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The Pioneer Express.

DON'T RENT A FARM.

Wanted—To rent a farm of from 100 to 240 acres in central Illinois. Will pay \$5.50 per acre cash. This startling local caught the eye of the editor one day while looking through an eastern newspaper. Think of it, that a farmer should want to pay \$5.50 per acre cash in advance for the mere use of a farm. Does this man know that here on our broad prairies he can buy a farm for about twice that amount?—N. W. Farmer.

Some five or six years ago the writer sat in a barber shop in Indiana about 100 miles south of Chicago waiting his turn. There were several men apparently of the farming class in the shop and the subject of their conversation was the buying, selling and rental of farms in that immediate locality. As we left the chair we turned to a couple of the men who still remained, and from whose conversation and appearance we judged to be of the class who rented land from the owners, and a conversation like this followed:

Writer: "I have been much interested in the conversation that I have been listening to as I sat here, and from it I gather that in this locality farm lands are changing hands this season at the rate of from \$80 to \$100 per acre, and that such lands are being rented at from \$5 to \$6 cash per acre for the season."
Men: "That is about right as to prices."

Writer: "Well, as I listened, this question came to my mind: How long would it take for the man who rents this \$100 land at \$6 per acre to make and save enough money to buy the farm?"
To this the men said nothing, but shook their heads rather dubiously.

Writer: "I was all the more interested from the fact that where I live the land is very similar to your land here, but it is richer, deeper, requires no manure, nor tile draining, and is much easier farmed. We raise much the same crops as you do except that we raise more wheat where you raise corn, and the prices for our

produce are not very much if any lower than those you get here. And there is plenty of land that can be bought for the price or a little more that you are paying rent here."

Men (with much interest): "Where is that land?"

Writer: "In North Dakota, in the northern part of the Red River Valley."

Men (with an air of disappointment): "Oh! A man would freeze to death away up there."

We did not stop to argue the question. If the fact that a live man stood before them who acknowledged that he lived there was not sufficient, what was the use of arguing?

Those same people at that very time were just recovering from a temperature of 20 below, which had killed lots of their fruit trees, and were "enjoying" all kinds of weather in each twenty-four hours, running up and down the scale from sunshine, rain, mud, sleet, slush, freezing, and back again, often twice in a day. Nobody could haul a load on the country roads, and two horses to a buggy made slow progress. In fact, it was far worse weather than anybody ever saw in North Dakota.

And the men are doubtless renting land still in Indiana at \$6 per acre, without hope of ever owning that or any other farm, and who in the time that has since elapsed could have made a good speculation by coming here and buying a farm at the then prices and selling out now—always providing that they did not "freeze to death" in the meantime.

About Cuba. We notice that many of the people of this county are getting interested in Cuba, and some with the object of making a home there. This writer spent quite a number of years in tropical climates in his youthful days and would advise anyone before they make so great a change, to first summer and winter in the new climate before they make the change for good. By this we do not mean to decry Cuba or its climate, but we mean that it will not suit everybody. It is supposed to be rather warm for most people in hades. And yet a wise old nigger cautioned his pastor against portraying hell as a very warm place in his colored congregation. "Ef you make it a warm place, Massa Parson, dem niggers will all want to go dar; every nigger likes heat." This may be true of the negro race, but is not always true of the white man. It is true that in parts of Cuba the climate is fairly healthy and bearable, but that is in the mountain regions and not where the land is likely to be of the best. Yellow fever is now comparatively infrequent, owing to the sanitary work of the Americans, but malarial fever is there as it always is and must be in low lands in hot climates. The land in many parts is very rich, and at present is doubtless low in price, but on the other hand even at the best the climate is enervating and makes the best of men lazy and slow. It a man has nothing else to do but fan himself and drink lemonade, tropical heat is not too oppressive to many, but for a white man to work in, there are but few who enjoy it. As we say, Cuba and its climate may suit you—and may not. The best time to find out is in July and August.

