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THERE IS NO DANGER OF GROW-ING CLOVER TOO EARLY.

Advice of a Missouri Farmer-Ducks Without Ponds - Balanced Rations-Sheep-Farm Notes and Home Hints.

#### Sow Clover Early.

Writing of his experience at the farmers' institutes in Missouri, T. B. Terry said in regard to the above:

Let me give some points from Mr. Patterson's practice. He is an old man, of long experience, as well as a very progressive and successful man. He says: "Sow the clover seed early, every time; early in February in this latitude. No danger of getting it in too early. Sown in the fall it injures the wheat. I have never met with failure from early sowing. I clip my stubble in the fall, and keep weeds down and keep stock off, and let the young clover grow."

Mr. P. is a dairyman, and this is the way he talks to the farmers at the institute: "There are three things you want to do-make a living, lay up a little money, and improve your farms. You get from 150 to 200 pounds of butter from a cow, and sell it at from ten to twenty-five cents a pound, and that is living. Get better cows and take better care of them, make them warm and comfortable and feed properly, and get 100 pounds more butter per cow, have it always fine, send it to the cities, and get twenty-seven cents, as I do, and that is not only living but making money; and if you save the manure with care, and follow a good rotation with clover, and buy some bran or oil meal to feed with your corn, as you should, your farms will be gaining in fertility instead of slowly running down." Solid truth, my friends, and the same line of reasoning may be applied to cattle keeping. While I can give the substance of friend Patterson's talks, it is simply impossible to report his peculiar style of getting in fine hits. I will try just one: "If a cow is mean, and kicks, why you don't need to be mean, too." Perhaps some readers may get an idea of some of the farming here, from a quotation from one paper read last night: "The Western farmer works more hours to raise more corn. to buy more land, to work more hours on, to raise more corn, etc. If he owned the world he would want to rent a patch outside for corn." This may seem a little severe, but one spread-out farmer last night, told the writer, in the institute, that he (myself) had no ambition, or he never would be content with 50 acres. The hen that tries to cover 50 eggs may not come out any butter, after all her ambition and worry, than one whose ambition is to hatch each and every one out of one dozen eggs.

## Ducks Without Ponds.

It was once supposed that ducks the best attention. could not be raised without ponds of water, but they are now kept in brooders 5x7 feet square, with yards 5x16 feet (100 in each yard), until they are eight or ten weeks old. when they are ready for market. Ducks are profitable if sold as soon as they reach four pounds weight, or five retain rapid growth and increase for will make the soil hard and lifeless. all the food they may consume up to that age. After that time they do not pay except to keep a few, unless they have a pond and grass run.

If raised under hens, keep the hen and young ducks in little coops and runs, away from water. In fact, until the ducks are feathered. they should be given drinking water in a manner only to allow of their getting their beaks wet, for contrary to the old saying that "wet weather is splendid for young ducks," nothing is so fatal

four hours old, on a mixture of mashed potatoes, which may be thickened with ground grain (composed of equal parts of corn meal, ground oats and middlings), and give them all the milk they can drink. Scald all the food for the first two weeks. After they are three days old, give them meat, chopped fine, (or ground meat), mixed in their food three times a week. Chopped grass, cabbage, vegetable tops, clover hay chopped and steeped in water, or any kind of green food may be given liberally. After a second week cooked turnips and ground grain will answer, with a little ground meat. Feed four times a day until they go to market.

If raised in incubators feed them in little troughs, to avoid fouling the food. They require plenty of heat in the brooding at first, but after they are four weeks old, can do well without it. Give them plenty of drinking water always, and let it be clean.

From January 1 to May 1 is only eighteen weeks, and as the ducks must lay enough eggs for hatching, a little time will be lost in that direction. Then the ducks may have to be dieted to get them into proper condition, as many make the mistake of feeding them too much grain, thus having them too fat. If this is the case the best course to pursue in " feed them only once a day for a week, late in the evening, on some bulky food, such as cooked turnips with a small allowance of bran. Plenty of water should be supplied, however, and skimmed milk freely given. At the end of the week the ducks should be fed on cooked turnips, with more bran, and some kind of animal food. such as ground meat or fresh meat from the butcher. This may be given best to endeavor to separate the layer domestic duck.

from the non-layers until they are all laying regularly. Always mix their soft feed with skimmed milk, if it is plentiful, and use ground oats, bran or chop in proference to corn or cornmeal, in order to avoid making them too fat -Poultry Keeper.

