

The Journal.

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The annual rent roll of the Astor estate in New York city alone amounts to over \$8,000,000.

On Tuesday before Judge Drummond of the United States Court the Chicago & Evanston R. R., were again victorious in two more of their suits, with the North-western.

The Directors of the Chicago Driving Park voted to have Sunday racing upon their grounds. The press and pulpit denounce such action in unmeasured terms, and well they may. Too many roads have already been made upon the peace and quiet of the Sabbath. Hence we say, halt!

A Chicago paper in its columns the other day, asked the question: "Why should Government bonds weaken?" The question is very easily answered. Very few men of any business sagacity will invest funds in a security that requires five years interest to be paid as a premium, while first mortgage security on Real Estate, a much better inducement, is offered and into this channel there will be much more wealth turned in the future than has been in the past.

The last few days have witnessed in New York, what the newspapers and commercial circles are pleased to term a "financial flurry," but which, in point of fact is nothing more than "a failure among gamblers." This is no time to kick up a fuss and cry "panic." The state of trade and the easy condition of the money market is not going to make anything of the kind possible at this or any other period in the near future.

An anonymous person pretends to have found a plumber's bill, running as follows: "Fixing up Smith's busted pipes, to wit: Going to see the job, \$1; coming back for tools and help, \$2; finding the leak, \$1.50; sending for more help, \$1.25; going back for solder forgotten, \$1.50; bringing the solder, \$1; burned my finger, \$2; lost my tobacco, 50c.; getting to work, \$3; getting my assistants to work, \$2.50; fixing the pipe, 25c.; going home, \$2.50; time, solder, wear and tear of tools, overalls and other clothing, \$5; total, \$23.50.

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Chicago Real Estate.

[From Clarke, Erskine & Co's Special Circular.]

Real estate in Chicago has been in past years a good medium for the profitable investment of surplus funds. Is it now? This is a question that many people ask us almost daily. Please allow us in this short circular to answer one and all. We firmly believe it is, if the same care

is exercised in the selection of the property to be purchased as is exercised in other kinds of business. There are locations where property will not be likely to advance much for a few years to come, while in other more favorable localities it will doubtless continue to advance very rapidly, because the growth of the city in those localities is rapid, and will increase every year. While such are facts, as we believe, we confidently predict for the future of our city a healthy growth, both in wealth and population, for many years to come, and generally a corresponding advance in well located real estate. That the city will continue to grow as rapidly in the future as in the past does not admit of a doubt in the minds of those who are well acquainted with the causes of a city's growth, which mainly are agriculture, commerce and manufacture. The agricultural resources of this city are certainly unlimitable, and are being more actively developed than ever before. Its commerce is also rapidly extending, while in manufacture it is becoming more prominent daily. But these are not all the causes which operate to increase the population of a city. It is well known to the statistician that as wealth accumulates in any centre it has the tendency to draw other wealth to it. That is, wealthy persons will flock to a city for a wider field of operations, and to live in the society of other wealthy people, and thus our banking capital is consequently increased. All the above reasons, with many other minor ones, lead us to believe that we are safe in saying that present judicious investments in Chicago real estate will still continue to pay a larger dividend for a term of years to come than any other investment which can be made.

The Solid Content a Farmer Has.

Farming is a slow way to make money, but then there is a law of compensation about everything in life, and farming has its blessings that other pursuits do not have. The farmer belongs to nobody. He is the freest man upon earth, and the most independent. He has a house in the country, with plenty of pure air and good water. If he makes but little in the field, he has no occasion to spend but little. He can raise his own hogs and sheep and cattle and chickens. His wood

costs nothing, and the luxury of big back-logs and blazing fires in open fireplaces all winter long is something that city people long for, but cannot afford. My own farm cost me \$7,000. I have 120 acres of open land in good condition, and it yields me on an average about five dollars an acre over all expenses. Say 9 per cent. upon the investment.

Well, that is mighty little, considering my own labor and supervision. I've seen the time when I made five times as much without any capital except my head. But then we have to keep a pair of horses to ride around, and they have to be fed from the farm.

There are little leaks all round, but still we are happier on the farm than we were in town, and feel more secure from the ills of life. We fear no pestilence or disease, no burglars or thieves. We lock no doors, and Mrs. Arp has quit looking under the bed for a man. I love to hear the roosters crow, and hear the peacocks holler, and see the martins sailing round the martin gourds. I love to hear a neighbor stop and chat about the growing crops. I love to take the children with me to the watermill, and fish below the dam amid the roar of falling waters, or paddle around the pond in an old leaky bateau. I love to wander through the woods and glades, and wear clothes that don't get no older or airtier, and get caught in a shower of rain if I want to. Old man Horace remarked about 2,000 years ago that the town was the best place for a rich man to live in, and the country was the best place for a poor man to die in, and inasmuch as riches were uncertain and death was sure, it becomes a prudent man to move to the country as soon as he can get there. Farmers have their ups and downs, of course, but they don't collapse and burst up like tradesmen.—They don't go down under a panic.—Bill Arp.

They Never Die.

Is this house to rent?

It is. You see it has two cards on the front, and the letters are very distinct.

Does the woman who has just pulled the bell desire to rent the house?

Oh, no. As soon as the door is opened the following conversation will take place:

"Is this house for sale?"

"No, ma'am—it is for rent."

"What would they ask if they were going to sell it?"

"About \$6,000."

"Wouldn't they take \$4,000?"

"No, ma'am."

"Then it is not for sale."

"No."

"Wasn't it for sale last year?"

I do not know."

"Won't it be in the fall?"

"I can't say."

"Can I look it over? I don't want to rent, of course, but if I should happen to like the plan of the interior, and the rooms just suited, and the neighborhood was all right, and I get some money I am expecting, I might possibly want to buy somewhere within a mile of this corner."

And here comes another woman.

Does she desire to rent the house?

You shall judge for yourself. Listen:

"Is this house to rent?"

"Yes'm."

"O, I thought it was to be sold at auction."

"No'm."

"Hasn't it ever been sold that way?"

"Never."

"And won't it be in the fall?"

"No'm."

"Then it is to rent?"

"Yes'm."

"Well, I don't want to rent, but I'll look it over and if it suits me I'll keep the location in mind. I may run across some one who wants a house."

Houses to Rent.—We have reserved for late applicants, a few choice places, and while it is our desire and intention to be accommodating, yet we cannot hold these places subject to call much longer.

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