

THE JEWETT FARM.

WHERE FAMOUS TROTTERS ARE BRED AND TRAINED.

Impressions Obtained by a Novice During a Day's Visit—A Superficial Review of the Scenes and Incidents of the Trip.

WHEN one considers that volumes have been devoted to some favorite son of Wilkes or to some promising filly, a review of the Jewett Farm, containing upwards of 5,000 acres, in several columns, must necessarily be of the most superficial character.

The blood of Membrino, transmitted to Abdallah, who beget Hambletonian, runs through the Wilkes family and has been the rich inheritance of speed. These celebrated ancestors and their numerous progeny are a theme for an expert and an inspiration.

In this review no attempt will be made to arrange or classify for the reasoner that the mistakes of which there will doubtless be many, will be the more noticeable and less excusable. The result of a casual glance and the recollections of a day pleasantly spent are all the reader is to expect. Every writer claims the privilege of preserving his characteristics in his work and that is the only apology offered for mistakes. The reader who is able will please correct the errors in his pen and overlook any "bad breaks." Superintendent Hessel was very particular to state everything absolutely correct, so that none of these errors can reflect on him or his assistants.

The Jewett stock farm is situated in Erie county, New York, and the Kansas farm known as the Jewett farm is its main branch, and the whole is owned by Mr. Henry C. Jewett.

The Jewett farm is located in Morton and Erie townships, Sedgwick county, Kan., four and a half miles south of Cheney and twenty-six miles southwest of Wichita. It contains 5,100 acres and was selected on account of its adaptability to the general purposes of a stock farm.

The question has often been asked, why did Mr. Jewett come so far west to locate his farm. It has been answered, because the land was cheap. This may be satisfactory to those who know nothing about the matter but a visit to the farm would suggest a different answer. In the first place the land was not cheap and, in the second and more important place, Mr. Jewett does not think that any land is too good for his stock and that is just why the Jewett farm is located just where it is. The room he had to have, but the value of

turned out on the plot one by one to be exhibited, and they were all of the highest quality for speed. Every one present had a different favorite, and by comparison no expert could have named the fastest. Mr. Jewett never speeds his colts but simply trains them, and is not desirous for them to make a record too young. He is satisfied the record is in them, and so is everybody else for that matter, and when they are matured beyond question they will all assume a high position amongst the trotters of the world. In answer to questions concerning sales of stock, Mr. Jewett issued the following circular letter:

"We shall not sell any stock of our own breeding until we have developed and put records upon some of them. Our confidence in their ability to prove their great value induces this move. If we did not have the utmost confidence in their ability to exemplify our claims for them, by public performance, we should not hold, but sell as soon as possible. Our belief is that by holding and developing them and proving their value, the public will know positively what kind of stock is being offered for sale, and its value. It seems to us that such a course must prove satisfactory to both buyer and seller."

The first released was a black filly which had just been trimmed and groomed and she seemed to enjoy the partial freedom accorded her. Her first inclinations were to amuse herself and accordingly began to prance about in the most delighted manner. The trainer, however, soon asserted his authority and she was no longer slow in exhibiting a very promising gait. Upwards of twenty head were thus exhibited and their pedigrees and qualities discussed at length. In structure these animals were hard to criticize

and it is superfluous to add that everything that is good was conscientiously discussed. Dinner was over and the party issued forth on the cool veranda to take the inevitable smoke. A hammock swung invitingly in the breeze beneath the shade of a friendly tree. Each looked at the hammock and then at each other and there never was such unanimity of thought before. But they had come to see the farm which is a big thing to look at in one day and there was no time for romancing.

A few minutes later found them speeding over the smooth road behind a pair of trotters and a fresh breeze right in the teeth. There was an inspiration in the air which seemed to communicate itself to the horses and they fairly flew. There was not one in the party that did not feel himself equal to the task of composing a poem at that moment.

A short drive brought them to the mare pasture where there were about a hundred mares with their colts. Considerable time was spent here and the stock was looked carefully over. The stock all seemed to be comfortable and much to the surprise of the visitors, the flies which are such a pest about the stables and in the shade, seemed to have deserted the pasture. It seems that the stock in the pastures is never worried by flies at all. It was in every sense of the word a scene of contentment.