#### Balanced Rations.

A good deal of unintelligent criticism has been published from time to time concerning "balanced" rations andfeeding standards. Prof. Woll answers these criticisms very cleverly

as follows: "From what has been said, it is clear that the feeding standard is not intended to be an infallible rule, always securing the best results to the feeder. No two animals have exactly same power of converting the food into milk constituents at different stages of the same period of lactation. No feeding standard can therefore supplement the judgment of the good feeder; each cow must receive a liar requirements; some cows may be stimulated by high feeding, and the farther they can be driven in this direction, up to a certain limit, the more profit they will bring their owners, while others will lay on flesh by such feeding, and and a help to a rational system of Democratic state ticket, and such a feeding. It will allow of considerable latitude either way; the milking placed in the field had it not been for qualities of the cow as well as the market prices of the different feed stuffs and of the dairy products will tide, and an endorsement of the entargely determine whether more nitire People's party ticket was the retrogenous and more cabonaceous feed dard ration as given, will, we believe. principles and demands. He took the show the average quantities of nutrients necessary to produce a large flow of milk economically under our present conditions; it does not offer to do away with the intelligence on the part of the feeder, but it calls into service his best judgement in his wo.k.-Coleman's Rural World.

#### Farm Notes.

Raise the best articles and put them in the best shape.

Grow something out of season, like

early lambs or broilers. A ration that is complete at one time may not be at another.

It is the skill that tells, and having skill simply means knowing how.

the caves, it leaves the farmer the sition to the Republican party.

skim-milk. Farming and the farm are not distasteful to those that embrace its op-

portunities. So far as possible growing animals should have an opportunity to exer-

cise every day.

do things well. The horse is the principal motive half of the People's party ticket, and power on the farm and hence needs his endorsement of

dition, if a horse is to make any favor by the People's party men in all money for the owner.

When there is no profit in the farm dairying it will be a good plan to find out the cause and remove it.

Too much using of commercial ferpounds at the highest, as they will tilizers and selling off the farm crops The purity and high breeding of

transmit its good qualities to its off-

ure, we must never calculate to get the question. The facts are well the full value of the feed in the known, and the arguments pro and manure.

Some very careful farmers claim that ammonia is generated from shade, and the more shade the more plant food.

Feed them, after they are twenty- not go far enough. A good plan of management with

the horses, at least, is to sell the can determine the wisdom of the geldings and the older mares 'and keep the best of the fillies.

## Home Hints.

Dried fruits are best kept in bags and hung upon a dry wall.

Do not salt your steak until after it has been broiled unless you wish to extract the juices of the meat.

If milk is to be kept over night, it Is better to place it in small tins than hope that Senator Martin's course to keep a larger quantity in one may be such as to show our judgment

board than in a refrigerator, as it termine whether those impressions would be apt to get damp and heavy are correct or not. We can only in the latter place.

hands the odor of fish or onions rub the state. If Senator Martin's course the hands with fine salt and then shall be such as to demonstrate the give them a warm water bath.

of white wax and two of spermaceti rest the responsibility, and the praise are melted together, and a little of a or blame which shall attach to their thick solution of gum arabic is used action will appear from the record in the starch, a tablespoonful being to be made by the senator-elect. enough for a pint of starch. The following is an excellent recipe

for furniture polish: One pint of lin- purchasing power of the dollar inseed oil, half a pint of gin, quarter of creases. It seems to me that there a pint of turpentine, one ounce of ought to be no one so devoid of intelbutyr of antimony (poison), and a ligence as not to understand this sim-quarter of a pint of vinegar. Put ple proposition. It follows then as these ingredients into a wine bottle the purchasing power of the dollar and shake well. Rub briskly on the increases men who have contracted furniture with a flannel.

