

ALBION MATTERS.

Crops, Politics and Other Things of Interest.

Correspondence of The Bee.

ALBION, Boone County, Neb., August 8.—The small grain harvest is about over, and not to mince matters, the result is unsatisfactory. There are good many pieces of wheat, which looked, when heading out, as though they would yield from twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre, which probably will not go more than ten or fifteen and there are some few fields which will not pay for the cutting and threshing. The lost nation, a bald wheat is the poorest and has not near as good a berry as bearded varieties. The intense heat, coming immediately after our heavy rains and dews, when the wheat was in the milk so scalded it that some kernels look as though they were burnt. The oat crop will be simply immense, while the corn crop promises to be the heaviest ever known in the county. The partial value of the wheat crop in this county will, I think, ultimately prove a blessing, as it will get some of us out of the old cut of wheat raising, and lead us into corn, cattle and hogs. This county is becoming every year better for corn and worse for wheat. When our county was new, it used to rain hard for a day or so and then clear off, while the good breezes we had would shake the dew from the wheat during the critical period of its growth, thus, too, the water ran straight into the rivers and creeks, and not much of it sank into the ground, and consequently there was not so much evaporation as now, when our county is pretty generally under cultivation.

The farmers alliance movement is spreading rapidly in this county, fully one-half of the farmers having already established alliances, and in all probability there will be one in every precinct before the fall elections. But there is great danger that the farmers will "run the alliance movement into politics," notwithstanding the warnings of the monophony sheets and monophony cappers. These hirelings say that the farmers alliance is a very good thing, so long as its sole object is the discussion of the best methods of raising pumpkins, etc., but under no circumstances must the farmers meddle with politics, because history teaches the great lesson that, as a class, you never did know enough to stick together, to protect your rights and interests; that the spirit of resistance to the encroachments of tyrants and would-be privileged classes, springs up, in every instance, among the artists and tradesmen of the cities. But somehow the farmers of Boone seem to think that the American farmer of to-day is more intelligent than those of other countries and other ages, and are taking, as naturally as ducks to water, to the railroad director and managers policy of being a Republican, Democrat or Greenbacker, and wife-beaters will be employed to champion the cause of strong minded women, as was the case last winter when the greatest toppers in the land were hired to shout for the temperance cause in Lincoln. We have some pretty strong temperance men in this county, and they were nearly all for Paddock, first and last, and I supposed at the time, that he was a stalwart temperance man, but I have heard since that he likes a little of the "craythur" as well as anyone.

Something Definite Concerning Edison's Movements.

New York Correspondence Chicago Herald. While a very strong combination has been formed by the various electric light companies of New York, the work yet accomplished by the organization known as the Gramme Electric company, has not been extensive. The Gramme company is composed of the American, Weston, Brush, United States, Fuller and Jabluchoff companies, the Edison Light company being the only association for supplying electrical light which refused to go into the combination. On Broadway, between Union Square and Thirty-first street, the Brush light has entirely taken the place of gas for street illumination, and the lights of the other companies and the Gramme consolidation are seen at intervals in the busy quarters of the city.

Meanwhile the greatest energy is being displayed by the Edison Light company. They apparently contemplate the exclusive possession of the lower part of New York city. The company has just purchased two buildings situated on Pearl street, where they will establish a central station to light the first downtown district, bounded by Wall, Nassau, Spruce, Ferry streets and the East river. In this station there will shortly be placed twelve boilers, twelve Porter engines and twelve mammoth dynamo of Edison's latest invention, all of 100-horsepower capacity. These, I am told, will generate enough electricity to light up 12,000 Edison incandescent lamps of sixteen-candle power each, besides furnishing enough electrical power, which will be obtained from the same wire in buildings as light, to run all the elevators, hoistways, sewing machines, small machinery, and other industrial requiring under five-horse power each in that district.

Already the books of the company show some 1,100 customers, whose places of business have been wired, and for whose service 12,000 lamps will be required. Contracts are being made with hosts of business men in the district. It is safe to say that the small manufacturers in the portion of the city proposed to be operated by the Edison company, who are at present dependent on uncertain antiquated motors and labyrinths of rotten belting, running under ground for

many blocks from the main source of the supply, will avail themselves of the cheap and reliable electric power offered.

