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The official count for Nebraska shows McKinley's plurality to be 7822. Dietrich, republican for governor, is the lowest man on the republican state ticket, but is elected by 861.

Eight Arkansas counties were carried by McKinley. This was six more than he carried in 1896. Bryan lost 35,000 votes in Arkansas, nearly as many in Missouri and 13,000 in Mississippi. The solid south is breaking fast.

Southern California is rejoicing over a rainfall which puts even New hay on Puget Sound behind the record. In 24 hours six and one-half inches of water fell upon the parched lands at Los Angeles. This will no doubt result in great good to that region.

The place of President McKinley in history is secure. Whittman county democrats were anxious and did waver their savings since the fateful days of democracy upon the supposition that Bryan and his populistic isms would carry a greater popular vote than in 1896. He did not, and the worshippers of the idol have lost. Populism of the Bryan brand is beautiful in theory but cantankerously ugly in practice.

The demand for thoroughly well bred stock from lambs to bullocks, was never before so great as now in the markets of the United States and the world at large. This happy condition is the outgrowth of prosperous times among stockmen. It is not only that, but it means an advance in the methods of American stockraising. It will result in a leveling up of the average quality of the stock all over the country.

The number of sheep in the Willamette valley is now increasing at an astonishing rate. The natural increase of sheep when not kept down by sales is very rapid, but this has not been sufficient to meet the demands of farmers who are going into sheep and a large number have been imported this year from Eastern Oregon. Almost every branch of animal husbandry is growing rapidly now in Western Oregon, which is as it should be.

Tests made at the Corvallis experiment station, Oregon, have revealed the fact that hot air, at a temperature of 200 degrees, will effectually destroy the spores of smut in seed wheat. In a plot of ground planted with wheat thus treated only a single stalk appeared affected by smut, while in similar areas planted with seed treated in the old way, by a solution of blue vitriol, from 14 to 274 smut heads appeared. Here is an item which may prove of more than passing value to the farmers of the Pacific.

The estimate of the size of the year's apple crop in the United States has been gradually lowered as the season wears on. At the opening the buyers had much to say about the phenomenal crop grown on the apple trees of the world, and especially of the United States. They placed it at treble that of last year, but as time wore on this misleading statement of interested buyers has been proven false. The highest estimate now stands at 40 per cent above the crop of last year.

A convention of the Washington Dairy Association will be held at Cheney December 27, 28 and 29. Interchange of ideas valuable to every farmer will be a feature of the meeting, knowledge being thus diffused which could not be obtained in any other way. It is desired that a large attendance of farmers from all over the state, as well as from other states be present. These meetings and conventions can be made of immense advantage to every farmer and should be met with greater favor than they have been in the past. Special hotel and railroad rates are to be granted for the Cheney convention.

The London Chronicle gives a fine tribute to the excellence of United States workmanship as shown in the international exposition of 1900. "The American exhibit in Paris," says that journal, "is incomparably finer than the British, and even there their great superiority in the very small tools was not fully brought out. It is useless to urge that Great Britain is poorly represented, for it would be difficult to find the materials in England to make a good show. There are at least four firms in America making a specialty of small, accurate measuring appliances, and, so far as we know, there is not one in England making them systematically at all." These words, written just before the Paris exposition closed, are in line with expressions from other British journals and from French and German papers. In mechanical appliances of almost every variety the American exhibits surpassed those of the rest of the world.

### KEEPING ANIMALS TOO LONG

**Study of the Subject From the Financial Standpoint.**  
 It is a very commendable and humanitarian sentiment to keep cattle too long, for it indicates an attachment for them that one is loath to break, and yet a farmer who is raising animals for his living cannot let sentiment interfere with what he knows to be good business, says E. P. Smith in The American Cultivator. Others keep cattle too long simply because they happen to be ignorant of the best time to dispose of them, and they keep waiting for a better turn in the markets to help them get good returns. Sometimes this living in the hope of doing better later induces a farmer to carry his herd over from month to month, and before he knows it a year has slipped by. The animals are meantime eating up all the profits they ever would have made for their owners and at the same time are passing the prime of life, when they sell at the best prices.

