

FARM NOTES.

A runty calf makes a runty cow. Look up the sheep bells. One bell twelve sheep. Give the milk cans a sun bath as well as a water bath. Castrate the old boars and give them the run of the pasture. Balance the ration with several pounds of common sense. A wasteful practice is to give scientific feeding to scrub stock. A plentiful supply of corn and small litters of pigs usually go together. Don't ruin the young bull by turning him loose with a large herd of cows. The cow is a mother, and the calf is a baby. Both must be treated accordingly. Don't allow scythes, mowers or other sharp tools to lie around for the horse to get cut on. Don't make a scrub out of the new colt by neglecting to give a little care to its early life. A bull tied in the stall will get lazy and useless, besides making extra work in his care and feed. If you are tired of carrying water to your sheep, rig up some plan to save yourself this trouble. The only objection to the bird dog is that he often fails to discriminate between birds and sheep. To keep the milk or cream sweet over Sunday, cool it and give it a good stirring before closing down the covers. Cut down the corn ration for the horses as much as possible and feed more oats. Corn is altogether too heating for summer work. Don't forget to arrange for the sweet corn, pumpkin patch and second growth meadow to help out the usual short pastures of late summer. Breed gives an animal its natural flesh, feed gives it the fat. You can't feed on flesh where the ancestors did not pass it on by inheritance. Hogs are affected by extremes of heat and cold, and the character of their shelter should therefore depend upon the climate as well as the locality. Some butter makers are fighting the farm separator. The trouble is not with the separator, but with the man who abuses it. Better get after the man. A good, tried brood mare is a splendid property just now, and a farmer ought to think a long time before letting one go for they are hard to replace at any price. No swine grower should be without good pasture during the entire growing season. An abundance of suitable pasture will cheapen the cost of producing pork. Cattle are just about right to start to fatten when the local butcher thinks they are good enough to kill. There is a vast difference between butcher cattle and fat cattle. All inferior lambs and aged ewes or poor breeders should be separated to another pasture and given a grain ration in order to fit them for the block as early as possible. Many of the creameries that were built a few years ago without the patronage of at least 400 cows, are now going on the rocks. We can only say we told you so, but this is poor consolation. Keep the bull in good condition. He will appreciate and render good value for a feed of oats each day. If he is starved or allowed to run down too much in flesh, there will be a shortage in the next calf crop. Don't keep him in the barn without being exercised. And don't feed very much corn to a breeding bull. Oats, bran, roots, clover hay and such feeds are all right for him. In other words, feed the bull the same ration you would feed a dairy cow if you want to keep him in the best possible condition. Generally speaking doctoring sick chickens is a mere waste of time as far as getting them well goes, though every poultry keeper does more or less of it for experimental purposes, and to enable him to keep his flock in order. The best medicine for an ailing chicken, and usually the cheapest, is a sharp hatchet and a speedy burial. The best of chickens do not live to be very old, so a premature death is not to be deplored if only a hen now and then gets sick. On a farm folks are too busy to be tinkering around with sick chickens. The age of a horse is readily told by the cups in the teeth. At four years there will be permanent front teeth. At five there are deep black cavities in the centres of all lower nippers. At six these cavities disappear in the two centre lower nippers. Two more lose their cavities for each year to the eighth, and then the two centre upper nippers lose their cavities, and each year two more, until at the age of ten the teeth are all smooth, or retain only a black speck. After the age of ten the length of the teeth, and tushes must be judged; even then the age can be determined only approximately. One object in tilling is to preserve the moisture in the soil. The spreading of manure during the winter round the stems of standard fruit trees, and such bushes as gooseberries and currants, tends to keep the surface soil moist. The roots of such plants are near the surface, and by slightly scraping beneath with a spade the numerous tender root hairs are soon exposed. These are at work feeding the stems, they are protected from frost by the straw of the manure. In summer time we hoe the weeds, but it is an excellent plan to keep the hoe going before weeds are visible. The latter are robbers of nutrition, and a little stir will prevent their getting a firm hold. But the hoe goes one step further, it breaks up the tiny pores in the soil through which the moisture naturally comes to the surface by capillary attraction, and thus evaporation is arrested—a most important thing when rain is badly wanted. After hoeing in this manner, and for this object, it is plainly seen that plants derive much benefit, as much and even more than from some of the summer showers, which leave little trace behind of their visit.

