

# ASHTON NEWS DEPARTMENT.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

—John Komniski of Elba was in town last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jamrog entertained a party of friends at their grove and residence Sunday.

Buy your coal for threshing machines of E. G. Taylor. He has a fine lot of Maitland Pea coal.

—A new house and barn is to be built on the Seifert farm south of Ashton by Messrs. Mieski and Goyrick as contractors.

—Stanley Galczenski is having a neat residence built on his farm near Ashton by Messrs. Mieski and Goyrick.

—James Bartunek and family enjoyed a pleasant ride and visit to friends and relatives near Farwell Sunday last.

—Miss Martha and Rosa Kalka, of Loup City township attended church services here Sunday and visited friends at Ashton.

—Messrs. Sorenson & Co. brick masons at Elba are laying the foundation under the new coal sheds and the E. G. Taylor elevator.

—Harvest is now in full sway, hands are scarce and every one is taking advantage of the excellent harvesting weather by working early and late.

—There is such a scarcity of carpenters and masons in Ashton that several buildings which parties have contemplated building this year will have to be given up for the present.

—A party of Ashton young folks drove over to the Loup river on a fishing trip Sunday. They report a good time, but fish stories were short, a catch of 19 being made by the party.

—It is reported to us that winter wheat in this section will not be as good a yield as anticipated. The kernels are said to be somewhat shriveled and heads not well filled, but there is plenty of long straw.

—The Bogen and Jezewski assault and battery case before his honor at Ashton last Thursday was brought to a temporary close by Jezewski pleading guilty, as charged and paying one dollar and cash in all, amounting to \$5.25.

—Mrs. A. N. Conklin is enjoying a summer vacation with a party of friends in Dakota and Black Hills, while A. N. is taking in the sights of the village of Chicago, having taken a trip with a shipment of five cars of fat cattle to the Chicago market.

—The building of the Ashton Catholic church parsonage will be started this week. The edifice will be a two story frame, built in the Queen Anne style of architecture and from all plans we have seen it will be one of the best finished structures in Ashton.

—Henry Heins is having a new barn and granary, 30x40 built on his farm. The original Wilhelmshohe place, of bye gone days. Mr. Heins has just completed a fine two story brick residence on the place and his farm is one of the most desirable pieces of property now found in this section of the country.

—In Ashton items a few weeks back in speaking of the severe illness of Miss. Reigle we spoke of a rumor that the young lady's foot might have to be amputated. Thus the report reached us but we are now pleased to note that there was no foundation for such talk. Miss. Reigle is now convalescing rapidly and will soon be able to be about.

—A meeting of reforms is to be held at Denver on July 26 and 27 to organize the defunct populists, silver republicans, demo-fusionists, and some anti Karl Marx socialists, in fact it is a conglomeration of certain political sects who claim they have no party and no political home. We beg leave to suggest

that they meet and organize under the title of The Defunct Orphans, with Bryan and Johnson to lead them through another campaign.

—Leonard Conklin and Jesse Marvel left for Loup City Monday to take their respective places with the county seat ball team in the contest with Ord Tuesday. Leonard and Jesse are getting up quite a reputation as ball players and are always in demand whenever there is a big game on.

## Experiments in Mulching Garden Vegetables.

The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued Bulletin No. 80, entitled "Experiments in Mulching Garden Vegetables" It gives the result of tests conducted at the Experiment Station during the past three years, showing the merits of straw mulch as compared with cultivation in growing the common garden vegetable.

It was found that straw mulches give better results in normal or rather dry years than in seasons of unusually heavy rainfall and better results on fairly high land than in very low places. That mulches conserve soil moisture as well as through cultivation was shown directly by determinations of soil moisture in the mulched and cultivated plots of vegetables and indirectly by the vigorous growth of plants. Mulches cause some vegetables to mature later, while with others no delay was noticed. Grasshoppers sometimes injure mulched vegetables more than cultivated ones, but plant lice and chinch bugs are apparently held in check by the mulches. Late spring and early fall frosts injure mulched plants more than cultivated ones, making it inadvisable to mulch very tender vegetables that require the full season for proper development. Early spring vegetables, which require only a few cultivations can usually be grown more cheaply by cultivation than by mulching. Furthermore, very early mulching before the ground has become thoroughly warm, is apt to retard the growth of vegetables. Summer and fall vegetables, on the other hand, which require frequent cultivation throughout the season, are grown more cheaply by mulching than by cultivation. Moreover the yield and quality of the vegetables are often increased by mulching.

