

THE INDEPENDENT.

Thursday, January 19, 1877.

THE "BEE" RIDICULES A WASHINGTON FARMER.

The following item, which we clip from the Portland Bee of last week, ridiculing an unfortunate farmer, will show the real feeling that the white-fingered city gentleman has for us "small farmers" and "greasy mechanics."

Came to Grief.

An old fossil who, out of stupid prejudice won't patronize the "rail keers," lives in the back part of Washington county. He always brings his "truck" to Portland in an old dead axle wagon. Yesterday morning he started from home at an early hour and as his load partly consisted of eggs, he was compelled to drive very cautiously. When almost at the end of his journey, after crossing the worst part of the road, his caution relaxed, and his wagon went into the first mud hole with a "chug" which broke almost all of his eggs. He patronized the "keers" next time.

We would like to ask the Bee whether it is not better for our small farmers, who have teams that are idle (and which are expensive while idle), and who have nothing to do after their crops are harvested and seeding done but to haul off farm products—is it not better for them to haul their products to market rather than to give one tenth of their value to the railroad, just to patronize the railroad monopoly? Many of our farmers live nearly as far and some farther from a railroad station than they do from Portland and the idea of their patronizing the railroad is absurd.

The refined city editor of the Bee pleases to call this unfortunate farmer spoken of above, "an old fossil," and calls with evident disgust, his wagon "an old dead axle."

We have heard of many newspapers that have become fossils and now rest quietly on their little shelves, because they fought the farmer in the interest of monopoly and aristocratic power.

WHY PAY FIFTEEN PER CENT?

Those farmers in this county who have borrowed money of the Scotch Loan company at Portland and given mortgages on their farms discover now that they really have to pay about fifteen per cent for the money instead of ten per cent as they thought when making the loan. They find that in addition to paying extra fees for the drawing up and recording of the Company's long mortgage instruments, when they come to the Sheriff to pay their taxes, that their indebtedness to this Scotch Company, cannot be deducted like other indebtedness in the State and they have to pay tax on it. And we think that after they have got rid of these mortgages if they will sit down and count up all the items of expense they have had to pay in making and paying off these loans that they will find they have been paying fifteen per cent for their money.

VANDERBILT DEAD.

Commodore Vanderbilt, the noted millionaire, died at his residence in New York City on the 4th instant, aged 82 years. He was a man of indomitable energy. From a poor boy, he rose by his own labor until at his death his estate was valued at enormous sum of \$85,000,000. He leaves all of his property to his son, W. H. Vanderbilt, who is to pay the following bequests: To four of his daughters, \$500,000 each; to his other four daughters, \$300,000 each; to Cornelius Vanderbilt, his son, the interest on \$2,000,000; to Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, son of W. H., \$250,000; to his wife, \$250,000, in addition to \$500,000 settled on her at marriage, together with his mansion, furniture, plate, horses, etc. In addition he leaves \$1,000,000 to be divided among a list of names which he left with W. H. Vanderbilt.

"THE CODE OF HONOR."

Bennet of the N. Y. Herald has just fought a duel with Fred May the brother of Bennett's affiance. May, on account of some misunderstanding, had a few days previously knocked Bennett down, and the latter immediately challenged him. The hostile party went to the Maryland line and fired two shots at each other, Bennett escaping untouched, and May receiving a slight wound in the shoulder. So Bennett's wounded honor is healed with blood. For this high-handed violation of the law, common decency and sense these two cowards and would be murderers, should be sent to the penitentiary for a term of years.

WAS IT A FRAUD.

Recently a man came to this county representing himself to be an agent of a fruit nursery in the Western Reserve, Ohio, and sold fruit-trees to a number of our citizens. He had a book illustrating the different kinds and the pictures were so enchanting that they verily captivated some of our shrewdest citizens. One gentleman said that they made his "mouth water" and he could not help buying some of the man's trees after seeing the pictures. It is said at the Grove alone this agent sold \$600 worth of different kinds of fruit trees and shrubs. When the buyers opened their packages they found the roots actually withered, and it is doubtful if many of them will live at all. But this is not the worst of it: The most important question is—Is the fruit of the kind represented? Who knows? The parties who bought, even if the trees live, will have to wait until they bear, to verify this and may not know then. The prices they paid this agent for trees were from three to five times what our nurserymen ask. Men in this county bought the Alexander apple of this man paying him \$7.50 for the trees when only one nurseryman in the State keeps it at all, it being considered an inferior kind of apple.

