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Perhaps Two Roads

The "mysterious" surveying party at Junction is no doubt a Southern Pacific outfit, and the move is in line with the only policy that system has ever pursued. Evidently much alarmed by the steady progress of the Lane County Asset company in promoting a railroad from Eugene to the Siuslaw and Coos Bay, the Southern Pacific company is preparing to block its progress by making a bluff at building into the same territory. It was the probability of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay about four years ago which caused the Harriman people to make the sudden bluff about building from Drain to Coos Bay, and the move at Junction is a play of the same kind. If the Southern Pacific company was really in earnest, and would build from Junction to the coast, it would be a good thing in the way of developing Lane county resources, but no one will have any faith in their sincerity until they actually see a new road completed. The one thing that the people of this county will recognize now is that the Lane County Asset company is regarded as worth the attention of the Southern Pacific, and that they have found it necessary to make at least a strenuous bluff in order to head them off. We predict, however, that it will require more than a mere bluff to accomplish the object sought, and furthermore that if the Southern Pacific company should go so far as to actually build the line there will be two roads to the coast from Lane county, one of which will be built by the Lane County Asset company.—Eugene Guard.

Cleopatra.

Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, was one of the most famous and fascinating female sovereigns of antiquity. She may also be reckoned the world's greatest coquette. She captivated the great conqueror of the world, Julius Caesar; entranced the heart and the senses of the brave Marc Antony, and succeeded in beguiling the watchful Octavius Caesar, the three greatest men of her day. Hers was the passionate poetry of coquetry. Her irresistible power lay in the ability to adapt herself to the peculiar tastes and to the varying characters of mankind. She studied the gratifications, the enjoyment and the caprices of her lovers, bringing them to her in a delirium of voluptuous intoxication. In the case of her wooing of Antony, appreciating his love for display, nothing has ever equaled her effort in this respect upon one occasion when she went to meet him. When she floated over the waves of the river Cydnus her galley glowed with gold; odors filled its silken sails, and the loveliest girls of Egypt performed the part of mariners. Beneath an awning on the deck lay the queen, in the slight drapery with which painters and sculptors sometimes invest the goddess of beauty. Silver oars struck the water to the dulcet sound of music, and beneath and about them sported the fair representatives of marine deities. Besides her charm of person and her ability at arranging display, Plutarch says: "Her voice and words were marvelously pleasant, for her tongue was an instrument of music, which she easily turned into any language that pleased her." Finally Antony suffered defeat and later utter ruin, and he blamed his reverses to Cleopatra's having betrayed him. The Egyptian queen, alarmed at his vehemence, fled to a magnificent tomb she had built as a refuge near the temple of Isis, and caused a report to be spread that she was dead. Antony, on hearing this, reproached himself for his cruel words, and throwing himself on his sword, inflicted a mortal wound. He died in Cleopatra's arms, who, hearing of his rashness, caused the dying Roman to be conveyed to the tomb, where she sought to bind up his wound, covering him with passionate caresses. It was Octavia Caesar, whose sister Antony had married, who caused his overthrow and utter ruin. Following his death, Octavius desired that

Cleopatra should grace his triumph on his entrance into Rome, and he further hoped that he would be able to obtain the immense treasures of gold, emeralds, pearls, ivory and precious goods which the queen had collected in the tomb.

Octavius allowed the queen to give a magnificent burial to Antony's remains, permitting her to lavish upon his ashes great masses of her most precious goods. The passionate sorrow of Cleopatra induced her to attempt starving herself, but Octavius prevented this. She fully realized that his cold nature would be impassive against all the wiles of her witchery, and she determined to disappoint, by suicide, Octavius' projected triumph.

This she accomplished on August 30th, 30 B. C. paying first a long visit to the tomb of Antony, and calling on him pathetically to witness her intended immolation through her love for him, she had on her return, while at dinner, a basket of figs brought to her, under the leaves of which an asp was concealed. She asked her maids to retire. Upon their return, Plutarch says, "they found Cleopatra dead, lying on a bed of gold, attired in her royal robes." She was 38 years old, had reigned 22 years and governed about fourteen of them with Antonius.—Oregon Journal.

The Dairy Cow

Can it be true that Oregon farmers are going back on the dairy cow and selling her off the farm by the carload in the full tide of her usefulness? It is incredible, surely, yet true, if the Deputy State Dairy and Food Commissioner and Dr. Withycombe are to be believed. Here is an agency that not only conserves but increases the fertility of the soil, puts money in the farmer's pocket, keeps the boys and girls at home and busy, gives the whole family an interest, and does just what Colonel Roosevelt is preaching—and that is, raises the standard of the farmer's life.

