

# OUR FARMERS' PAGE.

ENTERPRISE READERS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY OR "BIG CROP" ITEMS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

### Sheep vs. Potatoes.

Editor Pacific Homestead: In the last issue of your excellent paper I noticed an item in regard to sheep not injuring potatoes and I hasten to warn your readers from my own costly experience to put no trust in any such notion.

A few years ago a neighbor planted some ground in a corner of my field for potatoes and when I said I must have the stubble pasture for my sheep he assured me that he was not afraid of them disturbing the potatoes; but they not only ate every vestige of the tops but pawed up and ate all the potatoes that were near the surface.

Only last summer some careless person left one of my gates open and let my sheep into the potatoes and they at once began grubbing out those near the surface and seemed to prefer them to all other green stuff in the orchard.

### Founder in Livestock.

This is the season of the year when so much stock gets founder, and no doubt a reliable recipe would come in very nicely.

The following is an old and reliable one and if directions are followed closely it will not fail to relieve the worst case: Vinegar 3 pints, cayenne pepper 1/2 drachm, tincture of scouin 15 drops; mix and boil down to one quart. When cool give it as drench, then blanket the horse well. After the horse has perspired for at least an hour give one quart of linseed oil. This is a splendid remedy for grain founder.

### Keeps Good Cows.

A correspondent writes that James Sykes, of Polk county, Oregon, recently refused an offer of \$100 each for his Jersey cows. Probably many of the farmers of Polk county who read that item thought Mr. Sykes was a fool to refuse what appeared to be so good a price. It is altogether probable that Mr. Sykes used good judgment in not letting his cows go at the price offered. A good cow is much better worth \$100 as a business proposition than an average cow is worth one cent more than the butcher will give for her.

### Cucumbers for Pickling.

One farmer near McMinnville has been experimenting with cucumbers. He has two acres that he has been picking for a month and he has harvested \$200 worth of cucumbers already and there is at least two months more of the season left. This would

make a yield of \$600 for the patch, or \$300 per acre and this price is realized for pickling cucumbers as a field crop. Table cucumbers would bring a much higher figure, but one could not care for such a large area.

### Mules in Trousers.

George Finney, an express wagon driver, has clothed his mules' forelegs in trousers. In speaking of it he said that flies bothered the forelegs of a four-footed animal more than they did the hind limbs, and he, therefore, having some respect for the comfort of his faithful servants, had made a pair of trousers to protect them from the pests. The trousers were supported by the suspenders passed up over the backs of the animals.

### Bathing Pools for Swine.

That the hog needs a bath, and frequently, there is no question. A clear pool or basin of water that could be supplied and drawn off at will may be one of the next hog yard improvements introduced by the wise hog man for the use of his hogs during their summer vacation, the heated period, which has grown so bothersome and hard to endure by the higher order of animals, as well as the pure-bred hog.

### Kemp in Wool.

Kemp is of no use whatever and should be bred out of sheep as fast as possible. It is incapable of taking the dye used in coloring woolsens and when wool contains kemp its value is thus greatly reduced.

Kemp is not wool but coarse stiff hairs of the original wild sheep. It may be seen where the wool is short and scant, and when found may be seen all through the better class of wool on the sheep.

It is evident, of course, that such sheep should not be used as breeders.

### Clover Seed in Oregon.

One of the best paying things in the new diversified farming of the day is the raising of clover for the seed, for which there is a steady demand at a good price, 10 cents a pound. Alsike clover generally runs about seven bushels to the acre and red clover about five. A bushel weighs sixty pounds, and it costs \$1 to have it hulled.

### The Dog.

I think every family should have a dog; it is like having a perpetual baby; it is the plaything and crony of the whole house. It keeps them all young. All unite upon Rover. And

then he tells no tales, betrays no secrets, never sulks, asks no troublesome questions, and is always ready for a bit of fun.—Spare Hours.

### Chicken Cholera.

Birds that have this disease should be fed dry grains instead of mash and soft food. There are on the market many cures prepared especially for cholera, and I would advise the lady to procure one of these rather than resort to the bother and uncertainty of a home remedy. One of the best of these is one drachm of hydrochloric acid in a quart of water, keeping all other drinking water away from the birds. This material can be secured at any drug store, and is not expensive. In cases that are not of too long standing, it is as efficient as any thing required.

