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Stockraising in Northern Minnesota.

Ed. N. P. FARMER: Having received two letters from your county asking my opinion as regards the best breed of swine for a farmer to raise, I thought that I would reply through your paper, hoping that other breeders will reply through the same medium, and make your paper interesting to the farmer and breeder.

My preference is the "Berkshire" for the following reasons. 1. They are free from disease, (generally speaking.) 2. They are active and good feeders. 3. They are prolific breeders and make good mothers. 4th. They mature early and fatten readily at any age, and make the best pork of any breed that I ever raised, and I have raised all except the Poland China.

In selecting breeders be sure to not get them of kin, and get those that keep easy, and above all get none but the pure breed that are entitled to registry. And here let me advise your numerous farmers and breeders not to go out of the State to buy their stock, as you can get as good if not better in the State than outside. I have bought from breeders in sister States, and paid big prices and did not get near as good stock as I got of C. A. De Graff, Importer of breeds of blooded stock of all kinds, and of the best quality, and what he ships will be as good if not better than he represents. And right here let me add that it will pay any farmer or breeder to visit his stock farm at Janesville, Waseca county, Minn., and look over his stock. Our State is fortunate in having such an enthusiastic breeder and gentleman as Mr. DeGraff, who spends time and money in having the best the country affords, and places his stock in the market at prices so low that they are within the reach of all farmers.

I should be pleased to give my experience in breeding stock of any kind or answer enquiries with regard to stock through the medium of the N. P. FARMER during the winter, and trust that other breeders may do the same and try and make the FARMER one of our leading agricultural papers.

R. C. JEDSON.

The Farmer as a Hunter.

Hunting is an healthful and exciting recreation, and in some cases proves remunerative as well as enjoyable; but should not be indulged in to such an extent that your business suffers in consequence. The successful farmer is just as much a business man as the merchant, and farming may be made just as much a science as the study of geology. Therefore to make farming successful in the highest degree it must necessarily receive the careful thought and attention of the manager. There is no season of the year when a farmer can turn his attention to something else, other than his business with ultimate profit to himself. A merchant would not think of closing his store to go hunting for days at a time, and if he did you would call him foolish. Is not your business as important to you as the merchant's is to him? If the merchant can afford to hire somebody to conduct his business during his absence for a short period, well and good. The same with the farmer. If his business is such that he can afford to hire his work done and his business does not suffer by his absence that is well enough. There are many things which farmers in this country may do through the winter months to enhance the value of their property. The thrifty farmer does not wander through the woods day in and day out with a gun on his shoulder, but is all the while devising means to add to the attractiveness of his home and the profit of his business. This is not to say that hunting is objectionable in the farmer any more than in any other business man, and only becomes so when he allows anything which should be done about his property to remain undone while he indulges in the chase. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but reverse the words "work" and "play" and you will have an infinitely worse boy than you would under the original adage.

"Nothing succeeds like success" but success seldom crowns the efforts of any person in more than one direction, i. e. A man seldom realizes the full measure of success in more than one particular. The lawyer cannot combine mercantile business with his law practice and be individually successful at either. The doctor could not be an editor and doctor at the same time and achieve any eminence in one or the other. So it is with the farmer. His farm is his business and profession, and he becomes a professor who masters the art of farming just as much as the man who goes through college and masters the knowledge of medi-

cine. In whatever vocation a man may choose to earn his livelihood that becomes his business, and the more time he devotes to labor and thought in that direction the greater will be the measure of his success. But let him divide his time, this day to one thing and the next to something entirely in another direction and the chances are that he succeeds at nothing. Of course there are times when the farmer can hunt with profit, not pecuniarily but as a pastime to bring rest to his tired brain and prepare him for the work to come. There is no objection to hunting in the farmer at all except to himself, and it is he who is to decide for himself whether he can afford to hunt or do anything else outside of his farm.

If his stock is all well provided for against the cold blasts of winter; if he has no fencing, no cordwood, ties or logs that he could get out if he chose; no improvements to be made to his house; nothing to read which would give him valuable hints about his farm work; his machinery all well protected and so taken care of that everything will go to work like clock work next season, in fact if there is nothing for him to do about the farm, then hunting becomes a good amusement. Every day shortens a man's life, and sweetest is the sleep of him who utilizes every God-given moment to the best advantage.

LOCAL.

Charlie Stuart is expected home the latter part of this week.

Remember the oyster supper at the school house Thanksgiving.