"We have secured from the city," said Major S. B. Eaton, the manager of the company, to your correspondent to-day, in speaking of the concessions made by the city to the organization, "Resolving to spaces for laying our street mains, which will conduct the electric current under ground; the wires either in the streets or in the buildings being nowhere visible. These street mains are now being made by the Electric Tube company, of this city. The lamps are made by the Edison lamp factory at Menlo Park, and are being turned out at the rate of 1,100 per day. At the Edison machine shops in this city the meter, motors, and other smaller equipments are being rapidly manufactured."

"I would like to take every opportunity to correct a false impression which has somehow gone abroad regarding the price of the light to be furnished by the Edison company," continued Major Eaton. "Light will be sold in amounts corresponding to the thousand feet of gas, and will be measured by the meters just as gas is in every man's house. The price will in no event be higher than gas, and we may be able to furnish it from the start at a cheaper rate. If the gas companies lower their prices, we shall lower ours. We know what it costs the gas companies per 1,000 feet, and we know how far we compete with them and make a profit. If we fail to make a profit in selling the commodity we can pay a good dividend from our sales of power alone."

"What are the peculiar advantages of the Edison system over other methods of electric lighting?" your correspondent then asked the manager, who expressed a desire that the people of Chicago should thoroughly understand the progress of the Edison Light company. "The Edison company is the only electric light company having a complete system, including dynamos, regulators, insulated street mains, junction-boxes, meters, safety coils to guard against fire, lamps and bracket and chandelier attachments. These items, which are all thoroughly covered by exclusive patents, make up the Edison system, which enables the company to do what no other company in incandescent lighting ever pretends to do, namely, to actually offer to compete with gas at the same, and perhaps lower prices, without loss. Companies have been formed in Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis, and as soon as the warm weather is over, so that the progress of the various companies may meet for action, we expected to at once furnish the initial plant or central station like the New York one, for each of these cities. There may be some delay in St. Louis, where, possibly, further state legislation may be required to secure consent to lay street mains."

"Has the Edison company made any effort to secure contracts for street-lighting?" "We have never made any application to light the streets of New York," replied Major Eaton. "Our statistics showing that, taking the city through-out, there are 200 gas-burners in the streets for every one in the streets, and we are quite satisfied for the present to do the vastly larger business of lighting the buildings without troubling ourselves about the streets, at which, as all gas people will tell you, no money can be made."

The private residences of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, Mr. J. V. D. Navarro, Mr. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Barney, the Golets and others are now being fitted with the Edison light. Most of the mammoth buildings in course of erection in the city will be wired by this company before the work of plastering begins. Besides attending to the wants of country hotels, seminaries and many buildings outside of gas limits, the company, I understand, is engaged in wiring several large steamships now being built, the most notable being a vessel for the Norway line in process of construction at Wilmington. The mechanical details of the company are under the direct supervision of Mr. Edison, who can be seen any day at the Pearl street station.

Care of Bulls.

One of the most difficult things on the farm is to have a safe and separate pasture for the bull. As a necessity, therefore, at this season of the year, he is almost certain to be tied up closely. In that case he needs much care and attention, and especially if his service is extensive. If possible he should have the free use of a pasture, with the advantage of sun and exercise. If he is confined to the stable he should be allowed to walk a considerable distance each day. If his hoofs grow too long, which is frequently the case when stabled, they should be carefully pared. Bulls too frequently become cross and dangerous by rough and vicious treatment. While they should be treated kindly they should know who is boss. A bull never injures another bull which is his master. This is a law of their nature, to submit to a superior power. In dealing with a bull there should be no sign of timidity. They are quick to discover any such sign. And while it requires a steady nerve and a firm step, yet they are dangerous and treacherous animals, and persons should be constantly on their guard.

Bulls which are required for constant service must be carefully fed. Corn and hay are not sufficient when kept in a stall. There must be a variety in their food. Cut grass during the summer, with oil meal and crushed oats, etc., should be a part of the food every day. It would be a good thing for him to have to be led forty rods twice a day to be watered. Unless a necessity of something of this kind does not require the exercise, it will in most cases be neglected. Great losses are frequently sustained by bull becoming sterile and useless for want of exercise and proper stimulating food.