Wheat seems to be gradually going up the scale in spite of the warnings of the bears. It looks as if the dealers were at sea as to the conditions, and hardly know whether it is to be dollar and a quarter wheat, or that we may get a sudden drop to the bottom. It is a very curious market. In the meantime, 80 to 83 cents is a pretty good price for the local market, and we have always thought that a farmer could not afford to speculate when he was offered a good price. If the farmer who still has his wheat, has faith in higher prices, he had better sell half or two-thirds for the present prices and speculate with the rest. Only an inveterate gambler will risk his whole pile on a single throw of the dice.

Ground Feed

For sale cheap at the ARMENIA ELEVATOR.

Gray? The color of seventy years in your hair? Perhaps you are seventy, and you like your gray hair! If not, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. In less than a month your gray hair will be rich and dark.

The Crystal Call gives us an extended account of the saving of Washington's home at Mount Vernon by the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Aid Association. The account goes on to tell how they secured contributions from all over the United States and that thousands of the school children added their pennies to the sum until the grounds were purchased. About a year ago one of these same school children, somewhat older grown, paid a quarter for admission to these sacred grounds and for that week there had been an attendance of from 15,000 to 20,000 people every day, and each paid the same price for admission. Of course that was a special occasion, it being at the G. A. R. encampment, but there are many such occasions each year in Washington, and at all times many sight-seers, so the annual revenue of the association must be quite a figure—and the thing a pretty good speculation—considering the fact that it was purchased by patriotic contribution.

The death of Senator Mark Hanna on Monday evening is a distinct loss to the nation. Probably no other man possessed the individual strength as a politician and statesman wielded by the dead senator. His political opponents give him credit for honesty of purpose and fine abilities. Not a shadow of the dishonorable clings to his shroud. He was rich, but the men who worked for him and who helped him gain his riches, were his best friends, because he was a friend to them. As a party leader he will be more missed than any other. In the most responsible position in the party councils, as chairman of the national committee for three campaigns, his generalship has never been excelled. As a man, as a citizen, as a politician, and as a statesman he leaves a clear record, of which every American citizen may well be proud.

In the absence of Editors Hager and Lampman, the former to Chicago and the latter to St. Louis to arrange for another editorial excursion to the St. Louis Exposition in May, the Times and Chronicle seemed rather tame last week. Owing to the absence of Editor Willson of the Pink Paper, that paper has to take to patents for the time and so has to be printed on white paper. So we miss the brethren much. No pepper, no mustard, and somewhat off color, so to speak.

The Drayton Echo entered last week on its seventeenth volume, and with this volume Editor C. L. Fairchild, who has been in charge for some time, takes the full control. Editor Fairchild the younger, has been brought up as it were in a print shop under the able tuition of his father and he ought to be well fitted in every respect for the business. The Pioneer Express has nothing but the best of wishes for the success of the Echo and its editor.

A circular from the state committee of which Supt. Stockwell is chairman, to superintendents, teachers and others in reference to school exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition gives March 15th as the latest date for the receipt of such exhibits. The committee are desirous of a large and complete exhibit and all kinds of school work is solicited. It should be sent to J. H. Worst, chairman, Fargo. For particulars write to the chairman for a circular.

San Domingo, which has been in a state of chronic riot for three score years and ten, is getting so bad that it begins to look as if it would be necessary for Uncle Sam to "expand" some more. Last week one of the insurgent "armies" shot an American sailor while on duty ashore. The island itself is not a bad possession, but what we could do with the onery crowd of niggers that live there would puzzle our authorities.

In these cold days of winter it is but natural that our minds turn a little longingly to the "land of flowers," but in the summer's wheat time by and by perhaps the thoughts of the people of that favored clime may also turn with longing to the cool and balmy breezes of the "land of flour."

The Photo Studio above the drug store will be open regularly hereafter on the First and Third Mondays of each month.

