

Farm Stock.

Weaning Colts.

If the colt has been handled as it should have been, it has already learned to eat, and when taken from the dam, the food supplied...

Oats, ground or unground, constitute the very best grain food for a colt. We prefer to have them ground; and, as cold weather approaches...

As soon as the mare and foal can be separated, the foal should have the run of a good pasture, as there is no food better than grass...

Polled Cattle in Kansas.

The great cattle kings are fast turning their thousands of Texas Scalawags into improved grades. It is wonderful what a change a single cross with a shorthorn or any other impressive sire makes...

No animals are more adapted for our western prairies than our Angus cattle. I saw a good illustration of this. Last September I attended the sale of the late George Grant, of Victoria, Kansas...

Don't suppose for all that that Short-horns do not do well in Kansas; on the contrary, Kansas is as much their home as Yorkshire or Durham...

of Kansas but a poor opinion of the breed. All the bulls had spots, which led people to the belief that there were outside bloods in them. Breeders never send a spotted bull across the Atlantic...

Had it not been for this quarantine business at New York, on cattle arriving from England, I would most certainly have attended the Highland Society's show at Perth...

I am working hard for the polled interest both publicly and privately. I have a hard battle to contend with, as Americans in general are very averse both to black and polled cattle.

There is one matter I am most anxious to get at, viz, say since the year 1832 (the year my father was awarded the first gold medals for Angus cattle at Smithfield)...

It fell to my lot last March to deliver the preliminary lecture on stock breeding and their general management, at the state agricultural college, Manhattan...

I was proud to see the Daddies had made such a good figure at the London International Exhibition last month; and still prouder to see many direct descendants of the old Keillor Daddies bearing testimony to their worth...

Horse Delusion.

Gradually it begins to get into the mind of the average farmer that raising trotting horses doesn't pay, at least for him. It may pay somebody, but that somebody is not himself.

And so the delusion is kept up until young "Dexter" "casts himself up" several times, and the skeleton buggy is worn out, and then in despair and disgust the owner sells him for \$125...

To return to the "daddies." Out of the 100 three-year-old steers, exposed to sale, about 50 of them were by the polled bulls. Out of the 50, only five were horned—from Texan cows...

They will always bring a paying price, for they are good for farm work or any sort of service. They must be not less than sixteen hands high, with as much style and action as possible.

Apiary.

Winifring Bees.

It may be that bees are more especially adapted to southern latitudes where all the difficulties of wintering disappear and bee diseases are unknown.

It has been my observation that when bees are scarce of honey in the fall, and gather from cider mills, rotten fruit, grapes, watermelons, etc., that the chances are they will not winter well.

Now, the remedy I would recommend would be to extract all bad honey, such as has soured, though it may have been gathered from white clover or linden (one season, with me, all the linden honey soured).

As to putting bees in or leaving them out, I am rather inclined, on the whole, to out-door wintering, while I do not deny that there may be winters when they would be altogether best in a good cellar...

If good, genuine extracted honey can not be had this month, and you have to feed comb honey, I would prefer not to have the bees remove it from the original packages; but fasten a couple or more of section frames in a frame that fits your hive.

Poultry.

Prepare Fowls for Winter.

Now is the time to look after the winter quarters of young poultry stock. Repair their houses, thoroughly clean them out, give the interior a good sprinkling, after cleaning, with water strongly impregnated with carbolic acid...

Late-hatched chicks now need special care, liberal feeding, and warm quarters at night. Feed grain as a supper food, and as late as they can see to pick it up.

How to Catch a Fowl.

Few persons know how to secure a bird to advantage. Never seize a fowl by the tail, if a fine bird, or touch the back, but grasp both legs at once with a firm, tight, quick hold...

Poultry Notes.

Vermain prevents rapid growth and full development.

If it is intended to raise fowls for the table, there is much advantage in making a cross, or at least a good reason for keeping the races pure.

Odds and ends from the table may be wrought into good fresh eggs at short notice—only keep poultry.

