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THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

WORCESTER & CASEY, EDITORS.

During the last eight years, ending June 30, the United States has sent abroad 1,100,000,000 bushels of wheat. The greatest amount ever exported in a single season was 186,821,214 bushels.

Robert Toombs, the great Georgia "fire-eater," who has been in poor health for some years, died at his home in Washington, Ga., last week. He was a prominent politician for many years before the war, and was in the senate when the rebellion broke out. He was a bitter and unrepentant rebel to the day of his death.

The estimates of the statistican of the department of agriculture for the principal cereal crops of the year are completed, and the aggregate bushels are as follows in round millions: Corn, 1,939,000,000; wheat, 357,000,000, oats 629,000,000. The area of corn is 73,000,000 acres; of wheat, 34,000,000; of oats, 23,000,000. The value of corn averages 33 cents per bushel, and makes an aggregate of $625,000,000, $5,000,000 less than the value of the last crop. The decrease in the product of wheat is 30 per cent, an only 17 per cent in valuation, or $275,000,000. The valuation of oats is $180,000,000. The reduction in wheat is mostly in the valleys of the Ohio and California. The states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas last year produced 270,000,000; this year 180,000,000, a reduction of 90,000,000 bushels. The production of all cereals is 53 bushels to each inhabitant, and the aggregate volume is larger than any former year.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In view of the large number of defective, irregular and insufficient proofs presented in public land cases, Commissioner Sparks, of the general land office, has issued a circular to registers and receivers of land offices in which he directs that proofs must in all cases be to the satisfaction of registers and receivers, and that cross-examinations also did be directed to a verification of the material facts in the case, and especially to the actual facts of residence, and whether the entry is made or sought to be perfected for the claimant's own use and occupation or for the use and benefit of others. Ready-made proofs presented merely for pro forma acknowledgement without verification, cross-examination or evidence of identity, will not, it is stated, be considered such proofs as are required by law. Officers taking affidavits and testimony are required to call the attention of the parties and witnesses to the laws respecting false swearing and the penalties therefor, and inform them of the purpose of the government to hold all persons to a strict accountability to all statements made by them.

Eden Restored.

It has been discovered that Western Kansas is the Eden from which Grandfather Adam and Grandmother Eve were driven for fooling with the commandments and the Good Man's winter wine saps. The stump of the identical tree under which Mrs. Adam was beguiled by the serpent, is just south of the river in Hamilton county. The flaming sword that guarded the Tree of Life has been stolen, perhaps by the Indians or cowboys, but the fig tree is here from which Mrs. Adam manufactured her fashionable but somewhat scanty wearing apparel. It is dead now—probably winter killed — but, like our flag, it is still here, and furnishes evidence which the oldest inhabitants dare not dispute. The soil is just as fruitful as in ye olden time and produces prodigiously. Sunflowers can be seen that will make a dozen rails and a whole lot of hard work. Potatoes grow so big that they can only be roasted by building a fire on the windward side and when one section is done, waiting for the wind to change. Cabbage leaves are used for circus tents, and hoop-poles are made out of timothy stalks. Jack rabbits grow as large as a horse, and the tail feathers of a wild goose make excellent fence pots. Wheat is larger than corn in most states, and it is dangerous to plant rye, as the roots have to be grubbed out before the ground can be plowed again. A man planted a turnip one mile from the railroad last summer and the railroad company sued him for obstructing their right of way before the middle of July. Pie plant makes excellent bridge timbers, and pumkins are in good demand this winter for barns and houses. Pea pods are used as ferry boats on the Arkansas river, and onion seed are much sought after for walling wells and terrace work. Rye straw, properly connected, makes superior pipe for drainage, and the husk of the berry when provided with rockers, make unique baby cradles. North of Cooledge are several lakes of strained honey and we often have showers of rose water and cologne in the early part of the year. The settlement of western Kansas is restoring Eden to its primative glory and man to his first estate. —Border Ruffian.

From the Kellogg, (Iowa) Enterprise.

From Kansas.

COLBY, Kansas, Dec. 5th, 1885.

ED. ENTERPRISE:—As I am frequently receiving letters from your county asking prices of lands in this part of Kansas and various other questions relative thereto, I take the liberty of answering the same through your columns. Nine months ago, Thomas county contained 164 inhabitants as shown by the census of April 2nd, 1885, and from where Colby now stands, not one house was in sight. To-day the county contains between 2,500 and 3,000 people, is an organized county, and Colby is the county seat, is a thriving village of 350 to 400 inhabitants and has a good prospect for two railroads. What crops were planted this season have done well. Forty acres of corn three miles N. W. of Colby, averaged 45 bu. per acre and from 23 acres of sod corn six miles S. E. of Colby, were gathered 700 bu. of corn. Millet yields abundantly and fall rye and wheat are looking well. The prairies afford abundant pasture, even at the present writing and the oldest settlers say they will continue to do so all the year round.

The soil is a shade lighter in color than in Jasper, but is deeper and seems fully as strong. The whole country seems to be underlaid with a solid sheet of water at a depth of from 25 to 80 ft., clear and cool and containing but little mineral substance. Trees (native I mean) are entire strangers to our country. Cultivated forest and fruit trees have proved a success.

Thomas county contains 1080 square miles in about the following proportions, viz.: 30 per cent R. R. land belonging to the K. P. R. R. Co. and will be in market in the spring at about $5.00 per acre, 1 per cent. deeded land averageing in price about $4.00 per acre, say within eight miles of Colby, 5 per cent. unsettled land, mostly in S. W. portion of the county and subject to entry either by homestead or pre-emption, timber claims being all taken. The balance of the county is held either by homestead, pre-emption or timber claim and is being deeded rapidly. A great many of these claims are held by parties who took them merely for speculation and can be purchased for from $25 to $1,000 per quarter section. Good claims, say five miles from Colby, can be had for about $300. The best time to purchase will be during the months of December and January, as the immigration will then be lighter and chances to sell, few. The best route from Jasper Co., Ia., to Colby, Kan. will be over the B. & M. R. R., via. Ottumwa, Plattsmouth and Oberlin. Any further information desired will be cheerfully gived upon application to Yours Most Resp'y,

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