

## LAW GRASSES.

The grass generally used in this State for lawns is the Kentucky blue grass. In our dry summer climate, however, this grass requires frequent irrigation, and will die without it, as the roots are not deep, but surface feeders. The top should also be cut close to keep it green and fresh.

Probably the next best grass for lawns is the Australian, or perennial ryegrass. This is a more vigorous grower; has a broader leaf, and more luxuriant appearance. It does not, however, make so close or good a sod, and also requires frequent irrigation and trimming in the summer season. The Bermuda grass is also used for lawns, and makes the most compact sod of all the grasses, and will live better in a dry climate and on a dry soil without irrigation. The strongest objection to the Bermuda grass is that it spreads so rapidly by runners that it is almost impossible to confine it where desired.

It also spreads rapidly from the seed, which will mature and keep close within two inches of the surface. In regard to the effect of grasses upon trees, this depends very much upon the variety of the trees. If the trees are surface-feeders, sending their roots out horizontally near the surface, like the orange—the grass will injure them more seriously than if they are deep-rooted, like the walnut and most nut trees.

Grasses are more affected by young trees growing near them than older trees, whose roots are stronger and more vigorous. If it be desired to grow a lawn, it would be best to plant out trees where desired, and cultivate the soil a few inches before sowing the grass. In this way they will have gained strength to resist the sap-sucking of the grass roots. A good mulching about the tree with well-rotted manure, with frequent irrigation, will also assist materially in counteracting the influence of the grass.—S. F. Butler.

Says the Santa Barbara Democrat: We regret to be compelled to say that, through the culpable neglect of the steamship employees below this place, great inconvenience and considerable expense were caused to parties who desired to take passage for San Francisco. The steamer Orizaba was advertised to leave here on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when some twenty-six persons were taken on board to the end of the wharf, and there left to await the arrival of the steamer. They waited—sick men, invalid ladies and tender children—waited, exposed to the chilling winds blowing down from the ocean, through the long hours during the night, and when the light of day succeeded the dark vigils, no steamer was yet in sight. There the stricken twenty-six had to stay, for they were unprovided with any supplies, and the steamer had been delayed for twenty-four hours. Now, it is just this negligence on the part of the employees of the company that complain of on Thursday afternoon as well as Friday afternoon, and parties would then have saved the inconvenience and expense of going for the night. The company should be held responsible for the delay, and the guilty party, who was, as summarily dismissed.

Pacific Life, commenting on recent challenge made by L. J. Rose, for contest of between himself and his high-landers and of equal age bred in the East, says: Mr. Rose is a gentleman of great enterprise, experience and liberal and is one of the most popular members of the turf, and if a new organization is projected to take the place of the Bay District Association, we hope to see his name among the working directors; but in the meantime, addressed to the Eastern owners and breeders, he is liable to be taxed with rather an arbitrary spirit, in dictating such a strange provision that because he possesses a two and three-year-old he looks and seven-year-old by the same side, the gentleman who accepts his challenge must bring here horses of the age mentioned, and also, all by the same side. Mr. Rose is not unattractive to the merits of his stable without occasion; and we are always pleased to see him score a success; therefore we fear that we hope against hope that his challenge will be accepted. In any case, he is always delighted to welcome owners of fast stock to our State, as the infusion of new blood adds interest to our races and attracts public attention.

THE USE OF LEMONS.—I do not think that there is a hundred part of lemon juice used generally that its valuable qualities would not be commended. I know of nothing better as a stomachic corrective as well as a strengthening to the nervous system. We all know that it is used for rheumatism, and I have doubt it is good for gout, if taken regularly three times a day, and at least half a gill at a time. It can be taken in much or little water, or no water at all. It is not unpleasant, one soon becomes accustomed to it, and would rather drink it than with the pure water. For headache it is the best cure I have used. It will relieve it in from ten to fifteen minutes by a single dose. I would not advise less than half a gill at a time. I know people who take it three times a day as a preventative of disease and as a restorative in bad weather. It quenches thirst, also, better than anything else. No Sugar.—German Town Telegraph.

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