Be Wise and Happy.

If you will stop all your extravagant and wrong notions in doctoring your self and families with expensive doctors or humbug cure-all, that do harm always, and use only nature's simple remedies for all your ailments—you will be wise, well and happy, and save great expense. The greatest remedy for this, the great, wise and good will tell you, is Hop Bitters—rely on it.—[Press. 81-815]

CRESTON, IOWA.

One of the Liveliest Towns in Western Iowa—Notes by Our Correspondent.

Correspondence of The Daily Bee.

CRESTON, IOWA, August 9.—Everything has been lively in our city the past week, especially in the police circles.

The Creston Telephone Exchange is the name of a new company incorporated in our city July 29th, the incorporators being J. H. Duggan, W. A. Page, W. N. Kelly, John S. Black and C. J. Colby. Our building boom goes on unabated, and the walls of several new brick blocks are fast rising above the level of the streets.

A fine boy baby, about six weeks old, well dressed, was found by Policeman Snyder on the doorstep of Mr. Milt. Beckman, on the south side, Saturday morning about 1 o'clock. Nothing was left with it whereby it can be identified, and no word of explanation accompanied it. The superintendent of the poor has it in charge, and offers it to anyone who will adopt it and give it a home.

C. S. Stricker, of the county, E. A. Aldrich, Ross, Bissett and Wilson Rath of this city, hurried little children the past week, all about two years of age.

Hon. De La Matyr addressed the greenbackers at this place last Monday evening.

A bricklayer named Bartholomew, engaged on Divo's new brick, was badly injured by falling off a scaffold, Thursday.

Substantial stone crossings will be put down at once on all our principal streets.

Shaking Hands With a Shark.

Peter Winant, the oysterman, tells a story of a mud shark, which may explain the accident which a bather recently met with at Santa Cruz. Mr. Winant was at his oyster beds, near San Pablo, recently, when the tide being unusually low, some stinkards were left stranded. Mr. Winant and his brother, went out to dispatch the stinkards, which are the pirates of the oyster beds, and while so engaged heard their dog barking furiously some distance out in the mud. On watching the dog they saw that he was having a lively fight with some kind of a fish that had been left in a shallow pool by the receding tide. The dog was not a cowardly animal by any means, but the fish was nevertheless too much for him. Every time the dog bounded at the fish the latter rose to meet him, and after several minutes, had been spent in these gymnastic performances the dog seemed tired and drew off to a safe distance. Mr. Winant and his brother, having on long rubber boots, waded out to the fish and found that it was a specimen of what the oystermen call the mud shark, a squat and vicious fish about three feet long and shaped somewhat like a dogfish, but much more powerful and active. It was the first one Mr. Winant had ever seen at such close quarters, and he proceeded to poke it furiously with a stick. The moment he touched the shark it bounded out of the pool and snapped at the stick. Considering the desperate fight which the shark had just conducted against the dog, who was sitting some distance off in a very dilapidated condition, its activity and ferocity rather astonished the oystermen. In the attempt to kill the shark Mr. Winant hastily proceeded to cut the shark's throat, when the fish loosened its hold and seized the oysterman by the other hand. After a lively tussle the shark was killed. Mr. Winant states that he never saw such an exhibition of ferocity, and thinks that from the disposition shown by the shark it would attack anything that might attract its attention in the water. The fish seemed to be a veritable marine bull of the most vicious kind.

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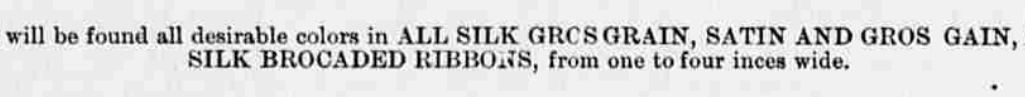
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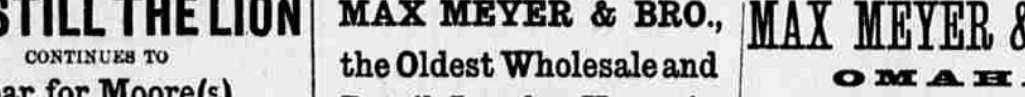
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