### Climate of the Arid West.

During the last two or three years there has been rather more than the normal amount of rainfall over the larger part of the arid region, and many people acquainted only with the present conditions firmly believe that the climate is gradually becoming more humid. This belief is probably without any foundation in fact, and it is surprising that it should exist, for the precipitation records of the whole country receive wide publicity; but, since the idea is generally held and has been widely advertised, it becomes important to emphasize the fact that there is no adequate basis for hoping that the climate of the arid west is undergoing any appreciable change as regards precipitation.

### Late Potato Blight.

The late blight and rot of potatoes may be prevented by spraying frequently with Bordeaux mixture, made of four pounds of blue vitrol and four to five pounds of lime to 50 gallons of water, beginning spraying while the tops are green and repeating the spray at eight to ten day intervals till the crop is mature. The more frequent spraying is necessary later in the season. The increase in 1906 from spraying a dozen crops as above was 40 to 50 bushels of marketable potatoes per acre upon the late crop. Four to six sprayings may be required upon very late plantings. Delay in treatment is unwise.

### Three Ohio Oat Crops.

One Miami county, Ohio, farmer reports an acreage of 80, with a yield of 43 bushels; a second had 180 acres and a yield of 41 bushels; the third 103 acres with a yield of 50 bushels. All in the Miami Valley with the oats sown on ground cropped in corn for several years and the oats sown on the soil without plowing; seeded in with a harrow. Plowing for oats in the Miami Valley leads to a growth of too much straw and the oats fall down and do not fill.

### The Poultry House.

In constructing a poultry house it is best to have it face to the southeast as the sun will then send in its warmth as soon as it rises. The sun will warm the house until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the winter. If the house faces the south, as is usually the custom, the sun's rays will not enter before 9 or 10 o'clock, although the morning is the most important time for receiving benefit.

### Potatoes Kept for Seed.

Potatoes can be kept for seed by spreading them out not over one deep and keeping them near a window until August or even later. Try a half bushel and plant in August for your seed in 1908. It will pay you. Spray them often to repel the blister beetles and you will have potatoes that beat Red River of the North for seed.

### Alfalfa for Hogs.

Wherever alfalfa can be raised, the best, as well as the cheapest pork and bacon can be produced, for alfalfa gives growth to the muscle, making the lean meat that is the best and sells the best. And while growing in the alfalfa fields the hogs get the exercise needed for healthy development. The alfalfa can be raised in very many portions of Oregon and wherever it will grow it may be made a highly profitable crop and one that will get out of the swine industry its biggest possible results.

### In Colorado.

In Colorado can be found some of the best systems of irrigation devisable by modern engineering talent, equal to the best constructed anywhere else in the world. They are so built that they will withstand the destructive effects of the elements for ages to come under a plan combining the control with the use and proprietorship of the land.

### Notes.

Sheep need salt as well as other animals. Always teach a horse to work double first and single afterwards. The fattening hogs should be fed liberally on corn, roots, pumpkins, etc. Not enough strawberries, raspber-

ries or cherries raised this year to supply the Ashland canners.

Anyone who sets out now, and cares for an orchard of 20 to 30 acres, will in time have a splendid competence.

It costs no more to grow a good horse than it does a poor one. The good horse is often worth double the poor one.

For the ordinary farmer 100 hens is all that he can or will take care of as he should and thus the flock that will prove most profitable.

Never set hens where they can be disturbed, a convenient and cheap way of setting is to utilize old goods boxes and barrels turned on the side, with entrance closed.

Cows will never over-eat on good roughness. If they do eat an excessive quantity of roughness it is because the other feeds do not contain the proper amount of food elements.

A good strong mare can raise a colt each year and still do about as much work on the farm as a gelding. It pays to farm with good breeding mares, if they are properly handled and bred to good horses.

The most successful dairymen are intimately acquainted with every cow in their herd. The same affection prompts the mother cow to do all she can for her calf will prompt her to do all she can for her owner. Scientific investigations have proven the truth of this statement.

### Thoroughbred Berkshire Hogs.

Anyone wishing to buy thoroughbred Berkshire male hogs, aged about six months, call and see them or write R. S. McLaughlin, R. F. D. No. 1, Milwaukie, Or., Box 122 35-4

### HOP CROP PROPHECY.

The rainy weather of the past three days has done no material injury to the Oregon or Washington hop crop, so far as can be learned. Everything will depend, however, on the weather that succeeds the storm. Should it turn off cloudy, warm and moist, the damage will be great. On the other hand, if we have a few days of dry, hot weather, the crop will again be in excellent condition.

### LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the council of Oregon City at its next regular meeting for a renewal of his liquor license until March 1, 1907, at his present place of business, 417 Main street, Oregon City.

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### Evelyn Thaw Rusticating.

Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw of New York, accompanied by her brother, arrived on the Princess Arthur from New York. Mrs. Thaw is going to a quiet place between Liverpool and Shelburn, where she will spend several weeks in an effort to recover her health.

### How Mary Solved the Problem.

Little 4-year-old Mary was wandering idly about in her garden, when her eyes caught sight of Dick, the neighbor's boy, hoeing potatoes. Without an invitation she entered their garden, surveying him with interest.

Dick raised his hat and with a merry twinkle in his eye, said: "Good morning, Mary; how is your liver to-day?"

"I — I — don't know," stammered Mary, with a puzzled expression; but suddenly her sweet little face changed to a sunny smile and her tone sounded very superior and wise, when she answered:

"I have not seen it lately."

—Lucille Hansen.

### HONESTY IN NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

Had Abraham Lincoln lived in Norway or Sweden, probably he would never have been known to the world as "Honest Abe," because there honesty is so common as to attract no attention. Travelers tell us that at the railway restaurants passengers help themselves to whatever they wish, and then report what they have eaten and pay for the same without any questions being asked. A person's word is always taken, and he is never watched. On the steamboats, after each meal, a traveler writes down in a large book what he has eaten. When ready to go ashore, he calls a waitress who affixes a price to each item, adds up the amount, receives the money, and puts it in her pocket. When filled she gives the money, without counting, to the stewardess. Instead of making them careless, they are more scrupulously honest than any other nation in the world.

### WANTED.

Fifty hop pickers. Have 23 acres to pick; two yards. Good new hop shanties for pickers. Good water and plenty of wood at camp. Free vegetables for pickers. Will begin picking about August 28. Write at once so we can place your names on our books. No booze fighters need apply. OGLESBY BROS. CO. Box 58, R. F. D. 4, Aurora, Ore.

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## WORLD NEWS

New York grocers and butchers are said to cheat the people of that city out of \$13,000,000 a year by giving them short weights and measures.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has issued orders that all employees who drink liquor while on duty will be discharged.

The National Government is planning to investigate the price of food products in Pittsburg. It is charged that a conspiracy exists among wholesalers.

A cablegram from Berlin says: The Persival steerable airship made its first flight of the year today, carrying four aereonauts. Her motors worked perfectly, as did her steering apparatus.

At present all Canadian coins are minted in London, but after November they will be turned out at the Ottawa mint. The profit, which is now nearly half a million dollars, will accrue to the Dominion government.

Two years hence, Argentina will celebrate the centennial of its establishment as a republic. Plans are already under way for a fitting celebration of this anniversary. The government will indorse the celebration on a scale befitting the growth and prosperity of this oldest Latin-American republic.

The Dominion government is negotiating with Japan to restrict the number of Japanese immigrants coming into Canada. The existing arrangement provides for the yearly admission of 500 from Japan, but this number is multiplied many times by arrivals from Honolulu. It is proposed to limit the number to 500 from all ports.

The Standard oil interests have purchased a controlling interest in the Seattle National Bank, of Seattle, and will add 66 per cent to the capitalization of the bank. Official announcement is made that the National City Bank, of New York, has been given a dominating interest in the local institution.

Yellow fever has broken out at Cienfuegos, Cuba. A searching investigation is being made by the army medical authorities to trace the source of the disease. A hundred experienced men will be sent to Cienfuegos to clean up the town, which is said to be in a condition that mocks at sanitary laws.

## HUNTING DEER WITH DOGS PROHIBITED

The latest statute relating to hunting deer with dogs or shooting dogs hunting deer, is as follows:

Any person killing any deer being pursued by dogs, at any time, or having in possession any deer or carcass or part of a deer during the season when it is unlawful to take or kill such deer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 and any person killing, maiming, or injuring dogs in pursuit of any deer shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$200; provided that in the counties of Coos and Curry it shall be unlawful at any time to hunt any deer with dog or dogs with intent to kill or injure such deer.

## OREGON GAME LAWS.

Bag Limit—Ducks, 50 in one week; geese, no limit; swans, no limit; upland birds, 10 in one day; deer, five in one season.

Open Season—Buck deer, July 13 to November 1; female deer, October 1 to October 15; silver gray squirrel, October 1 to January 1; China pheasants, native pheasants, grouse and quail, October 1 to December 1; ducks, geese and swans, September 1 to February 1; water rail upland and polver, August 1 to January.

The funeral of Miss Lora Warne, who died Wednesday night at the home of her sister on Promontory avenue, was held Thursday afternoon of last week, after which the remains were shipped to her old home in Iowa.

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