

POINTS FOR FARM FOLK.

A pound of dry vegetable matter in corn fodder or mashage fully equals, if it does not exceed, in feeding value a pound of dry matter in the best English hay.

A tree wash of a pound of copros and two ounces of glue in a pailful of white wash, and laid on as high as the animal can reach, is recommended as a protection against the gnawing of rabbits.

As high as fifteen pounds of pork have been produced for each bushel of corn fed in the form of mush with finey cut clover hay. This makes a solid fat, but makes the animal a good subject for disease.

The best kinds of squashes for long keeping are the hard-shelled varieties, and these should be stored in a loft provided with double windows to keep out frost and a stove or other means of warmth.

A poultryman claims that milk will give fat larger and quicker returns if fed to fowls than if given to pigs. Milk, he says, resembles in composition the egg far more than almost any food it is possible to obtain.

In nearly all cases objectionable odors and flavors do not exist in milk as drawn from the cow, but are absorbed from the air, the exterior of the cow or the clothing and person of the milker, or while the milk stands in the stable.

Loss sometimes occurs from not salting pork promptly after it is cut up. If it freezes it can not be well salted until thoroughly thawed out, and the expansion and contraction caused by alternate freezing and thawing do no good.

The ordinary marker makes too deep a furrow for corn, especially when the planting is early, and the ground cold. If a cold rain comes on after planting, this corn put so far below the surface will rot, or at best make only a sickly growth.

It is claimed that the best time to sell steers is when they are 2 years old, as up to that time all they eat goes to build them up—create new tissue and bone—while a large part of that which they eat after that age goes to supply wasted tissues.

Unrot tubers are covered with an impervious skin, and in very dry soil are not quickly shrivelled. Cut pieces, if not dried up and destroyed in such soil, lose much of their power to produce vigorous shoots. In a moist soil there may be but little difference in using both kinds of seed.

The carrot has more fattening qualities than other roots, and for this reason is particularly adapted to sheep, young cattle and all animals intended for meat. Carrots will help to fatten animals quickly and with less cost than other roots and quick fattening produces juicy and tender meat.

When digging potatoes allow them to thoroughly dry before removing them to the storage bins. If dried in the shade it will be better than exposing them to the direct rays of the sun, and they should not be stored too soon after digging them, but should be kept spread out for a few days.

A farmer says: "I put into a barrel full of sweet cider a quart of milk, about half a pint of mustard seed—the black seed—and six eggs. Mix them all up together and pour them into the barrel. Cider will keep sweet that way for half a dozen years. I think it gets better and better."

An inquirer asks how to destroy the Canada thistle. As stated previously, they must be kept down as fast as they appear. By preventing growth of leaves—the lungs of plants—they will be smothered. It is a persistent plant, and two or three seasons may be required to eradicate it, but if the young shoots are destroyed as soon as they appear the plant cannot live.

Peach trees that have made good growth since spring need no fertilizer other than wood ashes. The object should be to keep the ground clean. Those who have attempted to grow a grass crop in the peach orchard have found such a method a mistake. In the pear or hard, however, a grass crop will not injure the trees, as too rapid growth of pear trees is said to induce the blight.

There is perhaps no branch of the business of stock raising in which so much money is lost by carelessness and neglect as in raising hogs. It is too commonly the case that the pigs are left to shift for themselves as best they can, making their beds in the manure pile or straw stack as they choose during cold weather, and in the summer being confined in filthy pens or turned on scanty pastures.

A great many fruit growers do not cultivate the blackberry canes after the crop has been gathered, under the supposition that the grass and weed prevent water killing; but recent developments show that the difficulty is due to a parasite instead of to exposure to severe cold, and that a thorough cultivation at this season will assist the growth of a cane and add vigor to the plants, thus enabling them the better to pass through the winter.

Mud in the barn yard is a severe trial to stock, and plenty of absorbent material should be used freely in order to have the barn yard as dry as possible. A filthy barn yard often causes the stock to remain in the stalls instead of allowing it to be in the fresh air. Sheep can't thrive unless the barn-yard is free from mud, while cows often have their udders covered, the dirt from which passes into the milk when they are milked.

A brick floor is the best for horse feet. A wooden floor, when dry, gives the hoof a tendency to crack. In the matter of feed a successful stock-raiser says: "Give outs to the horse in summer, but in winter, when not hard at work, feed English hay and Swedish turnips. If you have any eggrots sell them to the next man who is willing to use them. I have never seen any thing that made a two-year-old horse grow so fat as Swedish turnips and hay."

Excursion Trains.

There will be excursion trains from Raleigh to Chapel Hill, and Greensboro, to Chapel Hill, and return, on Wednesday, June 6th, at the usual reduced rates. Our people will have the opportunity of hearing our able Judge, Walter Clark deliver the Annual Address and the Baccalaureate sermon by the eloquent Baptist divine, Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt of Philadelphia—old students of the University can attend the called meeting of the Alumni Association on the same day. The special trains leave Raleigh at 7 o'clock A. M., and returning, arrives at Raleigh 9:10, P. M. Will leave Greensboro at 6 o'clock A. M. and returning, arrives at Greensboro 9:40 P. M. Trains will stop at all intermediate stations. The commencement exercises of the graduating class will be held on Tuesday, June 7.

True Morality.

Mr. B., you set up as the standard of true morality the Law as found recorded in Exodus, 20th chapter, and Deut. 5th chapter, commonly called the ten commandments, which always have been, are now, and always will be binding upon men and angels. You say whatever else Christ came to do for us, he did not come to destroy the Law. If not, he did not come to change the law. Then I ask, why do we keep the first day of the week instead of the true seventh day, which the Lord set apart, sanctified and blessed? Please explain. F. Lenoir, May 17, 1888.

