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Growing Sugar Beets in Virginia.

By G. W. Koiner, Commissioner of

no difficulty in getting all the beets t can work up during the season.

The State of Nebraska paid a small bounty to the manfacturers of sugar from beets until two years ago, then it was discontinued,
I went into the country around

Norfolk, and talked with the farmers as they were pulling and talked with the farmers as they were pulling and topping their beets. I found the larger portion of them satisfied with the growing of the sugar beets. Occa-sionally, they told me, a farmer would get dissatisfied and stop growng beets, but generally after a year's spee he would go at it again.

Farmers grow beets as far as eight miles from the factory and deliver them by wagon. Bu for forty miles they are shipped by rail. The freight charges are from 1 mile to 30 miles, 30 cents per ton; from 30 miles to 45 miles, 50 cents per ton; from 45 to 00 miles, 80 cents per ton. The soil is dark prairie and loose

yields on an average about 40 to 5 bushels of corn per acre, 14 bushels

latter part of the season is usually dry, frequently too dry for the maturity of the beet properly.

It costs there from \$25 to \$30 per

The price of labor is \$1 per day and scarce. The greater portion of land is owned | factories to run as long as they have y outside capital and the railroads. The land is rented for an average of 55 per acre. A large percentage of

trions and energetic. An itemized statement of the ex pense of growing an acre of beets,

1	is as follows:		
3	Rent of land \$5.00	per	acr
П	Plowing 1.50	per	Bor
-	Seed 3.00	per	acr
1	Harrowing	per	acr
н		per	acr
	Planting 15	per	acr
-	Thinning 5,00	per	acr
	Cultivating three times 1.50	per	act
8	Hoeing 3 00	per	acr
	Pulling 1.25	per	BOT
	Topping	per	Ber

..\$25.90 per acre This does not include cost of hauling the beets to the factory. Some ery. The seed can be sown farmers have succeeded in reducing the above cost to several dollars less drill, closing every other tube.

\$5 per ton for their beets (the price

s governed by the per cent. of sugar n the beets). There are three (3) sugar-beet fac-

tories in Nebraska.

The cost of irrigation in growing sugar beets in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado is an average of \$12 50 per acre for water rights, and a land rental of \$2 50 per acre. In Utab the rental is \$5 per acre. In that part of California where sugar beets are grown, entire dependence is upon sub-irrigation. In Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Michigan, and lilinois large silos are built to protect the beets until wanted at the factory. The bi-product is more expensive to keep, and stock fattened upon it are hundreds of miles from the great markets. Notwithstanding these charges and conditions the sugar-beet erops are the most profitable and satisfactory that the western farmer

can grow. The advantages of growing beets in Virginia over any of these States are many. Our land is cheaper and better adapted to growing sugar beets; it responds quickly to fertiling zation; it is easier cultivated. Our climate cannot be excelled anywhere for growing the beet to perfection. Our seasons are supplied with mois ture; there is no danger from droughts or excessive cold. Irriga-tion is not needed. Water and railroad transportation are convenient. Stock fattened on the bi-product of the factory would be near the best

markets of this country.
One of the greatest advantages in favor of growing sugar beets in Virginia is our cheap labor; with this beets can be grown in this State, including all necessary work, except hauling, counting \$4 per acre for commercial fertilizers, for \$17 per cash crop; leaves the land in a fine

To encourage the introduction of this important industry, I aminformed seed will be furnished free to the farmers the first year, and also supply expert instruction in growing the

On good land, properly fertilized and cultivated, we can grow in Virginia from 12 to 20 tons of beets per ere, running from 12 to 15 per cent. sugar, making \$48 and over per acre, eaving a profit to the farmer of \$31 and upwards per acre, from which the cost of hauling must be deducted. States in growing sugar beets at less cost of hauling would be govern-cost and more profit.

ed by the distance.

From experiments made from beets grown in many counties in this State several years ago as a test, it is evident that Virginia can grow beets higher in sugar than are grown now in Nebraska. The aualysis from beets grown in some counties ran as high as 17 per cent in sugar, and some went as high as even 90 per cent. purity. The average purity in grown in many counties in this State

WHY WAS THE VIRGINIA COLONY CALLED THE "OLD DOMINION!" Nebraska is about 78 per cent.

