THE HORSE KINGDOM.

It will be quite a rare sight this spring.

Good horses of 1200 pounds and upwards, being better prices.

To the property shed, horses feet must be looked after every three weeks, by a competent shoeing smith.

The shoes of a heavy team, weight 1[illegible] lb. make a very serious misfortunate. It is too expensive.

It pays to begin handling a colt early, and to have it well broken before [illegible] years of age.

A pound or two of rye flour, stirred in a pail of water, is said to make a very nourishing drink for a tired horse, [illegible] with perfect safety [illegible] is heated. The stage horses in Italy are given such a drink at intervals during their long journey over mountain roads. The effect is more immediate than if oats were given.

A good authority says the training of a colt should begin as soon as it is weaned, indeed before then. Everything may be done in a preparatory way to make the training more easy. The first thing to do is to get well acquainted with the colt, and then to move all fear of the owner. When the young colt has the confidence of the owner, the rest is easy. If this could always be done by rough or rattled trainers. The utmost gentleness and kindness is requisite to maintain the influence over the young animal, first acquired. The rest follows by gradual steps, teaching the colt its lessons little by little. In this way the colt may be put to light work even after it is a year old. It is a good thing to have a colt go with the mare while it is suckling, as the attention it is much of its future worth, and now is the time.

PERCHERONS AND FRENCH COACH HORSES.

The Percheron, often called Norman-Percheron, is an ancient French breed, distinguished for its ability to draw very heavy loads at a good rate of speed. The name came from the province of La Perche. An ancient horse, Galliard, is reputed to have been the founder of the breed, and he was imported into France many centuries ago.

The great size of the Percherons—frequently weighing from 1,800 to 2,000 pounds—is attributed to the cross of the Arabian blood of Galliard upon the indigenous stock mares from Flanders, whose weight-lifting was of heavy Dutchtypes. Gray is the prevailing color in the breed. They have been imported into this country and have done much to improve the quality of our ordinary purpose horses.

The Percherons stand long, are carefully kept as those for thoroughbreds.

These stylish animals are of comparatively recent origin. Less than a century since the French government sought to improve its cavalry service by the introduction from England of thoroughbred and hunting stallions and giving their services at a nominal fee. About 1830 Young Rattler was thus imported. His produce were noted for their stylish, high-headed appearance and great nerve-action, and his sons were kept entire and highly favored by the government authorities. He is the origin of the greatly admired French coach horse in almost the same sense that Dyrdyk's Sam Hamilton is of the trotting horse of this country. The prevailing color is gray, but there are chestnuts and bays occasionally.—N. F. Breeder and Sportsman.

THE CLYDESDALE HORSE.

The Clydesdale horse has always been unknown in Italy to remain a favorite on account of the admirable strength it had in its native county of the Shire horse, yet, so far as could be gathered from research, none of what might be termed "great horse blood" had found its way into that country. This, it is found in travelling at the present day, England and Scotland for a long time were continually at war, each nation had separately friendly influence on the Continent, and so, importing from Scotland in the present day to the best advantage are undoubtedly the descendants of the same man who used horses as a specialty for self defense in the days of the Stuarts for trade with France in the time of the Regent, for England—and who now so extensively breed for Canada and the United States, as well as nearly every country in the world where good draught horses are now required.—N. F. Breeder and Sportsman.

INDEPENDENCE MEETING.

Independence, Oregon, has decided on giving a three-day's meeting, June 30th, 31st, and 1st, with the following program:

FIRST DAY.

Pacing, 2:40 class; purse $150.
Trotting, 2:25 class; purse, $200.
Running, ¼ mile dash; purse, $100.

SECOND DAY.

Trotting, 2:30 class; purse $150.
Trotting, 2:19 class; purse $200.
Pacing, 2:25 class; purse, $200.
Running, ½ mile dash; purse, $100.

THIRD DAY.

Trotting, 2:30 class; purse $150.
Pacing, free-for-all; purse, $200.
Running, ¾ mile dash; purse, $100.
Hurdle, ½ mile dash; purse $100.

BEST ROAD FOR FARMERS.

There is little difficulty in determining from experience what kind of road should be built between large towns, in village streets or in city suburbs, and there is no great difficulty in getting the right kind of a road built in such localities, but in this country, as far good roads have been made in purely agricultural districts, that experience avails not little in determining what will best serve the needs and suit the needs of the farmer, says Rural Home, in "How Roads and Road Laws."

