



Stock or Grain.

As wheat has become cheaper English farmers raise less wheat and more stock. Wheat has declined from 57 shillings per quarter in 1855 to 47 shillings in 1875 and 29 shillings in 1894, and the production in England has steadily declined from 14,876,328 quarters in 1855, with only 4,000,000 quarters imported, to 8,000,000 quarters home-grown in 1894, and 21,000,000 quarters imported.

English farmers find stock raising more profitable than wheat, and let the cheap labor of India, Russia and South America produce their wheat, while in all the higher civilized countries improved stock has increased as grain-growing becomes less profitable. American farmers have a bright future in the production of high-class stock of all kinds, and the markets of the world are giving the most profitable returns. Our lands have become too high-priced to raise cheap grain and scrub stock. It takes enterprise and energetic determination to get out of these old ruts, but we must progress and improve to keep up with the changed conditions of this new era.

Raise only such grain and crops as can be profitably fed out to the farm stock and keep only such stock as can be matured on the farm, and be sure that the stock is of the high grade or improved breeds that will give a profit on the raising. Look now, more than ever before, to pure bred sires. The destiny of American stock breeding depends upon the class of stock we breed for our home and foreign markets; to improve will bring prosperity, to decline is to lose the brightest hopes of American agriculture.—Ex.

Mules.

The Southern Farm in speaking of the growing of mules and their value for plantation work says that good teams of young mules can be made to do considerable work for from 18 months to two years, just at a time when they will, under ordinary circumstances, bring the best prices. With good care, mules can be broken and worked easier than horses, and farmers who cannot keep several teams profitably at work all the time, and yet find it necessary to keep several, will find it will pay to keep two or three mares, the number to be proportioned to the number of teams considered necessary to keep up with the farm work, and then breed them to a good jack and raise good mules, keeping the mares in a good thrifty condition so that a good growth can be secured. Then they can be used for some time on the farm while they are growing fully sufficient to pay their feed, and at the same time have them gradually increasing in value and selling at an age when they usually bring the highest figures. Of course, care must be taken of them so that a good, thrifty growth can be secured. Some breeders make the claim that raising mules can be done only on a scale sufficiently large to pay the farmers for making extra good fences in order to keep them confined.

The difference in the cost between good mules and poor ones is the difference in the cost of service. It will usually cost more for the service of a real good jack than it will cost for a poor one, and all other things being equal, the difference in them is a small item in comparison with the value of the mules when they are ready to sell. If they are fed so as to be kept growing steadily, in a good, thrifty condition, the cost is the same, or nearly the same, whether the animal is a good or poor one, and to secure the most profit the best must be raised, and if the best is raised it is very essential to have the mares bred to good jacks.

Selling Ashes Too Cheaply.

Mr. A. Stevenson, principal of the Arthur High School, says: "Opportunities for giving the teaching of botany a practical turn come frequently if one is on the look-out for them. Let me illustrate from personal experience. In my district the ash-man is a common sight. We learn that the ashes he gathers are shipped to dealers in the United States, and we see them extensively advertised in American agricultural journals as 'Canada Unbleached Hardwood Ashes.' In seedmen's catalogues they are quoted at \$20 a ton, and are recommended as the best of fertilizers for certain crops, as fruits, potatoes and corn. We now learn that these ashes contain plant food which the original trees obtained from the earth. We also learn that the most valuable elements of plant food present in ashes are potash to the extent of about six per cent and phosphorus about two per cent of the whole quantity of ashes. Now, it does not take a very sharp boy to see that if it pays the Americans to give a dollar a hundred for our ashes to fertilize their crops, it certainly is folly for us to sell them at ten cents a hundred, so long as we have anything that needs fertilizing."—Canada Educational Monthly.

Hens as Weed Destroyers.—If a hen and chicks are placed in a yard or confined on a small plot, every blade of grass, as well as every weed, will be destroyed, and in a few days the plot will be as clean as if burned over. When hens are confined in yards, the yards are clean and bare of vegetation. When the hens are on a range, they also destroy thousands of young weeds, which is not so noticeable, but which is nevertheless the case.—Ex.

THE WEEK AT HOME.

Ruling prices at Rensselaer Oct. 3: Wheat, 50c@52c per bu; corn, 25@26c per bu; oats, 14@15c per bu; rye, 32c per bu; hay, \$7.50@8.50.

Charles Cox is at home from Lafayette.

Dr. H. L. Brown and wife Sunday in Chicago.

Warren Washburn is at work for an electrical firm in Chicago.

Keystone Corn Husker and Fodder Shredder. Sold by Robt. Randle.

Isaac Kepner will move into his new house on Front street next week.

G. H. Brown and wife are spending the week with their son in Francesville.

Rev. J. L. Brady made a flying trip to Remington the first of the week on his wheel.

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shigley, Newton township this week.

Perry Craig of Mukwonago, Wis., is visiting his son at the Pilot office for a few days.

Miss Bertha Hammond entertained a party of her friends last evening at a taffy pulling.

Mrs. Phebe Deselms of Minaryville is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Hamilton, this week.

Fred W. Coen of Detroit, Mich., visited at the home of his brother, C. W. Coen last week.

