THE OMAHA DAILY BEE. MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1886.

O'NEILL, NEBRASKA.

Town of \$500,000 Improvements. The County Seat of Holt County. O'NEILL, Nebraska, April 14th .- [Correspondence of the BEE.]-The flourishing county seat of Holt county is situated on the F. E. & M. V. R. R., two hundred miles west of the Missouri river, in the celebrated valley of the famous Elkhorn. This valley, beautiful and picturesque, comprises the most fertile agricultural country in the northern part of the state. The geographies of a few years ago, known to adults, traced this valley on their colored pages as a barren sand desert, but as the old adage says, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." This country in raising cereals excels most others and droughts are now unknown to this climate. The early explorer found this section the feeding ground of immense herds of buffalo, but the sportsman and hide hunter have entirely extinguished this monarch of the plains. The tame animal, however, suc-cceded the wild and instead of the buffalo, the domesticated cow and horse, with their numerous progeny roam over the "desert" rich with grasses and bring wealth to the few. The railroad built into this country during the years of 1880 and 1831 gave the land The railroad built into this gave the land the years of 1880 and 1831 gave the land seeker a chance to come and see for him-self whether or not this was the arid waste which he had always been led to believe it to be—ha found here cattle and pienty of grass, luxiriant in growth, which gave evidence that these non-sup-posed agricultural plains was a fertue country. The plow was used to turn the prairie and after once harvesting a crop the true nature of the soil was revealed, and it was attested that the soil of the Elkhorn valley was in fertility superior to that of the east. The productiveness of the soil is now unquestionable for agricultural purposes. Good water, entirely free from alkaline taint, can here be obtained at from ten to thirty feet below the surface. The rain fall during the past few years has greatly increased, and now the amount of moisture precipitated is sufficient for all purposes.

HOLT COUNTY. from whence we write, is in every particular above the average of those in the state for agriculture and grazing. Land which a few years ago was considered too poor to be given away is now, throughout the county, valued at from ten to thirty dollars per acre, and as im-THE GRINNELL STORM. The next event in the series of cyclonic provements are gradually added will in-crease within a few years, to forty dollars per acre. The educational advantages here are excellent. In 1875 but five school districts were in Holt county. From that time till 1884 over two hundred were established and the number increasing as does the population. The census of 1880 gave this county 3,287 peo-ple and in 1885 the number had increased

to 16,000 and at the present time reliable authorities place the number at over 20,-000. The homesteads which have been taken in Holt county are rapidly coming into title possession of the settlers as is substantiated by the 120,000 acres which was deeded by the government during the year 1885. THE PRINCIPAL TOWN.

O'Neill is the county seat of Holt county and is a model young city for the west. With its elegant and costly buildings, it has the appearance, somewhat, of an eastern city or metropolis. Al-though the town is but five years old, counting its age from the time the rail-road reached it, its building improvements exceed in value \$500,000. A court house, built of brick, has been erected at a cost of \$16,000, and a school house, of the same material, degant in appear-ance, cost \$8,000 more. The First National bank building cost \$18,000, and the building of the Holt county bank \$9,000. The capital of the above bank-ing institutions. combined is about \$100.-000, and both are strong and reliable.

O'NEILL WAS FIRST SETTLED in the year 1874 by a colony from the

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN OMAHA TO BUT jurious effects to a certain extent, it

could be within convenient access The disadvantages of the ordinary system of setting milk in shallow pans for raising creap are that a long period elapses before the skimising is complet-ed, too much space is required, and in summer the milk becomes sour before the whole of the cream is raised.

Rats usually find a harboring place under a pig-pen if they can do so, and as they will always have plenty to eat they cannot easily be captured or driven off. By the liberal use of chloride of lime n their holes, or of caustic potash where they are compelled to walk, they will be-come disgusted and leave.

A regular system of rotation on the farm will greatly increase the fertility of the soil, and when the practice of turning under crops of green manure is made a permanent one it will greatly increase the yields of the regular crops and enable the manure made upon the farm to be used to greater advantage.

