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Practical Farming

Helpful Facts Gathered from Reliable Sources of Interest to Montana Farmers

(NOTE) If you have any idea to offer to the other readers or wish anything to appear in these columns kindly send it in.

A LEGAL FENCE IN MONTANA

A legal fence in Montana must be not less than 42 inches in height and may not be more than 48 inches high.

The statute says that a fence constructed of at least three horizontal barbed, well stretched wires, the lowest of which must not be less than 15 inches nor more than 18 inches from the ground securely fastened as nearly equidistant as possible to substantial firm posts firmly set into the ground, or well supported leaning posts not exceeding 21 feet apart or 33 feet apart where two or more stays or pickets are used equidistant between the posts is a legal fence.

All fences constructed of any standard woven wire not less than 28 inches in height securely fastened to substantial posts not more than thirty feet apart shall be a legal fence, provided one barbed wire shall be placed above the same at height of not less than 48 inches above the ground.

All other fences made of barbed wire which shall be as strong and as well calculated to protect enclosures as the above, all fences consisting of four boards, rails or poles with posts not over fourteen feet apart, all rivers, hedges, mountain ridges, bluffs or barriers over or through which it is impossible for stock to pass shall be legal fences.

SORE SHOULDERED OF HORSES

In the rush of field work much inconvenience and delay to the farmer, and excruciating pain to horses, may be prevented by care of the necks and shoulders.

An improperly fitted or lumpy collar often causes a bruise, which later breaks into a running sore. A hard core or kernel is formed, which must be removed before this sore will heal. Often young or excitable horses will bruise themselves, even when supplied with well-fitting collars, by

jerking, jumping or uneven pulling. Some horses seem prone to collar sores, and must be carefully watched to avoid this troublesome injury.

To prevent is more easy than to cure. Harden the neck and shoulders by bathing several times a week with salt water or vinegar in salt water. A little alum may be added. As a substitute for the old oakbark solution, try tannic acid dissolved in glycerine. This toughens the skin by tanning it.

When a sore begins to appear which is usually characterized by a slight swelling, very warm and painful, do not work the animal for a day or two if possible. If the horse cannot be spared make a snug-fitting felt pad, with the center cut out, and place this over the injury.

Healing powders or ointments such as zinc oxide, boric acid, sulphur and lard, or carbolated vaseline may be used. If a watery serum runs from the sore, equal part of tannic acid and powdered alum will prove efficacious. Severe caustics such as blue vitrol and the like, very often make the condition worse. Only soothing medicines should be used, allowing Nature full sway.

If the shoulder becomes covered with sores it is because they are contagious, the germs being found in the pus. A good blood tonic is often needed and in bad cases, the services of a competent veterinarian.—The Country Gentleman.

Interesting Discovery

"Brown's an inquisitive chap. Coming home from the club last night he climbed up a high gate post to see what the sign was at the top."
"What was it?"
"Wet paint!"

Mexico needs food more urgently than it needs advice.

The Rural Roundup

Items Sent in By The Courier's Special Corps of News Gatherers

WENDELL ITEMS

July 28, 1915.
Glenn Stickler attended a dance at Baylor recently.

Mr. Buchanan made a trip to Hinsdale last week.

Reynold Holmes called at Ira Taylor's Sunday afternoon.

Meadames Holmes, Wendell, and Bessie Gray visited at Glenn Tedwick's Monday.

Katie Smith, who visited friends around Glasgow the greater part of July is again at home.

Albert Kerr and his sister, Ida, transacted business in Opheim last week, and then drove on to Scobey.

Mrs. Milson and children from near Hinsdale, visited at the home of Jay Taylor recently.

Mr. Buchanan, who visited at the Wilbur Hall home this spring has again been with them for a few days.

OSWEGO ITEMS

There is music in the air; hammers on every side.

Mrs. O. N. Olson has been on the sick list the past week.

Frank Tyner spent the past week at Scobey with friends.

Dr. Huber was making professional calls in Oswego Monday.

L. E. Lee was looking after business matters in Glasgow on Monday.

The young people of Oswego have enjoyed a number of social dances lately.

