

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.

The Farmer Should Be Merciful to His Horses—Artistic Driveway for the Country Home—Treatment of Overfed Cows—Agricultural Notes.

Cruelty to the Horse.

Did you ever use the whip when not absolutely necessary? Is your horse bright-eyed and happy, or is his eye dull and his heart heavy with the miseries of overloading, fast driving or your severities and neglects? Do you frequently rest him, and fasten him when the road is soft, or the road heavy, or the grades upward? Do you strap him with a check rein to a cruel strap, or obstruct his sight with blinders, or expose him to torment with shortening his tail or mane? Do you clip his legs in the fall or winter to rank cruelty? Do you protect him as much as possible from storms, cold winds, severe weather, and from hot summer sun? Are you careful to have him regularly fed, frequently watered, to keep his stable bright and clean, light and wholesome, and his bed free from cobs, sticks and other discomforts? Do you frequently oil the axles, lest they become dry and greatly increase his pain and lameness result? Does he regard you as his kind and generous friend—or his dreaded master? Do you realize that he has no voice, his distress and must rely on you to protect him from misery? Are you forbearing, kind and patient with him? Do you study his comfort, and treat him as you would wish, were you in his place? Are you not a cruel man—if you do not? "Blessed are the merciful."—Humane Journal.

The Farm Driveway.

A "tree line" is a practical farmer's line of beauty. He very properly wants his fences, hedges, cornfields and orchard rows as straight as they can be drawn, but nature does not adorn her landscapes in that way. In ornamental planting, irregular wavy lines, or a succession of groups, are much more artistic and attractive.

The entrance drive or "lane," as it is usually called, is an important feature in the surroundings of a country home. The success of landscape effects depends largely upon the judicious location and arrangement. While the shortest line is the most practical course for travel between two points, artistically considered a long, narrow, straight line, fenced on both sides, unadorned by trees, is something to be avoided if possible. If the driveway must be straight, let it be through an open field or fenced on one side only, and lined with trees, or if enclosed by two fences let them be fifty feet apart, with a row of trees on each side. It may then answer for the family orchard of all kinds of fruits and nut trees, or if planted with maples, beech or oaks, will eventually form a magnificent avenue.—The Orange County Farmer.

Overfed Cows.

"When it is known that a cow has eaten largely of meal or of grain of any kind," Dr. Smead says, "one of the best remedies is a few quarts of water, not perhaps, over a gallon at any one time; in half an hour let her have another gallon, and continue every hour until her thirst is quenched. The first time the water is given stir into it a heaping teaspoonful of ginger and a tablespoon of good cider vinegar, and add the ginger and vinegar every second time the cow is given drink. With this treatment many a cow would be well in forty-eight hours that would have died had the water been entirely withheld. If there is bloating, use warm water injections every hour, and if it is not reduced in six hours give a pound of Epsom salts, and continue the injections, also the ginger, until the cow is well on the way to recovery. This I give as a simple, rational farmer's remedy; the veterinarian might prescribe a better one, but the treatment recommended will save a large per cent, when the veterinarian cannot be had."—Massachusetts Ploughman.

Care of Grafts.

We believe in cutting grafts some weeks before they are to be used, as this secures them when they have not filled with sap as they are in early spring. The graft should be kept in water, but very slightly moistened. In this the cut surface will not dry up, but rather a sap will exude from it that when set will help it to unite with the stock in which it is placed. If the grafts are cut early, and thus preserved in condition, it is rather better to defer grafting until the buds on the limbs cut away to insert the graft are just ready to burst into leaf.—American Outfitter.

Separating Sheep.

When cold weather comes the weaklings among the sheep should be put by themselves and given extra feed to fatten them for the butcher if possible. Left to run with a large flock, all the ticks on the stronger and fatter sheep will settle on those that are poor and thin. In cold weather the sheep huddle together for warmth. It will probably be found that most of the ticks of the flock have settled on two or three of the poorest sheep. If these are attended to at once and the ticks are destroyed the sheep may be saved. It can be done by washing the sheep thoroughly in water in which tobacco stems have been soaked, making a strong solution. Then dry the sheep under shelter, and rub some grease-wood tallow or lard will do—around the head, neck and shoulders. The tobacco water will kill all the ticks of the sheep, while the grease will prevent any more from coming on it again.

Rye After Turnips.

