

THE FARM AND HOME

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

The Best Varieties of Wheat—Handling Hogs in Hot Weather—Improving Rented Land—Fruit Sales by Its Looks—General Farm Notes.

Are Wheat Varieties Degenerating?

The general failure of the wheat crop in Ohio this year has caused many farmers to think that their wheat is "running out," and the desire to change seed is more general than it has been for some years past, judging from letters received at the experiment station.

While there is undoubtedly a great difference in the vigor of different varieties of wheat and their adaptation to various soils and climates, the tests made at the experiment station encourage the belief that a variety adapted to the soil and conditions of a given locality will tend to improve, rather than degenerate, if proper care be exercised in selecting seed from year to year. To illustrate: the two varieties of wheat which head the list at the Ohio station in a ten-year test, Valley, which has given the largest yield per acre, and Penquite's Velvet Chaff, which has given the heaviest average weight per bushel, are both varieties which originated or were first distributed from southwestern Ohio, 15 to 30 years ago.

These varieties are not proof against all unfavorable conditions, and every season they are excelled in yield by some other sorts, but no one sort has yet been able to overtop either of them in the points mentioned, in the average of a long continued test.—Ohio Experiment Station Bulletin.

Hogs in Hot Weather.

A few remarks concerning the handling of hogs in hot weather may not be inopportune. It is generally agreed that the early hot days of summer are most fatal to the quickly grown and well fattened hog. It seems to be the rule, too, that the finest hogs in a bunch are first to succumb. Snippers when sending hogs to market should be careful not to overcrowd the cars, and should also be certain to send along with the shipment a reliable man to sprinkle the hogs at every opportunity and to keep them from "piling," which term is perhaps more applicable to winter.

This man should also take particular care that he is not charged with more dead hogs than is proper and correct. In unloading, buyers and inspectors would do well to be in no hurry to weigh during the summer months, as much trouble can be averted by placing the hogs in airy sheds with well sagged earth floors for a few hours prior to weighing. To show the importance of this hint, we may add that we have seen numbers of hogs die immediately after being weighed from cars, which, of course, means a loss for the buyer. Some shippers (and even those who have had bitter experience) are very careless in this matter of overcrowding hogs in hot weather and rushing them through, hence our advice to buyer and inspector.—Colman's Rural World.

Improving Rented Land.

It is bad policy to rent land where it can by any possibility be bought. A really good farmer is sure to leave the farm he occupies in better condition than he found it, and in this country, unless a special bargain is made, the man who has made the improvements gets no benefit thereby, except as he has made it while occupying the farm. This matter is managed much better in Ireland, where for a number of years the law requires that the landlord shall pay to the tenant the value of the improvements made. Renting land is much more common in Ireland and England than it is in the United States. It is also true that in European countries land under cultivation is more apt to improve than it is in the United States. Heretofore, indeed, there has been little occasion for laws to reimburse the renter for increase of value in the farm from which he had been for several years taking off the cream of fertility. Probably as the improvement of land rather than its exhaustion becomes more common the laws will be amended so as to better apply to the new conditions.

Making Fruit Attractive.

Fruit is always sold very largely by its looks. The highly colored apples will always bring higher prices than those of a duller or green color. With pears there is a partial exception, as there are so many superior varieties of a rusty color that this rather than bright red has the preference. But with the pears that do color, the more highly colored an specimen may be, the better it is likely to prove. But so much depends on an attractive appearance that many growers have learned that there is money in putting a spray of green leaves to offset the color of the fruit. This is almost always done in selling the finest peaches, and fruit growers are learning to treat other fruit in the same way.

Cheaper Growing of Potatoes.

The experience of farmers last year, and as now seems probable this year, also impresses the importance of cheaper production of potatoes as the only means of making this crop a profitable one. Last year, indeed, prices went so low late in the season that there was really no market in many places for potatoes at any price. They were offered in cellars or pits to whoever would take them away. No possible cheapening of production could give profit to the holders of potatoes held to be absolutely worthless, but the less that their product had cost them the smaller will be the loss. The large increase last year was mainly from the growing of potatoes in large amounts in places where they had never been grown before as a market crop. In most cases these potatoes had cost more than the average expense of the potato crop in localities where this crop is largely grown, and when the market collapsed, the disappointment of the potato grower was all the greater. The truth is that the cheap growing of potatoes depends much on climatic conditions. The Lake and Aroostook region of Maine, and Western New York, Ohio and Michigan and the neighborhood of Lake Champlain in New York and Vermont have the moist climate during summer which the potato needs to be grown successfully. Here the

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

Confidence is Being Restored in Business Circles.

