

AGRICULTURE.

THE FARM.

TO PREVENT SMUT IN WHEAT.

The idea that the crop grown from wheat sown when the wind is north-east is more liable to suffer from smut than that put into the ground when the vane points to some other quarter may still be entertained by a few farmers who are governed by the moon as to the time of sowing peas and killing pork; but most men who are intelligent enough to make a success of farming ignore these whims. It is probable that the germ of smut exists in wheat at the time of sowing, and can be destroyed by the application of certain preparations, as has been proved by experiment. An Oregon wheat grower gives, through the "Prairie Farmer," the following method of treating wheat to destroy smut germs:—Take finely pulverized blue vitriol, using at the rate of one pound for every ten bushels of grain. Fill a forty gallon barrel about half full of water, put in, say, three pounds of the vitriol, letting it stand twelve to twenty four hours to dissolve (using hot water if haste is needed). Put a bushel of seed in each of three or four sacks (burlaps of gunny are best), drop them in the solution, and place on a wide plank, that will run the drippings back into the barrel. As the solution is reduced add more. Let the seed stand over night so it will dry before sowing. The work may be done on wet days, or before sowing time, as the grain is uninjured by standing after the blue vitriol application. The quantity mentioned should be sufficient for thirty bushels of seed. A Wisconsin farmer in the same issue gives a different remedy, which is as follows:—I dip wheat from the bin with a screen from the fanning mill, shake a few times, and pour upon the floor, and repeat until I get as much as is needed. I sprinkle the pile with a pail of chamber lye to the bushel, then throw on air-slacked lime, stirring, and let it take up all that will stick to the kernels. Stir often, till ready to sow. To remove other foul stuff light enough to float, add water and salt to the lye, put into a tub and slowly pour in one bushel of wheat. Skim, stir, and thoroughly stir again; pour the liquor into tub No. 2, and the wheat from No. 1, and proceed the same way. Empty the wheat on floor, and so on until sufficient seed has been thus treated. The lime will kill the smut germs."

RETAIL MEAT MARKET.

Beef, roast, per lb.	\$0 12 1/2 to \$0 16
Beef, steak, per lb.	12 1/2 to 16
Beef, corned, per lb.	6 to 10
Beef, boiling, per lb.	8 to 10
Beef, fore quarters, per 100 lb.	8 1/2 to 10
Beef, hind quarters, per 100 lb.	9 00 to 10 00
Veal, roast, per lb.	12 to 16
Veal, chop, per lb.	15 to 18
Pork, roast, per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Pork, steak, per lb.	10 to 12 1/2
Pork, farmers' per 100 lbs.	6 00 to 6 50
Mutton, on roast, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Mutton, leg, per lb.	12 to 18
Mutton chop, per lb.	15 to 18
Lamb, per lb.	15 to 18
Breakfast bacon, per lb.	15 to 16
Lard, per lb.	9 to 11
Lard, per pail	2 25 to 15
Sausage, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Bologna sausage, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Shanks, per lb.	3 to 4
Liver, per lb.	15 to 20
Kidney, per lb.	15 to 20
Head cheese, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Heart, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Tongue, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
Chickens, per lb (dead)	16 to 18
Eggs, per dozen	20 to 25
Butter, per lb.	15 to 20
Chickens, (alive young) per pair	30 to 35
Chickens, (alive, old) per pair	40 to 50
Turkeys, each	80 to 1 00
Ducks, per brace	40 to 50
Prairie Chickens, per brace	40 to 60
Prime Manitoba cheese, per pound	15 to 20

WHOLESALE MEAT AND CATTLE MARKET.

Milk cows, per yolk in demand	25 00 to 40 00
Working oxen, per yolk in demand	90 00 to 140 00
Live cattle, per lb.	8 1/2 to 4
Calves, per lb.	5 00 to 12 00
Side bacon, per lb.	9 1/2 to 10
Hull bacon, per lb.	13 1/2 to 14
Hams, per lb.	16 1/2 to 17 00
Pork, per barrel	12 50 to 17 00
Beef, per barrel	15 50 to 20
Corn, per doz.	15 to 20
Cucumbers, per doz.	40
Ducks, per doz.	20
Eggs, per doz.	25

FISH.

Wholesale, per lb.	4 1/2 to 5 1/2
Retail, per lb.	5 to 10

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bush.	25 to 30
Beets, per doz.	30 to 40
Dried onions, per bushel	2 00 to 2 50
Turnips, per bush.	4 to 5
Cabbages, each	4 to 5
Farsley, per doz.	40
Sage, per doz.	40
Carrots, per doz.	to 30
Farsnips, per doz.	to 30
Squash, each	10 to 20

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Cranberries, per barrel	10 00
California Pears, per box	4 25 to 4 50
Grapes, per lb., Ontario	10 to 12
Lemons, per box	7 00 to 8 00
Oranges, per box	8 00 to 8 50
Apples, per barrel	3 25 to 3 75
Ripe tomatoes, per bushel	2 25
Green tomatoes, per bushel for pickling	1 00

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay	4 00 to 4 50
Straw	2 50
Timothy	8 00 to 10 00

GRAIN.

