

DAIRY NOTES.

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A. H. Holcomb, of Florence, Wash., is conducting the Port Susan creamery. He has at present 23 cows in milk, of which 8 are Jerseys and the rest graded Holsteins, and at the head of the herd is a full-blood Jersey bull. All the cows are milked in the barn, and everything about the dairy is kept clean. He does not allow any of the droppings to remain on the floor over night during the summer when the cows are out. He uses the deep setting system and has a nice flow of water that has a temperature of 52 deg. F. He churns every day and makes butter that brings 1/2c less than the best creamery quotations at Florence. His net income for butter in May was \$96.15. The value of skim milk fed to calves and pigs was \$28.60; total, \$124.75—an average of \$5.43 per cow. I noticed that Mr. Holcomb was particularly careful to see that each cow's udder was brushed off before milking, and as soon as through the milk was at once taken out of the barn, strained and conveyed to the milk house. He does not allow his cream to become sour on the milk.

Some dairymen practice churning cream that is not sufficiently ripened. They have not enough sour cream to make up a churning; they skim some sweet cream and add to it and at once begin churning, and they work away, without realizing that they are losing the butter fat in the sweet cream and that they will get little or no more butter than if they had not added the sweet cream. Allow sour and sweet cream when mixed to stand six hours before churning.

The Yakima City creamery is receiving 3500 pounds of milk daily. Butter is made one day and cheese the next. The average test of milk is 4 per cent. The price paid for milk is 50c per hundred. C. H. Bartlett, the proprietor, is a most persistent advocate of the adoption of better methods in the dairy. He states that some of his patrons having 16 or 18 cows bring only 200 pounds daily of milk. They have scrub range stock, and still they wonder why they can't make money dairying. Another man, O. V. Carpenter, is sending 150 pounds from three cows, which tests 3.8. Mr. Bartlett would like to see some one bring in from the east a car of pure-bred Jersey bulls. They undoubtedly would sell in his neighborhood.

The proprietor of the Stanwood creamery makes a very clear statement in the last issue of Hoard's Dairyman, replying to the article of a patron which we republished in our issue of three weeks ago, in which the patron hinted very strongly that there was deception being practiced by the manager of the creamery. In his reply Mr. Woll shows very satisfactorily that the business is conducted fairly and all are treated well. Mr. A. McMaster, of Monroe, also informs the editor of RANCHE AND RANGE that the manager of Stanwood's creamery, is a man of unquestionable integrity.

M. Horan, of Wenatchee valley, is fixing up a fine stock farm. He takes great pride in his Jerseys and his Berkshires, which are of the very finest strains. We hope the people of his section appreciate Mr. Horan's efforts in this direction and will extend to him the encouragement he deserves. It takes no end of hard work and years of persistence to build up herds of pure-bred stock. Such a man really enriches the community in which he lives. Would to goodness we had more of them.

We notice that F. J. Cheal has retired from the secretaryship of the Pierce County Fair Association in order to give his attention to his creamery at Enumclaw. This is unfortunate for the association, as his efforts would have contributed much toward the success of the Tacoma fair this fall.

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