

## Briefly Said.

"Yours is a first-class farmer's paper," writes Matthew Hickey from Mission, Wash.

Be sure and have your bees in the shade during the hot weather if you wish the best results.

The current number of the Iowa Homestead gives the dates for 130 county and district fairs to be held this fall in that state. Is it any wonder Iowa leads in agricultural and livestock interests?

For thousands of years the farmer has been working with his hands, and others have to a great extent reaped the reward for his toil. Now he is beginning to work with the result of reaping the reward himself.

At the meeting of the state fair commission Saturday at North Yakima Joseph Baxter was elected president of the board, Dr. Gunn secretary, and William Lee, sr, treasurer. It was finally decided to hold no fair this year.

It is time to think of the next breeding time of the ewes. If early lambs are desired the ewes should be kept in good condition all the summer. This forwards them for breeding. The ram too should be kept in good condition, not fat, but in good muscle.

Thorough pruning, continued cultivation and thinning of the fruit on the tree, are each important factors in making a crop of fruit of any kind, nor can these principles be ignored by the producer, except at a risk he cannot afford to incur.

The U. S. senate has agreed to the tariff rates on fruit as fixed by the republican members of the finance committee, as follows: Figs, plums, prunes, prunelles, 2 cents per pound; raisins and other dried grapes, 2½ cents; dates, one-half cent; Zante and other currants, 2c.

A herd of seven Jersey cattle, two of which are imported and are considered as good stock as there is on the coast, arrived at Napavine last week for Messrs. Linhart and Reynolds. By importing good dairy stock these gentlemen are conferring a lasting benefit on the community in which they live.

A sow which brings a good litter of pigs—seven to nine in number—is a good, kind and careful mother, and so good a suckler that she will supply her offspring with plenty of milk if she is properly fed, is one of the most valuable and profitable

animals on the farm. Usually they lack in one or more of these virtues.

J. M. Brown, of Fairview, has hit upon an easy and effective plan of fastening a wood foundation in beehive frames. He simply divides the top bar of the frames lengthwise into two pieces. About a half inch of the comb is inserted in the slit and the two pieces are firmly pressed together and nailed in their places. This is a little scheme which may prove quite practical in the apiary.

With the copy for the change of advertisement for the Whitehouse Company, appearing in this issue, Mr. N. R. Sibley writes the editor as follows: "I note with pleasure the growth of your paper. May it continue to increase under your earnest efforts." The above is greatly appreciated, coming as it does from one of the shrewdest and most successful young business men of the city of Spokane.

RANCHE AND RANGE appears this week in a "brand new" dress, an indisputable evidence of prosperity. It also seems to contain several new advertisements in addition to its usual large supply. A well conducted, non-partisan, strictly farm paper is a good thing for any community, and also for its owner—a fact which Miller Freeman, the editor of RANCHE AND RANGE, is perhaps just now joyfully learning.—Yakima Republic.

Some people think they can't "take time" to spend a holiday, such as Decoration day or Fourth of July, and yet these same people generally are behind religiously, socially and financially. Wonder what would have been the result had those men who fought for our country said they hadn't time to endure the march and face the cannon? What they won for us let us enjoy, and see that their patriotism is not forgotten.—Iowa Homestead.

It takes a long time to learn what independence means; at least it did for me. I have a good deal of property, but I wanted a good deal more, and was in debt for half I did have. A man can never be content in such a state of mind. Not until I had lost the whole in the effort to get more did I realize how little it need take to make a man contented and happy. Single handed and alone I started farming on 80 acres of raw prairie twenty years ago, with a yoke of oxen. I have everything a farmer ought to desire;

have a little money on hand, and have owed no man a cent for many years. A farm home of any size, out of debt, is independence. None of us need riches, but we all need a home, if ever so homely.—Cor. Rural World.

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