Fresh oysters at Burch & Co's.

We see by some of our exchanges that the weather is growing cooler.

Gen. Thomas' statue was unveiled in Washington yesterday with imposing ceremonies.

Anton Gates has moved to Wadena with his family and started a blacksmith shop opposite Mr. Luce's residence.

Wm. Bement, a new-comer from Iowa, is building a small house on Third street for a residence. He will team during the winter.

E. E. Luce, Esq., is over to Fergus Falls courting. His wife remains at home and does not seem to make much ado about it.

The wives of Messrs. Meyer & Coon came upon them suddenly last night by the train. The boys were a good deal surprised, as they were not looking for them.

Mr. Canterbury has a first class horse-collar maker in the person of Mr. Burton. They are now making horse-collars a specialty, and the collars are better than can be found in common market.

We understand that Mr. Fred Lowe, who was run over by the cars at this place some time ago, is not doing as well as at first expected he would, and it is said he will have to lose both legs just above the ankle.

Mr. E. Berry, who has been one of the head workmen on the Wadena mill since its commencement last June, has gone to his home in Pine City. He will return to Wadena next spring if he succeeds in selling his farm at Pine City.

The farmers of the State should fight shy of a pair of sharpers who represent themselves as Blanchard & Bestwick of Minneapolis, and who are ostensibly selling agricultural implements or establishing agencies for their sale in the rural districts but who are fleecing and swindling the farmers instead. There is no such firm in Minneapolis nor has there ever been, so far as is known, and the pair are doubtless frauds.

Theodore Mamer, a practical machinist, who has been looking for a location, has purchased the house and lot of James Lamb, and has returned to Hastings where he has a brass and iron foundry. He proposes to dispose of his business there as soon as possible and move to Wadena and establish a foundry and machine shop here. Thus they come.

The family of Mr. Burton were riding through the timber a day or two since, and suddenly came upon two monstrous bucks engaged in angry combat. One of them was thrown just as the team came in sight of them and the boys set their small bulldog upon him. The dog leaped upon the monster and grabbed him by the throat, hanging on with true bulldog grit until the boys had knuckled him on the head with an ax. The other buck stood a short distance off pawing the earth and trying his horns on the adjoining trees, but as luck would have it the boys had no gun and consequently could not bag him so handily. It is very seldom that deer are killed with an ax.

There is a time and place for everything, but the proverbially "funny" man is no respecter of persons or occasion when he wishes to relieve himself of some meant-to-be witty idea.

Mr. A. Cowen, who is extensively known in this part of the State, as a dealer in farm machinery, came to Wadena about a month ago and, after spending several days here, departed ostensibly for Racine, Wis., but has not since been seen or heard from. He left a team at the Wadena House stable, which remained there uncalled for until Monday last, when some relatives called for it and took it back to Fergus Falls. Some parties claiming to have a mortgage on the team have since called for it. There are various rumors afloat, as usual, as to the probable reason of Mr. Cowen's mysterious disappearance. Some speak of the sudden departure of a Fergus Falls lady and nod their heads significantly. Others say he has left the country for the country's good. At all events he has departed.

Is It Murder?

Mr. Jones, living in Deer Creek, Otter Tail county, about five miles from Wadena, is a pension soldier, and as such is exempt under the law from paying poll tax. Notwithstanding this fact, he was sued some time ago for poll tax to the amount of \$3.00 and judgment rendered against him by a justice of the peace named W. S. Heathcote for that amount, together with costs, making a total of \$9.00, and an execution was issued against the goods and chattels of Mr. Jones to satisfy the judgment. The papers were taken to the sheriff of the county to be served but, being aware of the circumstances, he refused to do so, as did also his deputy, Mr. Knudson. Their next alternative was embraced and a man named Wilson sworn in as deputy constable and in company with two men named Sanford and Hoyt last Monday repaired to Mr. Jones' house during his absence (he being employed in the Wadena mill) and proceeded to carry off a large breaking plow to satisfy the judgment. Mrs. Jones objected to this plan and tried to prevent the men from carrying off the plow, which they had partially raised to the wagon box, and in doing so placed herself between the plow and the wagon. The men continued their operations regardless and in some unaccountable manner gave the woman a terrible jam by forcing the plow upon her. She managed to get to the house and Mr. Jones was sent for. Early Tuesday morning a neighbor was dispatched for Dr. Cromett, but being out of town he did not get the word until nearly noon. He reports that her injuries are internal and very serious but hopes they will not prove fatal. These are the facts in brief as near as can now be obtained. Who the faulty parties are remains to be seen. One thing is very evident and that is that Justices of the Peace in this frontier country should either be restricted in power or their qualification to fill the office more strictly fixed by law with a view to securing men of more legal understanding to dispense justice.

