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Rev. Ballou, a former Fargo divine, is visiting in Spain, and in a letter to the Devils Lake paper describing the delights of that land he says "If you feel that you want to relax sometime, try Andalusia." We have no doubt that this is excellent advice, but it is impracticable for the average North Dakota editor. He cannot afford relaxation in Andalusia, and he is lucky if he gets his mite of relaxation within the confines of his native country. There is no person on earth who can stand more relaxation than the editor, if he could get it. There is no one who could recline more gracefully in a hammock swung between two lemon trees or orange trees or eucalyptus trees, or any other of the hammock bearing variety, and listen to the sighing of the Andalusian breezes through the velvet leaves. There is no one who could listen more contentedly to the harp-voiced birds that float in the perfumed breeze and wake with their warbling melodies the circumambient air to ecstasy. There is no one who could sit more carelessly content beneath the starlight of an Andalusian sky and watch the moonlight gild the earth with the soft brilliance of its mellow glow than the editor. He could stand more relaxation than perhaps any other individual of whom we happen to think at the present time. But he must put away his inclination to relax soberly and manfully. It is not for him, at least in this world. But far across the hills that hide the dawn of the eternal day there is a land of pure delight to which he will be wated on the wings of ease when his little span of life is ended. There is the radiant light of an everlasting sun in which he will bask through the endless, endless years, and there are the songs of the infinitely good that will ring out through the realms of bliss and delight his ears forevermore. There are flowers in an extravagant profusion among which he will lie down to rest. Fairy hands will lead him through broad avenues and among crystal fountains, and in all that indescribable bliss there will not be a delinquent subscriber. It is this sublime assurance that enables the editor

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The meeting of the state grain growers at Fargo beginning January 23 promises to be an important and interesting one. The session of the grain growers will last four days, from Tuesday until Friday. It will be participated in by the farmers of three states, North and South Dakota and Minnesota, and the official program issued shows some excellent addresses in prospect. Senator Hansbrough expects to be in the state for the meeting and will address the convention on the influence of congressional action on foreign trade. Commissioner Thomas will address the convention upon the benefits arising from the convention of agriculturists. Conde Hamlin of the Pioneer Press is down for an address, and several members of the agricultural college will give the results of scientific experiments in agriculture. The meeting promises to be largely attended.

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Nick Krump, a wealthy Wahpeton man, went to St. Louis in November to visit relatives and incidentally to buy cattle. He strolled into a restaurant, saw Theresa Pfusack, a pretty waitress, and his doom was sealed. He smiled at Theresa, and she smiled back, and the courtship, which began then and there, led to marriage a week ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Krump returned to Wahpeton to receive congratulations of their friends.

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SOME PRAIRIE BREEZES.

BENEATH THE CRUST.

The crust upon a pie well serves Mysterious things to hide, We might not eat it if we knew The hidden things inside.

The outer self of man as well Serves his real heart to hide, He might be passed up like the pie If we knew what's inside.

So both of men and pies beware And if partake you must, Examine the outside with care, Then look beneath the crust.

KINDNESS.

A flash of light in the darkness, A gleam through the gathered gloom, A ship is led to the haven ahead, Away from the reef—and doom.

The flash of a smile through sorrow, The clasp of a hand and warm, A soul distressed is led to rest Out of the night and storm.

The flash of a kind word spoken, May light a life for aye, The soul in fear, a word of cheer May speed, brave, on its way.

The thunder of hate, forth sounding, Dies in the storm and gale, The whisper of love abounding, Breathes hope that cannot fail.

THE CHILD ASLEEP.

The child asleep Pray tell me, who would wake, Or who would break Upon its dreams. See, on its face a smile As though fond angels lingered near the while And led its fancies lovingly away, To realms of happiness, eternal day, Delights we cannot see and cannot know.

Nay, grieve thee not I say, for couldst thou go With them, thou wouldst not weep, Lest thou should wake the child asleep.

The child asleep Pray tell me, wouldst thou wake, To life, and take Its hand and lead it forth with thee, away, To struggle on and through the tire-some day, Where now it may but rest and smile and dream, When at the twilight of thy life the gleam Of sinking sun shall mark for thee the dawn To wake the child asleep, and on and on Through perfect, endless days shall live again. Nay, it should soothe thy pain And comfort thee and lead thee not to weep, Lest thou should wake the child, asleep.

FARM GARDEN

RURAL POSTAL SERVICE.

Neighborhood Boxes For the Delivery and Collection of Mail.

In the annual report of the postoffice department is given an interesting account, with a number of illustrations, of the rise and present status of the free delivery of mail to rural communities. Assistant Postmaster General Heath says:

"There has been nothing in the history of the postal service of the United States so remarkable as the growth of the rural free delivery system. Within the past two years, largely by the aid



WAGON ON RURAL POSTAL ROUTE.

of the people themselves, who, in appreciation of the helping hand which the government extended to them, have met these advances half way, it has implanted itself so firmly upon postal administration that it can no longer be considered in the light of an experiment, but has to be dealt with as an established agency of progress, awaiting only the action of congress to determine how rapidly it shall be developed."

Mr. Heath thinks that the facts which he sets forth demonstrate that "the free delivery of mails in rural communities can be widely extended with great benefit to the people and with little cost to the revenue.

"That whenever the system has been judiciously inaugurated with a sincere purpose to make it a success it has been followed by these beneficial results:

"First.—Increased postal receipts. More letters are written and received. More newspapers and magazines are subscribed for. So marked is this advancement that quite a number of rural routes already pay for themselves by the additional business they bring.

"Second.—Enhancement of the value of farm lands reached by rural free delivery. This increase of value has been estimated at as high as \$5 an acre in some states. A moderate estimate is from \$2 to \$3 an acre.

