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BROWNVILLE, NEB.,

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1871.

AGRICULTURAL.

Nebraska State Fair.—To be held at Brownville, September 26, 27, 28, 29, 1871. Premiums liberal. Open to the world. No charge for entries. For particulars, address H. W. Furnas, President, Brownville, or D. H. Wheeler, Secretary, Plattsmouth.

Special Premiums—By W. W. ABBEY, farmer and stock breeder, Salem, Richardson County, Neb., for best managed, best arranged, and most productive farm in Nebraska, not less than 40 acres, and best model for farm residence. Agricultural Library, $100, and pair Poland China Pigs, $30.

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By GOSPER & TULLIS, stock breeders, Lincoln, Neb., for the best plan or model for a pigery, One Pair Poland China Pigs, $40.

By Orchard City Agricultural Works, Burlington, Iowa, for the best bushel of corn, One Orchard City Walking Cultivator, $35. Committee to be chosen on the ground, and award and delivery to be made during the Fair.

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By P. B. NEFFLETON & CO., manufacturers and dealers in William's Combined Fanning Mills, St. Joseph, Mo., for best bushel seed wheat, one Fanning Mill, valued at $40.

Trotting, Pacing and Walking.—An independent Purse of $300, is made up for Trotting, Pacing, Walking, and other Horse Exhibitions of this character, to be distributed as horsemen may determine. Saturday September 30th., will be devoted entirely to this class of exercises, under such rules and regulations as may then be determined upon. The Grounds are provided with a first-class half-mile Driving Track.

STATE FAIR—RAIL ROADS.

We are in possession of information from the proper authorities informing us that the following named Rail Road Companies will carry freight and passengers to the State Fair, to be held at this place in September next, at half fare rates. That is tickets will be sold for the round trip at half fare. Freights will pay full fare to the Fair and be returned free on h certificate of the Secretary of the Board, viz: Kansas City St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Rail Road, Burlington and Missouri Rail Roads in Nebraska and Iowa, Union Pacific Rail Road, and Midland Pacific Rail Road.

FINE YIELD OF STRAWBERRIES.

At a meeting recently, of the Warsaw, Ill., Horticultural Society, the Secretary, Mr. Gregg, stated that a plat of ground, belonging to a Mr. Willis, measuring a fraction less than five square rods, the present season, yielded three hundred and fifty quarts of Wilson's Albany strawberries, or at the rate of about three hundred and fifty bushels to the acre. The plants from which this yield was obtained were set in the spring of 1870, on ground which had been subsoiled and well underdrained. Until late in October, careful cultivation with plow and hoe was given, and early in the winter the plants were covered with forest leaves.

MERRICK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We are in receipt of a letter from Jesse Turner Secretary, giving official information of the organization of the "Merrick County Agricultural Association" he adds: "We have the best county in the State, for Agricultural purposes (except Nemaha) and intend to have as prosperous, hard working county society as can be found anywhere." We congratulate Merrick County on her advance movement in Agriculture, and on her fortunate selection of officers, if they are all as good as we know the Secretary to be. Come down to the State Fair Jesse, and bring your Polands and Berkshires.

MORE FINE STOCK FOR THE FAIR.

E. L. Emery of Omaha has a fine lot of pure Poland China hogs, eight sows with litters, some of which will be at our State Fair. He has also just recieved some fine Durham cattle, all straight herd book animals, consisting of Ella Gray (white), sired by Duke Henry, two years old, and her calf, three months old, model specimens of the breed; King William, of the male gender, by King Cyrus, one year and fifteen days old, weight, 1,000 pounds (white); President (roan), aged one year and twenty days, and Prince Albert (black and white), each weighing 1,100 pounds. The whole together constitute a fine collection.

It is ascertained by experiment and careful calculation, in the Eastern States, where prices range from 20 cents to 6 cents per pound, that the cost of raising a pound of grapes is 3¼ cents; the average gross receipts 7¾ cents per pound, and net profit 4½ cents per pound. This is a about $223 per acre. In the west grapes come into market at a better price than 20 cents, and go out not so low as 6 cents. The cost of land need not be one-fourth that in the old States. In short, there are many reasons why grape culture in the west might be made much more profitable than in the east. The soil in our bluff lands, Nature made expressly to grow grapes—in fact, all varieties of fruits.

