INSTITUTION FARMS

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SIXTEEN OWNED BY ILLINOIS

Most Productive One is Located at the Eastern Hospital for Insane at Kankakee—Interesting Statistics.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 17.—The scope of the work on the institution farms owned by the state of Illinois has been broadened and increased materially during the last three years. The head farmers have been directed to place themselves in communication with the University of Illinois agricultural school and to obtain all the instruction possible from the professors in that institution with a view to perfecting the farms in their charge.

The institution farm is one of the most important features of the penal and charitable institutions. There are sixteen farms connected with these institutions in Illinois, only three of the charitable institutions not possessing farms. Two of these contain the blind charges of the state, the other is the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear infirmary, of Chicago.

The institution farm varies in size from 30 to 1,000 acres of land. The largest farm owned by the state is at the St. Charles School for Boys, St. Charles. The smallest is at the Soldiers' Widows' home, Wilmington.

The most productive farm is at the Eastern Hospital for Insane, Kankakee, where the total value of the farm crops last year was $9,103 and the total value of the garden truck $29,234.73. In addition to this the Kankakee farm produced the following: 99,904 gallons of milk, valued at $8,392.99; 99,378 pounds of beef, veal and pork, valued at $9,244.14; 6,007 pounds of poultry, valued at $852.97; 1,824 dozen of eggs, valued at $251.09.

Garden Produces Variety.

The Kankakee farm consists of 588 acres. In addition there are 182 acres in garden truck. An idea of the products on the farm may be obtained from the following items, which are a few of the products of the garden and farm: Beets 1,769 bu., cabbage 8,384 bu., sauer kraut 4,806 gal., carrots 1,530 bu., sweet corn 2,647 bu., lettuce 1,233 bu., green onions 2,088 bu., parsnips 1,823 bu., Irish potatoes 8,710 bu., sweet potatoes 1,650 bu., pie plant 1,256 bu., tomatoes 2,724 bu., turnips 2,307 bu., grapes 1,210 bu. Other fruits raised consist of: Strawberries 31,492 qts., currants 195 qts., raspberries 2,233 qts., blackberries 9,297 qts.

The farm suffered from a short crop on celery, dry onions, tomatoes and musk melons, yet they succeeded in raising 4,044 musk melons. The average value of the farm crop was $15.48 per acre, while the average value of the garden crop per acre was $111.73.

The other large farms in the charitable institutions are at St. Charles, the Western Hospital for Insane, Watertown, and the Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children, Lincoln.

At the Lincoln institution the value of the farm and garden products was $14,971.33 last year. The amount of garden truck raised was comparatively small, the majority of the farm being devoted to the regular farm products, with the exception of 50 acres of potatoes, which, however, only yielded 1,700 bushels. The amount of milk produced by the herd of Holstein cows was 45,880 gallons.

Has Fair at Watertown.

At the Western Hospital for the Insane the superintendent has created a lively interest in his farm both in the community and among his patients by holding an annual fair which will take place this month. At this fair they have on exhibition the products of the farm and garden by patient and paid labor. This farm has been increased in size from 380 to 540 acres, the additional quarter section having been purchased this year. The total products of the farm last year were valued at $16,323.56. Of this amount products worth $12,768.17 were consumed in the hospital.

At the Central Hospital for Insane, Jacksonville, the total products of the farm were valued at $9,817.27. The farm consists of 843 acres. Of this 70 acres are in garden and vineyard, 40 acres in corn, 20 acres in timothy, 123 acres in pasture, and the remainder devoted to lawn and buildings.

Perhaps the least promising of the state farms is that of the General Hospital for the Insane, Hartonville. It consists of 160 acres of land, only 55 of which are tillable, the remainder being swampy. Yet the superintendent last year succeeded in raising products worth $7,792.41. The largest items were: 7,127 pounds cabbage, 7,761 bu. turnips, 2,317 doz. radishes, 6,800 bu. tomatoes.

Mississippi Valley Threatens Farm.

At the Illinois Asylum for Insane Criminals, Menard, it is part of the duties of the farmer to see that his farm does not slide into the Mississippi river valley over night. While this farm is small, consisting of 34 acres of land in cultivation, they raised $4,078.84 worth of products last year. From the sale of live stock and poultry there was netted $2,819.71. The crops grown in this were: 1,800 bu. onions, 1,070 bu. tomatoes, 200 bu. turnips, 605 watermelons, 181 [illegible], 22,000 gal. milk.

