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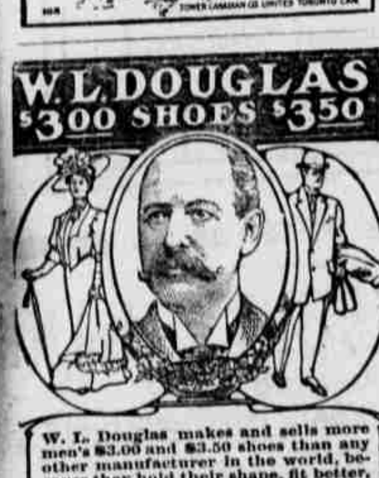

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FARM AND GARDEN

The Rural Home.

So important has agriculture become to the nation's prosperity that President Roosevelt recently appointed a commission to suggest means to make the rural home more attractive and assist in keeping young men on the farm. Many of the conveniences that add comfort to a city home could be installed in the country residence.

The farmer possesses an advantage over the majority of residents in cities in that he owns his own home and is nominally the dictator of his surroundings. In cities dwellers are crowded into apartment buildings for the want of space for private residences and to secure economy in living expenses. The owners of apartment houses have installed steam heat, porcelain bath fixtures, gas stoves, electric lights and maintain the apartments at great expense on account of the costly fixtures and the frequency of repairs. The tenant forms no attachment to his home and is ready to change his residence when other apartments are discovered that more fully suit his fancy.

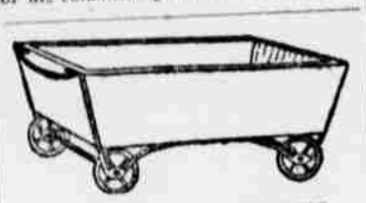
In the country the rural home is permanent and all its improvements are consummated with a view to the future as well as the present generation. In no other profession does the home dweller enjoy the work of his hands as in agriculture. If man is what he makes himself, so the rural home reflects the owner's idea of beauty and convenience. With the land producing increased crops and agricultural products selling at record prices the farmer can afford to adorn his home and improve it with many modern and sanitary appointments.

The water supply may come from a shallow, inconveniently located well and the supply may be contaminated by surface seepage containing the microbes of typhoid fever and other diseases. The water supply is the great source of health, cleanliness and convenience on the farm. Tubular wells are permanent and of cheap construction and their depth furnishes living water free from germ diseases. With a windmill and tank the water can be piped into the house at small expense and a supply furnished at all times by turning the faucet. A hot-water heater can be attached to the stove and hot water provided without additional expense for fuel.

With ample grounds a beautiful lawn could easily be arranged with ornamental trees, flowers and shrubbery that would outrival the homes of city dwellers. With the installation of modern conveniences at small expense rural homes can be made ideal for comfort and thus stimulate contentment among the younger generation to follow the greatest of all professions—agriculture.—Goodall's Farmer.

Convenient Barn Truck.

No dairyman can afford to ignore that which will lighten his labor in any way whatever. Be his stable ever so conveniently constructed, he has enough to do. Hence the importance of his considering the truck or car presented in the cut.



FEEDING TRUCK FOR THE STABLE.

Made of good lumber, the only iron about it is the handle at each end, by which to push or pull it along the feeding alley in front of the cows which are to be fed, and the trucks on which it is mounted. The wheels procured, any good blacksmith can make this, so that the truck is by no means difficult to construct. It should be about 2 feet wide, 20 inches deep and 4½ feet long. Silage can be conveyed in it from the silo to the mangers very readily. If the silo is some distance away it will save much hard work, indeed.—Fred O. Sibley, in Farm and Home.

Grasses Everywhere.

Grasses are widely distributed. We usually think of them as existing in our temperate zones only, because here we have the perennial pastures and meadows. They are, however, to be found so far north that the soil is frozen under them during the greater part of the year, while they are also common to parts of the South where the frost is never known. Even the mountain tops that are clothed with perpetual snow have just below the snow line their carpets of poas that grow and bloom through a brief period every year. The grasses push hard against the eternal snows.

