

AGRICULTURAL.

The Cost of Fences.

We commend the following to the attention of our farmers. Fencing is one of the constant leaks in the profits of the farm. Owing to the outside lines and to the fencing introduced, superfluous many inside fences, will be found very profitable substitutes for ordinary fences.

Sam. P. Boardman in the Illinois Agricultural Report for 1864 says: The fences of the United States have cost more than the houses, cities included; more than ships, and more than the ocean, lakes and rivers; more than our manufactures, of all kinds, with their machinery, more than any one class of property, and more than the total first expense of the fences of our country.

The first cost of the fences of New York State was between one hundred and one hundred and fifty million dollars. Assuming this to be approximately correct, and estimating the first cost of fences of other States on the same basis, we have, as the total first expense of the fences of the whole country, the vast sum of \$1,265,000,000.

This requires to be renewed once in ten years, giving \$126,500,000 an annual cost, to which should be added, however, at least half as much more for repairs, making the aggregate of \$194,400,000 as the annual expense—a sum, we believe below the actual figures, yet quite beyond comprehension.

Why cannot a large portion of this outlay be saved for other profitable investments? Every dollar that is expended on fences may be added to productive wealth. Fences are dead capital; they pay no interest, and are a constant drain upon the pocket.

As Mr. Greeley says, "the fence is a shelter for weeds, as well as a vast and useless expense. The indirect waste which they inflict is almost as great as their direct cost. A Virginia zig-zag fence occupies five acres for every hundred enclosed, thus imposing five per cent. tax on the market value of the soil."

Some keep their pigs up in small pens all summer, half the time without feed or water; in the fall, if they do not fatten up and make large porkers, they tell you that hogs will not pay. There is nothing more absurd.

What would you think of the man who would undertake to produce cheese or butter for the market by milking his cows irregularly once or twice a day, and occasionally let them go a day or two without milking, and then complain that cheese and butter are too low?

How to produce the most pork with a given amount of feed should more concern the farmer than what the probable price of hogs will be next year.

Raising hogs always has and always will pay the just price for the pig, and the farmer who makes pork is correspondingly cheap.

The man who will get the best breed of hogs in his country, no matter at what price, and who will never set down to his breakfast, dinner or supper, without first having fed and watered his pigs, will never complain that hogs will not pay. A pig requires ten months of its life than at any other period; it is during that time, and during that massive form, which afterwards is so easily laden with flesh and lard, and made hogs profitable.

The man who undertakes to fatten a stunted pig, as so many do, will never likely find it does not pay.

I have heard men say they would rather keep their stock hogs thin and let them shift for a living. It were better to give an opinion of such a man, if you could find one who would sense enough to carry slops to a pig.

Pigs should be kept in plenty of plenty of feed, and plenty of room, and plenty of exercise, and plenty of clean water, and plenty of clean straw, and plenty of clean water, and plenty of clean straw.

Yours truly, E. M. ERY.

Omaha, April 22nd, 1871.

The Legal Tender Act Constitutional.

WASHINGTON, MAY 1. A large number of members of the bar were present at the Supreme Court chamber to-day, including Solicitor Gen. Brislow and Senators Trumbull and Cole, as it was known the court would announce many of its decisions during the week ending previous to adjourning until the 16th of October next.

All the Judges were on the bench, with the exception of Justice Nelson, who is absent from the city. The Chief Justice retired at about 2 o'clock. The vote on the opinions was announced by him at 10 o'clock.

General News Summary.

The Democrats in the Connecticut Legislature do not favor a thorough investigation into the conduct of voters in the late election. We presume they have a plausible motive in the matter and know the unprofit of it to themselves.

The new Commune General-in-Chief Russel excites considerable apprehension in the Versailles communique. His superior military has been however, will be spared to mankind we fear but a very little time.

The legitimate government is making headway towards a successful occupation of Paris, and then what?

The last name for extinguishing the "last name" is "suicided." A woman did it for lack of friends in New York city yesterday. We trust the poor thing has found them on the other side.

The official show which was to result in "a strangled" sailor, "Edwards," on black Friday, May 12th, who fired a ship at sea, by the President's bowels of mercy, has been changed to twelve years' retirement behind the walls of the Albany Penitentiary.

Exit Edwards, the marine fire-brand, excessively moved and spilling cocodiles.

Hayti is a magnificent republic. She's been trying for years to do it and failed, and now asserts that she doesn't want to do it, and that the Dominicans need't be afraid any more.

St. Louis City suffered as the Advertiser says the nation must in a few months. She was partially burned, without the loss, however, that it is claimed will attend the latter.

No one was killed in the fire, but one was injured, and \$30,000 in "filthy" was consumed.

The murderer of Lyndale, of Springfield, is now being hunted after \$3,500 reward, and it is hoped the wretch will be captured.

The ex-nomade around Paris is fertile and intermittent with symptoms of prolepsis. The Prussians are after the Reds for a strict observance of the terms of capitulation, which resulted in a reduction of the garrison in one of their forts. Paris is after the commune with a very sharp stick.

The Darian Expedition has not yet, it seems, found a practicable route, and the mountains present great difficulties. The elevations of the canal-way will be very heavy with numerous expensive locks.



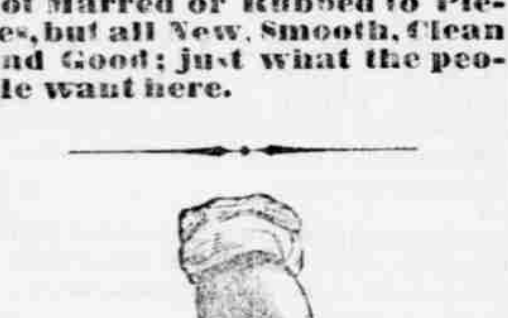
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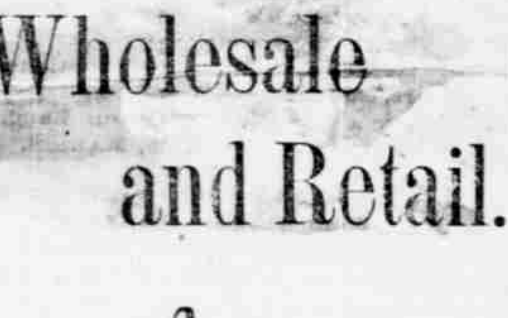
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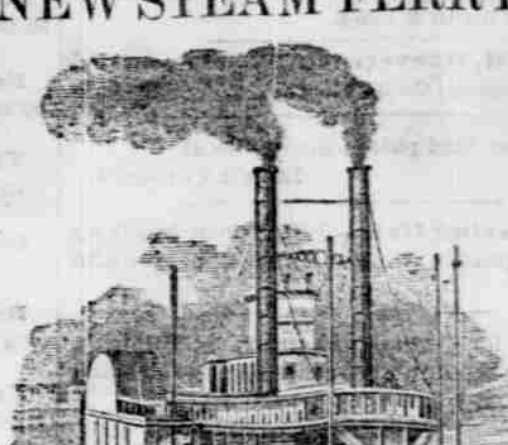
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