The New York Sun, we are informed, says that the first-class nurseries in the East have no traveling agents, and the Briggs nursery in the Western Reserve is one of these. And it says hundreds of people in the Western States have been swindled by the traveling agents. It would be a rich joke on our gullible citizens if this man had brought a lot of inferior fruit up from California and palmed it off on them for something new. The buyers of that Alexander apple ought to bury their heads and go into the ground business.

Well, this will teach our people hereafter that it is better to buy trees of men who have nurseries in our county or State, who have tested the different kinds of fruit and found whether or not they are suited to our climate, and who are responsible and can warrant their trees and shrubs to bear fruit according to label.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

Returns from all the States—The Popular Majority for Tilden.

[From the Philadelphia Times.]

The late of the official returns of the vote for President at the November election were received on Saturday. The following table gives the aggregate of votes for each candidate as officially returned. The vote is that of the highest Elector on each ticket, where that could be ascertained. The anti-Masonic and American Alliance tickets appear in the scattering column. New York, of course, gives the largest total vote, and the largest vote for Tilden and Hayes. Nevada gives the smallest total vote, and the smallest vote for each of the leading candidates. Fourteen States give no vote for Cooper. Illinois gives him the largest vote, and Rhode Island the smallest. Twenty-five States give no vote for Smith, New York gives him the largest, and Oregon the smallest vote.

States.	Tilden.	Hayes.	Cooper.	Smith.
Alabama	102,003	61,233	Ind.	Tem.
Arkansas	54,093	34,669	211	
California	76,491	79,265	44	378
Connecticut	61,934	77,774	774	378
Delaware	13,379	10,691		
Florida	22,923			
Georgia	123,722	49,541		
Illinois	238,612	277,226	17,100	
Indiana	212,529	204,111	8,583	
Iowa	112,099	171,347	9,001	
Kansas	37,312	74,332	7,778	110
Kentucky	164,415	98,415	2,003	838
Louisiana	70,455	75,105		
Maine	49,755	66,283	632	
Maryland	91,790	71,981		
Mass.	104,777	150,074		
Michigan	141,295	166,534	9,060	779
Minnesota	48,899	72,963	2,349	
Mississippi	108,611	51,788		
Missouri	203,077	145,029	3,493	64
Nebraska	13,556	31,352	2,340	1,590
Nevada	9,348	10,343		
New Hampshire	34,449	41,232		
New Jersey	115,856	103,511	712	43
New York	322,580	106,462		
North Carolina	522,518	492,529	1,937	2,359
Ohio	323,182	330,693	3,057	1,636
Oregon	14,137	15,214	510	4
Penn.	306,204	345,148	7,204	1,318
R. Island	10,712	15,747	63	63
S. Carolina	90,906	91,870		
Tennessee	132,166	82,566		
Texas	104,755	44,800		
Vermont	21,254	44,044		
W. Virginia	56,565	42,001	1,373	
Virginia	130,512	95,264		
Wisconsin	123,926	133,067	1,550	32
Total	4,233,237	4,027,245	81,753	10,055

There was a scattering vote of 22,791.

Majority for Tilden over Hayes, 241,022, over all, 147,334, total vote, 8,489,150.

*Vote will be increased by returns from DeKalb, which gives Tilden 611 majority. Returning Board count. General Barlow's figuring gives Tilden 237 majority. Two counties lacking. Returning board count; actual figures on face of returns, when opened by the Board, Tilden 82,326; Hayes, 77,023. [Returns certified by the Board of Canvassers.]

WHEAT CULTURE.

Something New in Farming—The "Mill" System of Corn Culture Applied to Wheat—A Successful Experiment by a California Farmer—Extraordinary Crop from a few Grains of Seed.

