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FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Feed the poultry liberally always.
Charcoal for turkeys is highly recommended as a fattening food.

Dry, light, and clean poultry houses are indispensable to success.

Breeding in-and-in of poultry should be avoided, as tending to degeneracy.

Feeding cold milk is a frequent cause of scours in calves. Feed milk at blood heat.

Mangel wurzels are economical feed for poultry, boiled and mixed with middlings.

It is not the amount of food consumed, but that digested, which keeps the horses strong and plump.

W. F. Massey, of North Carolina, has words of praise for the banana muskmelon for home use.

The Freeman potato is well liked by some farmers, who say that it is early, of good shape and good quality.

The Ponderosa tomato is noted for the large proportion of flesh as compared with the pulp and its few seeds.

When buying yearling or weanling colts it is well to see both sire and dam and know what you are buying.

The horse that wears a cruel bit attached to an over check rein, has an owner that hasn't a bit of humane feeling.

All spring flowering bulbs not already planted ought to be put in the ground immediately. Bulbs prefer a light, sandy soil.

It will be safe to keep young stock off of low, damp pastures, especially at night and till dew and fog are gone in the morning.

It is easier to wash and keep the legs clean now than to cure the scratches after awhile. Be sure the legs are thoroughly dried after washing.

A Leghorn can roost high, but a Brahma cannot. The better plan is to have all roosts low, and they should also be

level, none higher than the others. The best roost is made of a two by four scantling, broad side up, with the sharp edges planed off.

You will find the horses will rest much better during the night if you clean them up well in the evening. A good night's rest means better work the next day.

When the colt is first hitched to a wagon don't give him a load that requires any effort to move. The foundation for many a balky horse has been laid in this way.

Have you cut the grass around the house and raked up the fallen twigs and branches? If not you have no idea what a difference in the looks of things an hour's work will make.

If you allow the fowls free range, feed them well when they come home at night, otherwise they will get into the habit of staying out, and that will make a great deal of trouble.

Give the fowls at all times plenty of ground or broken bone. If you have no mill that will grind them, then break up as fine as you can with an ax, and let the fowls peck at them.

Tobacco stems in the nests beneath the straw is excellent for the prevention of insects. It is hard to keep the nests of sitting hens free from them unless some such means is used.

Poultry, to be profitable must be managed with an eye to the small economies. One of these is to feed them as largely as possible from such items as would otherwise be wasted.

If you are not satisfied with the profit from a given crop, try to reduce the cost of growing it, rather than depend upon an increase in values. The surest way to reduce cost is to grow more from the acreage you have devoted to the crop.

Try the thinning process on any of the small fruits and see its effect; only a certain amount can be fairly carried on any plant, and this may be centred in a given quantity of perfect specimens, or in the whole mass of an inferior quality.

Roup is a disease affecting the mucous membrane of the eyes, nostrils, mouth and throat of poultry. It is at first a cold, and is not a serious thing, unless under unfavorable circumstances. It is a fall, winter and early spring ailment, and not usual in the warm season.

The great beauty of an orchard is in its regularity and thrift. To get all the trees at even distances apart requires a good deal of watchfulness. The man who thinks it is easy would better try it, and then measure when his work is done. To make them thrifty requires another sort of art.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"Oregonian's" Statement.

Lieut. Lyell, who has charge of the government jetty work at Florence, reports the work progressing satisfactorily. He says that when the work is completed the Siuslaw bar will be a moderately good one.

Not the Sheriff.

It is foolish nonsense for papers to further print the absurd story of a Klamath Falls sheriff since the Klamath Star declares that the story of the escape of the prisoner from the sheriff of Klamath,

while on the train bound for Salem, is a complete fabrication.

Killed by His Brother.

November 1st.—William Dow was shot and killed by his brother at Alsea, yesterday afternoon. A dispute arose between the brothers over some money, with the above result. The murderer came into Corvallis this morning and surrendered himself to the sheriff.

Crushed by the Cars.