Many vegetables cannot be mulched until they have become well established and the weather has become warm, thus requiring some preliminary cultivation. Such cultivation as is commonly given farm gardens is better for most vegetables in early spring than mulching but mulching is just as surely better in midsummer than the neglect which is the common thing in the farm gardens at that time of year. The Experiment Station tests have indeed shown mulching to be better in many cases than the most thorough cultivation through out the summer. Results very favorable to mulching have been secured with cabbage, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, potatoes and sweet potatoes. In all these cases the yields have been increased on the whole quite decidedly by mulching and the required labor decreased at the same time. Mulched cabbage produced larger heads than cultivated cabbage, and there were less injury from rot. The vigor of tomatoe plants was decreased by mulching, but the yield of fruit increased. The fruit was cleaner and less subject to rot. Mulched cucumbers produced perfect fruit during dry periods when the fruit from the cultivated plants were small and imperfect. The quality of potatoes has not been hurt by mulching except in wet places.

In case of transplanted onions, salsify, beets, carrots, parsnips, peas and melons the results are not decidedly in favor of either method, both the yields and the required labor being about the same.

From the tests at the Experiment Station, it is thought unwise to mulch drilled onions, lettuce and sweet corn. With drilled onions the stand of plants is usually hurt by mulching. With lettuce, it is also difficult to spread the mulch without injury to the stand, and the crop is harvested so early that it is not worth while to mulch. With sweet corn, the yields are about the same in a normal season whether mulched or cultivated, but this crop requires so few cultivations that mulching is hardly profitable. In a wet season mulching decreases the yield decidedly.

R. A. EMERSON.

## New Use for Paper.

Artificial teeth and "uppers" for boots and shoes are among the new uses to which paper is being put. A substantial business firm in Boston is considering a proposition to take up the work of manufacturing paper hats.

## Presents for Sultan of Morocco.

J. W. S. Langerman, Morocco's commissioner to the world's fair, has just bought the Moorish sultan a brace of mules, a number of Angora cats and goats, some fancy dogs and a pacer and a span of fine carriage horses, all of Missouri breeding. The carriages horses were Buff and Blue, well-known ribbon winners, and they cost the sultan \$2,000.

## THE BRAIN IN DELIRIUM.

### Strange Cases That Have Come Under Physician's Observation.

Medical records in the various hospitals of New York city show that though quite forgetful of recent happenings, aged persons recall long past events in correct order, and even lie again amid scenes passed utterly out of recollection before the disease of senility appeared.

A woman of 70, delirious from pleuro-pneumonia, repeated poetry in Hindustani. It developed later on that up to the age of four she knew only that language, but afterward had forgotten that she ever spoke it. Another peculiar case on record is that of an illiterate maid servant who while in the delirium of fever, recited Greek and Hebrew for hours, although when in health she knew no word of either language, her ravings being due to the brain impressions left by the readings heard many years before of a learned rabbi whose servant she had been.

## GREAT POWER OF MAGNETS.

### Force is Applied to Many Useful Purposes in Three Days.

One of the practical uses of a magnet, but to those immediately concerned a highly important use, is that in which it is sometimes employed to withdraw small pieces of iron from such out of the way places as the human eye. Another use of the tractive force of magnetism on a much larger scale was that to which it was put by Edison in his magnetic ore separator, in which the ore, previously crushed to a fine powder, is dropped down a chute past the poles of powerful electro-magnets, in passing which the iron particles of the ore are deflected to one side, while the nonmagnetic stone dust continues undeflected down the chute. Still another instance of the employment of magnetism in a small way is that in which a magnetized tack hammer is used in the manufacture of strawberry baskets on a large scale in conjunction with a mechanical device which presents the tacks, one at a time and head up, to the operative, thereby greatly facilitating his work.

It is a far cry from lifting a tack by means of magnetism to the lifting of massive iron and steel plates weighing four, six and twelve tons by this same force, which is now being done every workday in a number of large steel works. Electro-magnetism, of course, is utilized, the form of the magnet being usually rectangular for this work and presenting a flat surface to the plates lifted. The magnets are suspended by chains from cranes and pick up the plates by simple contact and without the loss of time consequent to the adjustment of chains and hooks in the older method. It is also found that the metal plates can be lifted by the magnets while still so hot that it would be impossible for the men to handle them.—Cassier's Magazine.

## ROAD NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern:

The commissioner appointed to view and report upon the vacation of a road commencing at a point where the Loup City and St. Paul road strikes the North East quarter of section Ten (10), Township 14, Range 13, and which is now angling through the said described quarter, be vacated as it is no longer needed, has reported in favor of the vacation thereof and all objections thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the County Clerk's office on or before noon of the 25 day of September, 1903 or such road will be vacated without reference thereto.

Dated this 20 day of July, 1903,

GEO. H. GIBSON, County Clerk.

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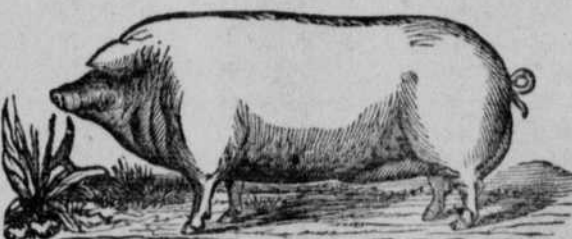
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