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The Holley Grange will hold the annual industrial fair on Saturday Oct. 11, 1913. A corner of the hall will be reserved for the use of Sweet Home grange where they may store their exhibits using their own marks of distinction.

A special invitation is extended to all of the Sweet Home people to attend and take part in the program.

R. W. VAN FLEET  
Master Holley Grange

## Sweet Home Church News

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
Afternoon service at the Santiam school house.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. in the upper church.

Prayer meeting and Bible study Wednesday evening.

To all these services you are welcome. Come and bring your friends.

L. H. Wood, Pastor.

You cannot wrong a neighbor without injury to yourself, socially nor in a business way.

## NOT A HOG FEED.

After conducting rather extensive experiments in the feeding of cottonseed meal to hogs the Texas experiment station directors came to the conclusion that there is no advantage whatever in feeding either cotton seed or cottonseed meal to hogs of any age. They found that the death rate was high and that the hogs that survived the feeding fasts were permanently stunted. While it is to be regretted that cotton seed is not available as a cheap source of protein for the southern hog raiser, there is some satisfaction that the results of these feeding experiments were so definite. As it is the question seems to be settled.

About the worst frosted thing that the writer knows of as a result of the past three months of winter weather is the reputation of a number of long distance weather prophets who doped out severe January and February weather in their gaudily printed almanacs that were distributed among a gullible constituency just about a year ago.

If the women folk are left to fetch water and bring in wood and coal in good conscience the well and the woodshed ought to be just as near the back door as it is possible to have them. If the man of the house takes it upon himself to attend to these chores it is pretty safe to assume that he won't wear out any more shoe leather than is necessary doing them.

At Charles City, Minn., business men, farmers and stockholders of the local creamery have decided to establish a community laundry in connection with the plant. The idea is to put to a more economical use the waste steam from the creamery boiler. Such a co-operative creamery laundry is already in operation at Chatfield, Minn., and its progress is being watched with interest.

Dwellers on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard are to be envied by those living inland because they are able to get a fine variety of fresh salt water fish, lobsters and oysters at reasonable prices. These living inland get dreadfully tired of pork and beef and beef and pork and to vary the monotony of their bill of fare have to fall back on salt codfish, salmon and sardines.

The great popularity of the new parcel post system is shown in the figures submitted by the postmaster general to the effect that 40,000,000 packages were shipped by the new method in the month of January. There seems good reason for believing that the volume of parcel post business will continue to increase, but that before long there will be an increase in the weight limit and a cheapening of the rates.

The federal department of agriculture has lately made announcement that it is ready to send out cuttings of the basket willow, which it has been cultivating for several years past on its experimental farm at Arlington, Va. Application for the cuttings must be made to the department in writing. The willow does especially well on low, wet land that cannot be cultivated, and it was with the idea of putting such lands to work that the government took up the experiments with this variety of willow.

**The Drummer's Tender Heart.**  
The commercial traveler had just finished a story of a disastrous fire, in which his firm suffered severely.

"And what did you do when you heard of it on your journey?" inquired his friend.

"Oh, I sent the boss a long telegram of sympathy! He likes that kind of thing. Cost me half a crown."

"Half a crown!" exclaimed the other incredulously.

"Oh, I charged it to my expenses, of course!" explained the traveler.

Kindly feeling and thoughtful economy could go no further.—Manchester Guardian.

## Plausible Excuse.

Guest—Waiter, are you sure this is oxtail soup? Waiter—Yessuh. Guest—But I've found a tooth in it. How do you account for that? Waiter—Well, I don't know, sub; but I reckon dat ox must have been biting his tail.—Sphinx.

Any of our readers who are interested in the making of maple sirup or sugar should send to the agricultural department at Washington for farmers' bulletin No. 516. This gives directions and illustrations as to how the work should be done and will be found practical and helpful.

Are you going to set out that wind-break of Austrian pine and Norway spruce this spring? Plow the tract deep and make it mellow and remember to set the shelter belt far enough from the outbuildings so that traffic within the protected area will not be blockaded with snowdrifts.

In the natural order of things it is the first fellow who takes his disks and plow lays to the blacksmith shop who can first begin his spring's work. And right now is a pretty good time to begin to be forehanded, for at best there is a great deal to do, and the time is all too short in which to do it.

For the first seven months of the current fiscal year, June 30, 1912, to June 30, 1913, the people of the United States have drunk 38,864,000 barrels of beer, an increase of 1,850,000 barrels over the consumption of the preceding year. It's no wonder that a good many people become poor, go crazy or go to the devil.

That was a rather hard slam on the domestic science department of the University of Chicago when 200 college girls attended a special "pure food" dinner given under the auspices of the department the other day and all but four were taken sick a few hours later with ptomaine poisoning. The trouble was traced to some canned beans.

A very careful farmer of the writer's acquaintance told us the other day that he had quit the sheep business because he became tired of the almost incessant noise, this being true especially after lambing time in the spring. He said the sheep started bleating before daylight and kept at it until past bedtime and that it kind o' got on his and his family's nerves.

## In a Bad Way.

"My friends," declaimed an orator during a convention "my friends, I say to you that this great republic of ours is standing on the brink of an abyss!" Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

Sloth, like rust, consumes faster than labor wears, while the used key is always bright Benjamin Franklin.