Oats, per bushel	22 to 25
Barley, per bushel	35 to 40
No. 1 hard wheat	88
No. 2 hard wheat	78
No. 1 Northern	75
No. 2 Northern	70
No. 1 regular wheat	68
No. 2 regular wheat	65
Rejected	45 to 50
Flour, XXXX	1 80
Flour, superfine	1 40

WOOD.

Poplar cordwood	4 50 to 5 00
Tamarac	5 00 to 6 00
Poplar poles, per cord	4 00

COAL.

Grate, hard, delivered	10 00
Egg, hard, delivered	10 00
Stove, hard, delivered	10 00
Soft, hard, delivered	10 00
Steam, hard, delivered	8 00
Grate, soft	8 00

Jesuit Missions in Bengal.

The Jesuit mission of Bengal is attached to the Belgian province of the society. The following statistics of a year's work in this important mission have just been published for the twelve months between August 1, 1884 and August 1, 1885. Number of conversions, 1,223 (as against 1,033 in the preceding year), of which 330 were converts from Protestantism and 893 from Paganism. A new reinforcement is setting out for Bengal. Five new missionaries were to sail from Trieste on the 15th ult. for Calcutta, viz., the Rev. Fathers Daras, Gengler and Van der Ghote, together with two novices, MM. de Gryse and Van Gerven. They accompany the provincial of the Belgian Province, the Very Rev. Father Van Reeth, who is to make a visitation of Bengal and hopes to return to Europe by February, 1886. The Vicar Apostolic of Bengal, Archbishop Goethals, also contemplates shortly a visit to Europe.

Words of Wisdom.

It is books that teach us to define our pleasures when young, and which, having so taught us, enables us to recall them with satisfaction when old. He who has not a good memory should never take upon himself the trade of lying. Malice drinks one half of its own poison. Energy will do anything that can be done in this world, and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a two legged animal a man without it.—Goethe. Merriment is always the effect of a sudden impression. The jest which is expected is already destroyed. By struggling with misfortunes, we are sure to receive some wounds in the conflict; but a sure method to come off victorious is by running away. All politeness is owing to liberty. We polish one another and rub off our corners and rough sides by a sort of amical collision. To restrain this is inevitable to bring rust upon men's understandings. Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who know the least. When in reading we meet with any maxim that may be of use, we should take for our own and make an immediate application of it, as we would of the advice of a friend whom we have purposely consulted.

An Appetite for Literature.

A gentleman in Northwestern Arkansas tells the following joke on Congressman Peel. "Peel, it is well known, is not a man of very high literary attainments, but, to appear well read, he professes to have gloated over every piece of literature that comes under discussion. Judge Pittman, who is a highly intellectual and well read man, takes a keen delight in talking literature to Peel. Some time ago, while a party of gentlemen were sitting around, listening to some of Peel's experiences in Congress, Judge Pittman asked, "Peel, you have read Tennyson, haven't you?" "Oh, yes, yes, and I like it very much." "Do you like Goldsmith?" "Dote on him." "What do you think of that poem, 'Goldsmith's Maid'?" "By, George, sir, it is the best thing he ever wrote. I tell you what, Pittman, going to Congress whets a man's appetite for literature."

Hard Times.

Everyone is talking and complaining of 'the hard times.' Many cures are proposed, and the disease is so bad that any reasonable cure is worth a trial or at least an examination. The 'Boston Traveler' maintains that if the working people of this country had kept the \$900,000,000 they spend every year for strong drink in their pockets for the past five years of good times, the present temporary lull in manufacturing and business activity would find many of them able to bear it without being pinched for the necessities of life. The writer holds that our population 'drinks \$140,000,000 worth more than it necessarily wears and eats.' Here is a practicable cure worth a trial, if every one were only agreed.

HUMOROUS.

"Did not the sight of the boundless blue sea, bearing on its bosom white-winged fleets of commerce, fill you with emotion?" "Yes," replied the traveler, "at first it did, but after a while it didn't fill me with anything. It sorter emptied me." "Yes, sir," said the entomologist, "I can tame flies so that when I whistle they will come and alight on my hand." "Pshaw!" said the bald headed man, "that's nothing, they come and alight on my head without whistling." The entomologist sat down.

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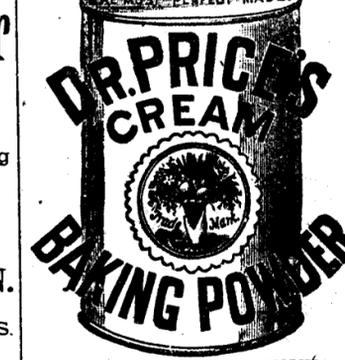
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