

Stock.

What I Know About the Jerseys.

Having bred them on my farm for 15 years, think that I have a right to give an opinion—an opinion based upon actual facts. In some few circles they are regarded as the pets of fortune, lovely little ornaments for the lawn, giving a small quantity of very rich milk, cream and butter to those wealthy enough to afford such extravagance.

They are small we admit, beautiful we grant; gentle and graceful, they win loving care and attention. So gentle are they that the most timid girl can manage them. I have fifty head of Jersey cows and heifers to-day, and a child is as safe among them as among so many lambs. I never owned and never saw a vicious cow, steer or heifer of this breed.

She may be the rich man's luxury; but far more the poor man's necessity—the farmer's best friend. For we hold that the Jersey is the most profitable of butter cows—yields more butter for her size and food consumed—than any other breed.

Her milk being richer than that of any other breed—from 6 to 7 quarts commonly produces a pound of butter. We have less water to manage, less time spent in milking; for we can pump water easier than we can draw it from a cow.

Then she comes into profit early, her first calf being dropped when she is 20 months old or less, and it is not uncommon for these heifers to make from 8 to 10 pounds of golden butter in 7 days.

We hear of the cow for all purposes; but she may be the millennial cow—as yet she is only an idea—has not yet dropped the first calf. In our time the farmer has to choose in a particular line, to choose a breed of animals that will best suit his circumstances, for beef, or milk, or cheese, or butter, and if he is intelligent he will choose accordingly.

If you want butter there is no cow that will suit you as well as the Jersey; for she is the only breed that has been persistently bred for butter only. She is the result of breeding and in-breeding for this result for hundreds of years.

These laws are the foundation on which all our various families of thoroughbred cattle have been built up. Persistent inbreeding is a necessity to the greatest success in the production of beef or butter.

It is charged that 80 per cent. of Jersey calves must be sold for veal. I have never sold a Jersey calf to the butcher. Forty-eight calves dropped to Lemon Rex the past year, thirty nine have been heifers. Further, in all my breeding of Jerseys two-thirds of the calves have been heifers. So much for so much.

I write for men who wish to excel at the churn, for in it we find pleasure and pay—more pleasure and more pay than we have ever obtained in breeding any other stock. Try it.—Cor. Cincinnati Grange Bulletin.

district in Yakima county, which mine is owned by the Consolidated Bullion Mining Company, to whom all communications relative to the mine must be addressed. The company owns ten claims in a body on the copper field, and, unless I am mistaken, the mine is the richest on this coast.

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There is a good natural road up the Tanaway creek to within eight miles of the mines; then there would be a little brush to cut, but that, with a little grading, would constitute all the difficulties of the road.

From the above given particulars it will be seen that the indications are favorable for the developing of a copper mine in the place indicated which is sure to make exceptionally paying returns and will repay its owners for its development.

During the year gone by it has been the practice throughout Oregon—to strip this section at least to destroy the straw. The grain was cut and threshed and the straw "bucked" off into small piles and as soon as the threshing machine was removed the straw was burned.

The straw that you burn could easily be hauled to your barns and barn yards, be fed to stock, converted into manure, spread upon your lands, and the result will be that the soil will be constantly improved, and the hay that you now feed out, will be converted into money.

A recent dispatch says that parties just from Moses' Reservation report that miners are overrunning both the Colville and the Moses reserves. James Palmer, while looking for stock, discovered a rich ruby silver mine.

Sunday's Astorian says: The Helicon arrived in ballast from Australia yesterday. It is about a year since this fine vessel was here from New York with railroad material, clearing on her outward trip with lumber for Australia.

The following extracts from a letter addressed to Walter A. Bull, Esq., of this city, by P. J. Flint, Esq., says the Seattle Herald, relative to the Bullion mine and dated Yakima City, September 6th, will be found interesting, and go to show that the mineral wealth of the Territory is only beginning to be found out.

"I send you to-day, by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, samples of ore from the Bullion mine in the Cleo-el-um mining

Not long ago an incident took place in one of the Sixth Avenue cars in New York, which is worth mentioning. The car contained a dozen passengers, all of whom were men, with the exception of one, which was a boy.

