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Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

THE RANCHING OUTLOOK

Mr. C. J. Green, an old Athens boy, has the following very interesting article on ranching prospects in the Northwest in the March number of the Farmers' Advocate. It contains some information which will no doubt be of interest to many who are contemplating taking up land in the Northwest.

"Prominent among the subjects for comment in agricultural press of late has been the outlook for the rancher on the plains of our great Northwest. Speaking from a standpoint of a resident of the rich and thriving territory of Manitoba, I venture the assertion that there is not only room for extensive development in the range industries already established in this portion of the West, but a sound prospect of profitable business for a large number of newcomers into the ranching field.

"Instances are sometimes cited, to the detriment of this most important branch of agriculture, where the rancher is being crowded back from his former grazing grounds on the prairie by the grain and mixed farmer and compelled to take refuge, as it were, in the nearest hills. True, there have been cases where the rancher, for the sake of convenience or for some temporary reason, has grazed his herd in and around the sloughs adjoining wheat land, and in some of these cases he has had to retire before the steady advance of the plow and the steady sweeps of the self-binder. True, also, that he repaired with his herd into the hills. But he would surely not have been a rancher worthy of the name had he erected his shack and corral anywhere but in close proximity to these very hills.

"Easterners there are, and others also, who seem to labor under the impression that the vast Western prairie is one level, unbroken wheat field. Others, who have crossed the wide belt and have seen the numerous ranges of rolling, gravelly, and sometimes stony, hills and miniature mountains which here and there break across the level expanse, are apt to look upon these districts as being a huge amount of territory useless except as a means of increasing the business of the transportation companies. Yet, often, concealed in the hollows among these barren looking hills can be found some of the best-bred, largest, fattest, sleekest and most profitably-raised herds of horses, cattle and sheep in the world.

"While it would be useless for the rancher to attempt to hold wheat land against the advances of the wheat farmer, so would it be utter nonsense for us to think of the wheat farmer driving the rancher out of business by invading his birthright, the hills. While fertile spots are not unknown, yet wheat could not be grown in sufficient quantities in or transported with sufficient ease from the hill districts to make it a paying venture. But down among the gravelly, rounded peaks are thousands of little fertile "sloughs," which in dry seasons are filled with water in the larger ones and with tall, rank grass in the smaller ones, and in wet seasons with water in nearly all, while an almost unlimited supply of "prairie wool" grows on the hills around them. Year after year, millions upon millions of tons of these nutritious fodders grow up, wither and lie down to rot on the hundreds of thousands of acres of unoccupied ranch land in these Territories; yet, prospective ranchers hesitate to launch into the business for fear of being "crowded out" in the near future by the man with the plow.

"Sufficient has been said by competent writers on the subject to prove that large profits can be reaped from this branch of agriculture in the West, and it remains for the prospective rancher to load his cars and direct his course to the ranch country without delay, the sooner to appropriate the large and certain revenue which awaits him in the hill districts of our great Canadian Northwest."

About 100 of the metal workers in the Frost & Wood works, Smith's Falls, went out on strike on Wednesday. They demand a 25 per cent increase and recognition of the union.

The vexed question of homework has been definitely settled as far as the Public Schools of Cobourg are concerned. The question was referred to the parents and 296 voted in favor having children study at home, eleven voted against homework, and three were indifferent. Parents of primary classes were not asked to vote.

GOLDEN WEDDING

On the evening of the 26th inst., about forty guests, many of whom had passed the three score and ten limit, assembled at the home of S. L. Knowlton, Chantry, to celebrate his golden wedding. A number of presents befitting the occasion, adorned a table in the sitting room.

The family, consisting of Mrs. Omer Brown, Mrs. Davis and Miss Knowlton, was present, as were also the sons-in-law, Ex Warden Brown, and J. N. Davis, Esq.

The dining room was fitted up in the style of half a century ago, lighted with candles placed in candlesticks of quaint and artistic design. One of them represented Atlas bearing up the vault of heaven. The dishes, too, smacked of yore olden time. The writer, though hoary-headed, drank from a cup old enough to have been used by his grand parents. But the edibles were all of a twentieth century type and would tempt the palates of an epicure.

After the sumptuous repast, one of the guests presented the following address to the bride and groom:—

To Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton
Dear Friends,—Your guests now assembled in your hospitable home, where we have often been made to feel so much at home, desire to congratulate you on the fiftieth anniversary of your marriage.

We know that at ordinary weddings it is usual to confine congratulations to wishes for prosperity and useful lives, but upon this auspicious occasion of your golden wedding, we will animadvert upon the success of your united efforts and the usefulness that has characterized your lives since you stood at the marriage altar fifty years ago to-day—the one a brave and hopeful groom, the other a happy but blushing bride.

When we reflect how many have passed away during the half century and how few are left who were married at its beginning, we must congratulate you both on having been so long spared

Each other's own best company.

