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DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

There has been some controversy in regard to the comparative merits of special farming and diversified farming, with a general opinion that special farming was the most profitable. Undoubtedly it is so in many cases, where the farmer has a special liking for some one branch of his business, and an adaptation to it, and is in a locality or upon a soil peculiarly fitted for it.

Yet every successful one has had a host of imitators, who have failed to attain any thing beyond mediocrity, and financially have not obtained good results. They either are not adapted to special farming, or have not found the right specialty yet, and a speciality in farming as in anything else requires patience, perseverance and courage to stick to it despite discouraging failures, and to wait until by many errors the right methods have been found.

Probably a large share of the farmers are succeeding better under the old system of diversified farming, with dairying, orcharding and a variety of field crops, by which if one branch shall not produce a profit in any year, some other will have an exceptionally good season, that will insure a moderate profit upon the whole.

Upon many farms there might be a much greater diversity of interests than there now is, with a reasonable chance for better financial results. The numerous manufacturing villages of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the summer hotels and boarding-houses create a demand for many farm and garden products which might be, but are not, supplied by the farmers in their own vicinity, and make necessary an appeal to the markets of the larger cities, which in their turn are supplied by farms and gardens in localities where land is more costly and labor more expensive than it would be within a few miles of the place where the same was to be consumed.

Why should the express teams and trains out of Boston be loaded daily with fruit and vegetables, meat and poultry and eggs, for the county towns of New Hampshire or of central Massachusetts, or the resorts along the sea shore, where land is idle and laborers seeking for work in all these sections. It certainly should not be so, but it certainly is so, as an examination will show. Can the farmers there grow no other crops than corn and potatoes, and no fruit but apples? Have they no one who can take care of hens and ducks, raise chickens, gather up eggs? Is it not as easy to keep a few sheep, and have lambs and mutton to sell, as it is to keep swine and sell pork? Are there no flowers in the field or the forest which would furnish honey for a few swarms of bees? Are there not boys, and girls too, who could find time to attend to the specialties, and who would, if given a share of the products, take an interest in their work that would attach them more strongly to the old home and to the healthy farm life?

Increase the size of the family garden and grow a greater variety of crops of such sort as the local markets have to send away to procure. Get a few sheep to run with the cows in the pasture. It is an old saying that a pasture will better feed one cow and six sheep than it will the cow alone, and if this is not exactly true the first year, the sheep will so enrich the land and keep out the foul weeds that the soil will soon be much better and the grass more abundant. If accustomed to run together the cows will protect the sheep from dogs, and the sale of wool and lambs will prove a welcome addition to the income of the farm. Build an addition to the poultry-house and keep a few more fowls. Give them good food and good care, and keep a strict account of expenditures and sales. A good hen will pay more

money over her keeping than a poor cow, and chickens and eggs are cash commodities in almost any village, as current as national bank notes, or easily converted into them.

Obtain a few hives of bees. They find their own food, and a little attention daily will be all that they require, and in each one of those hives will be from 20,000 to 50,000 busy workers, gathering honey for their owner from the flowers of the field and the forest. With the modern hives the labor of taking care of the bees is small, and the art is easily learned, and within the limits of the strength of boy or girl, with perhaps a little assistance from older persons at swarming time. A good swarm in a good location can easily make twenty-five pounds of honey in a season, beside what is needed for their own maintenance and one beekeeper has reported taking 500 pounds from four hives. Somebody makes money in growing these things, and why should not the farmer who has land enough and whose family need work and need the pay for their labor.—Albany Democrat.

HONEST MONEY.

Here is the currency plank of the Massachusetts democrats' platform:

We believe in honest money, the gold and silver coinage of the constitution, and in a currency convertible into such coinage without loss. This declaration, expressing the uniform historic policy of the national democratic party, contained in its platforms of 1884 and 1888, we unreservedly reaffirm.

We believe that all dollars coined by the United States should be of equal intrinsic value, and that all paper currency issued by the government should be redeemable in either gold or silver coin, at the option of the holder, and not at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury.

This is good doctrine and good democratic doctrine. Not gold alone. Not silver alone. Not paper backed by government promises. But honest money made of gold and silver, or of paper based on gold and silver and convertible into them. The gold equal to the silver in intrinsic value; the silver equal to the gold in intrinsic value, and the paper only a device for convenience of use, but representing dollar for dollar coin available for its redemption on demand. A currency not varying in volume according to the caprice of legislatures, at one time appreciating in purchasing power because artificially contracted, and again cheap to the point of worthlessness because wantonly inflated, but steadily expanding as the needs of business dictate because the mints are open for its free coinage. Here we have an ideal money, oppressing neither one class nor the other, safe from the control of speculators, available ever in the hour of distrust and uncertainty—honest money, the money of our fathers.—St. Paul Globe.

A Prospector Accidentally Shot.

Last Monday evening word was received that a prospector had been shot and dangerously wounded at a mine up Hurricane creek about eight miles southwest of town. The facts in the case are as follows: About two weeks ago Henry Prior and a companion arrived here from the Washington mines, and they immediately began prospecting in the mountains south-west of Joseph. On Monday about noon Prior visited the "Banner Boy" ledge where W. C. Allen and Ed. Clements were at work. He took a pick and got down in the prospect hole for the purpose of examining the ledge. While he was thus engaged his revolver, which had been carelessly thrust in the waist-band of his pants, fell to the ground and was discharged, the ball striking Prior just below the heart and ranging upward. The unfortunate man uttered the words, "Oh Lord I'm shot!" and fell forward. Clements at once started for medical assistance, and Allen and Toney Olsen, who was working near by on another ledge, rendered what aid they could to the dying man. Prior did not live more than three minutes after the accident, and all of Monday night Allen and Olsen kept faithful watch beside the body, amidst a blinding storm and severely cold weather. On Tuesday, after Prior's companion had arrived, the body was taken about thirty yards down the mountain and there given the best burial that was possible under the circumstances. The property of the dead man, consisting of two horses, blankets, a gun, etc., was turned over to Sheriff Humphreys. Nothing can be learned of Prior's former home or his relatives, as his companion or partner claims to know nothing of him except his name. Sheriff Humphreys, however, taking for his guide the data found in the dead man's possession, is writing to various points with the hope of eliciting some information in regard to him. Prior was a fine appearing man, probably about 40 years of age, and is said to have been an experienced prospector. The accident was a very unfortunate affair and is much regretted by those with him at the time, although it was caused by the victim's own carelessness.—Wallowa Chieftain.

Semi-Annual Statement and Reports of County Officers.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT. Of the amount of money and warrants received for taxes, and money paid to the county treasurer by the sheriff of Union county, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1891.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT. Of the county treasurer of Union county, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1891, of money received and paid out, from whom received and from what source, and on what account paid out.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT. Of the county clerk of Union county, Oregon, showing the amount of claims allowed by the county court of said county, for what allowed, amount of warrants issued, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of April, 1891 to the 30th day of September, 1891, both inclusive.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT. Of the financial condition of the county of Union, in the State of Oregon, on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1891.

THE "BLUE LIGHT" Chop House. Open Day and Night. Meals at all Hours. Oysters in Season.

SCHOOL BOOKS! Hall Bros., Union, Or. Have just received a large supply of School Books, Copy Books, Slates, Tablets, Inks, Erasers.

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C. C. COFFINBERRY, Union, Oregon. Carries a full line of all kinds of Harvesting Machinery and Agricultural Implements, Traction Engines and Vibrator Threshers. I will sell as cheap as any dealer in the valley. 3-26-91