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In a way a dog is more noble than the best human being to be found, for he will find something worth while in and will be faithful to the poorest and most worthless stick that ever lived.

A few drops of kerosene in the water with which woodwork is washed will not only loosen the dirt, but will give the paint a luster which it will not have if soap and water alone are used.

If a few squash or pumpkin seeds are planted at one side of the garden patch, so as to furnish forage for the striped beetle, its attacks on the cucumber vines will be materially lessened.

While the robin and meadow lark are accepted as true harbingers of spring, the musical trill of the bull-frog on a quiet evening following a warm day furnishes more conclusive proof that spring has come.

The cherry slug, which also feeds on the leaves of young pear trees, and its second cousin, which eats rose leaves, may be put out of business by sprinkling the leaves when the dew is on or after a rain with fine road dust.

Many a farm dog has come to grief through biting at the spokes of a swiftly moving automobile, not having had it brought to his attention before that this is a different proposition from chasing a skittish horse driven by some passerby.

A merchant of the writer's acquaintance had a sack of prime clover seed stolen the other night. To any one who has priced the commodity this spring it scarcely needs to be said that this offense hardly comes under the head of petty larceny.

The "good" citizen who stays at home when he ought to go to the polls and vote is good in the same sense that are those over whose remains tombstones have been placed in the quiet graveyards. Nay, he is worse than these, for they can do better and he could.

With alfalfa hay to be had at from \$5 to \$8 per ton in sections of several western states far removed from central markets, the opportunity would seem to be excellent for the cheap production of milk products as well as mutton and beef. In all too many of such isolated sections milk, butter and fresh meats fetch very high prices.

Planting weak germed kernels of corn in a field, the bulk of the stalks of which are from strong germed kernels, and allowing them to mature tassels which will scatter a vitiated pollen for rods around are contrary to every accepted principle of breeding in either plant or animal life. It is merely the question of the "scrub sire," in a little different aspect from usual, but real, nevertheless.

Professor Hansen of the South Dakota experiment station, who some years ago brought back from Siberia the seeds of a hardy alfalfa, is this spring delivering to new members of the State Horticultural society little packets containing 100 seeds of this new Cossack alfalfa, which are said to be worth \$1 a package. This variety is said to grow luxuriantly, to bear good quantities of seed and to be sufficiently hardy for all the great dry and cold northwest. He would seem to be a lucky farmer who gets some of this seed.

The problem that many a dairyman is confronted with of whether it would be to his advantage to sell milk or butter is in many instances settled by the disposal he is able to make of his skim milk and buttermilk. If he can get as much for a pound of butter as he can for two gallons of milk it is just about a standoff, the value of the skim milk and buttermilk byproducts paying for the manufacture of the butter. However, a pound of butter removes far less fertility from the farm than two gallons of milk, and this is a factor, often overlooked, that should be kept in mind.

A fellow living in a district infested with quack grass has invented a machine which he thinks will rid the country of the pest. It plows up the soil, elevates it, crushes it and passes it over flaming gas jets, the heat from which destroys all seeds or vegetable matter that it contains. There are two features in connection with this contraption that the writer is a bit skeptical of. The first is the possibility of running the machine slowly enough so as to thoroughly heat the soil; the other, how the average farmer is going to make enough money off land at present infested with quack grass to buy the fuel for those "flaming gas jets."

SHOULD USE GREAT CAUTION.

The farmer living in the northern part of the corn belt, who for one reason or another may have to buy seed corn within the next few weeks, should exercise the greatest caution in the securing of this supply. If possible he should get it from some of his nearest neighbors, as experience in many states has proved that such seed will do better than that brought in from any considerable distance. It may be that a good many ears will have to be tested individually to get the seed one needs, but this will be worth while. If such home grown seed cannot be secured than one must look about in some other quarter for that which is good. There are a few seed men who are reliable and whose statements regarding seed corn they have for sale may be taken at face value. There are others who are in the shyster class, from whom nothing should be bought under any condition. But from whomsoever secured no seed corn should be bought except in the ear and on the express guarantee that it is not to be paid for unless it will grow. Shelled bulk seed corn is a risky proposition in an ordinary year and particularly so this year, when a good article of seed is so scarce. An incident showing this was related to the writer the other day. A firm advertising Minnesota grown seed corn for sale was investigated by customers, and it was found that their supply of Minnesota grown seed was secured from a seed house at Sioux Falls, S. D., whither it had been shipped from southern Nebraska. If this seed had had vitality it would have been all right in Nebraska, but it was virtually worthless except for fodder purposes in the localities where it was distributed as Minnesota grown seed. Had this seed been bought in the ear this would have been discovered at once.