We cannot afford to keep cattle one day longer than the time they reach full maturity or prime of life. Up to this period they have been gaining in weight and flesh, and every pound of feed that has been given to them has made its corresponding amount of flesh. Liberal feeding of growing animals makes glad the heart of the farmer or breeder, but when the food ceases to exert its magic influence then something seems to be wrong. The wrong is very often that the cattle have passed their prime, and all future feeding will merely tend to help them hold their weight. There is no further gain.

Prime cattle sold in the market means something more than fat and well developed carcasses. It includes a certain tenderness and juiciness of meat which can be gained only through rapid growth and laying on of flesh. This result has been obtained by good feeding of good animals. If these animals had ceased to grow, the meat would begin to lose much of its best virtues. It may not be an easy matter always to tell just when an animal has ceased to grow or when it has reached its full prime, but it is more profitable to sell just before that period and thus lose the few extra pounds it may have gained than to hold it a few weeks beyond maturity when it gains nothing in weight and loses in quality. Most of us are inclined to hold our cattle too long, and it may well be of value to some of us to look into the matter. Are we hampering ourselves by holding cattle over for higher markets when they should be sold at once, or are we selling them just as soon as they have reached their prime and are in the very best condition for the market?

**When to Dip.**  
 It is a dangerous thing to dip sheep too soon after shearing, says The Sheep Breeder. As a rule the skin of the dipped sheep becomes very tender on account of exposure to the air, by which the sheep is chilled, and in drying the evaporation of the remains of the dip, producing still more cold by carrying off the natural warmth of the skin, adds to this chilling. This excess of refrigeration is mostly felt on the back along the spine, which is the seat of the spinal nerve and controls the nervous system of the digestive organs. This is very apt to produce inflammation of the covering membrane of this most important nerve, by which of course the whole system is disturbed, and the sheep suffers from the worst of its many disorders, meningitis. This produces paralysis; the sheep falling, unable to rise, the neck is stiff and turned to one side, and the majority die for want of immediate and proper treatment. In some instances, when the weather has been unusually cold, with rain or snow storms, many of the losses have been severe, equal in some reported cases to 50 per cent of the flock. Unless the risk of scab is imminent it is advisable to defer the dipping for at least two weeks or longer, as the condition of the weather may be. As a rule the dipping is to be regulated by the condition of the sheep and the risk of scab. If scab exists in any degree, as is easily discovered in the shearing, and it is thought advisable to dip as soon as two weeks after the fleece is taken off, the sheep should be housed, or, anyway, all those that may appear to be in need of protection. For the safety of the lambs after dipping the ewes it is advisable to wash the hind parts of the sheep with warm water before they are turned loose. There is no growth of wool within the safe time to interfere with the deferred dipping.

**Southern Cowpeas.**  
 One of the most valuable feeding crops for lambs and sheep is the southern cowpea, very extensively grown all over the United States and wherever corn may be grown, says The Sheep Breeder. It is really a variety of bean and not a pea, but by whatever name it may be known it is equally good. It is a twining plant and may be sown with corn, climbing up the stems and thus furnishing two crops at the same time. Instead of exhausting the soil, as might be supposed, on the other hand, when so grown, it improves the land and helps the corn. It is only that variety of plant closely related to clover which is a great improver of land, and thus it will not only yield a crop of itself, but helps the corn and leaves the land in better condition for the next crop. It may be sown after the corn is planted or if the corn is dropped by hand three peas may be put into each hill of corn. If the corn is drilled, the peas may be drilled after it, dropping the peas near the corn or sowing them in the nearest furrow when the corn is plowed.

**Overfeeding Pigs.**  
 Pigs often die of overfeeding if allowed to eat heavy food and then have no opportunity to lie down and digest it.