"Third.—A general improvement of the condition of the roads traversed by the rural carrier. In the western states especially the construction of good roads has been a prerequisite to the establishment of rural free delivery service. In one county in Indiana a special agent reports that the farmers incurred an expense of over \$2,000 to grade and gravel a road in order to obtain rural free delivery.

"Fourth.—Better prices obtained for farm products, the producers being brought into daily touch with the state of the markets and thus being enabled to take advantage of information heretofore unattainable.

"Fifth.—To these material advantages may be added the educational benefits conferred by relieving the monotony of farm life through ready access to wholesome literature and the keeping of all rural residents, the



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young people as well as their elders, fully informed as to the stirring events of the day.

"Even in the most favored rural districts there is no service that approaches in completeness the house to house delivery of the cities. The recipients of the rural mail have to provide boxes and place them at convenient places along the line of road traversed by the rural carrier, so that he can deposit and collect the mails if need be without alighting from his buggy. Frequently a number of neighborhood boxes are grouped together like a lot of beehives at a crossroad corner, and the people living in houses perhaps half a mile or more back from the road watch for the daily passing of the carrier and some to the crossroads to collect or deposit their mails."

Rural free delivery is now in operation from 300 distributing points scattered among 40 states and one territory, giving service to 179,131 people at an annual cost of 84 cents per capita.

One Missouri farmer calculates that in the last 15 years he has driven 12,000 miles to and from his postoffice to get his mails, all of which travel is now saved him by rural free delivery.

In bulletin No. 175 of the Cornell station comes a "Fourth Report on Japanese Plums." It is an interesting study, with many fine illustrations of varieties found valuable by the station. "The Japanese plums have come to stay, but they have come without accurate descriptions and with confused nomenclature," says Dr. Roberts. The bulletin is an effort to elucidate these perplexities and spread accurate knowledge of this new class of fruits.

NEXT SEASON'S WORK.

Timely Consideration of Land, Future Crops, Etc.

The season is near at hand when farmers should prepare for the next season's crop. They should know their land and what kind of crops it will produce to the greatest perfection. A good and successful farmer will have decided what he will sow or plant in the different fields, then when spring comes if he finds his plans cannot be followed he will change them to suit the season. If the season is too late to sow wheat, he will be prepared to put some other crop in its place, and the same with other crops.

There is always ample time to sow or plant all of our land to some kind of crop. We may not always be able to plant the crop we wanted, but there is always something else that can be planted later and mature in a shorter season.

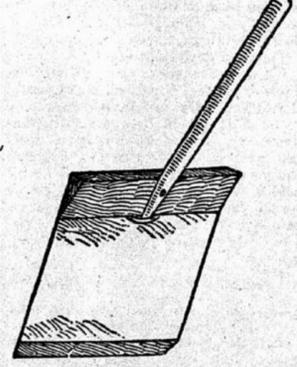
In this climate the season is over three months long in which some kind of paying crop may be planted. Wheat may be planted from March 15 to April 1, then to the 15th of April for oats, from May 1 to June 1 for corn, then to June 15 for cane for hay and millet to July 15. There is plenty of time to get all of the land planted. Bottom land in this country can always be farmed, but not always just when one wants to farm it. Sometimes it is wet until it is too late to plant the crop that was intended. That being the case, the next best crop must be planted.

During the winter is a good time to prepare seed for spring sowing and planting. Seed wheat and oats should be cleaned with a fanning mill to remove all foul seed and to separate all other grains from it. The seed corn may be selected and shelled if there is a good place to store it until needed. The tools and machinery should be looked over and needed repairs made. The harness must be repaired and greased. The colts must be broken and trained to work, and toward spring the work horses must have special care to get them in readiness for the spring work.

When plans such as these are made and carried out and farming is done in a systematic way, there is both pleasure and profit in farming. A farmer should always be so he can push his work and not let his work push him, says an Iowa correspondent of The Prairie Farmer.

Homemade Snow Shovel.

"A light shovel for shoveling snow is a very convenient tool around the house and barn. To be sure, it does



A LIGHT SNOW SHOVEL.

not cost much to buy one, but there are plenty of stormy days and sufficient mechanical skill about any farmstead to save a few pennies," remarks an Ohio Farmer correspondent.

"Take a pine or basswood board 16 inches by 14 inches, one-half inch thick. Bevel off one end and get a piece of sheet iron from a tinsmith five inches wide and as long as your board is wide. Get the tinsmith to bend this for you so that one side is longer than the other, and get him to punch holes in it for the nails. Nail this on your board as a protection for the end, putting the longer portion of the iron on the bottom of the shovel.

"Now get a piece of wood 14 inches long and two inches thick and about five inches wide. Shave this piece so it will be three cornered and nail it upon the other end of the shovel. An ordinary fork handle will answer, only it should be sawed off diagonally so that it will match the three cornered piece. The handle is fastened by a rivet three-eighths of an inch in diameter, going through handle, angular board and blade of shovel and riveted. The rivet is placed about three inches from the end of the handle, and over the end a strip of tin is nailed."

One Thing and Another.

Oregon hop growers to the number of 88 have formed an association, of which M. L. Jones of Brooks is president and H. L. Bents, Butteville, secretary. The crop for the state has been estimated at 85,000 bales.

The irrigable area of the United States is estimated in the report of the secretary of the interior at 74,000,000 acres, capable of comfortably supporting under a proper irrigation system 50,000,000 people. Reasonable expenditures both by federal and state governments looking to a well defined irrigation system are urged.

In experiments by the Wyoming station on the influence of alkali salts on the germination of wheat and rye it was found that small amounts of these salts hasten germination. When, however, the proportion of alkali salts exceeded certain limits, germination was interfered with.

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