

Miss Libble Shirk is the guest of Mrs. Presher, of Triumph, this week.

Hon. Ben Edgcomb was looking at the corn crop of Livingstone county a few days ago.

John Coteman, a popular young man of Spring Creek, is visiting at his sister's, Mrs. P. Connetton.

Mrs. Geo. Catherwood was called to the deathbed of her brother at Minonk last week.

The Misses Stevenson, of Livingstone county, are the guests of their cousin, Mrs. James Mitchell, this week.

Adam Wylie is building a large "ranch." Joseph Kinger and wife have returned from their eastern trip. Joseph viewed the Ohio "boom" last Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Amy, of Aurora, was here last week visiting her parents.

Mr. Charles Hagenbach, of the most covered city, was on his farm Tuesday.

Geo. True and wife left yesterday on a six months' tour through the west and will winter on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Shirk returned from her extensive trip through Indiana last week.

Mrs. Eugene Hess was entertaining Mrs. Bastion of your city this week.

Albert Cartwright has recently finished 3 miles of ditch for A. O. Crosiar. U. & I.

From Ophir.

OPHIR, Nov. 3.—Corn husking has begun and is turning out very poorly. The corn is of good quality, but don't turn out very big. About 20 bushels per acre.

Our Homer bridge has a good coat of paint on it. Joe did the work last week.

Smith's new house is finished. Ditto Mr. Kristetter.

Our cane mill has shut down for the season, but cider making still goes on.

Miss Mamie Wallace and her sister, Jane, who spent the summer at Galesburg, have returned and Henry is as happy as a lark.

Several of our Homerites went to Ottawa last week and got their papers so that they could give Cleveland a boost into the chair.

Our boys are poking lots of fun at a certain Reverend gentleman. Stop, boys, the campaign is now over. Talk Geese, or something else.

Wednesday morning early fire broke out in the large, commodious house of John Cuthbertson, Jr., razing it to the ground. All the furniture was saved.

A new bridge spans the creek at Dunlap's. It is rumored that a certain lady in this vicinity has put her foot in it by opening the hired girl's letters. She should remember that if she is rich she cannot rule every one.

Wm. and John Mitchell are taking a trip through the western states looking at land.

Our genial friend John Jackson is building an iron fence around his large lawn, and when finished it will be the prettiest between Homer and Ottawa.

Mr. Bixler went to Indiana on a visit. His wife did not. She will improve the time by getting a divorce. PEDRO.

From Ransom.

RANSOM, Nov. 5.—Jones & Bosley are rebuilding their shop and will soon be ready to do repairing for their friends.

Many hogs in the east end of the township are dying of cholera.

The carpenters' ball on Friday night was largely attended and a pleasant time was had. Webber's orchestra made the music.

Charles Bradish offered to bet \$50 against \$25 yesterday on Blaine's election.

An anxious crowd waited at the depot last night to hear the returns. At midnight they left for home, the Democrats happy and the Republicans feeling sick. At noon to-day the Republicans were happy, and the Democrats were laying in supplies for a trip up Salt River, when a dispatch came saying the Democrats were ahead and they concluded to postpone their preparations.

Both parties worked hard yesterday at the polls and many German-Republicans voted and voted with the Democrats.

Without venturing, at the present writing, to make any confident prediction as to the outcome of the presidential battle, it may be safely assumed, I think, that the report of Belva Lockwood's election was premature.

Mrs. S. L. Brown is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Lewis, of Grand Ridge.

Thos. Sullivan has returned from a trip to Iowa. O. CITY.

Fat Stock Show.

The near approach of the Seventh Annual Fat Stock Show is heralded by the announcement of the annual meetings of the five stock organizations of the country.

The political canvass has not detracted from the interest in the show, and the preparations made for the exhibit of 1884 indicate a larger and better collection of stock than has heretofore graced the Exposition building.

The advocates of the several beef breeds of cattle have very properly decided to abide by the verdict of the American Fat Stock Show, so far as relates to the comparative merits of the beef breeds for the most economical production of beef of the best quality.

The importance of making an earnest effort to insure the exhibition of the best obtainable specimens of the several breeds is duly appreciated by all interested in retaining and increasing the popularity and prestige claimed for the favorites.