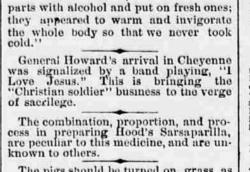
There are two kinds of strawberries, the bisexual (or perfect) and the pistillate (or imperfect). The first will produce fruit of itself, while the other requires pollen from a variety of perfect plants before the plants can fruit. In setting out strawberry plants, therefore, a row of the perfect plants should be placed every third or fourth row, in order that the imperfect plants may be fertilized.

Nelson H. Babar, District Attorne Westchester Co., N. Y., office at White Plains, writes June 20, 1885: "Five years ago 1, my two sons and wife were very hable to colds. We wore the heaviest clothing, wrapping ourselves very warm; but it was colds, coughs and catarrh all the time. Finally we commenced wearing Allcocks Pourous Plasters as chest protectors. The first year we got rid of our heavy flannel as well as all coughs and colds. We each wore two Plasters on the chest and pit of the stomach for three or four weeks at a time, then washed the

General Howard's arrival in Chevenne was signalized by a band playing, "I Love Jesus." This is bringing the "Christian soldier" business to the verge

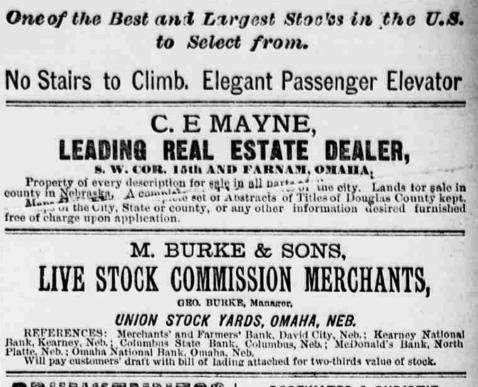
The combination, proportion, and pro-cess in preparing Hood's Sarsaparilla, are peculiar to this medicine, and are unknown to others.

The pigs should be turned on grass as soon as they are weaned and the grass is ready. They will then require no feeding except a mess of ground oats mixed with middlings, which should be given at night. Corn is too heating for the pigs during the summer season, and will do more injury than benefit. Plenty of grass, with an abundant supply of fresh water, is the best food from now until









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lives in the vicinity of Nineteenth and P streets and is said to be quite violent at times. She will be given a hearing be-fore the board of insanity this morning. The Union Pacific has arranged to run a special train from Blue Springs and Lincoln the 26th inst., for Odd Fellows celebration, trains to arrive in Omaha at

a. m., also train to leave Omaha at 2 a. turning the 27th on regular trains. Articles of incorporation of the West Point Creamery company have been filed

BRIEF MENTION.

tice Brown's court, where the gamblers sought to replevin their tools, reinstated

on the docket. The case was dismissed

from the district court on motion of At-torney Lewis on behalf of the Law and

Order league because the gamblers failed to appear and prosecute the case. The

counsel now makes affidavit that he had

his petition prepared, but had mislaid it and supposed that it was on file in the

district court. Coryell Richardson has filed a com-

plaint in Justice Brown's court charging Thurman Morris with obtaining money

under false pretenses, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Morris is at pres-ent serving out a jail sentence for at-tacking an old man in Olive Branch pre-

cinct a few days ago with a hatchet and on his release from his present confine-

ment he will be rearrested on the other charge. Mary Jane Butcher has been com-

been issued for her arrest. Mrs. Butcher

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

The News of Two Days as Gathered For

The Bee.

THE FITZGERALDS' BIG BELT.

The Trophy of Their Success Arrives

and Is a Beauty-A Bold Thief

Arrested-Personal and

General News Notes.

FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BURBAUL.

te with a capital stock of \$60,000. The articles are signed Wm. H. Clark, president; Horatio R. Wilcox, secretary. Joseph Scott, land commissioner, started yesterday for Cherry county to attend the public sale of school land in that county on Tuesday next, a part of which will be offered amounting to 69,740 acres Work has been commenced on the Chase block, corner of Sixteenth and O streets. Attorney General Lessee has returned from Washington. He thinks that he will get a decision in the Bohanan case carly this week. Mrs. M. B. Tuttle, of Omaha, is in the city, and the guest of Mrs. Martin Riley. Dr. Hoover, who has been seriously ill, is reported on the road to recovery. A number of interior views of the capitol were taken by the photographer Sat-urday, with highly satisfactory results. The will of the late Michael Harris was admitted to probate yesterday.

would do him more good than anything else Don't think I'm scolding, dear. I know there is not much chance for you in this country, but oh, my lover John, I wish that you would come back. Little Nell needs me and I must close. Here's a kiss—and here. Good bre, dear, and don't wait so long again before writing. With love, your sweetheart, MAG.

BIG BLOWS.

Some Notable Cyclones and Hurricanes.

The recent clyclones in Minnesota and Iowa call to mind the notable cyclones that have occurred in the northwest during previous years. The Pioneer Press thus summarizes them:

In June, 1877, a large part of the little town of Hazel Green, Lafayette county, Saturday evening the Fitzgeralds received, through Patrick Egan, the cham-Wis., was destroyed by a fierce pion belt won by them at New Orleans. cane, which, in addition to the frightful together with the certificate of award, work usually wrought by such storms in the shape of demolishing buildings, twisting huge rees and carrying people handsomely engraved. The belt is made of red leather, heavily mounted with into the air, smoke half a dozen persons with the icy hand of death. Mankato in solid silver. The breast plate of the belt is a solid piece of silver about ten inches Minnesota, Lake Crystal, and the sur-Minucsola, Like Crystal, and the sur-rounding country were ravaged by a storm cyclonic in nature on Saturday, June 5, 1895. A number of houses were unroofed at Mankato, and crops were considerable destroyed. No lives were lost. On the 10th and 1eth of June, 1881, hundrange sum through Faithault Blue in circumference on which is represented a ladder and hooks, hydrant, nozzle, lantern and various other articles which belong to the paraphernalia of a fire company. It is inscribed as follows: "Fitzgerald Hose Company, Linhurricanes swept through Fairbault, Blue Earth and Nicollet counties, Minn., and coln, Neb. First Prize Champion Race, 300 yards. New Orleans, March 11, 1883 " The back plate is somewhat larger than Polk and Audubon counties, Iowa, kil ling or maining between twenty and thirty people, leveling crops, destroying the breast plate, is of solid silver and bears in large letters these words: "Chambuildings, etc. This was a prelude to the memorable cyclons of Jale 12, which taid the great part of New Ulm, Brown county, Minnesota, in ruins. Three hundred buildings were torn to atoms, thirteen persons killed, and a score of others injured some fatally. The pions, 434 seconds". On either side of the back plate and between it and the breast plate, are smaller plates in the shape of scrolls, bearing the words: "North, Cen-tral and South American Exposition." atoms, threen persons killed, and a score of others injured, some fatally. The same terrible storm passed through Ren-ville and Nicollet counties, Minnesota. Twelve persons were killed and many others injured at West Newton and Well-ington, and several fatalities occurred at other rought is the track of the storm The formal presentation of the trophy will be made to the hose company this evening at the city hall. A BAD MAN ARRESTED. William Foliti, who has a hard reputa-tion as a thief and general crook, was arrested Saturday for stealing a saddle from a horse belonging to a young man named Campbell which was hitched on other points in the track of the storm, while all through the devastated section numerous financial losses were inflicted, enormous in the aggregate. A delega-tion of citizens of New Ulm came to St. the street Friday night. Foliti gave the saddle to a young man named William Thomas to sell, but while trying to dis-Paul and laid the distressing state of af-fairs before Governor Pillsbury, who at once took measures for the relief of the pose of it the latter was intercepted by the police and Foliti's arrest followed.

