THE ADVERTISER.

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AGRICULTURAL.

The Herd Law.

We hear many complaining over the present herd law. There are a variety of opinions upon the effect it will have in this county. Many insist that it will drive all the stock out of the county, and that it will drive our stock growers and dealers, with their capital, out of the State. That it will discourage farmers from cultivating the hedge and that it will work an irreparable damage to the prospects of the county. Others, on the contrary, think it will foster the cultivation of the hedge; making cattle raising profitable, and materially increase the real wealth of the State. We doubt not that these parties are sincere in their convictions, and that all intend to advance the public good, regardless of individual preference. Practical experience is the best test by which to try our theories, by this we may see whether our conclusions are to follow from the premises. In this county, Lafayette precinct, above all other portions of the county, has had to contend with all the evils which we, and all the anti-herd law men, think so sure to follow its enforcement. Washington and Benton precincts, just as good for farming purposes, if not better, and just as large and the same distance from the river, have been strenuously opposed to any and all herd laws, and would have none of them. Now, when we are asked to account for the fact that Lafayette precinct contains two hundred voters, while both the other precincts, taken together, can hardly count that many, we are forced to say the herd law has done it. When we ask why it is that Lafayette precinct has ten miles of hedge fence growing to every one mile of such fence to be found in both Benton and Washington, the quick reply comes from herd and anti-herd law men, that there is no good reason for this unless it be the herd law which has been so strictly enforced in Lafayette the past five years. When we are asked why it is that Benton and Washington precinct assessment rolls do not contain a greater number of horses, cattle and mules than Lafayette assessment rolls, we are compelled to say, after all we may be mistaken in thinking that a herd law will drive stock out of the country. Now, we are far from saying what may be good for the back precincts would be equally good for the river ones, and we fully understand the difficulties of the men who live near the dividing line between herd law and no herd law precincts. Still we believe the old herd law satisfied more men than does the new one. We are not of the number who think the herd law is attended with no evil results. While we see the difficulties and acknowledge the bad effect it may and will have upon our prosperity as a county, we are not blind to the greater difficulties and worse effect it would have upon our prosperity, as a county, to suspend the operation of the law.

As great as are the supposed evils on either side, we fear far more, the bad effect of this uncertainty with which both sides are laboring under, and will until this matter is disposed of by either the commissioners or the people. It should be settled either one way or the other at the earliest possible moment. Many think our herd law writers facts and arguments may be easily met and answered, then why don't they do it? We think this, the man who can, and does not is direlict in his duty to the public. There are many voters who care little upon this question, so the public interests are truly served, and they are seeking after just such facts as you say you have. Then send them in, we of all men, would be glad to see and read them, and what is more, would be happy to make them public.

Points in a Pig.

The following description of the "points" of a perfect pig is given by *Forney's Weekly Press:*

Head and Ears.—The head wide in front; ears erect, and pointed forward; chops rounded, and well filled up to the brisket.

Crest and Shoulders.—Crest wide, and rising well to the shoulders; shoulderblades well sloped backwards.

Ribs and Loins.—Ribs well sprung, loins wide and slightly arched.

Hind-Quarters.—Hind-quarters not to slope, nor narrow, towards the tail.

Hams.—Hams rounded outwards, well let down; and full towards the twist.

Chest.—Chest wide, with elbows well out.

Fore-ribs and Flanks.—Fore-ribs wide underneath; flank well let down, straight, and well filled to the stifle.

Legs and feet.—Legs straight and small in the bone; feet small and compact.

Hair and Color.—Hair plentiful, bright and vigorous; color to denote purity of breed.

Tail.—Tail entire, thick at root, and tabering.

Size.—Size according to the breed.

—Agents from Cespedes, President of the Cuban Republic, are on their way to Washington with copy of letter to President Grant, that was sent by Cespedes to King Amadeus complaining of the barbarous Spanish methods of waging war, charging the indiscriminate murder of old men and women and children from twelve down to two years old, and protesting against these methods to subdue the revolution. It is to be hoped this may open the eyes of mankind to the horrors of Spanish rule in Cuba, and that King Amadeus may be induced to put an end to them. Don Rodas inaugurated the bloody system and Valmaseda is doing his best to carry it on.

—French Canadians are agitating the annexation of the Provence of Quebec to the United States. They don't live in Canada, however, but in New York.

Somebody advertises for agents to sell a work entitled "Hymenial Instructor." A cotemporary adds: "The best instructor we know of is a young widow. What she don't know there is no use in learuing."

When to advertise—Now.