We remember that you have ever, as neighbors, cheerfully lent a helping hand, whether to overcome the obstacles in the ordinary relations of life, to alleviate suffering, relieve penury or reconcile differences. You have always given to all sympathy for affliction, tears and aid for distress, and joy for good fortune.

But we cannot express our appreciation of this last and great kindness in giving us an opportunity—afforded so few—of attending a golden wedding. We will therefore content ourselves by wishing that you may still have years and years of health to enjoy a happy sunset to your useful lives, and that after you cross the silent valley that you may be again united in that happy land where peace and joy are not evanescent and sorrow never comes.

The groom replied to the address in feeling and appropriate terms, after which speeches were made by a number of the oldest of the guests, giving the younger ones some idea of the joys and happy hours that interspersed the hardships and privations of the grand old pioneers.

THE CHIEF

GOT TWO MONTHS

James Hutton, the arts student at Queen's, implicated in the grave robbing case at Lansdowne, was last week sentenced by His Honor Judge McDonald at Brockville to two months in the common jail. An effort is being made by Hutton's friends to secure the intervention of the minister of justice. According to the News, up at Kingston the students talk of tar, teachers, a free ride, and a dip in the "sub" tank for the informers; while for the law-breakers they think of nothing less than bouquets. This may indicate the existence of a strong esprit de corps, but all the same this dose of the law will tend to render less attractive the easy money that can be made by grave robbing.

A new kind of gambling scheme has been inaugurated in Kingston. It seems that a Kingstonian is to be married to a Napanee lady, and his friends have opened a five-cent pool as to the date of the ceremony. Each guess costs five cents, and already the pool amounts to \$11. The nearest guess to the date takes the pot.

SPRING 1903

WE HAVE CUT LOOSE FROM WINTER GOODS

From now on this is a spring store. Those who know us best will be quickest to note the large amount of goods we got in the last couple of weeks, and the change in our large stock of up-to-date suits, pants, rain coats for men and boys, and a large variety of stylish furnishings. We also added a nice line of hats in soft and hard. (This department was in great demand from our customers, and we are pleased to say that we can accommodate them now). We are nothing if not progressive. Varieties are greater—demanded by a larger business now. Our growth is easily explained—we have earned the people's confidence by fair service. We carry the goods the people want, and we sell right (not fancy prices). In one word we keep the best ready to wear clothing, hats and haberdashery at the lowest of prices. We trust that we shall have the pleasure of serving you this season.

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ELECTRIC RAILROADS

The promoters of the proposed electric railway, that when built will provide a public service between Cornwall and Toronto, are working industriously at the preliminaries and may start construction work in the fall. A report shows that in Massachusetts and other parts of the United States that four times as many passengers were carried by electric cars last year as by the steam roads. The indications are that the country will be netted with electric roads in a few years, and rural roads are already increasing in mileage in Canada. The roads will promote business in the country, cause the population to increase, and be productive of much good in rural districts. They will make rural life more attractive and bind isolated communities together and at the same time be of commercial value to the farmer. A striking example of the possibilities of these roads is presented in the experience of the electric road between Ingersoll and Woodstock. It was constructed without bonus or highway allowances. It runs through a locality containing sixteen or seventeen thousand people and the Farmers' Advocate in its last issue states that the dividends from the road have been sufficient to warrant the company in venturing further, and they have accordingly built a road from Brantford to Paris.—News.

VALUE OF COLD CURING

Recorder: Mr. N. G. Somerville, superintendent of the Brockville cheese curing station, has received two reports from Old Country dealers in reference to the quality of cheese shipped from the station here and handled by them. One of these is from Andrew Clement & Son, Glasgow, Scotland, to whom a number of the test cheese were ship-

ped, both cool cured and ordinary cured. These cheese were sent in lots for the sake of comparison. They report in every case that the cool cured cheese are much better in quality than the ordinary cured. Referring to one lot of cool cured cheese they say: "Good flavor, well kept and regular," while of the makes that were ordinary cured they say: "Very irregular and much inferior to C. A. M. S." The mark referred to was on the cool cured cheese.

Hodgson Bros., Liverpool, had a lot of cheese sent them from the cool curing rooms. They say that the cool cured cheese are "much better in quality and in better condition in every respect." They sold the ordinary cured cheese for 1s. 6d. (about 1-3c. per pound) less than they got for the cool cured cheese, and they say: "It was the great scarcity of anything below the best full cream cheese which enabled us to get so high a figure and so near the price of the other lot. Ordinarily there would have been a much larger margin, as they were bad value compared to the others." Speaking of paraffining cheese they say: "It undoubtedly prevents shrinkage, and, in our judgment, preserves the quality."

NERVOUSNESS AND NERVE

The more nervous a man is, the less nerve he has. That sounds paradoxical—but it isn't; for nerve is stamina. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives nerve. It tones the whole system, perfects digestion and assimilation, and is therefore the best medicine a nervous person can take.

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