afflicted community, where 500 people had been made homeless by the calamity. He will be given a hearing this morning. St. Paul and other cities of the state re-sponded cheerfully and promptly to the The counsel for the gamblers appeared in the district court Saturday and filed a call for help. motion to have the appeal case from Jus-

horrors, and more calamitous than any of its predecessors, was the partial de struction of Grinnell, Iowa, and Malcorn nine miles distant, June 18, 1882. At Grinnell the list of mortality embraced forty-one names, and at Malcorn nine were killed. About 100 men were wounded more or less severely in the two towns, several of the number dying within a few days. In both places some of the finest residences were completely shattered and the fragments blown away, and several public edifices were likewise uninhabited, the principal ones being those of the Iowa Congregational college, valued at \$100,000. The aggregate value of the dwelling houses obliterated by this tornado was placed at \$250,000. Appeals to public charity were immed-iately made on behalf of the victims of the disaster, and generous contributions

poured in from Chicago and many other plained of in the district court as a vio-lently insane person, and a warrant has cities of the northwest. This closed the of notable storms for 1882. second In 1883 there were numerous cyclones in the northwest, the first big one being at Racine, May 8, in which nine lives were lost, fifteen fatally injured and ninety slightly hurt. The houses were mainly small ones, belonging to the laboring class, and the loss approximated \$100,000. The same storm passed through the counties of Sangamon, Dewitt and Jersey, Ill., killing a score of people and injuring many others, and annihulating a large number of frame buildings. The last serious cyclone in the northwest previous

to the Rochester disaster was on July 21,

"sure remedies" and guesses of the many who claim to know all about the so-called who claim to know all about the cures. A hog cholera, its causes, and its cures. A physiology and chemistry, or of study physiology and chemistry, or of study with the microscope, may travel the country displaying samples in alcohol of worms or other parasites supposed to cause or result from swine plague, and by such display lead many to think him possessed of the great socret that is to save millions of dollars to the swine breeders of America. But is it reasona-ble to suppose that such a man has any-thing new or anything that has escaped the keen search of the well-trained scientist?

There is no doubt that swine plague here, as well as in Europe, is highly con-tagious. It is easily given to healthy an-imals by inoculation; but how to culti-vate the virus so as to have it of just the proper strength to communicate the discase in a light form only, yet enough to prevent its recurrence without fatal results, has not been discovered.

In view of the well-established fact that swine plague is contagious, and that it goes through the country in no other way than by the multiplication and spread of disease germs, it is to be regretted that men of prominence, as swine breeders, should speak lightly of danger from the traffic in hogs that have died of disease. In the recently published proceedings of the National Swine Breeders' association

The department of agriculture and the bureau of animal industry at Washing-ton are doing good service for the Amer-ican farmer and live stock breeder, and I believe it a duty to give them the mora support of our confidence in their work, rather than to criticise and fault every action taken.

Equinoctial Farrowing.

The Hog, April 7: We have been surprised at so many breeders and farmers having pigs farrowed at the time for equinoctial storms. We never yet have had a litter of pigs farrowed during the last half of March. When breeding sows we invariably have reference to this matter. The rule does not always apply, but gen-erally there is brittle weather from the 18th to the 27th of March. Then why have pigs come at this period when a dif-ferent date will answer as well? Many hog raisers during a lifetime experience never think of this. And it is only an-other evidence that they do not carefully study their business. Farmers need to look more to details. During the equinoctial season just passed some sections have been visited by storms of great se-Nearly every section has been verity. visited by rain, snow or sudden changes in temperature. We speak of this matter now so that our readers may have it impressed upon their minds and observe it in the future.

Get in the Seeds and Plants, Early.

