

Grange Department.

The following beautiful hymn was one of President Garfield's favorites and sung at his funeral...

Hot reaper of life's harvest, Why stand with rusted blade, Until the night draws round thee...

IS THE GRANGE A SECRET SOCIETY?

Editor Willamette Farmer: The Church is undoubtedly the guardian of faith and of morals. It is her duty to warn her members against men or societies which teach doctrines destructive to the Christian faith...

But these are societies and Orders commonly called secret, whose object and aim is not only well known, but which, instead of interdicting, deserve encouragement from the heads of the Church...

There is certainly nothing anti-Christian in these theological virtues, preached by the Church and urged by the Grange. The Granger begins and ends his work with prayer...

It was Bond who informed the landlady that he could tell a chicken from a hen by the teeth. "Tooth," exclaimed the landlady...

Stock.

Feed the Hogs Now.

With a short crop and high prices it becomes those who have corn that they intend converting into pork between this time and Spring...

Much of the time the feeding lots are likely to be muddy, and some arrangement should be made that will prevent the necessity for throwing the feed into the mud...

What Kinds of Horses to Raise.

The professional breeder of high bred carriage and trotting horses is the only man who, as a rule, breeds and handles in such a manner as to successfully meet the demands made by those who keep carriage and driving teams...

It is contemplated, we understand, to form a wealthy company in England for breeding large horses in the United States, and to select a considerable number of the choicest large horses there—such as the Derby, the Shire, the Cart, the Suffolk, the Clydesdale...

Bitter Milk.

Bitter milk is a matter of frequent occurrence every Fall and Winter, or soon after the cows are off from grazing. It is caused, first, by bitter herbs in the hay—such as May weed, rag weed, John's wort, etc.—and also by the use of too much over-ripe food, such as straw, corn stover, or late hay...

A Breeding Mare Mule.

A breeding mare mule was lately exhibited at the Jardin d'Acclimation in Paris, which has produced three colts. As the French savants have hitherto been very incredulous as to reports of mule breeding...

Seeding to Clover and Grass.

The clovers are sown in Spring, as when sown in early Fall they may not get sufficiently rooted to stand the frosts of Winter. Clover is usually sown with a Spring grain crop, or very early in Spring or Winter wheat or rye...

The amount of seed depends upon the soil. On fine loams, if sown as a crop by itself, 10 to 12 lbs of good seed will give a good stand, whilst on a clay loam 12 to 16 lbs are required per acre for a full seeding...

Who are Good Judges of Cattle.

Men who have fed or butchered the largest number of steers are frequently selected as, naturally, the best judges of improved horned stock. This is an erroneous position, because the ability to judge of the finer essentials, those which, combined, form the representative beast of the present day...

Sawdust for Bedding.

For horses sawdust is often used as a bedding, and, if carefully used in the proper quantity, serves a good purpose, and does no injury to the manure. Hard wood sawdust is, however, preferable, and the shavings of a planing mill will do about as well...

An Intelligent Crane.

An exchange tells a remarkable story of the patience and intelligence of a crane. We have often seen these birds in confinement, and can testify that they are expert mousetraps, but we must confess that the statement that the bird connected the trap and the mouse stagers a little. Listen to the tale...

Strong or Weak Men.

We mistake strong feeling to be strong character. A man who bears all before him—before whose frown domestic tremble, and whose bursts of fury make the children of the house quake—because he has his will obeyed, and his own way in all things, we call him a strong man. The truth is, that is a weak man; it is his passions that are strong; he, mastered by them, is weak...

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