to be secured by mortgages and bonds on the premises.

By order of the Orphans' Court,

JOHN SANDERS,

Administrator of the estate of Jacob Barnes deceased.

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