A young hen lays a larger litter than the aged hen. It is probable that the first and second years of the hen's life are the most productive of eggs.

Miscellaneous.

When to Transplant?

Just as soon as the leaves have performed their functions, this varies with different general species and even varieties. For instance, some pears lose their leaves in mid-September; better transplant them then than to wait until after frosts...

Cream for Churning.

Cream should be a little acid when it is put into the churn, and at a temperature of 58 to 60 in summer and 62 to 65 in winter.

To Prepare and Use Rennet.

Take the stomach of the calf when empty, being careful not to get any dirt on it, and without washing, salt inside and out with one teaspoonful of salt to a rennet, and place in an earthen dish.

Farm Letters.

GRINNELL, Wallace Co., Oct. 5.—Copious rains have fallen throughout western Kansas during the past week, bringing up the wheat already sown and putting the ground in fine condition for that not yet put in.

patches of it, which had obtained a foothold in an old fence-break, along the railroad, were growing.

An intelligent farmer with whom I was conversing a few weeks since said he had a piece of sod-corn, part of which was upon ground broken last fall after wheat sowing, and part this spring.

Those living in a prairie grass country will think this a curious doctrine, to recommend breaking in the fall and winter, but it must be borne in mind that the Buffalo grass is very different from the coarse prairie grass...

"Franklin's Civil Engineering," a kind of scientific manual for artisans, gives the formula for rendering any kind of masonry impervious to moisture. Dissolve a pound castile soap in a gallon of water and a pound alum in 4 gallons; the walls to be clean and dry...

EMPORIA, Lyon Co., Kan., Sept. 29th.—Corn-husking has proceeded far enough, to convince us that the crop is not as heavy by about 25 per cent. as the last crop; August was too dry.

CORVALLIS, Smith Co., Kan., Sept. 29th.—Yesterday our protracted drouth came to an end, and farmers are once more wearing a smile on their faces.

Although not properly called a winter wheat county, yet more attention is being paid to that crop this season than formerly, and had the season been favorable a much larger acreage than usual would have been sown.

Much attention has been paid this season to the cultivation of hedges, and all are in fine condition this fall. One enterprising firm last season planted a great deal of hedge seed throughout the county.

We now have railroad communication with the outside world. The C. B. U. P. R. R. is now completed, and running regular trains to Gaylord.

RUSH CENTER, Rush Co., Kan., Sept. 29.—The farmers of this county all have a pleasant smile, and greet one another with "that was a good rain and assures the wheat to come right along."

OFFERLE, Ford Co., Kan., Sept. 29.—The weather has been very dry here during the past six weeks, which has retarded the sowing of fall wheat somewhat, but notwithstanding this and the failure of last season, there will be an increased acreage sown in the county.

Wheat drilled in on early plowed land is looking...

Montgomery County Fair.

Our county fair has been a success this year, although the weather was very dry. It was held the 25th-27th of September. The display of horses and cattle was far better than ever before.

The principal exhibitors of cattle were Cary Oakes and L. H. Hart. Mr. Hart took a first premium sweepstakes, and a premium for the best five calves exhibited with the bull.

The display of fruit and vegetables was not as good as usual as the season has been very dry. The attendance was large, and there will be funds in the treasury after paying all expenses.

The Birds on the Farm.

A city gentleman having a passion for birds, changed his location and business to a farm. He gives his experience with the birds the first year of his farm-life, through the Mobile Register.

"Last spring I took a small farm, about the first thing I did was to provide myself with a plentiful supply of small boxes and put them up as homes for the birds. They were very soon occupied by martins and bluebirds, (Hirundo urbica and Sialis Wilsoni of ornithologists.)

The wrens, (Troglodytes domestica,) which were permitted to make nests about the buildings whenever they could find satisfactory locations, and the chipping-birds (Zonotrichia socialis) which made themselves at home in the smaller shrubbery, should also be mentioned.

