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ALFALFA FOR MILK COWS. Mail and Breeze: A dairyman keeping 25 cows says that while corn meal helps to give the cow more flesh when fed with alfalfa, he has found alfalfa a perfect food for milk cows, and for most of the year he is able to keep his cows in fine condition and in full flow of milk with alfalfa alone.

TRIGGS AGRICULTURAL CREED. Joe Trigg in Iowa Register and Leader: "Our agricultural creed is summed up as follows: Less land to work; more thorough culture; greater diversity of stock and crops; a better quality of stock and enough of it to consume the products of the farm; pay as you go."

WHERE THEY HORSE STEAKS! National Provisioner: The people of Benson, a small town near Omaha, Neb., are in a ferment of excitement. They think they have been eating horse steaks and they are looking for a butcher to lynch.

SEPARATOR MILK AND CALVES. Mail and Breeze: One advantage that the farm separator has over the whole-milk delivery is generally overlooked—that is, that calves can be put on skim-milk from the farm separator younger than they can on skim-milk from the factory separator.

FARMERS GAMBLE ON WEATHER. Cleveland Plain Dealer: The science of meteorology has not yet taught man what a day may bring forth in the way of weather. Farming operations are clouded with uncertainty from seed time to harvest, and from the nature of the case the most enlightened and conservative tiller of the soil is compelled to gamble in "futures" much as does the speculator in the wheat pit.

IMPORTANCE OF SALTING. Mail and Breeze: At the Mississippi Experiment station three cows were kept without salt for four weeks and their milk record kept during the last two weeks of this period; then they were given the usual allowance of salt for two weeks and on comparing the milk records it was found that the cows gave 454 pounds of milk during the first period when salt was withheld and 581 pounds during the second period when salt was furnished, a difference of 127 pounds of milk in two weeks in favor of salting.

OUR TRADE WITH MEXICO. National Provisioner: The traffic of the meat, provision and allied trades of the United States with Mexico is yet in a very undeveloped state, but the figures of the government statistical bureau show what promise there is in it.

THROUGH SLEEPER TO CHICAGO. Via THE ROCK ISLAND. Through Pullman sleeping cars, St. Joseph to Chicago, are being operated to the Rock Island's Fast Express, leaving St. Joseph Union station every evening, 7:55 o'clock. The Rock Island is the line to take.

The Deadly Pistol.

Not only are the Japanese good fighters with firearms and bayonets, but individually they are warriors. Their methods of combat, known as Jim Jitsu, were tried on several large and self-confident policemen the other day with the result that a serene and smiling little oriental sent the big fellows spinning on their heads or laid them on their backs with bulging eyes and sore minds. This method of fighting used to be imparted in secret, and only to those worthy to receive the information.

BEES AS HATCHERS.

An Ashtabula, Ohio, dispatch says: A most remarkable discovery made by an aged farmer of Ashtabula county has been attracting a great deal of attention of late in this section and is of particular interest just now during the poultry raising season of the year. Henry Decker of Rome township has proved that the heat generated in a hive of bees can be depended on without fail as a substitute for setting hens or incubators in the hatching of chickens.

SKIM MILK FOR HOGS.

Claude Campbell in Missouri Agricultural College Farmer: The dairy farmer finds that with the use of the hand separator he has some nice sweet skim milk to feed his stock. He finds it profitable to raise such calves as he needs to keep up his herd, and to feed the surplus milk to his hogs.

DEEDS FOR CHICKSAWS.

Arthur, L. T., April 25.—The commercial interests are rejoicing over the announcement that D. H. Johnston, governor of the Chickasaw nation, would, about May 10, begin delivery of deeds to allottees for their land.

DOGS LOST SCENT.

Hastings, Neb., April 25.—A team and lumber wagon which was stolen from the farm of Peter Johnson, an mile north of Hansen, and a vigorous search by the neighbors, assisted by the Beatrice bloodhounds, did not procure the return of the stolen property nor the arrest of the horse-thieves.

SIXTEEN WOLF SCALPS.

Vinton, Ia., April 25.—Sixteen bounties were paid last week for wolves that were presented at the office of the county auditor, and all coming from the same vicinity, three and one-half miles northwest of Vinton.

Rats saved the lives of eight miners.

A colliery in Pennsylvania the other day. The men noticed that the rats were scurrying out in great numbers, and, taking warning, fled just in time to escape the cave-in of the roof at the place where they had been working.

Secretary Taft has discovered the secret of secrecy. What you wish to keep from the world put in the annual report of the secretary of war and the subject is attained.

TALE OF TWO DOGS.

"People who live in glass houses gather no moss, and I think I'll just about cut out this fox-and-hound life from now on," was the virtuous, if queer, sentiment of which a young Washington man delivered himself the other evening, as he stood on a corner, permitting the starlight to soak through his skull.

About six weeks ago the young man, upon visiting the back yard of his folks' home, found that he was a couple of nice little Boston terriers to the good. The pups had arrived that afternoon, and their mother was complacently looking them over.

Girl No. 1 was so overjoyed with her canine present that she freely and frankly told the young man that he was all right, or words to that general effect.

When upon the young man leaped back and revealed in the shower of grateful expressions which Girl No. 2 bestowed upon him.

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BEAVERS MANDATE ISSUED.

Supreme Court of the United States Orders Return to Washington of Former Past Officeholder.

Washington, April 25.—The Supreme court of the United States Monday directed the immediate issuance of the mandate in the case of George W. Beavers, whose removal from New York to Washington for trial on the charge of defrauding the government as chief of salary and allowance division of the postoffice department, has been ordered.

A Japanese Festival.

Tokio, April 25.—The annual cherry garden party was held in Hama park Monday. The emperor was slightly indisposed and was not present.

Reduced Him.

Ernestine—The idea of that silly dude trying to flirt with me on the car.

Eva—You don't say! I hope you made him look small, dear.

Elsie. Why, I withered him till the conductor charged him only half fare.

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