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WHISKY IN POLITICS.

Among the greatest evils of the whisky traffic is the influence it exerts in politics. It is now the practice of the office seeker to cater to the good will of those engaged in the business for the purpose of carrying elections. In the larger cities candidates even pay the license for men to run saloons in their interest. The result is that a certain class of voters are thus controlled by it to vote for those who are in sympathy with the traffic while men with better views and higher moral principles are defeated. Thus it is enabled to prosper and flourish and extend its debasing influence into legislative bodies, judicial and other tribunals. Who has forgotten the scene during the closing hours of the regular session of our legislature two years ago, during the joint session which failed to elect a U. S. senator, when the judiciary room became, as it were, a bar from which champagne and other liquors were dealt out in the interest of the different candidates for the highest office in the gift of the state. In consideration of the evil of the traffic in this direction, aside from its debasing influence in the home circle, and in every class of society, is it not time it was checked? The following from the *Oregonian* is further evidence of its corrupting influence in the politics of Oregon:

Last year the organized liquor rings of Oregon interfered in a most unjustifiable manner in the politics of this state. They became allies of the Mitchell machine in Multnomah county, and the combination put forth its whole strength in the election of a justice of the supreme court, and in the effort to put men into the legislature from different parts of the state who would be faithful to the interest of the coparceners in the enterprise. It was a most scandalous alliance, and it partially succeeded in its purposes. The *Oregonian* attacked it with vehemence, set forth the scandalousness of such a combination, exposed the villainy of its methods, and appealed to the people to beat it. It ought to have been beaten in every part of its undertaking, but it succeeded in electing the justice of the supreme court and the state senator in Multnomah.

The late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was one of the few men who are born with the gift of extemporaneous speech. His power in this direction consisted not merely in his command of language, but in his affluent imagination, his warm impulses, his fertility in resource, in his power of sudden converging his mind and heart upon the theme. Mr. Beecher was like Dr. Bellows, who complained that men sometimes treated him as if he were a bottle from which it was only necessary to remove the stopper. Mr. Beecher's eloquence was not of the grandiloquent or oratorical type. It was conversational, dramatic; it gleamed with wit and humor or dropped into pathos; it soared on the lofty wings of the imagination, and swooped down again into anecdote and illustration. His discourses were full of windows, that let in the light; and some of them set in stained glass, which glowed with beautiful imagery.—*Christian Register*.

The Philadelphia Press, says: The able Kentuckian who boasts that he never used whisky or tobacco is still in Washington trying to secure the post of Minister to Austria, but there isn't much chance for him. There is a settled feeling in Administration circles that a Kentuckian with such a record as his is too rare a curiosity to send out of the country even to a loan exhibition.

The Albany Democrat has the following view concerning the Prohibitory Amendment: "From what we see and hear, we estimate that the Prohibitory Amendment will receive a larger vote in Linn county, in proportion to the number of votes cast, than it will receive in any county in the state."

The decision of the United States supreme court in the California Chinese cases, overruling the United States courts, has called out a great deal of favorable comment among the people whose sympathies run with the anti-Chinese movement in the city of San Francisco.

Hon. B. F. Burch of Polk county has been appointed Receiver of moneys at the Land Office at Oregon City. Good appointment.

Latest reports from Michigan, tell us that the prohibitory amendment has been defeated in that state by a very small majority.

The new tariff of Mexico makes important concessions to Americans products.

The militia strength of the United States is 8,500,000 men.

FARM NOTES.

A sure way to have good cows is to raise them yourself.

Trim out the dead wood in currant and gooseberry bushes.

Prune grape vines to two or three buds of last year's growth.

Get out of the old rats if they do not pay and this spring begin on something new.

Where hogs can be grown healthy and sound, swine raising is a safe business at current prices.

Good butter and cheese cannot be made from the milk of cows that are deprived of pure water.

The finest pork made in the world is that produced on the Madeira Islands, where the swine live principally on nuts.

Plan well and thoroughly, cultivate no more land than you can cultivate well, be faithful and trust for good in the end.

The milking qualities of a cow depend more upon her sire's mother than upon those of her own mother.

A common hoe, straightened out by a blacksmith, makes a cheap and excellent implement for chopping roots for stock.

The poultry business in the United States is estimated at \$250,000,000 per annum. Over \$2,500,000 was paid for imported eggs last year.

It is generally admitted that the granular system in butter-making is not only a great saving of labor but also the means of obtaining better results.

A few farmer neighbors can have fresh meat every day in the year by taking turns in killing a beef, pig or sheep and dividing the carcass equally.

Ship your corn to market by way of the fat hog or steer. A good strong, well fattened sheep can carry some corn to market at a very reasonable rate.

The patron who will sell or bring impure or imperfect milk to the factory is like a passenger boring holes in the ship which keeps him and all others afloat.

Unless the manure is old and well rotted, it should not be allowed to touch the roots of the fruit trees, but be spread upon the surface.

High and rolling land is best for sheep. They will not do well on low soggy ground. Sheep seek high and dry land on which to graze and lie.

Early grass for cows in milk stimulates flow and improves quality, especially if the milk is for butter making; it gives color and imparts an aroma that suggests the freshness of spring.

