AGRICULTURAL.

Early Cut Wheat.

I had always supposed that wheat, ke nearly all other grain, should be ripe when harvested. I have noticed and read many arguments in favor of reaping wheat when the kernels are quite soft, claiming that the wheat would weigh heavier, and the yield of flour be greater and of a better quality This seemed strange to me. But proof from my own experience has convinced me that not only heavier kernels and more flour are the result, but that there is less waste in harvesting, and a better quality of straw is obtained.

As wheat was slow in ripening, owing to the continued wet spring, making it some ten days later than usual, the farmers in generl were ready and waiting for the grain to ripen. After waiting beyond the usual time, and haying all done up, I put in the reaper, hesitating and fearing loss from so great a share of soft kernels. By inquiry I found that many others were in the same predicament. We bound as fast as cut, having a full set of hands. One field of eighteen acres was on rolling land, ripened earlier. The other field, of eleven acres on level land, and sown but two days later than the first, and with the same kind of seed was full one week later in ripening I did not wish to dismiss my hands, though paying $2,50 a day. Full three fourths of the kernels were so soft that they could be easily mashed between the fingers. But few straws were yellow just below the heads. The weather being fine, I concluded to test the matter. The field was reaped, and the wheat shocked in less than a day. After standing some ten days it was stacked, and threshed in September.

Results.—To test the matter fully, I took eight bushels to mill and requested the miller to weigh before and after grinding. Weight of wheat, 61 lbs. per bushel; toll, 7¾ lbs (one eight for toll is law in Illinois,) flour 41½; shorts and bran, 12 lbs. Sold one load in market at 8 cents above the ruling price at the time.

Hereafter, if I am ready to begin, I shall cut wheat before the kernels are ripe or hard. I made careful inquiries of the miller why the yield of flour was so much more than I usually got from his mill. His reply was that the bran, on early cut wheat, was tougher, and would allow the mill stones to be put closer together. If allowed to stand until fully ripe when cut, the bran would be more tender, and consequently mix more with the flour in grinding. The variety grown by me is the Siberian, and is judged to be the best kind raised in this vicinity.—*C. G. Taylor, in Co. Gent.*

THOROUGH CULTURE OF CORN.—The frequent failures in attempting to raise heavy crops of corn are not usually so much owing to the want of properly fitting the soil, as in the lack of giving thorough cultivation while the crop is growing. Although the amount raised per acre depends very materially upon the fertility and preparation of the soil, yet inferior crops may be grown upon land that is capable of producing the best. Farmers are not apt to select a field for corn that they know cannot be put into good condition for the crop, nor are they apt to plow meagerly, but after the seed is in, too many fold their hands and consider the important part done.

It is a difficult matter to raise a heavy growth of weeds and corn at the same time upon one piece of land; the former must be kept down if a good yield of grain is obtained. Weeds have always been one great hindrance to successful corn raising, but they are not so formidable an enemy as many suppose. Advantage should be taken of them, and the plow or cultivator kept at work from the time the corn rows first appear, until the growth of grain is nearly complete.

No labor upon the crop pays so well as thorough after culture, and to verify this statement let any farmer having two acres planted at the same time in one field, give one but little attention and the other thorough cultivation, keeping account of time spent, and at harvest note the excess of grain from this over the other piece in payment for labor bestowed.

Good culture holds an equal position in potency for crop growing to that of barnyard manure; a field somewhat worn will produce a heavier and better crop of corn if well tended, than if heavily manured and neglected; but on soil of this kind the two work together admirably.

Corn in time of drouth, however rich the soil may be by nature, or fertilizing appliances, has no agency aside from rain, which will keep up the vigor and growth of the crop, save the diligent use of the hoe and horse cultivator. Soil kept open and loose will absorb moister from the air, and drink in all the dew that falls upon it. There is another important thing in the growth of this crop that we have noticed for years, and that is, giving the crop a thorough dressing with double plow or cultivator just as the ears are forming, or about the time the "silking out" begins; cultivation at this time appears to give new impetus to the growth of the stalk, and the ears are made heavier than they would otherwise be.

Then it appears that thorough culture is important in all seasons, and, at all stages in the growth of corn; in wet seasons to keep weeds down; in dry seasons to supply moisture; while the crop is young to invigorate, and while maturing to give it new life and extra development.

SLOBBERS IN HORSES.—What is the cause of slobbers in horses? Some years you will see almost every horse from ten to twenty days in August, drooling. Some attribute to the Canada thistle, others to lobelia. This is as I think a mistake, for these vegetables are up from May to December and I have known horses to make half their living on Canada thistles without slobbering in the least. As to lobelia, I think they never eat it. Some few suppose it may be the spider's webs which cause the disease, but I think it is all conjectural.

