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## THE SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

The successful farmer is the one who knows how to save and wisely apply everything about his premises in the shape of manure. After having exhausted every resource of his own, the farmer can look around for commercial fertilizers, if he should need them. In the first place, see that everything possible is saved in the horse stable. I like this stable to be kept clean and neat. I have a tight floor of oak plank just a little sloping. I keep constantly on hand a supply of sawdust and keep the floor littered all over with it. All liquids are absorbed by the sawdust, and being mixed with other ingredients, it becomes a valuable manure. It will heat rapidly and become "fire tanged" it allowed to accumulate too long a time. My plan has been to haul and spread it almost as fast as made on whatever field I was pasturing or intended to plow for some crop. My method with cattle has been different. In winter I keep them in a stable, and have a constant supply of litter under them, sufficient to keep them clean and dry. In case the accumulation of manure gets too large I haul it away, and spread it immediately. In the day time I let the stock run to a straw heap in the barnyard, which is small in compass and supplied with a pump for watering. In the spring I pile all the accumulations of the farmyard in a compact heap and let it remain until after harvest, by which time it will be thoroughly fermented and decayed. If there should be any dry straw remaining in the stack, I see that it is thoroughly mixed with the debris of the heap so that it may be decomposed. I usually have a mowing field which I intend to put in corn the next season. As soon as this is mowed, I spread on all the manure from the barnyard; I then pasture the field and continue to haul manure upon it during the fall and winter, until it is covered. I have a trough which conducts all the waste water from the kitchen and wash house to a receptacle prepared to receive it immediately behind the privy. Here I have a large heap of sawdust and leaves. Each day the contents of this receptacle are poured over the privy in a tight box; every few days the waste water is turned into then then the contents poured over the compost heap.

Cool.

A gentleman residing in a village, finding that the diminution of his wood-piles continued after his fires were out, lay awake one night in order to obtain, if possible some clue to the mystery. At an hour when all honest folk should be in bed, hearing an operator at work in the yard, he cautiously raised his window, and saw a lazy neighbor endeavoring to get a large log into his wheelbarrow. "You're a pretty fellow" said the owner, "to come here and steal my wood while sleep." "Yes," replied the thief, "and I suppose you would stay up there, and see me break my neck with lifting, before you'd offer to come and help me."

## A Handy Cat.

A poor Irishman applied to one of the overseers of the poor for relief, and upon some doubt being expressed as to whether he was a proper object for parochial relief, he enforced his suit with much earnestness. "Och, yer Honor, shure I'd be starved long since but for me cat." "But for your cat? How so?" asked the astonished overseer. "Sure, yer Honor, I could her eleven times for sixpence a time, and she was always home before I could get there myself."

An editor's wife never goes through her husband's other trousers pockets to strike a package of love letters. Editors are not the wicked, unfaithful men of the world—editors rarely have the other trousers.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

Kearney is making thinks hot in the east.

A stalk holder—the flower pot Sound investment—buying a telephone.

The tramps are coming to Oregon.

A sad iron—the one that is left to loan.

Daniel Wells committed suicide at Salem recently.

Wheat was quoted at Eugene City at 75 cents a bushel.

In Lane county the wheat is found to be a better quality than heretofore.

Settlers on Burch creek and Camas Prairie are busy gathering in their sheep.

Preparation for the legislature is being made at the Salem Capital buildings.

The Lafayette Courier say that the Canada thistle has made its appearance in Yanhill county.

There are now 238 insane persons in the East Portland Asylum, 70 of whom are women.

This season's export of salmon from the Columbia river has thus far amounted to a million of dollars.

The residence of Mrs. Sysveter, East Portland, was entered and \$35 dollars was taken therefrom.

Oregon crops though not so good as usual, will make up by the increased acreage throughout the State.

Application for space for exhibitors are daily being received by the Secretary of the State Fair Society.

The Oregon conference of the M. E. Church, will convene at Salem, Aug. 23th, Bishop Andrews presiding.

J. W. Sullivan had his fore-finger mashed off last week at Hubbard, while coupling some cars together.

A. Hobson, of Salem, wants a wife to "wash" for him and invites correspondents through San Francisco papers.

"The Baptist Beacon" is the title of a new paper published at Salem. Its mission is to further the interests of that denomination.

