

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Farmers Find Themselves Well Prepared to Begin New Season.

WINTER HAS BEEN FAVORABLE

Hauling Practically Done—Stock Has Come Through in Good Shape.

Although the winter has been a severe one, it has been entirely satisfactory to the farmers, and when spring opens the winter work will all be done so that there will be nothing to interfere with the preparation for putting in the early crops.

The roads have been exceptionally good all winter, which is a condition that is greatly appreciated by those who are compelled to travel through the rural districts during cold weather. There has been but little sleighing, but the roads have been hard and smooth which to many is more desirable than sleighing.

Those who have had grain or other produce to bring to market have had no trouble in hauling heavy loads at any time, and consequently when the time for summer work comes last year's crop will have been marketed and the farmers can give their undivided attention to their seedling for the coming year. There are many farmers, however, who feed all the crop to stock so they are not troubled with hauling their grain and hay to market.

Prices have not been nearly so high for grain as has been the case for the last two years, but corn has not been sold on the market for less than 40 cents a bushel nor hay for less than \$8 or \$9 a ton, which is much better than 25-cent corn and \$6-hay, which was the case a few years ago. At that time the entire load would hardly bring enough to pay the man wages for hauling it to market.

Stock Wintered Well.

Stock of all kinds has passed through the winter in good shape, and the number of poor cattle is not so noticeable as in the case some winters at this time. Last season was a good one for hay and forage of all kinds and farmers were all well supplied with rough feed. They have been able to keep the mangers well filled, and when out in the field during the day, the absence of snow the greater part of the time has permitted the cattle to pick up a great deal of feed.

The extremely cold weather during the last three weeks has been hard on young clover. Had there been a good coating of snow on the ground there

would have been no danger, but as the young plants had no protection whatever many of the farmers think that the young crop which started so nicely last fall will be entirely destroyed.

It is thought that the fruit crop has escaped so far without injury, and unless a heavy frost comes after the trees have budded, there will undoubtedly be a heavy fruit crop this year.

ANNIE OAKLEY NOW TAKES SHOT AT THE NEWSPAPERS

Annie Oakley, for years the crack female rifle shot with the Buffalo Bill Wild West show, is preparing to make some 200 newspapers pay up for the story that appeared about a year ago when it was alleged that she had been arrested by the Chicago police on a petty larceny charge.

Mrs. Butler, for that is her real name, has opened her campaign by suing the Louisville Evening Post for \$16,200 for libel and as the paper is but one of 200 that she has on her black list, there is a great deal of work ahead for both Mrs. Butler and her legal advisers, and if she decides to sue each one of the 200 for the same sum, she will ask for something like \$3,240,000, a sum that will be quite sufficient to partially compensate her for the unpleasantness which followed close upon the heels of the publicity given her name.

It was during the month of August, 1903, that this story came out. It seems that a lady who had nothing better to do, got mixed up in a bunch of trouble in Chicago and was pinched for taking something that did not belong to her.

When looked at headquarters and also when placed on trial, she gave the name of Annie Oakley, not wanting her friends to know of her trouble. The reporters got busy and told her the great Annie Oakley had fallen, the item being printed with glaring headlines and a picture of Annie Oakley. The article was widely copied, and now the trouble has commenced.

In her petition Mrs. Butler states that, at the time of the alleged arrest was charged, she was living with her husband at Nantley, N. J., and enjoying high public esteem.

In the suit against the Post she asks \$15,000 for the injury done to her good name, \$1,000 for attorney's fees and \$200 for traveling and incidental expenses.

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Baseball Chat.

The Bloomington Pantagraph has something to say in regard to baseball finances that can be applied to every city in the circuit for the general impression of the public, and it hardly need be said it is an erroneous one. Is that the stockholders are making big-money on their investment. The fact is they have occasion for a handshake all around if they break even on a season. The men behind the team in Rock Island, and doubtless it is the case all over the circuit, put their money into it for love of the sport principally, and to keep their city in the profession. They never expect to have their stock earn a cent. The Pantagraph says: "The amount in the treasury at present is \$750, and it has been figured out that it will require \$1,500 to put the team in the field in the right condition. There seems to be a prevailing feeling that the directors of the baseball team get good money out of it, while in fact they get literally nothing. It would be no more than right that they should each get something to pay them for their labors and time in the interests of baseball, but the best they get this year is an assessment of \$50 each to which there are no strings attached, and when paid over is gone from them forever. Some people are of the opinion that when players are allowed to go to another team the local management should be paid something for their release, but it is a hard thing to get money in this way. An effort will be made, however, to get something for Mullaney, but whether or not this can be accomplished remains to be seen."