J. Hagen took the westbound Tuesday. Who said he was on his way to Canada?

The pool room is now under new management being conducted by Knapp & Kjelberg.

Mrs. Geo. Monk of Nina, Mont., is spending several days with her friend, Mrs. W. A. Goldschmidt.

Miss Ethel Patvin of Wolf Point, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tolby on their fine ranch south of the river.

The Misses Hovey are visiting their brother, H. L. Hovey on their return trip from the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. I. McClammy are again made proud by the arrival of another nice little baby girl. Congratulations.

Messrs. Duncan and Toppin of the South Side are busy with their hammers on the elevator that is being built by the Imperial Elevator Co.

NORTH BENCH

Frank Boyles is visiting Albert Collins this week.

Several around here have begun cutting wheat and oats.

J. L. Byer and family visited at John Gilchrist's near Tampico, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyles and family autoed out to C. A. Collins Wednesday evening.

Peter Ascelson, Will Inward and Herman Valentine are working for L. P. Gamble this week.

The dance at Lange's last Saturday night was fairly well attended. Those present report a good time.

O. C. Anderson returned a short time ago from Indiana where he attended the funeral of his father.

Bill Peters is plowing for Miss Anderson. It is pretty dry plowing. A good rain would be appreciated.

Rev. and Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Meredith's mother and Mrs. Yotter, from town spent Tuesday at the Miles' home.

Mrs. Hilma Anderson, in company with several others, expects to leave about the middle of the month for a short visit to the Glacier National Park.

L. P. Gamble spent the fore part of the week, hauling out lumber to build his large granary. Mr. Gamble has excellent prospects for a good crop this year and of course a large granary will be needed.

MALTA ITEMS

August 11, 1915.
Mrs. E. W. Garland and son Earl, left for Walkerton, Ontario, Tuesday morning.

Jay Brown received the appointment last week, as deputy clerk of the district court.

The Woman's Club will hold a special meeting at the home of Mrs. J. F. Kilduff Saturday afternoon of this week.

Miss Ida Tressler invited a number of her girl friends to spend the afternoon with her one day last week and during lunch her engagement to John W. Brayton was announced, the wedding to take place September 2.

Miss Helen Schilling entertained this afternoon from 2 to 5 P. M., in

honor of Ida Tressler, the occasion being a parcel shower. The bride-to-be was the recipient of many pretty gifts. Delicious refreshments were served.

This evening at the home of F. W. Hall, cashier of the First State Bank, will take place the wedding of Wm. H. Frazier of Saco, and Miss Alene McGregor, county superintendent of Valley County's schools. Only immediate relatives will be present and the bridal pair will leave for a wedding trip to Glacier Park.

At the regular session of Montana Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 14 of Malta, Friday evening, several new candidates were elected for membership. deputy president. Miss Mabel Peck Mrs. G. L. Partridge was elected was elected delegate to the Rebekah Assembly and Winnie Partridge, Alternate, the Assembly convening at Great Falls in October. A Past Noble Grand's Circle will soon be formed, which will prove of interest to the older members.

WILLOW BEND

Weather fine; harvest commenced. Roy Phelps is getting out logs for building purposes on his claim.

The Ladies Grub Rider Club surprised Mrs. Vinta Rogers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rogers were dinner guests at the Ewing home Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Rogers and daughter were shopping in Glasgow one day last week.

Mrs. Tom Farrell entertained the ladies of the neighborhood Tuesday. A pleasant time reported.

Calvin Rogers is spending his vacation with a six horse team and a disk plow on his father's farm.

L. O. Carter went to town Wednesday. He says it was so hot he had to drive in Willow Creek to cool his wagon tires.

Lost—One pair of dancing pumps, color black, age 11 years. Brand No. 9. Return to Ralph Perkins and receive reward.

