

# THE FARMER.

## Good Rules for Gardeners.

Never work with bad tools. The difference between the work done in a month would buy a set of new ones.

Have a place for every tool, and never leave one out of its place; or, to go farther, "a place for everything and everything in its place."

Never waste animal or vegetable refuse. The very soap-suds from the laundry are rich manure.

Have all flower-pots washed, dried, and put away as soon as they are empty.

Never fill a pot so full of soil but that it may hold water enough to go through it; every pot should have half an inch of vacancy above the compost.

Never grow a bad variety of anything, if you can help it. It takes the same room, and wants the same attention as a good one.

Never buy cheap seed. It is only by getting good prices that a seedsman can supply articles to be depended upon.

Cover all seeds with at least their own thickness of soil; but as some of it gets washed off, you must allow for it.

Gather fruit in dry weather, and with the sun shining, and place them as carefully in the basket as if they were glass.

The smallest bruise commences a decay. Never subject a plant to a rapid change of temperature. Sudden check or sudden excitement are equally injurious.

Never grow the same crops, nor crops of the same family twice on the same spot without an intervening crop of a different nature.

Never transplant shrubs and trees in a growing state. However carefully it may be done, the check is dangerous, if not fatal.

Keep all kinds of plants under glass as close as possible to the light.

Never tie up lettuces or endives, or earth up celery, except when perfectly dry. They are sure to spoil if you do.

Keep your plants clean. Dust and dirt on leaves make the plant unhealthy, and will in time kill it.

Never grow a plant too fast; it is no credit to you, because anybody can do it, and it spoils the crop to a certainty.

Never train or support a plant unnaturally. Climbers will not do hanging about. Trailers will not do climbing.

## Working Oxen.

Conversing with a gentleman the other day about oxen, he made a remark which may be of essential service to many who are not as well acquainted with the peculiarities of those valuable animals as they would desire to be. "Oxen" (said he), "are frequently ruined for the summer's work, or spoiled entirely by over-driving, during the first warm days of spring. Until there is a full bite of grass, oxen are not capable of great exertion in hot weather; but after they are turned out into good pasture, if they have not been previously injured, they will perform in a very satisfactory manner. The great danger is when we first begin our spring's work. Then they should be handled with very great caution, even though they do a very small day's labor. Managing in this way, my oxen, in the heat of summer, will plow as much as horses."

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# GREAT SALE OF LOTS

## PACIFIC CITY!!

MILLS COUNTY, IOWA.

Terminus of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad.

THE Proprietors of Pacific City will offer for sale, at Public Auction, on the ground,

On Thursday, the 28th day of May 1857,

TWO HUNDRED LOTS!!

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock and continue from day to day until the same are sold.

Pacific City is situated in Mills County, Iowa, on a beautiful plateau of ground in the Great Valley of the Missouri, three miles east of the mouth of Platte or Nebraska river, four miles east of Plattsmouth, the Nebraska terminus of the B. & M. R. R., thirty miles north-east of Nebraska City, twenty-five miles south of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha City in Nebraska. It is adjoining the bluffs of the Missouri river, at the entrance of Poney creek into the bottom. It extends into the bottom two miles and within two miles of the channel of the Missouri river, the bottom gradually descending to the river. The uncertainty of the river banks for a mile east of the river disapproves of the propriety of building within that distance of the river.

The location is a healthy, romantic, and beautiful one, being backed by bluffs two or three hundred feet high, upon the top of which may be seen the great Missouri bottom for thirty miles south, and twenty miles north.

The site has long been looked upon as one of the most beautiful sites in Western Iowa for a large and thriving City, and has been held by the first settlers in Iowa for that purpose, only awaiting the improvement of the country, the demands for such a town, and the Railroad facilities which are soon to be completed.

A branch of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad will be built both north and south of this place. The St. Joseph, Council Bluffs, and Sioux City Railroad will undoubtedly run immediately through the town site.

Stone of the best quality and most extensive in Western Iowa lies one mile south, and four miles north of the town.

Four steam mills within five miles of the town are in successful operation, sawing from one to five thousand feet per day, besides a number of water mills.

Another steam mill is on the way to be put up in the town.

A newspaper will be published there by the first of June next.

Lumber is now on the ground, and being used for the construction of houses.

Contracts have been made to burn two and a half million brick this season.

The advantages which this place has over all others in western Iowa—the Railroad facilities which Pacific City cannot miss having, together with being supplied with the best water in the world, with timber, and the best agricultural countries in Western Iowa, and Nebraska lying east and west of it, is a sure indication that long ere the Railroad is completed that Pacific City will be the largest city west of Burlington.

Terms of sale will be one-third down; one-third in four, and one-third in eight months.—This will be the last and only chance to procure lots of the Company, as the remaining lots after the sale will be divided among the members of the Company, and hence will become the property of private individuals, and prices, as a matter of course, be advanced.

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J. W. COOLIDGE, Pres.  
C. NUCKOLLS, Secy.

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Council Bluffs, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-tf

Tootle & Jackson,  
FORWARDING & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
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THE undersigned having recently taken and refitted the above well-known and popular Public House, he trusts by the strictest attention to the wants of his guests, to merit a liberal share of public favor, confidence and patronage. His table will be supplied with the best market affords, and no pains will be spared to make his guests agreeably at home and comfortable.

G. A. ROBINSON,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa, nov 13-1f.

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Boot & Shoe  
STORE.

J. M. BARTAY, would respectfully inform the inhabitants of Bellevue and vicinity, that he has commenced to Manufacture

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The highest cash price paid, in trade, for all descriptions of RAW HIDES.  
Bellevue, Oct. 30, 1856.—2-tf

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M. SHAW,  
Bellevue, Oct. 23, 1856.—1-tf

# GLENWOOD ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Glenwood, Mills Co., Iowa. 24-tf.

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GLENWOOD, IOWA. no 4-tf

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JOSEPH THROCKMORTON,  
Secretary.

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