

Saturday, January 20.

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

Items Of Interest To Salt River Farmers.

Facts Concerning Our Valley—What It will Produce—Fireside Items.

The amount of rich agricultural and farming land in the Territory is from fifteen to twenty million acres.

The largest tract of agricultural land which can be cultivated in this Territory is that on the Salt river, in and around Phoenix for a distance of from twenty to fifty miles.

The amount of such land in this rich valley is approximately one million of acres. Nearly one-half of the best land in the Territory.

The soil is a rich alluvium, capable of producing, with good tillage, twenty-five to fifty bushels of wheat, barley, and corn to the acre.

We will devote these two columns weekly to the best interest of the Farm and Fireside, and aim to make it instructive, entertaining and attractive.

Inserting only such as will be of general interest to our readers. We ask your co-operation to this end, write out your experiences and any facts you may have discovered.

Our column will never be too crowded to give such letters insertion.

CORN AND HOGS.—From carefully conducted experiments by different persons, it has been ascertained that one bushel of corn will make a little more than ten pounds of pork, gross.

When corn sells at 12 1/2 cents per bushel pork costs 1 1/2 cents per pound. When corn sells at 17 cents per bushel, pork costs 2 cents per pound.

When corn costs 25c per bushel, pork cost 3c per pound. When corn costs 33c per bushel, pork cost 4 cents per pound.

When corn costs 50c per bushel, pork costs 5c per pound. The following statements show what the farmer will realize on his corn when sold in the form of pork.

When pork sells at 3c per pound, it brings 25c per bushel in corn. When pork sells at 4c per pound, it brings 32c per bushel in corn.

SMALL ITEMS.

New York City eats 70,000,000 of eggs per year, and several millions more are consumed in morning drinks.

An apiarian in Utah estimates that one acre of mignonette will furnish sufficient pasture for one hundred stocks of bees.

Some \$10,000 worth of mules have recently died on the ranch of Joseph Cone, in Tehama county, from the glanders, which seems to have attacked all the stock on his extensive ranch.

The comb is the hen's pulse. If that be strong and bright, and of a good color and full of blood, shaking with every quick movement of the bird in the combed varieties, the bird is in normal health.

Owing to the unusual fall of snow on the grazing lands in western Nebraska vast herds of cattle are suffering greatly for want of food. One report says that between 35,000 and 40,000 head of cattle are in a starving condition between Sidney and the north Platte.

FOR WINTER EVENINGS.

SEWING CLUBS, READING CLUBS, CIRCULATING LIBRARIES.

A late number of Scribner's gives the following excellent suggestions: "With the closing of the doors and lighting of the fires for winter accidents, sociables, sewing and reading clubs, begin in all inland towns and villages.

First, as to sewing clubs. The work should be carefully restricted to such embroidery, etc., as cannot be done by women who earn their living by the needle.

Secondly, in reading clubs, let the time for each reader be limited by inflexible rule. If this is not done, there will be found in every such club at least one dogmatic, selfish reader, who will force his author and his voice upon the club.

Thirdly, if we may trench upon a most delicate subject, we would suggest that in merely social combinations the old caste lines of the town be disregarded. There is no despotism more narrow or cruel than the aristocracy of a village.

Fourthly, the great want experienced by cultured men and women in small towns is of books, magazines, etc., which individually they are not able to buy.

There are very few circulating libraries in American towns of a population less than 10,000. This want can be obviated in a measure by a friendly combination between a number of families or individuals, in which each contributes a given number of books to a common stock; these books are loaned to the members in turn.

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BOB INGERSOLL

Gives Some Good Advice To Farmers,

Which Would Be To Their Benefit To Read Through Very Carefully.

The following are some extracts from a speech delivered by Col. Robert Ingersoll, recently, at the Central Illinois Fair:

It is not necessary in this age of the world for the farmer to rise in the middle of the night to begin his work. This getting up so early in the morning is a relic of barbarism. It has made hundreds of young men curse the business.

Own land if possible. Do not rent an acre if you can avoid it. There can be no such thing as home unless you own it. There must be an incentive to plant trees, beautify the grounds.

Let every farmer treat his wife and children with kindness. Give them every advantage for culture. They will grow about you like flowers; they will fill your life with joy and perfume.

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THE LAST LEGISLATURE.

Continued From First Page. five cents to be levied annually for the purpose of paying the interest and the redemption of the bonds.

CONCERNING FENCES. All inclosures in that portion of Maricopa lying east of the meridian of the mouth of the Verde river shall be inclosed with a fence made so close that horses, mules or horned cattle cannot get their heads through it.

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