There are many millions of dollars at stake in the verdict of the American Fat Stock Show. All the appliances of the skillful breeder and feeder of the several beef breeds of cattle are directed to the most economical production of beef of the best quality. The practical lessons of the Fat Stock Show have been of incalculable

benefit to all interested in the economical production of meat.

Our readers will bear in mind that Tuesday, November 11, 1884, is the opening day for the Seventh Annual American Fat Stock Show.

A Season of Low Prices.

The late weather with which Nature averaged our cool summer has ripened a crop of corn that is probably the largest yield of that productive cereal since the beautiful tropical plant was first seen by white men upon these shores. The cornfields of savage husbandry stretched along the river bottoms and valleys, where the plant could be fertilized by the fish that swarmed in the waters. Now the crop waves upon millions of acres almost from ocean to ocean, and affords a surplus of food that in its varied forms of pork and beef ministers to the wants of half the civilized world. The corn crop of the present year may reach 2,000,000,000 bushels; it will certainly exceed 1,500,000,000 bushels. It comes with an almost unprecedented crop of wheat; great crops of oats, rye, barley, potatoes and minor vegetables, so that while we have an abundance of food farmers must submit to perhaps the lowest prices of the century.

The hay crop in Massachusetts was a very short one. The secretary of the Board of Agriculture who has reports from all parts of the state, estimates the hay harvest at two thirds of an average crop. On old fields it fell so low that it was scarcely worth the cost of the harvest and many farmers' barns are half empty. A large part of our farmers are producers of milk for market; nearly all the remainder make butter, very few are keepers of sheep. Milk producers are great purchasers of corn and shorts; these farmers will have ample compensation for their scant hay mows in the reduced price of meal and mill products. Our few shepherds may have fat sheep and "meal lambs" at a reasonable cost for grain. At present it looks as though potatoes would not pay a profit to the patient husbandman. All over the state is an enormous crop of cabbages, more than can be eaten by the people within reach, during the present season; these must be fed to cattle, sheep and hogs. Apples will be abundant and of fine quality; it is to be hoped that the export demand will help their prices. It is a season of plenty, and if prices are low the poor will be glad and thousands of men who in these dull, hard times have little work and small pay may easier keep the wolf of want from the door.

Experiments with Incubators.

Experiments with incubators of 10 different makers have been tried by the editor of the Chicago Poultry Keeper, with the following reported results:

That the proper heat is 102 the first week, and 103 till the nineteenth day, when it should be 104.

That when the heat is kept too high, the chicks dry in the shell at the time of hatching.

That chicks will come out under a low temperature, but do not absorb the yolk properly, and are consequently weak.

That the higher the temperature the more moisture is required.

That turning the eggs twice a day is sufficient.

That they will hatch when turned only once a day.

That fresh eggs hatch sooner than those partially stale.

That the eggs from Asiatics do not stand, or rather require, as much heat for incubation as some others.

That a good warm bath to an entebled chick just from the shell, is highly beneficial.

That no sprinkling of eggs is necessary during incubation.

That eggs from confined fowls are not always reliable for hatching.

That eggs are injured for hatching purposes, to a certain extent, by shipping long distances.

That badly shaped eggs, though sometimes hatching, are not reliable.

A Wise Connecticut Cat.

A lady in Norwich concluded that her three cats were more than the household needed, and passed an edict of death on two of them—an old cat and her kitten. The question of the manner of death was settled and the chloroform was purchased. Days passed after the chloroform was in the house before the executioner could muster courage to execute the sentence. To facilitate matters the lady thought that some laudanum added to the cat's milk would produce a stupor that would make chloroforming more easy. The drug was put in the milk and tendered the old cat. She tasted the food, cast her eyes suspiciously about her, and refused to eat. The kitten rushed to the dish to partake of the milk and was violently knocked away by the old cat, who took a corner of a mat and covered over the dish to hide it from the kitten and prevent it from tasting the "medicinal." The lady could not believe it possible that the act was intentional on the part of the cat, and uncovered the dish and again tendered the milk to her. She again knocked the kitten from the dish and covered it over more carefully than before. This repetition of the protective act gained the good will of the lady, and she gave up killing the cats.—New Haven Register.

David Walk, of Indianapolis, lately realized \$50,000 from property he bought in Kansas City five years ago for \$1,500.

