

Nebraska Advertiser

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Agricultural Department. R. W. FURNAS, EDITOR.

Annual Election, Etc., of the Nemaha Co. Agricultural Society.

Notice is hereby given to the public, that a meeting of the Nemaha County Agricultural Society will be held at the Advertiser's office, in Brownville, on Saturday, March 25th, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing officers of the Society for the coming year, to perfect the Annual Premium list for the next autumn fair; to determine the time and place for holding said fair; to revise and amend the Constitution and By-laws of the Society; and transact such other business as may be presented.

A general attendance of all persons interested is desired. By order of the President. H. O. MINICK, Sec'y.

Fruit Trees.

As the season for planting is at hand, a word in regard to this question will not be amiss. The many impositions practiced by tree vendors, has as much to do with discouraging those who would plant, as all else combined. This difficulty can be avoided by dealing only with reliable nurserymen or agents personally known. Next, and most important, become acquainted with fruit culture—the varieties and characteristics.

In propagating and cultivating there are facts to which too little attention is paid. For instance, in the selection of trees planted and cultivated, most people will, when they are permitted, select the largest and most rank looking trees. This is a mistake in our opinion. Most of such trees are the effects of over culture. A dwarfish tendency, or shortish growth, causing the twigs and buds to appear earlier, are requisites. Such trees will shed their leaves earlier, and be the better prepared for winter. More trees are injured by the first freeze or frost, than by hard winter.

Great care should be exercised in taking up, transporting and transplanting. A tree should be carefully taken up; all the feeding roots possible should be preserved without mutilation. The roots and tops should be studiously and proportionately pruned—all fractured roots and limbs nicely cut away with a sharp knife. Remembering that both the top and root have distinct yet conjunctive duties to perform. In planting dig large holes, that the roots may spread as much as possible. Then it will pay to "puddle" the soil around the tree.

By taking this pains ninety-nine out of every hundred trees may be made to live and grow, except from some extraordinary surroundings.

There is no longer a doubt, as to the success of Peach growing in Southern Nebraska. Seedling Peaches, however, are most reliable. The successful culture plants the seed, and raises his own trees. For twelve years past there have been Peach crops half the time in this portion of the State. While on this subject permit a suggestion founded on observation. In planting seed, we have found that small seed produce a hardier and more prolific tree.

We have lost three stands of bees this spring, or rather some time in the winter, and are at a loss to correctly account for it. On examining the hives a few days since, it was found that three large and apparently strong swarms were dead, while there was an abundance of honey on the floor, near the opening. Immediately above them everything eatable was consumed. Were they froze or smothered? Or what? Will some one inform us through these columns?

GRAPES.—The hardiest and most certain varieties of grapes we have grown in Nebraska, are the Concord, Delaware, Clinton, Oporto and Hartford Prolific, in the order enumerated. The Isabella and Catawba we have only succeeded with when covered during the winter. The ground we occupy, however, is rather low and rich. We have known these varieties raised on the hill sides successfully in this county.

We have been asked by many persons what variety of Tomatoes are best to cultivate. For all purposes we prefer the Tilden. There are several more varieties we have not tried, but will this season. The Tilden is good size, smooth, solid, and rather more tart than any other variety.

Californian Wheat is said to be superior to any other, because it is raised without rain from its earliest stages to ripening. This is one of the reasons why Nebraska wheat stands higher in Chicago and St. Louis than any other—it is raised with so little rain.

The past winter has been remarkable in many respects. Farmers could have planted here on New Years day. Many sowed Spring Wheat shortly after the middle of February. In our town, a number have already made out door gardens.

L. B. JARVIS, of Shawnee, Kan., has sent the Editor of the Prairie Farmer, a fleece of wool from his Spanish Buck, weighing twenty-three pounds.

An experienced nurseryman of the State says, in a recent private letter to us, that the Rambo, Maiden Blush, Sweet Romanie, King of Tompkins, Rome Beauty, White and Yellow Belle flower apples will grow too rapidly to be grafted if the ground is cultivated after the first year they are transplanted. I know of no fall apple that will bear clean culture in this country. This reminds us of what several persons in this State have spoken of: That is that the most gratifying results have attended planting fruit trees on the prairie without breaking up more than immediately where the tree is planted.