Taft and Sherman Named by Republicans

PRESIDENT CHOSEN ON FIRST BALLOT. HAD 561 VOTES.

Vice President Nominated Without Opposition. Roosevelt Men Silent, 344 Refusing to Vote in Convention.

CHICAGO, JUNE 24.—With nearly 344 of the Roosevelt delegates declining to vote and hastening away at adjournment time to tender to Colonel Roosevelt the nomination of a new party, the fifteenth Republican national convention at the end of a long and tumultuous session re-nominated William Howard Taft, of Ohio, for president, and James Schoolcraft Sherman, of New York, for vice president. President Taft received 561 of the 1078 votes in the convention, or 21 more than a majority. The detailed vote was: Taft, 561; Roosevelt, 107; LaFollette, 41; Cummins, 17; Hughes, 2; not voting, 344; absent, 6.

The total vote for vice president was: Sherman, 597; Borah, 21; Hixley, 14; Merriam, 20; Beveridge, 2. The announcement of the Taft victory was greeted with cheering from his adherents and groans and hisses from the opposition.

In the confusion just before adjournment a resolution was adopted giving the national committee power to declare vacant the seat of any man on the committee refusing to support the nominee of the regular convention of 1912.

When it became absolutely certain that Mr. Taft would be nominated without great difficulty the leaders in the convention decided to give him as a running mate his companion on the ticket in 1908.

All others dropped from the race and Mr. Sherman was the only candidate regularly placed before the convention.

A motion from New Hampshire to make the nomination by acclamation was declared out of order. There were many scattering votes on the roll call that ensued.

The revolt of many Roosevelt delegates in the convention was apparent from the moment the permanent roll containing the names of contested delegates was approved. A "valedictory" statement was read in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt, asking that his name be not presented, and that his delegates sit in mute protest against all further proceedings. At no time was there an intimation of a walkout of Roosevelt delegates. They expressed their revolt by silence.

ONLY WAITED COLONEL'S CALL. A great majority of the Roosevelt delegates in the Illinois and all in the Missouri and Idaho delegations, declined to follow this advice, but Colonel Roosevelt's sway over the delegations from California, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and West Virginia was all but absolute.

Most of the delegates from these States announced their purpose of helping to give Mr. Roosevelt an independent nomination at another hall.

The split in the convention occasioned no surprise. It was but a fulfillment of predictions that had been made during the past several days.

The closing scenes of the convention were marked by counter-demonstrations for President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt.

The first test vote after the announcement of the Roosevelt valedictory came on the adoption of the party platform.

Immediately after the adjournment of the regular convention all of the Roosevelt delegates adjourned to Orchestra hall, in another part of the city. There they listened to a mad and impassioned speech from Colonel Roosevelt who told them that he would be the head of a new party if they wanted him to, but that they should go home, sound public sentiment and prepare to respond to a call for another convention later when he would accept their nomination for President.

—If a horse shows indications of being a cribber, look at his teeth; he may be biting and chewing only because his teeth are crowded and need spreading or removal. A tight neck strap helps to prevent cribbing; also a metal-lined manger.

—The wooden milk pail is an incubator of filth and bad flavors.

Dog's Suicide. French veterinary surgeons are saying that Lepreux's dog deliberately committed suicide. "Dyck," as his name is spelled, had been as attached to his master as his master was to him, and he whined by day and night, refusing every atom of food. The dog was taken out one day, but he was hardly in the street when he ran in front of a trolley. The driver was able to stop in time, and "Dyck" escaped without a scratch. But as soon as the vehicle moved on he repeated the performance and was crushed. Veterinary surgeons who have hospitals for animals consider this no novel case, and quote many cases of dogs' suicide.

Parisian Advertising Scheme. The latest novelty to attract the public of Paris is a young woman who the other day in an attractive looking smartly cut tailor-made costume, patent leather shoes and a large fashionable hat, appeared on one of the principal boulevards smoking a cigarette. In her hand she carried a riding whip. A large crowd gathered as she continued her walk along the boulevard until she reached a shop, in which she disappeared. Emerging a moment after she announced to the crowd in a clear voice that admittance was free.

Mayor Unable to See Joke. Great excitement was caused at Mulhausen, in Alsace, recently, by the appearance in the streets of a French poodle, painted red, white, and blue, to represent the Tricolor. When the German police endeavored to arrest this seditious animal, it took refuge in the house of the mayor, to whom it belonged. The perpetrators of the practical joke remained discreetly in the background.