Turnips are the latest crop to be harvested, and as they continue to grow after light frosts, there is not much chance to put in a later crop after them. Of course nothing can be grown and mature the same season after turnips are off. But winter rye will be sown very late if the land is only rich enough. We have known rye to be sown late in November and barely grow above the surface the same year. But it grew a little more during the

January thaw, and the next year made as good a crop, and as early also, as rye sown two months earlier, which made a growth that covered the ground in the fall. In each case all the spring growth had to be made from the root. Where that is established the richness of the soil has more to do in making fall-sown grain ripen early than does its growth the preceding fall.—Ex.

Selecting Birds to Show.

As the business poultry keeper is doubtless turning his attention toward the coming poultry shows, a few words about selecting birds for exhibition may be in order. First, pick out fowls that matured their feathers during cool weather, as they have more luster to plumage than those that matured earlier. Second, select the best of your flock and put them by themselves. Put cut straw on the floor and scatter their grain in this and make them scratch for it. Of the heavy breeds, pick out those that are uniform in weight and pick out one-third more fowls than you intend to exhibit, so you can allow for the defects that will almost surely come to light. Have your show coops handy and put the birds in them occasionally so as to get them used to the coops and handling.—Poultry Monthly.

Keating Cider Sweet.

The usual plan is to heat the cider over a slow fire to 170 degrees and hold it at that temperature for twenty minutes to kill the germs that would start fermentation. It is then put hot into bottles, jugs or clean kegs and corked tight and the corks wired down. Be careful not to let the cider boil, as it will greatly injure the flavor.

Another recipe reads as follows: Strain your cider into the barrel and allow it to stand until fermentation begins, and then draw it off, rinse the barrel and strain the cider back again. Now take three-fourths of an ounce each of oil of saffron and oil of wintergreen, put it in a pint of alcohol and shake thoroughly and stir it well through the cider. It is said the only trouble in keeping this is that it is too good to keep, and is soon consumed. Whatever method is employed, the straining or filtering plays an important part.—Portland Transcript.

Clover Best in Short Rotations.

Clover is at its best as a fertilizer when it has produced its second crop. This is when it has grown two full seasons. If kept beyond this time either weeds or grasses come in, according as the soil is best seeded with these. Whoever keeps a field in clover longer than two years lessens the crop that can be grown after it. On the other hand, a clover ley will rot down the first season after it is plowed, so that it may be sown with clover seed the following spring. An old sod made up from any of the grasses needs to be cultivated two years before it is ready to be sown. Hence the smaller amount of fertility it furnishes is more thoroughly exhausted by three crops on it instead of two, as clover allows before the land is again being reseeded.

Stone Sleds for Winter Work.

The ordinary stone block has not till now been in front to pass through or over snow so that it cannot readily be used in winter. In place of it many farmers have devised what they call a snow sled, taking for the runners some stout pieces of hard wood, if possible with a natural bend in them, and sufficiently large to fasten supports into, which will make a platform 12 to 18 inches high. Such sleds are very convenient for hauling heavy weights upon, as they are easily loaded. On many farms such sleds are used in preference to stone blocks, even during the season when no snow is on the ground. They draw more easily over the bare ground than does the stone block, and will usually last fully as long.

The Early Lamb.

February and March lambs are the best for early market. If it should be cold weather for them a warm shelter may be ready. In order to secure a good supply of milk the dam should have liberal grain rations. It is very important to push the growth of the young lambs, and it will pay to feed them with surplus cow's milk as soon as they can be taught to drink. Ground oats, wheat, rye and bran make a good grain food. If a laxative be needed feed them a little linseed meal. They should be weaned gradually and fed increasing rations of grain. Give them grass pasture as soon as possible.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

New Way of Securing Ice.

Most people have well water near the house and can easily have ice made in the following manner, according to a correspondent in American Agriculturist: On a very cold day pump up some water and let it stand until it commences to freeze, then take a pailful and wet the bottom and sides of icehouse thoroughly. A coating of ice will soon form. By repeating this a few times a water tight tank will be formed, into which water may be poured, and it will freeze solid in a short while. At night several barrels of water can be poured in and will be found one solid block in the morning. It will be quite a surprise to see what a large quantity of ice can be made in this way by a person on a very cold day.

Poultry Points.

