

Sales Talk

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The Oregon Poultry Journal will resume publication again on September 1st. This valuable poultry journal should be in the house of all Oregon poultry growers.

Wm. Brenner, of Seilo, has now on hand about 300 hogs. The hogs are now running on the stubble, but he is making preparation to commence feeding in a short time.

The Oregon state fair offers this year the munificent sums of \$334.50 for fancy work, \$321.50 for paintings and other works of art, for flowers \$250, for horse races \$6,500.

A recent issue of the United States agriculture bureau shows conclusively that crimson clover is dangerous horse feed. "Hair balls" are formed in the stomach and prove fatal.

Probably the owner of the largest number of dogs in the world is Gustava Jovanovitch, a "Russian cattle king," who has 35,000 shepherd dogs to look after 1,500,000 sheep.

From consular reports we learn that from the large quantities of apples, received from other countries into Europe, American apples command the highest price.

Dehorned cattle, says a writer, look better, are better behaved and sell better than cattle with horns. If you can't breed them without horns, take the horns off after breeding.

At a combination sale of Poland-China swine at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 5, the immense price of \$1310 is reported to have been paid for a two-year-old sow, and \$650 for another.

A number of milch cows, from Oregon, were lately shipped to China. They are scarce across the water, and the Chinese drive them through the streets and sell milk by the drink.

G. J. Gessling's strawberry patch of 96 square rods netted him \$208 79, says the Hood River Glacier. If this ratio could be maintained, a 10-acre fruit farm at Hood River would be a bonanza.

The creamery, started at Oakesdale has been moved to Sunset, Oregon, owing to the neglect of the farmers of the former place to furnish milk. Sunset farmers guarantee enough milk to make it a success.

Soil and climate in Western Oregon and Washington make the hop think life is well worth the living; but the price of hops make them think that soil and climate were made in vain.—Farm Stock and Home.

A farmer says that using his Jersey bull on a small tread power for running his cream separator is not only a cheap and easy way to secure all the cream, but results in more vigorous calves.

The assessor's books, of Sweet Grass county, Montana, show that on January 1, 1896, there were in the county 249,295 head of sheep, an increase, since January, 1895, of nearly 17 per cent.

Cape Colony Mohair exports in '95 were 11,000,000 pounds, worth \$3,500,000, against 10,000,000 pounds in '94, worth only \$2,100,000. In addition, the annual exports of goat skins average \$1,500,000.

Alpaca, the fleece of the South American Llama, is similar to mohair. The price of alpaca rises and falls with that of mohair. The supply of the former is limited, and has been uniform for a number of years, the average being 5,000,000 pounds.

The Chicago Dairy World, a bright sparkling dairy journal is on our exchange table. It is one of the brightest class papers of its kind in the country. Every dairyman should avail himself of a paper and carefully study every issue.

The number of sheep in Victoria is registered at 1,270,000. The colony has really over 13,000,000. As usual, the error proves to be the fault of the author. He wrote "12,700,000." Properly pointed, this would be 1,270,000, as we give it.

S. Sneed, of Waternville, commenced picking his early hops last Friday. Brantley brothers of the same place will begin picking in a day or two. The price paid is 25 cents per box and pickers are said to be anxious to pick at any price.—Eugene Guard.

In nine cases out of ten you can educate the calf before it is born by the way you treat its mother. The indiscriminate hired man, who will kick and excite and frighten your cow should be taught a few object lessons in this line. This is true with every line of breeding even in poultry.

The Fresno Expositor says that over 200 cars of watermelons have been shipped from Fresno, each car containing from eighty-five to two hundred dozen. Prices at the beginning of the season were \$1.50 per dozen and have gradually dropped to 75 cents.

The flax crop of North Dakota was never finer than this year; we learn from private letters, and if nothing happens to it the yield will be enormous. The acreage is larger than last year, owing to the late spring. The late rains will mature the crop to perfection, and in many places the straw is nearly 4 feet tall, an unusual thing.

Tobacco is damaged by the flea-bug in North Carolina; in Kentucky it is "frenching" on low ground; in Tennessee rains are injuring the crop, and in Ohio some of the miami tobacco lands are flooded. Still the general prospects of the crop are not much impaired, and a good yield is probable.

W. C. Myers informs us that he has been riding over the country for several days and that the people are a unit in saying they will not pick hops for 25 cents a box. He thinks that growers will have to pay 35 cents for seven-bushel boxes and 40 cents for nine bushels, in order to secure pickers.—Lebanon Advance.

There would be as much sense in asking that the blacksmith's trade be taught in the public schools as there is in asking that horticulture be taught. There have already been added enough side issues to our public school curriculum to cripple it and make it ineffective to a large extent, and we do not believe that the demand for horticultural instruction will meet with much favor among the people.—Yamhill Independent.

