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The value of the milk and poultry products of the state of Minnesota are put at \$83,000,000 for 1912.

Brood sows should have a quiet, warm, dry place, where their litters may spend the first week of their lives without being unnecessarily disturbed by other animals or inquisitive people.

There is no truth in the statement that the acids in silage will cause decay of the teeth of the animal that eats it. It is merely some one's supposition that has been given circulation.

In one neighborhood in California it seems to be an accepted thing to trust any rancher who has milk on his pants. Translated, this seems to mean that the fellow's credit is good who is engaged in the dairy business.

Jerónimo is the name of the famous Texas long horned steer whose head is now mounted in a conspicuous place in San Antonio, Tex. The spread of this steer's horns is nine feet six inches, and \$1,250 was refused for them shortly after the animal's death.

A family living near Spokane, Wash., solved the problem of attending the short course in a very satisfactory manner. The father and his two sons took the courses in agriculture, while the mother attended the classes in household economics.

Bugs, grubs and worms of one kind and another are credited with being partially responsible for the high cost of living by a speaker at a Wisconsin short course. He estimates that the crops of that state were damaged \$10,000,000 by these insect pests last year.

A public spirited citizen of Rochester, Minn., has offered the use of as large a tract of land as may be needed for carrying out the agricultural experiment work of the high school classes in this particular branch. The school in question has arranged to use some twenty-five acres.

It has lately been discovered that the thorns of the black hawthorn tree make the best possible needles for the phonograph. The tone produced is both softer and of an improved quality. In one section which was mentioned in a late news dispatch the thorns had been gathered from these trees for miles around.

A picture of a couple of dressed hogs hangs in one of the classrooms of the Kansas Agricultural college. One hog, the larger by three times, had a balanced ration of corn and alfalfa. The smaller one, the runt, had the same care, with the exception that he got no alfalfa. It is an effective demonstration and one that should have a suggestion for the hog raiser.

It is doubtless true that many alfalfa and clover plants are killed during the winter as a result of a heaving of the ground and a snapping of the roots beneath the crown of the plant. It is also more than likely that a good deal of winter killing that is attributed to a heaving of the ground is the result of a virtual smothering by an icy coat during the winter months.

Newspapers of a recent date tell of a New Jersey man who made arrangements with a friend to act as his proxy in a marriage to an old country sweetheart, the proxy having instructions to put the bride aboard the first liner bound for America. This proxy business may be all right in some matters, but there are naturally enough snags in matrimony so that the more directly a fellow manages his own affairs the better off he will be.

The farmer who has tuberculosis in his herd of dairy cows should use his best endeavors to have the cows tested and get the infected animals weeded out, but simple justice would seem to demand that where this is done he should be reimbursed by the state for at least a part of the loss he sustains. In instances not a few farmers have been well nigh bankrupted by the loss of their dairy herds through the enforcement of rigid inspection regulations.

A lot of farmers who are very alert to the overcharges of railroads for transporting their produce from depot to central market make all kinds of fuss at the suggestion of the levying of a mill tax for the purpose of improving the country roads and thereby reducing the transportation charges incident to small loads, rough roads and wear and tear on vehicles and animals. The farmer may have been held up in times past by railroads, but it is a sure thing that he is held up even more today in many sections by wretched country highways.

Just as prizes for herd performance are more needed in butter contests than those which are offered for the showing of a single animal, so in the corn growing business we need more prizes for twenty, forty and sixty acre yields rather than for the exceptional yields of single coddled and petted acres.

The English pen of White Leghorns belonging to Thomas Barron are still in the lead in the international egg laying contest at Storrs college, Connecticut, though a pen of Buff Leghorns belonging to an American, G. H. Schmitz, is setting a fast pace and seems more than likely to give the English fowls a run for the prize.

If the lime-sulphur spraying is given the apple trees just before the buds start full benefit will not only be had along the line of destroying San Jose and other scale insects, but a stiff jolt will be given the aphides, which will be hatching at about that time. However, care should be taken that the concentrated wash is not used after the leaves start.

The cow testing associations promoted by the Irish board of agriculture are making remarkable progress. It is now almost universally acknowledged, says the London Dairy, that many herds contain unprofitable beasts. The value of an animal cannot be ascertained by the "rule of thumb" methods formerly in vogue, and the example of the advanced farmers is having an excellent effect upon those who stood out against reform.

It is generally conceded that man (used generically) has freedom of choice and will, yet it is an interesting fact that, notwithstanding this, a man always puts on his coat right or left sleeve first and always puts the same leg into his trousers first, while a woman as a rule puts on the same stocking and shoe (right or left) first. If the reader has any doubt about the truth of this statement he has only to watch himself or herself.

