THE REVIEW'S SPECIAL FARM NEWS DEPARTMENT

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Live News About Crawford County Farms and Farmers

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he last issue of the Storm Lake Pilot-ribune, which may interest the sev-ral thousand readers of this newspa-er: Porath Bros., east of Newell, have novel way of drying out their large rib of corn. They took their ensilage lower and put the pipe in the cement ough under the crib that was made ere for the drag of a sheller, and af-r putting the blower pipe in they opped up the one end of the trough nd then poked around the pipe in e other end and then attached an gine to the blower and set it to go-g, thereby creating a circulation of r all through the corn in the crib. his method worked good, I am told, nd saved the Porath boys lots of hard ork in not having to move and resort l that big crib of corn. Who can at this for an idea? Anyway I know f lots of hot air being blown around ut when it comes to good thoughtful se of cool air this takes the cake.

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Jim Scott owns a generous slice of Crawford county soil, about three miles northwest of the town of Dow City. It is known as Orchard Hill farm. Mr. Scott has turned the active management of the farm to his son, T. G. Nevertheless, Mr. Scott is quite busy around the farm. They had not intended to feed steers this winter, but the soft corn induced them to find an outlet for it, through the feed lot. Recently T. G. went to Omaha and purchased two car loads of steers, mostly Angus, and they are now doing their best to eat up all of the corn, both matured and soft, on the farm. A car of hogs are also being fed. Mr. Scott has twenty acres to alfalfa and finds it a profitable crop to feed. He feeds it to all stock and thinks it can't be beat as a milch cow feed.

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Charter Oak Times: Dr. Gustav A Kay, a skilled veterinarian in the employ of the government, was in Charter Oak yesterday to look after a few cases of hog cholera that had been reported from this vicinity. He had reports from Henry Kuhlmann, Carl Schroeder and Ferdinand Schelm. He went out to these herds, hoping the reports were false or that the trouble had already been put under control. The matter of meats has become so important to the world that the general government has taken up the matter of protecting the herds against these conagious diseases. If your hogs get sick, notify Gustave A. Kay, Harlan, Iowa, and he will be Johnny on the Spot to help you with them. The government is paying him, so his services will be free to you.

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In some states there was land that it was almost impossible to even raise trouble on which has been selling for fifty to a hundred dollars per acre the past summer and fall. Land values have been going "upper and upper" all over the United States, and good old peerless Iowa has furnished much of the money to buy the said land. What would the southern and western states have done if it had not been for Iowa capital to develop them? Then again, where would this Iowa money have come from if it had not been possible to raise it from our fertile soil. Great is Iowa, and its farmers are the backbone of the universe.

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A. J. Larson is building a hog house on his farm six miles southeast of Charter Oak. The building will be 18x28. Speaking of hog houses reminds me that the best hog houses I have seen were built after plans furnished by the Agricultural college at Ames. Any man contemplating building such a building should first send to the college for plans; they cost almost nothing, only a few cents. I have on my desk bulletin No. 166 which has a number of pictures of hog houses such as should be built on the Crawford county farms. Also bulletin No. 152 which contains pictures of movable hog houses and a description of how to build the same. Each book, or bulletin, has a store house of useful information in regard to such buildings. I wish every farmer in this county had a copy of these bulletins. Sit right down after reading this and ask the experiment station of Iowa State college at Ames to send them to you. They will gladly do so.

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The Harlan Republican last week contained the following which brings out the seed corn condition which now confronts us: Carl Holden, of Williamsburg, Iowa county, came to Harlan recently and bought a car load of corn from Joe Pauley, paying $1.50 per bushel for it. After testing the corn he was satisfied the most of it would make good seed, and the car will be sorted over for that purpose by Mr. Holden and his neighbors. They ad a freeze in Iowa county earlier han we had here. Sam W. McKeigh-n, who lives near Tennant, has been oing quite a business in seed corn. e had early varieties, planted early, ence his crop was pretty well ma-ured. He had picked about a hun-red bushels, some of which he sold r $5 per bushel. He also husked ten res and cut the stalks for fodder. he corn from this patch he allowed dry thoroughly in the sun. This he as been selling readily for $2.50 per ushel. The seed corn question is go-g to be a live one from now until e farmers get what they need of seed ey know to be good.