Hog Mange.

The following simple remedies are offered as cures for mange in hogs: 1. Creosote, one and one-half ounces; lard, two pounds; mix well and apply to affected parts. 2. Sulphur, one and one-half pounds; lard, two pounds; mix well and apply as above. 3. Turpentine and sulphur at the rate of ten parts of the former to one of the latter is likewise said to be an effective remedy.

Fertilizing Fruit Trees.

Stable manure for the fruit trees is like corn meal and timothy for milch cows. It is not a square meal and does not produce the best results for the expense. The contrast is especially striking in the peach orcharding. The manure-fed tree is rank and green, but weak and short-lived. The tree fed on chemicals, with not too much nitrogen, looks less rank, and the bark and limbs are more like those of an apple tree in appearance, so firm and close is their texture. They last from two to four times longer than the overrank tree.

Produce Prices Going Higher.

From the figures of a report by the bureau of labor there has been extracted the interesting fact that sale prices of nearly everything reached a higher level last year than at any time during the last eighteen years, and the farm produce leads all the rest.

The bureau divides the 258 commodities of the country into nine groups and farm produce showed the highest increase in price attained by any of the groups. And the encouraging feature of the report is that the panic of last year did not affect prices of farm stuff very much. In fact, taking everything sold, the farmer got more money in 1907 than the average of ten years before.

Som farmers may not know this, but it is true, because Mr. Powderly's bureau says so. Aside from the musty figures of a departmental report, the fact is evident that the farmers of this country are more prosperous than they have ever been. It is shown in better houses, bigger barns, fatter bank accounts, fewer mortgages, better machinery, and, more important than anything else, higher standard of living for the family.

There is one small fly in the ointment, however, and that is the fact that while farm produce has been raising in price, clothing, implements, lumber and building materials, house furnishing goods and some other things farmers must buy have gone up, too.

But as these commodities have not kept pace with the advance in the price of things the farmers have to sell they may on the whole feel that they are gaining ground and that agriculture is not to be despised.

Handling Alfalfa's Crop.

Methods of handling the alfalfa crop from the time of seeding until it is in the barn in the form of well-cured hay are given by the Wisconsin Station bulletin. In brief, it is as follows: The best soil for alfalfa is a rich clay loam over a gravelly subsoil. It is best on well-cultivated soils. If the nitrogen-forming bacteria are not in the soil, the soil should be inoculated. Spring sowing is the best. Where ground is inclined to be weedy use a nurse crop, barley sown at the rate of three packs to the acre being the best. Thin seeding of the nurse crop is preferable. Twenty pounds of alfalfa seed per acre is recommended. The year following the seeding three good crops of hay can be expected. Cut when about one-tenth of plants are in bloom and on a morning after the dew has disappeared on a day that promises fair weather. Cut stubble at least an inch high. In the afternoon of the day cut, rake and put into small cocks. These cocks can be covered with light cotton duck caps and left until the hay is thoroughly cured.

To Kill Quack Grass.

Quack grass is sometimes known as Johnson grass, and also by other names. It is useless to attempt to get rid of it after the land has been planted to a crop. Now is a good time to consider fighting it. Plow the land late in the fall, just before winter begins. Plow just deep enough to get under the roots, leaving as much of them as possible exposed to the frost of winter. These exposed roots will be destroyed. In the spring harrow or rake over the roots repeatedly, doing the work over and over again until almost every root is removed, and then plant the soil to potatoes or corn and give thorough cultivation.

Value of Farm Products.

There are about 7,000,000 farms in the United States. In 1907 the value of the products from these farms was $7,112,000,000. The average for each farm is about $1,058. This means gross products whether consumed on the farm or sold in the market.

Helps in the Farm Home.

When through using a tool, or machine, put it up.