New York, Sept. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: A very moderate and distinct improvement is seen, no longer only in the buying of materials, which continues at stiffer prices, but also in orders for products of some industries, in money markets and in export of staples, and it is yet little more than a step toward better things, but has already started some important works and prompted a few considerable contracts.

Continuing arrivals of gold have raised the treasury reserve above \$125,000,000, strengthened the banks and relaxed the stringency in commercial loans, so that at about 1 per cent lower rates more business was done than in three previous weeks. Hoarding is no longer reported, but some hoards are being unlocked.

The movement of crops continues large, and purchases for exports have advanced prices or prevented depression. While the gains in working force is not great, it seems clear that, for the first time in many months, there is some gain. An important change is the general advance in produce, and especially in wheat, which rose sharply, closing 5 1/8 higher for the week, with much buying, apparently for foreign account.

RAN AWAY TO GET MARRIED.

Sensational Elopement of Two Ohio Young People.

Oberlin, O., Sept. 28.—Miss Alice Price, formerly an Oberlin student, and Henry C. Fritcher, of Los Angeles, have eloped from Oberlin. Miss Price is but 17 years old and was visiting her aunt there, Mrs. Wood. She is a beautiful girl, and her parents are missionaries in the Micronesian islands. They are so many thousand miles away that they can only communicate with the daughter at intervals of many months.

The groom is 23 years old, and says that his father is a wealthy business man. The couple disappeared last night, and after they were safely out of reach Mrs. Wood received a letter from young Fritcher in which he said: "We will be, by the time you receive this, married, either in Cleveland or Detroit."

After the departure of the couple a student named Adenbrook, with whom Fritcher roomed here, missed \$30 and a dress suit.

Trouble Brewing in South America.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 28.—There are fears here of another invasion from the Peruvian force, which was recently repulsed. The invading force consisted of 100 rebels, of whom twenty-seven were killed and seventeen were made prisoners. All the arms, ammunition and stores of the rebels were captured. All the political prisoners at Guayaquil have been released by order of Alfaro, commanding the loyal forces. A correspondent at Bogota telegraphs that El Centenal, a newspaper, has been suspended by the government for printing an article entitled "Weyler and Carr," stigmatizing both as being notorious throughout the world for their ferocious and bloodthirsty instincts.

A Boom in Fuelism.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—From present appearances, San Francisco is about to experience another boom in pugilism. This morning the health and police commissioners of the board of supervisors recommended the issuance of permits to five different clubs for fistic contests, and two or three have already been granted. When the applications came up for consideration Supervisor Benjamin said they might as well report favorably on all of them, so the Eureka Athletic Club, which is trying to get the Corbett-Sharkey fight, will get a permit to give a boxing contest on November 26.

Advance in Wheat at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Wheat prices are up, and the indications are that they will remain so. Within the last three weeks they have advanced \$3 a ton, and as the surplus crop of the state is estimated at 700,000 tons, this means a profit of over \$2,000,000 for California farmers. The cause of the rise in price is the decrease of the world's supply of wheat. The surplus has been exhausted, and England, having been cut off from several sources of supply, is looking to this country for wheat.

Robbed a Foundry.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Two men, disguised, committed a daring robbery at Brighton Park this afternoon, robbing the company of \$1,600. They then escaped by means of a buggy, but not before they had shot one man and fired several shots into a crowd of people who were chasing them. A patrol wagon gave chase, but did not succeed in capturing the robbers.

Shillites Were Making Ready.

London, Sept. 28.—It transpired today that enough credit to blow up a house was discovered on Monday, hidden in a hollow pillar on Stamford street, which is inhabited by Russian Hebrews, suspected of nihilism. The police are searching houses in that neighborhood.

Rancher Killed in a Wagon Accident.

Burns, Or., Sept. 28.—A. Wintemeyer, residing about thirty miles north on the Canyon City road, in Siskiyou valley, brings the report that Louis Adam, a rancher neighbor of his, was instantly killed on the afternoon of the 17th by being thrown from a wagon-load of wood, breaking his neck. The deceased was about 54 years of age, the owner of considerable real property and some cattle and horses, and was formerly a resident of the Dalles.

