

The Farm and Dairy.

The Farmers and the Pasture.

In no season, for years, have the farmers had less cause to complain than they have had this season. Their crops are good and prices are good. A large if not a dominant proportion of their produce was disposed of before the failure which led to the panic. Grain had for some time been moving toward the seaboard, in obedience to foreign demand, and butter and cheese have been selling all summer at a good price; as heretofore, if not at remunerative prices. If the consumer now goes into the market to buy either of these articles, he will have to pay thirteen to fifteen cents of cheese at wholesale, and thirty-five to forty cents for butter. A good many hops had also been sold when the panic set in, the figures ranging from forty to fifty cents a pound, and the New York quotations now are forty-five cents for strictly prime. These are figures which all well recognize as remunerative. The panic came on just in time to prevent the further advance in prices which the farmers had begun to most sanguinely anticipate, and prices have somewhat gone down instead of going up. There seems to be no good reason for this, aside from the stringency of the money market, and so farmers naturally long on the trouble to "blow over," which fact helps to further aggravate the situation by making the head-lock in use more universal.

But if there has been a stoppage of advance and a slight depreciation in the prices of farm produce, there has been a great enlargement of value in meat-fishes and general merchandise. These are what the farmer has to purchase, and of course the decline in prices is to his advantage. The two facts—first, that he can buy cheaper, and second, that he is able to hold on to his produce, with the hope of ultimately getting better prices—show that the agricultural classes are not in a suffering position. They are not compelled, as in some seasons, to sacrifice their crops at any price for the payment of winter wages and paying off debts. Worse, by the way, is the western paper, that this healthy condition prevails in the West as well as in East. There is some diminution in the volume of trade, which mainly affects merchants and business men in the cities and villages; but it is not serious, and the grain crop keeps moving forward to market. The greatest drawback has been the want of farm labor to gather the crop in now, and in the best condition. There is no lack of employment or of the necessities of life. In view of this generally comfortable condition, a private correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean writes: "It really seems to me that all this prosperity in the rural regions whence come the supplies that keep industry fit and business in motion, affords a certain hope that the present financial troubles are more than half over and indicate, and that a return to the usual normal condition can not be long delayed. With prosperity among the farmers everywhere, there is little reason for withholding confidence, except only expatriates are now doing."

The question then naturally arises, why and where comes all the complaint which accompanies the so-called "farmer's movement?" Bellarm monopoly and extortion is the first answer. There is also, undoubtedly, a certain amount of the same, but the general financial troubles are more than half over and indicate, and that a return to the usual normal condition can not be long delayed. With prosperity among the farmers everywhere, there is little reason for withholding confidence, except only expatriates are now doing."

The majority of the farmers of this State have had work to support their families during the financial difficulties we've given to pay new debt, and the exception rather than the rule for a farmer to have anything. At least half of the farms in this part of the state are owned, and the rest are mortgaged at 10 per cent, interest, and the majority of them will never be redeemed.

Most of them know that a first-class village has \$1,000 to lend on first-class property, and that it is loaned out at 10 per cent, interest, for eight months.

Similar cases occur elsewhere, and the farmer is compelled to pay a heavy rent for his land and other expenses.

They are not likely to get a fair price for their produce, but the farming community generally have good cause to congratulate themselves on their easy and comfortable circumstances. There is no good reason why they may not pay 10 per cent, promptly and make the usual full purchases with ordinary advantage to them, and greatly assist the welfare and the relief of the general public in business.

We have no occasion to entertain apprehensions as to the future, for we are not likely to grow out of our difficulties. Long before another year is to be disposed of, there will be a decided adjustment, and probably even production next year—which is not likely to come with the regular fall draw of the year by that foreign demand, or foreign prices; while a great many small producers will find themselves in a position to compete with the large concerns.

There are no signs everywhere of great prosperity, as in average years, but the people here should be contented with a good home and a good year.

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course would open the way for a wholesale trade as soon as the stock on the shelves is disposed of and a new supply called for. This would start the wheels of our manufacturing establishments and give relief to the laboring classes. All would, therefore, seem to depend on the farmers, who may be figuratively called the roots of the industrial tree. They have but to come forward, make their small debts incurred for supplies through the summer, to send the ship into the branches and make every thing flourish and everybody happy.

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