Simon Fendig and Miss Jessie Allen, both of Wheatfield, were married at Anderson Wednesday.

A Hamilton has moved his family from their recent location on Main street to the east end of town.

Enos Timmons moves to-day from his farm in Jordan to Remington where he will open a blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. George Royster of Morocco was visiting at the home of Sigel Royster the first of the week.

William H. Gwin of Marion township died at his home yesterday morning. The funeral occurs to-day.

Hon. E. P. Washburn of Pulaski county was visiting his brother Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. George Pumphrey returned from an extended visit at her father and other relatives at Rushville, Ind.

Quite a number of the friends of F. J. Sears and wife gave them a very pleasant surprise party Monday evening.

Mrs. Nellie Harris, widow of the late John Harris, started this week for Vermont for an extended visit with relatives.

A boy three months old, adopted by David Brocous at Fair Oaks, died last Sunday. The casket was furnished by Undertaker Wright.

Mrs. A. Collins gave a dinner party last Saturday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Frank Yeoman, of Kansas. There were a hundred and fifty present.

A. W. Cole, of the railway mail service, left Tuesday on a special run to Louisville returning Thursday, to-day. He will not be out again until the 21st.

The Christain Endeavor society will give a picture social at the residence of R. W. Marshall Friday evening, Oct. 11. Ladies will bring boxes with photos included.

Fred Sawyer of Goodland was a caller at the Pilot office yesterday, and besides adding his name as a permanent subscriber wished the greatest success to the editor and his work.

Dr. Washburn attended a session of the Chicago Medical Society Monday night and brought back a few doses of Antitoxine, the new remedy for diphtheria. It cost five dollars per treatment.

Henry Welsh of Remington was in town Tuesday looking after the purchase of a bill of lumber for the new house which he is to build at once to take the place of the one destroyed by fire on his Jordan farm last week.

The box social given by Miss Lillie Seward teacher of No. 5 assisted by Miss Lora Roberts teacher of No 2, two miles west of Mt. Ayr, was well attended, people being present from Brook and other points as well as a general patronage from the immediate neighborhood. Some of the boxes sold for nearly \$1.50. The literary exercises were creditable and greatly appreciated.

A fine, new house for sale on corner of Cedar and Scott streets—41x26—5 rooms and closets, 3 porches, summer kitchen, wash house, well and cistern. This property will be sold at a bargain as the owner leaves city. Call at this office for further information.

Hiram Day and family went over to Winamac Sunday to attend the funeral of his little daughter Fay, who died Saturday of membranous croup. Her death was quite sudden as she was in good health when her mother took her to Winamac about a week before.

A. J. Anderson and Miss Hattie Sharpe were united in marriage at the home of Jack Knight in the east part of town last Wednesday evening. J. L. Brady officiating. Mr. Anderson will continue to live on the Walton Robinson farm about three miles north-east of town.

The finest crayon portraits procurable are the ones offered by the Pilot as premiums at a cost less than the price of the bare frames. If you have a photograph of any of your departed loved ones this is your chance to get a fine, large crayon in an elegant frame. See advertisement.

Nearly every reader of the Pilot has a friend some where who would like to hear from Jasper county. It costs but 2c a week to send them all the news, beautifully printed; why not do it? Twenty-five cents for three months including Coin's Financial School.

Rensselaer Wilkes trots to-day for Transsylvania stakes at Lexington and among his numerous local admirers who will witness his great attempt are gentlemen, E. P. Honan, George Murray, George Strickfaden, W. and A. Ritchie, Grant Warren, R. Phillips, Miller, Porter and the owners, McCoy and Thompson.

Watertown Meeting.
The citizens mass meeting held in the court house, Monday night was poorly attended, few of the business men being present. Those who were there expressed themselves as decidedly opposed to giving a franchise for fifty years or any term of years to a private concern.

It is probable that nine out of every ten citizens oppose the franchise system. If Rensselaer cannot afford to own its own waterworks it can not afford to carry a franchised corporation which is doubly as burdensome.

DEALS IN DIRT.

What Buyers and Sellers Are Doing with Realty.

Transactions are 1895 unless otherwise specified.

Eunice L. Hyland to John Pursley, Aug. 22. sw. \$1 nw 29-28-6, 140 acres, Jordan \$8400.

Willard Stockwell to Rebecca Wood, Oct. 1, n end nw 4-30-6, 40 acres, Barkley, \$1200.

Rebecca Wood to Benj. J. Gifford, Sep. 27. s end w 1/2 sw 4-30-6, 60 acres, Barkley, \$1200.

James G. Oldham to Samuel J. and John J. Swartz, July 11, ne 12-28-6, se Milroy \$1 ne 12-28-6, Marion, 400 acres, \$16,000.

Geo. H. Brown Jr. Adm'r to August Gepp, Sep.—nw 5-29-5, 135 acres, sw 32-30-5, 160 acres, Barkley, Adm'r's deed \$1 230.

Ezra Bowman to Sarah Bowman, Sep. 24. lts 4, 5, 6, bl 3, Stratton's Add. Remington, \$800.

