

AGRICULTURAL

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All communications intended for this Department should be addressed to the Editor.

About Agricultural and Mechanical Fairs.

The arranging and conducting of Agricultural and Mechanical Fairs, in many respects, closely resembles the management of a newspaper.

Another man says: "I didn't get my premium last year, and I'm done."

"Still another man says: 'Your committees are incompetent. What does...

Another objector says: "There is no justice in the manner in which you offer premiums."

When election day comes around, elect a new and more competent set of officers.

Believing as I do, that if the Western people would eat less meat and more fruit and vegetables, that they would have clearer heads, purer hearts and healthier stomachs.

Would it not be much better for us all to put our shoulders to the wheel, and work with a determination to make these Fairs what they ought to be...

W. G. GLASGOW, whose farm is near Peru in this county, has presented us with specimens of Russet, Swir, Rambo, Red Streak, Winecap, Limber Twig and Rhode Island Greening Apples...

W. S. LITTLE, Commercial Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y., has sent us a fine painted illustration of his new and splendid Pear, "Mt. Vernon."

Nebraska County and State Fair Premiums this year will be paid on the grounds in cash, on the last day of the Fair.

Preparations for the State Fair.

OLIVER HARMAN—"Country Joe" of Nebraska City, who is General Superintendent of the State Fair grounds, writes us that all preparations will be made to make every feature of the coming Fair convenient, comfortable and agreeable.

The following letter from that enthusiastic fruit cultivator and disseminator, M. C. McLain, of Charleston, Ill., was not written us for publication; but as we think our readers will peruse it with as much pleasure as we did, we take the liberty of publishing it.

CHARLESTON, ILL., Aug. 28, 1898. Col. E. W. Furnas:

After spending near half a century of my life in other pursuits, I four years ago turned my attention to the fruit and nursery business.

Having secured the leading varieties of roses in the country, I last year ordered direct from an eastern importer, 124 new varieties, importations of 1897-8, all of which I have been thoroughly testing on my grounds this season.

Upwards of forty varieties of native grapes on my grounds, I can only recommend three varieties for general cultivation.

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I have put down the price of hardy native grape vines, at retail, to within the reach of every family who may have as much ground as a town lot.

UNCLE SAMUEL SNYDER, near Peru, is bringing some fine honey into market this season.

We have received the latest edition of T. T. Southwick & Co.'s full catalogue of fruit trees—Commercial Nurseries, Danville, Livingston Co., N. Y.

The St. Deroin Base Ball Club, a finely organized and uniformed organization, will be in attendance at the Nebraska County Fair.

A New Bee Hive.

N. C. MITCHELL, importer and breeder of Italian Bees, Indianapolis, Indiana, has sent us a copy of his "Bee-keeper's Guide," and an illustration of his "Front-opening, Movable Comb, Buckeye Bee Hive."

All soils are benefited by being underdrained, but the benefit is more apparent and lasting in those of a heavy nature or having a subsoil retentive of moisture.

Summer fallowing is the most efficient and profitable means of preparing strong soils for wheat, and of beginning a rotation, after grass has been grown for a length of time.

Green crops plowed under, when in the most succulent state, are powerful auxiliaries in rendering a light soil fertile.

There is no soil so poor or sterile, but some mode may be found of ameliorating and enriching it.

Blowing sand may be gradually made productive by spreading six inches of straw over them to remain lit.

Nebraska State Fair will be held at Nebraska City, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 28th, 29th and 30th, and Oct. 1st, 1898.

The Nebraska County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, holds its Fourth Annual Fair at Brownville, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1898.

The Richardson County Agricultural Fair will be held in Salem, Neb., on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of September.

The Agricultural Society of Pawnee County have decided to hold a Fair on the 6th and 7th of October next, at the Court House and Butler's Corral, in Pawnee City.

We will publish the times of holding other Fairs as we are advised.

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