

FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN
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 CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

Children are many times punished by their elders for faults of conduct or disposition for which the latter are directly responsible themselves. It's a poor stick of a child that wouldn't become irritable, if not entirely unruly, under the constant nagging and nerve racking faultfinding of some parents.

If one is located in a section where there is danger of damage by spring frosts it is well to keep the strawberry bed covered until other vegetation gets a pretty good start. This will keep the plants back, delay the blossoming period and reduce the likelihood of the blossoms being nipped by a late freeze.

A hog breeder who had a sale the other day received \$325 for a pure bred sow and \$540 for six of her spring pigs. Twenty-eight head, including the seven hogs mentioned, brought an average of \$108 a head. In spite of such a showing as this, however, the great majority of farmers keep right on raising sows.

Lousy poultry or stock is almost always in an unthrifty condition, hence a condition that does not mean the largest measure of profit to the owner. Both lice and mites are parasites that sap the vitality of the animals or fowls on which they live, thus consuming that supply of nourishment which would otherwise be used in the production of flesh, milk or eggs.

If your local banker thinks it dubious for you to invest your hard earned coin in some distant speculative venture it is fair to assume that it would be a good idea to investigate the merits of the proposition thoroughly before closing a deal. The banker will likely err on the side of conservatism in giving his advice, and when one's pulse has been fired by the speculative microbe he is in need of just this kind of advice.

A brief news dispatch the other day referred to the fact that a six year old boy got hold of some rat biscuit that had been put in the cellar and that the funeral services were held the second day following. Casual thought prompted by this incident would be to the effect that when parents put out poison of this kind, and especially within easy reach of little people, common sense would dictate that they warn the children of the deadly nature of the bait.

The average run of folks are altogether too prone to scant their gift of flowers to the living and then put them in profusion on their caskets. This life would be a good deal brighter and happier for all of us if this order were reversed in the case of these sweet messengers of kindly thoughts and were made to include, besides, the cheery word and kindly judgment that might be spoken when our friends and neighbors are still living and can sense and be cheered by them.

Some one who has noticed the tendency of hogs to scratch when they get an itchy spell has hit upon the plan of driving a hardwood stake four or five inches in diameter into the ground and deep enough so that it will stand solid. This is wound closely with coils of a good sized rope and the rope saturated with crude petroleum. The pigs make use of these stakes often, and the oil is automatically distributed on these itchy spots. The plan is a simple one and ought to be worth trying.

The silo is not only the best means for the preserving of the corn plant cut and shredded green, but it gives an ideal way for keeping alfalfa hay. It has been found that fresh cut hay, even though dripping wet as the result of a rain, makes the finest kind of food for stock. In all sections of the country where the likelihood of rains at cutting time makes the curing problem a serious one the silo method of caring for the crop would seem to offer an easy as well as excellent method of getting around the difficulty.

There is a quaint and interesting communitarian society—one of the few that have survived to the present time—at South Amana, not far from Iowa City, Ia. While their economic views and their ideas touching courtship, marriage and domestic life are peculiar, the way they do some other things might well be patterned after. One such is the way they manage their slaughter house. This has cement floors and is in other respects neat and well kept. As soon as an animal is killed and dressed all the offal is burned in a big stove instead of being thrown out for hogs to devour or to decay and contaminate the neighboring atmosphere. As soon as the meat is hung up women come in and scrub and mop the cement floor, so that the room is clean and free from any odor.

While a good deal of marital unhappiness is doubtless due to failings of husbands, just as much of it is traceable to the fact that girls come to the time of their weddings with little or no knowledge of the fundamental requirements of a competent and sensible housewife. Probably for all time to come the proper preparation of food for husbands and children to eat will continue to be one of the chief occupations of married women. In view of this, good sense would seem to suggest to every girl who some day expects to be mistress of a home of her own the wisdom of learning how to cook and to do the other things in the home that must be done if it is to be a happy and well ordered household. Mothers who fail thus to train their daughters are storing up all kinds of trouble and unhappiness for them in their later married life.

GROWING ONIONS.
 A reader of these notes makes inquiry in regard to the raising of onions—wants some pointers that will be of some assistance to him in the patch he plans to grow the coming season. The first thing needed for a crop of onions is good rich soil. If the patch chosen isn't naturally so it should be enriched with finely pulverized manure, but even better than this is a commercial fertilizer consisting of tankage, 825 pounds; bonemeal, 850 and muriate of potash, 325 pounds.