Dr. Warder, the eminent Pomologist and friend of Agricilture, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been engaged, and will deliver a course of Horticulture Lectures before the Kansas Agricultural College this year.

The old horse "Bellfounder" died at Racine, Wis,, lately, in his twenty fifth year. No horse shows more good colts in that State than Bellfounder.

BEE FEEDER.

We have received from E. S. Peck, an Italian Bee Breeder, Linden, New Jersey, one of his *Automatic Bee Feeders.*" It is a very simple, yet ingenious and practical little affair. As we claim to be something of a *Beeist*, we consider the Feeder quite an addition to apiary. They can be sent by mail, and cost only fifty cents.

AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

From a private letter from F. R. Elliott, Secretary American Pomological Society, Cleveland, Ohio, we extract the following:

"So far as I can learn, the gathering at Richmond, both of men and fruits, will be the finest ever known. The fruit crop hereabouts is promising for grapes; good for peaches, and scarcely good for apples. Northern Ohio will not show much at Richmond, but her people will continue to eat."

Travelers in Spain are particularly struck with the vast quantities of fruit growing by the road side, owned by nobody, free to everybody. This is explained by the fact that it has always been a custom there, never to throw away a fruit stone or seed of any kind, but to plant it immediately wherever there is suitable earth. The result can be easily imagined, the whole country is a vast fruit garden. Nebraska has a soil unequaled in the world, and especially adapted to fruit raising, therefore let us imitate the Spanish and raise fruit on their plan instead of throwing a million or more peach stones and grape seeds annually.

We noticed a bearing chestnut tree the other day, in the garden of G. W. Bratton, of this place. He grew the tree from the seed.

WASHING SHEEP.—In Australia, sheep washing is very generally practiced, and an apparatus is much used there which is said to perfectly cleanse the wool, and render it suitable to go at once to the manufacturer. A portable engine or other power is employed to throw water into a tank, whence it may receive eight feet fall; several spouts are then provided, which throw into the living wool thin films of water two and one-half feet wide by one-eighth of an inch thick. This searches well into the wool and deterges it perfectly for the shearer. A modification of this system has more recently been introduced, whereby, the sheep, after being first subjected to showers or jets of moderately cool water, by which a considerable portion of the earth, sand, etc., is removed, are subsequently placed under jets of water, warmed to a temperature of 110° F., whereby all the dirt remaining from the first washing, as well as the 'yolk" or grease, is removed.

NEW VARIETIES OF WEEDS.—It is stated that there are now no less than two hundred and fourteen weeds which have been introduced into the United States from foreign countries, and principally from England. As a proof of the rapidity with which useless plants are accidently brought over the seas, it is said that in 1837 there were only one hundred and thirty-seven foreign weeds known in this country. As far back as 1672 a curious little volume, called "New England Rarieties," gave a list of twenty-two plants which the author considered had sprung up since the English had kept cattle in New England.

SHEEP RAISING IN AUSTRALIA.—The sheep pastures of Australia are on government lands. The government leases these lands to individuals in large tracts for grazing purposes. Many renters hold as high as 50,000 acres and own as many as 300,000 and 400,000 sheep. To prevent scab and other diseases among the sheep a small annual tax is levied and collected from the owners of sheep. This money is placed at the disposal of a board of sheep commissioners, who are authorized to kill all sheep in the least affected with the scab, to assess the value of such sheep and to refund their value to the owner out of the tax so raised. In this way the sheep are kept in a healthy state, and the clip is allowed to get the growth of 12 instead of six months before shearing.

IN A HORSE'S STOMACH.—A horse was accidentally drowned in Scotland lately, and in its stomach were found 6 horse nails, broken; 8 round nails from one to two inches long, 10 single flooring nails, 24 one and a half inch nails, 97 broken nails, various sizes; 35 one and a quarter inch nails, 11 one inch zine nails, 55 five-eights to one inch tack nails, 16 shoe tacks, 3 slate nails, 4 screw nails,. The total number of nails was thus 269. There were also 4 common pins one and a quarter inch long each, 1 blue bead, 1 brass button, 1 metal button, 5 metal buttons marked V. M., 25 pieces of galvanized wire, 3 copper nail-heads, 4 small metal washers, 1 hair pin, 1 hook (of hooks and eyes), one-half of a needle, 1 small piece of lead, 7 pieces of zinc; in all 55 articles, (or including the 269) 324, weighing one pound. In addition there were round gravel and sand weighing 2 pounds 11½ ounces.

