

"The tears of regret will intrusively flow" to the eye of every man or woman that leaves this section of the country to go to some boom inflated town or state further west.

We have rented this space to tell you our ideas on current topics from week to week: to tell you where we stand. It is just this: We, with hundreds of others, intend to stay right here and help build up one of the grandest sections of farming lands in the United States. We don't expect to make a perfect paradise in one

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THE TIMES.

FACTS ABOUT FARMING IN FORD COUNTY.

Facts are stubborn things, and talk against them as you will they act and vindicate their truth. From close observation of this part of Kansas for more than nine years, we are led to believe that the cause of failures in farming in our county is largely due to lack of means, inexperience, or poor management, and not on account of the soil or seasons.

During the recent discussion among the farmers on raising sorghum to be manufactured into sugar, they were unanimous in saying, that it was more valuable for feed. We will state a few things claimed, and which we believe to be true. It was claimed that it would pay to raise it for the seed, which is excellent feed for poultry, and nearly as good as corn for fattening hogs; and that cleaned, it brought a good paying price in the market for seed, while the stalk and leaf would bring all kinds of stock through the winter in a fat and healthy condition. It has also been demonstrated that an immense crop of sorghum can be raised each year, regardless of drought. It will do more than this. Mr. W. Rickman seeded a field to sorghum three years ago and has harvested a large crop each succeeding year without re-seeding. Every farmer knows that it will produce several volunteer crops and produce a wonderful amount of good fall pasture.

We have then these facts: That sorghum can be produced every year, without fail. That it pays to produce it for several purposes. That it will winter and keep in good condition poultry, and all kinds of stock. In view of these facts we are forced to the conclusion that where farmers starve their stock during the winter, or bring them through looking like skeletons, they are either shiftless, poor managers or generally good for nothing, and would make a failure anywhere.

Not caring to exhaust the subject, we will leave the question of successfully raising various crops until another time.

Let us now see what farmers can do which would pay largely, yet are neglected.

Will poultry pay?

We know a farmer who supplied his family of six children with clothing and groceries, and paid his taxes from the product of two hundred hens. Is it not a fact, that poultry is easily raised and cheaply kept in Ford County? That during the summer time the bugs and grasshoppers will largely supply their food and cause them to produce large quantities of eggs and fatten young chickens for the market. Our winters are so short and contain so many warm days that there is no reason why they should not continue to lay during the whole winter. Chickens bring from twenty-five to thirty-five cents each. The average price of eggs

during the past year has been twenty-five cents per dozen.

Notwithstanding the above facts, our home market for poultry and eggs has been largely supplied from the east. Why is this? Our farmers ought to supply our home market and contribute largely to supply the markets in Colorado, which will always take the surplus at a good price.

Will stock raising pay? No one disputes this fact. They grow wild, and filled the land before the foot of the white man was ever set on this virgin soil. A well bred horse will bring in our market from \$125 to \$150, yet our farmers are neglecting this industry. We all know that the raising of cattle pays, yet few of our farmers are taking advantage of this fact.

Does dairying pay?

The average price of butter during the past year has been twenty-five cents per pound; milk sells at from seven to ten cents per quart; yet a large amount of butter is shipped from the east to supply our home market. Why is this? There is not a country on the face of the earth, better adapted to successful dairying than Ford county. We have a good market at home and a never failing demand in the west for all we could possibly produce, yet a short time ago, when some of our business men contemplated building a creamery in Dodge City, the enterprise had to be postponed for the reason that they could not obtain a sufficient quantity of cream to make it a success.

Our farmers should awake to their best interests and the interests of Ford county.

Will gardening pay?

We pay two prices for everything we get in that line. Our market is very poorly supplied with vegetables, and what we get is largely shipped in and of a poor quality. Outside of raising watermelons, only two or three of our farmers have attempted this industry, and they have been very successful. One has made from \$2000 to \$5000 each year for the past few years. He is now the owner of 800 acres of fine land in a state of excellent cultivation. The other farmer has 480 acres of well improved land valued at thirty dollars per acre, stocked with about seventy head of fine cattle. In fact these men are wealthy, and they have made themselves so, directly from their farms and all within the last eight years.

We see from the above that farmers have and can succeed in farming in Ford Co. With a reasonable amount, of good judgement, experience and energy, we can have as well improved farms here as in the eastern states.

When farmers say that they can not grow trees, they mean that they do not know how. The many beautiful groves and orchards, dotting Ford county demonstrate that it is not the fault of the soil or climate. They will grow if they are properly planted and cared for. For a sample of what we mean, we refer you to the Zimmermann farm west of Dodge City. Here you will find thrifty trees growing

of nearly every kind including evergreens. Where will you find a better vineyard, more luscious strawberries, larger pears and apples, and better fruit of every kind than is being produced on this farm? This simply demonstrates what our country will do if our farms were properly cultivated and cared for. Here and there a well improved farm with groves and orchards and beautiful fields of golden grain waving in the sunlight, greets the eye, and marks the place where a true Kansas farmer lives, and it shows the possibilities of our fair land. They are a credit to our county, and we hope soon to welcome more of the same class.

We see a great many farms over the county which promise to be garden spots, in a few years, under the careful hand of industry. When we see these industrious farmers making homes out of their farms, we feel like taking them by the hand and bidding them God speed in their work. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to give to such help and encouragement if needed, for they are numbered with the loyal few who are doing their part in developing this grand county of ours.

We cry out against another class, who come west, prove up a claim and go back to their wife's people willing for some one else to develop the county and thereby increase the value of these lands, while they stay east and talk against the country. Another class prove up their claims and then move into town and wait for the country to develop. A large number of claims have been taken by single persons who proved up their claims to sell. Then we have another class who are always on the move and generally keep on the frontier. While the true farmer is plowing and improving his land, this man may be seen in town or sitting on the shady side of his sod house.