"Shut up!" he screamed. "What do you mean? Shut up!" This was said in a tone of indescribable malignity, and loud enough to be heard by all the passengers.

The poor boy, completely abashed, "shut up." But one of the nearest passengers, seeing how matters stood, fixed his eyes upon the man, and with a firm, even flow of breath, commenced to whistle the obnoxious air.

The joke seemed to spread. One after another the passengers, fixed their eyes on the wretched churl, joined in the melody, until, when the refrain, "Shoo, fly, don't bodder me," came in, the boy who had been rebuked ventured to lift up his voice and whistle to his heart's content.

The real home is in the country; and it is something more than a dwelling; the field and trees around it are part of it, and the views from it of the landscape, and of distant mountains, perhaps, make it unlike any other place in the world.

The home which it makes is the best thing of farm life. There is a necessity of permanence, and as there is no sudden or great accumulation of wealth, or large increase, the family is free from that discontent which usually comes with sudden or great acquisition.

The Tacoma News has the following to say in reference to one of the prominent mining districts of this county: "Three years ago, by panning gravel in and along the Cleo-el-um, in the Cascade mountains, S. S. Hawkins was enabled to discover gold and silver bearing ledges, well up on the west slope of the mountain which bears his name and marks the divide between the south fork of the Tanaway and Fortune creek.

The lands in Umatilla county are every day becoming more valuable. Localities that a few years ago were generally considered almost worthless, or fit only for grazing purposes, have been proven to be fertile beyond the most sanguine expectations of the few who were willing to put them to the test.

"I'm very much alarmed about my husband," said the wife of a Philadelphia salesman. "He has a red nose, you know."

"Why that's nothing to be alarmed about," said her friend. "Some of the very oldest men living wear red noses." "Yes, I know that," said the anxious wife, "but my husband is going from New York to Boston by way of Connecticut, and I'm afraid the detectives will swear that the red on his nose is a blood-mark, and arrest him as the murderer of Ross Ambler."

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We take the following items from the Astorian: The boss salmon of the season has been caught in Coos bay, and weighed forty-eight pounds.

Several Northwest babies have been named after Henry Villard up to date, with some few back counties to hear from.

Some of the little fellows who catch tom-cod at the dock make from a dollar to a dollar and a half a day selling their strings of fish.

Henry Ward Beecher cleared \$13,000 on his recent Pacific Coast trip. If he and Ingersoll will agree to debate, and appear each for a half-hour in joint argument they can make money.

"What shall the new State be named?" is still being discussed by the Territorial press. Leave the name as it is. George was first in war; let the State of Washington be also like him, first in peace; he was first in the hearts of his countrymen; let the Commonwealth that is to be, be first in the thoughts of immigrating thousands by reason of its magnificent natural gifts and abiding sources of permanent prosperity.

Geo. T. Myers, of Fisherton, W. T., who has a cannery at Milton, on the Sound, says: "I never saw salmon jump more lively than they do this season, but the catch amounts to nothing. This time last year I had 3,500 cases packed, against 100 cases this year. The fish keep in deep water, so that the fishermen cannot catch them. The same thing occurred in 1878. I do not think the salmon that jump ever do come into shallow water. I have talked with men from British Columbia, all of whom state the catch is very light there. The Columbia river is the only stream so far reported that has made anything like a creditable showing this season."

As stated heretofore, many of our agriculturists are beginning to "raise cane" and convert it into syrup. The experiment has proven that Yakima could furnish sugar for the entire northwest if we had the means of manufacturing cane syrup into sugar.

The Waitsburg Times challenges any country to beat a squash that weighs 43 pounds, whereupon the Yakima Signal says: Such inconsiderable affairs excite no comment in Yakima. At a business place in this town are now two squashes of the Mammoth variety raised by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Conrad, which weigh 73 and 76 pounds, being 58 inches in circumference, and were taken from a vine on which were growing five more about the same size. We don't dare challenge anybody even to beat this showing for fear the office would be piled full of big squashes in less than a week.

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