The Grist.

Thanksgiving one week from to-day, and we have no Turkey... The FARMER is one year old to-day... Correspondents will please refrain from advertising themselves in communications. We have advertising columns for that purpose... The wind whistled wildly Wednesday... Presson & Ostrander have nearly completed their addition... Fritz thinks he will have to change his location... Mr. Strasburg is erecting a good stable... There was a show in town Tuesday night for children... Some men supposed to have an interest in the village made themselves conspicuously absent at the citizens meeting... Where the ultimate end justifies all his means, spare not the means... A direct road from Wadena to Shell River is to be surveyed and cut immediately. So say we all... Colds are somewhat prevalent... Mr. Darling is to survey the new road to Shell River... Mr. Williams, of Wrightstown, was in town Monday and paid us for two years of the FARMER... Peter Brate thinks it would be a good scheme to have a shooting match on Thanksgiving day... Mr. Skinner is expected in a few days... Wadena had a distinguished visitor Tuesday... Many farmers would make more of hauling in wood than they do at hunting deer... Perhaps has got sidetracked on her front street... Better pull up the town well and spread it over the park for a skating rink... The average youth of Wadena looketh mournfully around for a frozen puddle to skate upon.

Neighborhood News.

LEAF RIVER.

From our own correspondent.

Leaf River boometh.

The crack of the hunter's rifle keeps company for the women and children.

Since the law don't charge anything for killing deer and buck skins adorn the fences and bushes around the pioneer cabins.

J. F. Williams killed the boss deer. He had nine points on his horns and the lead out of a box of cartridges in him.

The boys have returned from their Shell Lake hunt, and judging from their pile of game the farmer boys treat will be kinder small unless they are fond of mink and skunk hides as their success in hunting run in that direction.

Our sawmill is running at full blast and is doing first-class work.

Leaf River has to give room for two more hoosiers. Messrs. William and S. E. Morical of Ked Key, Ind., took up quarters among us last week. If we get a few more hoosiers I wonder if we won't be entitled to a Representative in the Indiana Legislature. Hoosiers are awful folks to hold a county seat. I think some of them had better go to Wadena.

W. R. Coons has taken a Homestead on section 8. Now he is O. K.

PARKERS PRAIRIE.

From our own correspondent.

This warm weather is just the thing for the farmers to finish up their fall plowing, and other fall work.

John G. Nelson is still threshing, and will finish the last setting this week.

Our church is to be furnished with two new stoves.

Mr. La Rue, our school teacher, is giving writing lessons at the school room on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Dr. Foward has become a member of the Parker's Prairie Cemetery Association. Lots ready for sale.

Alexandria still gets the most of our wheat.

FARMER SHARK.

FLOYD SETTLEMENT.

From our own correspondent.

Well we are all on the move and are enjoying good health, but greenly. He was down to Verdale the other night for green amusement, and fell through the railroad bridge, but came out all right except skinned shins.

Viola's old beau Billy Brooks came back in time to take her to a dance at Verdale last Friday night. The fun of it was the wagon tongue came out and they had a hard time to get it back again, and coming home they got lost in the Jack Pines. Well I suppose they wanted to make the road as long as possible. Clara says she has got Albert sure as Billy is here.

Nathan Palmer and party have been up north hunting.

The Modoc Band expect a call to play for a dance over the Leaf River before long.

A. Williams is away at present slinging beer over Vanzant's counter.

Verdale has a boss fiddler and a lawyer.

ONCE IN A WHILE.

COMPTON.

From our own correspondent.

Mr. Maulove is about again.

Butchering is the order of the day.

Rufus Darling, of Alexandria, is up on a short visit.

Another new comer from Clear Lake, Iowa, George McNamee. We should be glad to have him settle here.

Mr. Israel West had a bone in his foot broken by a hog tramping upon it. Queer, but true.

Mr. Nelson, the Illusionist gave an entertainment at the school house Saturday evening. The audience was rather small owing to the short notice given, but were well pleased with the performances. Mr. Nelson is an Italian and an exceptionally fine violinist. He gives an entertainment at the Oak Valley school house Sec. 8 on Tuesday evening. There seems to be a great scarcity of Thanksgiving turkey, but rabbits are plenty let us be thankful for rabbits. MCGAIX.