Synopsis of the Minutes of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Missouri river met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, of Brownville, Neb., April 6th, 1871, and in the absence of the Moderator was opened by a sermon on Hebrew 13:8, by Rev. G. G. Ferguson, of Hamburg, Iowa. After public worship Presbytery was called to order by Rev. Wm. McCandlish, last Moderator present, and constituted with prayer.

There were present Revs. A. T. Wood, Rob't. Burgess, G. R. Carroll, B. F. McNeil, H. M. Giltner, Wm. McCandlish, J. M. Willson, R. R. Westcott, A. Fitz-Randolph, G. D. Stewart, H. P. Peck, J. B. Long, M. Hughes, T. H. Cleland, jr., D. W. Cameron, Wm. Hamilton, S. M. Kier, J. D. Kerr, —— Payson, J. T. Baird.

Ruling Elders present: Messrs. J. R. Meredith, A Emerson, —— Conger, Isaac Black, T. Officer, J. M. Windsor, E. H. Sears, Thos. Rogers, N. Axtel, W. W. Smith, M. C. Bryson, Faren England, J. G. Hays, P. Lahner, R. B. McCullough, B. C. Cooley.

There were nine ministers and thirty ruling elders absent.

The number of ministers in the Presbytery is twenty-nine, and the number of churches is forty-six.

Rev. A. T. Wood was elected Moderator, and Rev. Geo. D. Stewart, temporary Clerk.

Rev. J. L. Gage was dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Dayton, and Rev. W. Edward Hamilton to unite with the Presbytery of Colorado.

The committee appointed at last session to organize a church at St. Mary's, Iowa, failed to report and the whole matter was postponed indefinitely.

The free conversation on the state of religion in the churches was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock P. M.

The committee on Home Missions report through its chairman, Rev. T. H. Cleland, jr., and was referred to the temporary committee on Home Missions, which consisted of Revs. Wm. Hamilton, R. R. Westcott and E. H. Sears.

A call was presented by the Presbyterian church at Lincoln, Neb., for the pastoral services of Rev. H. P. Peck and placed in his hands. Having signified his acceptance of the call a committee of installation was appointed, consisting of Revs. G. D. Stewart, D. W. Cameron and T. H. Cleland, jr.

The report of the standing committee on Church erection was referred to a special committee, consisting of Bros. Stewart, Cameron and Meredith.

At 2 P. M., the order of the day being the narration of the state of religion, was taken up and the roll called that the religious condition of each church might be known.

The committee on credentials reported that the letters of dismission presented by Rev. J. D. Kerr, of the Presbytery of Springfield; by Rev. F. L. Arnold, of the Presbytery of Iowa City, and by Rev. S. M. Kier, of the Presbytery of Dubuque, were in regular order and recommended that these brethren be admitted into full membership. The report was received and adopted after being amended so as to require the examination of these brethren. The examination was conducted by the Moderator and sustained.

Bros. Wentel, Axtel, Kier and Hutton were appointed a committee to organize a church at Tarkio, P. O., Iowa, if the way should be clear.

Bros. Andrews, Carrol, Hughes and Findley were appointed to organize a church in Cass county, Iowa, if expedient.

Bros. Carroll, Peck, McNiel, Giltner and Wilson were appointed a committee to visit the western frontier, especially the counties of Seward, Butler, Gage, York, Fillmore, &c., to organize churches.

The committee on devotional exercises reported recommending that Rev. D. W. Cameron preach Friday evening. Report adopted.

A special committee consisting of Bros. Cleland, Giltner and Baird were appointed to prepare a suitable obituary concerning Rev. H. H. White.

Revs. McCandlish and Kerr, and Messrs. Sears and Officer, were appointed a committee in the case of Rev. G. G. Ferguson, applying for admission into the ministry of the Presbyterian church.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. J. D. Kerr, from the Presbyterian church, of Nebraska City, was placed in his hands.

Rev. H. M. Giltner requested that the pastoral relation between himself and the church of Pawnee City should be dissolved. The church concurred in his request. Bros. McCandlish, Cleland and Emerson were appointed a committee in regard to this request.

The Presbyterian church in Ponca, Nebraska, organized Oct. 9th, 1870, was ordered to be enrolled.

Revs. G. D. Stewart and J. T. Baird were appointed a committee to install Rev. J. D. Kerr as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Nebraska City.

The report of D. J. McCann, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees of Otoe University was received and accepted. Bro, McCann instructed to continue the school to the best of his judgement and ability. He was requested to transmit a statement of the condition of the scholarships of Otoe University to the Presbytery at its September meeting and show to what extent they have been exhausted.