In cooking a roast, even a small creditors gain. The great majority one may be saved from ruin by hav- are the debtor class and have long ing the oven so hot that it will instantly harden the outside surface. This keeps in the juices of the meat. that is silently but surely robbing Some cooks, however, insist upon a hem. Men of America, if you care slow bake, which sends the roast to jot for your own rights at least suffer twice a day, but if they begin to lay, the table looking as gray and chippy let the rights of your wives and chilfeed them three times a day. It is a slice from the side bone of a liven to be trampled upon.—Farmers

THE KANSAS SENATOR.

Conditions Which Led to the Election

of a Fusion-Democrat. Probably every reader is already aware of the results of the recent senatorial election in Kansas. The circumstances that led to that result may not be as well known, especially outside of the state; and it is proper that we should fairly recite those circumstances ere we express an opinion of the wisdom of the course of our legislature.

It is well known by every one that the editor of the Topeka Advocate and Tribune has been an uncompromizing Populist since the organization of the party. He has never favored fusion in any form. This has evidently been feeder. No two animals have exactly the same capacity for assimilating food, nor has the same animal the prevailed in the Wichita convention. Notwithstanding all the overtures from Democratic leaders, that convontion nominated a People's party ticket from top to bottom, and entered the contest with the expectation of meeting the opposition of both supply of food according to her pecu- the Republican and the Democratic parties. There was no compromise proposition for a moment entertained either by our convention or by any one clothed with any authority to represent our party. This was the condition of a lairs up to the assembling of the Democratic convention their power of milk production will in this city. When that convention decrease. The standard ration may, assembled, probably two-thirds of the however, be useful as a general guide delegates were in favor of a straight ticket would without doubt have been the influence of John Martin. His speech on that occasion turned the sult. In that speech he declared may be fed to advantage. The stan- himself in favor of many of our stump, and, with other Democratic speakers, worked for the success of what Democrats were pleased to term the fusion ticket. Whether the People's party would have succeeded in the state with three tickets in the field is a question which can never be absolutely determined. Opinions differ upon the subject, but all opinions are mere speculations. On the one hand, it is held that the vote of the "straight-outs" added largely to the Republican column, and that the People's party lost enough of its own voters of Republican antecedents to more than compensate for the Demoeratic support received. On the other hand, it is held that we owe our suc-When manure is thrown out under cess to the combination of the oppo-

Whichever view may be correct, all that may be said upon the subject upon either side is, as before remarked, mere speculation, and the discussion of it profitless. The fact remains that the two parties worked together in the campaign and succeeded. Because of the influence of On the farm, as elsewhere, a great John Martin in turning the tide of deal of money is wasted by failing to the Democratic convention, and because of his subsequent work in beciples of the People's party platform, Soundness is an indispensable con- he has been regarded with much parts of the state. Add to this that he is a man of many sterling qualities, of pre-eminent ability, and of unquestioned integrity, and we have the arguments from a personal standpoint that presented themselves to the legislature.

There is still another view which it is but fair to present, and that is an animal determines its powers to the very unusual circumstances under which the senatorial election took place. It is unnecessary to recite While rich food makes rich man- any details relative to this phase of con in behalf of the claims of the parties to the dual organization of the house have already been given to the public. It is claimed by those who have led in the contest for Senator Martin's election that it afforded to them as dampness. Very cold drinking water will cause them to the horses to some extent, it does to the situation. This may be true and it may not. Opinions upon the subject at this time are speculative at best. The future alone choice. While we have a high appreciation of the sterling qualities and personal character of the new senator, in our judgment the legislature has made a very serious mistake. It is not our purpose to indulge in any harsh criticism now, because it will do no good. The election is accomplished, and the action cannot be recalled. We earnestly at fault. We speak now from present It is better to keep pastry in a cup- impressions. The future will de speculate as to the effect of this elec-If you wish to remove from your tion upon the party both in and out of wisdom of the choice, the effect will To give shirt bosoms, collars and be good. Should it be otherwise, upon cuffs a glossy appearance, one ounce the members of the legislature will

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