

OUR FARMERS' PAGE.

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

VARIATION IN PLANT FOODS.

The Farm Should Be Cropped So As To Get Best Results.

Plant foods vary in composition and the most fertile farm may lack in some particular element of fertility. Manure that does not contain all the essential elements that tend to re- generate the soil is not in itself com- plete. It will, of course, enrich the soil, but as the soil does not receive from the manure all that it yielded in the shape of food, no figures are necessary to demonstrate that in the course of time the sale of milk will exhaust the soil of plant foods (most- ly of nitrogen), including potash, phosphates and other mineral matter.

If poor it should be left and turned under to enrich the land as much as possible. Never plant any of the small grains in the orchard. Growth is the most necessary item for the young tree.

Sixty-six Potatoes from Two.

An Ohio farmer was given two handsome potatoes of a new variety. He planted them last spring and has for his labor 66 good-sized potatoes to start out with next spring.

Fifty-three Pigs in Three Years.

Elmer Moore, an Ohio farmer, is the owner of a brood sow that has far- rowed 61 pigs in the past three years and raised 53 of them. Her largest litter was 14 pigs, about six weeks ago. The animal is a cross between the Poland China and Duroc Jersey breeds and if fat, would weigh over 300 pounds.

To Cure Black Tongue.

There seems to be a great deal of black tongue in some sections. A good remedy is to swab the mouth out several times each day with a mixture of the following: Three ounces powdered burnt alum, half gallon of finely ground corn meal, two ounces of chloride of lime. Mix well before using. Continue swabbing until all appearance of the trouble has been removed.

A Real Cracking Good Farmer.

I once asked a farm hand how his employer succeeded in doing so well when he only worked ten hours a day. "It's all in the management, I think he is the best manager I ever saw. The work goes on as steady as a clock on his place. There seems to be no rush at any time, but I know that I am doing better work and more of it on this farm than I ever did in my life. He has every implement fixed to do the best work it will do, and I can tell you it is a great satisfac- tion to work with them. Then he is the best stock feeder I know. He feeds the horses just enough to keep them even. They are not fat as butter in winter and poor as crows in summer. When at work they have full feed, and when they stop the feed is cut down at once. He seems to have more sense about these things than anybody I ever met. The fact is, he is a real cracking good farmer."

Notes.

No business pays better on invest- ment of small capital or is so easily and speedily developed than poultry keeping.

A valuable part of a colt's education in harness, is training it to walk rapidly.

Too heavy shoes should be avoided in shoeing your horses. It tends to make them awkward and is an un- necessary burden.

The dairy cows must be kept com- fortable if she yields a profit after paying for her board.

Hard grain should be fed at even- ing regularly so that the fowls may go to roost with full craws.

Fine bone meal mixed with the soft food is a valuable preventative of leg weakness in young fowls.

The intelligent man can do more with a scrub herd than the uninform- ed can with a herd of pure bred.

A Michigan man declares he in- creased the value of his peach crop \$1,000 last summer by thinning.

The demand for Angora goats seems to be spreading; they are a valuable animal on a farm given to growing brush and weeds.

Sheep should have access at all times to plenty of fresh water, and small sheds to protect them from sun and rain should be provided.

Earliness in vegetables is a matter of a good deal of importance. For this reason every thing possible to be done to the ground should be done the year before.

The farm separator pays if for nothing more than getting the milk, warm and perfectly sweet, to the calves within a few minutes of the time it is drawn from the udder.

The consumption of eggs in the Pacific Northwest appears to be grow- ing faster than the home supply and all of the larger cities are getting eggs from the East in carload lots.

Feeding red pepper and other con- diments to hens to produce vigor, and a large production of eggs, is a prac- tice much indulged in by farmers' wives. This is drugging and may prove injurious.

It is a mistake to prune apple trees to open head too much in the West- ern states. The thick tops are need to protect the buds and fruit from the hot sun and strong winds that sweep over the wide prairies.

Pigs will begin to eat with the sows when two or three weeks old. If get- ting plenty of exercise it will not hurt them to crack a little corn. But the ideal feed is skim milk and shorts in the form of a thin slop.

The condition of the potato crop in the latter part of the season. The government crop report placed the condition at 80.2 per cent on Sept. 1, as compared with 88.5 per cent on August 1.

It is now accepted as a settled fact that gain in weight is made most cheaply with a steer before he is eight months old. The sooner a steer or pig is made to reach a size demanded by the markets the more profit is made on it if raised on a farm where the use of land is valuable.

Prunes and Flowers for Passengers.

The La Grande Commercial Club has taken advantage of the fact that the passenger trains stop there from ten to fifteen minutes while changing engines, baggage, etc., and have erect- ed an exhibit building, and before the trains reach the depot an announce- ment is made that all who desire to do so can get off and look through the exhibit hall. A lecture is delivered to the passengers. Twice a week the ladies distribute flowers to each and every passenger and place beautiful bouquets on each table in the dining car, accompanied by a card "Compliments of La Grande." On some oc- casions they have distributed prunes to every passenger, and placed prune jelly on each table in the dining car, accompanied by cards bearing: "Com- pliments of La Grande. Made from Grande Ronde sugar." Distributions of apples are to be made to the passengers. This is a substantial character of ad- vertising that cannot help but bring results.

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Table listing various districts (26-39), general roads, and their respective owners with amounts.

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Table listing various departments (County Court, Circuit Court, Justice Courts, Sheriff, Tax Department, County Clerk, Recorder, Assessor, Tax Rebate, Current Expense, Court House, Jail, Pauper) and associated individuals and amounts.

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Advertisement for HARVEY E. CROSS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, with address and services.

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Advertisement for THOS. F. RYAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW, with probate and realty law specialties.

Advertisement for U'REN & SCHUEBEL, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, with office address and services.

Advertisement for J. E. HEDGES & F. F. GRIFFITH, LAWYERS, with office address.

Advertisement for Williams Bros. Transfer Co., with services and office address.

Large advertisement for S. ROSENSTEIN, featuring 'It Is Human Nature TO WISH FOR THE BEST' and 'The BIG Store with the Little Prices--Rosenstein, Successor to I. Selling'.