

THE FARMER'S COLUMN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

Farming Yesterday and To-Day--Winter Feeding of Sheep--Value of Experiments--How He Called the Cow--Eggs in Canada.

Farming Yesterday and To-Day.

Farmers whose memories date back forty, fifty or sixty years can recall how much harder the labors of the agriculturist were then than now! The vast improvements in farm machinery and implements of all kinds have greatly lessened his toil, and correspondingly increased his power.

We are so accustomed to these and similar wonderful mechanical contrivances that we do not realize how great a change the invention of them has wrought in the methods and requirements of human labor.

These changes have been so gradual that we do not fully realize their broad import. But they mean much. They mean increased opportunity for mental enlargement, for growth in refinement, for increased comfort in the home, for the betterment of every man and woman and child associated with farm life.

There is, in fact, no life more enviable than that of an intelligent, prosperous farmer, who owns his land and knows how to make the most of his farm and of himself.

Value of Experiments.

The average farmer should do more experimenting, as the knowledge thus gained is not easily forgotten. I don't mean that he should experiment with lightning-rod peddlers, Bohemian oats agents, worthless patent rights, or in Wall street or Chicago stock speculation.

If we farm intelligently we must do some experimenting. It will not do to leave this for our neighbors or the experiment stations to do for us. When it comes to experimenting with commercial fertilizers farmers are entirely too careless.

Practical Hints. The way to have healthy cows is to feed and care for them right from calving to maturity.

Eggs in Canada. As to the Canadian egg trade there can be no doubt that it has expanded

this season to a greater extent than even the most sanguine expected. Inquiries made this week show, however, that the quality of consignments has not been so well maintained during the past few weeks.

Winter Feeding of Sheep. Sheep do not need to be closely stabled in winter. They do not thrive in confinement, and it is safe to keep them in the open air.

How He Called the Cow. He lives just outside the corporation limits, where there are large commons on which the cows pasture.

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Another Farmer's Statement.

GIBBON NEB., Jan. 12, 1892. EDITOR ALLIANCE--We notice in THE ALLIANCE of Dec. 25th a "farmers statement" which would need considerable altering before the farmer would realize any profit.

H. B. Miller starts out with a family of five, including one plow boy, three men and a woman. For the year's business, says, will need 100 acres of land, at \$25.00 per acre; two teams, implements, two sows, two cows, hay, grain, provisions, taxes, doctor, blacksmith bills etc., all making at a fair valuation a total of \$5,329.00.

The year's expenses will now be interest on this sum at 10 per cent... \$532.90 Labor of three men... 600.00 boy and two teams... 600.00 Total... \$1,732.90

Twelve tons of hay and ten acres of pasture for feed, leaving as wages for three men, wife and one boy \$300.00. We would have figured that thus, \$914.00--\$28.50--\$390.10 as wages for three men, wife and one boy if we could pay the year's expenses as he did, simply with interest on the money invested.

Family consists of four persons, only one employed man to work. 20 acres of land at \$12.50 per acre... \$250.00 3 horses, 12 head of cattle, 50 hogs... 600.00 Hay, corn, oats and wheat... 250.00 Implements, harness, etc... 200.00 Cash in bank... 50.00 Total Jan. 1, 1891... \$4,950.00

The following was the income: Hay and feed... \$70.00 Sold out of bal. Hay... 20.00 On hand Jan. 1... 20.00 1891. Oats... 250.00 Total... \$360.00

The following is cash expenses paid: Store bill and other ex... \$164.81 Corn... 72.86 Coal and wood... 180.00 Work and blacksmith bill... 127.17 Taxes... 53.00 Interest on 10 per cent... 49.50 Medicine... 10.10 Riding outfit and plow... 38.02 Cattle and colts... 462.00 Total... \$901.55

NOTE--Our stock has increased so we now have 55 head of hogs, 45 head of cattle and 5 head of horses and colts. The grain is not all sold. If others make statements we will come again.

DUTCH CLEANLINESS. In Holland the Kitchen is Kept in as Neat Order as the Parlor. The Holland cities are the cleanest in the world.

A Disgraceful Scramble. Republican papers have engaged in much criticism of office seeking in the People's party.

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