But now to the result. The appetites of these birds and their diligence in satisfying them, was truly alarming to the insect world around us; but no helping it, the inhabitants of that world saw their fellows ruthlessly snatched away by the hundred every day.

A Mixture of Grasses.

It is a well known fact that mixed crops are more productive than those sown singly. Thus one acre sown to oats and barley, or oats and peas, will yield as much, or nearly as much, as two acres sown singly to either crop.

So in grass lands, clover and timothy, mixed, will produce nearly twice as much as if the ground were seeded to one of these alone. It is also a well known fact, that our grass lands are not so productive as we could wish, and the reason of this may be, and probably is, that we have but one or two kinds of herbage in them.

The fact is, that we make much less of our advantages in regard to our meadows and pastures than we might. On the average, seven acres of pasture are required to keep one cow through the pasturing season, when by the best management one acre, or at the most two, ought to be sufficient.

From Central Pennsylvania.

As many of your readers feel an interest in the Old Keystone state, some, no doubt, will be pleased to hear from here. Our wheat and oat crop were almost an entire failure this summer, owing to the dry weather before harvest.

THE STRAY LIST.

BY AN ACT of the Legislature, approved Feb 27, 1866, section 1, when the appraised value of a stray or strays exceeds ten dollars, the County Clerk is required, within ten days after receiving a certified description and appraisal, to forward by mail, notice containing a complete description of said strays, the day on which they were taken up, their present value, and the name and residence of the taker up, to the KANSAS FARMER, together with the sum of fifty cents for each animal contained in said notice.

How to post a Stray, the fees, fines and penalties for not posting. Broken animals can be taken up at any time in the year. Unbroken animals can only be taken up between the 1st day of November and the 1st day of April, except when found in the lawful enclosure of the taker up.

Strays for the week ending October 15. Anderson County—G. W. Goltra, Clerk. MULE—Taken up by Chas. Paul, Lincoln tp., one light bay horse mule, about 1 1/2 hands high, black mane and tail, black stripe across, within and down the back with striped legs. No other marks or brands. Appraised at \$30.

Brown County—Henry Isely, Clerk. MARE—Taken up by F. F. Miles, Mission tp., March 12th 1879, one light bay mare, three years old, black mane and tail with some white hairs, white spot and strip in face, left hind foot above the pastern joint, some white on inside of right hind foot. Valued at \$30.

Cowley County—M. G. Troup, Clerk. STEER—Taken up by D. H. Patten, Cedar tp., (Otto P. O.) one brown Texas steer, four years old, branded on right hip with a straight E, also marked on the neck, ear marks, swallow fork and under bit in the right, and upper half crop and under bit in left, and branded on left side thus W. I. weight about 800 lbs. Valued at \$20.

Chase County—S. A. Breese, Clerk. MULE—Taken up by T. C. Byrum, Cottonwood tp., (Cedar Point P. O.) May 10, 1879, one horse mule, dark color, 10 years old, 4 feet high, branded E. Valued at \$30.

Davis County—P. V. Troomeyer, Clerk. HORSE—Taken up by D. M. Spencer, Lyon tp., Sept. 28, 1879, one dark grey horse, about 15 hands high, about twelve years old. Valued at \$30.

Doniphan County—D. W. Moore, Clerk. COW—Taken up by J. F. Forman, Wayne tp., Aug. 15th, 1879, one white milch cow, six or seven years old, with the right ear cut. Valued at \$10.

