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### Arid Farming.

We are firmly convinced that the getting of water on the thousands of acres in snake-river valley, is not the only way of solving the problem of making these rich lands profitable. Not many years hence hundreds and thousands of acres above the canal lines will be successfully farmed without irrigation. When that time comes, hundreds of our farmers who are to-day scrambling and running over one another to get land under the canal and suffering every privation to meet the payments of such lands and water, will condemn themselves for not having filed on a few hundred acres of bench land and learned thru wisdom and experience how to successfully farm such lands. By wisdom we mean the reading of what is being done on every side of us and conferring with those who are very successful in this line of work.

Down the river a little way to the north there are the Gibson boys—the editors of the Gem state Rural—who are telling in the columns of their paper their own actual success as practical arid farmers, and a little way to the south at Logan Utah there are the Utah Agricultual boys—Widtsoe and Merrill the editors of the Deseret Farmer who are telling exactly the same story with reference to their 6000A. dry farm in Juab County. Now these men have wedded science and practice and are putting forth every week most excellent papers which if persued by our farmers would result in giving a great impetus to the agricultual interest of the west.

Not only are these gentlemen giving their own experience but they are giving the experience of dozens of other practical, successful farmers. To read their papers, makes one feel that this is indeed a "farming age" and that no field offers more inducements to day than does that of agriculture. Of agricultural pursuits there is none surer than that of arid farming.

Most of the people of this region we presume have traveled over Western Cache Valley, and have noted the dry bench lands near Cache Junction. More uninviting, more barren, more desolate hill sides would be hard to find. And yet these same hillsides have been taken up in recent years and thru careful and scientific agriculture have been made to produce abundantly without irrigation.

One of the most successful farmers of the west Hon. George L. Farrell of Smithfield Ut. is the man who has been largely instrumental in making this practical demonstration near Cache Junction. His dry farm there has practically made him a wealthy man. For that reason we have reproduced in another column a letter of advice to farmers in Utah from his pen with the belief that the same advice will apply equally well to the farmers in Idaho, and with the hope that it will bear good fruit in Cassia County.

## ADVICE TO FARMERS.

**(From the Logan Republican.)**

By George L. Farrell.

Now is the time to prepare summer fallowed land for sowing fall wheat. See to it that the ground is well pulverized and free from weeds and trash of every description, before you undertake to sow grain. Then procure the very best of seed viz: Gold Coin or the Winter Lasalle, but if possible procure the Gold Coin if you have to go one or two hundred miles to get it, as it is the best yielder and the best milling wheat in the market, also the best dry farm wheat in the state. It has a good stiff straw about 3 feet long, does not lodge or rust and will sell readily from one to three cents per bushel more than any other kind of wheat in the market, and will yield from 3 to 5 bushel more per acre, and the straw is good for feeding stock in the winter. Therefore, my advice to all farmers is, sow the Gold Coin Winter Wheat, as it is a nice white grain and all millers are seeking it, and the wheat merchants are buying it in preferance to any other kind. It is very hardy and stands the winter well. If sown any time from Sept. 1st to Oct. 15th will get well rooted in any land that is well pulverized and free from weeds. My advise to all dry farmers is to commence to piow your ground that you wish to summer fallow as soon as possible this fall, not less than eight inches deep, aud if you can possibly do so, subsoil the same 6 inches deeper which will make 14 inches in depth to receive all the moisture that may fall through the winter; leave the ground rough until spring for the frost and snow to fertilize through the winter, then in the spring soon as the ground is dry enough, go over it cross-wise with your disk, and lengthwise with the harrow, and continue disking and harrowing at intervals through the summer to kill all weeds and pulverize the soil perfectly so as to preserve all the moisture possible; then a short time before sowing put on your leveler and level the surface nicely, previous to sowing the wheat. My advice to all farmers, especially those who have dry farms is to sow fall wheat in Sept. and none later than Oct. 15th. After this time, wait till spring, then work over the soil with disk harrow and leveler, and sow in March if possible, with New Zealand spring wheat but not sow later than April 15th to raise a satisfactory crop. Then all your summer fallowed land that was not plowed last fall commence as early as possible while the ground is moist, but not too wet. Plow deep and thoroughly pulverize the soil through the summer months as before stated, and unless some unforseen thing happens you are almost sure of a good crop.

I am receiving dozens of letters asking so many questions that it would take all my time to answer them, I therefore have concludrd to write and answer all these questions and give such information that is necessary at intervals through the season each year and have them publshed in THE LOGAN REPUBLICAN which has promised to print them regularly, therefore send me your subscriptions and I will have them entered upon the list.