The Prairie Farmer, of Feb. 29th, says: "Peonies were grown last season in several parts of Iowa, and are said by the producers to be as easily raised as potatoes, and a much surer crop." We have raised them in Nebraska in great abundance. They need, however, to be planted very early.

A friend enquires how about grafting peach on plum. In answer we say our success in grafting peach on the young wild plum, has been most satisfactory. Graft down close to, or even in the ground.

We hope to know that every prairie farmer in Nebraska will plant, liberally, trees about their residence this spring. They serve so many purposes we cannot see how they can be dispensed with.

Educational Department. J. M. MCENZIE, EDITOR.

To the Young Men of Nebraska.

Young men of Nebraska, what are you doing? Ponder this question a few moments; stop in your eager chase after wealth or pleasure, and ask yourself in soberness, "What am I doing? What am I tending?" "Where will the path I am now treading lead me?" Young men do you fully realize your advantages? Have you ever compared your opportunity with those possessed by young men fifty or even thirty years ago? Have you considered the responsibilities that must soon devolve on your shoulders. Look around you, you are living in thrilling times, times in which the old systems of darkness and error are being uprooted, and new and untried systems established. Beasts are crowding thick and fast upon us. The inventive genius of man is dazzling the nations with its array of wonderful machinery, and the whole world seems alive and eagerly pressing forward to higher achievements. Education is raising the ignorant and degraded to spheres of intelligence and refinement; the world is moving forward; light is bursting on the darkened portions of the earth. Yet what are you doing? what are your aspirations? Stop and think. The earnest workers in the mines of knowledge—the men of giant intellects and indomitable will—must soon pass away; mankind are marching forward; your onward march must push your predecessors off the stage: then who is prepared to fill their places? Are you? What preparations are you making for this task? Or are you willing to sell your birthright for "a mess of pottage?" Will you give your bright inheritance to strangers rather than to yourself to occupy with honor what God has kindly given you?

What are your aims then? Have you really given serious thought to the future or are you flitting down the stream of time content to be just what you are without an effort to become a man. Do not deceive yourself young man, don't think that you can let the spring of life pass by without an effort to inform yourself; to store your mind with knowledge, and still when manhood comes upon you be honored and respected? Not you! but deceive yourself; miserable indeed will be the life of that young man who fails to use the opportunities afforded him for education.

Is there no ambition in your soul, young man? no longing to become useful and respected in your life? If not your mind is dark indeed. Young men of Nebraska, let me exhort you, throw aside the lethargy! glorious prospects are before the earnest thinking young man. Educate yourself; let not a few difficulties discourage you; your pathway is not so rugged as the paths that thousands of the great and wise have trod before you.

Let us go on—circumstance thwart you in your course, but nobly dare the darkest storms of adversity; be fully determined to make your mark and with the blessings of God giving you health you will make it.

Punctuality, Deportment and Class Standing.

Table with columns: NAME OF SCHOLAR, Punctuality, Deportment, Class Standing, Attendance. Lists names like Maggie Alexander, Alice Wait, Lucy Shaw, Ellen Dewese, etc.

Teacher's Institute.

We see in the last issue of the Advertiser a notice for a Teacher's Institute, to be held Saturday, March 25th. There is to be a Teacher's Institute at Nebraska City on the same day, and the Executive Committee of the State Teacher's Association, meets there the same day. This will of necessity take away some from the Institute at Brownville. We would therefore suggest that the meeting be deferred two weeks, at the Conference of the M. E. Church will be in session at Peru on Saturday, the 4th of April. Hence, if it will suit all parties, we would respectfully suggest that the meeting of the Institute take place on Saturday, April 11th, at 10 o'clock. Learning, since writing the above, that the Institute at Nebraska City will not meet on the 25th, as announced, there will be no reason for changing the time of the meeting at Brownville, which will therefore be on the 25th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Let all lovers of education turn out and be present.

The Nimble Shilling.

