

Agricultural Department.

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How shall we cultivate? Use a slant tooth harrow before the corn is up and at least twice afterwards. This not only keeps the soil fine, does fast cultivation, but kills off little weeds. There is this peculiarity about weed killing. Nature can sprout a new weed cheaper than she can repair a broken one and every weed killed is one less. When the corn gets too large to drag, use a cultivator. What do we cultivate for, to benefit the crop or rip things up from the bottom, and of what use is the latter except to cut off, tear up and destroy corn roots, the very thing you want to let alone to make your corn plant put forth growth? Every root you cut off nature has to stop and repair damage, and she does it by sending out new and more roots, and these take up elements that the plant needs. All we need to do is to scarify the soil, use a cultivator with many but short tines and keep the surface free from weeds. The old idea that a deeply-stirred soil, and that often, attracts moisture and holds moisture is not borne out by the facts. Land that is disturbed as little as possible holds its moisture best. With fodder corn the broad branching leaves will soon drive out the cultivator and probably twice will be as many times as one will run through it. It will soon shade the ground that no weeds or grass will do it damage, and the many needed workings of field corn will not be wanted in fodder corn.

When the ears begin to glaze a little, then is the time to cut, to get the greater feed value. This brings us to another inquiry: How shall we cut up this big crop? With us, it is wholly done with a sweep rake reaper—one that uses rakes instead of a reel. The machine is driven along a row, and the reaper lays it down in big gables. The largest growth of fodder corn was cut with a reaper, and was the best job I ever saw done. After you have got the crop down, draw it as fast as possible and put it in a silo; but we will have to shock it up. If I did not have a silo, I think the reaper the best way to cut it. The Hurd brothers, who join farms with me, have a 400-ton silo, and another farm of like size; they put in large quantities of fodder corn and shock it, running it through the cutters in the winter; but all is cut with a reaper. This year they shocked their fodder corn by reaping it, and letting it lie three or four days in the gavel to wilt. They then tied it up with tarred strings and set it up in shocks of about 125 bundles each. The wilting prevents the liability to sour or rot in such large shocks, and they soon settle so solidly together that they are storm proof. After standing a couple of weeks, they take a few of the outside bundles, cross two of them on top of the shock and then lay eight more bundles on top, two in each angle of the cross.

They tell me, and they hire all labor, that it costs them as much to tie up and shock this fodder as it did to put the other crop, acre for acre, into the silo. Now they have all this fodder to draw and run through the cutters, and lose the waste of storm litter. The crop in the silo is ready to feed, while the other has yet to be drawn and made ready.—The Farmers Union.

From what I can learn a great inquiry is abroad among farmers as to how they can make better use of their land, how they can gain more profit, how they can make the times better, so far as they are concerned. Those who have been wheat farmers are going into something else; sheep men are dropping sheep; beef producers are proposing a change; those who have been breeding horses are quitting for some other line of farming.

Further than this, many are trying to sell out and move to some new locality, where they think chances will be better. Real estate men in the South are busy showing their lands to visiting Northern farmers, who are seeking new homes. A great many are going into orcharding, and the nurserymen have been unusually busy supplying stock, and many of them are sold out of leading varieties. There is a strong tendency towards small fruit gardening and truck farming, and the poultry business, I suppose, is having a boom. Now this is very natural, and maybe proper, but on general principles I cannot commend any considerable change, such as is going on now, as likely to prove very beneficial. If a farmer engaged all his life in sheep husbandry should quit and take up some line, say dairying, in which he has everything to learn, and elsewhere some other farmer drops dairying and engages in sheep, where is the gain for either,

and how will it add to the prosperity of the country? And suppose one-half of those engaged in producing horses should close out the business and go into fruit culture, and vice versa, what would be the profit to either class? All these changes are going on at this time quite rapidly, and I confess I do not see the wisdom of them. As a rule it is best to stick to a thing you know all about rather than to undertake that which you are ignorant of. As the Farm Journal aptly says, "Hold On is the name of the man who wins in the battle of life."

I do not mean by this that one must keep in the old ruts, must make no changes, for it is always well to move ahead, to do things better than heretofore, and I am sure if one is engaged in any branch of farming that he is unfitted for, which he dislikes, which his land is not adapted to, he had better try and change, but even then he should proceed with prudence and wisdom. He may gradually work out of one system into another, always remembering that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

ST. JOHNS ITEMS.

Lorens E. Hanson, our Populist townsman, has moved with his family to Mrs. Christianson's. After the 15th inst. he intends to move with his family to Becker county.

A. J. Nelson was in Raymond last Monday on business. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hanson have now made their home at J. J. Elveback's.

Miss Gina Nelson is now well again from her long illness for over a year. Rumor has it that Soren Sorenson has his weather-eye on a town of Edwards beauty. We wish you success, Soren.

Miss Pauline Hanson, who has been attending the Willmar Seminary, is now staying at home with her parents. The St. Johns Young People's Society held their regular meeting last Friday, the 10th inst., in the church. The well-known Edward Brekhus spoke and besides a very successful program was given, which was a credit to the society. It was decided to have a picnic the 4th of July and a committee was appointed to make further arrangements. The next regular meeting will be held on the 29th of June, in the evening.

