

THE JOHNSON-JEFFRIES FIGHT.

Contest Over Location of Fight Grounds Growing Bitter—Utah Governor Firm.

Where shall the Jegries-Johnson prize fight be held? This question is worrying the sporting world and may lead to a rupture between the two men who have agreed to finance the fight and whose bid was accepted by the fighters. One wants to hold it in San Francisco and the other insists it shall be held in Utah. The governor of the latter state declares the fight shall not be held in his domain and evidently does not intend to be "caught napping" as was the governor of Mississippi, when the Sullivan-Kilrain fight was "pulled off" in that state and which called forth the following satire from the pen of Bob Burdette:

The governor sat in his easy chair, a spyglass in his eye: "Has anyone seen 3,000 men and a train of cars go by? A pilot train with the bad men on, one more and another one still with rattle of wheels and clanging of bell, and shriek of the whistle shrill? They travel not as the flying skip, in silence and in fear; they whoop and holler and howl and yell for all the world to hear. They have advertised the place of the fight for six long weeks or more, and I fear that I cannot find the place till the brutal fight is over. Oh, rally and squander, my men of arms, and look if you may see where three railway trains and 3,000 men have hidden away from me."

They rallied and squandered those men at arms; they searched the country through; and another governor came along and joined the searchers too. They looked in the clock and under the stair, and under the bed they peered, and out in the kitchen, and everywhere, but the trains had disappeared. They felt in their pockets and looked in their hats, and lowered a man down the well, but where all those sluggers had disappeared, there wasn't nobody could tell. They asked a boy at Lowry's store and the blind man down by the hall, and the woman who keeps the candy shop; but they hadn't seen nothin' at all. They dragged the pond at Sawyer's mill, and they questioned the toll-gate man, and all through the lot at the back of his house, the governor raced and ran. But all in vain, for wherever he looked, the people he sought were gone, and the only place where he didn't look was where the fight was on. And he never knew there had been a fight until a week and a day, then he sent a constable after the men, 4,000 miles away.

Long live the state of Missisipi! The governor, long live he! If ever the moon should run away may he be there to see! Should hostile powers invade his land at some far distant day, may he find the foe that wastes his state before it goes away. And great good medicine had it been for the land of the sunny south had the governor closed his smooth-bore eyes and looked with his long-range mouth.

W. S. C. WINS THREE GAMES.

Defeats Idaho University Once and Oregon Agricultural College Two Times.

Last Saturday evening Washington State College and the University of Idaho basket ball teams met at Moscow and W. S. C. won by a score of 26 to 19, in a spirited and fast game. About 100 Pullmanites went to Moscow on the regular O. R. & N. train at 4:15, returning on a special train after the game.

This week the W. S. C. team is in Oregon, and has defeated Oregon Agricultural College two games at Corvallis. Thursday night the score was 27 to 15, in favor of W. S. C. Friday night the score was 27 to 24 in favor of our team.

150 sacks first class seed oats for sale. Enquire of C. Battenburg, on Pres. Bryan's place. Phone Farmers 398.

J. S. Klemgard, vice president and manager of the Pullman State Bank, has gone to Spokane and will return to Pullman Sunday.

Will Wallis has resigned as money order clerk in the Pullman post office and will leave the first of March to take up his residence on his homestead near Great Falls, Mont. His resignation does not take effect until March 1.

C. W. Weythman has received notice from the county surveyor of the county in Montana in which the Flathead reservation is located, that the belief now prevails that the effort to set aside the irrigable land in the reservation will not be carried out, but that each man who drew a number will have a chance to take 40 acres of irrigable or 160 acres of non-irrigable land. He says there will be 1800 units (40 acres each) of irrigable land and 1200 quarter sections of non-irrigable land to be taken.

NEW COUNTY POOR FARM.

William Swain, of Pullman, Is Architect for New Buildings to Be Erected.

(Colfax Gazette)

The board of county commissioners, in session this week, on Wednesday forenoon visited the grounds overlooking town acquired for the county poor farm and selected the site for the new buildings to be erected, for which bids will probably be called at the March meeting of the board. The location is slightly, immediately adjoining the townsite, and will be more convenient for all purposes than the old location.

