

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN. A Letter from Kansas.

WATERVILLE, Kansas, Feb. 21st, 1877. Mr. Editor:—As a reader of your valuable paper, I thought I would drop you a few lines from this part of Kansas as I have as yet never seen any mention made of Marshall county, Kansas in your paper, but have seen letters from other parts. I also saw a notice in the last paper which I received that a number of persons in your vicinity had went to hear from an agent of the A. T. & S. Fe R. R., with regard to Kansas lands. Without disputing any thing that said agent may have said, I should like to say a few words with regard to lands and also with regard to railroads. In the first place, every railroad, as far as I can learn that has been built in Kansas (with the exception of some extensions and some branch roads recently built), has received a land grant. The C. B. U. P., from Atchison to Waterville, a distance of 100 miles, received every vacant odd section for 20 miles on each side. The K. P., and the St. Joseph & Denver received like grants. Now as Mr. Agent is likely to get paid for his discussion of Kansas lands, perhaps full as well for his time and trouble, as many a tiller of Kansas soil, I should like to make a few practical remarks with reference to the value of Kansas lands.—The railroads, besides their land grants, have mortgages on considerable Kansas territory, in the shape of bonds which are payable every year, a part by taxation and therefore taxes in some localities are pretty high, according to the value of property.

Then the cost of transportation of our grain, &c., is greater in new countries than in places where there are more roads. At one time it cost as much to send a car from Waterville to Atchison as from there to Chicago. But times are getting better by degrees and business is increasing. The West is a large country, and the ideas that some have with regard to it might suit some localities and not others. A great many who came to this part of the country eight years ago have gone to seek a better country, some have returned to the "land of their nativity," others like migratory birds, have gone and returned. But that is Western style. Some came here with nothing or comparatively little eight years ago, and are comfortably situated. Others had little and have but little yet, except mortgages on their land.

There are farms through the country that can be bought for less than the actual cost of the improvements. Now with regard to persons, especially those with families who design emigrating to a new country, I would suggest that if several families should desire to emigrate, that it would be a good plan to send some one ahead who had good judgment, and who knew the resources of the proposed colony, to see the country and maturely weigh the advantages and disadvantages of different sections and let the others be guided by his advice. We cannot learn even by experience of a year or two exactly what a new country is, but sometimes we find our experience a pretty hard master, but it is the only way in which we can learn a new country.

I will give you a short history of Marshall county, Kansas, and statistics showing the advantages of road and towns, mills &c., as farmers do not like to spend more than a week going to mill or hauling off a load of grain, as some of the far West pioneers have to do: Marshall county was organized in 1855. It is 30x30 miles in extent, and contained a population in 1860 of 2,290; in 1870, 6,900; in 1875, 10,822. Of the above population, 249 are from Pennsylvania.

Two railroads cross the county and no point within is more than 12 miles from a railroad. There were in 1875, 79 school districts and 70 school houses. There are ten flouring mills, and many manufactories of other kinds. The rivers afford good water power and this county bids fair to become a manufacturing centre. The assessed value of property is nearly 3,000,000. The principal business of the country should be raising animals, in connection with grain as grain raising on an average brings back but little profit. The country produces an abundance of natural grass which can be turned into money through the medium of cattle and sheep. Sometimes we have failures of the corn crop and then we have to send all the pigs East. But we will learn that it is cheaper to burn coal at \$6 per ton than corn at 15 cents per bushel. The average of wheat per acre is from 12 to 15 bushels; fall wheat yielded last harvest from 15 to 25. Corn has been a good crop for two years.—There was but little rye raised until within the last two years; the yield is from 18 to 25 bushels per acre. I shall not enter too much into details at present, but if any wish to know any thing with regard to prices of grain, teams and farming tools, I will answer their inquiries by a private letter, therefore I will close for the present.

S. K. KISTLER.

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