The Ladies' Sewing Society will have their festival at Ole J. Pederson's the 11th of June. The Young People's Political and Literary Society is in the highest state of prosperity. They are holding meetings every Saturday evening, and are discussing the most important and leading issues of the day.

Miss Lizzie Pederson is attending the Seminary so as to better qualify herself as a school teacher. Edward Erickson is staying at home now.

Julius Nelson made an effort last Monday to get a job of Jim Hill, but did not succeed.

Miss Emma Hanson is now staying at V. A. Williamson's. Miss Carrie Greenfield is now at Nels Nelson's.

The cheese factory began business the 15th inst.

HOLUM ITEMS.

Elmer Travaas of this place is attending school in district No. 31.

The debating society met last Saturday evening. A good program was rendered.

Gustave Torrison left for his claim near Mille Lacs last week. B. O. Pickle, the genial traveling salesman for Dr. Ward's remedies for this county, canvassed this part of the county last week.

John Evenson and family have moved into their new dwelling house, lately erected on the O'Brien farm at this place.

Helge Freeze started for the northern part of Minnesota last week to look for a homestead.

Peter Otterson and family departed for their homestead in Mille Lacs county, last week.

The boys are now providing themselves with base-ball goods. They intend to keep the ball flying this summer.

tion of. A stack of hay was burned to the ground, but the fire was noticed and put out before it could spread. A dozen wolves have been killed in this locality this spring, by Theodore Torrison and a couple of sportsmen from Granite Falls. There are not many carnivorous animals left in this part of the county now, we are inclined to think.

CORRESPONDENT.

HOLLAND NEWS.

The farmers are busy breaking up the prairie. Louis Fletcher is putting up a windmill on his farm. P. Nelson, V. S., from Willmar, transacted business in this part of the county the first of last week.

The Clara City and the Erikson base-ball nines played a match game at B. A. Behrend's a week ago last Sunday. At the close of the sixth inning the Erikson nine had 36 scores and Clara City 9, which so disgusted the latter that they broke up the game and went home amid the cheers of the country lads.

BURBANK ITEMS.

Corn planting is nearly done. Mrs. O. S. Geer and daughter Gertrude went to Willmar last Saturday.

The late frost of the last few nights has killed most of the fruit crops. Rev. W. H. Sinclair will hold religious services in the Burbank church next Sunday.

C. S. Geer returned from his trip to Norfolk, Va. last Friday. He liked the country better than he expected.

REP.

Belgrade Market Report.

The ruling market prices at Belgrade on Thursday, the 16th day of May were as follows:
Wheat, 66 cents.
Oats, 30 cents.
Corn, 45 cents.
Live Beef, .275 to .375 cents.
Pork, live, .435 cents.
Potatoes, 50 cents.
Hay, \$3.50.
Butter, 12 cents.
Eggs, 10 cents.

BELGRADE NEWS.

T. J. Anderson will soon have his new store completed and then everybody look out for bargains. The Atlantic Elevator Co. are selling Minneapolis flour.

The farmers who come to Belgrade once for flour always come again, that is if they want good flour. S. J. Rocholl, county superintendent of schools, has been making his headquarters at Belgrade for a few days.

The Belgrade boys had a dance on Friday. The boys enjoyed themselves very much they claim. M. A. DeCamp of New London was in our midst on last Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Barker and Hilda Hanson of Elbow Lake have been visiting I. E. Peterson, our lumberman, for a few days. Everybody in Belgrade are cleaning their lots. Belgrade people believe in the old saying that "Cleanliness is Godliness."

Our school closes May 24th. J. M. Smith says he has sent for a fishing outfit and when it comes he is not going to give anybody else a chance to catch a fish.

Belgrade was visited on Tuesday by a mummy 9 1/2 feet tall. This mummy is supposed to be one of Lief Erickson's crew.

Willmar Tribune and the Representative \$1.75 per year. All English readers of the Tribune ought to take the Representative. It is Donnelly's paper, as you all know, and he tells truths and facts; as only Donnelly can tell them.

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Lars H. Larson will stand his 4 year old Percheron Stallion TORRIS

the coming season as follows: Mondays and Tuesdays at his farm in town of Lake Andrew, section 20; Wednesdays and Thursdays, at J. G. Monson's, Nest Lake, and Fridays and Saturdays at Freses' barn in Willmar.

The stallion is coal black, weighs 2000 lbs. and is a good breeder. Prices very reasonable. Be sure and give me a call before standing your mares. LARS H. LARSON, Proprietor.

FARMERS WANTS AND FOR SALE COLUMN.

As Willmar Tribune desires to subserve the farmers' interest in a practical way, we open this column for farmers who are subscribers for small ads of wants and for sale, at 10 cents for three lines per issue. When sending in ads for this column state how many issues you want it to run. Otherwise the ad will be continued from week to week until you notify us to stop it. Farmers having for sale or wanting to buy or exchange for something farm implements, seed grain, grass seed, help or anything else pertaining to the farm, can thus be brought together at a nominal expense.

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