When the "Rangers" were on any of the Missouri bluffs, whiskey was a delectable scarce article, and the money to purchase it, when found, was equally hard to obtain. Among the old Rangers, corn juice was considered so necessary to subsistence as cornedoggers; but, having received no pay for a period, the small stock as funds had entirely run out. In the meantime, an old dealer had succeeded in raising two barrels of the comfortable liquid, and erected a small shanty near the camp, where a shingle, in chalked capitals declared that "Whiskey is arrive at six senes a suc." Major Murdock one of the old veterans, had for two days, in a wofully parched state, been searching in his "kivernin" for a stray bit he knew was somewhere about him, but his efforts to chase it up appeared unavailing—so many patches on his hunting shirt, it was impossible to find the one he had made a pocket to contain the precious coin, and at last he had given it up. He tried to get trust for two drinks, till he could find it, but the owner of the shanty knew better than to trust any one in that crowd.

"Try again, major," said a dry ciron, who knew the circumstances; never give up in a good cause. A shilling in silver now is worth gold another time." The major did try again, and at last, down in the seam of the tail, the major discovered the little joke, and perhaps he hailed the discovery with a yell of satisfaction.

"Now, Bill," said he, "we'll give that old feller's barrel a rip for two invigorators, and no dispute." They accordingly adjourned to the shanty, and called for the "medicine." The owner at the major looked doubtfully, but when he displayed the bit, his hesitation vanished—he instantly drew the "stick," handed them over, and took the change. The first taste brightened the major as an Indian. He observed, while drinking, that the dealer placed the money on a little shelf behind him, and just above his head; it was within reaching distance, too, from his stand beside the temporary counter. Upon this discovery he at once acted.

"Well, really," said he, "that stuff is suthin' like; that's a body to it that tickles vitality at the extreme points. Bill," he added, "I could fight Ingens at half wages, if they'd only feed me from such cow's milk as in that barrel. I think we'll go another."

Bill signified assent, but looked at the major with some surprise and inquiry in his countenance, as to where he would find another bit; but the old Ranger soon opened his eyes wide. The dealer had no sooner stooped to draw from the barrel, than the major picked the shilling off the shelf, and paid it over again for the drink.

"I knowed you had money, major," said the dealer, "if you could only consent to shell it out; but you'er getting consarned close-fisted in your old days, if you're a body to drink."

The major laughed at the remark, as he replied, "Well, you're a cunning' serpent, Jo, and bound to makesuthin' out of us fellers. I declare, that licker is so trementjus that it's sot me cravin' in my innards!" "Don't give it up yet, major," chimed in the dealer.

"There's more where come from, and the same brewin. I know you have been sufferin' fur these few days past, cause you didn't like to 'open,' and I hated precious bad to refuse you; but whiskey costs a powerful sight afore it gits here."

"Well, we'll take another atom of a drink, and then lumber," says the willing Ranger. The shilling was picked off the shelf, and went through the same process again, with equal satisfaction. After swallowing another round, the Ranger smacked his lips, and made a move towards the door, and turned back again.

"I thought you'd think better of it, major," said the dealer, "such stuff as that don't stay long in these diggins. You'll go another, I guess."

"Well, just one more," says the major. "I declare, I think it was some sech licker that tempted Adin instid of an apple as the Scripures sez. It is all sufficiently enticin' to coax a coon out of a holler log, if the dogs were arter him."

In reaching for the shilling this time, the major was so eager, and a little excited, that he dropped it down right before the owner of the shanty. "Hello!" says he; "what thar shelf must be gettin' crowded, when they are droppin' off—or is it is yours, major?" "It's yours now," answered the Ranger. "For these last drinks and, Jo, yer is wishin' yer may git air so often."

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On the 12th of September the great Fair and Exhibition of the American Institute was opened in New York. As usual, the display of Sewing Machines was large, and the competition strong; but after a six weeks trial, the friends of the FLORENCE had the satisfaction of seeing the favorite again triumphant, and for the second time bearing off the highest honors of the American Institute.

Below we give an extract from the Report of the committee on Sewing Machine, read at the close of the Fair:

"The whole number of Sewing Machines on exhibition is thirteen; of these, twelve are entered for competition. The article bearing the No. 23 (FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE) is decided to be the BEST on exhibition. It was also stated incidentally, that this is better than any of its class shown at the Judges.

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