The Salem oil mills have been again started under the management of George P. Gray & Co. Joseph Holman will act as superintendent.

A freight car attached to the regular north bound passenger train, recently caught fire at Junction and partly consumed by the flames.

Somebody prints a book showing how to get "25 cent dinners for families." Now let someone write a book on "how to get the 25 cents."

Lieutenant Payson has gone to make an accurate survey of the Columbia river bar. He took a party of men with him to assist in the work.

A special term of Circuit Court for Jackson county, has been called by Judge Prim, to Andrew Galvin, on the charge of embezzlement.

A California paper advocates an amendment to the Constitution, declaring that voting is a duty which the citizen owes to the State, and that the Legislature shall pass law for its enforcement!

On August the 10th, an accident occurred on the railroad a short distance north of Brooks station. As the train was bounding along and swinging around a curve, a man driving a span of mules, was discovered crossing the track a short distance in front of the locomotive. The granger had been hauling hay and the coupling was long. He attempted to hurry up the mules, but it was of no use, the locomotive struck the hind wheels, the driver went up and then came down several yards away in a confused condition, the wagon was smashed and the mules departed for their residence in the country.

## WHY LIZZIE DIDN'T MARRY.

They were all seated together, side by side, on the sofa in the parlor.

"Lizzie," said he, "you must have read my heart ere this; you know how dearly I love you."

"Yes, Fred, she said, you have been very attentive."

"But, Lizzie, darling, do you love me? Will you be my wife?"

"Your wife, Fred? Above all things! No, indeed; nor any one else's."

"Lizzie, what do you mean?"

"Just what I say, Fred. I have two married sisters."

"Certainly; and Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Skinner have two very good husbands, I believe."

"So people say; but I wouldn't like to stand in either May's or Nell's shoes—that's all."

"Lizzie, you astonish me."

"Look here, Fred; I've had over twenty-three sleigh-rides this winter—thanks to you and my other gentlemen friends. Fred

wined a little here, whether at the remembrance of that unpaid livery, or at the idea of Lizzie's sleighing with the other gentlemen friends, I cannot positively

aver. "How many do you think my sisters have had? Not the sign of one, either of them. Such pretty girls as May and Nellie were, too and so much attention they used to have."

"Now, Lizzie—

I'm fond of going to the theater occasionally, as well as to a lecture or concert sometimes, and I shouldn't like it, if I proposed attending any such entertainment, to be invariably told that times are too hard, and that my husband couldn't afford it, and then to have him sneak off alone."

"Lizzie, Lizzie—

"And then, if, once in an age he should condescend to go with me anywhere in the evening, I shouldn't like to be left to pick my way along the slippery pieces, at the risk of breaking my neck, he walking unconsciously by my side. I'm of a dependent, clinging nature, and I need the protection of a strong arm."

"Lizzie, this is all nonsense."

"I'm the youngest of our family and perhaps, I've been a little spoiled. At all events, I know it would break my heart to have my husband vent all his ill-temper on me which he conceals from the rest of the world. No, no; Fred, as a lover you are splendid, and I would hate awfully to give you up. Still, if you are—

But, before Lizzie had concluded, Fred made for the door, muttering something "unmentionable to polite ears."

"There! exclaimed Lizzie, as the street door closed with a bang, I knew he was no better than the rest."

## Let the Children Alone.

The children are children as kittens are kittens. A sober, sensible old cat that sits and purrs before the fire does not "trouble herself because her ditten is dashing here and there in a fever of excitement to catch its own tail. She sits still and purrs on. People should do the same with children. One of the difficulties of home education is the impossibility of making parents keep still; it is with them, out of affection, all watch and worry."

## KEARNEY.

Under date of August 10 the sand lot orator addressed a large concourse of people in New York City. He continues his declamatory anathemas against capitalists and says the "lecherous bondholders and mortgage smashers must go." He goes to Massachusetts to speak.

A very important question for a young man or for his parents to decide is the choice of a profession—the decision shaping his whole future career. In this important matter there must be caution in the decision—not too much haste—for many, very many, decide unwisely, and are then wretched through life in having mistaken their vocation.