In the first place, the road must not be too costly, or it will not get built. In the second place, it must be as good as the best for its purposes when it is built, for the farmer should be able to do the heavy hauling over it when his fields are too wet to be worked and the teams are free.

The road that fills the farmer's eye, having in view all these considerations, is a solid, well ballasted stone road, but as narrow as to be only a single track, and having an earth track on each side. A visitor at the Road Congress inquiries at the World's fair, left this memorandum: "Forty years experience on roads has given me this idea—that there should be a dirt road next to the gravelled road, as in the summer months the dirt would be used in preference. Where a dirt road has been made alongside, the life of a gravelled road has been found to be five-years longer. Dirt roads will keep the snow in winter, while no snow will stay on the plan."

This recommendation was discussed by many intelligent visitors, and very generally agreed to, and the statement of a very narrow stone road, a few years, with the earth track alongside, was totally pronounced more the best for country roads. In fact, some farmers declared they would assume the building of stone roads, where a dirt track was provided.

The questions raised regarding the method of road action, are whether the function of the earth and stone road is to be kept open, so as not to have a jog in passing from one to the other, and how the meeting and passing of loaded teams is provided for. But practical experience has already been sufficient to settle both these points. The Lebanon-Albany road, some of which we have seen in the two or three years, show no sign of division between the earth and the stone, and those who use them say that no difficulty is found in passing teams. It is only necessary for one of the wagons to run one wheel off the macadam, and then the earth portion of the road is never used when it is wet, it is always firm and smooth enough to permit doing this with ease.

THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.

What is more beautiful than flowers? The beautiful blooming plant, the shrub and blossoming tree, are things which all love to see. They are suggestive of all that is beautiful, bright and noble. They are pleasant to the sight and gratifying to the smell.

Here in the favored Willamette valley, the garden spot of the Pacific coast, they are to be found in the greatest abundance. Every variety, from the tender house plant almost to the semi-tropical flowering plant and tree, is readily grown here. A walk through the streets of Eugene one of these bright days, will reveal them to you in all the glory and beauty of an endless supply. The neighbors vie with each other to see who can have the prettiest yards, and the result is that the entire area surrounding many of the pleasant homes are transformed into veritable paradises of beauty and sweetness. The atmosphere of the town is perfumed with the sweet smelling aroma which arises from these loveliest of God's gifts.

We find them in our favored climate at times, but when are they displayed in more universal grandeur than at the season of the year? Now, the pride of Eugene, is now in the height of its glory. The little plants of a most enchanting colors of brightness and by an blooming the flowers and trees alike are clothed in their prettiest spring colors, and those grand maples and other trees have taken on their fresh foliage, and in the recesses of their branches affect retreat for the songsters, while the weary pedestrian on heated days, seeks gratefully to walk beneath their kindly shades.

All is beautiful out-doors now, and the writer of this often wonders why more of this beauty and freshness, as plentiful on all hands, is not transferred in greater degree to the interior of churches and other public places, where the people are accustomed to gather in public assemblage. Enter the humblest church in California, in the smallest village at any time on a quiet Sunday morning service, and you will find the pulpit almost entwined in beautiful evergreens, while the aisle and other convenient places will be decorated with pots leaves and other shrubs. All this serves to inspire the visitor with a feeling of freshness and carries his thoughts to purer and better things.—Eugene Guard.

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ABOUT FERTILIZERS.

The April bulletin of the State Agricultural College says:

"The state should have enacted an adequate fertilizer law to justice not only to the farmer but to the manufacturer themselves, which would compel the manufacturer to double their standard, and therefore hold to that standard. This a thing is other states and should be done here."

Such a bill did pass the senate but was not got through the house. It provided $1.00 for each analysis or a dollar bank, and required all manufacturers and dealers to submit samples for analysis.

It appears from the bulletin that some concern here at least made at the college without pay.

Hon. John Minto, in the Oregonian, says: "The policy of extensive farming, stately being recommended by many writers, and, in our judgment, be recommended as to general indulgence in the state. Very many, I might almost say most, of the best farmers of this state are most poor; that is, they are, and have been, paying home as rapidly long have never mortgaged, but paid for the same from." There is every reason why every farmer should support experimental stations and every government.

Thousands of pounds of meat is being sent to the Pendleton meeting mills. It is estimated that over 30,000 pounds of mutton and lamb have been shipped East from here, which is equal in value to the grain.

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