The fellows who would have cornered the egg market and forced the price up to 50 cents, or just as high as they could, have encountered a pretty stiff proposition in the shape of an unusually mild winter, laying hens and irate housewives, who resented being held up. This makes two times in the past three or four years that these cold storage egg men have come to grief. One can but wonder whether they will tackle it again next season.

A housewife who has uniformly good success with her wheat pancakes states that she uses one-half a level teaspoonful of saleratus with each pint of flour, mixing it in and sifting it with the flour before adding the sour milk. She pays no attention to the amount of milk used, but adds enough to make the batter of the proper consistency after thorough beating. The amount of soda suggested in the above recipe is for moderately sour milk or buttermilk.

The need of inspection for small town meat markets and slaughter houses was shown the other day in a piece of liver which had been given a patron of one of these markets for cat meat. Inspection of the pieces of liver by a veterinarian showed extensive tubercular infection. If the other portions of this same animal were sold over the counter the proprietor of the market was not only careless, but rendered himself liable for criminal prosecution for selling meat that was diseased and unfit for food.

Clover seed is high enough in price so that it behooves the man who buys it to get the best. Country merchants who are alert to the needs of their farmer patrons will have samples of the clover seed they offer for sale tested to determine how pure it is and whether it contains the seed of any noxious weeds. Should the merchant not do this the buyer should do it before he takes the clover seed home. Many a farmer goes to the auction sale in the neighborhood not because he needs stock or machinery, but for the same reason that his wife goes to the quilting bee.

The men poke a good deal of fun at women for attending bargain sales at stores and buying stuff that they don't need just because it is cheap. But there is a chance for a laugh in the other direction at those chaps who attend the country auction sale and bid in all kinds of old junk which they may not use in a coon's age just because it's cheap or to keep the other fellow from getting it. We know of some farmers whose yards and garrets are strewn with this auction bargain stuff. However, there is this to be said for both the classes referred to—they furnish a market for stuff that other folks do not want.

The Guelph experiment station of Ontario has conducted a series of breeding experiments with oats during a period of twelve years, and among other important information gathered is that connected with the use of plump grain for seed. It was found that seed oats which averaged six pounds per bushel heavier than a lighter seed used gave an average yearly yield per acre of sixteen bushels more than the lighter seed. In forty separate tests that were made with seed grain of different sizes the largest yields were secured from the plumper and heavier kernels in all cases but three. There ought to be a suggestion here for the farmer who may have some question in his mind as to whether it is worth while to use a fanning mill for seed grain.

Press Comments

The End of "Dollar Diplomacy."
(Pasco Progress.)

President Wilson has informed J. P. Morgan and his associates that if they wish to join in the Chinese loan they must not expect the United States government to act as a collection agency. Evidently the Democratic administration will not sanction the "dollar diplomacy" which found so much favor under the Taft regime.

Encourages Trade Extension.
(Bryan's Commoner.)

This administration will encourage the extension of trade but it will be an extension open to every legitimate trader—not trade limited or restricted to a few. Other nations, too, will understand that the United States does not propose interference with foreign governments or the independence of nations when it encourages American capital to invest abroad. China will breathe easier as she recognizes the friendliness of our country and measures the force of the example which our nation sets. President Wilson could have done nothing better calculated to promote American commerce—nothing better calculated to promote peace and friendship between our nation and the nations whose resources await development.

An Obvious Parting of the Ways.
(Puyallup Valley Tribune.)

Huntington Wilson, the hold-over assistant secretary of state, and the Democratic administration at Washington have parted company, but why, as one contemporary asks, should the retiring Huntington impose a thousand words to explain and impress his disagreement with Woodrow Wilson's foreign policy? Saturated with Knoxism and believing only in that diplomacy bearing the dollar mark, there was no reason for Huntington Wilson to expect to be in accord with the new secretary of state, nor the least occasion to direct attention to the obvious disagreement. The Wilson-Bryan policy is not the Taft-Knox policy.

The government at Washington is no longer engaged in underwriting foreign investments by Americans, or placing itself in the attitude of a sheriff for handling delinquents. That policy "is obnoxious to the principles upon which the government of our people rests."

Neither Man, Fowl, Beast—
(Oregonian.)

The Oregonian cares precious little who holds the office; but it cares a great deal for common honesty and plain dealing among men. It has just as much respect for a Democrat in the Democratic party or a Progressive in the Progressive party as it has for a Republican in the Republican party. But it has no liking at all for a jackass or a bull moose in an elephant's skin. He is neither man, fowl, beast, nor good red herring.

Hard on Republican Papers.
(Colfax Commoner.)

The Republican papers which are undertaking to make it appear that Governor Lister is responsible for the extravagance of the recent legislature are undertaking the impossible. We republish in this issue comments from several honest Republican papers in which the governor is given the rightful credit for holding the appropriations down to a sum much smaller than they would otherwise have been, and the legislature is rightfully given the blame for the extravagance. There is a vast difference between an honest Republican paper and a party organ. The latter is in duty bound to uphold its party no matter how glaring its sins. Certainly the lot of a Republican party organ has been a hard one for the past few years.