Now I will relate a case that I heard: A farmer had a horse that slobbered so bad that in a few days you would hardly known him; his flesh had dissappeared as if by magic; he drooled very bad. Some said he was poisoned; but taking him from the stable he was well in two days; when put up in the stable his slobbers returned. Then it was mistrusted it was caused by hay which proved to be the fact, and by feeding it to two other horses they soon began to drool. The hay was cut quite green and cured well, but it had a dark appearance. It grew on a plate of ground free from other kinds of grass or weeds.

Now why should this hay cause the horse to slobber. May it not be owing to a blight on green clover? and what is a blight?. Is it caused by animalcula, or what? Let us hear from you farmers on this subject.

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TUFTONBOROUGH N. H.

PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRACY OF OHIO, ADOPTED JANUARY 8, 1868.

Resolved, That the Democracy of Ohio congratulate the country upon the improved aspect of political affairs as evidenced by the State elections of 1867, and that they look forward with hope and confidence o the result of that momentous struggle, and upon which depends, in so great a degree, the future peace and prosperity of the Union.

Resolved, That, unalterably opposed to the doctrines which lead to consolidation, we renew with unflagging zeal and increased energy, our attachment to that political creed which has ever been so staunchly adhered to by our organization through days of trouble and disaster, as well as good fortune and prosperity, which was thus expressed by Thomas Jefferson: "Equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion—religious or political—peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none; the support of the State Government in all their rights, as the most competent administration of our domestic concerns and the surest bulwark against anti-republican tendencies; the preservation of the General Government in its whole constitutional vigor as the sheet anchor of peace at home and safety abroad; a jealous care of the rights of elections by the people; and the supremacy of the civil over the military authority."

Resolved, That we condemn the legislative usurpations of Congress, and particularly the several acts of reconstruction so called, as violative of the Constitutional compact between the States, and as utterly subersive of every principle of self government that distinguishes a free people.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any measures which recognize that the integrity of the Union was ever broken—that any of its members were ever out, and that we determinedly resist that the Southern States no longer being in insurrection, or at war, with the Federal Government, are entitled to the full State recognition and constitutional representation in Congress, and the electoral colleges given to all the States, and the denial of it to them by Congress, and its efforts to dictate by military force a government for them are unconstitutional, revolutionary and despotic.

Resolved, That we are opposed both in principle and policy, to negro suffrage; that the State of Ohio—having by the emphatic majority of 50,000 rejected it for herself—it is sternly opposed to its forced imposition upon other States, and that we stigmatize such an imposition by the Federal Government as a most base usurpation.

Resolved, That the practical effect of the so-called Reconstruction act of Congress is to deliver over ten States to the political and social control of negroes and to place the lives, liberties and fortunes of the Whites residing therein, in the hands of a barbarous people, an that it would inevitable lead either war of races or to the Africanization of the South.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the enormous and conceded frauds in the creation of the public debt, the faith of the country is pledged to its payment, principal and interest, according to the terms of the several acts of Congress, under which the bonds representing the debt were issued, but not otherwise, and we are opposed to any plan for extending the times of payment, thus increasing the amount of gold interest to more than the principal, or to any declaration by Congress that the principal is payable in gold, which would virtually add more than a thousand millions to the burthen of the debt, and to the whole insane financial policy of which these measures are a part.

Resolved That, neither forgetting nor denying our ancient faith that gold and silver coin form the currency of the Constitution, we declare that the five-twenty bonds should be paid in the same currency received by the Government for their issue, and that by the withdrawal of the monopoly granted to the National Banks this result can be accomplished without an undue or dangerous increase of paper money, now the only circulating medium, thus relieving our people from the burthen of a debt, the tendency of which is always to corrupt and enslave, and our Government from the reproach of paying a favored class in gold, while discharging its debts to all others, including pensions to widows and soldiers, in an inferior curency.

Resolved, That this plan violates no law, impairs no contract, breaks no faith, and instead of retarding a return to specie payments, is the shortest because the only safe way of reaching that end.

Resolved, That all the property of the country, including the Government bonds, which receives the equal protection of the Government, should bear an equal share in its burthens.

Resolved, That we indignantly reject the principle derived from the feudal system—that the masses of the people belong to the Governments under which they live, which in another form is contended for by the monarchies of Europe, including Great Britian, once a subject always a subject—that we on the contrary maintain that an individual can, by emigration and residence in another country, forswear his previous allegiance, and be admitted into all the civil and political rights of his new home—that American citizens by adoption and naturalization are entitled to all the rights as between us and foreign powers which can be claimed by our native born citizens, and it is the duty of the Federal Government to protect and maintain them by every means in its power.