I have received 8 letters today asking the questions which I will answer in this issue of the paper. I recommend farmers to sow on dry farms from 30 to 40 lbs. per acre and 60 to 72 lbs. on irrigated lands.

I find the Danielson Double Disk plow and subsoil attachment a splendid implement and easily handled. 4 good horses will run it and plow 5 or 6 acres per day when the ground is reasonably moist, the same team will plow and subsoil half that amount by taking off one disk and put on subsoiler, which can be done in 10 minutes or less and the off horse will be walking upon the solid ground, which cannot be done with a subsoiler alone. Some farmers burn their stubble before plowing. This should never be done. Plow it under and reap the benefit. I consider the superior disk drill, far better than a shoe drill, as it gives much more room for the seed to spread in falling while the shoe drill drops the seed so close that its roots draw the moisture from the ground so much quicker than where it has more room to spread.

Haul your straw out and spread over your fields for the cattle to eat through the winter, so that all your land gets the benefit of the manure. Some people carelessly let their stock run to the straw stack and feed through winter, which is not economy, far better pay a man $1.00 per head to haul it out and spread it for them to eat which will give the small cattle the same chanee as the large ones and make them all a good bed, and have the manure spread all over the field evenly.

I hope the farmers will be united in sowing wheat of the same color so that if it is mixed it will not be dockin price, as red and white wheat is not marketable.

Yours for good grain, good crops, and good markets,

GEO. L. FARRELL,
Smithfield, Utah.

### The School Opening.

The schools are open again; the streets are gay with bright dresses and swinging satchels, and they have the right of way. Around the school houses are swarms of little humanity and the chatter is as though a wilderness of mocking birds were holding a convention. There is no finer sight; there is no sweeter music. There they are on the threshold, not a care in their lives, not a thought in their minds but of hope and a future filled with gladness. They do not realize how swiftly the years are hurrying them on, what a little while it will be when those that are facing the heat of the day now will be pushed aside, and they will have to pick up the burdens and carry them. What a farce-comedy this life is anyway; how swift the acts, how soon the curtain will be rung down and the whole play will be forgotten. Goodwin's Weekly.

### Thomas Huxley's Definition of Education—

That man, I think, has a liberal education whose body has been so trained in youth that it is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold, logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength and in smooth running order; ready, like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work and to spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with the knowledge of the great fundamental truths of nature and the laws of the operations; one who, no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions have been trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender concience; one who has learned to love all beauty, whether of nature or of art, to hate all vileness, and to esteem others as himself.

### Better to be a Good Father Than President.

President Roosevelt, amidst all his cares, finds time to devote to his boys, and once every summer he takes them out on a camping expedition. This year they all boarded a boat and went off to some spot on Long Island, where camp was pitched entirely out of the world, no one but Private Secretary Loeb knowing where the family had gone. When the boys grow up, every last one of them will be found loyal in the highest degree to their father There are many fathers who wonder why it is that their boys manifest but little interest in them. These might learn a lesson from the president. Boise Statesman.

### Level Headed Proposition.

A well known writer remarks that if you own a farm and are out of debt, don't work yourself and wife into premature graves for the sake of getting more land and making more money. You have but one life to live and it is a very brief one at the best. Take a little comfort as you go along day by day and try to do a little good to others. A morbid insatiate desire to own the earth, to grab everything in sight, lies at the foundation of more unhappiness in the world than any other thing. After you are gone the world will not long remember you by the size of the estate you left behind you, but a good life well lived will keep your memory green.

### Chinese Treatment of Animals.

They never punish; hence a mule that in the hands of a foreigner would be useless or dangerous to those about it becomes in the possession of a Chinaman as a lamb. We never beheld a runaway, a jibing or a vicious mule or pony in a Chinaman's employment, but found the same rattling, cheerful pace maintained over heavy or light roads, by means of a tur-r or cluck-k, the beast turning to right or left, and stopping with but a hint from the reins. This treatment is extended to all the animals they press into the service. Often have I admired the tact exhibited in getting a large drove of sheep through narrow, crowded streets and alleys, by merely having a little boy lead one of the quietest of the flock in front; the others steadily followed. Cattle, pigs and birds are equally trained.

We met in paris in 1869 Mr. Burlingame, who was then our minister to China. We ask him whether a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals ought not to be formed in China. His reply was that there was no such thing in China as cruelty to animals; the Chinese were about the kindest people in the world in their treatment of them.

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