On Friday, last, Mrs. E. L. Ebersole, Norah, Ida and May Ebersole, were guests at Mrs. Hunter's. Of course they spent a pleasant afternoon.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Clear, warm, weather prevailed during the week ending, Saturday, August 7th. There was an excess in the daily mean temperature of 2 degrees as compared with the normal, making it the warmest week of the season so far. The highest temperature was 92 degrees on Saturday, August 7th and the lowest was 50 degrees on Monday, August 2nd, making a weekly range in temperature of 42 degrees. The total precipitation for the week was 0.44 inches which is slightly above the average amount for this period. A severe thunderstorm occurred on Tuesday, August 3rd, in which heavy rain fell reaching an excessive stage for a few minutes. There were 7 clear days. The force of the wind was light to gentle from the east. Excellent weather for harvest work prevailed during the week. Winter wheat and rye harvest is now in full blast, corn is looking fine, flax is in full bloom, some oats is beginning to turn and haying is still in progress.—C. W. Ling, Observer, Weather Bureau.

FEW ACCIDENTS UNDER ACT

There were 263 accidents in July among the 25,000 employes enrolled under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law, according to figures compiled by the state industrial accident board. Only five of these were fatal. By far the largest majority were minor accidents, the disability in many cases extending not over one shift, and in but very few cases was the inquiry severe enough to keep the employe away from work for two weeks. Payments do not begin until the employes have been laid up for two weeks.

Under plan 1, by which employers carry their own insurance there are 16,489 employes and 49 employers. In this division there were 175 accidents,

five resulting fatally. Of the total 150 occurred in mines, 11 in smelters, three in logging operations and eight in coal mines.

Plan 2, liability insurance, affects 5,973 employes and 183 employers. In this division there were 76 accidents, 68 occurring in mines and six in the lumbering industry.

Plan 3, state insurance, affects 1,901 employes and 67 employers. In this division there were 12 accidents and two amputations. Six of the accidents occurred in driving a railroad tunnel.

Both employers and employes, according to the state board, are evincing a ready willingness to comply not only with the provisions of the law, but its spirit as well, and are cooperating in every way with the board.

Incidentally, the board, under the supervision of Chairman A. E. Spriggs, has already earned the reputation at the statehouse of being the busiest and hardest working office in the building.

STATE LAND IN DEMAND

In the seven months of the present year the state land office has sold at an advanced figure, more than twice as much land as was purchased during the entire 12 months of 1914.

At the close of business July 31, the record for 1915 showed that nearly 51,000 acres had been sold—50,991 to be exact—as against 23,133.6 for 1914.

Undoubtedly the good prices for farm products during the past two years have been a factor in the renewed interest in western farm lands, together with the good prices for hay and livestock and wool, naturally the public, both from the east and those who are fortunate in being residents of Montana have taken a big interest in the opportunities for acquiring an additional amount of farm land.

There is no discounting the fact that Montana lands find favor in the eyes of the practical farmer or the investor and there is reason to believe that they will continue to favor it. There is a difference in beginning life in the farming districts of this state as compared with some of the other lands of the Pacific northwest.

A homesteader or the purchaser of Montana state land finds that with a breaking plow and a good, husky team of horses he can take off a crop the first year which will more than pay the expenses of acquiring the land. In other states, it may be necessary to clear the land, at a considerable expense, of trees, brush, or sage, and out of the first year's crop must come the money to pay for clearing. In some instances there is nothing left to run the second year's work with.

In addition to the money which the state gains when the land is sold the ingress of new citizenship helps amazingly and adds to the value of the surrounding properties.

Last year, for the better than 23,000 acres sold, the state receives \$325,712.85. This year for the sale

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of Choteau acreage alone, some 23,341 acres the state received \$342,220.32. In Fergus county the state land officials disposed of 16,905 acres for \$265,652.06.

Recently there were sold in the four counties the following acres: In Richland, 1,800; Sheridan, 2,200; Gallatin, 3,905; Carbon 2,840.

The amount of money received for sales in these four counties have not been totaled, but it increases materially the aggregate for the seven months of the year. Probably three-quarters of a million dollars is not too large an estimate for the sales in the seven months of 1915.

German diplomacy seems adept at what old fashioned folk call "muddying the waters".

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