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Stock Farming in Dakota.

Fargo Republican: The success which has attended all who have gone into the business of stock breeding and raising proves that this is beyond cavil or question a good stock farming country. The small farmer can do so on a small scale, at a small outlay of capital, just as well as those who have invested largely in the business. If a man has not his thousands to invest let him put in what he can. If he is a quarter section farmer he ought in some way to get together a small bunch of heifers and cows. Great results have often been obtained from very small beginnings. The Republican calls to mind a settler in one of the counties in south Dakota, who came into the territory six years ago, with little or no money capital. He drove in from Iowa four cows; homesteaded a claim and went to work. That man has to-day a herd of sixty head of fine cattle. He has during that time devoted himself also to the raising of hogs and they have been a source of great profit to him. He is now on the high road to wealth and prosperity, the possessor of a good home, a valuable farm, and the nucleus for a fortune in his live stock. If he had adopted the policy pursued by too many and devoted all these years to the raising of the one crop—wheat, he would probably by this time have been sold out by the sheriff to satisfy his creditors. In stock and diversified farming lies the salvation of the small farmers all over Dakota. If wise they will go into this kind of farming as soon and as rapidly as possible. The outlook for wheat is not such as to encourage any one to look for high prices. It would rather indicate still lower prices. This being the case, it is time the resident farmers of this valley turn their attention to the raising of such grain as can be profitably used for fattening hogs or feeding to horses and the rearing of stock. By so doing they can make this the richest and grandest agricultural section in the world. By sticking to wheat they will bring poverty and ruin upon themselves and those dependent upon them.

Railroad men are falling into the opinion that the new Fargo & Southern road, to be completed from Fargo to Ortonville this summer is merely a scheme of the Milwaukee company for obtaining an entrance into Northern Pacific and Manitoba territory. Connecting at Ortonville with the Fargo & Southern, the Milwaukee will find entrance into Fargo, from whence it will penetrate North Dakota under the name of the new corporation, known as the Fargo, Larimore & Northern, to Portland, the principal town on the Goose river, crossing the river and striking the old road bed of the Casselton branch just north of Mayville and thence to Larimore and on northwest into the Turtle Mountain and Mouse river country. The Casselton branch makes Mayville two and one-half miles from Portland, its terminus, although the road is graded several miles beyond and ironed for a short distance. This road bed was not included in the sale by the Northern Pacific of the Casselton branch to the Manitoba, but has lately been sold, the reputed purchaser being the Milwaukee road, which gives color to the rumor that the Fargo, Larimore and Northern and the Fargo & Southern are to become a part of the great Milwaukee system.—Redfield Gazette.

BALLON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR APRIL.—The April number of Ballou's Monthly Magazine contains the fourth part of that exciting and amusing story, "On Land and Sea," or California in the years 1843, '44, and '45, by William H. Thomas. The Author of the "Belle of Australia," and "Running the Blockade," never before wrote anything so good as his new serial, now running through Ballou's. This last chapter contains a vivid account of the flogging of two sailors on board the old United States ship of war Dale, lying in the harbor of Monterey, in the year 1843, for drunkenness and fighting on shore. The picture is a real one, and will be read with interest by all who consider what punishment men had to endure before Congress stopped flogging on our national ships and mercantile marine. The same chapter also contains a laughable account of how the boys spent their Sunday liberty in Monterey, and the many pranks that were played by the youngsters on the greasers, even breaking up a cock-fight by the aid of some fire-crackers, and frightening the Indians into convulsions by interrupting their gambling games. This autobiography grows more interesting as it proceeds, showing as it does, the customs and habits of the Mexicans in those early days, before California was annexed, or the gold discoveries. Ballou's is now only \$1.50 per annum, post-paid, or 15 cents a single copy. It is full of good readings and engravings. Send 10 cents for a sample copy, and see how nice it is. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 25 Hawley Street, Boston.

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