London, Sept. 28.—Sir George Newnes, who contemplated issuing a challenge for the America's cup last year, after the Defender-Valkyrie fiasco, recently made a request to the Royal London Yacht Club to support him in issuing a challenge for the America's cup, the conditions to be attached to the challenge being that the matches should be sailed off Halifax. The Royal London Club has declined to accede to Sir George's request on the ground that the club had previously passed a resolution that a new deed of gift of the New York Yacht Club for the cup was inimical to yachting.

A VISIT TO PORTLAND.

Oregon Industrial Exposition a Complete Success.

Portland, Or., Sept. 28.—The trip to this place was pleasant as the weather was fine. We arrived safe Saturday morning; and that evening we attended the Portland Exposition. I saw it last year. The music hall is a revelation of beauty this year. Over the stage is a large Old Glory in electric lights; and every ten feet a row of incandescents around the concave roof illuminates the hall softly and beautifully.

The fruit exhibits are not so large this year as last; nor is the art gallery quite so full. The first floor exhibits, however, surpass in artistic taste those of '95.

Saturday night, the 26th, was Elks' night, and the biggest crowd of the season was present. There really was not room enough for comfort. Ten thousand people occupy a great deal of space; and I have an idea that over that number was present. Governor Lord presided over the Elks' ceremonies. The lower floor was given up to the Elks, who, as Gypsies, had tents, before each of which was an elegant speaker.

Monday night, the 28th, was the Merchants' carnival, or Mardi Gras. This was a real panorama of the manufacturing and commerce of this neck of the woods. A full account of that, however, must go over till my next letter.

On entering, the first exhibit is that of Olds & King, greatest dry goods and housefurnishings store of the Northwest. Cut glass, exquisite table china and bric-a-brac occupy a large space. You know, I always liked this house. Last Fourth, it was the only big retail house shut all day. It gave twice as much to the celebration fund as competitors who kept open half day to "recomp." Olds & King's fall catalogue is out, free to all by mail on request. With it one may shop as well by mail as in person. Olds and I are old friends, and his house's word is as good as any government bond.

There are many novelties at the Exposition. Every afternoon and evening there is excellent music, besides special features in the evenings. When you think that all this wealth of amusement, entertainment and instruction may be had for twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children, it is easy to see that in spite of hard times, the hall presents an animated scene every night.

It felt like receiving old friends when I looked at Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.'s great display of farm wagons, wood carts, and agricultural machinery. The wagon I bought of this house four years ago has never cost me one dollar for repairs. The firm has removed to immense quarters at First and Taylor, where in spite of dull times, its enormous business has grown. This comes from selling only best goods on guarantee, and, as far as my experience goes, at less dollars than elsewhere.

Monday I took a walk through the new city hall here. It is truly a magnificent structure. In years to come the wisdom of having such municipal accommodations will be justified in public approval at the outlay which at one time caused no inconsiderable difference of opinion among members of all parties.

The biggest clothing store I ever saw is the Famous, Second and Morrison. What's more, the great business was built on the one price system, with best \$10 men's suits and \$10 overcoats as leaders. They perhaps sell more \$6.50 macintoshes than all Portland put together, mail orders coming from farmers and logging camps all over the Northwest. Visitors are all very welcome. The vast establishment is worth as much to see as any feature of the Exposition.

Our little party will be here for a week or two longer. Tell the boys we are having a pretty good time, but will be home to vote. EZEKIEL.

A Daring Hold-Up.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 29.—A daring holdup occurred on the Short Line railroad between Sewall and Cliff Top, eight miles from this city, yesterday afternoon. Joe Thompson, who came from the West about a year ago, learned that W. L. Wilson, bookkeeper and paymaster of the Longdale Company, at Cliff Top, was going up the road in the afternoon to pay off the men. When the train reached a lonely spot in the mountains, Thompson, who had boarded the train, held up those in the engine at the point of a revolver. He grabbed the money from a Wilson and jumped from the engine. Wilson shot at Thompson. Thompson returned the fire, shooting Wilson fatally. Thompson made good his escape, and Wilson is dying. A posse is in pursuit, and a lynching is expected.

Freight-Train Wreck.

Melton, Pa., Sept. 29.—A disastrous freight-train wreck occurred Saturday night on the Philadelphia & Reading road nine miles east of here. An empty engine collided with a heavy loaded coal train, throwing eleven cars of coal off the track and burying Engineer Mitchell beneath the ruins. Fireman Kelly, of the same engine, jumped off, but was so badly injured that he died.

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