Low roosts are what you want. Young ducks will beat broilers. If you have poor, sandy land, put poultry on it. The poultry business is very far from overdone. There is an increasing demand for pure-bred fowls. Have a good, strong male bird and one not akin to the hens. A double walled house, the space filled with chaff or straw, makes a warm egg-producing place in winter. Make your fowls comfortable in winter if you want eggs all the time. Trying to keep poultry without conveniences is certain loss. Many farmers who have kept chickens all their lives need to study the business almost from the beginning, to make a success, for they have paid no attention to it. Begin to give fresh meat and cut butchers' bones to the laying hens if you want plenty of eggs. At the season, when eggs begin to appreciate in value, it will pay to take a little extra pains to keep the hens at work. A maiden's blush is the pink of propriety.

GOLD BY THE TON.

That's the Way They Speak of It in Dawson City.

In a personal letter, received in Portland from William J. Jones, press correspondent in Dawson City, he says, among other things:

"The stories of the great yield of gold published in the United States have not been exaggerated in the least. The mind is unable to grasp the real situation, and appreciate the sights that are so common here to every-day life. In Dawson City today, ready for shipment, are between four and five tons of gold. Can you realize that such a thing is possible, or at all probable? Just consider, too, that all that is about one-third of the year's output. Men handle gold as you would a plug of tobacco. At the saloon bars, the stores, restaurants or other places of business, the mines throw up their sacks, and casually turn their backs, never stopping to see if they are accorded proper weight. Would you think of handing your purse over to a Portland barkeeper and allowing him to take out the change?"

"In many of the cabins along the gulches where I have visited I have seen shelves loaded down with all kinds of cans filled with gold. In one cabin on Eldorado creek there are five coal-oil cans full of the yellow metal, weighing nearly 1,200 pounds. "The Canadians are exercising the laws leniently, and to the satisfaction of the Americans, and generally speaking, the camp is orderly and very quiet, considering the vast amount of money in circulation, and the number of hard characters in the country."

Some Notes on Alaska.

There are two telephone lines between Dyea and Lindemann.

T. R. Needham has just started the Stickeen River Journal at Fort Wrangell.

The weather is so moderate at Juneau that the people are not wearing overcoats.

It is estimated that the carrying capacity of Portland and Puget sound steamers foots up 10,000 passengers per month.

The lumber famine continues at Dyea and Skagway, and prices rule \$5 to \$25. The dealers promise a supply in a few days. Good weather for building continues.

Colonel E. O. Lamphere and M. P. Gilbert, of Chicago, capitalists, have purchased a gang of Greek miners seven gold quartz claims in Southeastern Alaska for \$120,000.

A large force of men and teams are getting out and delivering piles for the Newell wharf at Dyea. This wharf will probably be the first of the three wharves under construction to be completed.

An ordinary shack—if there were lumber to build it with—in Skagway will rent for \$50 to \$60 a month. A squatter's right on a lot not far from the central district brought an offer of \$700 to a Portlander. It was refused.

Archie Sheep and W. Stewart, of Dawson, presented to the famous "Slim" Burch—as a testimonial of regard—a nugget two inches in diameter. It is worth \$200. Slim's convict number in San Quentin will be engraved on it and it will adorn his neck.

J. M. Fowler's townsite scheme at Lake Lindemann, by which he hoped to plow out all the available land and tax everybody \$2 who put a tent on it, has been knocked in the head by the Canadian government, which has reserved this particular land for the use of the public to put up tents and store their goods there without charge.

J. Kay, of San Francisco, who took a cargo of lumber to Skagway on the Noyo, says so great is the demand for lumber that they can hardly wait until it is unloaded. Mr. Kay says that but a small per cent of the hundreds of people arriving at Dyea and Skagway, intent on pushing on to Dawson, have any conception of the difficulties before them. He predicts that congestion on the trails will be greater than last season.

A company, of which J. J. McKay, the Yukon freighter and the man who made the quickest trip ever made from Dawson to Dyea during the winter, is the head, has been organized at Tacoma to run an express between that city and Dawson. The company will operate steamers on the lakes, and from the White Horse rapids to Dawson, using dog and horse trains in packing from Dyea. It is estimated that the trip from Tacoma to Dawson will be made in 18 days in the summer and 25 days in the winter. The company will attempt to secure mail contracts. At present mail is scattered all along the trail, and McKay asserts that he is the only man who ever succeeded in delivering mail on the Yukon during the winter.

Collector of Customs J. W. Ivey is receiving a good deal of praise for his vigorous policy in enforcing the laws regarding the liquor traffic. As long as the laws are in effect they will be enforced. His vigilance in seizing contraband liquor is attracting general attention. The liquor men are growling because he shipped away 20 tons of the stuff on the Elder. The new administration is making warm times in the North, and, as a natural result, the collector is cordially disliked by the Juneau smuggling ring.