Mr. Thomas Hughes entertains the notion that the death of Queen Victoria would endanger the existence of the British throne, and a great many people fancy she will be the last of the British sovereigns. But then nobody can tell how long a time may elapse before her majesty shuffles off this mortal coil. A recent writer mentions this rather startling circumstance that if she lives as long as her grandfather, George III., her reign will extend into the twentieth century; and if she should be as long-lived as were all other of the Hanoverian British sovereigns, she will be on the throne long after the greater part of the present generation has passed away. She has worn the crown thirty-four years, but she is yet only fifty-two years of age. Her grandfather departed this life in his 82d year, and in the sixtieth year of his reign—the longest reign in English history; and if she should live and reign for an equal length of time, she will be on the throne in the year 1901. She comes from a long-lived family, as may be seen by the years of the four Georges and William IV. As nobody proposes to break down the throne while she fills it, the question of British royalty must be left to the democracy of the twentieth century—perhaps.—*Toronto Leader.*

Wait until your wife is at her toilet preparatory to going out. She will be sure to ask you if her bonnet is straight. You remark that the lives of nine-tenths of the women are passed in thinking whether their bonnets are straight, and wind up with the remark that you never knew but one woman who had common sense about her. Your wife will ask you who that was. You, with a sigh, reply: "Ah! never mind." Wife will ask you why you did not marry her. You say, abstractedly, "Ah! why indeed!" The climax is reached by this time, and a regular row is sure to follow.

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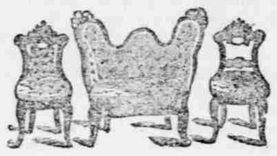
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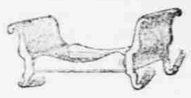
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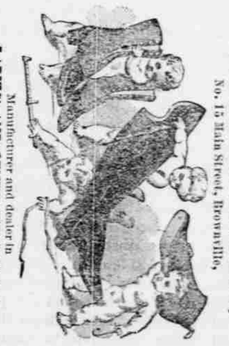
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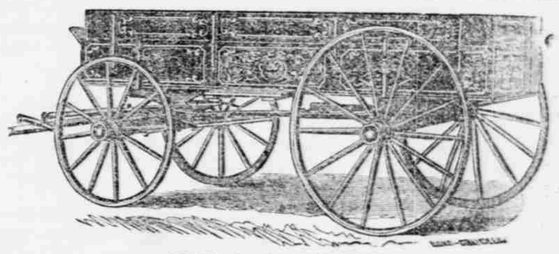
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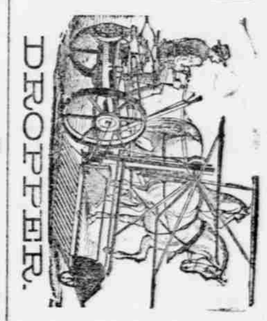

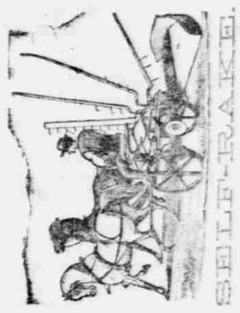

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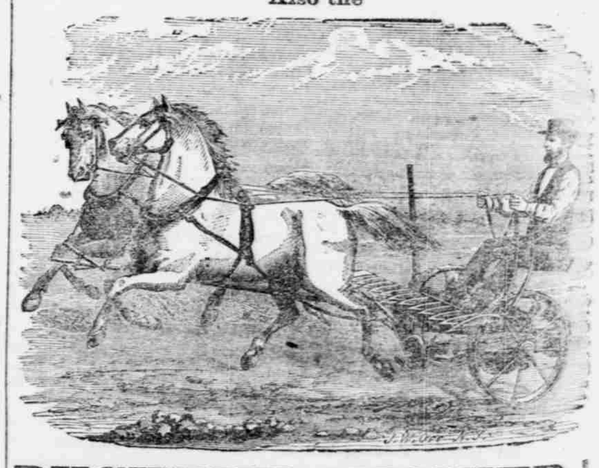
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