In conversation with some of the hop growers around Lebanon this week we were informed that there would not be more than one-fourth of a crop in this vicinity this year. They say that more than half of the yards were not cultivated, and those that were cultivated will not yield half a crop.—Express.

The largest living hog in the world is in Texas. It was sold the other day, and weighed 1430 pounds. He is 8 feet 3 inches long, 4 feet and 1 inch high, and measures 6 feet around the neck, 8 feet around the body and 23 inches around the forearm. His feet are as large as those of a common ox, and his leg bone is larger than that of the largest steer. He is a cross between a Polen China and Red Jersey. He eats corn like an ox, takes in a whole ear at a time. His hams will weigh 200 pounds each. Those who have examined him say he can easily be made to weigh 2,200 pounds. He is thin and in the pink of health.

Begin saving seed corn early. Go into the field and mark in some manner the best stalks which contain the best ears. Prolificacy, early maturity, depth of grains, size of ears and vigor can be noticed from now to maturity. All of the most popular varieties of corn were produced in that manner, and every farmer has it in his power to improve on that which he has. It is better than procuring some variety from elsewhere, that may not be adapted to the farm. By careful selection every year a marked improvement in the corn will be effected in a few years.

The counsel of older women is of inestimable value. A mistaken idea of modesty prevents many girls from learning the things that they ought to know before they assume the duties of matrimony and maternity. Women generally take these most important steps in their lives, without knowing in any degree what they mean, or what responsibilities and trials they bring. The highest and best thing that any woman can do is to bear and rear healthy, intelligent children. The accomplishment of this end depends almost entirely upon her health and particularly upon the health and strength of the organs distinctly feminine. The state of the children, both intellectual and physical depends on the mother. If she doesn't care enough for her own comfort and happiness to take the proper care of herself, she certainly ought to do it for the sake of her children. To a very large extent, the destiny and achievement of a man is decided in the months before his birth. During that time is determined whether or not he is to be of robust health and strong intellect. During that time, his mind and body are started on the path that they will follow through life. Circumstances may influence him, but he cannot get away from the effects of pre-natal influences. One of the principal uses of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the preparation of prospective mothers for the time of trial and danger that comes when a child is born. The "Prescription" is strengthening and invigorating and lessens pain and danger. It insures the perfect well-being and the perfect health of both mother and child. Every woman should know these things before she really needs to know them. There are many things in Dr. Pierce's "Common Sense Medical Adviser," that every woman ought to know. This celebrated work has reached a sale of 600,000 copies at \$1.50 each. The expense of production having thus been covered, 500,000 copies are now being given away. A copy will be sent to any address on receipt of twenty-cent (21) one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only.

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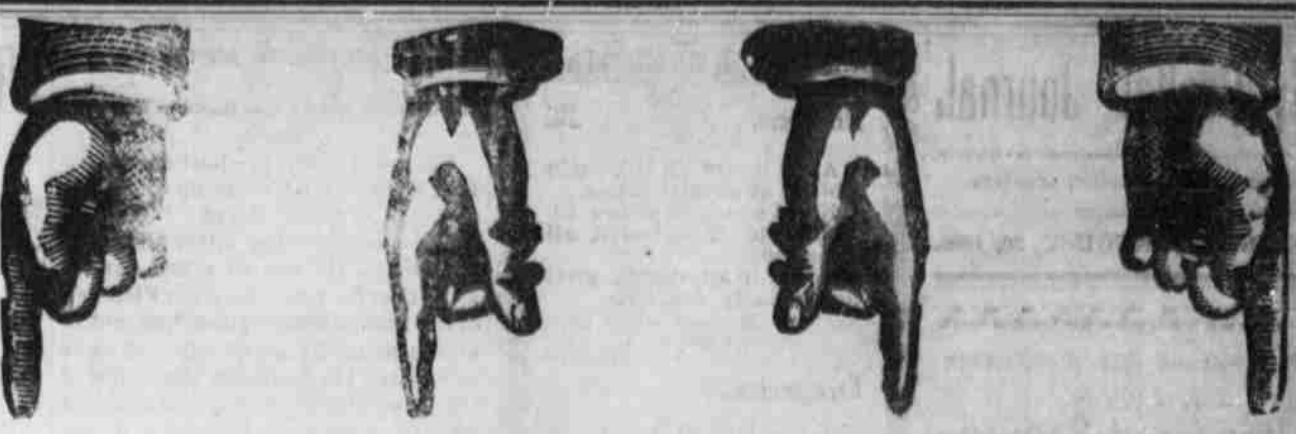
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