



FARM FURROWS

FORAGE AS A MONEY CROP.

In addition to providing early forage for the work stock to take the place of the damaged stuff now being so generally used...

If we can by any possible means arouse the farmers in our territory to the point of providing the hay or long forage used...

How can we secure the forage needed? First, cut and utilize the entire corn plant; second, plant a few acres of corn on rich land near the barn...

Shredded corn stover is as good as cottonseed hulls; two tons of silage, excellent and heavy though it is...

The man who produces all these feeds he needs for his own use, and has some extra to sell to his neighbor...

PORTABLE HOG HOUSES.

The University of Wisconsin, at Madison, has published a bulletin on portable hog houses, containing 25 pages...

No other farm animal has been subjected to such uncomfortable quarters as the hog, which is frequently forced to sleep in filth and eat from stony and slimy troughs...

It is readily moved to any desired location; it is useful alike to the general farmer and the breeder of fine stock...

KEEPING BUILDINGS PAINTED.

Attention should be given to this work for it is quite an important matter. The buildings will last longer and look much better if kept well painted...

Expensive colors need not be used, and often the farmer and his help can do the work in a satisfactory manner...

All glass structures, such as greenhouses and hotbeds, should receive a good coat of paint after repairing the broken glass...

Get rid of lice by preventing them. Absolute cleanliness around the house, frequent applications of kerosene on the porches and the use of a good lice killer or house powder...

A sick chicken is one of the most useless and most disgusting things on earth to the poultryman. Don't let them get sick.

HINTS FOR FARMERS.

The following is furnished by the Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.:

THE POULTRY YARD.

Cackle, cackle, little hen, How I wonder at you when Eggs you lay; how good and tight You've packed them in their shells all right.

April is an excellent month to hatch goose eggs. The wife of a henpecked mail carrier usually has a free delivery.

Charcoal is nice to keep the hens and their little folks from having stomach and bowel troubles. Give it daily.

Don't stop feeding the hens just because they can get out on the ground once in a while. There is not much they can get to eat now unless you give it to them.

In setting hens the forepart of this month, not more than thirteen eggs should be given them, as the nights are still chilly and the hens can not always command sufficient heat properly to take care of a larger setting of eggs.

Look out for that old scamp, the crow. He is around in full force now and has his eye on every chicken coop. Fool him every time he comes near.

It is said that there are birds that do not like red any better than does the turkey vulture. They will sometimes attack people wearing red hats, and have been known to attack women with red hair when out bareheaded.

Before setting a hen, clean up each nest, scrub it out, and sift a quart of coal ashes into the bottom. Then make a mat of newspapers, saturate well with kerosene and place in the bottom of the nest; upon this sift another quantity of ashes, and then fill up with bright straw or other nesting material.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

A plant house would gotten some brains in her head. Thus named on her faulty prospects, 'tis said.

Let me say, I should think that when One hundred new eggs I could lay, I'm sure.

Fertilize; spray; plow! A good orchard fertilizer: Four hundred pounds of ground bone and 300 pounds of muriate of potash to the acre.

Early applications of Bordeaux mixture greatly help to prevent fungous troubles, and should be applied at once. Stirring up the ground just before the potatoes show themselves, will hurry them up and make them grow faster afterward.

A farmer's tools are under shelter. Pete Tumbeloh's is the better skelter; And when he wants his tools aglet, He finds them rusty from the rain.

Stick some cucumber seeds in a paste-board box and have them ready to set out, two inches high, when other people are planting the seeds in the ground. Then you can enjoy cucumbers so much earlier.

Now is a good time to dig out berries from peach and other fruit trees, using a sharp knife and a piece of wire. Also, do not forget to cut out and burn all black knots found on plum or cherry trees.

After the first new leaves come on currant and gooseberry bushes, look out for the well-known currant worm. A simple remedy is a solution of one ounce of fresh white hellebore in three gallons of water, sprinkled or sprayed on the bushes at once. Don't delay a moment.

Did you ever hear a farmer say that he had no use for a garden—that it does not pay? The man is a loser who holds to such notions. He misses the pleasures of having vegetables to eat in his season, and he has to pay household expenses which would not accrue if a good garden were allowed to contribute to the food supply.

