Real Estate.

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Legal business of every kind faithfully attended to. Titles investigated, and Abstracts given, if required. Deeds and other instruments of writing, carefully drawn.

Land Warrants located from actual inspection of the lands.

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WE OFFER FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING Real Estate, viz

CITY PROPERTY

No 1. Double House on Eighth street, one lot west from Gaines street, ten rooms, cellar under main building, good cistern in yard, whole front thirty feet, house new and now under rent from month to month. Price $2,000, part on time, or $1,800 cash.

No 2. House on Sixth street, between Harrison and Ripley. Lot 40x180. House 30 feet front, cellar and good cistern—very eligible. Price $2,750; lower for cash.

UNIMPROVED LANDS

No 3. 160 acres in Harrison county. Fine prairie, surrounded by cultivated farms. E ½ N E ¼ and E ½ S E ¼, sec. 31, T 78, R 41. $40 per ac.e.

No 4. 120 acres in Harrison county. Choice prairie, near a stream of water. W ½ N E ¼ and N E ¼ of N W ¼, sec. 32, T 78, R 41. $40 per acre.

No 5. 160 acres in Story county. S E ¼, sec. 5, T 83, R 22. $5 per acre.

No 6. 160 acres in Story county. N E ¼, sec. 20, T 85, R 22. $5 per acre.

No 7. 120 acres in Minnesota Territory. N W ¼ and S ½ N W ¼, sec. 3, T 102, R 9, W 5th. Mer. $4 per acre.

No 8. 120 acres in Minnesota Territory. W ½ N W ¼, and N W ¼ S W ¼, sec. 11, T 108, R 9 W. $4 per acre.

No 9. 80 acres in Minnesota Territory. E ½ S E ¼, sec. 14, T 108, R 9. W. $3.50 per acre.

No 10. 80 acres in Pottawatomie county, Iowa. W ½ S W ¼, sec. 3, T 77, R 38, W. $3.50 per acre.

No 11. 40 acres in Pottawatomie county. N E ¼ S E ¼, sec. 5, T 77, R 38 W. $3.50 per acre.

No 12. 80 acres in Tama county. N ½ N W ¼, sec. 31, T 86, R 16 W. $5 per acre.

No 13. 80 acres in Tama county. W ½ S E ¼, sec. 6, T 86, R 13 W. $4.50 per acre.

No 14. 80 acres in Tama county. E ½ S W ¼, sec. 6, T 86, R 13 W. jy9tf

Missouri Lands.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE PERFECTED arrangements for Locating Land Warrants in Southern and Southwestern Missouri, near the line of the Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad. They have employed a reliable agent who has been familiar with that section of country for many years, and who will locate warrants on such lands only as he has personally inspected. The lands are known to be superior for agricultural and grazing purposes and to abound in the richest mineral deposits.

Maps and plats of the country, exhibiting the character and position of the lands, may be seen at their office, No 3 Grant's Block, Main street.

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Davenport Real Estate Agency.

WOOD, MICHENER & CO.,

S. W. Cor. Fourth and Rock Island Sts., DAVENPORT, IOWA.

FRANKLIN WOOD, Notary Public. AMOS J. MICHENER, Surveyor.

WILL GIVE PROMPT ATTENTION TO the sale and negotiation of LANDS, LOTS, BUILDINGS, LEASES RENTS, &c., in the city of Davenport and suburbs, or in Interior Cities, Towns and Villages in Iowa and adjoining States. Special attention will be given to

COLLECTING RENTS, PAYING TAXES, and taking charge of property for non-residents.

MONEY LOANS,

in large or small amounts, can always be effected on Deed of Trust and good Mortgage security, through our Agency. We have

REGISTERED AND FOR SALE,

a large list of valuable Real Estate, to which we are adding rare inducements every day, and to which we invite the attention of purchasers.

LAND WARRANTS LOCATED

Deeds, Mortgages, Bonds and all other legal instruments drawn at our office on the shortest notice.

We would invite the attention of those wishing to make profitable investments to the following list of City and County Property.

CITY PROPERTY

42. Good House and Lot on Brady street, east side, four Lots, fronting 82½ feet by 52½. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms.

43. House and Lot on Tenth street, near Farnum, east half Lot 86. This Lot with the improvements will be sold for $900.

49. Rose Hill, containing two acres, lying on Third street, containing fine shade and fruit trees, rose bushes, and other flowers.

