

Wear the heaviest and best foot covering—to make their way from one locality to another. The soil seems peculiar to a person coming from a hard baddy region like New England. During the dry spells it is exceedingly hard, and seems to be sandy, and as if it would afford good footing even in wet weather; but as soon as a little rain falls it begins to soften and grow slippery, much as though it was being covered with a coating of grease; and if rain continue for a time it becomes sticky, like soft putty. The longer the softer, more slippery, and sticky it becomes. In fact, Washington street soil has only to be wet a little to form the best kind of mud for making a road impassable one ever saw. During the war the army expended much of its strength in forcing a passage through it.

Much of the manner and system of building is well advanced, though, as a whole, work is not done as well as the same class of work is at the North. Brick is the material chiefly used though in the more thinly settled districts there are many houses built of wood. Stone is not much used, excepting sparingly, on the best houses for trimmings and steps. As a substitute, though, for stone trimmings, a party here has introduced galvanized iron; and we will venture to say that there is no better work of its kind done in the country. It is surprising with what facility they shape this iron; they make anything in the line of cornices, window caps, or capitals which can be formed in wood or stone.

There are a number of very fine iron fronts here. Stone and iron, though, seem to be very costly; so oftentimes in brick work, where stone or iron for posts, sills, and lintels be used, wood is substituted. The consequence of this is that in a few years the walls are badly cracked over the openings. It is very rarely that the foundations of buildings are laid with stone, and made broad; they are mostly laid with brick, and quite narrow. The soil here seems treacherous in spots, which is probably owing to the presence of small springs. This oftentimes causes a settling in the pavement of the street and in the foundations of buildings, which it is difficult to guard against. For this reason a clayey soil is not as good as a sandy soil for foundations. In passing along the streets one often discovers the undermining effect of the small springs. Their presence necessitates the constant repair of the streets, and causes a many a rent in the walls which the builder had supposed to be sufficiently strong to last for many years. We think it would add much to the durability of these brick walls if they would put in the wide stone foundations. Stone suitable for the foundations is very abundant in the immediate neighborhood, but it is one of those things which needs a little more enterprise, combined with capital, to introduce into the market at rates which builders will appreciate. This stone is very hard, and is similar to the North River bluestone.

The city has a general market, one of the best in the country, and one of which the Washingtonians may well be proud. It is large, airy, well arranged, and well built; the walls are of brick, and the roof, as to the main portion, is of iron. The whole is essentially fire-proof.

We have a very effective fire department here. At the late great fire in Baltimore it was called upon to lend a hand. Two of the steamers were sent, and the firemen did themselves great credit by their quiet yet effectual way of combating the devouring element—the necessities of the occasion particularly brought out their ingenuity.

The water supply of the city is abundant. Previous to its introduction the inhabitants depended upon the town pumps, which were located at nearly every corner. The introduction of the hydrant, as elsewhere, gradually reduced the number of the pumps; yet in many parts of the city, and especially in the eastern districts, where

water pipes have not yet been very generally laid, the corner pump continues to be the water supply of the neighborhood. A good supply of pure water, and means by which to get rid of the refuse water of the household are two essential elements of comfort and health. Washington heretofore has been very deficient in good drainage but under the new system now being completed it will have as good drainage as any city in the country.

Practical improvements in all these important things are fast making the National Capital a very desirable place to live in.
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CONCERNING GRAIN AND THE GRAIN TRADE.

The latest authenticated crop reports from Europe are in the highest degree encouraging for our farmers, and should be generally known among them, in order that the falsehoods of the "ring" of manipulators who aim to control the grain trade of this coast may be appreciated at their true worth, and our sturdy yeomanry stimulated to a practical revolt against the tyranny to which they have hitherto been subjected. European harvests have so far fallen short of supplying their home demands that it is estimated that England will require ninety million bushels of grain over her production; Holland and Belgium eight million; Switzerland twelve millions; France sixty million, and the balance of Western Europe, outside of France, probably as much as one hundred and twelve million; or, in all, some two hundred and eighty-two million bushels. Of this vast amount it cannot be reasonably expected that more than seventy five million bushels can be supplied by Germany, Southern Russia, Hungary and the country along the Danube. All the rest will have to be sent from the United States, and California is looked to for a very large portion thereof.

There can be no doubt, that ere many years this will be the great grain market of the world. In no other country are the crops so regular, and in no other have the producers such advantages of the climate to enable them to save their harvests, the yield of their acres may be prophesied from year to year with almost absolute certainty, and in such measure that it may well excite the wonder and admiration of the world. From the foot hills, the tule lands and the valleys may be poured in here, under a proper and thorough system of cultivation, a golden wealth of grain sufficient to meet the needs of the world. The San Joaquin Valley alone is deemed capable, when irrigated on the plan now in operation, and worked as it should be, of producing fifty million bushels of wheat per annum. Yet this is but a small part of the grain-growing territory directly tributary to San Francisco. The mind can scarcely grasp the possibilities of the future as indicated by plainest and most indubitable facts such as these.

In view of these considerations, is it not time for our farmers to bestir themselves to lift from their necks, ere it grow too heavy to be removed, the yoke which powerful monopolists are now diligently fastening upon them? The grain trade of this coast is practically, at this time, under the thumb of one man. This autocrat issues his fiat as to what the price of grain shall be, and well know the luckless producers the uselessness of attempting to controvert his decision. His control of the means of transport of tide-water, his influence through other members of his ring in tightening money to suit his ends—his power in seizing upon the carrying trade between this and other ports—these and other tyrannies make him and his clique an incubus upon the main interest of agriculture in this State; rather we should say a ravenous beast fattening upon its life-blood.

Let our farmers' Granges prove their practicality by united action compelling justice to all in the matter of railway transportation, abolishing the sacking system, contracting their grain abroad and ignoring the middle-men who now unblushingly perpetrate their highway robberies under the name of "trade" at this port. To effect this, the cooperation of all interested must be

attained. Anything less would be promptly stamped out by the graining and his trained band, and his lordly "stand and deliver" would sound even louder and fiercer than ever before. But if, instead of degenerating into mere political machines, or wasting their energies in manhandling about abstract questions of domestic economy, the Granges resolutely set themselves to work to fight this monopoly, within a single year they can set their heels upon its neck forever.—S. F. Chronicle.

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