This should be applied with a drill close to the seed rows. The soil should be made fine and compact by either rolling or floating before the seed is sown. The seeder should be adjusted so as to scatter about three and one-half pounds per acre. Some growers use more seed and some less, but the important point is to get a good stand. If too thick, the young onions can be thinned at the time of the first weeding. It is quite important that the piece of land chosen for the onion patch should be as free as possible from weed seeds. On clean ground two weeding should be sufficient, but cultivation should be continued through the growing season, and this holds especially true if rains are frequent and the soil shows a tendency to bake. In selecting a variety of onions to grow, one should write to his nearest market and find the variety that is usually most in demand. The writer is partial to the red globe, but some other variety might sell better in another section. Only the best seed and from reliable seedsmen should be used, and in the end this will be found by all odds the cheapest. It never pays to monkey with two-year-old bargain counter onion seed. Many truckers make a practice of giving a second application of commercial fertilizer, and this is done when the onions are about six inches high, being scattered with a drill close to the rows. For an early crop the seed is often sown thickly in a hotbed and transplanted the desired distance apart when three or four inches high. If the seed is sown in the former way it should be put in as soon as the soil can be worked.

A SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATIVE LAUNDRY.
 Some weeks ago reference was made in these notes to a laundry that had been established in connection with a co-operative creamery at Chatfield, Minn. Farm women who have this washing bugbear on their hands will be interested in the report of this enterprise for the first three months. It has paid from the start, and over and above the cost of operation, including help and supplies, it has cleared \$203. The washings of seventy-five farm families living near by and sixty-five town families have been done at a cost per washing of 97.9 cents for the former and 90.7 for the latter. The laundry addition to the creamery adjoins the boiler, engine and coal room, but is on a side opposite the creamery. The one boiler supplies heat, power and steam, while the exhaust from the engine is sufficient to warm the drying room in the laundry. The building used for the laundry cost \$2,000, and the laundry equipment, which is up to date in every particular, cost \$2,500. Some interesting things in connection with this co-operative laundry are that the officers of the creamery association are also the officers of the laundry association, that both town and country people own stock in the laundry, that its patrons are increasing steadily and that the addition of the laundry to the plant has increased the number of creamery patrons. In view of the above results it is fair to assume that just such a laundry might be profitably established in connection with any successful co-operative creamery. The plan has much to commend it, and many communities need just such a laundry.

BALANCE THE RATION.
 Many a farmer who has a herd of so called dairy cows too frequently overlooks the fact that corn fodder, timothy or wild hay and corn do not constitute a ration that is at all suited to milk production. Such feeds must be supplemented by clover or alfalfa hay and, if these are not available, then by cottonseed or linseed meal. These concentrates are high in price, but a ration balanced with them will not only be cheaper, but give better results than the combination of feeds outlined above from which they are omitted. Take an unbalanced ration that so many farmers are feeding and a bunch of cows that would barely pay their board bill on a good ration, and the dairy business is made about as unsatisfactory a proposition as a fellow could well go into.

THE VIOLET.
 Of many desirable flowers that are suitable for outdoor bedding purposes there is no variety that surpasses the violets. They are remarkably hardy in withstanding extremes of temperature and not only bloom well into winter, but are among the first flowers to blossom in the spring. The blossoms and leaves are attractive, and the fragrance of the bloom is not surpassed by any cultivated flower. An eastern violet specialist classes the California and Princess of Wales as the best among the single blue varieties, the Lady Hume Campbell and the Marie Louise as the best double varieties, while the Swanley White is the standard for the white violets, and the Mme. Millet is the standard pink.

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Silverton Girl Stabbed by Assassin.
 Silverton.—An attempt at murder was made upon the person of Miss Jennie Rose, a young Italian girl, by an unknown assassin in her home about midnight. She was out during the evening and returned home about 10 o'clock. On retiring, a lamp was left burning in the room. A noise aroused her, and about that time the light went out. She called her little brothers, when she was set upon by an assassin, who stabbed her. Leaping from the bed and eluding her assailant, she ran to the street, where she fell, suffering from 14 cuts.

EXCHANGES OFFERED
 Town Property for Valley Ranches:
 Beautiful home on State street for small ranch.
 Modern bungalow and large lot on Prospect avenue for small ranch.
 Up-to-date cottage with lot 190x260 ft on Columbia street, lot planted to trees and small fruits.
 Modern house and two lots on Eugene street for small ranch, or raw land in quantity.
 Valley Property to Exchange for Other Land
 20 acres in Dukes Valley, 10 acres creek bottom, 10 acres fruit land, improvements.
 10 acres on the macadam road, two miles from town, first class improvements, all in high state of cultivation. Ideal country home. Wants Hood River city property or Portland income bearing property.
 Four and one-half acres of 8-year-old standards, 2 miles from town, wants house and lot in Hood River or Portland.
 35 acres in Upper Valley, 14 acres cleared, 10 ready for plow, balance in timber; will trade for Portland income bearing property.
 40 acres just outside of town, east side of Hood River, about 20 acres in cultivation, wants residence property in town.
 80 acres of fine land at Underwood, some improvements. Want unimproved land in Hood River Valley, or residence property in Hood River.

