

Gem State Rural

Entered at the Post Office at Caldwell as second class mail matter.

Published Every Thursday by the

Gem State Rural Publishing Co., Ltd.

A paper devoted to Horticulture, Live Stock, Farm, Irrigation, Poultry and Bee Culture, and generally to advance the Agricultural interests of the State of Idaho.

A. E. GIPSON.....Editor.
J. H. GIPSON.....Business Manager.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

In Advance.....\$1.00 per year
When not paid in Advance.....\$1.50 per year
Sample Copies Furnished Free Upon Application.

ADVERTISING RATES

FURNISHED ON APPLICATION.

Owing to the growth in the circulation, necessitating the closing of forms early in the week, all copy for display advertisements intended for insertion in the Gem State Rural, must be in the hands of the Advertising Manager at the opening of business on Monday morning of the same week.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

In accordance with the established custom of leading class papers the Gem State Rural will be sent, and collected for, until notice is given for discontinuance. One such notice will be sufficient.

Communications to receive prompt attention should be addressed to the Gem State Rural, Caldwell, Idaho.

Local fairs are in prospect in several counties of the State. They are good things to encourage.

We are enlarging our market reports and intend to pay close attention to this feature.

Rice flour is one of the latest additions to the American cuisine. Great things are claimed for it and why not?

We make liberal rates to farmer's clubs or associations. Write us for these special rates.

Sweet clover is one of the best plants for correcting excessive alkali. It "sweetens" the land quicker than almost any other crop.

It does us good to hear people inquiring about this or that advertisement in the Gem State Rural. It shows they are looking up opportunities.

The Gem State Rural is planning a lively campaign for the coming fall and winter. We want every friend of the paper to help us in this campaign.

Correspondence is desired from every farming community in our State and we would be glad to hear from those who are in a position to represent us.

The Gem State Rural would like the name of every creamery and commercial dairy in the state, as well as of the proprietor thereof. We want to keep in close touch with the dairy interests and will greatly appreciate any items, or matters of public interest, connected with them.

Drop us a line about your farming experiences this year, or ask any question you may want to have answered. The Gem State Rural is open to you. Take advantage of it.

It isn't necessary to print a big bulky paper in order to have a good one, or to give full value to subscribers. What is said and how it is said, rather than how much, is what counts.

A trial 3-months subscription to the Gem State Rural, strictly for introductory purposes, for only 15 cents. Here is a chance to find out what Idaho's Farm and Fruit paper is like. Let us send it to you.

These are vacation days, and a pressure of work, with the absence of important members of our office force, compels us to go to press with a less number of pages than usual in order to get out on time.

The last issue of our highly valued contemporary, the Oregon Agriculturist and Rural Northwest, has some pleasant words for the Gem State Rural and its editor, which, we beg to assure Brother Williamson, are duly appreciated.

There is a satisfaction in reading a live, snappy paper, whether one always agrees with it or not. Such a paper is the Chicago Live Stock World. It's a good illustration of the point that a publication devoted largely to live stock and farm matters, need not necessarily be dull and prosy.

Idaho, or some other state in the arid zone, should have had object lessons or demonstrations in irrigation at the Lewis and Clark fair. Such an exhibition with a practical man in charge, would have made an interesting feature, and have rendered good service to the cause of irrigation.

The Press Bureau, of the Lewis and Clark Fair, is doing good service. It is not only sends out reliable and interesting information about the Exposition, but extends other courtesies to the press that are appreciated. Visiting newspaper people will find the Press Bureau a comfortable place to make headquarters while on the Exposition grounds.

The Deseret Farmer has moved from Logan to Salt Lake. Some of the staff of that publication, who were members of the faculty of the Utah Agricultural College, seem to have had a clashing with those in authority at that institution, and were left out; but they keep right on making a useful little paper just the same, and one that the farmers of Utah ought to liberally sustain.

Several local horse breeder's associations have been organized in the northern portion of Idaho, in addition to those reported by the Gem State Rural. These are among the farmers of Stites, Nez Perce, Russell, Lowe and Grangeville. High priced draught stallions have been brought with a view to improving the farm animals. All this is an additional evidence that Idaho is destined to take high rank in the production of good horses.

In passing Meacham, a station along the Oregon Short Line, up among the pine clad hills of Oregon, the other day, we noticed the "hot weather headquarters" of the Irrigon Irrigator, our wideawake Oregon contemporary. It was strictly a tent proposition and occurred to us to be a most sensible vacation lay out. Now, we may look for breezy editorials, whether they "smell of the pines" or not.

The Oregon Short Line is doing a good thing in parking a portion of its grounds at the different railroad stations. It is not only a pleasant relief to the eye to see trees and ornamentals, and green grass, carefully clipped, but it's an object lesson that helps to advertise the country. There may be some things for which the railway people merit criticism, but this parking system is certainly not one of them.

Those who are starting in to farm by irrigation, will do well to remember that it's an important thing to have the land properly graded in advance of planting. The first expense is sometimes considerable, but it pays in the long run; in fact, land improperly prepared is always an annoyance and not infrequently an expensive, one. For that reason beginners will make no mistake by putting their land in proper shape before seeding. The paper by Mr. Weymouth, in this issue, contains some good suggestions. He has had extensive experience in the work and knows what he is talking about.

Twin Falls people celebrated, on Monday of this week, the advent of the railroad to that flourishing point. It was a remarkable showing, even in this age of quick work and big achievements. They were not only able to show a well built, wideawake city, laid upon foundations that will be enduring, but an astonishing agricultural development, considering the time in which it has been made. All in all, it was a most auspicious demonstration and fully merits the praise that has been bestowed by the press and public generally. Long live Twin Falls and its farmer demonstrators. They have an object lesson worthy of imitation, as well as of admiration.

Horses Eat Old Potatoes and Die.

A Colorado farmer recently lost three valuable horses by turning them into a potato cellar, where last year's crop had been stored. He thought the animals would "escape the hot sun and the pesky flies" and had no idea they would eat the old potatoes or if they did that the tubers would harm them. But in this he was mistaken. The horses helped themselves liberally and the veterinary says that the mouldy growth accumulated on the tubers caused the fatal results.

This should be a warning to people who feed any kind of mouldy vegetables to animals. They are not only unwholesome but dangerous.

The Gem State Rural is still ready and anxious to give free, first class, round trip transportation to and from the Lewis and Clark Exposition, in exchange for subscriptions. There is plenty of time, and if you are interested write at once for particulars. It's an easy chance to see the great fair.