## MINING NEWS.

From the Jacksonville Sentinel of a late date the following are taken:

The Coyote creek gravel-claims located partly in Jackson county and owned by H. Kelly & Co., have been burgained for by a Portland company at a cost of \$30,000.

Another delay of a few days in the Klippel Hanna & Co. Mines, last week, caused by the breaking of the ditch flume, but repairs have again been made and piping goes on steadily on. They have everything in good order.

The Rising Star Company's claims are situated on Wolf creek, about five miles from Brimstone. The water-ditch, which is being constructed, will be about eight or ten miles in length. Their mine is known to be very rich.

Preparations are being made at the mines of Bybee, Hawtack & Co. for the commencement of work on their new ditch. C. J. Howard went down last Monday to make the survey, after which the digging of the ditch will begin. It will be about three miles in length and the water will be taken from Limpy creek.

Piping continues at the mines owned Chinaman Lin, on Applegate, and from appearances they can work for some time yet, and their supply of water may last until the winter rains begin. They generally clean up once a month at these mines, and they have realized upwards of \$100 per day.

At the Sterling mines piping has been suspended for the season and they are now engaged in making a clean-up. They have washed an immense amount of gravel since commencing work and their returns, of course, will correspondingly large.

The gravel creek ditch and mining company, whose works are in Josephine county, are prospecting work on their ditch, and twelve hands now being employed. This ditch is to be twenty-two miles in length, and will convey water from Greve creek on the rich gravel beds at Brimstone gulch, about four miles west of the stage road.

John Cimborosky returned from Beaver creek last Sunday, where he has been engaged for some time past in digging a tunnel for the Elkhorn mining company. The tunnel is low about a hundred feet in length, but one day last week, while at work an immense volume of water commenced coming down from overhead at a point between where Mr. Cimborosky was at work and the opening of the tunnel, placing him in rather a perilous position. He succeeded in getting out safely, however, but work will be suspended for a time.

The progress made in navigation by ocean steamers is far more surprising than most people are aware. At the present day fifteen times as much freight can be carried across the Atlantic in one-half the time, and at an expenditure of less than one-half times as much fuel as in 1840. This has been shown by a comparison of the data of recorded averages of the steamship Britannica 1840 and the steamship Britannica in 1877.

The free lands of the for West are being taken up and settled this year to a most gratifying degree, in the face of the overcrowded mechanical departments of metropolitan life. Several millions more acres of homesteads have been entered for settlement at the various land offices than in 1876 and 1877, and still the Western movement continues in force.

Since the return of Dom Pedro to Brazil there has been a general overhauling of the public service and a cutting down of expenses. One colony of 700 people had on its list of paid government officials a director, an engineer, a music teacher, a dancing-master, and five midwives. In other districts boats of unauthorized employments had been created. Retrenchment is the order of the day.

## A MEAN MAN.

"Speaking of gall," remarked an eastern printer last evening in a C street beer saloon, "talking of solid cheek, I never saw a man who had more of it than Pete Blivens, of Kansas City. Three of us used to room together there in 1872. One night in July—it was so hot that if you'd chuck water on the side of a horse it would sizz like so much hot iron we concluded to go down and sleep on one of the timber rafts on the river. Well we got on the raft with our blankets. Just before turning in Pete Blivens said he guessed he'd cool off by taking a swim. I knew the current would snatch him right under, but didn't want to give him any advice and he dived off the end of the raft. The under-tow caught and sent him out of sight in about three seconds. As soon as we saw he was drowned me and the other chap went for his effects. We found \$8.50 in his pants pocket and an old watch. We took 'em up town and soaked the clothes for \$9 and sold the watch for \$12. Then we went round town on a sort of a jamboree and spent the money. About 5 o'clock in the morning we were drinking up the last dollar with some of the boys at the Blue Corner, when who should walk in but Pete himself in an old suit of clothes that he'd borrowed off a man three miles down the river. And hang me if he didn't demand his clothes, and the next day he was 'round daunting us for the paltry \$8.50."

## Fashion Hints.

Sleeves are still made to fit the arms closely, and have very small cuffs, if any.

Soft facings of barred crinoline muslin are used in silk skirts instead of stiff wiggings.

Black net mits are now universally adopted and are a comfort in the way of both economy and coolness.

Lace bonnets for young ladies to wear on full dress occasions in the summer are made in baby shape of else regular capotes.

