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GATHERED FAR AND NEAR.

It is said that from the top of Cow Canyon to Shaniko the roads are in bad condition.

Silver Lake is going to vote on the question whether or not to build a new school house.

Prineville lads have become noisy at night and the new mayor has said that he will strictly enforce the curfew ordinance at that place.

At the Prineville city election, held last week Monday, Will Wurzweiler was elected mayor; councilmen, Walter O'Neil, D. P. Adamson, G. N. Clifton; recorder, William Draper; treasurer, J. L. McCulloch; marshal, J. H. Crooks. The Review says it was a very quiet election.

Work on the Mount Hood railroad has been suspended until spring and 300 men have been laid off. Rainy weather made it impossible to accomplish much with teams and scrapers, hence the shut-down. The camps will be kept standing in care of watchmen until they are wanted again next spring.

Probably the largest bob-axed in Eastern Oregon was received this week at the Rubbody sawmill, and will be used in hauling logs to the mill. It is a regular logging sled and when an ice road is formed in the snow one team will haul as much on it as could be hauled on a freight car.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

On Monday last week while Mr. and Mrs. Bradley's two little tots were playing in the yard the little boy accidentally came near chopping a finger off for the little girl. Dr. Thom was called and dressed the wound and is of the opinion that he can save the finger. Two other fingers on the hand were badly, though not seriously, hacked.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

Barney Kelley was almost instantly killed at The Dalles last week Wednesday by the explosion of a stick of dynamite which he held in his hand. His left side and arm were terribly mangled, tearing a hole several inches in diameter about the heart and exposing the lungs. He was an expert powder man and had come from work on the North Bank road to do some blasting for the city of The Dalles in opening a street.

Money Will Pour into Oregon.

Millions of dollars will come pouring into Oregon within the next few weeks for grain, flour and other products, and it looks as if instead of money being scarce it would be a drug on the market. Enterprises will go forward and people will wonder what they were scared at. The governor, under the circumstances, did the right and necessary thing in declaring the holidays, but he did an equally good thing in declaring them off again. Perhaps it might better have been done even earlier, but it is better to be too safe than not safe enough.

A Wonderful Year.

The year 1907 rings down the curtain during a rapidly disappearing uneasiness, with the people in a hesitating mood regarding immediate investments, but at the same time it has been the most wonderful year the Pacific Northwest ever enjoyed.

In no other 12 months was there so much money brought into the country from the wheat crop; fruit

scored its biggest success; lumber added many more millions of dollars than ever before; the same is true of the products of the dairy, while the grower of poultry has nothing of which to complain. We are rich and prosperous, in spite of the fact that there appears to be a stringency, more a matter of mind than reality. Let us quit bemoaning imaginary troubles, inspire confidence and get ready to eclipse in 1908 our past year's record, wonderful as it has been.

Hints on Alfalfa Growing.

In his book entitled "The Book of Alfalfa," F. D. Colburn of Kansas gives the following list of don'ts on alfalfa culture:

- Don't sow any nurse crop.
- Don't sow on freshly plowed land.
- Don't let weeds or grass grow over six inches high without clipping.
- Don't clip or mow when wet with rain or dew.
- Don't let alfalfa stand; if turning yellow, cut it.
- Don't sow less than 25 pounds per acre, one-half each way.
- Don't sow on land that will not raise 250 bushels of potatoes per acre.
- Don't sow 25 acres at first; sow five.
- Don't put any of the rotten manure anywhere but on your alfalfa plot.
- Don't depend on "culture cakes" or soil from some distant field.
- Don't let any water stand on it.
- Don't let it go if a thin stand but disk in more seed; don't be afraid you will kill it.
- Don't replot the land; disk it.
- Don't wait for it to stool; it never does.
- Don't try to cut for hay until the alfalfa takes the field.
- Don't sow on any field not well underdrained.
- Don't leave your land rough; use a roller or a plank float to level and smooth it.

THE VETERINARY

Horses that are afflicted with a chronic disease that causes a loud, unnatural noise in breathing are said to have thick wind or to be roarers. This class does not include those afflicted with severe sore throat, as in these cases the breathing is noisy only during the acute attack of the disease. Thick wind is caused by an obstruction to the free passage of the air in some part of the respiratory tract. The noisy breathing of horses after having been idle and put to sudden exertion is not due to any disease and is only temporary. Horses fed on the seeds of leguminous and some other plants have paralysis of the laryngeal muscles, particularly when fed chick vetch. Other cases may come from lead poisoning, sore throats and many times from heredity. Roaring, the name by which the disease is generally known, is only a symptom and not the disease. In bad cases the animal fairly suffocates. The cure depends much on the cause, and many times such horses are treated with little success. You can try one dram potassium iodide once a day for a week and then one-half ounce of Fowler's solution once a day for the next week in the drinking water, and if this does not do any good you would better go to a good veterinarian.—M. D. Williams, D. V. S., in Rural New Yorker.

Warts on Cattle.