A. H. ANDERSON.

GETTING FAT?

Another lady's belt was found this week and left at the Call office for identification. As these belts are too short to be of any practical use to the editor the owners can have them without reward or compensation.—Crystal Call.
Geel! The last time we saw Brother Minder he looked to weigh about 120 pounds. And now two (or more) ladies' belts won't go round him. Just got thru the trials and tribulations of a voting contest too. Wonder what brand of beer they have over at Crystal.

Real Estate Transfers.

Emma Hanson to David Jonson, et al, se¼ne¼, ne¼se¼, sec 31, s w¼nw¼, nw¼sw¼ 32-160-56, wd..... 5000
Addie L Merrill to P F Jennings, lot 3 blk 7, Cavalier, wd..... 750
L F Eston to Millie Buchholz, s¼ 5-161-51, wd..... 5780
D E Proctor to Thos Armstrong, nw¼ and w¼se¼ 11-100-53, wd 6000
Robt Moulton to F A Wallace, n w¼ and n¼ne¼ 30-159-54, wd... 9000
Julia E Sarver to David Page, lots 8 to 12, inc, and lots 15 and 16, blk 35, Hamilton, wd..... 1500
Mary Jue Hunt to I J Chevalier, lots 12, 14, 15, 16, blk 16, Comstock's add to Bathgate, wd..... 3000
John A Wright to Jas McEwen, sw ¼ 30-161-52, wd..... 4000
D H Wallace to J B Corbit, sw¼ 32-160-54, wd..... 5500
Bank of Hamilton to C R Green, s¼ 30-161-53, wd..... 6000
L F Easton to Wm Kuhlman, sw ¼ 8-162-51, wd..... 3520
H J Campbell to Jas Martindale, part of sw¼ of sw¼ 34-164-53, wd..... 200
Bank of Hamilton to C E Green, ne¼ 7-161-52, wd..... 4000
Albert Blaisdel to Wm Armstrong sw¼se¼ 32-162-56, wd..... 300
T A Miller to Jos Childerhose, nw ¼ sec 17, ne¼ 18-159-52, wd.... 8000
Jos Childerhose to Chas Tisdale, nw¼ 17-159-52, qcd..... 1
Vermont Loan and Trust Co to Ed H Beckstead, se¼ 20-161-53, wd 4000
I S Gudmundson to M Einarson, sw¼ 11-160-56, wd..... 4000
Sv Gudmundson to M Einarson, s¼se¼ 11-160-56, wd..... 1800
I S Gudmundson to M Einarson, n¼se¼ 11-160-56, wd..... 1800
G H Jordal to Hans Anderson, e¼nw¼ of ne¼ 28-159-55, wd... 600
Wm Moses to Jos M Wyle, lots 6 and 7 and sw¼se¼ 24-159-51, wd 2500
Jas A Little to Daniel O'Connor, se¼ 1-159-53, wd..... 5000

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility, writes F. J. Green of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by T. R. Shaw the druggist.

We have made arrangements with the Pioneer Press of St. Paul by which we can furnish that paper in either the daily, weekly or Sunday editions at a very low rate in connection with this paper, and besides give a dictionary, a whole lot of fine pictures, and a Farm Paper in the bargain. For instance, we can give the Pioneer Express, the Weekly Pioneer Press, the Farm and Home, Webster's Pocket Dictionary, a large picture called "Butterfly Time," and portfolio of ten popular pictures, all for \$2.50. See advertisement next week for further particulars.

A Remarkable Case.

Thos. Reed, of Neillsville, Wis., says:—Your White Wine of Tar Syrup is the best medicine for the lungs that has ever been sold in this county. I speak from my own experience: I think it has twice saved my life when suffering from a disease of the throat and lungs. It cured my neighbor, Mr. Doves, of asthma that had afflicted him for years. For sale by T. R. Shaw.

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THE FARMER.

You can increase your yield of wheat and have no smut.

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