Thirty years ago a fellow would have been considered sort of cracked in the upper story who would have predicted that a man would some day travel 100 miles in a flying machine. Yet one day recently a Frenchman, Moulinais, made an uninterrupted flight from Paris to London of 287 miles in 185 minutes, an average of ninety-four miles an hour.

A pedigree is a desirable thing in connection with a dairy cow and particularly if it is desired to sell her offspring at fancy prices, but of even more value from the practical standpoint is her performance. There are a good many cows that have pedigrees that, so far as being able to deliver the goods is concerned, are essentially scrubs and whose pedigrees are not worth the paper they are written on.

Roquefort cheese, one of the most popular products of its kind to be found on the world's markets, is made from the milk of hundreds of thousands of sheep in the province of Roquefort, France. The lambs are allowed to suck their mothers for some two months, at the end of which time they are weaned, and thereafter the sheep are milked and the milk made into this appetizing cheese, for which there is a great demand and which sells at a fancy price.

## Fault of the Aut.

Hiram—The doctor says Ezra is suffering from auto-intoxication. Silas—Guess that's it, b'gosh! The feller acted just like any one else until he got that automobile.—Judge.

## Theatrical Note.

"Hist!" whispered the villain, creeping stealthily away.  
"I expected you would be," rejoined the stage manager, with curling lip.

## CURIOUS MANX LAWS.

Food and Drink Alone Are Taxed and Debtors Are Imprisoned.

In some respects the Isle of Man is one of the most backward portions of the British empire. All the revenue is raised by taxes on food and drink. There are no death duties, no property tax, no land tax. The working classes are unprotected as well as over-taxed. No factory laws exist and no attempt has ever been made to limit the hours of shop assistants, although Manxland is essentially a nation of shopkeepers. Then, although usury is forbidden by law, imprisonment for debt is still legal and is commonly resorted to.

Yet Manx laws, although backward in some respects, are in other ways well advanced. Every woman, widow or spinster, in the Isle of Man, be she owner, occupier or lodger, enjoys the parliamentary franchise. Every widow enjoys half her husband's personal estate and has a life interest in his real estate, and she cannot be deprived of this by will.

The sale of cigarettes and intoxicants to children was forbidden in Man for years before such a prohibition was enforced in England. Englishmen have legislated mildly against money lenders. The highest interest that can be charged in the island is 6 per cent, and that has been the law for over 200 years.—Chicago News.

## LUXURIOUS KITCHENS.

They Used Silver Lined Saucepans in the Old Days in Rome.

While the housewife today prides herself, and with reason, on the equipment and conveniences of her establishment, she need not think that centuries ago other women in other lands were not equally well provided. Indeed, the kitchens of Roman women were much more luxuriously fitted out than are most kitchens of today.

Now, in the days when the Roman empire was at its height, if you went into the culinary department of an elegant establishment you would find saucepans lined with silver and pails of various description richly inlaid with arabesques in silver and shovels that were handsomely and intricately carved. Egg frames, too, that would cook twenty eggs at once and pastry molds shaped like shells and an infinite assortment of griddles, frying pans, cheese graters and tart dishes.

The toilet tables of the Roman women were well supplied in the same lavish fashion. Ivory combs, perfumes, cosmetics, hairpins, even an elaborate hair net of gold, have been recently unearthed. Safety pins, too, which have for a long time been considered a strictly modern invention, could be found on their tables. But they had no brushes, nor any glass mirror, the kind they used being of silver or other white metals.—Chicago Tribune.

## "Pall Mall."

Even the British, the London British are not agreed upon the proper pronunciation of "Pall Mall." The Pall Mall Gazette has published scores of letters on the subject, one from J. Henderson Couter, being in part as follows: "It really does not seem to matter much whether Pall Mall used to be 'Paille Maille' or 'Pawl Mawl.' Both are probably incorrect etymologically. I had an old grandmother, one of the old school. Were she alive today she would be about 110. She always spoke of it as 'Pell Mell.' But, then, she preserved most of the old fashioned pronunciations, such as 'laylock' for 'llac,' 'obleege' for 'oblige,' 'sassinagers' for 'sausages' and 'gould' for 'gold.' This may have been, and probably was, a sheer affectation on her part. Anyhow, she tested a new manservant by hearing how he could knock on a front door."

If one has a piece of land to be used in growing the ordinary farm crops which he would like to tone up with fertilizers, in addition to barnyard manure, he will find 300 pounds of steamed bone and 100 pounds of muriate of potash an excellent combination. Where it is available, ground rock phosphate may be substituted for the steamed bone in an equal quantity.

A number of years ago a woman who was editing a household column gave it as her opinion that when a man gets a notion that he can cook and can't he's a bigger nuisance about the house than a dog with fleas. This is respectfully referred to the consideration of our lady readers.

Hen manure makes an excellent fertilizer for roses, currants and gooseberries. But it is well to remember that it is very concentrated and should be used sparingly. It should be scattered in the early spring and spaded into the surface soil.

The farmer who is lucky enough to have a nice bunch of shotes that escaped an attack of cholera and can stuff them with thirty-five cent corn and tankage to balance the ration has about as sure a revenue proposition as we know of. This will hold good just so long as he can get \$7 per hundred-weight or better for his swine at market time.

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