Young ewes should as a rule never be bred under 14 months.

Little leakages cause big losses in the aggregate. Remember that.

Bacon is fine when baked in the oven. Pour off the grease frequently.

Watch the butter milk and be sure you are not losing lots of butter fat.

A bit of alcohol on a soft cloth will make your glasses shine and save your eyes.

Feed the horses regularly. Irregular feeding encourages bolting of food, leading to indigestion.

A slate hung in the kitchen is a very handy thing on which to note things to be ordered from town.

Don't forget that charcoal is good for the hogs, salt, also. Have it where they can help themselves.

Large animals consume less pounds of dry material per 1,000 pounds live weight than do small ones.

It is no longer a question: Does the silo pay? Rather, what is the best method of handling the silo?

The road horse stuffed with hay makes a poor traveler. Feed light on hay and heavier on oats when using the horses much.

Kerosene will start a stove fire all right, but no wise woman will use it. Dry corncobs are nearly as good and a great deal safer.

Dipping the ends or corners of articles to be hung on the clothes line in very strong salt water will prevent the part from freezing and makes it easy to put on the clothespins.

Invite your neighbor to have dinner with you occasionally and never fail to go out when you are invited. We all get tired of home cooking in time and a change is a good thing.

His Little Joke.

Grocer—I'm doing myself an injustice when I let you have six onions for a nickel.

Customer—Why, how is that?

Grocer—I give you six scents for five.

Different Brands.

"How do you sell your music?" asked the prospective customer.

"It depends on the kind you want," replied the smart clerk. "We sell piano music by the pound and organ music by the choir."

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

APPLE CROP SMALLER.

Yield 25 Per Cent Less Than Predicted, but Quality Good.

Portland—Oregon's apple crop will fall behind the expectations of last spring, by about 25 per cent this year, although it will still be ahead of last year in the size of the yield. This conclusion has been arrived at by Secretary Williamson, of the state board of horticulture, who has been receiving reports from all quarters.

The unusually early frosts of September, coupled with the high wind that prevailed about that time, are to blame for the falling off in the yield, as well as for the smaller size of the apples, Mr. Williamson says. The amount of fruit for export has therefore been diminished, but that finding its way into the local markets has been very much increased. This accounts for the markets of Portland being rather overstocked this month, as fruit for export must be first quality as regards size and appearance.

But freedom from pests in the apples offered for sale is more pronounced than for a number of years, and consumers are better protected from wormy apples than at any time since the condling moth, woolly aphis and San Jose scale became prevalent in the orchards of the state a number of years ago.

The solidity and excellent condition of the apples exposed for sale this year are due to the coal oil bottles of the various county inspectors, Mr. Williamson says, and this is particularly noticeable in Portland, where Fruit Inspector Baum has been unusually busy in inspecting stocks in grocery stores, deddler wagons and fruit stands.

Wheat Acreage Larger.

Wasco—There has been the largest acreage of fall wheat sown in Sherman county during the past few weeks in the history of the county. The weather has been ideal for seeding, and the grain has taken on a wonderful growth. With the good rains of the past few days, and continual warm growing weather, Sherman county will harvest next year a bumper crop of fine fall wheat. Turkey red and 40-fold are the varieties being seeded, with the former in the lead. In the spring farmers will confine themselves to bluestem, and crooked-neck club, both of which yield well for spring wheat, and because of the extra qualities of the soil here for these varieties.

Diversified Farming at Athena.

Athena—The time of diversified farming is slowly coming in this section of Umatilla county. The increased amount of moisture from year to year is attended by an increased amount of weeds, thus making more extensive cultivation necessary. The farmer who has used 1,000 acres of land a year in the past can not now use so much because of the increased labor. This country next year will have other crops than wheat. The change is gradual, being forced by climatic and economic conditions.

Condenser About Assured.