41. A fine Lot containing two acres fronting on Locust, Le Claire and Iowa streets.

29. Dwelling House and Lot, situate on North st., between Farnum and Le Claire streets, in complete order. Good cistern and cellar. Lot 20x75 feet.

LEASES FOR SALE

39. Fine new two story House, containing nine rooms. Lot 24x60 feet. Lease to run 12½ years.

38. A lease on Third street, between Third and Fourth streets. Good dwelling. Has fifteen years to run.

Building, Garden and Farm Lots in and near the city.

FOR VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY,

we refer our friends and the public to the extensive list contained in our circulars just issued and to be found at our office.

WOOD, MICHENER & CO.

je25 Corner of Fourth and Rock Island sts.

Missouri! Missouri!

LAND WARRANTS LOCATED!!

AND INVESTMENTS MADE.

ENOS LARKIN,

OF THE FIRM OF

WOOD, MICHENER & CO., HAS RETURNED from Springfield, Plattsburg and Warsaw, in Missouri, where he has been engaged in locating Warrants. Mr. Larkin pronounces the land to be of excellent quality and rapidly increasing in value. The country is fast filling up with actual settlers from the Eastern and Western States, who appreciate the congenial climate, and that farming lands of the growing state.

Mr. Larkin having already been offered several hundred scrips to look at, prepared to return in behalf of the firm, providing he can procure a sufficient number of warrants to make it an object. He will make investments in the SCHOOL LANDS, which comprise some of the finest in the State. Also any business entrusted to his care will receive proper attention. Call soon at the Land Office of

WOOD, MICHENER & CO.,
Fourth and Rock Island sts.

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Valuable Real Estate For Sale.

THE SUBSCRIBER, AS ASSIGNEE OF the Real and Personal Estate of F. M. Hensel, offers for sale the following pieces of desirable Real Estate lying within the city of Davenport and its immediate vicinity.

The house and premises situated on the river road East Davenport, lately occupied as the residence of said F. M. Hensel. House contains ten rooms, with closets, &c., and wood house, stable, cistern and well, all in good repair. Lot 80 feet front by 140 feet deep, extending from College Avenue to said River road.

Also, the new and commodious two story brick house, next east of the residence of Mr. Shoup, on the said road to East Davenport. This house is one of the best built houses in or about the city, situate upon an eminence and commanding an unobstructed view of the Mississippi River and River Bridge, Rock Island and the two cities. The lot is 110 feet front by 275 feet deep.

Also, the three story brick warehouse, on an alley running south of the Mississippi & Missouri Railroad Depot, corner of Second street.

Also, three fine building lots in Blocks 5 and 6, in Florence A. Dillon's addition to the city of Davenport.

Also, twenty-five building lots in Davison & True's Addition to East Davenport.

Also, a leasehold interest in part of Block 64, of the city of Davenport, extending from Front street to second street, and being 50 feet front and rear and 0 feet deep.

Also, lots No. 9 and 10 in the town of Bethany.

Also, lot 1 in Block 56, in the city of Le Claire.

Also, the following Real Estate situate in Iowa county, in the State of Iowa, to wit: The undivided one-eighth part of the following described lands, viz: N front ½ of E ½ of sec. 3, and N frac ½ of N E ¼ qr. sec and N frac ½ of N W qr. of sec. 2, and N frac ½ of N W qr. of sec. 1, all in Township 79, North of Range 11 West; and the S ½ of S W qr. sec. 35, and S ½ of S E qr. sec. 35, and S ½ of S E qr. sec. 34, in T 80, N of R. 11 West.

Also, the undivided three-eighth part of S ½ of N E qr. sec. 2, T 79, R 11 West.

Also, the following lands lying and being situated in Jasper county, in the state of Iowa, to wit: Lot No. 7 in sec. 5, T 78, N. of R. 19 West. Also, the S E qr. of S E qr. sec 13, T. 80, N. of R. 19 West.

The above described property will be sold at a SACRIFICE, and portions of it on long time. For further particulars inquire of George L. Nichols, Davenport's Block, Main street, Allen & Clark, Post Office building, Brady street, or of the undersigned, next door north of Post Office, up stairs, Brady st.

JOHN L. SWITZ,
my14d&wtf Assignee, &c. of Peter M. Hensel.

Land! Land!! Land!!!

1000 ACRES OF LAND IN THIS County for sale at a great bargain and on long time.

Also, 500 acres in Jasper county.

