

AND GARDEN.

OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

...Hints About Cultiva- tion of the Soil and Yields Thereof...

HERE has been a difference of opinion in respect to the feeding value of white and yellow corn...

Northern Southern yellow white. ... 7.5 20.3 ... 12.1 24.5 ... 11 21

Old Apple Trees. The theory is quite prevalent among many farmers that apple trees should be cut down when they cease to be productive...

Fruit Cellars. To have a perfect cellar it must be absolutely frost-proof...

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destroyed the raising of sheep for wool. It has increased the demand for good mutton, so that this production has been benefited.

The gold medal presented to Mr. Geo. McKerron, Sussex, Wis., for the best "show records of Southdown sheep at fairs in 1895," was of pure gold...

Southdown breeders have in the way of selling breeding stock, done better than many of the other sheep breeders...

J. G. Springer.

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THEIR VENTURES TOO MANY.

VAN NORTWICK BROTHERS FORCED TO ASSIGN.

A BIG ILLINOIS FAILURE.

Millions Left by Their Father in 1890 All Used Up in Various Enterprises —The Interests of the Young Men Widely Extended and Large—Two Minneapolis Bank Failures.

BATAVIA, Ill., Dec. 30.—The liquidation of the Atlas National bank of Chicago has participated the suspension of the Van Nortwick bank of Batavia...

The Van Nortwick interests, aside from Batavia property, are largely in paper mills and manufacturing industries.

The Van Nortwick bank in Batavia had a large clientele. The bank had been soliciting deposits for some time past, paying large interest, a fact which, with good business men, gave evidence of weakness, if not distress.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—In regard to the assignment of Van Nortwick Bros. at Batavia, Ill., the Tribune prints the following: "When John Van Nortwick, who was known as the 'King of Kane county,' died in 1890, he left \$5,000,000 to his two sons.

Had the National Bank of Illinois not failed a week ago all might have come out well for the brothers, but that failure put off negotiations they had under way for a long time on a new plant at Appleton.

MINNEAPOLIS BANKS FAIL.

The Columbia National Follows Closely on Scandia Collapse.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—The Columbia National bank, a small institution of comparatively recent establishment and \$200,000 capital, closed its doors this morning.

Cashier Joseph Jobleter said: "We could have stood the pressure a little longer, but to protect the majority we closed. We have \$33,000 cash in the vaults, and inside of sixty days expect to have fully \$100,000 more collected.

The Washington bank, a state institution, closed its doors at noon. It had a capital of \$100,000, and by its last statement, at the close of business December 17, had \$507,104 loans and discounts, \$14,228 drafts secured, \$30,165 stocks and bonds, \$14,475 real estate and \$88,372 cash on hand.

There is no doubt but what we will be able to make a full account with our depositors and a fair settlement with the stockholders."

"Gas" Adickes announces that he or no one will be United States Senator from Delaware.

A motion for a new trial in the Denver bank wrecking case was overruled.

PLATT'S FINE WORK.

The New York City Republican Club Refuses to Indorse Mr. Choate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Republican club of New York has refused to endorse the candidacy of Joseph H. Choate for United States senator.

The Union Republican club of Brooklyn and the Progress Republican club of New York have adopted resolutions endorsing Thomas C. Platt for senator.

Plagiarism by a Student.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 30.—P. S. Elliott, a student of Washburn college of this city, who, on November 17, won the honor of representing that institution in the oratorical contest of the state association, is accused of plagiarism by Paul Lovewell, a fellow student.

Banker James' Bequests.

HIAWATHA, Kan., Dec. 30.—The will of the late Banker Charles H. James provides that \$1,000 be given to the Hiawatha public library, the interest to be invested in new books.

Seventy Per Cent of Ballots Thrown Out.

GREAT BEND, Kan., Dec. 30.—Evidence in the contest case of Nimocks against Diefenbacher shows that the board threw out on technicalities 70 per cent of the ballots cast in the county, and in some townships more.

Shut Down After 100 Years.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Lehigh mills in South Easton, manufacturers of cotton goods, have shut down for four months, and there is said to be but little prospect of a resumption at the end of that period.

Turkey's Finances in Good Shape.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—It is announced that the budget estimates for 1897 show that the assets exceed the expenditures by \$2,000 Turkish pounds.

A Kansas Pastor Falsely Imprisoned.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—L. F. Schardon, a Presbyterian minister from Columbus, Kan., was arrested here December 9 on a charge of having obtained half rates from railroads by falsely representing himself to be a clergyman.

A Silver Bullion Certificate Scheme.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—Governor McIntire has received a letter from State Senator C. W. Heal of Nebraska, proposing that the Colorado legislature appropriate money to construct a depository at Denver for silver bullion on which certificates may be issued at the market value.

Another Denver Wrecker on Trial.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—The trial of Frank K. Atkins, president of the defunct Colorado Savings bank, has begun in the District court.

Democrats Working for Debois.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senator Dubois and C. A. Walsh, secretary of the Democratic national committee, have gone to Idaho to conduct a canvass in aid of the former's re-election.

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Every Member Of the New Legislature Will make the best possible appearance if "clothed in their right minds," and a suit of "THE HUB'S" famous clothes.

A COUNTY INSOLVENT.

Lane County, Kan., Overloaded With Debt—Interest Payment Stopped.

DIAMOND, Kan., Dec. 30.—The board of county commissioners of this (Lane) county, in meeting to-day, formally declared the county insolvent and issued instructions to Treasurer John Schiess to refrain from further payment of interest on the bonded indebtedness of the county.

Victim of a Conspiracy.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 30.—Americans throughout Mexico are watching with great interest the movements of the authorities in the case of Carlos A. Miller, an American citizen and resident of Guajaculuplan, state of Guerrero, now in Belim prison, City of Mexico, charged with the murder of a Mexican engineer named Eduardo Zepeda.

Dr. Clyde Davis, dentist, Richards Bldg.

Two Warm for an Ice Palace.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 30.—During the mild weather, the St. Paul Winter Carnival Association has been forced to abandon its plans for an ice palace this season.

Shipper's Water Freight.

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A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Strange Woman Under Arrest for Killing a Wealthy Ranchman.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 30.—George W. Gilmore, a ranchman in Rawlins county, Kansas, was assassinated last Saturday night, and a strange woman, who gives her name as Prudence Holbert, has been arrested for the crime.

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THURSTON WARLIKE.

The Nebraskan Would Not Care if Spain Should Declare Hostilities.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Senator Thurston spoke before the members of the Chautauqua circle on the Cuban situation. In beginning he announced his intention to vote for the recognition of Cuban independence, and towards the latter part of his speech his words gave the impression that he would be a little disappointed if that action failed to bring on a war.

Missouri Teachers Meet.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 30.—Upwards of 800 teachers attended the first day's meeting of the thirty-fifth annual session of the Missouri State Teachers' association. President W. H. Martin of Lamar was in the chair.

Held Up in a Rectory.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—Father Shaw, assistant pastor of the Holy Angels' church, was held up in his rectory and robbed by a stranger who called in the afternoon as an ordinary visitor would do.

Heavy Sentence for a Fire-eg.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Isaac Sushner who was convicted of arson in the first degree, was sentenced to thirty-six years in prison. The maximum penalty is forty years.

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...though all the convicts appeared sound asleep when I looked into the ...the positions of some of them

...Lincoln, Neb. ...Ripens Tablets cure nausea.

...a discount youth and enthusiasm are above par.