Albany—According to C. W. Tebault, a local capitalist, the proposed $40,000 milk condenser is almost assured. Twenty-one thousand dollars has been secured. The daily capacity of the condenser is to be 40,000 pounds. The number of cans required to supply this is 2,500. There are about 8,000 cows within a radius of 18 miles of Albany, so that a condenser of this size would have assurance of an adequate supply of milk at all times. The market for condensed milk is growing rapidly.

Votes New Water System.

La Grande—The city of La Grande will have a new water system that will convey high mountain water 18 miles to this city with a 1,300 foot pressure, as the result of the adoption of the new city charter at a special election. The vote cast was exceedingly small, but the majority in favor of the new charter large. Construction of the water system will begin at once, and will be finished by next summer, at a cost of $160,000.

1,000 Acres for $20,000.

Eugene—Charles McFarland, of this city, and Ernest E. Hyland, of Lowell, have purchased James Sanford's stock farm near Hazel Dell, 45 miles east of Eugene, and will pasture their extensive cattle herds there. The tract consists of over 1,000 acres and the price paid for it is $20,000. This is said to be one of the best stock farms in the state. It has been owned by Mr. Sanford for 40 years. He is a retired capitalist.

Railroad Writes Commission.

Salem—Officials of the Oregon Electric have written to the railroad commission to learn what action must be taken to compel farmers along the right of way to keep private gates closed that lead across the track. It was by such negligence that the disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific near Cottage Grove was caused.

Salem Men Get Contract.

Eugene—The contract for the Federal building to be erected by the government on the Renshaw lot, at the corner of Willamette and Sixth streets, has been let to Welch Bros., of Salem, for $54,957. Under the contract the building must be completed by December 1, 1909. The preliminary work will begin at once.

Scouring Mill Reopens.

Pendleton—The local scouring mill, which recently closed the most successful run in its history, has opened up again for a special run of two weeks. Several thousand pounds of wool were recently purchased and this will now be scoured, sorted, baled and shipped to Boston and other points in the East.

Attorney Finch Disbarred.

Salem—J. A. Finch, a Portland lawyer, against whom disbarment proceedings were brought some time ago, has been suspended by the Supreme court for one year. The charge against him was appearing in court intoxicated.

ADVERTISE OREGON FIR.

Lumber Manufacturers to Carry On Vigorous Campaign in East.

Portland—The Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association, at its last monthly meeting, took up the matter of extensively advertising Oregon fir for interior finish in the Eastern markets.

It has been discovered that the beautiful surface of the wood which is so plentiful out here is now attracting attention in the East, but at the same time it is considered advisable to do some missionary work to get it introduced on a large scale.

How to go about it has not yet been decided upon, but the matter has been left with a committee to formulate the most effective system. A unique exhibit will in all probability be sent to the larger Eastern centers to be placed on display for a certain length of time in each city. The material will also be brought to the attention of leading architects.

Henry B. Miller, American consul general, Yokohama, made a highly interesting talk to the assembled lumbermen, speaking principally upon the lumber situation and timber resources in Japan, China and Manchuria. He said that China, especially, will always prove a market for Pacific coast timber, since that country is entirely denuded of anything in the way of forests. Manchuria, on the other hand, he said, has large bodies of fine timber which eventually will enter into competition with other sources of supply.

First Irrigated Tract.

Blalock—Roy M. Jones, of Silverton, who has been engaged by the M. J. Lee company to superintend the planting and cultivation of strawberries at the old Blalock orchard, reports that he has planted in the last 10 days 87,000 Clark Seedling strawberry plants. The company will plant about 40 acres to strawberries alone. This tract of land has in the past produced berries which were earlier than either Hood River or Kennewick. It is believed that it was one of the first pieces of land in the Columbia river basin to be put under water. Dr. Blalock, of Walla Walla, having planted it to fruit about 25 years ago and pumped water from the Columbia for irrigating purposes.

Publicity for Banks.