THE HOME BERRY BED.

It is doubtful if any portion of the home garden patch gives a more satisfying or delicious crop return than the one, two or three square rods devoted to the strawberry bed. The crop is not hard to raise, and this furnishes the greater reason why no family should be without this toothsome berry. The plot to be used for the bed should be one of rich soil and as free as possible from weed seeds. If the soil is not as fertile as it should be this difficulty can be overcome by applying well rotted manure, while the weed nuisance can be overcome by persistent work with the hoe or cultivator. Depending somewhat upon season and rainfall, the plants should be set out the latter part of April or the first week in May or shortly after the time for planting early potatoes. For the small garden the plants should be set out twenty inches apart in rows two and a half feet apart. In setting the roots should be spread, and care should be taken to see that the crown is on a level with the soil, not so high that the plant will dry out nor so low that the crown will get covered with earth in case of a heavy rain. Unless very dry weather comes on the newly set plants will not need watering. The cultivation should be frequent and enough to keep down the weeds and keep the surface soil in a mellow condition. The plants will produce more fruit next season if the blossoms put forth this season are snipped off.

COST OF KEEPING COWS.

It is evident from exact records that have been kept of the cost of keeping cows on twenty-five dairy farms in three widely separated neighborhoods in the state of Minnesota that the annual board bill for a dairy cow, which has been put at from \$32 to \$38 for several years past, will have to be revised. In the vicinity of Halstead, Minn., the figures show that this annual feed bill ranged from \$42.20 per cow in 1904 to \$58.01 in 1909. In the vicinity of Marshall the range was from \$40.46 in 1900 to \$51.35 in 1907, while near Northfield the cost ranged from \$54.42 in 1905 to \$72.35 in 1908. The figures mentioned are the more striking because they represent the cost of feed in a state where the prices are probably as low as anywhere and considerably lower than in many eastern states, where dairymen have to buy much of the roughage and concentrates that they feed. The facts presented simply lay greater stress on the necessity of eliminating all cows from the dairy herd that are not or are just barely paying for their keep.

AZOTURIA EASILY PREVENTED.

Veterinarians who have made a study of the subject of azoturia in horses seem to be pretty well agreed that a majority of the cases of the disease could be prevented were greater care and more intelligence used in the care of the horse. The disease is due to an overloading of the system of the animal with poisons by keeping up a full feed of grain and hay during a period of two or three days' idleness in the stable and seems to be immediately developed by rapid driving following such a period of inaction. There are two easy methods of lessening the danger of the disease. One is to reduce the grain ration to practically nothing when the animal stops heavy work. The other is to give the animal the run of a yard or paddock when it is not working. Some one may contend that he has not the room for such an exercise ground, but this is beside the question, for a horse worth \$200 is worth from two to four paddocks of half an acre each.

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Notice of Sale

Notice is hereby given, That, under and by virtue of an Order of License to sell real property, duly made and granted by the County Judge of the County of Hood River, State of Oregon, dated the 25th day of April, A. D. 1912, in the matter of the Guardianship of Roy Thomas and Jesse Thomas, Minors, and now pending in said Court, I will, on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1912, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Hood River, in the County of Hood River and State of Oregon, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, situated in the County of Hood River, State of Oregon, to-wit:

An undivided two-sevenths (2/7) interest in and to a tract of land described as follows, beginning at a point 40 rods and 15 feet West of the North-east corner of Section 3 in Township 2 North, Range 10 East of W. M., running thence South 80 rods, thence West 10 rods, thence North 80 rods, thence East 10 rods to the point of beginning, containing 5 acres more or less, and being a part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 3, subject to a life estate of one Rachel L. Thomas, in and to an undivided one-half of said above described 5 acre tract.