The analysis made several years ago showed from 10 to 12 per cent. from beets grown in the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Wythe, About the 1st of October 1 made a trip to Norfolk, Neb., to study the sugar-beet industry. I visited the large factory there, which has been in successful operation for eight years. This factory employs about 150 hands, and pass out there more 50 hands, and pays out there more City, Warwick, York, James City, than \$150,000 during the seasons, which run from the 1st of October to samples of beets made from 12 to 14 last of December. The factory has per cent., grown in the counties of no difficulty in getting all the beets Norfolk, Nansemond, Surrey, Dinwiddie, Accomac, Middlesex, Glou-

cester, New Kent, Charles City. Hanover, Caroline, King Georges Spotsylvania, Goochland, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Alleghany, Roanoke, Craig, Montgomery, Giles, Bland, Buckanan, Carroll, Culpeper, Page, Shenandoah and Frederick. Experiments made the same year, the beets made from 14 to 16 per

cent. grown in the counties of Madison, Orange, Albemarle, Nelson, Henrico, Powhatah, Cumberland, Amelia, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Sussex, Greenville, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick Floyd, Pulaski. Specimens from Rockingham, Math-

ews, and Southampton gave 16 per cent. and over in sugar. These experiments show plainly that Virginia has a larger area adapted to growing sugar beets of high quality than any State in the Union. As an entire State, there is none in the Union better adapted to growing sugar beets of 10 tons of beets per acre. This season it is expected to be less, on account of the dry summer. The latter part of the season is season in the season in of the sugar in the beets. The long season does not hurry our farmers to take the beets out of the ground and bury them, as is necessitated in the acre to grow and deliver their West. We have no sudden severe beets. The price of labor is \$1 per freezes in the fall of the year. Our mild falls and winters will allow the

Sugar-beet growing should be done by our farmers in connection with the farmers are foreigners, but indus | their other farm crops. The same ground should not be put in beets more than two years in succession, the two heavy dressings the land receives from fertilizing the beets will grow the largest crop of grain or grass thereafter the land ever pro-duced before. Clover or peas should be grown on the land before beets are put in the same land again. Beets are not as hard on the land as the

> The farmer in selling beets is selling large quantities of water. Virginia can easily grow enough beets for half a dozen factories. Sixty per cent. of the sugar consumed in this country is made from the sugar beet. The cultivation of the

beet requires but little new machinery. The seed can be sown by a Bickford & Huffman 8 inch wheat varies from 10 to 14 per cent.
Some of the farmers get as high as in the row.

The farmers in Nebraska use a light spike disc cultivator for the first cultivation, then a bull tongue or norrow shovel; the last cultivation a snovel that will throw the dirt to the beets so as to keep them covered. A puller is used to loosen the beets in one for half this amount.

The residium or pulp is used by some of the farmers, who feed it to all kinds of stock, but it is especially sheep. I visited a feeder who was feeding 1,400 head of cattle on beet pulp and straw. He has been feeding it for five years; he feeds the cattle all the pulp they will eat, and they have access to wheat straw These cattle are fed in the open lots, a very ambiguous and deluding hisand have no shelter during the win-ter. They gain some fiesh during the a king more ungrateful, unfaithful

The pulp in Virginia would be a valuable feed, and our farmers would

appreciate it. In growing beets it would enable them to keep stock, and consume all the forage grown on the farm, which is highly essential in improving the land, as well as more

If our farmers within reach of Fredericksburg, either by road or railroad, will grow the beets, I believe there is a willingness on the part of capitalists to build the fac-

A fair trial will convince those who will grow the beets that it is a much more profitable crop than any other now grown. It is a ready condition for seeding down to grass, and enables the farmer to keep more stock at greater profit.

A creamery could be profitably operated in the same neighborhood with a beet factory, and more cattle and sheep feeding and pork raising by using the pulp from the factory. This is algolden opportunity, I be-lieve, and I trust our farmers will avail themselves of it and secure the sources generally assigned for it, erection of a factory at Fredericks. She gained it from all that had ocerection of a factory at Fredericks-burg, and show to the world that

The Appetite of a Goat

By Rev. R. R. Howison, LL. D.