But in the Willamette Valley especially the pastures are dry and feed is dear, while stock prices are high; so the short-sighted farmer sells his cows. When the cream checks that have been coming in each month fail, the pastures are bare and the barn empty; when the dairy work stops and the cream separator rusts; when the pigs and the chickens look in vain for their daily meal, then will come, first regret and later repentance. But far easier it is to empty the cow barn than to fill it, as many will find who have acted in haste to repent at leisure. In other states there might be excuse, where the dairyman depends on purchased feed—but not in Oregon, since vetch and rape and kale and alfalfa and clover, all or most of them can be grown on every dairy farm.

It must not be forgotten that labor in the dairy that is reliable and expert is as hard to get here as in the states of the East and Middle West. It is no easy thing to suggest a remedy, nor one to be lightly undertaken. There is this to say, that of all work on the farm the best wages can go to the dairy, for that gives the best and surest returns.—Oregonian.

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RAISING GOOD CALVES.

For the Best Results a Deep, Clean Bed is Necessary.

An authority on dairy matters recently visited a farm where the calves were in very poor condition. They looked as if they had been starved for a month. When feeding time arrived the owner gave them a good, generous feed. He remarked that he did not know why his calves were not thrifty. He was surely giving feed enough, and it was of the right kind.

The pen had not been cleaned nor bedded for some time. It was located in a very inconvenient part of the barn. The other parts of the premises were kept clean and bedded, but that calf pen was always neglected.

The calves would seldom lie down and then only when completely exhausted. They were always restless and uneasy. The owner's attention was called to this. The pen was cleaned and bedded. That afternoon every calf was found lying down and seemed to be perfectly at home.

The next morning the pen was again cleaned and bedded, and this was thereafter made a regular practice. At the end of two weeks there was an entirely different looking bunch of calves in the pen. The tired look was gone.

A good bed, light, cleanliness and fresh air add much to the contentment of live stock. Contentment is just as essential as good feed in the successful care of live stock. Unless contented they will not make the desired gains.

PROFIT IN SPRING PIGS.

By Judicious Management They Can Be Kept Growing Continually.

If a contract were taken to raise a certain number of pounds of pork in a season it would be much wiser to produce it with spring pigs weighing when finished not to exceed 150 pounds than with fall pigs that should be made to weigh 300 to 350 pounds, says a popular breeder. It should be the aim of every farmer to get his spring pigs to the 150 pound mark as soon as possible. The one thing to keep in mind is that the best profit is the continuous growth, and by judicious management this weight may be secured in five or six months.

Full bloods of high grades make the best growth and profit. And it should be borne in mind that it is not feed alone that guarantees success. The man who does not cultivate a love for stock and does not feed and care for them properly cannot expect the highest success. To make sows pay the best dividends they should be watched closely and bred again as soon as possible after farrowing. As a general thing, this is in about two weeks.

It is of the utmost importance to guard against indigestion both in the sows and pigs. This condition is often



A WELL RAISED PIG

induced by feeding the animals too much sour swill. To overfeed is as bad as to feed too little. This is especially true after the sow has farrowed.

Meager rations of thin gruel should be the rule for the first few days, to be increased as the pigs and the strength of the dam warrant. This gruel should be made of bran and shorts and fed warm. The sow that comes to the trough hungry and demands more feed is the healthy one. Watch the bowels closely to ascertain the condition of health. They should never be allowed to become constipated, for an animal afflicted thus cannot do well.

The pigs need exercise, and if the weather will permit they should be let run outdoors as soon as they have an inclination to go. Sunshine is essential to their health. In case of scours in pigs, mix two pounds of flour with water and give to the sow. If the first feed does not check the malady give two or three times.

How to Wash Butter.

The department of agriculture calls attention to a new method employed in Great Britain of washing butter with separator skim milk twice pasteurized. By this method the bacteria are said to be reduced to one-fifth their original number, and this is a practical way of avoiding the use of impure water if one happens to have it.

What the Cows Drink.

At the Geneva (N. Y.) experiment station it was found that Jersey cows drink the most, 5.25 pounds of water to one pound of milk produced; the Guernseys came next, the Shorthorns, Devons, Holsteins and Ayrshires after them in diminishing order. Milking cows will drink 50 per cent more water than dry ones.

The Abuse of the Currycomb.

Much has been said regarding the use and very little about the abuse of the currycomb. Some horses should never have a currycomb put on them. A fair sized currycomb in some cases will be found vastly superior. In winter horses not at work are in no way benefited by currying.

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