Also, 20 five acre lots, within two and three miles of the city—beautiful garden lots—will be sold very low. Apply soon to

JACOB M. ELDRIDGE.
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CLARK'S FLOUR MILLS, FOR SALE.

Apply to JACOB WEAVER, JR.,
Corner Perry and Third streets
June 29-tf

FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!

WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF, AND HAVE stored at Magnine, a large assortment of FIRE WORKS!

from one of the best Eastern "Pyrotechnics." Call and see samples and give your orders for the Fourth of July!

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Cor. Second and Perry Sts.
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C. AUGUSTUS HAVILAND,

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REAL ESTATE AGENT, AND NOTARY PUBLIC,

(SUCCESSOR TO COL. T. C. EADS.)

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LAW BUSINESS AND CONVEYANCING promptly attended to. Lands bought and sold on commission, money loaned on unincumbered Real Estate security, taxes paid and collections made for parties in any section of country.

An extensive acquaintance in Eastern New York, among those about to emigrate to this vicinity, enables me to offer great inducements to those having lands to dispose of.

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A CARD.

ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN ME THE AGENCY of selling their Real Estate will find it in the hands of C. Augustus Haviland, Esq., who occupies part of my office, and who comes among as well recommended for integrity and high business capacity, and I doubt not will render general satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage in the Land Agency business.

I would remark in conclusion, that I have valuable lands of my own in Davenport and vicinity for sale, and that I may be found in my office during business hours.

T. C. EADS
Davenport, May 28. Le Claire Row.

Lands for Sale in Scott County.

WILL BE SOLD LOW AND ON LONG time, if desired.

No 1. A beautiful Farm of 20 acres, two and a half miles northeast of the city, large house, tenant house, orchard, barn, well, cistern, and all in complete order. Will be sold at a great bargain.

No 2. N E ¼, sec. 33, Town 80, Range 4 East, ten miles northeast of the city. On long time.

No 3. Lot 17, in Eldridge's Addition to East Davenport.

No 4. N ½ of S E ¼, sec. 8, Town 79, Range 3 East.

No 5. 40 acres on Duck Creek, on Jersey Ridge Road, two miles northeast of the city.

No 6. Lot 2, Block 12, Fulton's Addition.

No 7. Four 10 acre Lots, three miles from the city.

No 8. Seventeen year Lease on corner of Fourth and Rock Island street.

No 9. 480 acres of beautiful Prairie Land near Walcott.

JASPER COUNTY

No 10. Fourteen Lots in Newton.

No 11. 800 acres of Land in different parts of the county.

Also, 240 acres in Adair county.

One eight Horse Power Threshing Machine.

Five yoke of Oxen and Breaking Plow.

All the above property will be sold very low and on long time, if desired, by

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Cheap Farms

AND

Building Lots on Long Time

FOR MEN OF SMALL MEANS

18 80 ACRE LOTS, WELL SITUATED, within 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 miles of this city. Also, about 40 building Lots, situated near Brady street and south of Locust, adjoining Mr. Le Claire's property, of size and price to suit purchasers of small means. A good chance for the poor man.—Terms one third cash in sixty days with $20 down, and the rest, in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years, or longer if desired, at 10 per cent. Apply to

A. LOUDERBACK,
Second st., 3 doors west of Rock Island st.
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30,000 ACRES IOWA LAND!

FOR SALE BY

H. KILBOURN, SECOND STREET.

Office, opposite Le Claire Row.

3,700 Acres, at	$2.25 per Acre.
5,000 " "	2.50 " "
6,400 " "	3.00 " "
8,300 Acres, at	3.50 per Acre.

SITUATED IN MADISON, HANCOCK, Green, Adair, Dallas, Kossuth, Wright, Frank lin, Carroll, Boone, Cass, Marion, Webster, Harrison, Pottawattamie, Cerro Gordo, Worth, Floyd and Chickasaw Counties.

2,500 acres in Iowa Co.—20 miles west of Iowa City for sale at a bargain. A cash, balance on long time, well timbered and watered.

1,000 acres in Tama County, in one tract, for sale on long time.

2,400 acres in Poweshiek County, some with timber, for sale low on long time.

240 acres two miles south of Durant, well watered. For sale at a bargain.

80 acres adjoining Junction on Railroad.

720 acres in Cedar County.

—ALSO—

Land in Clinton, Muscatine and Scott Counties.

Any of the above Land will be sold on the most favorable terms, or exchanged for City Property.