Where ever he is, you will hear him talk against the country and the climate; not because it won't grow anything—because he has never tried it, but because some one did not come along and offer to buy him out and pay him twice as much as his farm was worth.

Let the time hasten when all those who want to get out of the country can go and their places be supplied by experienced, energetic farmers. Then will our lands be as a garden spot, and our beautiful homes be the admiration of the world.

FORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Pursuant to a call issued by G. W. Milton and others, a meeting of the Republicans of Ford county, was held at the court house last Thursday, and a Republican club was organized. This is the first gun of the campaign in Ford county, and the feeling and sentiment displayed at this informal meeting argues well for the success of the party here.

The meeting was organized with G. W. Milton as chairman, and D. M. Frost, secretary. Committees on permanent organization and order of business were

appointed, and after short conferences made reports which were adopted with slight amendments. All of those present signed the roll, and then a permanent organization was effected, by the election of J. F. Frankey, president, Andrew Russell, of Ford City, vice president, F. T. M. Wenie, secretary, C. W. Averill, treasurer. The plan of the organization contemplates the election of a vice president from each polling precinct in the county, but this matter was laid over until some future meeting.

On motion of G. W. Milton, an executive committee, consisting of seven members, of which the chairman should be one, was appointed by the president. The strict adherence to parliamentary rules, which was enforced at the meeting was over ruled in this instance, and the executive committee as appointed, consists of J. F. Frankey, D. M. Frost, M. W. Sutton, Andrew Russell, of Ford City, Finley, of Hazelwood, G. W. Milton and E. H. Webster, of Bucklin.

M. W. Sutton, D. M. Frost and Lafayette Simons were elected as delegates, and G. W. Milton, W. C. Shinn and Andrew Russell, as alternates to attend the state convention of Republican clubs, which is to meet at Topeka, Feb. 22.

Rush Deardorf, D. M. Frost and G. W. Benedict were appointed committee on constitution and by-laws, to report at next meeting.

The attendance though not large embraced some of the most active Republicans in the county, and there is good reason to anticipate that the organization will be fruitful in good energetic work for the Republican party, and the whole ticket in Ford county.

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

Oliver Marsh, Plaintiff, vs. Perry Willden, Anna L. Willden and the Dodge City Land Co., Defendants. The State of Kansas: To the above named defendants: You will take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of the 16th Judicial District of the State of Kansas, in and for Ford county, and you must answer or plead to the petition of plaintiff filed therein, on or before the 7th day of March, 1888, or the same will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you accordingly for the sum of five hundred dollars, with interest thereon at 12 per cent. per annum, from the 4th day of Oct. 1887, and for costs of suit, on a certain promissory note, a copy of which is set out in the petition in said case, and following described land in Ford county, Kansas, to-wit: Lot 11, block 18, Dodge City, as shown by the recorded plat in and to sec. 34, and sec. 35, all in Twp. 25 N., R. 20 W., which has been attached in said case as the property of said defendants, will be sold to satisfy said judgment and costs. FRANKLEY & MCGARRY, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Jan. 25th, 1888.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS.

Charles M. Ford, Plaintiff, vs. Theodore Potts, Defendant. To the County of Ford, State of Kansas: You will take notice that you have been sued in the above named case by the above named plaintiff, and that unless you answer or otherwise plead to the petition filed by said plaintiff in said court, on or before the 9th day of March, 1888, said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you accordingly for the sum of \$200.00, with 7 per cent. interest from the 3rd day of January, 1888, and an order of sale will be issued out of said court for the sale of your real property, to-wit: lots 11 and 12 in block 55 in the city of Ford in Ford county, Kansas, which has been only attached in this action, and the proceeds of such sale will be applied in payment of the judgment to be taken as aforesaid. FRANKLEY & MCGARRY, Attorneys for Plaintiff. 28-31

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Peter Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Perry Willden, Anna L. Willden and The Dodge City Land Co., Defendants.

The State of Kansas, to the above named defendants: You will take notice that you have been sued in the District Court of the sixteenth judicial district of the state of Kansas, sitting in and for Ford county, and you must answer or plead to the petition of the plaintiff filed therein, on or before the 7th day of March, 1888, or the same will be taken as true, and judgment will be entered against you in said court for the sum of seven hundred and eighty and 10/100 dollars, with interest thereon at 12 per cent. per annum from the 4th day of Oct. 1887, and for costs of suit, on two certain promissory notes, copies of which are set out in the petition in said case. And the following described land in Ford Co., Kansas, to-wit: Lot 11, Block 18, Dodge City, as shown by the recorded plat thereof; and sec. 34 and sec. 35, all in Twp. 25 N., R. 20 W., which has been attached in said case as the property of said defendants, will be sold to satisfy said judgment and costs. FRANKLEY & MCGARRY, Att'ys for Plff. January 25, 1888.

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

Cornig & Doane, a Partnership composed of T. Cornig & I. M. Doane, vs. Perry Willden. To the above named defendant: You will take notice that you have been sued by the above named plaintiffs, in the District Court of the State of Kansas, in and for Ford county, and must answer the petition of the plaintiffs filed therein, on or before the first day of March, 1888, or the petition will be taken as true, and judgment rendered against you for the sum of two hundred and ten dollars with interest thereon at 7 per cent. per annum from April 7, 1886, on a certain promissory note signed by you, and the following described real property located in Ford county, Kansas, to-wit: The NW 1/4 of sec. 10, Twp. 27 N., Range 20 W., will be sold to satisfy said debt and costs, by virtue of an attachment duly levied thereon. FRANKLEY & MCGARRY, Att'ys for Plff's.

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