At the Illinois Industrial School for Boys, Pontiac, a department has been established in connection with the farm, where the boys will be taught improved methods of farming.

Perhaps more than any other farm in the state, there are 927 acres capable of cultivation and 40 acres of timber. The superintendent reported last year having raised among other things, 532 bu. wh at, 250 bu. rye, 1,720 bu. barley, 3,330 bu. oats. Twenty-five acres are devoted to garden truck.

At the Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville, the state owns 150 acres of land and leases 122 acres. Last year they raised: 4,000 doz. winter onions, 1,896 doz. bunches asparagus, 863 doz. radishes, 2,353 qts. strawberries, 2,985 qts. blackberries, 4,100 qts. currants, gooseberries, whortleberries, red raspberries and blackberries. They gathered 321 bushels peaches, from 212 trees and 937 quarts pears from 40 trees.

At the Soldiers' and Sailors' home, Quincy, there are 17 acres in garden, the remainder of the farm being devoted to pasture and meadow. The garden was devoted to tomatoes, cucumbers and small fruits.

At the Soldiers' Orphans' home, Normal, there are 48 acres under cultivation. The average crop is valued at $1,000 per year. The majority of the 48 acres is devoted to garden and small fruits.

Girls Do Gardening.

Perhaps the most unique farm in the state is that at the State Training School for Girls, Geneva. While the farm of 40 acres is in charge of a man, the five acres devoted to garden truck is in charge of the woman gardener and all the work therein is done by the girls of the institution. No man is permitted to have part in the planting of the seed, the hoeing, or weeding of the garden and the gathering of the products. Last year the girls raised the following: Cabbage 5,000 heads, green beans 107 bu., lima beans 2 bu., beets 230 bu., cucumbers 61 bu., carrots 200 bu., sweet corn (for table use) 1,212 ears, summer squash 6 bu., Hubbard squash 2 wagon loads, tomatoes 400 bu., parsnips 200 bu., strawberries 20 crates, currants 3 crates, cherries 4 crates, rhubarb 133 lbs., lettuce 216 lbs., onions 3 bu.

An acre and a half is devoted to Irish potatoes on which they raised 140 bu. The farm proper is devoted to corn and oats.

At the Southern Hospital for Insane, Anna, the farm land under cultivation amounts to 300 acres. The products of this farm and the garden aggregate $7,000 per year.

At the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, the state owns 160 acres of land, about 45 acres of which are under cultivation, 31 acres being devoted to garden truck and 14 to corn.

Productive Farm at Chester.

At the Southern Illinois Penitentiary 105½ acres are tillable. Of this about 55 acres are devoted to garden truck. The superintendent estimated the value of the vegetables raised last year at $2,739.92.

Nothing is said of the green and dried onions, turnips, greens and other vegetables. In his poultry yard he raised 678 chickens and 1,108 dozen eggs, which were worth $426.26. They had 700 chickens left on hand. During the year he sold 692 hogs, for which he received $8,754. He planted 2,300 apple, peach, cherry, pear and plum trees, 948 grape vines, 5,000 strawberry plants and 1,000 red raspberry vines.

At the Illinois State reformatory, Pontiac, the value of the products of the farm is estimated at $19,000 per year. It consists of 276 acres owned by the state and 340 acres leased land. Of this 500 acres are under cultivation.

Wards Do Work.

The work on the institution farm almost without exception is done by the state's wards. For a long time it was not deemed advisable to require the wards of the state to work. Now efforts are being made to have all of the work done by the state's wards, as their employment is regarded beneficial to them. Recently the state board of charities came to the support of the civil service commission in its efforts to increase the number of wards employed on the farms and has made the following recommendation:

"Employment, recreation and amusement are necessary factors in the medical administration of a hospital for the insane. The same elements of life that are necessary for mentally normal persons are necessary for the mentally unbalanced. Employment, recreation and amusement should be prescribed by a physician, when patients need them, just as water treatment or medicine is prescribed. From 40 to 70 per cent. of all patients in Illinois hospitals for the insane are physically able to work. These chiefly are the chronic insane. Employment is of great value to them. The incarceration of these unfortunates in long, dark, inside corridors of the older institutions is inhuman and unnecessary. Many of these persons are the victims of horrible hallucinations and delusions. Employment tends to veil these false mental impressions. It is of medicinal value to give these patients work.

