

rents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Raymond. The bride is a well-known and popular young lady of this community, while the groom, as principal of the Collins school for the past year and a half, is also popular and well liked. Only the relatives and a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Manley went to Bellingham that afternoon, where they are spending the holidays.

Although the weather wasn't the best, the entertainment given by the Collins teachers Friday evening was well attended and appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and sons spent Christmas with friends in Yelm.

Earl McCarty was in this neighborhood on business Saturday.

Robert Langford is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming held a family reunion Christmas day, attended by their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Fleetwood is preparing to drill a well for Charles Langford on Utopia farm.

Miss Zona Jarvis is spending the holidays with home folks.

Miss Elizabeth Myers visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Kelsey over the week-end.

Mr. Parr gave a very interesting talk after Sunday school last Sunday. There will be an address every Sunday. Come and hear them.

FAIRVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. J. Benton and daughter and Andrew Palms were Olympia visitors last Friday.

Mr. G. Carrier, of Seattle, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Brasch during the holidays.

The Christmas program at the school house was well attended and both Miss Friend and pupils did exceedingly well. Each pupil received a book as a Christmas gift; also candy and nuts, and after wishing one and all a Merry Christmas they departed, not to return to school until Tuesday, January 2, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Nason drove to Olympia one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brasch and Mr. Carrier spent Saturday evening with Mr. Brasch's parents, W. F. Brasch.

Mr. J. Benton and daughter called at the J. Brasch home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brasch and family spent Christmas with their son, J. D. Brasch and family, and Mr. Carrier.

Andrew and Stillman Palms were visitors at the Benton home Christmas eve.

Stillman Palms is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hill and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forsyth and children, autoed out to J. Benton's from Tumwater to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Fay were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nason Christmas.

The Parson family and their son and daughters from Tacoma are all home to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Parsons and grandson called at the Benton home Monday.

Mrs. W. F. Brasch was around calling on Mrs. Fay, Mrs. Nason and others Tuesday.

Miss Lulu Benton called on Mrs. J. Brasch Tuesday.

HUNTER'S POINT

The school and Sunday school held their Christmas exercises jointly and a fine program was given by the school. The tree was nicely decorated. About 75 persons were present and all enjoyed the evening very much. Candy and nuts were given to all, old as well as young.

William Reisch and mother took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Finlay.

Mr. Schirm bought a horse in Olympia Saturday.

Mrs. Smith, of Olympia, spent Christmas with her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Finlay.

Paul Hacker sold some beef cows in Tacoma last week. He shipped the cows via the Emrose from Hunter's Point to Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Brautigan, of Olympia, are spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John Munson, Mrs. Brautigan's father and mother.

C. C. Abbott drove to Olympia last week on business.

Mrs. I. M. Noble was visiting one day last week with Mrs. W. C. Titus.

Miss Lillian Schonhard, the school teacher, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents at Rocky Prairie.

Floyd Castle is spending his Christmas vacation in Tenino.

William Schultz spent Christmas with his family in Olympia.

Mrs. C. C. Abbott has a class of beginners in music. They are Evelyn Lull, Gladys Griffin and Pearl Bigelow. More expect to join as soon as the days are longer.

Correspondence letters from Eureka and South Union are unavoidably crowded out of this issue.—Editor's Note.

TELLS OF WORK FOR NATION'S FARMERS

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE DISCUSSES NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY.

The food supply of the nation is discussed by the secretary of agriculture in his annual report in which he states it is notable that, with the exception of meat and dairy products, the per capita production of the leading food commodities, notwithstanding the increase in population, has remained approximately the same or has increased.

It is gratifying to note, he adds, that the alarming decline in beef production reached its lowest point in 1913, and that since that time there has been a material increase, while there has been a marked advance in the number of swine since the census year 1899. The number of sheep has continued to decline, but only to a slight extent.

The number of animals slaughtered and the quantity of meat products prepared under government inspection during the past fiscal year are the largest in the history of the service. This heavier slaughtering has been accompanied by an increase in the remaining stock of animals. The secretary points out that with all the agencies now available for improving agriculture there is ground for optimism as to the ability of the nation not only to supply itself with food but increasingly to meet the needs of the world.

The Meat Supply.

The secretary says that the activities of the department toward increasing the meat supply have taken two principal directions—(1) combating diseases, and (2) the development of stock raising. He indicates the progress which has been made in the campaign for the eradication of the southern cattle tick and in combating hog cholera, sheep and cattle scabies, and contagious abortion. He recommends the inauguration of a campaign against tuberculosis in cattle and hogs, stating that this disease is the most common, destructive, and widely disseminated of the infectious diseases of domestic animals and causes losses estimated at \$25,000,000 a year in the United States.

The secretary shows that the grazing capacity of the national forest ranges has been increased through systematic regulation by from 15 to 30 per cent, and states that the adoption of a similar system of regulation on the 250,000,000 acres of public grazing land outside the forests would permit a considerable addition to the country's meat supply.