FOR LEASE
 RENT FREE
 Small Orchard in Dukes Valley to responsible party for keeping up the place, caring for trees. 8 acres cleared—5 bearing; spring, no buildings—Will give for 2 or 3 years lease. Address, "F. H." Care of Hood River News.

NOTICE OF FILING OF REPORT BY CITY SURVEYOR
 Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Charter of the City of Hood River, notice is hereby given that the City Surveyor has heretofore on the 7th day of April, 1913, filed with the undersigned City Recorder, his report and plat of the proposed change in Sherman Avenue in front of and extending along Lot 4, Block 1, Waucoma Addition to the City of Hood River, containing a plat of the survey and change appropriated for such change, and of said street and the portion of each lot, part of lot or tract required to be that the same will be presented to the Common Council of the City of Hood River, along with proof of publication of this Notice at its next regular meeting after the completion thereof, and all persons having any interest in said matter, or objections to file thereto, are required to present the same at said meeting of the Common Council, to-wit: At its meeting on the 5th day of May, 1913.

NEW SCHEDULE
 Mount Hood Railroad
 Effective 12:01 A. M. Sunday, Sept. 25, 1912

No. 1 A. M.	STATIONS	No. 2 P. M.
8:00	Lv. Hood River Ar.	2:55
8:05	Powerdale	2:50
8:15	Switchback	2:50
8:25	Van Horn	2:49
8:40	Muir	2:55
9:05	Oleli	2:50
9:15	Summit	1:50
9:20	Blancher	1:43
9:25	Winters	1:35
9:45	Dee	1:30
10:10	Trout Creek	1:15
10:40	Woodworth	1:05
10:45	Ar. Parkdale Lv.	1:00

A. WILSON, Agent.

Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd
 Will be Tad's Day at Our Store
 Bring the babies, that we may properly register names and open the Savings Account for them. Remember the dates, May 2nd and 3rd

FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS
 A Reverent Moving Picture Life Story of JESUS OF NAZARETH
 REPRODUCED IN AUTHENTIC LOCATIONS IN PALISTINE AND EGYPT
 5 Reels KALEM'S BIBLICAL MASTERPIECE 5000 Feet

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Hood River County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the construction and erection of a wooden wagon bridge, complete, the same to be constructed and erected over and across the stream of Hood River at a point near Wiggins, about one-eighth of a mile below the present bridge. A profile of the ground, showing length and height of the proposed bridge, is now on file with the Clerk of Hood River County where the same may be inspected and examined. Bids will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 7th day of May, 1913. All bids to be addressed in care of the County Clerk of Hood River County, and must be accompanied with a deposit of five per cent of the bid. The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 G. R. CASTNER,
 County Judge,
 Hood River, Oregon, April 3, 1913.
 15-17c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County.
 In the matter of the Estate of Eugene R. Swinburne, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was on the 10th day of April, 1913, duly appointed, by the County Court of Hood River County, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Eugene R. Swinburne, Deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified according to law, at the office of John Baker, Attorney at Law, in the City of Hood River, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
 Dated and date of first publication this 16th day of April, 1913.
 16-20 RALPH C. SWINBURNE.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the will of Nannie E. Clark, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County and that said court has fixed and appointed the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 24th day of April, 1913, as the time for hearing said final account and the settlement thereof. All heirs, creditors or other persons interested in said estate are hereby required to appear on or before the day fixed for said hearing and to file their objections to said account of any particular item thereof, specifying the particulars of such objections.
 13-17 W. A. MERCHER.

GEM THEATRE
 Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24
 ADMISSION 15c AND 25c

ALLIES' Quarrels Are Hope of Turks.
 Vienna.—Peace in the Balkans is apparently as far away as ever.
 Bulgaria and Greece are quarreling over Salonika, which means that the allies are neglecting their war with Turkey. In the meantime, the Moslem empire is reported to be preparing a desperate resistance of any assault on the Tchatalja forts.
 Washington.—It is said that the Wilson-Marshall administration will be a "white-ribbon" affair, with no wines or liquors served at any entertainment. Not only do the president and Mrs. Wilson and their daughters bar the sparkling cup, but so also do vice President and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and other members of the cabinet.

Presenting to the public this wonderful representation of the life of Christ, we wish to point out a few interesting facts in connection with its production. The tremendous undertaking entered upon by the producers of this great film, containing about eighty thousand photographs, has required eight months of artistic industry, the employment of specialists in authoritative research, forty actors, hundreds of supernumeraries, droves of sheep and a caravan of camels—a kaleidoscope procession—no effort nor expenditure has been spared to achieve the realization of a high ideal.

For the pictures representing the flight into Egypt the company journeyed to the land of the Pharaohs and these early scenes were actually pictured under the shadow of the sphinx and pyramids. One notes particularly in these pictures the wonderful grouping of the crowd. This success is entirely due to the religious effect which the play had upon the dwellers in the Holy Land.

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