On the report of the committee after examination Rev. G. G. Ferguson was enrolled a member of Presbytery.

Revs. M. Hughes and A. Fitz-Randolph were elected principal delegates to the General Assembly, and Revs. Wm. Hamilton and B. F. McNeil alternates.

Messrs. Meredith and Conger were elected principal lay delegates and Messrs. I. Black and J. M. Windsor their alternates.

Committee on devotional exercises reported, recommending that Rev. H. P. Peck preach on Saturday evening, Rev. G. D. Stewart on Sabbath morning, and Rev. J. D. Kerr on Sabbath evening. Revs. A. T. Wood and G. R. Carroll administer the Lord's Supper. Rev. S. M. Kier preach in the Methodist Episcopal church in the morning and Rev. A. T. Wood in the evening. Revs. J. B. Long and G. G. Furgerson address the Sabbath School. Report adopted.

Rev. F. L. Arnold was received into membership from the Presbytery of Iowa City.

It was ordered that the pastoral relation between Rev. H. M. Giltner and the church of Pawnee City should be dissolved and that Rev. A. T. Wood preach in the Pawnee City church, on the first Sabbath of May, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Mr. Rippatoe, of Leavenworth Presbytery, (Cumberland Presbyterian Church,) being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. T. B. Neil, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was also invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The roll of churches was called to ascertain what contributions had been made by each to the memorial fund.

A vote of thanks was given by the Presbytery to the Transfer Company and the C. B., St. Jo. & K. C. R. R. for reduction of rates, and to the citizens of Brownville for their generous hospitality.

Presbytery expressed its unwillingness to release Rev. G. R. Carroll from his work as District Missionary.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, the doxology and benediction, to meet in Sidney, Iowa, on the first Thursday of September, 1871.

JOHN T. BAIRD,
Stated Clerk.

Inauguration of the New Town of Ayer in the State of Massachusetts.

Many speeches were made on this occasion, but among the number we notice the following from Dr. J. C. Ayer the "great medicine man" after whom the new town was named.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On the western coast of Scotland where it slopes into the Irish Sea, a river, rising on the mountains of the inner land, into the Frith of Clyde. From remote time it has been called Ayr from an old Scotch word "Ayry," meaning an eagle's nest—the river of the eagle's nest. Near its mouth and a contiguous harbor, long stood a hamlet which became a royal burg or town named from the river, and now about one-third as large as Lowell—the city of Ayr. For more than a thousand years it has been noted in the history of Scotland. During the wars of Robert Bruce it was one of his resorts, and was especially favored by him because he was there cured of leprosy. Oliver Cromwell made it one of the depots and headquarters of his army in his attack upon Scotland, and one of his old forts is now the Citadel of Ayr.

But above all its distinctions, Ayr was the birth-place of the poet Burns. And what a poet! What a voice has he given to all the endearments of home! How has he hallowed the cottage and all it covers—weans and wife, patches and poverty, beans, barley, and ale, hardship and the poor man's toil. How he wraps with tenderness whatever he names, even his bleak leagues of pasture, the stubble field, ice, snow, sleet, and rain, brooks, birds, mice, thistles and heather. His Bonny Doon, John Anderson, my Jo John. Auld Lang Syne, and Highland Mary roll round the world in ever ringing symphony with what is purest and best in human nature. His songs woo and melt the hearts of youth and maidens, bring solace to the sorrowing and courage to the overburdened by their lot. His inspiration has set the affections to music in strains that are immortal.

No other one man ever made a language classic, but he has rendered that lowland Scotch a Doric dialect of fame. The name of his home and his beloved river Ayr was lifted on the wings of his pathos, and now the approaching traveller yearns to reach the spot his genius has sanctified.

Along the borders of the sea in a parallelogram and surrounding the town is a county of the same name—Ayrshire.

It would weary your patience to hear the history of my ancestors from one ancient John of Ayr, then John Ayr, down through the centuries to this Ayer now before you; through their vicissitudes of poverty and plenty—of fortune and misfortune; how they have intermarried with England, Ireland and Scotland, and later with the Americans, who are an excellent mixture of them all.

My Friends,—you have chosen the name I inherited for your town with an extraordinary unanimity, and have thereby conferred an honor upon me, the proper acknowledgement of which I do not feel fully able to express. But I beg you to be assured that it is appreciated and that it will be greatfully remembered with a living interest in your prosperity while life remains to me, and, I trust, beyond that by my children after me.