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**Forest Leaves One of the Best Materials—Fall Set Trees.**  
 An important matter for consideration is the mulching of trees, shrubs and plants for the winter, and such excellent authority as Joseph Meelan has the following to say about it in Gardening:  
 The mulch which we apply in autumn is to accomplish a different purpose from our spring mulching. What we do now is mainly to prevent the soil freezing about the plants, to some extent at least. To newly planted trees and shrubs the mulching is almost essential, as unquestionably they are very much the better for having their roots in unfrozen soil, and when there are cases of doubtful hardiness shrubs or trees which are known to suffer in hard winters just mulch them and see how much better they will thrive. In my own experience I have been able to carry many such a plant through the winter by the aid of a good mulch.

In the cases of such things as have been recently transplanted many more will be alive and flourishing when spring comes if mulched at this time. There is such a check from the transplanting that they need help, and the mulch gives by providing unfrozen ground for the roots. Manure is perhaps the best of materials to use because it accomplishes two objects—enriching the ground as well as protecting the roots. Aside from this, forest leaves are the best of all. They are easily handled, and it takes very few to keep out a great deal of frost. With zero temperature the soil would be open that was under five to six inches of leaves. But less thickness than this will answer, as it does not matter if a little freezing does occur.

A prominent and successful landscape gardener whom I have in mind had a way of mulching large trees set in the fall which answers well. His plan was to procure a half cartload of soil, and this much was mounded up about each tree. Not only did this keep out the frost, but it kept the tree steadily in place, and better success than he had could not be wished for. It is the swaying about of large trees of this character that causes so many of them to fall. There is not the close contact between root and soil that there must be to insure success. When spring comes, all mulchings except that of manure are to be removed. Manure will usually have pretty well disappeared by that time.

Referring again to partly tender shrubs, although the rhododendron is not so cold here, it is one vastly benefited by a mulching to keep frost from its roots. The great lot of foliage it carries calls for the supply of moisture by the roots to make good what it loses in cold, windy weather, and these calls can be the better met when no frost is about their roots.

There has been a sudden increase in the cash wealth of every man, woman and child in the country, amounting to 53 cents per head. At least that is the way the statistician of the treasury department figures it out, though we can't conscientiously advise the public to get extravagant on the strength of it. The cause lies in the findings of the census bureau which discovered that the population of the country was only 76,891,000 in June, instead of the 78,377,000 estimated by the treasury man. Consequently the \$2,139,181,412 of good hard cash in circulation in this country on Nov. 1 had to be divided among only 76,891,000, instead of the 78,377,000 that would have shared in it if the census man had not interfered. Hence in this way alone the per capita circulation went up 53 cents and on the revised basis stood on the first of the month at \$27.82 against \$27.01 on Oct. 1.

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### Analysis of the Woman Vote.

In the four states, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, where women have the full right of suffrage, there was a decided increase in the woman vote. All these states were carried by Bryan four years ago. Two gave a majority for McKinley in the recent election and the republicans gained heavily in the other two. In a general way no division is apparent in the four states along sex lines. But there are a few incidental features of special interest. The democratic candidate for congress in Wyoming wrote a letter some time ago in which he said that the woman vote was the easiest to get, the easiest to keep and the easiest to manipulate of all elements in politics. As a result the republican candidate for congress ran 800 ahead of the electoral ticket and has the largest majority ever given a candidate in the state. Two-thirds of the women of Wyoming, it is stated, voted for McKinley.

Utah gave the country the greatest surprise of the election, and the woman vote had something to do with the remarkable overturn of the democratic plurality in 1896 of 51,000. Only one woman ran for office in Utah and she was defeated. She was a delegate to the last democratic national convention and seconded Bryan's nomination at Kansas City. Though president of the Utah Woman's Democratic League, she was beaten for the lower house of the legislature, and the extent to which she ran behind shows that many women voted against her. The woman vote in Colorado increased from 46,270 in 1896 to 89,943 in 1900. Bryan's plurality in the state declined from 134,000 to 35,000, but the falling off was not specially due to the woman vote. In Wyoming the women cast nearly one-third of the aggregate vote of 23,000. No change of a radical nature has yet been developed by full woman suffrage in the four small states where it is established.

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