About every party of miners now fitting out for Alaska takes along a net or seine, which is set at night in some eddy through a hole in the ice, and seldom fails to catch fish enough for breakfast. After the ice is gone, there is no trouble in catching fish in any stream flowing into the Yukon. A report has reached Portland that one Sullivan formerly a fisherman at Yakima, who went to Alaska last spring, engaged in the fishing business at Dawson, and with the limited plant at his command, made \$7,000 last summer. He started to come out to procure a supply of fishing gear, and was found beside the trail with his throat cut from ear to ear.

Rich Find in the Bohemia District. A miner came in from the Bohemia district Tuesday, bringing some of the richest samples of ore ever discovered in that or any other district in Oregon. He tunneled 70 feet and struck a ledge 10 feet wide, a one-foot streak of which shows free gold that assays \$30,000 to the ton. The remaining nine feet contains free-milling ore that assays \$500 to the ton.

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BLACK AND BLUE.

Black and blue colors are not subject to fashion this season nor in any season. They hold their own and will not wash out. They are pretty solid colors, and but for the fashion of wearing them, might become fashionable. Some men take pride in wearing them as tokens of their profession, as soldiers do their scars. But bruises, black or blue, or both, ought to have immediate attention, for underneath may be a nerve hurt or a muscle badly wounded. A black and blue bruise is a bad thing, not only from its tender soreness but the contused blood is prevention of regular circulation. While some men take pride in wearing them, there is something that will rub them out in no time, and that is St. Jacobs Oil. It is peculiarly adapted to their quick cure. A poultice can be worn only by hard knockers with scars and bruises, but after the oil is over, if you remain, this one cure is the best. Bruises come from contusion in all avocations, and it is well to remember at all times just what will cure them the best.

Detectives detailed to look after professional shoplifters, always look to see if their suspects are wearing gloves. A professional, it is declared, never works with gloves on.

NEW CRAZY SECT IN CONNECTICUT.

A lot of fanatics in the state recently invited an old rheumatic woman bodily in the water to "bath her" as they said. She nearly died in consequence, but better would have been to have treated the poor old woman for her infirmity with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which not only cures rheumatism, but prevents kidney complaint and remedies dyspepsia, constipation, liver trouble and nervous prostration. Give it a systematic trial.

In order to raise church funds, a Georgia minister charged admission to an entertainment where the contestants engaged in a ginger cake eating competition.

Portsmouth, N. H., high school girls advertised an approaching school benefit by appearing on the streets as "sandwich men," with placards hung about their necks.

The stomach of a dead man was recently introduced in the probate court in Milwaukee, Wis., to show that the possessor was of unsound mind when he made his will.

GIRLS IN STORES.

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A mechanical device recently patented pastes paper labels on 100,000 tins in ten hours. A rabbit with two well developed horns was recently shot in the fields of Chase county, Kansas. Infant schools began in New Lanark, Scotland, in 1815, in England not till 1818. A local South Shore train came into collision with a Grand Trunk local at St. Lambert, Canada, and August Bourbon and James Coudry were killed. Four hundred years ago only seven metals were known. Now there are 51, 30 of which have been discovered within the present century. If Chinese children do not obey their parents, and the latter whip them to death, the law has no punishment for them, as obedience to parents is the cardinal virtue.

W. T. Woodward, the Kentucky horse-breeder, is going about telling his friends that he has been cured of rheumatism by carrying old electric light carbons in his pocket.

Two New York men have invented an electrical dental mallet for use in hardening tooth filling, the tool having a central bar, which strikes back and forth as the current is made and broken.

The combination of a lamp, bell and brake for cyclists' use has been patented, the bell being set in the back of the lamp in position to be struck by a clapper attached to the brake plunger.

Schoolboys should beware of licking pens or blots with their tongues. According to Mr. Marpmann, of Leipzig, there are microbes in ink, and it may be dangerous to prick the skin with a pen.

Saville Kent, a naturalist, has an owl, or "morepork," as he calls it, which plays possum, stiffening itself out until it appears as part of the branch of a tree in the naturalist's yard.

Notwithstanding all the efforts of inventors, no one has been able to discover a substitute for leather. For shoes, belting, harness and a thousand other uses, "there's nothing like leather."

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