We are informed that parties in Missouri have been corresponding with the court officials of Asheville about big Jule Wilson, asking if he had ever been West. They say that a man of the same name stands charged in Missouri of murder. Wilson was out West for many years and returned in 1882. Whether he is the man wanted we cannot say.—Newton Enterprise.

Mr. J. C. Pritchard having been nominated for Lieut. Gov. of N. C. by the republicans, it will now be in order for him to explain why he voted in the legislature some years ago against pensioning poor disabled ex-confederate soldiers and poor widows of N. Carolinians who died on the field of honor.—Asheville Sun.

Prince Henry, second son of Emperor Frederick of Germany, and Princess Irene, third daughter of the Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse, were married on the 24th. They are first cousins, being grand children of Queen Victoria.

Too Pure for Life.

Judge Shepherd, the model jurist, whose moral character is as pure as the dream of a snowflake, and whose record is as stainless as the soul of an icicle, is in town to the delight of his host of friends.—Wilson Mirror.

Phillip Whitener, on last Friday, made a wonderful record on horse back. He rode from Hickory, N. C. to R. M. Jenkins', about three miles from Mt. Holly, in five hours. The distance is about fifty miles.—Mt. Holly News.

Gov. Bob Taylor of Tenn. had a hard road to travel for a re-nomination. The convention was in session seven days, and Bob got through on the 40th ballot.

The Tradesman says the Bee Mountain Co., of Lenoir, N. C., has been organized to develop mines, with capital of \$5,000,000.

Mr. Thomas M. Vance, was nominated for elector for the Eighth District. Tom is a chip of the old block, and will make a strong canvasser.

A woman in Iredell county died last week from having drunk tea in which a spider had been boiled.

Shooting Affray.

Allen Dills and Logan Bumgarner, of Jackson county, last week settled an old quarrel over the line dividing their lands. Bumgarner and his son went to the place and found Dills and his wife on the disputed lands. He told them not to come nearer to him, but they kept advancing until Dills shot the old man down, but not dead. William Bumgarner then shot at Dills, but hit a tree, then turned and ran. Dills shot him in the back, from which he fell dead after running about 200 yards. The elder Bumgarner may live, but it is doubtful. Dills escaped arrest and it is thought left the country.

An Expensive Trial.

An expensive trial was had in McDowell county last week. Sam King kept a grocery in Henderson county. Last November Boney Laughter and John Lyda were at King's grocery and got drunk, and King was killed. Laughter was convicted of the murder and sentenced to be hanged, but appealed to the Supreme Court. Lyda was convicted as an accessory and sent to the penitentiary for ten years. One man murdered, one to be hanged, and one ten years in the penitentiary, and a heavy bill of costs for Henderson county.

Fire in Greensboro.

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 28.—Fire was discovered in the southwest corner of the main building of the city market in this city yesterday morning between two and three o'clock. The alarm bell was quickly sounded and the fire department responded promptly, but the fire having gained such headway before it was discovered it was impossible to save anything from the departments and the building with all of its contents was a total loss.

Prohibition Convention.

The Prohibition Convention at Decatur last Wednesday nominated a ticket for state offices. The personnel of the ticket may be very good, but the intellectuality of its members cannot be said to be of a very high order, as no one on it even has a state reputation. By resurrecting the old Know Nothing doctrine and embodying it in their platform, it is very plain that they do not expect any votes from the foreign element.—Troy (Ala.) Enquirer.

A Double Drowning in South Carolina.

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 27.—Alan Smith and Calvin Williams, two white men, were drowned Saturday in Reedy river, near the Fork Shoals mill, in South Carolina. They were fishing with a seine when Williams was taken with a cramp and Smith tried to save him and both were drowned.

Distillery Burned.

On last Friday night the distillery of ("Philo") Summey was burned, together with about 60 gallons of whisky and 250 gallons of beer. The distillery was situated about 3 miles from Lowesville, Lincoln county. Several citizens around Mt. Holly are mourning over "departed Spirits."

Preparing For a Demonstration.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28.—[Special.] The Young Men's Democratic Club met to-night and perfected arrangements for a grand demonstration Wednesday night. The interest manifested by the members was warm.

To Hang for It.

WINSTON, May 28.—[Special.] Wm. Houston, the colored man who murdered Kate Cosby here on the 21st. inst., was sentenced to-day to be hung, on June 21st.

Jefferson Davis will be 80 years old June 3rd. He has outlived nearly all his persecutors.

Now, Then.—

We come directly to the question, what is the light which the church is to the world, and how can it be magnified? Its light is its life. The strength of the salt is seen in its effects. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and the apostle said: "I desire to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Paul never used in his preaching any other argument but the word of God. Like all the holy prophets, when he preached to Jews he disclosed the sins that stood in the way of the Jews' salvation. So at Athens, Corinth and everywhere else, urging the people to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. He says not a word about baptism and the Lord's Supper to impenitent, incorrigible sinners. These are means of grace to the believer. They cannot help the impenitent. The word only can save as applied by the spirit to the sinner. Let every christian then preach the word by precept and example. Preach it to his own heart until his whole mind, heart and soul is full, and then and not until then will it flow out to bless the world. Thus only can the light of the church to the world be magnified. When it saves me from sin somebody will see it; when they see it they feel its influence. Many will never be saved until they see religion in practice as it is believed in theory. "Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father which is in Heaven." B.

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