He says the investigations of the department have shown conclusively that the South is well adapted to economical beef and pork production and that the eradication of the cattle tick is opening up a large territory for this purpose. Progress also has been made in the destruction of rodents which lessen the grazing value of western stock ranges, and in killing predatory animals which cause losses to the live stock industry estimated at \$12,000,000 annually.

Urges Sheep Raising.

The secretary recommends that sheep be raised more extensively as a source of meat and wool and also as a means of using much of the waste land on farms. He points out that in the United States only one in seven farms of over 20 acres now supports sheep, with an average of one sheep of shearing age to three acres of land. The 300,000,000 pounds of wool now imported annually, he says, could be secured from 50,000,000 sheep, and this number could be added to our stock if a fourth of the remaining farms sustained one sheep for each three acres.

The report also discusses the development which has taken place in the dairy industry and calls attention to the fact that cheese making, which heretofore has been limited to certain sections, can be extended successfully to the mountain regions of the South, to the valleys of the Rocky Mountains, and to many sections of the Pacific coast.

Production of Food Crops.

In order to bring about the production of food crops adequate to meet the consuming needs of the country and the export demand, the secretary says that one of the greatest agricultural needs is the stabilizing of production. This can be accomplished in large measure through the use of better adapted or improved crop varieties, more systematic and rational crop rotations, and improved agricultural practice generally, including, in many sections, larger attention to livestock production, all of which are essential to an enduring and economically sound agriculture.

"It is highly desirable," he says, "further to broaden the areas for the production of staple crops as far as experience and sound economics may

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WARRANT.

He cites a number of instances showing what has been done in this direction and emphasizes the importance to production of controlling plant diseases and insect pests and quarantine measures to prevent their entry or spread.

Distribution of Products.

The report sets forth what has been accomplished by the office of markets and rural organization in bringing about more effective distribution of farm products and in avoiding unnecessary wastes. The value to the producer of fruits and vegetables of the experimental market news service inaugurated in 1915, the secretary reports, has resulted in insistent demands for an extension of the work.

During the past year telegraphic reports have been received from 33 important metropolitan markets and from all railroads serving producing territory. This information has been furnished to growers, shippers, and distributors. The actual monetary saving due to a wider knowledge of market conditions has exceeded the cost of the service many fold.

Some of the benefits resulting from this attempt to develop for the farmer a reliable business basis, the report states, are the education of producers in the proper marketing of farm products, the avoidance of unnecessary loss due to diversions in transit, and the encouragement given to growers who desire to reach new consuming centers.

Following a systematic survey of the centralized live stock markets and a study of the methods and costs of marketing live stock and meats, plans have been developed for the inauguration of a demonstration market news service for live stock similar to that now being conducted for perishable crops. An appropriation of \$65,000 is available for this purpose and will be utilized during the present fiscal year.

The investigations concerning methods of handling and grading perishable products and the practicability of the standardization of the products and their containers have progressed rapidly. Several standardization laws, federal and state, have been enacted during the year.

The second year's operation of the cooperative agricultural extension act, according to the secretary, has been attended with a steady development of the nation-wide system of practical instruction in agriculture

and home economics.

The secretary states that the half of agriculture embracing the marketing of farm products, rural finance, and rural organization has strikingly occupied attention during the last three and one-half years. He points out that in view of the complexity and novelty of the problems, the accomplishments, legislative and administrative, have been notable and significant. He refers to the establishment and rapid growth of the office of markets and rural organization and to the enactment of a number of highly important laws—the cotton-futures act, the United States grain-standards act, the United States warehouse act, the federal farm loan act, and the federal-aid road act.

Specific Recommendations.

Among the specific recommendations in the report are:

1. That the secretary of agriculture be authorized to establish legally enforceable standards of strength, quality, or purity for articles of food and for those articles of drugs which are sold under or by a name not recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia or national formulary. The adoption of legally enforceable standards, the report states, will benefit the consumer and the honest manufacturer. Without them it is impossible to carry out completely the purposes of the food and drugs act.
2. That the department be given authority to inspect establishments producing foods and drugs intended for shipment in interstate commerce. There are many forms of adulteration, the secretary says, which are difficult to detect without inspection of the place of manufacture. This is particularly true of foods produced under insanitary conditions.
3. The inauguration of a systematic campaign for the eradication of tuberculosis in cattle and swine. A recommendation has been included in the estimates for the fiscal year 1918 that an appropriation of \$75,000 be made for the purpose.
4. That a clear distinction be drawn between national parks and national forests, and that a definite policy governing their relation be established.
5. That the name of the office of markets and rural organization be changed to bureau of markets. The secretary states that the importance of the work and the size of the organization fully justify this change, and that it is in the interest of simplicity and convenience.

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