Killed Innocent Men.

A tragic mistake occurred in Paris, France, early the other morning. A workman and his wife had been to the theater, and were hastening to get the last motor-omnibus home to Arcueil, when they brushed against some young men and angry words were exchanged. When the man and his wife got down the four young men also left the omnibus and walked after the couple down the Avenue d'Orleans. The workman jumped to the conclusion that they were apaches who intended to attack him. Telling his wife to hurry on he turned and fired a couple of shots at the group behind. At dawn when he went to inform the police he was dumfounded to find that he had shot at four innocent and respectable young men, killing one and mortally wounding another. He was immediately arrested.

His Money's Worth. An up-state assemblyman went to a local hotel of unpretentious character a short time ago and said he wished to rent a room for 75 cents, if possible, and if not, for \$1. The clerk told him there were no 75-cent rooms and that it was only on rare occasions that they let anything for less than \$1.50. It was finally agreed that the man should get a dollar room, and a bell-boy started him off toward the roof. Early the next morning the legislator came down to the desk in a state of great excitement. "Say," said he to the clerk, "what kind of a place is this, anyhow? Why, in the middle of the night two great big rats got out on the floor right in the middle of my room and had a fight."—"New York Herald.

Slow Pay, But Sure. Another proof that Uncle Sam is honest and will pay his debts as soon as he can is on an exhibition at the office of Julius Schmah, secretary of state of Minnesota. It is a check for \$1.77, which was received last week by Charles A. Rose, document clerk, at Chicago. Uncle Sam has been owing Mr. Rose this money ever since 1863 and has at last got enough ahead to pay the debt. In 1863 Mr. Rose was transferred from one company of volunteers to another and at the time of his transfer there was due him \$1.77. The amount was never paid and Mr. Rose had even forgotten that he had it coming until the check arrived.

Savagery in Spain. A survival of the days of witchcraft was discovered, not long since, in the Spanish seaport town of Barcelona, in the person of a woman who had been arrested for abducting two children. The children have been recovered, but the police assert that the woman has destroyed at least three other infants, a sackful of bones having been discovered in her dwelling. It is claimed that the woman first killed the children and then boiled their remains with other ingredients in a large cauldron in order to make love potions, which she sold at fabulous prices.

Church Inspired Masterpieces. As Edward Gibbon, an Englishman, was visiting in Rome in the Eighteenth century he was sitting one evening in a church that had once been an ancient temple. Some barefooted friars were singing vespers. Suddenly, as he sat there thinking, there flashed through his mind the idea of telling the story of how the tremendous temples and palaces of Rome fell into decay. The result was "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," a masterpiece of history.

Japanese Couple Elope. An elopement which caused some excitement in San Jose, Cal., not long since, was that of a charming Japanese girl, who, as a child, was brought from her native land by a wealthy resident of San Jose and educated at Bryn Mawr. Owing to the fact that her guardian left no will the young lady was left penniless upon his decease a few years ago. The man with whom she eloped is a prominent fellow-countryman of her own, with business interests in San Francisco.

How He Gets His Living. A good story regarding one of Boston's judges comes by way of a fisherman lawyer. He was up in one of the camps far into the Maine woods and got into conversation with a native. The latter, in talking of Boston, asked the visitor if he knew there a lawyer named Pierce—"Ned" Pierce. "I'm not sure of a lawyer by that name. But there is a judge of the superior bench."—"Wa'al," said the Maine man, "I b'lieve I have heard he got his livin' by judgin'."

Malvina's Pleasures. "Look-a-here, Malvina!" cried the old man, shaking a horny finger at the bills the rural free-delivery carrier had left, "mustard plasters from Joslin's, 50c; six teeth pulled at Dr. Pollard's \$3! There's \$3.50 in one week spent for your own private pleasure. Do you think, woman, I'm made of money?"—Hampton's Magazine.

What Ailed the Poor Prelate. A cardinal, in conversation with a prelate whose whole study was how to obtain promotion, happened to remark that he always enjoyed good health. "Ah," said the other, "how do you manage that? For my part, I am always ailing."—"Why," replied the cardinal, "the reason is that I wear my hat on my head, but you have it on your heart."

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