Salem—The new state banking law requiring all banks to publish their financial statements went into effect last week. The new law requires that all banks must publish their financial statements whenever called upon. The law works automatically. The United States controller calls upon the national banks for their statements, and they in turn call upon all other banks. This takes a burden off the bank examiners, who heretofore have called for bank statements whenever they saw fit, and obviates any possibility of favoritism being shown.

Going After S. P. Data.

Salem—The Oregon Railroad commission has begun plans to ascertain the original cost of construction and to procure an estimate of the cost of reproduction of the propeerty of the Southern Pacific company. This will cover both the main and branch lines. The purpose is to secure complete data similar to that recently procured regarding the O. R. & N. and branch lines and the Corvallis & Eastern. When this has been done, the greater part of the commission's work of this nature will be completed.

Amity Building Rapidly.

Amity—Improvements are going on in Amity in all directions. Newcomers are arriving every week and settling in this vicinity. A number of new residences have been constructed this summer, and others are under way. Among the larger imporvements may be mentioned the new concrete block building recently erected by Benecke & Houser, of Portland, for the Amity Bank and the Amity Hardware & Implement company.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@$2 per box; pears, $1@1.25 per box; grapes, $1@1.50 per crate; quinces, $1@1.25 per box; cranberries, $12.50 per barrel; casabas, 2½c per pound; huckleberries, 10@15c per pound; persimmons, $1@1.25 per box.

Potatoes — 75@85c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Onions—$1@1.10 per 100 pounds.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25; horseradish, 8@10c per pound; artichokes, 90c@$1 per dozen; beans, 10@14c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1 per dozen; celery, 40@75c per dozen; cucumbers, $2@2.50 per box; eggplant, 15c per pound; lettuce, $1@1.25 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 10@14c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9½@10c per pound; squash, 1@1½c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@$1.75 per crate.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 90@91c; fife, 90@91c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 91c.

Barley—Feed, $26.75 per ton; brewing, $27.

Oats—No. 1 white, $31@31.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, $14 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $16@17.50; clover, $12; alfalfa, $12@12.50; grain hay, $12.50@13.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36@27c; fancy outside creamery, 32½@35c; store, 17@20c.

Eggs — Oregon selects, 40@45c; Eastern, 29@32½c.

Poultry—Hens, 11c; spring, 11c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, 16c; dressed turkeys, nominal.

Veal—Extra, 8½@9c; ordinary, 7@7½c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 7c; large, 5½@6c.

Hops—1908, choice, 8@8¾c; prime, 7@7½c; medium, 5½@6c; 1907, 2@4c; 1906, 1@1½c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@14c; according to shrinkage; valley, 15@16c; mohair, choice, 18c.

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Do not be afraid of being original—even eccentric. Be an independent, self-reliant, new man, not just one more individual in the world. Do not be a copy of your grandfather, of your father, or of your neighbor. That is as foolish as for a violet to try to be like a rose, or for a daisy to ape a sunflower. Nature has given each a peculiar equipment for its purpose. Every man is born to do a certain work in an original way. If he tries to copy some other man, or to do some other man's work, he will be an abortion, a misfit, a failure.

Do not imitate even your heroes. Scores of young clergymen attempted to make their reputations by imitating Beecher. They copied his voice and conversation, and imitated his gestures and his habits, but they fell as far short of the great man's power as the chromo falls short of the masterpiece. Where are those hundreds of imitators now? Not one of them has ever made any stir in the world.—Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

Conflicting Evidence.

A learned judge was explaining the intricacies of evidence to a young friend, says the Washington Star, and gave the following story in regard to conflicting evidence.

Usually, he said, one statement is far more probable than the other, so that we can decide easily which to believe. It is like the boy and the house-hunter. The house-hunter, getting off a train at a suburban station, said to a boy:

"My lad, I am looking for Mr. Smithson's new block of semi-detached houses. How far are they from here?"

"About twenty minutes' walk," the boy replied.