Dwarf pears should be planted deeper than standards; the union of scion and stock should be at least four inches below the surface of the ground. This is largely for the purpose of protecting the trees from breaking, as the union between stock and scion is never too perfect. Some think it an advantage to have the pear scion take root, as this results in a stronger tree.

When setting trees, trim off all bruised roots with a sharp knife, leaving a smooth clean edge which will heal rapidly and send out new feeding roots in a short time. A broken or bruised root will decay and be a damage to the tree. When a tree has lost a portion of its roots, a like proportion of the top should be removed. If but a few of the roots have been removed in being transplanted, it will not be necessary to do more than thin out the top and balance the symmetry of the tree.

CARE OF FARM ANIMALS. There have been many complaints of fatalities among horses as the result of feeding moldy corn. Those who have nothing but last season's crop are advised to feed only shelled corn, as the danger seems to lie in the cob. The ear will look smooth, hard and wholesome, but upon breaking it open the cob is found diseased. The fodder is also in bad condition, and it should not be fed to horses.

CARE OF YOUNG PIGS. Lack of exercise and excessive fat cause thumps. Pigs often become crooked in the legs from remaining too long on a hard floor. This can be avoided by exercise on the ground. The young pigs should be gotten out on the ground as early as possible to avoid their getting the fat.

inventor; consider its ways and be wise. A half-starved cow, even if she is turned on good pasture, can not return a profit at once.

Keep the best calves. They are as good for the man who raises them as for any one in the world. Take a little better care of the calves this year than ever before.

Don't make the mistake of letting the cows run down on account of shortage of feed before turning to pasture. One day of trampling on soft pastures will do more injury than you can undo in months. Keep the cows in until the ground is well settled.

After shearing, they should be dipped to free them from ticks. Shear the sheep in April, but they must be kept in the barns at night for some time. They must not be left out in storms.

Naperville Doings

—Rev. Manshardt is expected to return from the hospital to-day. —Miss Austin, who has been ill for several weeks, is recovering.

—Mrs. O. H. Givler returned last week from a two weeks' visit at Sparina, Wis. —Mrs. H. M. Greener and daughter, Ethamay, of Streator, Ill., are visiting here this week.

—Anton Arbogast leaves next week for Dalhart, Texas, to take charge of the farm purchased by John Sigmond. —Mr. and Mrs. G. Schmeichel of Chicago, and Mr. Homer Arden of Winona Lake, Ind., spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Nadelhoffer.

—Mrs. R. H. Wagner and Mrs. Daniel Strubler went to La Grange yesterday to spend the day with Mrs. Wagner's brother, A. J. Schuler. —Town Clerk B. H. Myers issued a certificate for \$10.75 to George Ester last week for 215 crow eggs, 65 of which were gathered in one day. If a similar interest is taken by other boys it will not be long until the crows are diminished. Any one that has a collection of these eggs can receive five cents each by turning them over to the town clerk.

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List Local Items

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wilbard, a son. —Charles Gruber has returned from a two weeks' visit in Iowa. —Mrs. Cromwell, of Chicago, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Dobs. —Mr. Walter C. Smith, of Chicago, visited at the Hatch home on Thursday.

—Matilda Horstmann, of Chicago, spent two weeks visiting with her parents and sister. —Miss Rose Hatch spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Mrs. A. C. Becker in Chicago.

—School election will be held on Saturday night, April 19, from 7:30 to 8:30. One director will be elected. —Harry Dobs, of La Salle, spent last week with his brother Thomas Dobs. He is interested in coal mining there.

—Miss Hattie Hatch is having a week's vacation from her school. Miss Katherine Williams, of Evanston, spent several days with her. —Easter services will be held at church Sunday. In the morning several new members will be received in the church, and in the evening a song service will be given.

—William Schrader, who was hurt on the railroad track a week ago, died at the Aurora Hospital on Sunday. His wife, of Chicago, took charge of the funeral and burial, which occurred on Thursday.

—Dr. Jaffray has let the contract for his new house. A contractor from Hinsdale has the job and Henry Wolfenstein is doing the mason work. Mr. McCoy and his men are kept busy part of the time hauling lumber and building material.