The young colts were growing like weeds and rapidly developing those qualities which have made their sires so famous. Horsesmen begin to speculate on colts and pronounce them trotters even at this age, but it is only a guess without taking the pedigree into consideration. Many of them were pronounced colts of great promise and indications were so good that none would want to despise it. The flower of the flock seemed to be a young filly sired by Bonny Boy First, dam Jennie Lapham by Coronet Second, dam

ing little lass whose presence added not a little to the pleasure of the drive. On either hand were fields of corn in tassled, broad stretches of waving oats and yellow wheat fields shorn of their harvest. A half hour brought us to the farm where a cordial greeting was extended by Mr. John T. Hessel, the superintendent.

It was necessary for Mr. Hessel to devote a few minutes to giving directions for the day after which he kindly placed himself at the service of his guests. During this

brief time the writer walked through the stud barn accompanied by the host, a colored brother very fond of and very much devoted to his charges. He was quite communicative and quite a philosopher in his way. "Now, this," he said, "is Kansas Wilkes, one of the celebrated Wilkes family; there's not only 'go' in him but there is 'go' in his offspring. This is Damo, the favorite son of Jerome Eddy; here's strength and beauty combined; come right in, he is as gentle as a lamb. Here's 'Sedgwick,' sired by Allie West; now you can see what style is; he likes to be admired and knows just as well as you do that he is handsome. Here's 'Ticona,' sired by Patchen Wilkes, the best bred son of George Wilkes; you need not be afraid of him, he and the party walked over to the 2-year-old stalls, a short distance. These pets of the pasture had just been brought up from the pasture to have their hoofs trimmed and to receive a little training. They were

ancestors. Although it was a warm day the cool breeze made it quite pleasant and the party would probably have still been judging these colts had not the announcement that dinner was ready put an end for the moment to pedigree and gait. A few moments later found the party

clear eye promises endurance and strength. The filly has been bred to combine many noble qualities and besides comes of a race that transmits to its offspring the power to beget speed. The party then drove east to the new race track, one mile in length. It is something

recognition as a trotter that the oldest horseman would have been puzzled. They were all of standard ancestry and the choice must necessarily have been determined by the producing qualities of those

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CLARK COUNTY INSTRUCTS FOR WICHITA'S CANDIDATE.

Another Victory in Judge Foster's Court for the "Original Package" Men.

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A Disgraced "Original Package" Man at McPherson—Eliworth G. A. R. Buildings—General State Items and an Interesting Batch of News from Oklahoma.

Special dispatch to the Daily Eagle.

ASHLAND, Kan., July 1.—The Republicans of Clark county met here in mass convention to select their three delegates for the congressional convention to be held at Dodge City, July 30. The convention was called to order by Judge F. C. Price, who made a short speech on the work before the convention, touching on the issues of the day. Ben E. Page was elected chairman and H. E. Taylor secretary. A. B. Shaw, J. M. Thomas, John Shearer and H. D. Somers elected delegates to attend the congressional convention to support Colonel J. R. Halliwell, of Wichita, Colonel Halliwell was called for and responded, by thanking the convention for its support and had something to say on the question of the day. Resolutions endorsing Ingalls, Plumb and Peters and the state administration were adopted unanimously.

CONVENTION SIZES. An Original Package May Consist of Any Amount.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 1.—The hearing in the original package habeas corpus case came up before Judge Foster this afternoon, the first case tried being that of F. E. Marshall, of Lawrence. The state was represented by County Attorney J. W. Douglas, and Attorney General Kellogg, the petitioner by Henry L. Call. The evidence showed that Marshall had sold beer in the so-called original packages received from his house in Kansas City. The attorney general and county attorney contended that packages of that sort were not original packages, since they were put in convenient sizes to evade the law and suit a retail trade. Marshall was released.

In releasing the defendant, Judge Foster said that the dissenting judges of the United States supreme court had made the scope of the law very clear, and the law as it now stands very clear, having expressly declared that whisky and beer might be imported from one state into another and sold by the keg, case, bottle, or in any quantity large or small, just so it remained in the shape in which it was put up for shipment. The cases of Julius Anton and W. L. Burdette, of this city, were then tried and the defendants were discharged.

