

**Agricultural Department.**

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**Letters from Old Agricultural and Horticultural Friends.**

Among an accumulation of letters we have been trying to get through with for several weeks past, we find favors from old friends and correspondents—let me first name the dear old friends who have written to me since we last met in the city of Washington. I am glad to hear from you all, and to hear that you are all well and happy. I am glad to hear that you are all well and happy. I am glad to hear that you are all well and happy.

"Joe" Johnson, when we came to this country in 1856, was then one of the editors and publishers of the *Civilian* at Des Moines, Iowa. Then again he took up a line of work westward, along what is now the Union Pacific Railroad, publishing a little paper here and there along the route, until we last met in the city of Washington. I am glad to hear from you all, and to hear that you are all well and happy.

"Uncle Ben Whyte," of Nemaha City, has one of the best gardens this year, we have ever seen. He has fine soil, planted early, of pure Landreth seed, and has given unremitting attention. No one knows more about the garden, both vegetables and flowers, than "Uncle Ben." The grasshoppers have not troubled him, and he is having a fine turn out. He will furnish the people of Brownville what they may want in his line.

"Why, Othello's occupation gone!" I used to drive a few score of dummies, and not talk of cotton by the hundred. Now, plague take Sherman and Grant, I haven't got an X or a V. But I am as saucy as 63 as most young folks used to be. The young folks now-a-days are too lazy to be saucy.

"I am now one of the oldest workers in America. Not in age, but in experience. I am now one of the oldest workers in America. Not in age, but in experience. I am now one of the oldest workers in America. Not in age, but in experience."

**Stock and Fruit about Nebraska City.**

Last week we made a flying visit to Nebraska City. By invitation of Judge Mason, in company with others, we visited his farm, where we had our attention particularly directed to his "Glencoe" colts. There were some one year old, and others this spring colts. The opinions of all who have seen them are unanimous in pronouncing them superior in their class. We make no pretensions as a judge of horse flesh, but acknowledge that the "Glencoe" colts completely come up to our ideas of excellence.

Let us follow this example. If there are owners of other good horses in this State, who are endeavoring to improve our stock, let them invite owners of colts to bring them to the State Fair. Beat Mason if you can. No man will take a bent in this way more kindly than Judge Mason.

"The Publishers, Ivison, Phinney, Blakeeman, & Co., 47 and 49 Green St., New York, have furnished us with a copy of this excellent and valuable book. It is a most popular and comprehensive school Botany, adapted to beginners and advanced classes. It is adopted for use as a hand-book to assist in analyzing plants and flowers in field study of Botany, either by classes or individuals. The book is intended to furnish botanical classes and beginners with an easy introduction to the plants of this country.

"These animals are rapidly increasing in our State. We are constantly receiving letters from parties who are largely interested in them, and whose flocks are now from 200 to 700 in number, and in some cases exceed one thousand. We desire to learn from all raisers of these animals their present number and their grades, together with the quantity of fleeces they may have, and the character of the fleeces, as we have imported letters of inquiry from abroad touching this matter."

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