

The Farm and Fireside

A Department of Agriculture.

The following is a copy of the Act to establish a Department of Agriculture at the seat of Government as it passed Congress:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established at the seat of government of the United States a Department of Agriculture, the general designs and duties of which shall be to acquire and diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture in the most general and comprehensive sense of that word, and to procure, propagate, and distribute among the people new and valuable seeds and plants.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a "Commissioner of Agriculture," who shall be the chief executive officer of the Department of Agriculture, who shall hold his office by a tenure similar to that of other officers appointed by the President, and who shall receive for his compensation a salary of three thousand dollars per annum.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture to acquire and preserve in his department all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain by means of books and correspondence and practical and scientific experiments, (accurate records of which experiments shall be kept in this office,) by the collection of statistics and by any other appropriate means within his power; to collect, as he may be able, new and valuable seeds and plants; to test, by cultivation, the value of such of them as may require such tests; to propagate such as may be worthy of propagation, and to distribute them among agriculturists. He shall annually make a general report in writing of his acts to the President in which he may recommend the publication of papers forming parts of or accompanying his report, which report shall also contain an account of all moneys received and expended by him. He shall also make special reports on particular subjects whenever required to do so by the President or either House of Congress, or when he shall think the subject in his charge requires it. He shall receive and have charge of all the property of the agricultural division of the Patent Office in the Department of the Interior. He shall direct and superintend the expenditure of all money appropriated by Congress to the Department, and render account thereof, and also of all money heretofore appropriated for agriculture and remaining unexpended. And said Commissioner may send and receive through the mails free of charge, all communications and other matter pertaining to the business of his department, not exceeding in weight thirty-two ounces.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint a chief clerk, with a salary of two thousand dollars, and such other employees as Congress may from time to time provide, with salaries corresponding to the salaries of similar officers in other departments of the government; and he shall as Congress may from time to time provide, employ other persons, for such time as their services may be needed, including chemists, botanists, entomologists, and other persons skilled in the natural sciences pertaining to agriculture.

Passed the House of Representatives February 17, 1862.
Attest: EM. ETHERIDGE, Clerk.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR SCROFULA.—Nicholas Longworth, the famous millionaire and winegrower of Cincinnati, publishes a cure for scrofula. The directions he gives are the following:

Put two ounces of aquafortis on a plate on which you have two copper cents.—Let them remain from eight to twenty-four hours. Then add four ounces of clear, strong vinegar. Put cents and all in a large mouthed bottle, and keep it well corked. Begin by pouring four drops in a teaspoonful of rain water, and apply it to the sore. Make the application three times a day, with a soft hair pencil, or made of soft rags. If very painful add a drop or two of water. As the sore heals apply it weaker.

I request editors in all parts of the Union, and abroad to copy this, and to re publish it quarterly; it may save many lives.

N. LONGWORTH.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cattle and Sheep Feeding.

The Greenfield, (Mass.) Farmers' Club lately met to exchange opinions as to the comparative profit in feeding different animals.

It was admitted all round that owing to the great facilities for bringing cattle from the far west at a low price and in great quantities, at all times in the year, cattle which had roamed on the prairies, and fattened upon corn worth ten cents per bushel, or distillery slops made at the same rate—we here could not compete on pastures worth \$30 per acre, and corn 75 cents.

The general impression was that sheep feeding was the most profitable, though some farmers, with good feed and great skill in buying and feeding, made cattle feeding to a limited extent a paying business.

In the conversation there was, as there must always be, an uncertainty in the statements made, from want of convenience to weighing and measuring. But one farmer knew anything by weight of the amount of hay fed out, and in that instance he bought four tons and moved it, which all admitted caused a loss of from 10 to 12 per cent.

But one farmer present had fed sheep much, and his experience was several years since. He thought he got \$1 per bushel for his corn, while in feeding cattle he got but 50 cents. He fed one lot of Merinos averaging about 100 pounds which more than doubled in value. In mid-winter he found that 100 sheep ate a ton of hay and seven bushels of grain (corn and oats) weekly. He considers sheep manure to be worth twice as much as that from cattle.

One of our most sagacious farmers and best feeders said he had often made \$50 advance on a pair of steers fed from February to May or June 1st. A calculation being made of the feed, however, would only give him at that \$8 per ton for his hay, and 70 cents per bushel for corn, leaving half a dollar a head over for a margin of profit, besides making better manure.

Several instances of great gain and returns of feeding cattle were mentioned—of 700 pounds and 900 pounds in the winter, and of \$100 to \$150 advance on one winter's feeding, but these seemed to be exceptional cases. One farmer had a pair of six-year-old cattle gain in two year's feeding 1300 pounds in growth and fat.

The Secretary observed that it was shown by chemical analysis that the manure from sheep was much more valuable than that of cattle. 36 pounds of sheep dung being equal to 100 pounds of that from cattle. He noticed that not much had been said of the value of the manure made from high feed, as compared with that from common dry food. The careful analysis of Prof. Lawes of England, the best agricultural chemist in the kingdom, showed that the manure made from a ton of cotton-seed meal was worth as much as that made from 4 3/5 tons of meadow hay; linseed meal next, then wheat—Indian corn and turnips last.—Some exceedingly interesting experiments of Hon. John Brooks, of Princeton, made in 1852, showed that cows fed with hay alone made 2 44 100 pounds of solid manure to each pound of hay eaten, drinking from two to three times as much weight of water as they ate of hay. Farmers do not sufficiently appreciate the money value of the liquid manure. A cow voids annually about 16,300 pounds of urine, which contains 961 pounds of solid matter, worth just as much as Peruvian guano, which at \$60 per ton makes the annual value of the urine of one cow \$28.83, which might all be saved, and would be a large percentage of her worth.

NEW PETTICOATS.—A novelty in petticoats has recently been adopted among fashionables. For all but dress, the white petticoat has been discarded for one of alpaca; and they have a great advantage over the linen or cotton ones, inasmuch as they are lighter and do not lose their stiffness. Of course, if the dress be grenadine, barege or other clear texture, the petticoats must be of the same color. They are made very full and gored, and have a broad black ribbon or velvet above the hem; sometimes there is a trimming of gathered ribbon put on the vandykes. The dresses are invariably caught up at the sides to show this under petticoat. When it is not necessary to match the tint of the dress, a stone color is the best shade to wear.

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W. RUTIS, Administrator.
March 31, 1862.

Executor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly qualified as Executors of the estate of John Dwight, dec'd, late of Hebron township, Potter county, Pa., said executors residing in the township of Hebron, county aforesaid. All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are requested to make known the same to said executors without delay.

MARIAH DWIGHT, Executrix.
NORMAN DWIGHT, Executor.
Coudersport, Pa., Feb. 8, '62.

Notice.

WHEREAS letters testamentary to the estate of John Glosby, late of Sylvania township, dec'd, have been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the state of the said decedent, will make known the same without delay to

ROBERT YOUNG, Executor.
Sylvania, Potter Co., Pa., Mar. 18

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of JOHN S. BENNET, late of Bingham township, Potter county, dec'd, have been granted to the subscriber by the Register of Potter county, to whom all debt due to said estate and claims against the same, must be presented for settlement or payment.

WM. P. COOL.
Hebron, Jan. 8, 1862.

Dissolution.

OF Copartnership The copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of Colwell & Lyman is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The outstanding concerns of the firm will be adjusted by B. S. Colwell & Co., who will use the signature of the firm in liquidation.

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Dec 11