"The chronic insane because of degenerating brain power are able to do very little or no intellectual work, but they are capable of learning the manual arts. In fact, this industrial reeducation can be carried to such a point of perfection as to make it possible for many of the patients now charged upon the state to return to the home and light employment and make money enough to support themselves, or at least aid in their support."

Governor Deneen also recommended to the superintendents some time ago that they place their farmers in communication with the University of Agriculture and have them instructed in the best and most improved methods of farming.

H & M for Lincoln's Home.

Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield, Illinois, was painted this summer, inside and out with Heath and Milligan Mfg. companys paints. The state government officials wished to preserve the original walnut woodwork which Lincoln selected for his home and after severe tests the Walnut Sunshine Varnish Stain made by H. & M. was chosen. What could be more fitting for the home of that honest, high-ideaded American leader than the H. & M. paints, honestly made and the leader in their line. If the H. & M. paints and finishes are best for Lincoln's home, they are best for every other American home.

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Black Bass for Fox River.

The Fox River Valley Bait Casting club, through B. C. Getzelman, who is a member of the executive committee from Algonquin, is instrumental in having a consignment of about 300 black bass put in the river at Algonquin. Every year the same number or maybe more of these fish will be placed in the river.—Nunda Herald.

Price of Thread Advances.

Announcement is made that an additional advance of three cents a dozen spools is to be made to merchants handling cotton thread. This probably means a further advance of a cent a spool to consumers, making thread seven cents a spool, a recent advance in price making the price six cents a spool.—Nunda Herald.

Recieve Forty-two Dollars.

Forty-two dollars were collected by the ladies of the Dorcas society at their experience social in the church parlors last Friday night and the supper served was well patronized. It netted the society $17. The attendance was pleasing and the evening, also. A short talk by the pastor, Rev. Gagnier, and the experiences of the ladies in earning money constituted the program.

Advertised Letters.

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His Pointed Query.

Hamilton palace was one of the first great houses in Scotland to use dessertspoons. A rough country squire, dining there for the first time, had been served between the second course with a sweet dish containing cream or jelly, and with it the servant handed him a dessertspoon. The laird turned it round and round in his great fist and said to the servant:

"What did ye gie me this for, ye fule? Do ye think me mooth has got any smaller since Ah lappit up mi soup?"

Ways of the Waves.

Waves are deceptive things. To look at them one would gather the impression that the whole water traveled. This, however, is not so. The water stays in the same place, but the motion goes on. In great storms waves are sometimes forty feet high and their crests travel fifty miles an hour. The base of a wave (the distance from valley to valley) is usually considered as being fifteen times the height of the wave. Therefore a wave twenty-five feet high would have a base extending 375 feet.

In Baroda, India, a favorite sport is a hot fight in which the fighters wear a steel coatee which has formidable claws. The combatants, who have been crazed with a drink of liquid opium mixed with an infusion of hemp, enter the arena naked. One of them is certain to be killed.

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Jay Gould's Millions.

Jay Gould's millions were at one time in danger. It was in 1873, and their fate depended upon the fluctuations in the gold market. Gould saw his precarious position in time, and so enormous was his power and influence that he maneuvered himself out of the difficulty. In fact, when it was over he was wealthier than ever. About ten years after this happened there were dark rumors about his affairs, and it was hinted that the great Gould was not what he was supposed to be in a pecuniary sense. He disposed of these doubts in a very simple manner. He invited a number of gentlemen to his private office, and when they arrived he laid on the table before them for examination certificates of stocks in his own name to the value of $53,000,000 and said that if they wished he would lay $20,000,000 more before them.

"Music has charms to soothe the savage breast," quoted the young lady with her simper as she seated herself at the piano to play.

"That may be," muttered a crusty bachelor, "but there are some of us in this crowd who are civilized and deserve a little consideration."

Mrs. Homer remarks—Here's an account of a village parson who left the pulpit to become an actor. I wonder what could have induced him to do a thing like that?

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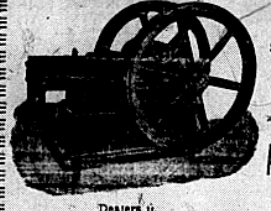

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