

Agriculture: Pate.

STATISTIC CALLED UPON TO PROVE THE DECLINE.

In 1884 the News-Observer, ever foremost in ascertaining the condition of the country...

We present below some figures which are worthy of careful study. They show the decline of agriculture in the States named.

Table with 3 columns: State, Value 1870, Value 1880. Lists states like Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, etc.

Thus more than five years ago the News-Observer gave warning of the impoverishment of the agricultural portions of the old States...

Now at least others realize the facts that struck us so forcibly. Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Pennsylvania have each appointed commissions to investigate this important feature...

The Philadelphia Press says in all these States, as in Pennsylvania, this question has come to be of vital importance. In all of them, since 1882, and we are inclined to think since 1883, the value of farm lands has steadily depreciated.

Judge Charles C. Nott, of the United States Court of Claims, has published a letter in the Nation on the subject, dealing in particular with the decline of farming in New England.

Midway between Williamstown and Brattleboro, a few days ago, I saw on the summit of a hill against the evening sky, what seemed a large cathedral Driving thither, I found a huge, old-time two story church, in a large academy (which had been in the distance with the church), a village with a broad street, perhaps 150 feet in width, I drove on and found that the church was abandoned, the academy dismantled, the village deserted.

We have often given some of the reasons that have made general farming unprofitable. Judge Nott ascribes the ruin of New England agriculture to five causes, two of which are of the making of the Federal Government.

While the decline has not been the same annually, yet the general result has been a decline of about thirty per cent in all. Gold has appreciated thirty per cent in the values of these commodities. It is on this point that we would now direct attention.

tryons and fragal class in the country, the Eastern farmer, has been broken down. Instead of letting our agriculture grow by natural causes...

In the second place, the government established a tariff which, while it brought a market near the Eastern farmer, brought higher prices for what he has to buy; and, more than all else, a competitor strong in capital, and credit, and in Government subsidies...

It is indeed very sad, he says, that the "highest, purest and noblest agricultural population that the world has ever possessed is becoming dissipated, and, as a race, merged and lost.

Yet, the last act of the New England farmer is not unworthy of his sturdy and upright lineage. He faces the situation, and closes his accounts and pays his debts like a man; it is the business which has become bankrupt, not he.

The philosophy of the business, as the lawyers would say, the reason of the thing, is to be found in a more general statement than the above. It is that the price of our agricultural products are relatively too low.

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There has thus been a tendency to the equalization of agriculture throughout the whole world, bringing prices to a general level throughout the world. While this leveling process has been hurtful to American agriculture, the tariff, by forcing higher prices for all that the American farmers have to buy, has inflicted upon them a grievous wound.

These are the main causes that have contributed to the decay of agriculture here with us. Returning to the general decline of prices in the markets of the world, we connect that also with the decline in the value of silver, which is the measure of value in India, a large wheat producing country.

We compile a table that is suggestive:

Table with 3 columns: Val. 1870, Val. 1880, Val. % of 1870. Lists values for various commodities like wheat, corn, etc.

Ladies Have Tried It. A number of my lady customers have tried "Mothers Friend," and would not be without for many times its cost. They recommend it to all who are to become mothers.

A STRANGE ACCIDENT.

The Touching Tale of Woe Related by a Pennsylvania Editor. We were the victims yesterday of one of the most distressing accidents ever known in this territory.

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Richmond & Danville Railroad.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE. IN EFFECT NOV. 24, 1888.

Table with columns for Southbound and Northbound trains, listing destinations like New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc., and departure times.

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Table with columns for Train No. 52, Westbound, and Train No. 53, Eastbound, listing destinations like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc., and departure times.

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