On October 31st, Charles Laughlin, a trainman on the government works, at Newport, was killed instantly about noon to-day. He was putting a rope on the engine and train to pull the latter in on the side track, when the rope caught on a tie and threw him off the car under the wheel. The wheels did not pass over him, but pushed him ahead of them on the track, crushing his breast. Death must have been instantaneous. He leaves a wife whom he married five months ago. His people live in Ohio.

TROUBLE WITH THE BALLOTS.

EUGENE, Oct. 31.—Probably no county in the state is more mixed up in the matter of ballots than Lane. The tickets were printed before the withdrawal of R. A. Miller, the democratic elector, and they have been sent out to many precincts bearing his name. The clerk then notified the judges of election to see that the name was canceled on each ballot before it was given out. But there is much doubt whether the ballot is legal, and this morning the chairman of the democratic county committee made a formal demand upon the clerk that the ballots to be used should not bear the name of Miller, but should have the name of Nathan Pierce printed with and among the Cleveland electors. This demand, if acceded to, will make it necessary to print new ballots throughout and destroy those already in the hands of precinct judges.

THINGS OF INTEREST.

To ESCAPE from a supposed enemy a frightened ostrich can travel at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

STATISTICS show that seven thousand persons are murdered in this country every year, and only one murderer in fifty is punished.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth it was customary to strew green rushes on the uncarpeted floor of the actors' retiring room in the theaters; hence the term greenroom.

The oldest arm-chair in the world is the throne used by Queen Hatafu, who flourished in Egypt 1000 B. C. It is made of ebony, beautifully carved, and is so hardened with age as to appear to be carved from black marble.

PHILADELPHIA has lost an interesting relic of revolutionary days in the demolition to make way for a warehouse of the old Hiltzheimer building on Market street. It was in this antique house that Benedict Arnold sought refuge from a mob, and it was there that Washington, Jefferson and Hamilton met to put an end to an estrangement existing between them.

THE BEST OF WIT.

THE mosquito bill is one of the measures which goes into effect immediately after its passage.—Union County Standard.

A SUFFERER from a severe cough says that his complaint has one of the modern improvements—a pneumatic tire.—Lowell Courier.

THE man who is always yielding to temptation seldom finds any difficulty in finding temptations to be yielded to.—Somerville Journal.

ONE great reason why a man is less likely to become overheated in a negligee shirt is that it hasn't any collar

buttons to lose.—Washington Star.

NEVER be at your place of business when a person wants to borrow money of you, because if you are in you will be out, but if you are out you will be in.—Somerville Democrat.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

BERLIN is having its doors numbered with luminous figures visible at night.

THE Swedish mile is 11,666 yards long and the Vienna post mile is 8,296 yards.

FRENCH-SPEAKING Canadians embrace 29.4 per cent. of the population of Canada.

ONLY citizens who are able to read and write have the power to vote in Bolivia and several other South American republics.

At the castle of Simonetta, in Italy, there is claimed to be an angle in the building which reechoes a pistol shot sixty-one times.

THE gold of traveling foreigners in Italy suffices to pay the ten millions a year due from that country to foreign holders of her securities, and it is estimated that Americans visiting Italy have spent, during the last ten years, \$34,000,000.

HOLLAND claims the distinction of first having made bombshells in the year 1495.

It was not until the council of Trent, in 1429, that the intervention of a priest was deemed, in Europe, indispensable to a marriage.

A LAW was passed in England in 1750 to the effect that at parties "ladies must not get drunk on any pretext whatever, and gentlemen not before nine o'clock."

A MUSICIAN'S CORNER.

THE snare drum was brought into Europe by the Saracens about 703 A. D.

TWO THOUSAND pounds was the fancy price paid for a Stradivarius violin in excellent preservation recently at Stuttgart.

It is asserted that all of the \$1,200,000 royalty on Moody and Sankey's Gospel Hymns has been devoted to charitable purposes.

THE late Prince Albert was an accomplished musician, and composed much music. A collection of this will shortly be published by Queen Victoria.

THE highest-priced piano in the United States belong to the Marquand family of New York city. It was designed and painted by Alma Tadema and cost \$46,000.

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