Those who contemplate setting out vines should do so early, or as soon as the condition of the ground permits. Strawberries are very partial to a cool season and delight in plenty of moisture, and for that reason no time should be lost in transplanting the runners. Although many persons prefer to wait until the young plants have made some growth of leaf in the spring, yet the best results have been obtained on sandy soils when the plants are placed in position before the crowns have started. The young vines of other fruits may be treated in the same manner, especially in those sections where the summer is usually dry and but a small proportion of rain is secured. In a few weeks more the middle of the day will be very warm, and the english the plants can be put out the better they will

endure the heat of the sun and a dry soil. Seeds of tomatoes, egg plants. water-melons, cantaloupes and other plants that are liable to be injured, may be planted in soil placed in empty egg shells, and when the proper time arrives may be placed in their positions without being disturbed from the shells, as they will break the shells as they grow larger. This method is an easy and excellent one for securing a few plants for an early supply supply. Peas, kale, radish and lettuce endure slight frosts, and the seeds may be placed in the ground as early as preferred, though long periods of wet weather may cause some of them to rot. Parsley, beets, carrots and parsnips are hardy, and the seed slow in corminating. They supply. beets, caFrots and parsnips are hardy, and the seed slow in germinating. They cannot be put in too soon after the ground is ready, as the grass will destroy the young plants if it begins to occupy the ground before the plants can become firmly established. As soon as they can be discerned in the rows the ground should be thoroughly cleaned of all weeds and grass, even if it must be done by hand, but after that is done the hoe will easily protect them. will easily protect them. Do not attempt to get such plants as squash, cucumbers, pumpkin, Lima beans or string beans in before being satisfied that there will be do further danger from frosts. But the seeds should be pl before the seeds become dry, as a favor able start is very important. Where it is able start is very important. intended to place such crops the seed bed should be carefully prepared now, and the weeds and young grass will be easily destroyed by working over the soil again before planting the seed. The ground for early crops should be worked deeply, and then made as fine as harrow or rake and then made as line as harrow or rake can be used for that purpose. No ma-nure except such as has been thoroughly rotted should be used, as fresh manura may contain the seeds of weeds. Take advantage of the spring rains and en-deavor to forward the plants as far as possible before summer.

WHO IS JOHN M'CLURE.

The Body of an Otoe or Cass County Man Found in an Abandoned Colorado Shaft.

Nebraska City Press: The Press is in receipt of a copy of the Leadville Demo-crat detailing the finding of the body of a man in an abondoned shaft near that wonderful city of the clouds. The ac-count of one who was present, as given the Democrat reporter, was as follows: "The man was dressed in a heavy pair

of corduroy pants covered with a pair of overalls, a blue blouse with brass buttons stamped with an eagle, and a blue flan-nel shirt. He also had on an undershirt of red flannel, but no drawers. In his pants pocket was a knife, three silver dol-lars and two keys here they all are and lars and two keys—here they all are—and in the inside pocket of his blouse was found this pocketbook. When you have looked through it you will know just as

much about the case as I do." The report continues: "The pocket-book was an old one, of light leather, fastened with a strap which passed sev-eral times around it. It was dry, but showed indications of having laid in a damp place, one side of it particularly being badly moulded. Carefully opened, it was found to contain a few papers and two latters. The first of these taken out two letters. The first of these taken out read as follows:

read as follows: NERRASKA CITY, Dec. 13, '85.—Dear John: I have already done as much for you as I feel able to do, though I would like to help you out of the hole that your usual luck has got you cont of the hole that your usual luck has got you into. If you can manage to get along for another month, or until the last of Janufor another month, or until the last of Janu-ary, I may manage to send you a \$100, but that will have to finish it. You are old enough now to scratch for yourself. Joe is not so well as when you left and we think that it is only a question of a few months be-fore the boy leaves us. Kilty is as usual and sends love. Your affectionate father, J. B. McClurge.

"There was no envelope enclosing this missive, but the other was in what had been a dainty white envelope, post-marked —, Neb., Nov. —, and ad-dressed in a lady's hand. "Mr. John

dressed in a lady's hand, "Mr. John McC-e," the chirography being almost indecipherable through reason of the water stains. The letter read: WEEPING WATER, — '85.-My Lov-er:-Your letter came, dear, and did me a world of good, for I was getting anxious about you because you did not write. I saw your rather just before it came, and he said that he had not heard from you for more than a month. Do you wonder that I wor-ried a little? But now it is all right. I was sorry, John, to hear that you had not

I was sorry, John, to hear that you had not been doing as well as you hoped to do, but maybe there is a good time coming (who knows?) anyway, my lover, whether fortunes come to us or not, we have each other. Don't trouble, dear, it will all come right in the end.

