

Among the Farmers.

MICHIGAN FARM AFFAIRS.

Grand Traverse Co is in the north-western part of the lower peninsula of Mich. Its chief industries have been lumbering and sawmills, but that time is now past and it is becoming famous for its agricultural resources. The tempering influences of Lake Michigan give it an almost ideal climate, consequently the raising of all kinds of fruit has proved a great success. In regard to fruit, Peninsula township heads the list. Almost every farmer counts his fruit trees by the hundreds and even thousands. Most of the orchards have been set in the last 15 yrs. Apples, pears, plums, peaches and cherries are grown; also all kinds of small fruit. The chief product among soil crops is potatoes, of which enormous quantities are grown. In the fall of '98, one buyer in Traverse City bought and shipped 600 carloads and he was only one of at least a dozen buyers. Last spring some gentlemen from Chicago organized as a stock company and built a potato-starch factory in Traverse City, with a capacity of 4000 bu per day. This factory will take all the farmers' cull potatoes and pay a fair price for them and market price for good potatoes. Cull potatoes sell at 12 to 15c, field run 35c, market 30 to 32c.

Winter open to Jan 15 in Ionia Co and has been greatly enjoyed. Rural mail delivery is hailed with great satisfaction by those along the route. Electric roads are also affording great accommodations to those traveling short distances. Some complaint about the condition of wheat, but favorable weather from now on undoubtedly will bring a passable harvest. Hay is in good demand and quite a quantity is being marketed at 10 p ton. Stock in good condition and prices hold good. The manufacture of beet sugar promises to be a paying industry and without doubt there will be a larger acreage put out the coming season than there was the last.

West Virginia is having fine sleighing in Greenbrier Co. The beginning of the new year brings most of our business men in talking distance of each other, as well as many farmers, by the use of the telephone on almost every county road in the county. The C & O railroad is building a branch railroad through the eastern part of the county. With all the above improvements,

Greenbrier Co bids fair to excel any county in the state as a farming section, being also very healthy for man and beast. Feed sufficient for stock, disease not reported and stock doing well. Prices: Cattle 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 c l w, hogs 3 1/2 to 4 c l w, sheep 3 to 5 each, cows 25 to 45 each, butter 15 to 20c, eggs 15c.

Ohio—The new year came in in Mahoning Co with old-fashioned winter weather. Thermometer hugged zero pretty close for 10 days. No snow to cover wheat to amount to anything. Wheat went into winter quarters in fine condition, but its exposure to extreme cold weather with little snow has injured it at least 15 per cent. All kinds of live stock doing well and no disease of any kind prevailing. Fat cattle 7c p lb d w, fat hogs 6c p lb d w, butter 20c, eggs 20c, apples 6c, potatoes 3c, turnips 2c, timothy seed \$1.25, clover seed 40c when bought in bulk from Ind. Few sheep changing hands. Horses moving lively at fair prices. A new telephone company is pushing its lines rapidly to all small towns and among as many farmers as it can get at \$18 p year. The great Bell telephone company had no opposition here for years at 25 p year. Now the rates are cut down one-half, but still too high. A private company in Geauga Co at the rate of 12 p year. The farmer of to-day needs the telephone service more than ever and in localities where [To Page 74.]

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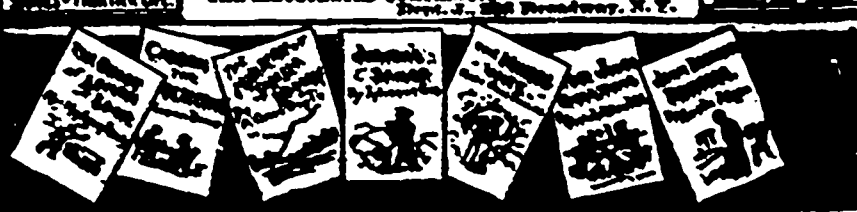


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