The "Free Lance" of December 2nd, IS99, contained a brief article copied from the "Chicago Inter Ocean") which purports to answer the above question. But the article, short as it is, does so abound in historical errors and mistakes, and these are, in their very nature, so deluding, and so injurious to the cause of important truth, that every Virginian ought to desire that they should be

The article states that it was be ore young Charles Stuart became King and while he was "hiding in France," and when "the Crom wellian government threatened to send a fleet to reduce the (Virginia colony to submission," that the Vir ginia authorities "dispatched a mes sage to Charles inviting him to come ver, and be King of Virginia."

These statements involve anachonisms and incongruities of the most glaring character. Who can pelieve that Virginia, with Sir Wm serkeley then ruling her as Governor, invited young Charles to be King, while his father, Charles First, was vet living, and was the lawful King? t is true that the Virginia Colony remained loyal to the Stuart Kings during all the civil wars in England, and even after the execution of Charles I., in January 1649, and the establishment of the protectorate of liver Cromwell.

Oliver Cromwell.

But the young Charles was not "hiding in France" when Virginia invited him to come over, and be King. His father was dead, and he had assumed the title of King, and had established his slender and poverty-stricken court in the small city f Breds, in the Netherlands. The Virginia Colony (then prevalently noved by Sir William Berkeley and ifs admirer:) did send the invitation to Charles and his court to come over. They never came, although many families of the royalist type did then come to this colony, and the dowsger Queen, mother Henri etta Maria, is said to have made preparations to obtain aid from France for carrying out a plan to transport a large body of retainers to Virginia, and to continne the English monarchy in the New World. But the reason why this was not done, was not that assigned in that article from the Chi esgo Inter Ocean viz, that "Charles was on the point of starving when the collapse of the Commonwealth and of the Cromwellian regime took place, which sent him to the English throne." The very contrary of this throne." The very contrary of this is the truth. The Commonwealth

under Cromwell was so mighty and well ordered, and so potent by sea years, that neither Henrietta Maria in France, nor Charles, in Breda, could obtain a fleet and armament that would have dared to sail for Virginia. The statement of the article that the threat of the Commonwealth to send a fleet to reduce the Virginia Colony to submission was part of the causes which induced the Colonial rulers to invite Charles to come as King, carries its own refutation on its face. When Oli-

ver Cromwell threatened, few earthly powers would have dared to He did send a fleet to Virginia in the close of 1651, and in March, 1652 Virginia made a formal capitulation the ground. This implement costs on terms honorable alike to the cour-\$10. A good blacksmith can make age of the colony and the wise elemency of [Cromwell And under her three Republican governors—Richard Bennett from 1653; Edward Digges from 1656, and valuable for calves, cows, cattle and | Samuel Matthews from 1658, Virginia enjoyed a prosperity and happiness

never before known. The statement of the article that "Charles never forgot the devotion of the Colony "(that is her invitation to him to come over and be king) is winter under the exposure of hard and eruel to subjects who had shown winter weather in Nebraska, and, themselves true and loyal in his with the addition of two pounds of meal upon the pulp, the feeder can make beef of his cattle.

with the addition of two pounds of greatest adversity, than was Charles the Second to Virginia, after his restoration to the throne of his restoration to the throne of England He upheld Berkeley in his unjust and most bar-barous policy. He encouraged the British Parliament to pass the iniquitous "Navigation Acts," which bore so oppressively on Virginia, and finally he deliberately and dishonestly granted away the whole of the real domains of Virginia to two of his obsequious favorites, Culpeper and Arlington.

It is true that when, in his wretch. ed little court circle at Breda, he received the invitation of Virginia, he showed some meretricious gratitude, which manifested itself in an absurdity perhaps as great as any he ever committed. He directed a new royal seal to be prepared with the inscription "En dat Virginia quintam" and claiming that the five sovereign. ties of which he was King were-England, France, Scotland, Ireland and Virginia. See Professor Holmes U. S. p. 41. Students' U. S. p 97.