Resolved, That the people will sustain Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, in his struggle with Congressional usurpation, and that we pledge the Democracy of Ohio to support him in all Constitutional measures to relieve the white people of the South from the negro government now being imposed upon them.

Resolved, That the fortitude and gallantry of our soldiers in the recent civil war, in defense of the Union, entitle them to the gratitude of the country, and they should ever be remembered by it in its bounties.

Resolved, That the Democracy of the country have neither the purpose nor desire to re establish slavery, nor to assume any portion of the debts of the States lately in rebellion.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Jasper S. Sheldon, and Emily C Sheldon of the State of California, Willi Taylor and Thomas Taylor of the State of Texas, Alexander Taylor, Peter Coleman, of the State of Tennessee, and the Heirs of Louisa Coleman, whose name and exact residence unknown to plaintiff but supposed to be Tennessee, Hetty Taylor and Sarah H. Taylor of the State of Kentucky, John W. Bull of the State of Indiana Thomas Haslett, and Emily C. Haslett, of Eaton County Michigan, Thomas J, Ball of New Mexico, John Q, Bull of the State of Wisconsin, Enos Culver, and Henrietta J, Culver of the State of Pennsylvania,, will take notice that Jesse Hayes, of the county of Ashland in the State of Ohio, did on the 6th day of June A. D. 1868, file his petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Ashland county Ohio, against them and others, the object and prayer of which is to quiet the title, and determine the plaintiff's title, and absolute right in fee simple to, the following real estate situate in said county of Ashland and State of Ohio, towit, Being a part of the north west quarter of section one, township nineteen and of range sixteen. bounded as follows, beginning at the south east corner of said quarter section thence west twenty rods, thence north twelve rods thene west twenty rods, thence noth twenty-four rods, thence west eight rods, thence north twenty rods, thence east forty-eight rods to the quarter line thence south on said line to the place of beginning containing thirteen and one half acres more or less, also lot number ninety-seven, in the village of Loudonville Ashland county Ohio, and to determine the adverse estate or interest of said efendants the said property.

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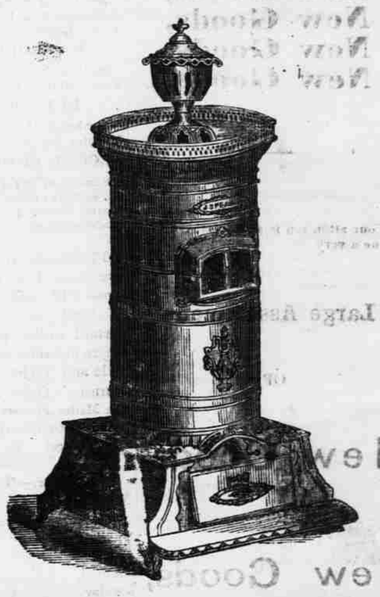

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3rd	do	March,	do
4th	do	do	do
2nd	do	April	do
3rd	do	do	do
4th	do	do	do
2nd	do	May	do
4th	do	do	do
2nd	do	June	do
2nd	do	September	do
4th	do	do	do
2nd	do	October	do
3rd	do	do	do
4th	do	do	do
2nd	do	November	do
4th	do	do	do
2nd	do	December	do
4th	do	do	do

These Examinations will commence at o'clock A. M., and close at 4 P. M.

No applicant will be admitted after eleven o'clock A. M. Written testimonials of good moral character, signed by at least two responsible persons will be required, which testimonials will be kept on file. No certificate can be antedated, and the School Law prohibits Town Clerks from giving orders to teachers for pay, unless they have certificates embracing the whole term of service.—The School Law requires teachers to understand the following branches, and be able to impart instruction in them all: Reading, Writing, Orthography, Arithmetic, English Grammar and Geography. A failure in one, is a failure in all, and those not having a fair knowledge of each and every one of the above branches need not apply for a certificate.—Particular attention will be paid to Orthography, and those not having studied it will be promptly rejected. No private examination will be held, and no application "by letter" will be answered. Only four grades of certificates will be issued viz: for 6 months, 12 mths, 18 and 24 months. A certificate for 6 months is a trial certificate and will not be issued the second time to the same applicant. Those having certificates for six months must be able to procure certificates for 12 months or none. School Directors are requested to furnish us reports of the success of teachers, as they will aid us materially in granting certificates only to those who are successful. Those expecting to teach the higher branches will be examined accordingly. The standard of Ashland County Teachers must be advanced and applicants will bear this in mind. There will be no adjournment after Examinations commence until they close. A fee of 50 cents is required as a condition of Examination, and must be paid in advance.

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