

Michigan Argus.

THE RURAL LIFE.

The farmer who, in days of old, From house to house his produce sold...

Heed not mark with anxious eye, The fluctuating market's price...

His fields of grain that richly spread, His towering maize with tasselled head...

Ho! for the flax-field's blossoms blue, And lustrous leaf surcharged with dew...

For she from home and distaff drew, Not thread alone, or warp and wool...

Asbes in Reclaiming a Farm. We have often spoken of the value of asbes, both leached and unleached...

The Hardship of Work. Murat Halstead, one of the most practical of American journalists, gives his recipe to make a capitalist...

South Australia. In a recent budget speech Mr. Glyde, the Finance Minister of South Australia, states the population of that province to be 200,000.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF CHRIST.—Jesus Christ is described by Lancelotti, a contemporary, as a tall, well-proportioned man, straight in stature...

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Crop Prospects in Europe.

"We have passed through another harvest week," says the Mark Lane Express, "without any other difficulty than that of the varied character of the weather; but there is an immense deal of corn out, and an increase of rain would soon become very serious."

The new wheat brought as yet to market shows nothing to indicate more than an average quality and growth; some is very tough and thin, showing premature ripeness to this extent, perhaps, of a fortnight, but some samples are very good, if without any of the marked superiorities of 1868.

We have reason, therefore, to be thankful that our fears respecting the drought and the frost have been overwrought, and that any serious deficiency will only be felt in the hay crop and roots. In France there is great diversity according to soil, situation, and culture, the harvest there having been threatened or impeded by the rains, although occasionally samples of wheat of great weight will be forthcoming whatever be the general yield.

Of crops in England the Times says: "Harvest operations are going on actively about Debenham, Suffolk. A large breadth of wheat has been secured, and every kind of grain is cutting up well except wheat. Labor is abundant in East Suffolk. Our Doncaster correspondent, writing from a careful inquiry on the Doncaster Exchange on Saturday, says that the early harvest is a disappointment. On sand lands and lighter soils generally wheat is much below an average in yield, while barley in some cases barely worth while getting. Nothing can be finer in color and condition than these early wheats, but the grain is exceedingly small, and the bulk of course, proportionately large." This, indeed, is the general report from the light land, and in some cases acres of wheat are reported as completely burnt up, all the nurture having been dried out of the plant long ago.

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