

our friends, by doubting for a moment that a *freeman* can accomplish as *much* as a *bondman*. He says, —

“Lying in the same latitude, immediately west, and along side of Missouri, the soil and climate of Kansas cannot differ materially from those of Missouri. I am inclined to believe that Kansas will prove even healthier than Missouri, there being less low marshy land in Kansas.

* * Before leaving home, I procured from intelligent farmers in Platte, a country bordering on Kansas, a statement showing the amount of land which one hand can cultivate, with the yield per acre, and the market price of the products at home. I have no hesitation in attesting its correctness.

Amount of land to hand and yield per acre.

Hemp—7 to 8 acres, 800 to 1200 pounds.

Corn—10 to 15 acres, 10 to 20 barrels.

Wheat—10 to 15 acres, 20 to 45 bushels.

Oats—10 to 15 acres, 30 to 50 “

VALUE OF PRODUCTS AT HOME.

Hemp 2½ tons at \$8 per ton, \$200 00

Corn—100 barrels at \$1 per barrel, 100 00

Wheat—5 acres—100 bushels at 80 cents per bushel, 80 00

Oats—5 acres—150 bushels at 30 cents per bushel, 45 00

Total least yield at lowest prices, \$125 00

Hemp—4½ tons at 130 dollars per ton, 585 00

Corn—300 barrels at 2 dollars per barrel, 600 00

Wheat—5 acres—225 bushels at 1 dollar per bushel, 225 00

Oats—5 acres—250 bushels at 40 cents per bushel, 100 00

Greatest yield at highest prices, \$1,510 00

This will, doubtless, seem an extravagant estimate; yet the quotations of the markets will show that the maximum prices are less than the present market prices. Hemp has sold during the past season for \$150 per tun. Wheat is worth \$1.25 per bushel, and corn \$3 per barrel. The yield, too, is often greater than the highest. But it is not less true that the greatest yield and highest price are not often together. My object is rather to show the least yield and the lowest price.

To a distance of 150 miles west, the soil is but little, if any inferior to that of Missouri. Its great staples must be hemp and tobacco—
* * * I need hardly say that the grains and grasses will all succeed, where hemp and tobacco can be grown.

I have said that Kansas was not suited to the poor man; I only intended to refer to those who design to till the ground. [!!!] But to the poor mechanic it offers great inducements. To all carpenters especially, and to stone and brick masons it will give constant employment at high wages. The rudest beginner receives \$1.50 per day—good workmen, as journeymen, receive in regular employment from two to three dollars per day. Their expenses are light, the cost of living being low.”