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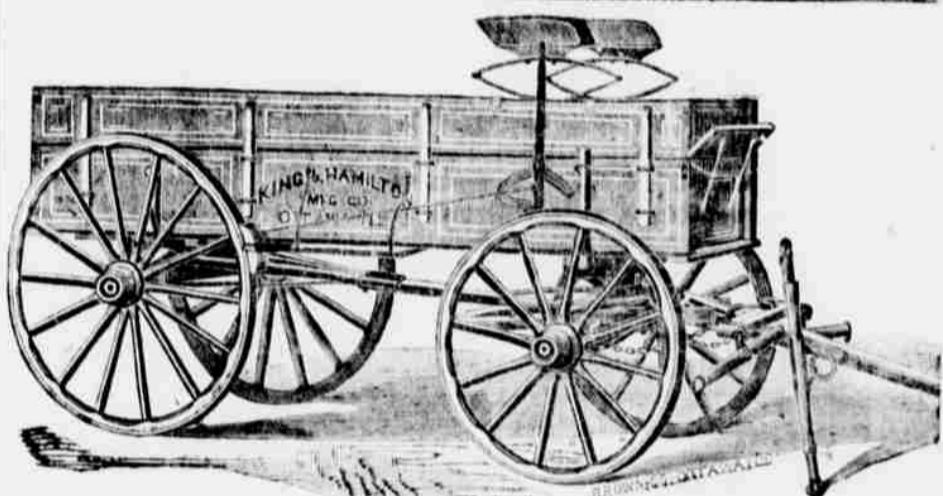
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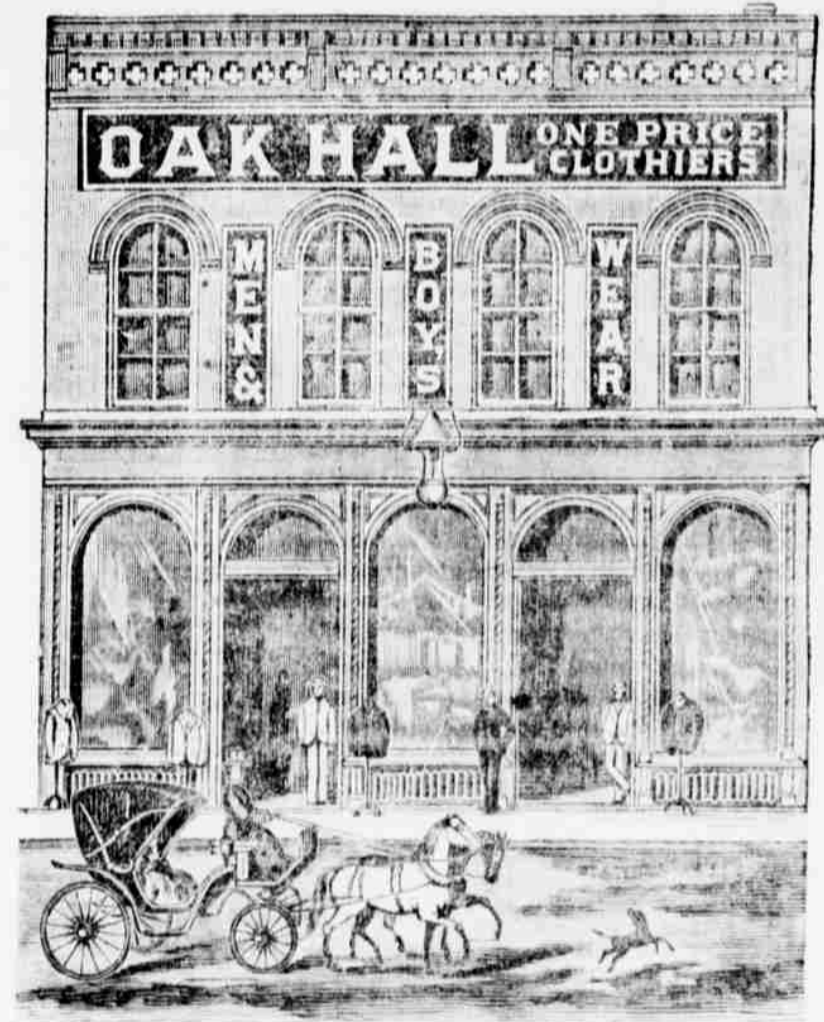
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