It is true that Virginia, even before the Revolution, had gained the title of "The Old Dominion." But she did not gain it from any of the curred before the restoration of Virginia has advantages over other | Charles the Second. It is not true that her people prior to that event had again invited Charles to the throne, and that they flung abroad victorious banners when they heard he was re-seated as King. History

CAROLINE,

Interesting Notes and Personals From the County Seat

(Correspondence of The Free Lance. Bowling Green, Dec. 7, '99. Rev. J. T. T. Hundley, State evangelist of the Tidewater District, filled the pulpit of the Christian Church, of this place, on Sunday

morning and night. Miss Irene Blackerly and Master Roper Woolfolk returned to Ashland on Monday, after a pleasant visit to

"Mulberry Place," the home of Mrs.
Lucy T. Woolfolk.
Mr. W. A. Moneure, of Richmond,
spent Thanksgiving at "Auburn,"
the home of Judge E. C. Moneure and

Rev. J. T. Mastin left on Friday for his future home in Berkley, after a visit to the family of Mr. T. H. Stiff. His family will spend several days more in our midst.

Mr. W. B. Palmer, of Richmond, came up on Monday and took a hunt with his friend, Mr. T. D. Coghill. Mrs. T. B. Gill returned to her home at Milford, on Saturday night, after a visit of several days to friends

Mr. W. G. Coghill and family have moved into the house on Milford street, recently occupied by Rev. W. F. Hayes. Their many friends in that part of the town are glad to have them in their midst again.

Miss Blanche Mastin left on Monday for a visit to the family of Mr. T. H. Stiff, after spending several days with her friend, Miss Cordie

in Richmond.

Mr. E. B. French, of Richmond, spent Thanksgiving in our midst.
Miss Cora Broaddus entertained the
F. N. Club on Friday night in her usual charming manner. Notwith standing the inclement weather there was a large crowd out, and the even

ing was much enjoyed by all.

Mess Maria Doswell left on Thurs day for her home at Taylorsville, after a pleasant visit to her friend, Miss Addie Irby.

Rev. W. F. Hayes filled the pulpit of Caivary Baptist Church on Sunday morning, owing to the repairs now going on in the Methodist Church. The house was crowded to its uttermost capacity, and he delivered a fine discourse on church work. Owing to the services in the Christian Church no service was held at night.

Mrs. John Hart and little daughter, of Richmond, are the guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Mc-

R. G. Gray, died at their home here on Sunday night. The funeral took well ordered, and so potent by sea and land, from 1649 for a series of place on Tuesday morning, inter-ment being made in "Lakewood ment being made in "Lakewood Rev. Dr. J. W. McCown. Cemetery." of the Baptist Church, and Rev. W. F. Hayes, of the Methodist Church, conducted the services at the grave Miss Alice Burke, of Spotsylvania is spending some time with the family of Mr. J. A. Scott, at Mil-

The Methodist Church has bought the house and lot on Main street, owned by S. S. Nottingham, of Norfolk, and will use is as a parsonage. Rev. W. F. Hayes moved into it on

remains unchanged. Her condition is still precarious.

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(Correspondence of The Free Lance) Welch's, Va., Dec. 6, '99. The fine weather of the fall has

enabled our farmers to save their crops of corn and get a winter's sup-Hogs are being killed on this moon's increase, we are not sure it is best to kill on its increase, but

think it safest and always do.

Miss Sophy Waller, of the neighborhood, and Mr. Jno. W. Hancock are to be married in Bethany Church, on the 12th prox.
Dr. Webb, of Bowling Green, esteemed to be one of the most in-

telligent and learned of the medical faculty, was calledgin consultation with Dr. Dew, Judge Welch's family physician, a few days ago. We are glad to report, they are of opinion, that whilst his disease is painful and he may be slow to recover his health. yet there are no dangerous symptom. Mrs. Henry F. Coleman is sick Dr. Dew thinks she is improving. Mr. Wm. R. Garnett, who has had

a very sick family a long time, still has a son very sick with typhoid Miss Dolly Washington has been on a visit to this neighborhood, where

she is always welcome and is a gen-

eral favorite. \$100 Reward, \$100.

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