Wheaton Happenings

—A party of about twenty church people attended the Pacific Garden mission, Chicago, meeting last week. —Lee Thomas, colored, was taken to the Pontiac reformatory this week, for a course in discipline. —A new barber shop has been opened in the Mrs. Foote building, at the east end of the bridge, Warrenville. —Arthur Gates will move into the Albert Nachigall house on College avenue, May 1st. —Prof. H. K. Boyer and wife, of Chula Vista, Cal., report the birth of a daughter recently. She has been named Ruth.

—Will Lederman has commenced the erection of a fine residence on his property near the corner of Washington and Ohio streets. It will be of cement blocks. Grange Bros. have the contract. —Christ Schwarz, former baker here, left Tuesday on a week's business trip to Bowling Green, Ky. He will return here and then leave for Europe about May 1st. —Attorney F. E. Herwick was one of the judges selected to pick the debating team of the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Bank Clerks, last week. The winners will debate Minneapolis chapter in the very near future.

—The college debating team went to Greenville, Ill., last Friday, and met the debating team of Greenville college in Greenville, Ill. The Wheaton team won, and then the move to the home town, where the college boys have...

celebrated the victory at midnight in such a vigorous and spectacular style as to cause considerable complaint. Bells and lion-fires and ghostly parades were features of the demonstrations. The Wheaton debaters were Glen Ogden, Mr. H. Washburn and R. L. Olmstead.

—Thirteen persons were added to the membership of the Second Baptist church (colored) of Wheaton last Sunday, by baptism. Rev. McCoo, of St. John's Baptist church, Chicago, performed the baptismal rites. The services were held in the First Baptist church.

—In the course of some public remarks at Downers Grove, according to the Downers Grove Reporter, Judge Mazzini Stusser said before the election, "I do not hesitate to say that it is my earnest wish that Downers Grove township and Du Page county, and the State of Illinois, and the United States, will ultimately and shortly be anti-saloon territory." Hoch der Judge! He will see it, too.

—The map of Illinois looks very white (indicating dry territory) now. Thirty-six of the 102 counties are completely dry, and in 21 others there is but one township wet in each. Many others are half or two-thirds dry. The National Prohibitionist of this week has a fine map showing this effect.

—The Lincoln Temperance Chautauqua was held in 105 towns in Illinois last summer. Of these towns 98 voted "dry" and two or three others may vote the saloons out next Tuesday. This chautauqua with a fine array of new talent will be in Wheaton again this summer.

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—The Illinois Central depot at South Addison was burned to the ground last Saturday night. Origin of fire supposed to have been sparks from an engine. Depot will be rebuilt at once.

—The college prohibition oratorical contest was held in the chapel Tuesday night. The first place was won by Lyman J. Cook, of Wheaton, on the theme "Prohibition in the Light of the Twentieth Century." Mr. Cook will represent Wheaton in the State contest at Springfield, May 10th. The second prize was awarded to Miss Agnes Mevold, of Chicago, a senior at the college. Miss Grace Wetzel, of Lena, Ill., and George M. Smith, of Wheaton, also delivered strong orations.

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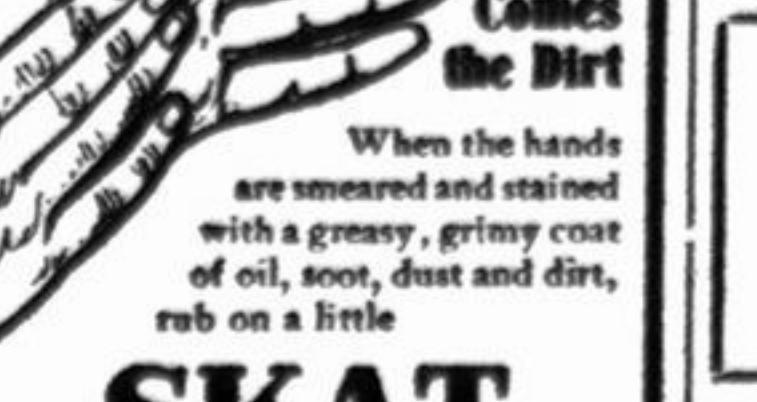
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