BY UNKNOWN MEN. A Kansas Cattleman Slain for Introducing a Disease.

SEBASTIAN, Kan., July 1.—The dead body of J. S. Frazer was found with stabs in the breast in Deer creek just north of town yesterday. He was one of the most prominent cattlemen of this county and in connection with W. H. Gibson brought a lot of Texas cattle into this county last winter. The bringing of the Texas cattle endangered a bitter feeling against Gibson and Frazer and on May 23 Gibson was found dead in bed and the cause of his death has remained a mystery.

About a week ago Texas fever broke out in the vicinity of the Texas cattle and the bitter feelings were revived. Last Saturday morning Frazer started to Sedan on horseback and on his way stopped at the pasture where the cattle were kept, and while riding along there was waylaid by some person or persons and stabbed to death, and his body carried some distance and thrown into the creek. As yet there is no clue to the murderer. The Texas cattle are in the hands of the sheriff under quarantine, placed so by the state live stock commission.

RICE COUNTY NEWS. Glorious Rains Insure a Wonderful Corn Crop.

Special dispatch to the Daily Eagle. LYONS, Kan., July 1.—A good rain on Sunday morning followed by a glorious all-over shower yesterday evening moves Rice county farmers several notches ahead on the already very promising corn prospect. Two more showers during this month will insure the finest yield of corn this county has ever seen.

During the shower yesterday evening in this city the residence of A. J. Condit was struck by lightning, damage light. During the same storm a lightning bolt struck and killed both Hans Breaker and one of his horses while plowing corn. No particulars.

Harvest will be completed in this county this week. Our people are "shuk" up like over the prospect of the proposed opening of a package house here. Some very intemperate language is being indulged in. If such an institution shall be run inside of the supreme court decision we are informed the county attorney will keep hands off.

OUR SUGAR INDUSTRY. Statement of its Condition in Kansas and General Outlook.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 1.—The Hon. George F. Kellogg, state sugar inspector, prepared a statement of the condition of the sugar industry in Kansas and its general outlook. The statement is conservative and its result is to have lawmakers thoroughly investigate before voting bonds or adopting new methods. In order to determine the present condition of the industry blanks were sent out about May 15 to all sugar companies operating in the state and also to all points where the erection of new plants was being contemplated.

Last year as late as August 1, writes Mr. Kellogg, "the public was led to believe that large sugar crops would be in successful operation, turning out millions of pounds of sugar during the season. At the close of the season, there were only four plants which had turned out any amount of sugar worthy of mention. A considerable degree of caution, therefore, should be exercised in arriving at any definite determination regarding the future prospects of the business for the coming season."

According to Inspector Kellogg's report there are at present in the state eight companies which are preparing to manufacture sugar, as follows: The Hutchinson Sugar company of Fort Scott, the Medicine Lodge Sugar works and

Refining Company of Medicine Lodge, the Ness County Sugar company of Ness City, the Kansas State Sugar company of Liberal, the Southwestern Sugar company of Arkalon, the Conway Springs Sugar and Syrup company of Conway Springs.

The Parkinson Sugar company has planted 1,100 acres in sugar cane and ten acres in sugar beets. The latter is for the purpose of experimenting. The company will be ready to begin work August 15 and will probably turn out 8,000 pounds of sugar per day. When ramolled, the Topeka Sugar company will have a capacity of 100,000 tons of field cane per day. It has contracted for the Medicine Lodge Sugar Works and Refining company, is expecting \$100,000 in improvements and has planted 2,400 acres of cane and 100 acres of beets. The Ness County Sugar company has planted and contracted for 2,800 acres of cane and will experiment on fifty acres of sugar beets. The Southwestern Sugar company has planted 900 acres of cane at Liberal and 70 acres at Arkalon. The Conway Springs Sugar and Syrup company which has lately been organized has planted 300 acres of cane and contracted with farmers for 100 acres more. It is expected to make some sugar and a fine grade of syrup.

The acreage of sorghum is much larger than that of 1895, the amount reported being 10,700 acres, against 6,800 acres last year. At the present time nearly the entire crop has been planted and a third of it has come up, showing a good stand in most fields.

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