A correspondent from the Oregon border, under date November 26th, contributes the following accounts of a successful experiment of wheat growing on a new system:

It has been my good fortune during the past six months to witness the growth and yield of wheat, planted and cultivated in a way new to most people, of which I propose to give you a statement. D. O. Bissell who resides in Goose Lake Valley, Modoc county, California, is a practical as well as a theoretical farmer. He holds that the old mode of wheat raising—that is, of sowing from 100 to 150 pounds of grain per acre—is wrong, contrary to the true principles of agriculture, an unnecessary waste of seed and exhaustive to the soil. In conversation with a party of friends (farmers) he presented that proposition, stating further that he could raise 40 bushels of wheat to the acre from one pound of seed. The idea being considered as impossible he offered to wager \$20 that he could do it. The wager was accepted, whereupon Mr. Bissell, on the 8th day of last April, proceeded to put his proposition to the proof by having one-eight of an acre carefully measured in the presence of witnesses. It was subdivided into spaces of about 19x37 inches apart, and two ounces of seed was planted, the seed having been carefully weighed, the grains counted and the ground spaced so as to take but one seed in each place. It was then irrigated and cultivated like Indian corn.

Now for the result as harvested on the 1st part of September. The number of heads per stool was from 30 to 118 well developed heads. I send you a sample stool, one of many from the plot, which contained 135 heads—118 of which were fully developed. The number of grains per head in this stool was 83. Over one-half yielded 100 grains each. Owing to an accident, Mr. Bissell failed to get the accurate weight or measurement, but in making due allowance for that wasted, the yield was ten bushels, or at the rate of 80 bushels per acre, 40 more than the proposition called for.

Now compare the above result with an average crop sown broadcast. I am assured that the average number of heads per stool in an average field of wheat, sown broadcast, is not over five of 43 grains each, which would be not less than 313 bushels per acre, if all the seed grew. What becomes of seed? In the field where this little plot grew, there was sown broadcast at about the same time 100 acres. It was irrigated, as was the other, and harvested at the same time. It was put in good shape, had the best of care, and at an expense of \$300 for seed alone. The yield was not over twenty bushels per acre, or 2,000 bushels for the crop. Had this 100 acres been planted and cultivated as the eighth of an acre was, with like results, that outlay for seed would have been, at 3c per pound the price of the grain sowed, \$300; the yield 8,000 bushels. Mr. Bissell informs me that he will plant 35 or 40 acres next spring, using the seed planter and cultivator instead of the broadcast sower. The facts I have given can be well attested, if desired. Should any further information be wished for, it will be furnished by D. O. Bissell, Willow Ranch, Modoc county, California.

I have written the above facts in the interest of the agriculturists of the country; have been thus particular in details hoping others may be stimulated thereby to profit by the information given. To the Grangers I would say, make this method of grain raising the subject of discussion in your lodges and trial on your farms. A few successful trials, such as witnessed by the writer, would revolutionize the mode of grain-growing in this country, and remove from the farmer the heavy burden of annually providing 100 to 150 pounds seed per acre for his crop, when 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, allowing wastage in planting, would be all that need be required. With such a system, how soon mortgages would be lifted from the farm—the incubus of debt crushing the farmer into the soil he cultivates; how soon it would be abolished!

The rainfall at Jacksonville since October 17th has been 6 3/4 inches. Grain being a little scarce last year in Southern Oregon not so many boys have been interested in seed, and consequently manufactured into ham and bacon.

THE STATE.

"Lucky Queen" still strikes it rich. The latest is that they have uncovered a large body of ore showing free gold all through it. Bessing people think "Lucky Queen" better than "Consolidated Virginia."

The Ladies is informed by parties likely to know if anybody does, that the West Side railroad will be built at least as far as La Grèce this year. The company has shipped a large quantity of iron lately.

The Mount I saw says the live stock shipment made from The Dalles to the markets below for the year just passed was 10000 head of mutton sheep and 9000 head of beef cattle besides about 1000 head of hogs.

The Ether mine, of Douglas county keeps getting richer and richer in silver as the operative dig down. At 203 feet below the surface a ledge was struck last week which is said to be the richest ore ever found on the Pacific coast.

Since the last salmon closed out drunkenness in Dallas is more frequent than ever. The flannel thinks there is a "snake in the grass" among the physicians and the drug stores; but that can't be.

The Salem Statesman says: By reason of starting of the steamer S. T. Church on her career on the Willamette, freights have declined to a figure that would have saved the shippers \$400,000 if she had been built in the beginning of the season.

BLACKSMITHING.

A. B. STEWART HAS RETURNED to Glencoe and opened a Blacksmith Shop. He is thankful for past favors and asks the people for a renewal of their patronage. jan13

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