Kitty is well; 1 saw her last week, but your brother Joe looks badly. John, dear do you know that 1 think your father needs you? He is looking much older than he ever did before, and I think, John, that if you would give up your hunt for gold and come home it

which passed through Dodge and Olmstead counties and westward into Dakota. The number of lives lost was ten and a large number were seriously injured. The losses to crops were heavy. Near Owatonna a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train was blown from the

track and twenty persons were injured. THE ROCHESTER CYCLONE. The most terrific cyclone that ever occurred in Minnesota visited Rochester early in the evening of Aug. 23, 1883. The entire northern part of the city was laid in ruins, twenty-six people killed out-right and eighty others badly injured. The

storm was terrific, carrying everything before it. After leaving Rochester it swept onward to the west through Dodge county, carrying death and destruction in its path. The loss in property from the effects of the storm was about \$300,-000. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 9, 1884, a severe wind storm swept across Washington county in a northeasterly direc-tion, devastating the country and par-tially destroying the village of Marine Mills. But one person was killed and less than a halt a dozen seriously inujred. The storm was cyclonic in some places, and extended over a strip of territory about eight miles wide. Yellow Medicine county suffered from a severe rtorm on Friday, June 13, 1885. The wind was a straight blow, not of a cyclonic nature, and was accompanied by a heavy fall of rain and hail. One person was killed,

UNCLE ROBERT GIBSON.

nine injured, and property to the amount of \$120,000 destroyed.

Probably the Oldest Man in America Dies in Andrain County, Missouri.

Kansas City Times, April 12th: He was born in North Carolina. December 25th, 1765. Here he grew to manhood without the advantages of wealth or more than a rudimentary education. At this period, however, schools were scarce. He lived here until about the age of 55 years, married his first wife when about 30 years old. By her he had sixteen children, nine of whom are now living at pa-triarchal ages. He was mustered into service for the war of 1812, but was too old for compulsory service and hence did not remain. In 1851 he married his scc-ond wife, being then 95 years of age. His descendants number nearly 400 and

include the fourth generation. Uncle Robert always followed the occupation of a farmer, being a regular hand in the field until 108 years of age. Since that time he has lived with his children. About this time he was riding horseback and his horse ran against the limb of a tree throwing him and dislocating his shoulder. He chewed tobacco but did not smoke and was a moderate user of liquor. During the last ten years of his life he was totally blind, and his hearing was somewhat impaired. He, however, walked around with the aid of his cane,

and within a year walked nearly half a mile to visit a neighbor. For some sixty years he was a member of the Christian church, and has always lived an honest and industrious life. His memory, for one of his age, was wonderful indeed, and his descriptions of early colonial times were very interesting. The record of old people who have lived since antedeluyian times shows that out two persons have exceeded this are of the

persons have exceeded this age of 120 years, one of these being the patariarch Jacob and the other a Hungarian peasant who died at the age of 185 years. Polltically Mr. Gibson was a democrat

and had voted for every president since

Washington. He will be buried in the cemetery at at College Mound, near his home in Andrain county.

A Columbus, Ga., cat has taken posses

sion of a last year's bird's nest on the top of a thick elm tree in that city, and the nest now contains five young kittens.