Breeder of Democratic Votes.
(Garfield Enterprise, Republican.)

The past session of the legislature was, as to its principal influence, a breeder of Democratic votes for the future.

Eighteen Millions Against Eight.
(Garfield Enterprise, Republican.)

Reckless politicians and political bosses, who but a few brief months ago called themselves the servants of the people, have handed out in promises eighteen millions of dollars in this state against an eight million dollar income.

No Reason to Change.
(Colton News Letter, Republican.)

The people of the state placed their confidence in Lister last fall and have had no reason yet to change that trust.

Voters Will Remember Why.
(Winona News, Republican.)

The 13th legislature just adjourned was pretty much of a failure. There were several political factions represented and when one wasn't trying to put another, or the governor, to the bad politically there was a wrangle over appropriations. The full amount appropriated to be raised by general taxation is approximately \$16,000,000, or about 50 per cent. more than was appropriated by the last legislature. The total would have been much great-

er but for the governor's firm stand, and when it is said some time hence, as it will be, that the governor's administration has been an extravagant one, the wherefore of it all should be remembered by the voters.

He is Some Governor.
(One Record, Republican.)

Governor Lister may be a Democrat, but he is some governor just the same and some man, too. He ran on a platform of economy and pledged himself to stand between the people and reckless extravagance. He has certainly made good. But it took a fight. I don't know whether he loves a fight or not. He certainly put up a dandy. He have saved the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of the people's money. I do not know anything about the Columbia river bridge, but I do know, and everybody in this county knows, there was no merit to the Newport bridge scheme. Everybody knows that an ordinary cheap county ferry will handle the traffic at Newport for years to come. When the news that the governor had vetoed the bill reached home, taxpayers on every hand expressed their commendation of the act.

Governor Not Discredited.
(Tekoa Blade, Republican.)

"The worst discredited governor the state of Washington ever had," is a remark attributed to a member of the house of representatives near the opening of the late session. The legislature has come to a close without in the slightest degree bringing discredit on the governor, who has stood with the firmness of a rock between the extravagance of that body and the interests of the taxpayers. For the sake of party advantage there appeared to be a deliberate attempt on the part of the control to place Governor Lister in a bad light before the people, and make him responsible for unpopular legislation. This scheme was frustrated by a liberal use of the veto power, and the voters of the state will doubtless know where to place the responsibility for what was done or left undone. The governor is stronger and more popular than ever, while but few, if any, members of either house have gained any prestige or popularity with their constituents.

Able, Efficient Administration.
(Uniontown Press.)

There has been sufficient time to get an idea of the manner in which the new president will handle the affairs of state. He has already shown himself to be an able executive, giving attention to important matters in person and letting his assistants handle questions of routine. He has not been precipitate in making official appointments and yet he has not balked at choosing men where vacancies made prompt action necessary. He has shown himself to be firm yet diplomatic, and his course gives promise of an able, efficient, businesslike and satisfactory administration to the nation at large.

Here's a Good Gospel.
(Colville Examiner.)

If you can't get behind a movement for the town's good, at least don't get in front of it.

Have Kissed Again.
(Quilcene Megaphone.)

It is evident that Col. Blethen of the Seattle Times and Rev. Mark A. Matthews have kissed again and made up. It was Matthews who started the crusade that found Blethen's bosom grafter guilty and landed him in the penitentiary. Thereupon the Times could say nothing too mean about the reverend gentleman.

A big religious revival was started in Seattle a few days ago in which Matthews played a leading part. This was followed by the Times giving Matthews' sermon in full with a large portrait of the Times' recent enemy. The secret of the kissing stunt is evidently found in the heading of an article in the Times in the beginning of the revival. It read as follows: "Twenty-five Souls Saved—One Redeemed." Blethen was probably the "one redeemed." He needed redemption.

Some Satisfaction After All.
(Coulee City Dispatch.)

The Republicans of Washington can draw at least a degree of comfort from the fact that, despite the efforts of the governor, they succeeded in putting over an odd million more for the taxpayers to pay than they ever had before.

You Bet There Is.
(Chewelah Independent.)

THE WASHINGTON STANDARD of Olympia last week celebrated its 53d birthday. "Older than any other paper, daily or weekly, older than the state itself and almost as old as the territory," is the way the STANDARD tells it. Well, if a Democratic newspaper can hang on for 53 years there is still hope for the Independent.

Paul Dethlefsen left Sunday for his hold home in Dornum, Germany, and will be gone three months. This is his third trip since coming to the United States 33 years ago, the last trip having been made six years ago.

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