

"BONE AGE" ON THE PRAIRIES.

How Many Settlers Lived While Getting Their Claims.

The pioneers of Kansas will never forget the "buffalo bone age." When central and southwestern Kansas were settled the prairie was strewn with buffalo bones.

Nine-tenths of the pioneers of that section of Kansas—and there weren't very many at that—had literally nothing but a team and a few household goods that they had hauled from the East in a single wagon.

The horns were the more valuable and they went first, but the rest of the skeleton soon followed. There were no fortunes made by these early bone hunters, for a large load of buffalo bones brought only from \$5 to \$8 at the railroad towns.

Songs vs. Hymns.

"I'm a religious man myself—you understand," he said as he walked into Prosecutor Geier's office, considerably aroused. "But is a man supposed to listen to his neighbor playing the organ and singing hymns at 4 o'clock in the morning? Huh?"

"I go to church just as much as he does and my children go to Sunday school, and I think I'm just as good a man as he is, if I do say it myself. But this is going too far. He isn't even a good singer. Honest, he's got an awful voice."

The neighbor, it seems, gets up at 4 or 5 and starts long hymns every morning, accompanying himself on the organ. Geier refused to order an arrest.

"All I can suggest is a counter irritant," he said. "Nothing the look of surprise, he exclaimed: 'You get up a little earlier and start a phonograph playing 'Waltz Me Around Again, Willie' or 'Oh, Go, Be Sweet to Me, Kid' or 'Love Me and the World is Mine' or something like that. Then when he gets mad and comes to you about it make a bargain with him.'"

"The men agreed and started for a music store at once.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Plea for Cannibalism.

The physician took a little more turkey. "We digest turkey easily," he said, "because the flesh resembles our own. A turkey eats grain, meat, fish, pretty much everything tasty; we do the same, and hence human flesh and turkey flesh are a good deal alike."

"Fish digest fish best. Carnivorous animals, if fed on the flesh of carnivores, keep in the best condition. When a snake goes off its feed the trainer soon brings it round with a meal of two of snake meat."

"These and similar facts have been proved strikingly by Emil Fischer, the Berlin chemist. The most digestible and the most nourishing food, Fischer's experiments show, is that which is more like the feeder. The most indigestible, empty and least nourishing food is that which is most unlike the feeder. Cannibalism, in other words, is the most reasonable food law, and vegetarianism is the most unreasonable."

A Moveable Watermark.

The "Chico" tells the following story of high tide and low tide in a small boy's affairs:

"Willie," commanded the mother, as the little family went about to set out for the Sunday-school picnic, "you run right back to the sink and wash your face again; and when you come out don't let me see that black watermark on your neck!"

A little later, as the mother and her two children were hurrying toward the suburban trolley depot, the boy and girl unable to keep the mother's pace, stopped behind.

"Willie," asked the sister, stimulated to continual chatter by the thought of the joyful picnic, "did you manage to wash the watermark off?"

"Now, I didn't!" the boy gleefully rejoined, casting a stealthy glance at his mother. "I only moved it further down!"

Dog Rescued Another in Distress.

An instance of a dog's devotion is reported by M. K. Gleason of Warren, Pa. Mr. Gleason and others noted a big shepherd dog on the railroad tracks over the Allegheny barking frantically. The animal ran to them and then back to one of the centre piers, where it stopped and looked down.

Finally the men secured a ladder and going out on the bridge clambered down and found a fox terrier dog that had fallen there. When the little dog was rescued the joy of the shepherd was unbounded and it manifested its gratitude by jumping up on the men and licking their hands.

The Blue Ribbons of Mathematics.

This year's "senior wranglership" at the University of Cambridge, England, gave great honors to a young Russian Jew. The result of the "mathematical tripos" shows that Selig Brodetsky, whose father had sought an asylum in England from Russian oppression, has been bracketed with Mr. Ibbotson, scholar of Pembroke, for the coveted British blue ribbon of mathematics.



STABLE AND WINDOW.

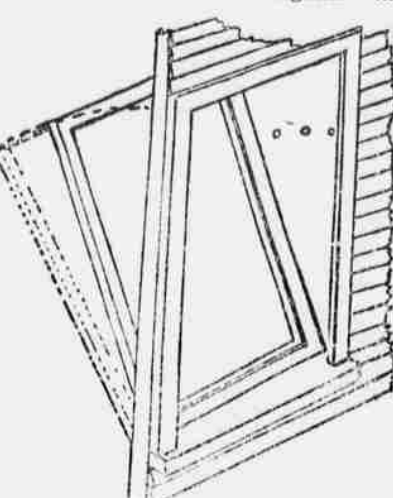
Excellent Method of Admitting Light Is Sherringham Device.

Barns or stables are usually needed to protect animals against rigor of climate. They should be on well-drained soil, never over manure pits, of simple construction, that they may be easily kept clean, well lighted and well ventilated.

Cement is now used extensively in stable construction. For horse-stable floors it is too slippery and too hard for the horses to stand on when they are kept much of the time in stables. Animals should always have clean, dry floors.

