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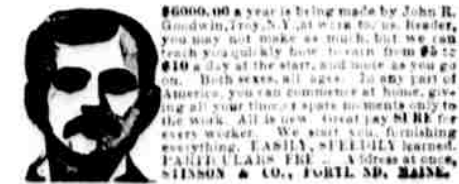
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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT.

WALTER WELLMAN WRITES FROM NEBRASKA.

He Says the Outlook is Very Hopeful. How "The Great American Desert" Has Been Made to Blossom as the Rose. Can Farmers Make Money?

(Special Correspondence.)

YORK, Neb., Sept. 17.—Just twenty years ago I came into this part of the state of Nebraska in a covered wagon. A few days ago I came again, on a free pass, and I find the country so interesting that I think I'll tell you something about it.

They were a pretty poor lot of people who came here then and later to make homes for themselves. If they had been well to do they would not have left the east to come out to the "Great American Desert" to coax a livelihood out of the virgin soil.



UNCLE JERRY'S NEBRASKA CORN.

can "Desert" to coax a livelihood out of the virgin soil. They were the people who had not been able to get a good foothold in the east. Many of them were soldiers in the Federal army, who had been distanced in the race for wealth while at the front fighting the battles of their country.

The soil, you see, was everything. Not only was it the only source of revenue, present or prospective, but it grew their building material in the shape of a closely knit turf, and the hard clay subsoil served as a floor for their dwellings.

Not much care is taken in returning to the soil that which it gives, nor in conserving the fertility of the land by change of crops or conversion of tilled fields into pastures.

Notwithstanding their distance from market, these people have prospered. I suppose they grow as much about hard times as any other farmers, and with about as much cause.

"What is the matter with so many of your farmers here?" I asked a successful business man, who had himself made money at farming. "Why are they still poor and pushed?"

"It is easy enough to explain," he replied. "They came out here from the older and richer farming country of the east. Here they became, many of them for the first time in their lives, farmers on their own account.

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"Then you think money can be made at farming in this country?"

"I know it can. I have made it myself. Ten or twelve years ago I had a farm of 160 acres. I tilled it myself—my wife and I. Our first year we lived in a sodhouse, and our living expenses were fifty-three dollars.

"Are interest rates high out here?" "Yes, but the fault is the borrower's and not the lender's. Men of doubtful solvency—men who have always been discounting the future, and who had but a narrow margin between payment and bankruptcy—have had to pay as high as 2 per cent. a month for money.

"Is the future brighter?" "For the farming community as a whole it certainly is. The agricultural interests of the west are just emerging from the period of debt.

"Great American Desert" has been made to blossom as the rose. Where twenty years ago was a bare, bleak prairie, with here and there a sodhouse or a "dug-out," now are pretty farmsteads by the thousand.

At the state fair in Lincoln, the capital of the state, a few days ago, I saw something which I must tell Jerry Rusk about when I return to Washington.

While on his western trip with President Harrison the secretary of agriculture told a Nebraska audience that in California he had seen cornstalks thirty feet high, with a bushel of ears on each stalk.



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To my Brother, JOHN G. HODGES, Washington, D. C.

LIFE IN WASHINGTON WALTZES.

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