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### Facts for Farmers.

Good farm lands in the southern states are increasing in value very rapidly.

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The wheat growers of Australia are complaining of drought. Great damage will result to the crop.

The Rural World predicts that the sorghum crop of the north will be doubled in area this year.

An eastern agricultural writer has found that a little bean meal mixed with other meal for a few days will certainly cure garget in cows.

It is bad policy to wash harness with soap, as the potash injures the leather. If the harness becomes rusty rub off the dirt as well as possible with a soft brush and apply a dressing of grain black, followed with oil or tallow, which will fasten the color and make the leather pliable.

So far, the news from the cattle and sheep ranges of the far west are less discouraging than one would suppose. Very little loss of stock is reported from Montana or Wyoming. From Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas but little has been heard. The reports from Iowa show the loss to have been very heavy. It is probable that full particulars will show greater losses in all the west than are yet acknowledged. It will be a surprise if they do not.

A California farmer hunts wild geese with a cow. He has trained the animal to walk slowly out into the field where a flock of geese has settled on the grain. She browses meanwhile, and he walks alongside on the side away from the geese. When within shooting distance he gently murmurs, "So, boss," and the obedient bovine lies down. He rests his fowling piece over her back and blazes away, both barrels at once, and bags thirty or forty of the geese.

### Facts and Factitiousness.

The coming rage in hair is a soft and tender read, like that of a tomato which has grown old, and lost usefulness.

"Publish my biography!" said the Colorado candidate for office to the newspaper man; "by Judas Iscariot, if you say a word about my past life until after election I'll assassinate you."

John Jacob Astor has a hearty prejudice against ostentation and display, and is one of the plainest and most unpretentious of men. He would never buy a drag, and his family carriage is very ordinary and might easily be taken for a livery stable vehicle.

A Brooklyn lady caught a burglar in her room and compelled him to marry her. Since this terrible punishment there has been a great falling off in the number of robberies in Brooklyn, and it is proposed to cut down the police force one-half. There are more ways than one to make burglary odious.

It was a cold day for that judge who threatened to fine a party \$10 for coughing in court, when the disturbing element informed his Honor that he would be willing to pay twice that sum to have it stopped.

Tanner, the faster, has got mad over the lies told about him, and now gives public notice that the next liar had better put on a bullet-proof armor and keep awake day and night. It is not true that Mrs Tanner is after a divorce.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton advises billiards for girls. Elizabeth would nevertheless be shocked to see a girl come home with the front of her dress all chalk and bearing an odor of strong drink.

Vanderbilt thinks a railroad speed of forty-five miles an hour plenty fast enough for any country to do business on, and no roads can stand the racket of a faster gait.

The governor of Virginia offers \$50 reward for the arrest of a murderer. He doesn't seem to care so much about his capture as to give some man fifty days' work at a dollar a day.

A New Hampshire man tied a four-pound stone to the end of a cow's tail to keep that member quiet while he milked her. After they got the fragments of teeth and blood, etc., out of his mouth and put arnica and a bandage on his jaw, he stated that he would never repeat the experiment, as the end of the tail naturally hit as hard a blow as he cared to endure.

It appears that Mr. Dana, of the New York Sun, who, as everybody knows, reads and speaks all the useful languages, is an Icelander scholar as well, and is in regular correspondence with the leading minds there, by whom he is revered as one of the very few persons who have mastered the history, literature and character of Iceland and her people.

The severe weather is moderating all over the Northwest.

About the last of this month the Minnesota Tribune will publish an edition of 40,000 copies, devoted entirely to Dakota information.

The newspaper is ubiquitous. It is everywhere, in every man's home, for a man has no home who has no newspaper. He may have a place to stay, and so do the Digger Indians. But there can be no home without a newspaper. There can be no business establishment without it. There can be no general diffusion of knowledge without it. It is life and light in the world. It moves the world in all its enterprises, in all its great philanthropies, and all its majesty of wealth and power.

Chicago Herald: If there is any one article of import which good sense would put upon the free list it is lumber. Our forests are being so rapidly consumed that the price of lumber is already very high throughout the prairie states. The high price still further stimulates the venomous woodman, and the total exhaustion of the available supply is but a question of a few years' time. Under these circumstances, to put a tariff tax upon lumber, and thus prevent our depleting some other nation's lumber supply certainly appears like a great want of common sense.

### Matters at Whoop Up.

Whoop Up is a town in Canada, on the border of civilization. It was originally what is called in the Northwest a "whisky stockade," but has lately grown into something of a village. The stockade was built by men who had a practical knowledge of Indian fighting and trading. It enclosed three acres, and the buildings were of heavy logs, with openings only on the inner square. The business consisted of buying skins from the Indians, and paying for them as much as possible in whiskey. The Indians would fill themselves full of the reduced high wines or adulterated whisky of the traders, and, when they were fighting drunk, would be enticed outside of the wall. Then the gates were shut, and the savages were left to fight out their fury among themselves. Next day the thrifty traders went out to bury the dead, succor the wounded, and drive away the rest. "I never get drunk, myself, when I trade whisky with the Injuns," said David Akers, the present owner, who considers himself a reformer of the old methods. "So of course I can watch its effects on them, an' as soon as I see one gettin' a leetle too much I put more water in his licker. I give it to the critters weak enough to begin with, but the second cup is allers weaker'n the first. But I never kick 'em out, or refuse to give 'em a drink as long as they have anything to trade. I never kick 'em out anyhow, and I seldom refuse 'em a drink. You see after they get so fur I give 'em good, pure water out o' the river, but I never refuse 'em. They like me, too, coz they don't have a headache in the morning. I jist keep 'em feeling good and rich and jolly, but they never get drunk enough to hurt one another or cut, or shoot, on my whiskey. No sir-ee, not as long as there's any good water in the river."—EX.

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