Stables should be cleaned carefully daily, and disinfected thoroughly at least twice during the winter season, and always after a case of disease among the animals in the stable. For disinfecting, a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid (poisonous) in water is good (one part of acid mixed with twenty parts of water).

Stables should be well lighted and so arranged that the light will not strike the animals directly in the eyes. Light is best admitted from above and behind the animal. An excellent method of admitting light is by means of the Sherringham window.



The window is hinged at the bottom and opens inward at the top, and serves for ventilation as well as light. Abundance of light for stables is important hygienically, as direct sunlight destroys many germs, is a good drying agent, and adds a cheerfulness that is greatly to be desired.

Variety in Stock Rations.

The care and attention that are usually devoted to live stock during the winter season, when crops are not on the field, do not need attention, and the farmer has to be idle at times, is considerable. When the labor is bestowed on the preparation of food for stock, in order to make the rations more valuable, and also more highly relished, there is then sufficient saving to more than pay for the labor, and also to induce more rapid increase in the weight of the animals or the production of milk and butter.

The Work Horse.

Oil meal or ground flaxseed is a good remedy and preventive for constipation. In training a colt teach him one thing at a time and do that thoroughly. When horses have free access to salt at all times, they are not so apt to suffer from worms.

If the horse's shoulders are clean the collar will not be much dirty. Feeding a horse corn one day, oats the next and something else the next, is a good way to quickly invite indigestion.

Wash out the feed troughs, clean the corners of the sour feed, and many a case of colic will be avoided.

Generally cows that consume the most food, produce milk and cream at the lowest rate.

"THE SAME OLD COON."

That old rascal coon that was a mascot to the hard-riding campaigners of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" is a hoodoo to the roosiers in smelting districts of his nest. His smelter swines round like a searchlight, and his inevitable snout can scent an egg at long distance, though not a rot and spoil, and the crowler is a lightning calculator who escapes the midnight toady of this furry blend for fish, frogs and all varieties of birds, land and water fowl.

Two neighbors lost fifty-five chickens in two moons, and the "nigger in the wood pile" was two coons.

Coons are great fishers, and it's fun to see them dance when a crab dips on to their bare soled feet, but when coons and fishy flavored puddle ducks compete at catching tadpoles and snuckers competition is death to ducks.

This expert climber and nest robber, with his bare, naked claws and human-like paws, is one of the few proverbs that can scoop eggs and young out of the woodpecker's nest in the hollow tree.

They love fruit, raid oats and buckwheat fields and along the Alleghenies, Pennsylvania, have been known to spoil one-third of a field of green corn in a single night.

They move by leaps and bounds and are terrific fighters, one coon often holding a pack of dogs at bay and an



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old coon often thrashing a big hound, so if you want fun tackle a coon in your coop without a gun. While the ladies wear skunk skins for Alaska sables, the gray, brownish coon fur is often passed off on them as otter, and the delicious flesh pleases any epicure.

While shot and trapped, the popular mode of catching coons is the coon hunt. Trained dogs are turned into the dark, quiet woods. A trail found and dogs giving tongue, the hunters rush to the tree where the yelping, prancing dogs proclaim Mr. Coon is freed. A hunter climbs the tree, shaking the limbs as he goes up, and when the word comes down: "I see him curled in the top! Look out down there; I'll shake him now! Catching there he comes!" there's something ailing in excitement, and when that big, snapping, snapping snarling coon comes rattling down through the boughs and bounces into that bunch of prancing, eager dogs there's a whirlwind of dog and coon going round that bends a Kilkenny cat right to a frazzle.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Eggshells on the great vines of bran are frequently seen in the poultry journals. Don't follow their advice to feed bran straight. It is wrong. When using bran we never use more than one-half to the mixture.

The admission of a new breed of turkey to the "standard" by the American Poultry association is the sign it will stay there. The recent drop of seven from the list by the revision committee is a pointer for the fellow who takes an every new breed.

We lately read that a Wisconsin hen had adopted three little stray pigs. She is Elsie a Cochin hen and the pigs are Cochins-Chinas.

From a careful investigation by fellow White Wyandottes the best paying proposition in poultry. They are so hot blooded as to need little heat, stand forcing for quick growth, plump up quickly and are the prettiest dressed fowls on the market. They are myers, pouters and singers.

Tree specialists are advising the mixing of flour with paris green when it is applied to trees. They claim the pests die the mixture greedily.

But fowls eat it, too, and Leghorns go up a tree after it. We clip the grass under the tree, surround it with chicken wire and spray the poison straight when the sun is out hot, to dry quickly.

If you can't shut in those fowls when poisoning potato bugs, scatter fine feed, then spray while the sun is glaring hot, and the plants will be dried off before the fowls are through eating.

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A WEED EATING CREEPER.

Protects the Rubber Plant from the Lalang.

It appears that at least an antidote has been found to the noxious weeds which are so frequently the death of certain forms of plant and vegetable life in the East. Specimens of this wonderful "find" have been forwarded to the authorities at Kew Gardens. This plant is a blue flowering creeper botanically known as the Commelina dudiflora linnaea, but called "rumpit gremah" by the natives of Malaysia and "ge-war-an" by the Javanese. Although the report made at Kew goes to show that this creeper is common throughout the middle East, it would seem that the managers of estates and plantations have not known of its peculiarly welcome properties until very recently and accidentally.

