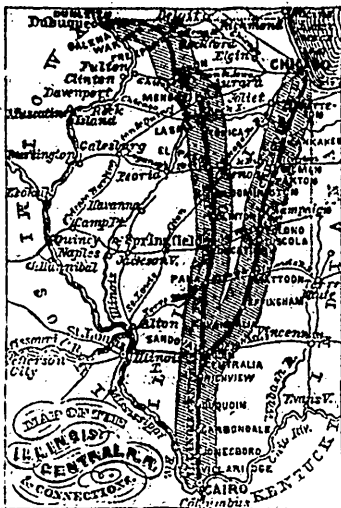


Farm and Fruit Lands in Illinois.

FRUIT-GROWING.

The fruit region of Southern Illinois, for its marvellous fertility, has a national reputation. The peach district extends 200 miles from Cairo north, and the crop seldom, if ever, fails. Apples, pears, and berries of all kinds yield with uncommon thrift. Vineyards have been planted with perfect success, and grapes of every variety here do well. The early ripening of fruits enables the grower to command the high price of the first of the season.



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Offer for sale, in tracts of 40 acres and upwards, to suit purchasers,

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All lying adjacent to this railway, and none being further from it than 15 miles.

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runs to Chicago, leaving Southern Illinois every evening, supplying the cities on the lakes, and, by intersecting roads, all those of the Upper Mississippi, with fresh fruits and all the luxuries of Egyptian Illinois.

Coal is found in great abundance, and furnished at the lowest rates of transportation. Lumber is obtained from Chicago and the forests of Southern Illinois, as well as from those bordering all the streams. Machinery for planting and cultivating does the work of many hands. Grain is shipped in bulk from stations, thus saving the expense and trouble of bagging. The climate is healthy, churches and schools of all grades abound throughout the entire length and breadth.

These lands are now offered at from \$7 to \$12 per acre (with some tracts at higher figures), rated according to quality and nearness to stations, and are sold on credit or for cash. A deduction of 10 per cent from the credit price is made to those who purchase for cash.

ALL STATION AGENTS ON THE LINE ARE PROVIDED WITH PLANS, showing the lands for sale in their vicinity. Persons coming through Chicago can call at the Office in the Land Department building, 58 Michigan avenue, opposite the Great Central depot, where prices and information upon all points will be furnished, or address, by letter, in any language, for the same, to

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