Lumps or sores on the backs of cattle are caused by the larvae of the warble fly, or ox warble, a black fly thickly covered with yellowish hair. They lay the eggs on the backs of cattle from June to September. The grubs hatch out and bore through the skin and live there, next to the flesh, all winter. In the spring the mature grub crawls out and falls to the ground. Put a thumb on each side of the lump and squeeze the grub out, or mix lard and sulphur and rub it into the lumps, which destroys the grub. During July and August rub over the backs of cattle a mixture of four ounces flowers of sulphur, one gill spirits of tar and one quart train oil, and it will prevent the fly from laying its eggs. Rub on once a week. The chief harm these grubs do is the making of holes in the hide, thus lessening its value in market.—Ohio Farmer.

Fatal Points, Both.

A pound of fat bacon given a cow that is off her feed will often effect a cure, writes a correspondent to Farm Journal.

I will just send you one little thing, a very simple and effectual remedy for warts on a horse's nose or anywhere. Wash the warts with strong soda water. I took a perfect "mat of warts" off a colt's nose by washing them with strong soda water every day. A seed wart can be taken off by soda. Pick the wart a little till the blood starts, then apply dry soda a few times.—Mrs. M. A. G.

STEER FEEDING.

The Way an Illinois Farmer Finished His First Carload.

In regard to the feeding of the carload of cattle which I sold for \$5.35 in Chicago the other day I would say this was the first carload I ever fed. In the first place I had some blue grass pasture, more than I needed, and I bought eighteen head of good young Hereford steers. They were all of that blood but two—one Red Poll and one Angus—and were all coming two years old.

I bought them about the middle of June and turned them on pasture. During the second week of September I brought them up and fed them a little corn and still let them run on a good blue grass pasture until I got them on full feed. About the middle of October I confined them in a yard and fed them cornmeal, corn and timothy hay. These steers weighed about 700 pounds when I started to feed them. They were all deborned but four, and I would always rather have my steers deborned. They were kept in a small feed lot, and I had a number of brood sows running after them. My feed lot is sandy, consequently it never gets very muddy. I kept the steers well bedded all the time. I bought them all around here near my home, and I think they made me about \$1.20 per hundred weight.

Likes Herefords For Feeders.

The best steers to my notion to feed are pure bred Herefords, but one cannot always get them. The better they are bred the better they will feed and sell as a rule. The way to get this kind of stock is to buy and use a pure bred bull instead of using an old scrub animal.

These cattle were in good flesh when they were put in the feed lot. I believe you should always have steers in good flesh to start with. I cannot tell how much these averaged per month, for I had no scales to weigh them on. They were not large, rough steers, but small, blocky, smooth and well shaped. I shipped them Jan. 22. The cattle went through fine, filled up well and weighed 1,005 pounds per head.—S. Pritchard, Jr., in Breeder's Gazette.

The Stock Tank.

Be careful about that stock tank during warm, sultry days. If it stands in the sun the water is no doubt very warm and filled with green scum, and this must be very disagreeable to the live stock that must drink it. Would you like your superiors to furnish you with such drinking water? Better clean out the tank, scrub it with soap and lime and pump it full of clean, pure water from the well. The dumb brutes will appreciate it, I'll warrant. Such tanks should have a shed over them all the year round, a protection from the hot sun as well as the frosts.—Farm Journal.

THE SHEPHERD

An excellent way with young lambs running with the ewes is to have a pen made of boards in the yard or pasture, with openings through which the lambs will crawl, and in this keep a shallow, flat trough in which the lambs cannot walk. In this trough a few handfuls of mixed cornmeal bran and linseed meal are scattered quite thinly. The lambs will soon find it and will run in and out and feed at will. This has doubled the ordinary growth without it in two months' feeding and will make weaning an easy business.

More Sheep.

From the reports I hear sheep will be increased this year. The prices received for wool and lambs have been high compared with years back, and all who have even a few sheep seem to be satisfied and are ready to increase their flocks. The dog question bothers some, but the dog who chases sheep in this part of the country is sure of a free pass to some other world, says a New Hampshire man.

With the Farm Flock.

Don't sell the best and firstborn ewe lambs and keep the poor ones for breeders.

Don't leave the sheep out in the wet after they go to pasture. It will take but a few minutes to run them in, and it will be time well spent. Don't let the sheep run in the old pastures unless you give them the gasoline treatment before they go out.

Don't make any fence around the sheep pasture, except one of woven wire. This will both keep the sheep in and the dogs out and is really the most economical fence on the market. Don't think sheep can go without water. They will live if they have only dew for drink, but they will not thrive.—Rural New Yorker.

An Object Lesson.

To prove that a harness will move a load if the start is slow and steady, but will not move it if started with a jerk an exchange suggests the following proceeding: Hitch a piece of ordinary twine to a weight of about twenty pounds. Pull the cord slowly and steadily. The weight will move. Now try to move it by applying the force with a quick jerk. The cord breaks and the weight is not moved.

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