Dated May 4th, 1912.

ELISHA M. THOMAS,

As Guardian of the Person and Estate of Roy Thomas and Jesse Thomas, Minors.

L. A. & A. P. Reed, Attorneys, Hood River, Oregon. 19-23

Notice to Contractors

Office of School Clerk of District No. 11, Hood River, Oregon, May 6, 1912. Sealed proposals will be received here until 7:45 P. M. on the 23rd day of May, 1912, for the construction of a school house in School District No. 11, Hood River county, Ore., the Board reserving the right to reject all bids.

Each bidder must accompany his bid by a certified check payable to H. M. Francis, clerk of the Board of Education for District No. 11, for at least ten per cent of the amount of his bid. This amount will be forfeited to School District No. 11 should the bidder fail upon the request of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with the Board to construct the work as per plan and specification within five days after the award of contract.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a contractor's bond in amount of not less than 50 per cent of the total amount of his bid, for the faithful performance of the work, with two satisfactory Sureties, or the Bond of some approved Security Company, for an amount not less than 50 per cent of the total amount of his bid. Payment to be made as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the value of the work performed during each month to be paid for at the close of the month; the final payment to be made upon the completion of the work and acceptance of the same by the architect and Board of Education.

Each contractor taking a set of plans must deposit Five Dollars (\$5.00), which amount will be returned to him upon return of the plans. Information furnished upon application.

H. M. FRANCIS,

Clerk of the Board of Education. 19-20

Notice for Publication

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Oregon.
May 14, 1912.
Notice is hereby given that Judith R. Kidder, Clerk, formerly Judith R. Kidder, of Fir, Oregon, who, on July 27th, 1883, filed for record, Notice of Intent to make Final Commutation of her SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 10 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation of her right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To O. P. Dodge, Mrs. O. P. Dodge and all of the heirs at law of said O. P. Dodge and Mrs. O. P. Dodge. Also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To O. P. Dodge, Mrs. O. P. Dodge and all of the heirs at law of said O. P. Dodge and Mrs. O. P. Dodge. Also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants. You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 15th day of May, A. D. 1912, and if you fail to answer for want thereof the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their complaint in said cause to-wit: That the title of plaintiffs be adjudged and decreed to be good and valid to the following described real property in Hood River County, State of Oregon, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Block 8, Winans Addition to the town now city of Hood River, thence South 200 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence South 50 feet to place of beginning. Also Lots 2 and 3, Block 7, said Winans Addition. Also beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 7, said Winans Addition, thence South 150 feet; thence West 50 feet to place of beginning. Also beginning at a point 50 feet North and 80 feet West of the Southwest corner of Block 8, said Winans Addition, thence South 250 feet; thence West 25 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence East 25 feet to place of beginning. Also beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 8, said Winans Addition, thence South 250 feet; thence West 25 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence East 25 feet to place of beginning. Also Lots 7 and 8, and South 30 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, said Winans Addition. And that the defendants in the above entitled cause, and each of them, be adjudged and decreed to have no claim, estate, right, title or interest whatever in or to said real property, or any part thereof, and that said defendants and each of them, known or unknown, be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said real property, or any part thereof, adverse to the plaintiffs, and that the plaintiffs have a decree for such other or further relief as may be equitable and just.

This summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, Judge of said Court, duly made on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1912.

S. W. STARK,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.
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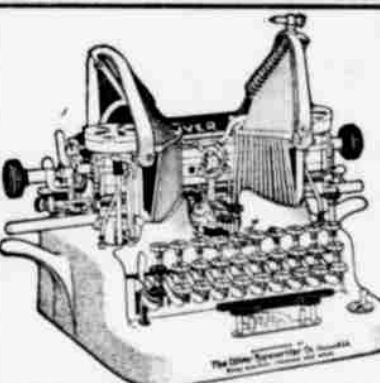
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