A few boxes in the house filled with earth, and planted to tomatoes, lettuce and cabbage, will be found a cheap mode of securing early plants. Now is the time to begin, as they will not grow too rapidly when the seeds have sprouted.

Dairying is divided, like ancient Gaul (*vide Cæsar*), into two parts. The first part is to make good butter, and the second part is to sell it. Butter well made, like "good as well bought" is half sold, but we must sell the other half.

It is infinitely better to have one cow that will give 5,000 pounds of milk in a season than to have two cows that will give 3,000 pounds each, even if the quality of milk is equal; in richness of milk the 5,000-pound cow is likely to be ahead.

Scald and thoroughly clean out your churns, milk cans and dairy fixtures, but keep your nasty dishes away from them, contact with any utensil. The dishcloth almost universally is about the most filthy rag in the whole house and should never be used on dairy utensils.

It is a good plan to give the hogs wood ashes once a week with salt. The more charcoal the ashes contain the better. In coal-burning sections give them the coal ashes with clinders, and they will relish it very much; and they take great delight in munching small lumps of coal.

It is not a question, so far as profit is concerned, how much a pig will weigh when dressed, as it is how much it has cost. The success in hog rearing turns on this one point. If hogs cost more than they will sell for, there is no good in them, except the manure they will make, and this may be very little, and too often is.

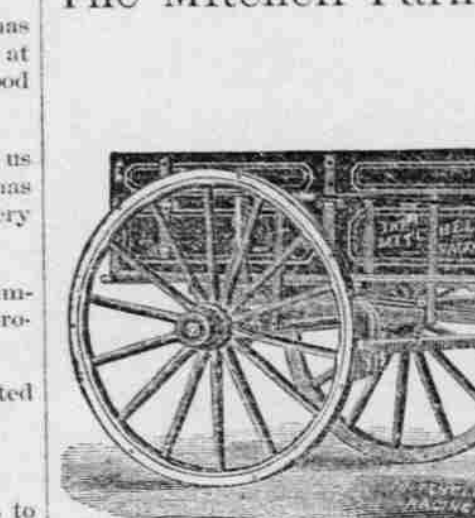
Rainite, which is now extensively used as a fertilizer, is a compound of the sulphates of potash and magnesia, containing, also, common salt and other chlorides. It is not only an excellent fertilizer, being soluble, but is one of the best materials that can be used for preventing loss of ammonia in the manure heap.

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Place the hot-bed in a position so as to get the most sunlight during the day, and cover the sash at night so as to avoid loss of heat by radiation. Glass permits heat to escape very rapidly, and it is best, therefore, to use a double-glazed sash, as the air space between the panes of glass will serve as a protection from the cold.

If you have let your horses unfortunately get thin during the winter, lose no time in feeding up. The full strength of the animals will be required in plowing and seeding time. It is poor economy to admit animals upon which so much depends in successfully prosecuting the labors of the farm. It is, in fact, poor economy to let any farm animal get thin.

Raise your own cows. Keep a milk record, and select heifers only from your best milkers. In breeding, grade rather than cross. Use a pure-bred bull of your chosen breed on your native cows. The offspring will generally follow the propensity of the bull. Adopt the best method of feeding with a view to keep the greatest amount of stock on the same land.

Much of the future value of the horse depends upon the care given it during its first winter. There is apt to be a sudden check to growth when the change is made from weaning and from green to dry food, and unless this is prevented by good, substantial food what is then lost will never be regained. Exercise is also very important, so that liberal feeding will result in a proportionate development of muscles instead of all fat, as it might if the colt was kept fed all the winter.

The general treatment of pigs seems to be based upon the idea that they are naturally greedy and gluttonous animals, and that this habit should be encouraged as much as possible. Hence all the disease which so frequently affects pigs. When a young pig is a tender animal his stomach is not much larger than that of a human infant about so old, and yet people will cram the little creature with sour slop, grease, milk and corn-meal until it can swallow no more, and when the pig is sick one wonders what is the matter.

They have concluded that something besides whole corn is necessary and demanded by the not over fastidious stomach of the hog, and are beginning to use mixed feeds, growing roots for winter use, using mill feed, and by their use limiting the corn feeding period to a few weeks before marketing. Many are learning that because the sow returned to the wallow in the mire after being washed it does not follow that filth is conducive to her well being, but that cleanliness is next to fattening. In fact, must be considered as one of the demanded steps to successful feeding.

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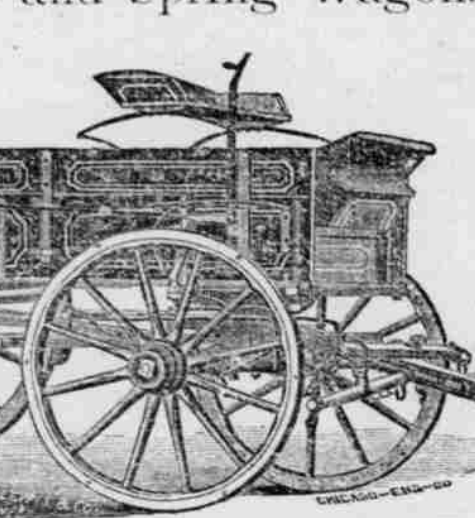
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