From Wm. Swain of Pullman, the architect, who has drawn plans for the new buildings, we learn that the main structure will have a frontage of 75 feet with a depth of 37 feet. The building will be surrounded by wide porches. It will be of brick, with stone finishing. The first floor will contain the dining room, sitting room and kitchen; also the superintendent's living rooms. The second floor, consisting of eight rooms, will be divided into two sick wards, one for men, one for women. A padded room is provided for on this floor; also a tuberculosis room inclosed over the porch, which is an extra room, light and airy. Six bed rooms are provided for. The basement will be of concrete, and will hold the laundry, vegetable and milk rooms. Three shower baths are provided for in the basement. The building will be heated by steam and will be modern throughout. A stable and other outbuildings are to be erected in connection. The estimated cost of all is expected to reach \$12,000. The commissioners will soon advertise for bids for the work and let the contract.

The commissioners made a ten strike when they bought 90 acres of the Hale farm at \$75 per acre for poor farm purposes. They have since been offered \$100 an acre for it. Every foot is rich Palouse soil and its value will increase with the years. The old farm at Elberton, consisting of 120 acres, will be sold.

The new farm should be self-supporting, or nearly so. The rich soil has been part of a wheat field for years, and there is no reason why the vegetables and fruit for the institution should not be raised there.

The first auction sale of the year is to be held on Wednesday, February 23, at the Vossbergh ranch, five miles east of Pullman, when J. C. Plock will sell some splendid work horses, cattle, hogs, farm machinery and other property at auction. Of course Col. J. B. Hicks is the auctioneer. The sale begins at 10 o'clock.

Too Fat Hens.—We recently saw a statement by a writer that hens never became too fat to lay and that this notion was born of ignorance. The writer is convinced that hens frequently become overfat from under exercise and the feeding of too much corn. He remembers one such hen that when dressed yielded five pounds of worthless fat and was reduced by the removal of the fat from ten to five pounds in weight. Not only are such birds rendered worthless for egg production, but they also are rendered worthless for anything else. An overabundance of fat is an unhealthy indication and opens the way to the coming of various diseases. It is as detrimental to the breeding fowl as it is to the laying fowl.

Windows in Stables.—Most farm owners do not contain enough windows for the admission of direct sunlight. Horses like to look out of their stalls in daytime, and being confined in dark stalls is no doubt the cause of many weak eyes with horses. The dairy stable should be abundantly lighted at all seasons not only for the health and contentment of the cows, but for the cleansing, disinfecting influence of the sunlight. Direct sunshine is one of the strongest known disinfectants, killing and making impossible the growth of germ and fungous diseases. This light in the cow stables will not only make a healthy atmosphere for the cows, but make the air pure and clean for sanitary milking.

How Losses Cost Double.—No animal can remain at a standstill without loss to its owner. If an animal is not gaining, then the food and labor are thrown away. If an animal loses only a pound in weight, then the farmer not only suffers a loss of that which he once had, but must incur additional expense to regain that one pound, but the time lost cannot be recovered. When there is a falling off in weight or the yield of milk is reduced, the cause should be sought, and if an error has occurred or there is fault in the management, a change should be made for the better without delay.

Farming Depends on Stock.—Dr. Leonard Pearson of Pennsylvania makes the following suggestive observations: "The fertility of the soil and an advancing profitable agriculture, cannot be maintained without animals. Animal husbandry is essential to agricultural progress."

Possible for All.—One need not be a millionaire to have clean, sanitary attractive dairy barns.

POINTS ON PLOWING

By Prof. V. M. Shoemith, Ohio Agricultural College.

Plowing is practiced mainly for two reasons—(1) the turning under of stubble, manure, weeds and other vegetable matter, and (2) the pulverization of the soil. If manure and stubble are left on the surface of the soil, they prevent the proper operation of surface working implements; and, furthermore, they decay very slowly. If manure is mixed with the soil, it soon decomposes and becomes available for the use of crops. Plowing also makes the soil more loose by giving it better drainage and by making its capacity for holding water greater.

However, the chief object in plowing is not the incorporation of vegetable matter, but the pulverization of the soil. Much of the plant food in the soil does not exist in forms directly available for the plants to use, but is made available by the action of certain bacteria and by certain chemical processes, both of which require the presence of oxygen or air. The soil which has not been plowed for several months and has been packed by the rain contains very little air and allows very little circulation of air through the soil. The soil that has not been plowed for some time is not in the most favorable condition for the development of roots and is usually so hard that much of the rainfall runs off, and the amount of capillary water that it can hold is relatively small. The first step in the pulverization, loosening, aeration and sweetening of the soil can best be done by use of the plow.