Real Estate purchased and money to loan.

H. KILBOURN.
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LANDS BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION. Having also an Office in Eastern New York, at a point from which a large emigration may be expected during the present season, we have unusual advantages to dispose of lands to actual settlers.

Loans negotiated on Real Estate security.

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OFFER FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING valuable Real Estate.

CITY PROPERTY IN DAVENPORT

House and Lot on Third street, near the corner of Rock Island.

Six Lots on the south west corner of Fourth and Farnam streets.

Six Lots at North Davenport, between Perry and Rock Island streets.

All the above lots are well situated, and in parts of the city most rapidly improving, and will be sold on liberal terms.

FARMING LANDS IN JOHNSON COUNTY

S ½ of S E ¼, S 28, T. 79, N Range 5, west 80 acres.
N ½ of N E ¼, sec. 33, T. 79, N Range 5, west 80 acres.
N E ¼ of S E ¼, S 36, T 79, N Range 6, west 40 acres.

The above lands are upon the line of the Railroad from Davenport to Iowa City.

CLINTON COUNTY

Nine hundred acres of prairie and ninety acres of timber land, near Elvira P. O., seven miles from Lyons, Clinton county, near the railroad; all choice land, well watered.

The above property will be sold on liberal terms.

SCOTT COUNTY

Improved farm, one mile and a half from Princeton. Sixty acres first rate land, well improved with good houses. Will be sold at a bargain.

One hundred and sixty acres unimproved land, two miles from Hickory Grove, three miles from Walcott, and ten miles from Davenport, well watered.

One hundred and sixty acres, five miles north west from Hickory Grove, very choice land.

POWESHIEK COUNTY.

Two hundred and fifty acres fine prairie land, two miles north of Montezuma, the county seat.

NEAR DAVENPORT.

One and one half mile from Court House, on the bluff, with superb views of river and surrounding country. A small farm of forty five acres, under the highest state of cultivation, and well supplied with fruit trees. The most beautiful land in the vicinity of the city.

SEVEN MILES FROM DAVENPORT.

A farm of sixty acres, fifty under cultivation, twenty of timber. A never failing stream runs thro' it. Will be sold very cheap.

NEAR WALCOTT

Eighty acres choice prairie at a bargain.

NORTH DAVENPORT

A beautiful five acre lot. mh17d6tf

A Steam Flouring Mill For Sale.

THIS MILL IS BUILT OF STONE IN A very substantial manner on solid rock, on the bank of the Mississippi River, in the city of Lyons, Iowa, is four stories high, 40x60 feet, with Engine and Boiler House attached, capable of manufacturing 150 barrels of flour in 24 hours. The engine is 16 inches bore and 2½ feet stroke; two double flue boilers, 44 inches in diameter, 24 feet long, 16 inch flues, three pair of burrs.

The Mill was built last year, is in excellent order, and is surrounded by a well settled and abundance of wheat raising country, and has been in successful operation for sixteen months.

The Flour of the "Lyons City Mills" has won an excellent reputation in Minnesota, St. Louis and Chicago, and there is an extensive home trade for it in Lyons, Fulton City, Camanche and neighboring country.

Steamboats taking the flour up and down the Mississippi river, have a fine place for landing at the Mill, while the Railroad from Fulton (opposite Lyons,) to Chicago affords facilities for the shipment of flour east all the year. The eastern terminus of another Railroad, nearly completed, running west via Maquoketa, and cut through one of the best grain growing sections of the State, will be located near the Mill.

The same will be sold cheap and on easy terms, its undersigned owner wishing to retire from business.

H. R. CLAUSSEN.
Lyons, Clinton Co., Iowa. July2-1m

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Also, just received, a fine assortment of Porte Monnaies, Pocket Pocketers, Guitar and Fiddle Strings.

My stock of goods is new, and I am constantly receiving a fresh supply of the latest styles from manufacturers, which will be sold at New York prices.

Repairing as usual, prompt, durable, warranted, and under my personal attention.

ALFRED C. BILLON,
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THE DAILY GAZETTE.

SATURDAY, - - - - - - - - JULY 25.

For Local and Commercial Matters, see First Page.

RYNOLOGY: A PHICOPHIC POEM.

BY JOHN G. SAXE

MOTTO—"I *Now* What I Know."

Hail mighty nose! thou much insulted part!
Thy praises, like thyself, shall soon be "blown,"
And with the rise of Science and Art,
Thou shalt arise, till all the world shall own
That thou wert formed for nobler ends than those
To carry spectacles, take snuff, and sneeze.

