

East And West.

A few of our select friends know that we have a weakness for Vermont and speak of the same on very rare occasions. Some years ago in meetings of farmers in New England we used to hear the sturdy tillers of the soil on that "stern and rock-bound coast" talk about raising their own corn and so free themselves from the grinding oppressive monopoly of the western farmers who shipped their corn by the car load to every little depot in all that eastern land.

We sympathised with the prairie farmers, fearing lest New England go into maize raising and kill off the business of their brethren in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois. After coming west some years ago we figured out the matter with the following result as to the corn crops that one year, comparing the product of all the six New England states with the yield of a single county in our own state of Illinois. The figures are for bushels raised that year in each state and in that one county as taken from official reports.

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| Maine | 380,662 |
| New Hampshire..... | 988,806 |
| Vermont | 1,700,688 |
| Massachusetts..... | 1,330,101 |
| Connecticut..... | 1,471,979 |
| Rhode Island..... | 253,810 |

Total 6,126,046

One Illinois county 10,869,417

That is to say, McLean county in this state, that was a howling wilderness for two hundred years after New England engaged in the business of raising corn and baking beans raised in one year near the close of the 19th century 4,743,371 more bushels of corn than all New England combined. It does not seem possible, but the United States official reports put it down in cold black and white.

Take another view of the case, that of area, the figures are in square miles.

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| All New England | 66,460 |
| McLean County..... | 1,166 |

Then compare population by last census:

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| All New England..... | 4,800,745 |
| McLean County | 63,036 |

Let me add that Illinois has 102

counties, but all of them are not as large, as populous or as productive as McLean county.

In view of these facts we hope New England won't speak of Illinois or any part thereof as "Egypt" in a tone of derision. It is several years now since we have laid awake nights fearing lest the farmers of the west would be compelled to end their days in the poor house through the successful rivalry of their eastern brethren.

Special Assessment Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the city council of the city of Highland Park, in the state of Illinois, having ordered the grading, paving, etc., of Sheridan Road, Broadway avenue, Oak street and Walker avenue, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk have applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the cost of said improvements according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court the final hearing thereon will be had on the 4th day of May A. D., 1900, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit. All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

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THEODORE M. CLARK,

Officer appointed by Court.

Highland Park, Ill., April 20th, 1900.

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