Horace Marble et ux to Edward J. Fraikin, Sep. 16, n 14-32-6, 320 acres, Wheatfield \$9600.

Chas. H. Manter et ux to Henry C. Meyers, Oct. 2, n 1/2 w 1/2 sw 7-31-5, 20 acres, Walker, \$500.

Robt. Parker et ux to J. L. Puntney, et al, March, 1, lt 4 n 1/2 bl 9, Western Add. Remington, \$500.

Same to Same, April 19, pt lts 4, 5, 6, Same Addition.

Sarah E. Miller to Cora A. Kessinger, Sep. 30, lts 4, 5, bl 9, Weston's 2nd Add. Rensselaer, \$800.

Martha J. Niman to Wm. Cooper, Sep. 27, lts 1, 2, 3, 4, Kniman \$1000.

Candace L. Loughridge et al to Benj. J. Gifford, 200 acres, Walker \$4000.

Wm. E. Seymour to John L. Allman, June, 28, lts 1, 2, und. 1/2 bl 9, Western Add. and 1/2 outlot 19, Remington \$300.

Where gold is king honesty is a beggar.

The bosses own and control the two old parties.

Do you vote the same ticket the monopolists do?

No banker's money is as good as the government's.

Pick out your man and convert him to the people's cause.

ELLIS & MURRAY

Are you ready?

We are with

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Stock by Half

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Men's and Boys' Clothing,

Men's and Boys' Overcoats,

Ladies' and Children's Cloaks,

Jackets, Oloth, Plush and Fur Capes.

Every one new; all up to date. No old stuff—no chestnuts. An immense line of BOOTS and SHOES bought before the raise in price, and while they have advanced fully 25 per cent. we sell them below last year's prices. New effects in Dress Goods, Blankets and Comforts. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underwear—all kinds and qualities. Carpets, floor and Table Oil Cloths, Table Linen, Towels and Fancy Stamped Linens. Anything that you would expect to find in a first-class general store. Prices always the lowest. Come and see us. Yours truly,

ELLIS & MURRAY.

It is reported that a couple of truant small boys of Rensselaer went to school the other morning prepared for an old fashioned licking, the preparation consisting of a special lining to their pants, a sort of puncture proof padding. The teacher caught on to the scheme and put off the event until some future time, when a genuine surprise is intended for the young men of ready expedients.

That Red Letter Day.
The largest crowd ever seen in Rensselaer will be in attendance at the dedication of Odd Fellows Hall next Wednesday, Oct. 16th. There will be delegations from Indianapolis, LaDoga, Frankfort, Delphi, Monticello, Monon, Frankfort, La Fayette, Remington, Battle Ground, Brookston, Wcott, Goodland, Morocco, Mt. Ayr, Wheatfield, Fowler, Minaryville. The grand officers of the state will be in attendance.

A team from Decatur, Ill., will do the dedication work.

The Rebecca work in the afternoon will be done by a team from Delphi.

Grand Master M. A. Chipman will deliver the dedicatory address.

It is believed that twenty concert bands will be in the grand procession.

The fine brick building has been accepted and the final settlement made. \$8443 being paid in one lump sum per contract.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound of imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENNY & Co. Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Call and see the handsome Mystic bicycle for sale at the PILOT office.

In another place in this issue will be found an offer of crayon portraits free to Pilot subscribers.

Notice.
Professor Bitting of Purdue university will address the farmers and all others interested in hog raising on the subjects of cholera and other diseases that the hog is subject to at the court house at 2 p. m. Oct. 26, 1895. Come and hear him; perhaps we can learn something that will benefit us.

L. STRONG.
President Farmers' Institute.

Knights of the Maccabees.

The State Commander writes us from Lincoln, Neb., as follows: "After trying other medicines for what seemed to me a very obstinate cough in our two children we tried Dr. King's New Discovery and at the end of two days the cough entirely left them. We will not be without it hereafter, as our experience proves that it cures where all other remedies fail."—Signed F. W. Stevens, State Com.—Why not give this great medicine a trial, as it is guaranteed and trial bottles are free at F. B. Meyer's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.

WEAK MEN MADE VIGOROUS.

It acts powerfully and quickly. Cures when all others fail. Young men regain lost manhood; old men recover youthful vigor. **Absolutely Guaranteed.** **Loss Vitality, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, either sex.** **Failing Memory, Wasting Diseases, Insomnia, all effects of self abuse or excess and indirection.** Wards off insanity and dementia. Don't let druggist impose a worthless substitute on you because it yields a greater profit. Insist on having it. It can be carried in vest pocket. Price 50c per box, or \$1 for \$1, with a festive gift. **Price** 50c per box to Dr. F. B. Meyer, 15th and Harrison, Chicago, Ill. **PEPPER MEDICAL ASY.** Chicago, Ill. For sale in Rensselaer by B. F. Fendig.

Keystone Corn Husker and Fodder Shredder. Sold by Robt. Randle.

Cheap Iowa Lands!
I have for sale a large list of the finest Iowa corn lands at prices ranging from \$20 to \$40 per acre, on purchasers own terms; Missouri bottom lands in Woodbury county; improved; better corn land than that of