Hail mighty nose! thou palace of the soul!
Thou never falling index to the heart!
Thou Bishop of our life—made to control,
With proper supervision, every part,
Await the Bard whose unpretending lays
Would gladly prove thy worth and sing thy praise.

The Rynologic Science—that's the name—
Has had its votaries in every age,
Although, as yet, 'tis quite unknown to fame.
And never adorned the philosophic page.
I mean to say the maxims of mankind
Associate the human nose and mind

Which drove the mind dependent on the nose.
Just as the nose is pendent from the face
And this dependence most clearly shows
The nasal organ is the real place
Where thoughts are born and where they always stay
Until they bribe the lips and get away.

But to the maxims—If a man's aggrieved,
"His nose is out of joint," we all exclaim.
And if by any one a slight's received,
He feries—" They've bridged my nose. O, what a shame!"
And when a cunning demagogue proposes
To learn the people's mind, he counts their noses.

We say of one a little too officious,
Prying and peering with unblushing face,
He puts his nose in other people's dishes—
He had better keep it in its proper place!
And when a person sets off full grown
You'll hear it said that he turns up his nose.

Our doctrine proved—we now proceed to show
How to determine characters, at once.
That every man with certainty may know
Whether a stranger be a sage or dunce.
Witty or dull, a courtier or a lout,
Just by inspection of the person's snout!

The *Roman* nose betokens manly sense,
The humble *Snub* bespeaks the modest man.
But then, 'twill never rise to eminence,
The lean aspiring of the nasal clan,
With but a moderate love of fame or pelf—
I've got, they say, a snubbish nose myself!

The *Aquiline* proclaims the keenest wit,
But full of guile as any hawk—or hawker!
The *Turn up nose*—as ancient Horace writ
Is every where a scorner and a mocker.
Some crooked end it certainly proposes
Don't hang your hat nor hopes on turn up noses!

The *Bottle* nose is commonly a feature
One doesn't from paternal blood inherit
And hence disclosures as much the nature
Of mind and soul, as of some other 'spirit'
Its meaning, therefore, is of small avail,
As in a drouthy time, the 'sign' must fail!

The *Gimlet* nose betrays an intermeddler
Whenever you see a gimlet nose peep in eye,
It augurs that some new opinion peddler,
Or 'special agent' now intends to bore you,
The very chap who, when he pricks your joint,
With hideous smile, cries 'don't you see the point?'

Observe the point!—yes Gods!—of course you do,
You see it all transparently enough,
And worse than that he'll make you *feel* it too,
If you are made of penetrable stuff
You'd better far endeavor, in my word,
A tailor's needle or a Taylor's sword!

LETTERS FROM THE WEST.

Random Rides by Rail—No. 12.

(Correspondence of the Pennsylvania Enquirer.)

Objects in View—Openings for Business—Roads and Hotels—Leader—Bricks—Iowa, &c.—An Explosion coming.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, July 7, 1857.

DEAR SIR:—You must by this time have had enough of the rambling statistics furnished in these letters of which the present will be the last, although enough has come under my observation in a four week's journey, to furnish you with quite as much additional matter. But it is as possible to tire in the reading as in the writing. My object in taking the miscellaneous route over the West that I did, was not for mere pleasure, but exclusively to see and hear for myself what opportunities were open for going into business, and what business it was best to go into.

In pursuing this inquiry, I made acquaintances of all kinds, from the traveller who sat near me in the car, to the landlord where I stopped, the merchant in his store, the carpenter at his bench, the laborer in the street, the editor at his desk, and the speculator in land and lots. Everywhere I was treated with marked civility and kindness, and every possible assistance given to me in the way of obtaining the information sought for. Indeed, some gentlemen, where it was least expected, made me extremely advantageous offers in the way of business. Had I ten thousand dollars at command, or even five, and the help of an honest man of even ordinary business capacity, I am very certain that two of us could make ourselves comfortable in a few years.