CIRCUIT COURT ORDERS.

CHANCERY.

Picken vs. Milde. Bill. Cause referred to master to take evidence and report same with his conclusions of law and fact.

Passig vs. Passig. Divorce. Petition by defendant in original bill for additional alimony. Complainant in original bill ruled to answer the petition by Monday next at 2 p. m.

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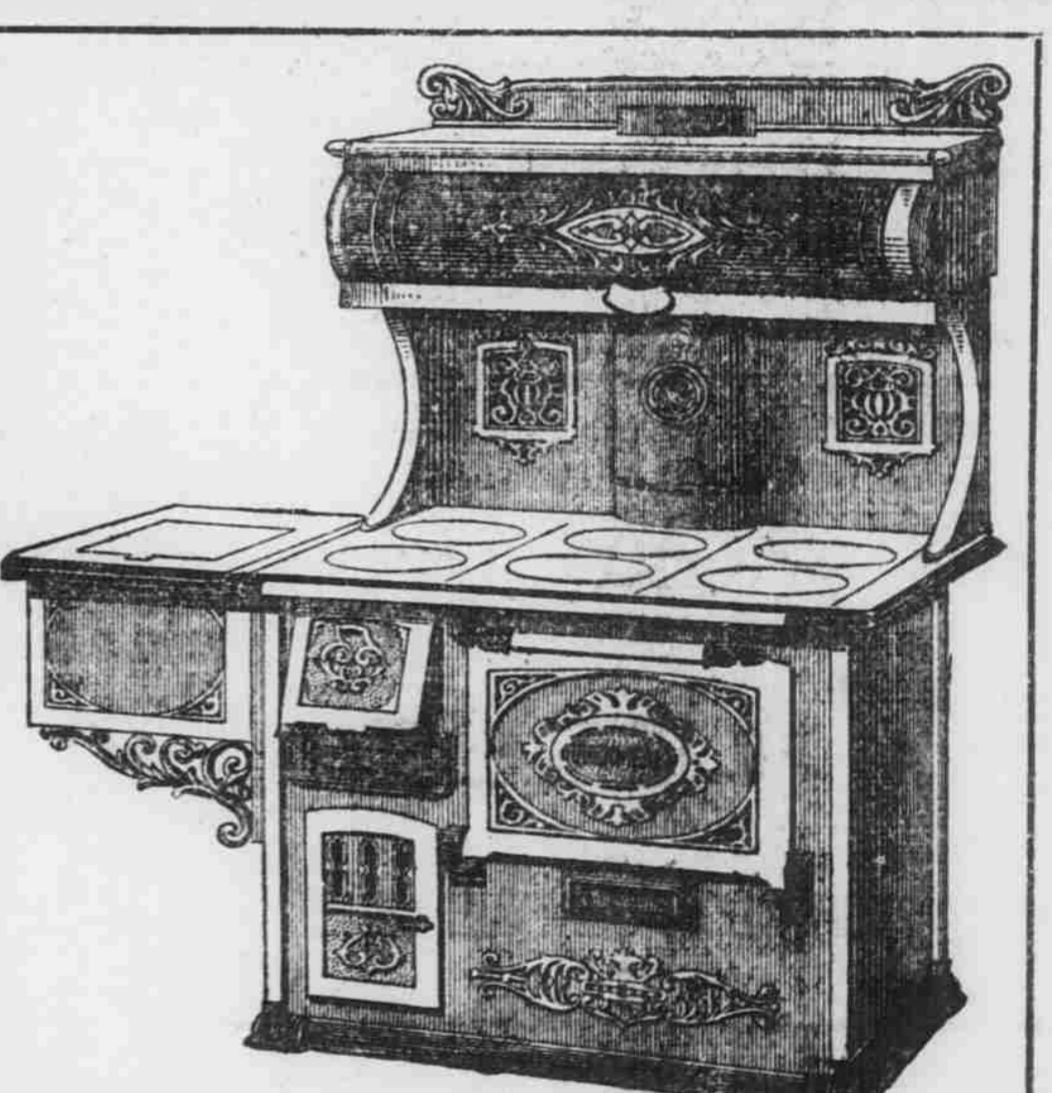
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