



CULTIVATION OF THE ARTICHOKE.

SPRING LAKE VILLA, Feb. 1st, 1863.

Ed. News:

DEAR SIR:—Having an unshaken conviction of the great utility of the "Jerusalem Artichoke" to the pork and stock growers of these valleys, I am anxious to disseminate such information as may be in my possession for the public benefit...

1st. They do not require to be dug on account of frost or cold. 2d. You can plant as well, or better in the fall, than in the spring...

3d. If it is not convenient to work them, they will get along without it very well, and produce from eight hundred to a thousand bushels per acre.

4th. They furnish a valuable and cheap summer feed for hogs or cattle—in fact, hogs, cattle, sheep, or horses, are not only fond of the tubers, but eat the tops as they would green clover.

5th. They produce full three times as much feed, without work, per acre, as any man can produce with any other crop...

6th. There is no known disease, insect or season, that has caused a failure of crop. By this I do not mean to say they are not affected by favorable or unfavorable seasons in quantity...

7th. I know of no animal or fowl that is not fond of them.

8th. You can turn hogs into a field containing artichokes and no water, and they will not suffer in consequence, the juice of the artichokes supplying them abundantly.

9th. Do not the dictates of reason teach us that an article so universally relished by man, bird, and beast, cannot be bad to raise?

I have never heard of but one objection to them, which is that you can't get them out of the ground when once planted. I have good information to the contrary, and by those pasturing, and particularly with sheep, they can be easily eradicated.

By a little care and management, you may have one field growing, while your hogs are living on another during summer, and the small quantity of ground required to keep a good lot of hogs through the summer, will not be missed from any of our large Illinois farms...

If every farmer in the country had but a few acres of artichokes, they would not be likely to starve, as they form an article but little inferior in flavor to the potato, and containing about as much nutriment.

Now if these are facts (and we have proved most of the statements so to be,) this may be made the great staple for pork raisers and a universal blessing to this community.

J. E. JOHNSON.

THE FARMER A CO-WORKER WITH THE ALMIGHTY.

In T. Starr King's address before the California State Agricultural Society, he uttered the following sentiments, laden with self-evident truths:

In dealing with the land, man is called to be a co-worker with the infinite mind. This is the foundation of the nobleness of the farmer's office.

The air is given to us. We cannot alter its constitution or change its currents. The sea is not placed under our dominion. We cannot freshen it or increase its saltness; we cannot level or raise its billows.

soil we can make our own. We can increase and renew its richness. God does not make it to be a fixed or self-perpetuating blessing, like the Atmosphere and the ocean.

In fact we shall not reach the right point for appreciating the eminence of agriculture as a duty, a profession and a trust, until we see that the earth is not yet finished.

But the earth does not yet fulfill the divine intention. It was not made for nettles, nor for the manzinito and chapparal. It was made for grain, for orchards, for the vine, for the comfort and luxuries of thrifty homes.

In the first chapter of Genesis we read that God said on the third day, "let the waters under the heavens be gathered together in one place, and let dry land appear, and it was so."

FACTS AND FICTIONS.

Just as one of the Federal gunboats was going into action an officer, observing a soldier upon his knees, asked him if he was afraid.

Baron Rothschild recently gave Napoleon a breakfast at Ferrieres which cost \$300,000.

A Washington correspondent lately counted 140 Union officers in the whiskey shops of Washington—most of them drunk, during two hours time.

The jailer of Nevada county, Cal., says the plan he has adopted—of cutting Chinamen's cues off—has been the means of stopping them from stealing.

A learned member of the French Academy has made the profound discovery, according to a scale of heights chronologically arranged, that Adam could have been no less than 123 feet 9 inches high, while Eve was about 5 feet less.

If petticoat government is not more oppressive now than formerly, it is certainly double in extent.

A mathematician, being asked by a stout fellow—"If two pigs weigh twenty pounds, how much will a large hog weigh?" replied, "Jump into the scale, and I will tell you immediately."

Vallandigham said: in a late speech, "In my deliberate judgment, African slavery, as an institution, will come out of this conflict fifty-fold stronger than when the war began."

