

Hambugging the Kuralist.

All people enjoy being humbugged, apparently the hard headed, practical farmer better than anybody else.

Tree Surgery.

The decay and death of stately old trees is a sad spectacle. Every city, every country home, witnesses yearly the loss of beautiful old forest trees.

It has been supposed there was no way of arresting the decay of an ancient tree when once it got in. Recent experiments have, however, shown this to be a mistake.

In brief, it is trimming back the long branches of the old tree a third or even half their length. All the youth and sap of the tree leave its roots and trunk and flow outward to the end of the branches.

The older a tree grows, the more beautiful and precious it becomes. If the oaks and elms that have shaded generations of mankind can be preserved by this new system of tree surgery, then may they live forever.

Organization is the order of the day. It is the sign of the times. Those whose interests lie along the same path are uniting everywhere. They consult together; they form clubs; they hold conventions, at which measures are taken to strengthen the bond of union and to forward the interests of all the members as of one man.

There is in Germany already insurance against old age, accident and sickness. The government aids the old age and sickness fund. But a new one is to be started which the government will not aid.

Their inability to any longer borrow money from eastern capitalists is said to be the best thing that could have happened for Kansas farmers.

There has been some discussion relative to the tariff as to whether funeral monuments are works of art. Decidedly not, that is, hardly ever.

Doing Something For Posterity.

Medical scientists begin to be seriously concerned over the survival and increase of the unfit among mankind. Civilized countries are full of lunatic asylums, hospitals and charity homes.

On the other hand, the tendency among the intelligent, the able-bodied and the thrifty is to marry later and later in life in order that when they do have families they will be able to give these every advantage of birth and education.

In order to prevent such a catastrophe Dr. E. T. Rulison believes that the law should take hold in earnest of the subject of regulating marriage. The marriage of the unfit should be prevented. His recommendation is:

That a medical staff be appointed to examine all boys and girls from 12 to 15 years of age relative to their physical condition and family history and that records be kept.

Wasted Power.

There is at present in England a fad which should become something more than a fad. It is learning to write with the left hand. An apparatus has been devised by a Mr. Falconer, writing teacher, to assist grown people in learning how to write with the left hand.

How the fashion of using only the right hand for the main manual operations originated is a mystery. Certainly it is not either useful or ornamental. It cripples the individual muscularly and causes him to become speedily fatigued with using his right hand, while the left does not know how to work at all.

Herrmann, the sleight of hand performer, spent hours and days training the muscles of the palm of his hand till they were as flexible and powerful as an ordinary man's fingers. The lithe muscles of the acrobat and dancer show the capabilities of the human body when directed by the intelligent will.

For the convenience of bicyclers the experiment has been often made of covering with asphalt a narrow strip of a cobblestone street close to the sidewalk. It has been found that the strip wears for years without cracking or being worn into holes.

When does high priced wheat benefit the farmer, is a question variously answered. It does not do so at all seasons of the year. If the rise in wheat comes suddenly in the spring, just when the old stock of grain is low and the new is not yet in sight, speculators and grain dealers get all the advantage of it.

All mankind are aware that it is better to do great deeds than to heap up great riches, but they do not seem to act on the information extensively. Perhaps, after all, it comes easier to them to get rich than to do great deeds.

It appears to be written in the book of fate that the savage little empire of Korea will become a Russian dependency. England will not like it, but England cannot help herself.

MILLE LACS LAKE RIPPLES.

EDITH, Jan. 3, 1898.

The Shakopee Lake school will close this week.

A colony of settlers has commenced building near the old Trading Post, which promises to be a large settlement before next fall.

The masquerade dance at Cove New Year's night was largely attended and the costumes were very good. The supper and music were excellent.

Isn't it about time the people at the lake put a stop to the wholesale whisky business which is carried on every time we have a social gathering?

Logging operations up to the present time have been very successful this winter. Skidding is nearly finished and all are doing excellent work hauling but with so little snow it is uncertain how long the roads will continue good, as cold weather generally goes with plenty of snow.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Loudon Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief."

How to Cure Bilious Colic.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a great many people.

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Ex-Lieut. Governor STATE OF NEW YORK.



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ONE DOLLAR. WITH the issue of Dec. 16, 1897, the UNION completed its twenty-first volume. In other words, the UNION is now 21 years old. We celebrate the event by reducing the subscription price to \$1 per year to all pay-in-advance subscribers.

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TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, That the rate of taxation in mills hereinafter specified has been levied upon each dollar of taxable valuation of property as hereinafter specified, for the year 1897, in the county of Mille Lacs, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Table with columns: District, State Revenue, Local School Tax, County Revenue, County Road & Bridge, Town Revenue, Town Road & Bridge, Town Road & Bridge, Town Road & Bridge, Special School, School Building, Total No. of Mills.

Further notice is hereby given, That on all personal property tax of 1897 remaining unpaid on the 28th day of February, 1898, 10 per cent penalty will be charged.

On June 1, 1898, a penalty of 10 per cent will be charged upon all unpaid taxes; provided, however, that if one-half the amount of the tax (on any real estate) shall be paid before June 1, then no penalty shall be charged on the half remaining unpaid, provided the unpaid half shall be paid before November 1, but if not paid before November 1, then a penalty of 10 per cent will be charged on such unpaid half.

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