

THE YORKSHIRE HOG.

The large Yorkshire is classed as the best bacon hog in England. It is a rangy, deep-bodied hog, pure white, head rather large, ears lopped, rather long in the leg, the back narrow and arched, with a drooping rump. They grow to a good size, are slow to fatten, and always have a good deal of lean meat, or muscle, mixed with the fat. It is this characteristic which makes them prized so highly by bacon curers, as their flat sides always have the streak of fat and the streak of lean which makes the proper combination for the great breakfast dish, bacon and eggs. Their hams and shoulders are prized for this same characteristic. The small Yorkshire is a very different animal, except in color. He is a smooth, broad-backed, fine-boned hog, his head finer, much dished, and the nose short and turned up. His make-up shows him to be early maturing and easily fattened, and very similar in form to what is known in this country as Suffolk. They are not so prolific as the large hog, but with a much quieter disposition, and are apt to fatten so quickly as to interfere with their breeding, if fed at all heavily. They are regarded as a family hog in England, where cottagers can only keep two or three, as they turn everything to good account fed to them. They will not bear exposure, and are regarded as rather delicate.

Do these hot days remind you that you might easily have stored up some ice last winter? How easy it would have been to scoop out a little pond and turn on the water, cut your ice and have a little cave of it for use now in keeping the butter temperature down and its price up! Ice cream, too!

The Yakima fruit shippers' association has been organized, and the directors have elected P. J. Flint president; W. H. Redmon vice president; W. L. Steinweg treasurer; G. C. Mitchell secretary and manager. A lot of land has been bought near the railroad in North Yakima, and a shipping shed will be erected. Subscriptions to the stock are now being solicited.

D. R. McGinnis, of Sunnyside, who was in North Yakima on Sunday last, said that he had put out 7,000 sweet potato plants and would plant 7,000 more at once. His patch will comprise about six acres. This will be sufficient to fully demonstrate the adaptability of the Sunnyside region to sweet potato growing. Mr. McGinnis is a thorough man, and it is taken for granted that the crop will receive excellent care.

UNDER THE DITCHES.

The Ellensburg Register says the prospect for building the Middle ditch was never more hopeful. It is the general impression that the bonds will meet with ready sale. The building of this ditch means the opening of 20,000 acres of choice farm land, more than doubling the present area now in cultivation in the valley.

The Yakima Investment company has posted a notice of warning at many points that the gates of the great canal must not be interfered with in any manner. Such acts will be promptly punished.

Prof. Sanborn recommends meadow foxtail as a good grass for the arid region. It heads in May and will produce one good crop for cutting and a fair crop for grazing before the effect of the spring rains is lost.

Do not neglect to cultivate carefully after each irrigation. Fine earth at the surface of the ground acts as a mulch to retain the moisture. Do not start the cultivator, however, before the soil is in fit condition.

South Dakota will bore many artesian wells for irrigation purposes. At a recent meeting at Huron plans were outlined for securing national and state aid in perfecting a practical system for the storage of water.

Make a note of this: California fruit growers have demonstrated that artificial watering does not produce fruit of inferior flavor, but that too much water does produce lack of flavor.

A new artesian well in the Moxee valley, W.H. Steinweg's, flowed at 200 feet, and at 275 feet sent up a lusty, five-inch stream, ample for the purpose wanted. Mr. Steinweg will sink the well to 325 feet.

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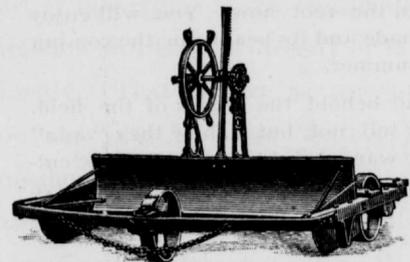
THE WILSON BILL AND POULTRY.

One of our readers rather astonished us by hurling the following laconic letter at us. He says:

"I have expected you to say something about 'The Wilson Bill and Poultry.'"

We prefer to "keep off." The wise men seem unable to settle the matter and so are we. We will say this, however: You cannot hit a man (nation) unless he hits back. A tariff may keep Canadian goods out of the states, but Canada will also keep our goods out of her territory. It is a rule that works two ways. Strange to say, eggs have been cheaper since the tariff was put on them than ever before. We will not attempt to explain it. We simply record the fact. We do not believe in class legislation. Our class (the poultrymen) have lost a large trade in pure-bred fowls that we had with Canada, for Canada at once "hit back" and kept us out.—Poultry Keeper.

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