Said a man who was in the habit of filling up the breaks in his petitions with the syllable "er": "O Lord, we pray for our poor brother, who has lived for more than ten years on the Lord's side-er, and has one foot in the grave-er, and the other all but-er."

We see in a recent statement, that "the Census embraces seven million women." Who wouldn't be census?

In Pekin, a weekly newspaper of extraordinary dimensions is published on silk. It is said to have been a rited more than a thousand years ago.

The railing of a cross woman, like the railing of a garden, keeps people at a distance.

The largest military hospital in the world, containing 2,000 beds, was opened and dedicated on Saturday at Philadelphia.

The Cincinnati Enquirer mentions the fact of an old lady aged sixty-nine years, giving birth to a fine bouncing boy.

Prophecies are again current respecting the approaching end of the world. One reverend gentleman, of the Millerite persuasion, predicts universal dissolution in 1867 S.

Tobacco is bringing in the Owensboro (Ky.) market \$12 to \$18 for leaf, \$8 to \$15 for lugs, and \$3 to \$6 for trash.

The December number of the Knickerbocker says, "the common soldiers have for the most part, gone to the war for a living—the Generals for plunder and political power."

The bodies of the Sioux Indians who were recently executed at Mankato, Minn., have been resurrected by the doctors for scientific purposes.

The present winter is terribly severe in Russia.

"Bobby, what is steam?" "Boiling water." "That's right, compare it." "Positive, boil; comparative, boiler; superlative, burst."

In Ohio, the prospect for next summer's wheat crop is very discouraging.

Vanity Fair says the Pomp of War is the "Irrepressible Nigger."

It is perhaps well says Prentice, that the secession women can't raise any babies. The thunder of Federal victories has made the milk in their bosoms too sour for nutrition.

The New York Express suggests the following as an appropriate motto for our navy off Galveston: "Beware of rams in cotton clothing."

A Toronto dispatch of the 16th says great excitement exists at Enniskillen in consequence of the sudden stoppage of all the flowing oil wells.

Casper says that "the tear that is wiped with address may be followed, perhaps, by a smile." If it is a woman's tear the perhaps is unnecessary; you can always dry it with a dress.

It costs something for the privilege of retailing spirituous liquors in Macon, Ga., the city councils having fixed the license at \$10,000.

USEFUL HINTS FOR BOTH SEXES.

FOR LADIES.—If you catch yourself thinking how "nice" it would be if you could have a new carpet, just transfer the adjective to another subject, and reflect how "nice" the old one still looks.

If you see anything going "at a ruinous sacrifice," let it go. Settle your mind just what you can afford to buy before you go to market, and don't allow yourself to be tempted by any "surprising cheap" luxury.

Don't feel mortified because your friend sneers at the darn in your pocket handkerchief, or the mended place in your gloves; the time may probably come when all the needles in Christendom will be insufficient to mend her broken fortune.

FOR GENTLEMEN.—Leave your money at home with your wife, and it will be a great deal easier to say "No" to those borrowing friends who come within the Scripture clause of "never repaying."

Don't get into a bus, but walk and set your sluggish blood into brisk circulation. Thereby you will save two things, your fare and your doctor's bill.

Remember how superior water is to cherry cobbler and brandy smashes on all occasions. Let no day pass away without laying by something for cloudy weather. Half a sixpence is better than nothing.

LAW NOTICE.

I WILL attend to legal business in the United States Courts sitting in this Territory, and in the Probate Courts, excepting in the county of Utah. I will also give my attention to the drawing of Deeds and Powers of Attorney, including those for the collection of money in the United States and Foreign Countries.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

ONE small MELODEON for cash or trade at cash price, fifty dollars. One first-class VIOLIN, eighty dollars. One Dactonic FLUTE, with solid silver keys on silver studs, silver tips, lining and embouchure; fifty dollars.

HENRY L. RAYMOND, at Dr. Sprague's.

LEATHER, LEATHER, LEATHER!

OR CASH, paid for HIDES, by JOSHUA TAYLOR, Tanner and Currier, 15th Ward Tannery, or at his Residence, West Temple Street, one door north of A. Hall's.

