

LONG FIGHT ENDED.

Carpenters and Woodworkers Agree to Amalgamate.

Among the important decisions rendered at the A. F. of L. convention was the one which requires the carpenters and woodworkers to get together in one organization.

When the woodworkers' organization was formed in 1895 the carpenters were willing to draw lines of demarcation at the factory door, allowing the woodworkers jurisdiction over the men in the factories.

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WARRING UNIONS AGREE.

New York Plasterers Settle a Long Standing Difference.

The officials of the old and new unions of plasterers, which have been engaged in a warfare for more than a year in New York city, have come to an agreement, and the fight, which resulted in many building strikes, is ended.

The terms of settlement provide that the new union is to form two locals with charters from the international union.

Jewelry Workers' Strike.

The strike of jewelry workers for an eight hour day has been declared off, says Luke Grant in Chicago Record-Herald. So far as outward appearances go it was a failure for the workers.

Majority Rule.

At Omaha, Neb., the Central Labor union and other associations have worked for some time to get a direct vote of the people on the question of adopting the initiative and referendum for municipal affairs.

Labor Problems.

The American Federation of Labor is about to conduct an investigation of a number of problems confronting the wage earners of this country.

UNIFORM STEPS.

With Them Many Falls Downstairs Would Be Averted.

Falls on staircases are of rather common occurrence, especially in houses where the stairs are steep, dark or built with sharp turns.

The trouble is that stair climbing is not a natural method of progression for the human being. A child may learn to walk with ease, but it is a long time before it can ascend a stairway in an upright position without losing its balance.

This unconscious estimate of height often is the cause of many falls. When a different stairway is used the foot is unaccustomed to the pitch, and hence a trip is likely to occur.

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FENCING OUT RATTTLERS.

A Precaution of Animals That Man Uses to Advantage.

Did you ever hear of a rattlesnake fence—not one made of rattlesnakes, of course not, but one made of prickly thorns to protect one from the rattlers and keep them away?

As the tents have no doors and are not set much above the ground, it would appear easy for Mr. Rattler to effect an entrance.

It is strange that in that country, so dry and forbidding, many things grow in exuberance, and especially noticeable are the great fields of Brown Eyed Susans, the yellow daisies with the brown centers.

It is the short piece, be it letter or editorial, that catches the reader, and correspondents who wish their letters to be read should never extend them beyond a quarter of a column, and half that length is preferable.

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High Life in Gotham.

"The way them New York folks act is dreadful curious," said my aunt Betsy. "They dew say as Mrs. Demillion is at home on a horse. I'm glad she ain't one on whom I call, for I calculate I shouldn't know exactly how tew act."

The Last Course.

"Paw, when there's a big banquet, why do they always have spoiled cheese to wind it up with?" "Because, my son, it makes you forget the earlier courses."

Bear the best humbly and the worst resignedly.—Homer.

THE RUNT EVIL.

How One Breeder Keeps His Herd of an Even Weight.

Every man who takes some pride in his herd dislikes to see it composed of pigs of various sizes, some growthy and thrifty, others stunted and weak.

Another prolific cause of runts is lack of trough room and roomy sleeping apartments and keeping too many bunched together. One of the greatest nuisances in the hog business is that old fashioned trough with one end protruding through the fence.

The best trough I have ever found, the one I have used for many years, is the V shaped, with a swinging door, provided with a drop latch.

But the one thing above all others that will almost obviate the runt evil is the separate lot, with its own house and trough for giving them extra good care and the best of the feed.

Remedy For Lump Jaw. The Ohio Farmer gives the following remedy for either lump jaw or glandular swelling in a cow: Apply one part red iodide of mercury and four parts lard to bunches twice a week.

THE SHEPHERD

Cornstalks are valuable fodder for sheep, and if cut green and properly cured and then put through the shredder there should be but little waste, says the Farm Journal.

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When considerable cornstalks are fed some grain and roots should be added to the ration. Don't feed the sheep on the ground. Have good troughs.

It never pays to let sheep begin the winter thin. When the pasture gets short, begin on the grain ration and keep it up till the sheep are in good order.

It is well to keep sheep in lots of fifty each. One ram to fifty ewes. When the climate is mild open sheds are preferable to closed ones.

Where closed sheds are used they should be aired during the day by leaving the doors open when the sheep are in the yards.

Protect heavy woolled sheep from cold rains. The weight of the water will sometimes prevent the sheep from rising. It chills the ewes, and lambs are lost by it.

Give some oil meal with the grain ration. It is good for the digestion. Keep a sharp outlook for anything wrong. Find the cause and right it at once. Delays are dangerous with a flock.

Make the sheep tame by kindness. They will do the better for it. Make it a point to count the sheep every day. As soon as the wool is clipped from the sheep the ticks for the lambs.

If the sheep are dipped each should be brushed, as some of the young ticks may adhere to the old sheep; then, in about two weeks, dip both sheep and lambs. That will finish the tick business.

Dressing and Keeping Mutton. In dressing mutton always bear in mind that you should not feed your wether for twenty-four hours prior to slaughtering. It is not generally known, but undigested food is apt to favor the flesh.

Do not try fancy methods in dressing your mutton. Have your carcass perfectly plain. Do not hire a butcher to kill your sheep. Do it yourself. After slaughtering hang the carcass in your cellar. If the latter will keep bread without its molding you may rest assured that your mutton will not spoil.

Hang the mutton; do not lay it down. If hung properly, with no two carcasses touching and with the loose pieces drawn back so that the air can thoroughly permeate the surface, these carcasses should keep till April. At any rate, do not take it down for cutting up until one month after putting it in the cellar. I prefer six weeks. There is a chemical change in the flesh of the sheep within six weeks from the time of killing. You will find after that time the mutton will not stick to the knife in handling the carcass.

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