New England states, and many of the colony me.nbers are now prominent personages of the town, among whom are Hon. Patrick Fahy, Neil Brennan, J. J. McCafferty and others. The latter gen-tlemen are seperately engaged in the hardware business and both doing an extensive business. All the business men of O'Neill are enterprising and energetic, and the prosperous town which they have built up show their work. The large, well stocked, general merchandise firms, including those of T. N. J. Hynes and Mann & Hecker, are models of

neatness. THE LEGAL PROFESSION is ably represented by Senator Kincaid, Cleveland, Meals & Co., Judge Golden and M. F. Harrington. The two latter firms are also dealers in real estate and loan agents. Judge Golden has an extensive set of abstract books of Holt county, from which we get our statistics of Holt county land. O'Neil's popula-tion at present is about 1,200. Its imof Holt county land. O New S potential tion at present is about 1,200. Its im-provements are the most costly of any provements are the most costly of any Fremont in Nebraska. The Evans House is a large three story hotel, and first class and one of the many handsome buildings which the town contains. The Holt county creamery is another enterprise which the town contains. A contract has been let for the building of

A LARGE FLOURING MILL, and it is thought that two mills will be erected during the coming summer. The press is well represented by three pa-pers, the Tribune, Frontier and People. The editor of the former paper, J. M. McDougal, is a man of rare ability as an editor. His paper now has a circulation from the paper now has a circulation greater than any paper in northern Ne-braska. O'Neill will make a

braska. O'Neill will make a PERMANENT POINT. The Milwaukee railroad will shortly construct a line from Niobrara to this place which will help the town's future prospects. With a through railroad and a favorable prospect of another line and with the class of business men of which O'Neil is composed, there is certainly no doubt in the eyes of a candid observer but that this place will make one of the first towns in the state.

FIELD AND FARM.

Inoculation for Swine Plague. Breeders' Gazette: Dr. W. H. Rose, of the department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., has just completed an extended tour through the Missouri Valley states looking after contagious diseases of farm animals. He has secured from the infected regions in Kansas and Nebraska much valuable in-Kansas and Nebraska much valuable in-formation, particularly regarding swine pl gue, and has forwarded to Washing-t a considerable material for use in the investigations being made there to determine more definitely the cause and natue of this disease. He stopped over at Springfield on his way back to Washington, to consult with Col. Mills, secretary of the Illinois department of Agriculture, regarding the health and condition of farm animals in this state, But Illinois gould

animals in this state. But Illinois could not, at this time, furnish anything of especial interest in the way of cattle or

especial interest in the way of cattle or swine discase Experiments recently made by the state authorities in Nebraska, seem to disprove the Pasteur theory of inocula-tion as a preventive of swine plague. But Dr. Rose does not consider these ex-periments conclusive. It is still an open question whether the disease known as swine plague in Europe is the same as that which appears in Nebraska and Kan-sas. It is possible, also, that the so-called swine plague in our eastern states may differ somewhat from that of the west. So long as well educated men, having at command every facility that science

at command every facility that science can supply for the study of these mala-dies, are unable to master them we are little disposed to rely on the advertised

Seasonable Hints and Suggestions. Do not compel the sheep to forage ex-elusively for their food. Even when the the grass is plentiful a liberal mess of oats when they come up at night will greatly add to their thrift and condition. Hot-beds are to be started six weeks before the plants can be safely set in the open ground. These need close atten-tion in airing. The sun's heat in a closed bed will destroy the crop in a few hours Cows should be milked with regularity. If this work is postponed beyond the reg-ular time the cows will not yield the usual quanty and will become dry very

rapidly. A few grapevines planted along the borders of the walks and trained to meet overhead will not only provide shade but yield a crop of fruit as well. The vines can therefore be made useful and ornamental.

Soils containing a large proportion of sand are best for garden purposes, but the sub-soil should be of clay if the fer-tility is to be retained. Drainage, however, is important in securing good crops from the garden.

Hives should not be placed directly on the ground, as it will rot the bottom boards and harbor ants, but the earth may be banked up even with the entrance, so that spiders, toads and lizards cannot find a hiding place underneath,

Rye may be pastured with advantage at this season, and makes excellent green food until grass is ready. Unless trampled on too much no injury will be done to the rye by pasturing upon it, and a crop of grain may be secured later in the season.

At this season, when the stock has young grass, plenty of salt should be allowed. Very young and tender grass will sometimes cause bowel disease, especially if the animals have been fed on dry food exclusively during the winter, and as salt counteracts the in-

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