FOR SALE.

A N E-Flat SAX HORN. For particulars, inquire of JAS. A. THOMPSON, Deseret News Office.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following STRAY CATTLE. One red and white COW, four years old, star in forehead, no marks or brands visible.

SALT, SALT, SALT!

FOR SALE, in any quantities, at my Salt Works, in Salt Creek Canyon, which I warrant to be the finest article manufactured in the Territory.

BECOME INDEPENDENT & HAPPY

THE ELEMENTS OF PROSPERITY ABOUT US.

BALM IN GILEAD!

USE HOME-MADE FOR ALL YOUR WANTS!

PATRONISE HOME MANUFACTURE AND HOME INDUSTRY!

SUSTAIN THE VALLEY TAN PRINCIPLE.

BUY THE ESSENCE OF LIFE!

It relieves pain instantly, it cures Cholera and Dysentery; it cures Cholera-morbus and Cholera; it cures Tooth-ache and pain in the face; it cures Painfulness and Gout; it relieves the Frost-bitten; it acts quick and magical.

BUY JOHNSON'S NERVE AND BONE LINIMENT!

It cures ringbones and sprains; it cures sprains, bruises, galls and cuts; it cures burns, scalds and cracked skin; it cures Gout and Rheumatism; it cures sores and swellings; it cures inflammations and pains; it is good for man and beast.

BUY JOHNSON'S COMPOUND BOWSEET PILLS.

They cure dyspepsia, indigestion and jaundice, they relieve pain in the stomach and bowels, they cure agues, chills and fevers; they cure all bilious complaints; they cure colds, pains and headaches; they give tone, vigor and health to the system; they add length to life; they are an universal cure.

BUY CONKLIN SALVE!

It is a complete Adhesive Plaster; it is an excellent strengthener, it cures pain in the side and breast, it cures weak and lame backs, it cures cuts, wounds and sores, it is good for burns and scalds, it is good for everybody, every family should have it.

FAMILY MEDICINES,

are prepared at the laboratory of the Inventor—Spring Lake Villa, Utah co., Deseret, and sold by himself and agents through the State.

UNITED STATES MAILS.

OREGON. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Washington, D. C., January 6, 1863.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 10 o'clock a.m. of April 20, (to be decided by the 22d.) 1863, for conveying the mails of the United States in Oregon from July 1, 1863, to June 30, 1866, on the routes and by the schedule of departures and arrivals herein specified.

15016 From Portland, by Springville, Sourles Island, Vancouver, Fisher's Landing, Sandy, Washougal, Cascades, Hood, and River, to The Dalles, 130 miles and back, three times a week.

Leave Portland Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.; Arrive at The Dalles next days by 4 p.m.; Leave The Dalles Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 a.m.;

Arrive at Portland next days by 3 p.m. Bids to run by a proposed schedule, and six times a week, will be considered.

Bids will also be considered to extend the tri-weekly service from The Dalles to Walla-Walla, 175 miles further.

15017 From The Dalles, by Walla, to Walla-Walla, 175 miles and back, three times a week.

Leave The Dalles Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Walla-Walla 5 hours by 4 p.m.; Leave Walla-Walla Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a.m.;

Arrive at The Dalles 5 hours by 6 p.m. If bids for the extended service on No. 15016 be accepted, this route will not be let.

15018 From Walla-Walla, by Grand Ronde, Auburn, and Fort Boise, to Salt Lake, Utah Territory, 700 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Walla-Walla Monday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Salt Lake in 14 days by 6 p.m.; Leave Salt Lake Monday at 10 a.m.;

Arrive at Walla-Walla in 14 days by 6 p.m.

For forms of proposals, guarantee, and certificate, and also for instructions and requirements to be embraced in the contract, see pamphlet advertisement inviting proposals for carrying the mails in California, Oregon, and the Territories of Washington, Utah, and New Mexico, dated 20th October, 1861 or that dated 9th August, 1862, to be found in the principal offices.

The law requires that the mails be conveyed with "celerity, certainty, and security," without regard to the mode, and proposals must be made entirely in accordance therewith to be entitled to consideration.

M. BLAIR, Postmaster General.