The prolific weed known as "lalang" is the great enemy to rubber growth. It was the accident of observing that where the blue flowered creeper came in contact with the lalang the latter became much less injurious that induced a planter to send specimens to Kew. It seems that at first one begins to notice that the weeds are becoming less prolific where the creeper is growing among them. This improvement steadily increases as time goes on and it has been found that under the influence of this antidote lalang which was formerly four or five feet in height has been reduced to only one or two feet when it starts to flower.

But the joyful discovery having been made that here was an undoubted setback to the weedy growth that chokes young rubber and is the bane of the planter's life, the question arose: Would the antidote itself exercise a prejudicial effect on the rubber? Therefore the specimens were duly submitted to Kew, and, as stated to our representative, the new creeper is unlikely to have any harmful effect on young rubber trees. Planters all over the East may therefore take heart of grace and also take this new "medicine."

In appearance the blue flowered Commelina nudiflora is rather pretty, and like the weeds which it first checks and then kills it grows with astonishing rapidity. The particular estate whose manager made the discovery and acted upon it so promptly and satisfactorily is the Langkon estate, in British North Borneo. The amount of rubber produced annually in the Straits Settlements is of course very large, and the results of the discovery and its successful application are likely to be far-reaching.

A True Pigeon Story.

A gentleman had two pairs of pigeons living in dovecots placed side by side. In each pigeon family there was a father and a mother bird and two little ones. On a certain day the parents in one dovecot went away to get food, and while they were gone one of their little birds fell out of the dovecot and down to the ground. The poor baby bird was not much hurt, strange to say, but it could not get back, for it was too young to fly.

Now, the parents in the other dovecot were at home when this happened, and it seemed as if they said to themselves: "One of our babies might fall out in just that way. We must do something to make the dovecot safer." And then this wise, careful father and mother went to work. They flew about until they found some small sticks. These they carried to their own dovecot, and there in the doorway they built a cunning little fence of sticks, not so high that the little pigeons could look over it, but high enough to keep them from ever falling out of the dovecot as their little neighbor had done. The owner of the pigeons, who had seen the birdling fall and had put it back into its dovecot, watched the birds the whole time as they gathered the sticks and built the fence across the doorway. This is a true story, and it is often told to some children in Boston by a lady who knows the owner of these very pigeons.

A Man Who Never Speaks. Because he was reprimanded for talking too much when he was a boy, John S. Smith, of Kansas City, has not spoken for twenty-seven years. He is not a recluse, and he does not refrain from conversation with those around him, but he "talks" with a pencil and pad only.

Smith is a contractor and builder, and frequently has orders to give to his employees. These he always gives in writing. When questions are asked he replies in writing, and he and his workmen get on amazingly well together, better, he asserts, than if he spoke to them.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What They All Say. How we label the man whose opinions don't coincide with ours—when our opinions are based on money? Yes, he's an able fellow, but of course everyone knows that he's a little bit off on

Here mention: Politics, Religion, Medicine, Literature, Etc. Whatever the particular thing may happen to be.

Early Conditions Important. Artists say that the surroundings of the child determine whether or not he may become an artist. Hideous surroundings warp and twist the perception of the beautiful so that in later life the child cannot compete with those who have enjoyed a more artistic environment.

Town Booming Helps

I.—Cackle! Cackle! Cackle!

When Ambassador Choate went to England he made a reputation as a wit with one joke.

He sat at the breakfast table beside a sprightly young lady. In England they serve soft boiled eggs wrapped in a napkin. The young lady fumbled, and the egg fell to the floor.

"Oh, Mr. Choate," she cried in dismay, "what shall I do? I have dropped my egg!"

"CACKLE, my dear, CACKLE!"

It's a mighty good thing to do a little CACKLING once in awhile. CACKLE about your business, about the town you are living in. Let all the world know what a good thing we have here, and our town will grow.

Whenever you have a chance to CACKLE about your town and boom it don't hesitate. Remember the fa-



ble of the old hen that observed that every time she CACKLED some one came and took the egg away. She thought it would be much wiser for her to hide her nest and keep quiet about it, and she did till a Sunday school picnic was organized. Her owner was asked to contribute, and he said:

"Well, that old hen is not laying any more, and I guess she'd do first rate for a fricassee."

MORAL.

If you want to keep out of the soup pot, CACKLE.

Esperanto.

In Natal, South Africa, a class in Esperanto contains thirty Zulus.

In Manchuria an Esperanto society has been founded at Kharbin, Asiatic Russia.

Esperanto is taught in the technical schools in Turin, Sicily and Hant England.

In Copenhagen a university Esperanto club was organized at which the language is exclusively spoken during the evening held every Thursday from 8 to 12.—Des Moines News.

In Sea Attire. What did the girl look like that day when you first met her? Well, pretty nice, and contented. Not in it all her hair to do. Just when the girl had that day Down, by the sea.

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