If this name has become noted among the many that are worthier around you, that is greatly due to its publicity. May I be permitted to state whence that came? Until within a few centuries all the civilized nations of the globe were pent up on the Eastern continent. Two or three hundred years ago they leaked over into this; few and fearfully at first, then more and more but always in their settlements timidly hugging the Atlantic coast. Within the last two or three generations, they have burst out, as it were, and over-run these vast continents of the West. Now they are scattered here and possess these measureless stretches of mountains and valleys, hills, plains, forests and prairies with the boundless pampas and mountain ranges of South America. Former generations lived in villages and towns, thickly settled together where physicians were plenty and near at hand. Now, the people are widely scattered, in many sections, of these many countries. For great numbers the timely treatment of physicians cannot be had: over large tracts of country good or competent physicians cannot be had at all. They can not visit patients enough many miles apart to live by their profession, nor can they carry medicines enough with them on horseback for their requirements. Hence has arisen in these modern times, a necessity for remedies ready at hand, with directions for their use—a present recourse for relief in the exigencies of sickness, when no other aid is near. It is a new necessity consequent upon the changed conditions of human life—a want I have spent my years in supplying, and I will tell you something of its extent. Our laboratory makes everp day some 630,000 potions or doses of our preparations. These are all taken by somebody. Here is a number equal to the population of fifteen cities as large as Lowell, taking them every day (for sickness keeps no Sabbaths) nor for once only, but again and again year after year, through nearly one third of a century. We all join in the jokes about medicines as we do about the Doctor's mission to kill, the clergymen's insincerity and the lawyer's cheating. Yet each of these labors among the most serious realities of life. Sickness and its attendant suffering are no joke, neither is the treatment of them. This system of transportable relief, to be made available to the people, must keep its remedies fresh in their memories. This is done by advertising. Mark its extent. An advertisement, taking the run of the newspapers with which we contract (some 1900 annually) is struck off in such numbers, that when piled upon each other flatwise, like the leaves of a book, the thickness through them is sixteen miles. In addition, it takes some seven millions of pamphlet and twelve millions of circulars to meet the public demand for this kind of information. Our annual issue of pamphlets alone, laid solid upon each other, make a pile eight and one quarter miles high. The circulars measured endwise reach 1874 miles, and these assertions are matters of mathematical certainty. What ever the estimation in which these publications may be held here, they reach the firesides of millions upon millions of men who do treasure and regard them, and who in their trials do heed the counsel they bring.

Not only over these great Western continents but throughout that other land so little known to you, under our feet, the Australian continent, there are few villages as large as this which are not familiar with the name you have chosen, and employing the remedies that bear it.

Thus, gentlemen, have I striven in my humble sphere to render some service to my fellow men, and to deserve among the afflicted and unfortunate some regard for the name which your kind partiality hangs on these walls around me. We may look forward with confident hope to the renown you will gather under it, and the prosperity, which there is reason to trust the future has in store for you. Situated as you are here on one of the main arteries between the west and east, between the great industries of the plough and the spindle you must aid in their exchanges and thrive with them. Soon these channels will be opened wide and pouring through your precincts streams of men and merchandise that will need your futherance and must chatribute to your growth.

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Contrast our condition with that of the European nations, alternately torn and improvished with wars, credit it as you may to the better education of the people, and you will realize the value of the example old mother Groton has set you, so worthy of your ambition to follow. Build schools for your children and find talent to teach them, then intelligence and integrity in prosperous and happy homes will be your sure reward.

Associated as you have made me with your weal and wo, I wish I might be allowed to contribute from my means such as they are, something towards this first foundation of the public good.

Gentlemen, I have detained you too long. Oppressed with the fear, that I do not deserve the distinction you bestow, I pray God to make me worthier, and to smile upon you with His perpetual blessings.

—Thiers is afraid of bloodshed and hesitates where hesitation is criminal to strike a blow for the delivery of the country. The Fational Assembly is indignant at the inactivity of the government and demands prompt measures, and M. Thiers will be constrained to an attack on Paris. The Communist leaders show no hesitancy for fear of bloodshed, they would run the Seine out of its banks with blood to attain their ends. Fort Valerien is doing its best and has shattered Porte Maillott and thrown shells as far as the Arc de Triomphe. Rochefort calls the Communist leaders abominable tyrants if not more probably darned fools, but a fellow feeling in the case does not make him wondrous kind.

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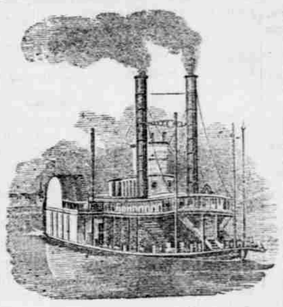
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