WING RIVER.

From our Special Correspondent.

Every thing seems to have assumed a quiet attitude. Farmers have all their fall work done and some appear to be burrowed for the winter others making preparations for spending their winter in the lumber woods.

Our county commissioners have not as yet arrived from the Shell River country on the survey of a county road to Verdale.

I am glad to hear of their being one peaceable and happy settlement in Wadena Co. and if Mr. "Once in a while" will please inform us here in Wing River how they

manage to get the peace; as we would like a little of it among us: but for the happy, I will come in its place, all right, if we can only get a little of the other.

Still they come and plenty room for more; a Mr. Welsh from Iowa settled on N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 22 and has put him up a house and intends stopping with us.

Any one having a fair yoke of oxen or steers to trade for horses or sell for part cash will find a good chance if he will just step down this way

TRAMP

LEAF RIVER MILLS.

From our own correspondent.

Leaf River Mill is situated five one-half miles from Wadena and is now running at full blast, Wright & Adams proprietors.

The bridge is ready to be put in and in a few days the crossing will be all right.

You may just say to Wozner that we will be easy on him this time but if he attempts to feed us on kerosene and Lucifer matches again we shall have an investigation.

PROGRESS.

PADDOCKS VALLEY.

Since we offer our little help to the FARMER allow us to say for ourselves, as we are set apart from our country towns, that we don't for once forget our locality, knowing well that the time is not far off when business with capital must visit us in our new-found land. It is true that there are a long way from market, and at present nothing to market. But with all our present misfortunes we wish to offer a word to the public as to our future prospects. Bottomed by one of the richest and handsomest valleys of the northwest, surrounded by hard wood and lacked up by one of the best lumbering countries ever penetrated by creatures. Lying within the bounds of one of the best driving streams in Minnesota, not to mention the four water powers within five miles. And abundance of game from a rabbit to a moose, of which we will gladly share with any one. Come and see us and eat venison and Irish potatoes.

EXPERIENCE.

Grant and the much mooted third term business is still being discussed by the national papers. That Mr. Grant does not desire a third term is a fact from his own lips. That he is a magnificent American no one can deny truthfully, that there are other men equally as good statesmen for the next resident no one has attempted to question. Then let the great hero rest at least a short four years, and honor some of our time tried Statesmen with the office of chief executive.

MARRIED—In Wadena on the 10th inst. by Rev. William Denley, Robert Neil, of Otter Tail county, to Mary Hacker of Wadena county.

Bluffton School Report.

The statistics for the month of October are as follows. Entire number enrolled, 43. Average daily attendance 27. Cases of tardiness 17. Number of visitors 18.

Average standing in scholarship, deportment and attendance

Minnie Handy 100. Amy Hurst 93 1-2. Mabel Low 99. Millie Walker 99. Charles Stow 98. Florence Crabtree 98. Dana Rolfe 98. Clara Malby 97. Eve Miller 96. William Miller 95. Annie Anderson 95. Emma Walker 95. Thomas Handy 94. Mary Kramer 93. Tobe Rice 92. Iva Miller 92. Alice Low 91. Chas. Hand 90. Lizzie Hurst 90. Joseph Hurst 89. Mary Chase 89. Lizzie Miller 89. LOTTIE J. ROSSMAN, Teacher.

Proposal for Wood.

Sealed proposals will be received for School District No. 1, until 12 o'clock on Nov. 29, 1879, at the office of John N. Heron, District Clerk, for wood in the following proportions:

5 cords half of green and half of dry Tamarack 3 feet long.
3 cords half of green and half of dry tamarack 4 feet long.
5 cords of green oak 3 feet long.
2 cords of green oak 4 feet long.

To be delivered at the school house in Wadena on or before December 25, 1879.

C. H. PEAK, Director.

Notice.

I have seasoned flouring and siding for sale at Bluffton. Car load just received Also a span of horses and yoke of oxen for sale or trade.

C. M. MALBY.

Club with the Farmer.

The FARMER will be sent to any address together with the following named journals, at the prices set opposite their names, for cash in advance:

Pioneer Press, \$2.65
Western Rural, 2.00
Harper's Weekly or Magazine, each, 4.00
Minnesota Farmer, 1.75
American Agriculturist, 2.70
St. Paul Weekly Globe, 2.50