As I doubt not many of your readers have thought of going West with objects similar to mine, it may be interesting to such as have not yet been there, to learn the views and opinions of one who has. First, then, if you are in search of a farm, improved or not, you can find them by the thousand at from three to fifty dollars per acre; and if you can bear the privations of a life to which you may not have been accustomed—the solitude of the forest or the prairie, away from churches, schools and society, and if your wife and family will be equally contented—you will be safe to buy a farm. Your labor will be heavy, even on the open prairie, but a single year of ordinary attention will put your whole arrangements into shape. Your crops will pay for the land the first year. There is a cash market for all you can raise, and close by; because the railroad system is now so extensive that its influence is felt in every quarter, opening markets whenever produce is raised, either for near settlers around you, or for towns growing up, or for cities already grown.—Then besides the luxury of a quarter section of your own, it is sure to rise in value while you sleep, and be in the end a fortune to your children. Numerous considerations lead me to entertain the highest opinion of an agricultural settlement. It can be made with so little money; to construct it requires so little skill; its returns are so immediate; the certainty of a generous support is indisputable.

As before remarked, I am satisfied that the two best employments, that is, the two well known and long established employments by which one can get rich the soonest are banking and hotel keeping. I can illustrate by an incident which I know to be true. A hotel keeper was building a new hotel, of large dimensions, in a city where he was certain to do an immense business, buying beef at at eight cents a pound, and getting $2.50 per day, and saucy at that. He needed $8000 more than he had, to finish and furnish. For this he applied to a banker, who lent him the amount on first mortgage, at thirty per cent. per annum, the borrower agreeing to keep it for three years, and pay interest quarterly. Now, the banker had received that money from Philadelphia only the week before, with the agreement that if he invested it safely at twenty per cent., anything more that he obtained for it should be his. And this sum of $8000 constituted but a fraction of a large business he was doing in the same way. The hotel keeper could afford to pay thirty per cent., because he shaved the public at a more outrageous figure than the banker shaved him. It is notorious in fact, all over the West, that these two classes of people become rich in a few years—the man who has a table with turnover pies and peanuts, almost equally with him who hangs out a big sign and keeps half a dozen toddy sticks going at the same time.

Then there is the trade in lumber, either sawing the logs or buying the sawed lumber and retailing it to customers. I am at a loss how to classify this business, whether to put it next to banking and hotel keeping or not. But I think it will be safe to let it stand there. Money realizes say thirty to forty per cent. per annum, but lumber will net you fifty or sixty. It is true, that while every body wants money, yet it is not every body who wants lumber. Still, it is everywhere in such demand, that no stocks accumulate anywhere. At one town on the Mississippi the average price was $32 per thousand. Yet a few days after I met a man in the cars from Wisconsin, who had two mills going night and day on pine lumber of the best quality, who offered to deliver me all the lumber I needed, or could sell, at only $16 the thousand—delivering it at the very town where the price was $32. He even offered me some other advantages if I would contract with him. But I had no capital for this operation, or I should have closed in with him at once. All the kindred employments, such as sash and door making, pay well; and the openings are numerous. Water power to drive machinery can be had in abundance, and propers of power, and timber land, and saw mills, are ready to give good encouragement to such as commence an enterprise of this kind in their vicinity.

Then the manufacturing of bricks will pay well almost any where. An iron foundry quickly obtains a good run of business. Carpenters, plasterers, and bricklayers, uniformly thrive. A competent hom carpenter is sure to do well. Storekeeping is, perhaps, more overdone than any other business, judging by the number you see at every turn. Yet all seem to thrive. The dealers in fruit and confectionery are driving a large trade. All mechanical employments prosper. In fact, it appears that with industry and ability to do business, no mechanic can fail to become independent. I had repeated occasion to regret my own lack of means, and would now say that if this letter meets the eye of any one possessed of a few thousands, who is willing to unite with me in a business which will pay largely, he can confer with me on my return to Philadelphia, by dropping me a line at your publication office.

I must not overlook the large class who are engaged in buying and selling real estate. Many of these parties have made large fortunes by it, and the chances for making money I consider better than they ever were—east of the Mississippi, at least. True it is, that in some places the speculation has gone almost mad. But such points are soon known and easily avoided. The madness going on in some portions of Kansas and Nebraska, will work its own cure. The towns laid out in Kansas can never be built, nor the lots ever paid for. When she becomes penetrated by railroads, the case will be different. Cincinnati and Chicago were both commenced by giving away lots to persons who would pay for their deeds. Yet see where they are now. So, in time, it will be in Kansas and Nebraska. But the general feeling entertained by all intelligent persons with whom I have conversed, was that an explosion there, must sooner or later occur. Some of them were on their way out to see the land and lots they held, believing that now is the top of the market for years to come. All this, however, may be itself speculation, and time only will prove it to be true or false.

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