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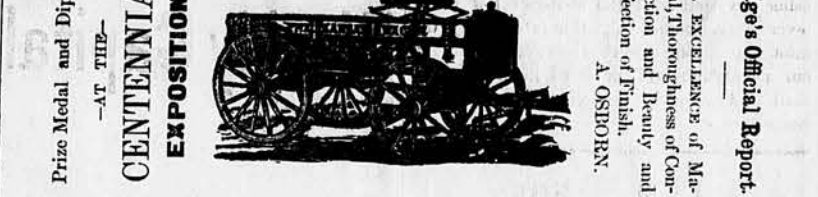
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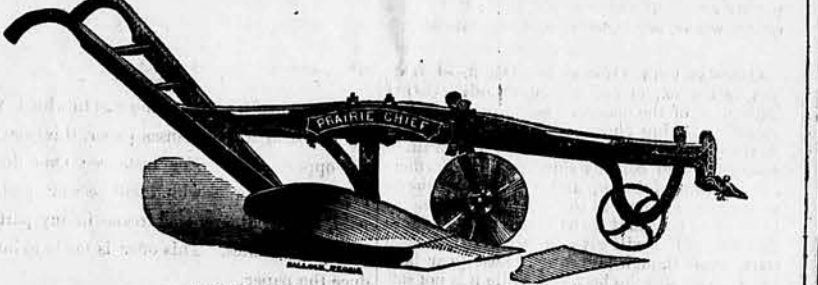
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Shot-gun Practice.

One of our exchanges suggests the shot-gun remedy for the scamps and their lawyers who are bringing suit against farmers for royalty for using dry wells.

Farm Letters.

GARFIELD, Pawnee Co., Sept. 28.—The weather has been very dry here this summer, but yesterday it commenced to rain, which is continued to-day moderately, not very hard but enough to wet the ground.

UNIONTOWN, Bourbon Co., Oct. 3.—We have had a good rain to-day which will be of great benefit to the wheat, some of which is not yet up on account of the dry weather.

Farmers in this section find they must turn their attention to something else than raising corn (as they have been doing for the last few years) as the price is so low that it seems almost impossible to make a living at it unless they are prepared to feed it on the farm to hogs or cattle.

OSBORNE CITY, Osborne Co., Oct. 3.—I wrote you, last week, of the severe drouth existing here and of the general distrust prevailing in regard to sowing wheat.

BLUE HILL, Mitchell Co., Oct. 3.—It may not be uninteresting to some of your readers to hear something from this portion of Kansas. We have a beautiful country, a black limestone soil well adapted to the production of corn wheat, oats, rye, barley, and all kinds of vegetables do well.

IOLA, Allen Co., Oct. 6.—Our season has been uncommonly dry, a universal complaint. Late corn and potatoes are a light crop in consequence.

Let me give you my plan for raising wheat, and you can take it for what it is worth. I summer fallow my ground, plowing and harrowing as many times as other farm duties will permit, up to about the first of September, when I put on the drill, sowing five pecks per acre.

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Early sown wheat is in a splendid condition, having had one good rain. Late wheat is not up yet. Corn at present is worth 25 cents; wheat 70, @ 80; potatoes, 50, @ 75 and very scarce. Butter 10, @ 12; eggs 8. Will tell you in some future report of my experience in fall plowing for corn.

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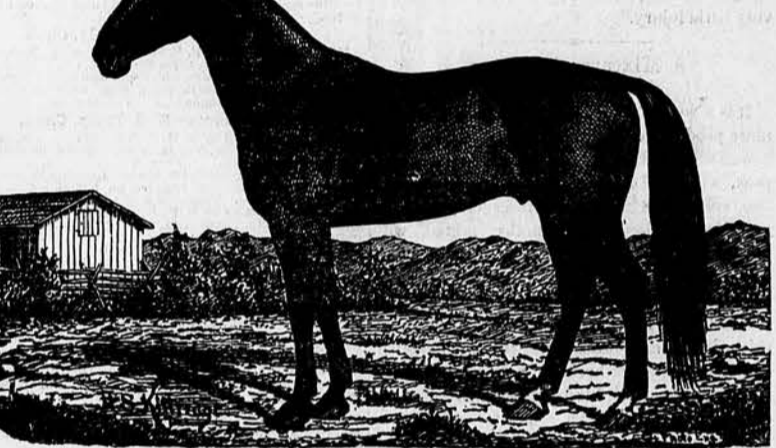
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