"Twenty minutes!" exclaimed the house-hunter. "Nonsense! The advertisement says five."

"Well," said the boy, "you can believe me or you can believe the advertisement, but I ain't tryin' to make a sale."

Negatively.

Lungley—What have you done for the party in this campaign, anyhow?

Mumley—More than you have. I've contributed a dollar or two and made no campaign speeches.

Wayside Communings.

Adam Zawfox—What'd you do if you had a million plunks?

Job Sturky—Th' fust thing I'd do would be to prescribe a Turkish bath f'r you, an' if you didn't take it, by jings, I'd kill ye!

No Scoop on Ma.

"Millie," said the young man, as he slipped the engagement ring on her finger, "have you told your mother about this?"

"O, you innocent!" exclaimed Miss Millie. "Why, Clarence, mamma knew it six months before you did."

Where It Fails.

"Well, what do you think of indoor baseball?"

"It will do well enough as a pastime, but it isn't a game. It'll never develop any national heroes."

Deep Design.

"I thought you said you had no use for that man."

"Yes," answered Farmer Corntossel; "that's what I said."

"Yet you did your best to send him to the Legislature."

"Sure. I want to see him where he'll have a chance to call public attention to his usefulness."—Washington Star.

A Man Asleep.

His mouth and vest were open, and he breathed like a second-hand bicycle pump, writes O. Henry in his inimitable way in Everybody's. I looked at him and gave vent to just a few musings. "Imperial Caesar," says ... "asleep in such a way, might shut his mouth and keep the wind away."

A man asleep is certainly a sight to make angels weep. What good is all his brain, muscle, backing, nerve, influence, and family connections? He's at the mercy of his enemies, and more so of his friends. And he's about as beautiful as a cab-horse leaning against the Metropolitan Opera House at 12 a. m. dreaming of the plains of Arabia. Now, a woman asleep you regard as different. No matter how she looks you know it's better for all hands for her to be that way.

Divine Inspiration.

Effie, the little daughter of a clergyman, pranced into her father's study one evening while the reverend gentleman was preparing a lengthy sermon for the following Sunday.

She looked curiously at the manuscript for a moment and then turned to her father.

"Papa," she began, seriously, "does God tell you what to write?"

"Certainly, dearie," replied the clergyman.

"Then why do you scratch so much of it out?" asked Effie.

He Could Wait.

"Has your husband an old pair of pants that he ain't usin', ma'am?" asked Wareham Long, respectfully removing from his head the shapeless remnant of a hat.

"No," shortly answered the woman of the house, eyeing him suspiciously. "My husband has only one pair of trousers, and they'll last him six months yet."

"All right, ma'am," he rejoined, taking from an inside pocket a ... scrap of cardboard and making a memorandum on it with the stump of a pencil. "I'll be around agin six months from to-day. Afternoon, ma'am."

Size of the World.

"Who are those young men you are making so much fuss over?" asked a man who had just arrived from Australia.

"They are the famous Cubs, the baseball champions of the world," said the native. "You've heard of the Cubs, of course?"

"Never before. But that reminds me. You have heard of Mblimba ... haven't you?"

"No; who is he?"

"He's the champion boomerang thrower of the world. I supposed everybody knew that."—Chicago Tribune.

The Purist at Large.

"Yes, it took me all of five minutes to really get my ballot marked the way I wanted it. I never vote straight, ... I'm sure to always split my ticket."

"I see you're sure to split your infinitives, too."

Modesty in Chicago.

An ambitious young Chicagoan ... called upon a publisher of novels in that city, to whom he imparted confidentially the information that he had decided to "write a book," and that he would be pleased to afford the publisher the chance to bring it out. "May I venture to inquire as to the nature of the book you purpose to write?" asked the publisher politely. "O," came in an offhand way from the aspirant for fame, "I think of doing something on the line of 'Les Miserables,' only livelier, you know."—Bellman.

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