A jabot of loops of narrow ribbon is set down one side of the apron front of dresses. Sometimes these loops are many colored.

Basques are becoming quite short in front, extending not more than five or six inches below the waist line. They remain very long behind.

Very small buttons are being used again on dress waists. The leading modests use small jet buttons shaped like a shoe buttons but cut in facets, for black dresses.

A good looking Irishman, stopping at a hotel to warm himself, inquired of the landlord, "What is the news? The landlord disposed to run him, replied, They say the devil is dead. An' sure, said Pat, that's news indeed. Shortly after he went to the bar, laid down a few coppers and resumed his seat. The landlord, always ready for a customer, asked him what he wanted. Nothing at all, said Pat. Why, then did you put this money here? An' sure, sir, it's the custom of me country, when a chap loses his daddy to contribute a few coppers for the wake.

"Did you ever dabble in stocks?" asked a lawyer of a witness who was known to have fled from his native land to this asylum of the free. "Well, yes, I got my foot in 'em once, in the old country," was the reply.

Not a freight team has passed over the Booe City and Umatilla route for over a month. The terrible fate of McCoy, McLanahan and Smith, has deterred others from passing over this route.

Patagonia is a very attractive country. It climate is the coldest, its men the tallest, and its women the ugliest specimens of the human race. This delightful country is destined to become very important in consequence of the recent discovery of gold there.

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Hop picking will be commenced about the first of September. Puycallup valley will then present a very lively scene.

Mr. Charles Chancy has been appointed Superintendent of the Puget Sound Steam Navigation Company's line, with headquarters at Tacoma.

The night watchman on the railroad wharf at Seattle took a cold bath off the wharf the other night. He was in full dress, so no city ordinance was violated.

The Olympia Standard says the receipt of the Olympia Tenino Railroad have been from \$40 to \$50 per day ever since it was opened to business, and as the expenses of operation do not exceed \$12 per day, a very fair margin is left for profit.

Engineer Scoury and party of twelve men started from Seattle Thursday to survey the route for the new ten mile extension of the Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad. The grading is to commence immediately on the completion of the survey.

As we go to press, says the Tribune, a fire started in the fallen timber and flashed brush near the wharf lately used by the Seattle Coal and Transportation Co., at the junction of the city with Belltown, is spreading to such a degree as to threaten the dwellings in the vicinity.

The steamer Olympia arrived at Seattle Thursday afternoon, and proceeded to Tacoma, where she will remain until her return next Tuesday. Under this arrangement she will only make two trips a week between Tacoma and Port Townsend, going no farther up the Sound than the former port.

The Darwinian theory existed long before Darwin saw the light. A Japan correspondent says that he saw, wrought in inlaid wood on a door in the great temple of Ligmoto, a scene showing first a monkey, then an ape, then a gorilla, and so on up by gradual development until the final one of the series was a perfect man, surrounded by elephants and curious birds. The door was several hundred years old.

The cruelty of which a Wisconsin woman complains, in her suit for divorce, is that her husband tied her securely and shaved her head. The defense is that she bleached her black hair to lemon color by the use of acid, and that he deemed such a thing highly scandalous, took the only means of undoing what she had done. He says that he bought a wig for her, imitating her natural hair, so that her bare head might be concealed while nature was remedying the disfiguration.

Eight wheel-barrows for the accommodation of the intoxicated were delivered in Dundee, Scotland, a fortnight ago. Each barrow is shaped like a coffin, mounted on double springs, and is 30 inches wide at the top and 24 inches at the foot. There is a box on top on which the inebriate or insensible passenger will rest. It is painted red inside and dark green outside; while the wheels are stenciled in bright colors.

A gentleman in Massachusetts, being threatened with a contagious disease, said to his little son who, in an affectionate mood, said him: "You mustn't hug me tight, you'll catch the scarlet fever. Willie, standing back, looking in amazement upon his father, who was a pattern of propriety, and quickly asked: Why, father, who did you hug?"

The Brooklyn Union-Argus finds on the reverse side of the new silver dollar "an eagle in a spasm, as if it had been exposed two hours in an amateur shooting match."

New York City possesses two lepers. They occupy apartments in Charity Hospital. One is a New York man, and the other a Cuban.