If the purpose of plowing is chiefly the pulverization or breaking up of the soil, you will readily see that the plowing which completely inverts the furrow slice and lays it over flat, or that which sets the furrow slice nearly on edge, but does not pulverize it into fine particles, is not ideal plowing. The type of plowing as regards the breaking up of the furrow slice does not depend so much, however, upon the way the plow is handled in the field by the plowman as upon the kind of plow, especially as regards the shape of the moldboard or the curved portion which turns the furrow slice over. If you will notice several plows of different makes, you will see that there is a marked difference in the shapes of the moldboards. The plows whose moldboards are most curved usually pulverize the soil most thoroughly and are the kind that should always be used for plowing stubble fields and all fields not in sod. In sod fields the plows with extremely curved moldboards break the furrow slice into so many short pieces that the sod is not all turned over and killed, and it is better to use a plow with a somewhat straighter moldboard and depend more largely upon the disc harrow and other surface-working implements for the pulverization.

We have often noticed that the soil to a depth of five or six inches, or to the depth it has been plowed, is much darker in color and is more porous and is usually less sticky when wet than the subsoil, or that below the depth of plowing.

The dark surface soil is more fertile and will produce better crops than the subsoil. Under most conditions it would be better if the depth of the surface soil were increased. Another essential of ideal plowing then is that it shall be deep. However the depth should not be increased more than about an inch in one season, as too much of the subsoil brought to the surface might result in a poor physical condition for several years to follow.

An interesting program is in preparation by the primary department of the Christian Sunday school—to be given at an early date.

Postmaster K. P. Allen made a trip to Spokane Tuesday evening, on official business. He returned Wednesday evening.

The Golden Rule society of the Congregational church will hold an Easter sale just before Easter. The exact date has not yet been fixed, but will be announced later.

A peculiar accident happened at the Burgan-Emerson store last Saturday, when Mrs. O. Mitchell fell down the stairs into the basement, injuring her left arm painfully.

G. W. Metcalf & Son, owners of the Springdale Stock Farm, west of Pullman, have had some letter heads and envelopes bearing the name of the farm printed at this office. Such an example should be followed by other farmers. Nothing gives a better impression to a man than to get a letter from a farmer with the name of his farm neatly printed on it.

L. C. Crow, Palouse; Y. C. Mansfield, Couer d'Alene; A. D. Cross, St. Andrews; G. W. Perrine, Colfax; George L. Reid, Spangle; H. H. McLean, Walla Walla, and E. Nelson, Nezperce, Idaho, all members of the state executive committee or state officers of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union, were in Pullman Monday in attendance at the stockholders meetings of the Pacific Farmers Union.

The twin boys born to the wife of J. House last Sunday, are both dead, one dying Monday and the other Tuesday.

Arthur Gullikson, formerly a printer in the employ of the Pullman Tribune, and Miss G. Yerkes, of Vancouver, B. C., were married in Spokane Feb. 9.

R. Morrison has sold an acre tract north of the State College to J. Lindsey for \$400.

The old awning in front of the Burgan-Emerson store has been torn down, giving more light to the interior of the store.

Drs. Else and Russell performed an operation on the mastoid bone of Florence Carpenter's head Tuesday. Florence is the 7-year-old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Carpenter. She stood the operation well.

An operation was performed at the Dr. Else hospital this week on Mrs. Edward Keane. Drs. Campbell and Russell performed the operation, which was for appendicitis.

The Websterian society of Washington State College will present its annual play about the middle of March. "The Bachelor's Honeymoon," a sparkling comedy, will be given this year and a strong cast is now rehearsing the play.

Money to Loan.

The Pullman Savings & Loan Association has money to loan on improved city property. The principal can be repaid in small monthly payments, making the "building and loan" plan a desirable one for the person having a modest income. The entire loan can be repaid at any time without a bonus. The same money you are now paying for rent will, in a few years, if applied to building and loan stock, purchase for you a home. This association has been in operation nearly six years and has assisted in building sixty dwelling houses in Pullman. Apply to any officer for details of our plan.

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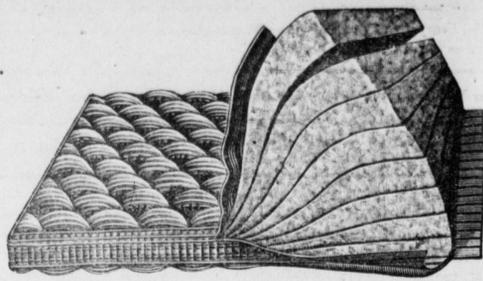
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