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War and soft corn are H—, some f the farmers are now saying. Can ou blame them?

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Some farmers have finished corn icking. Most all have been compelled sort their corn and many have done the second time. I felt more en-ouraged the latter part of last week ver the prospect of having good corn at all. I found that the weather of last week assisted greatly in the drying out process and those who had about given up hope of having any good corn will have quite a little of it; some will have considerable.

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World's record for butter production were broken by Angie Acme of Riverside II, a Holstein cow owned by A. W. Morris & Sons, of Woodland, Cali., in a test conducted under the supervision of the University of California. The cow yielded 1,331.41 pounds of butter in 365 days, 1,167.96 pounds of butter in 305 days and 2,426.51 pounds of butter in two years. Angie Acme's milk production for the 305 day test was 22,092.8 and 24,682.7 pounds for the 365 day test.

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W. N. Schouten is feeding two car loads of cattle on his farm four miles northwest of Dow City, in Paradise township. He purchased most of them during the month of July and is complimenting himself on his foresight, as the price of feeders is much more now than when he bought. He has a few head of his own raising. I also noticed a pen containing twenty-three head of good calves which he is now weaning. He has 130 head of Chester White swine and they are looking very good. He is going to have a lot of good corn as well as some soft corn. He cut up considerable corn fodder, which will help on the shortage of hay.

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Odebolt News: The Adams ranch is having its troubles along with the rest of the farmers with corn. Last week all the men who were husking were stopped and began sorting the 60,000 bushels in the cribs. Ventilators will be placed in the cribs as fast as possible. Around 200,000 bushels will be husked on this farm.

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Farm Hand Does His Bit With Money.

A farmhand down in central Illinois walked into the bank of the principal community in his county and planked down $10 as the initial payment on a $500 Liberty Loan. The bank official expressed surprise at the liberal subscription.

"I've saved some money," said the farmhand, "and I'm going to lend it and some more to the government. I may have to skimp to make both ends meet for some time, but I'm willing to do that. I tried to get into the army but they turned me down because my feet were too flat, or some other darn fool reason. Then I tackled the navy and failed to measure up to requirements. I think the navy official said my eyes weren't just O. K. Anyway, I was turned down. I didn't know enough about medecine to get into the medical service, so I just figured I'd have to do my bit by helping to furnish funds to carry on the war."

"You're a true American," said the bank official, "and there can't be too many of your type. You have a good investment, too, for you will receive 4% interest on your bond."

"Darn the interest," said the farmhand, buttoning his coat, and heading toward the door. "I'd almost be willing to pay the interest myself if the government ran out of funds. I don't care if I never get a cent of interest. I only hope the bullets they buy with the $500 are better than the ones I used in hunting last week. I fired a thousand times and didn't hit anything but the trees and the ground. Maybe it was my eyes, after all."

This is not the only farmer who has been doing his bit; there are many of them right here in this county.

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WHAT A FARMER'S WIFE DOES.

GUTHRIE CENTER, Nov. 25—Nicholas Fredrickson of this place has written what he insists is a true resume of the day's labor of the wife of a farmer in cornhusking time. It follows:

If there is anyone who works harder than the average Iowa farmer on a small farm, it is the farmer's wife. She rises from her warm bed these wintry mornings at 5 a. m., or earlier, and begins her day's labor by building a fire in the kitchen range, then fills the tea kettle and starts breakfast, while her husband feeds the horses and the cows. Then she takes two milk pails and helps her husband milk eight or ten cows. Returning to the house she puts the breakfast on the stove and, while it is cooking, gets her three little children up and dressed, and sets the table.

After breakfast while her husband separates the cream from the milk, feeds and slops the pigs, turns out the cows, cleans out the barn, harnesses the horses and hitches them to the farm wagon, she gets the children washed and combed, fixes their lunch and starts her dearies off to school.

Now, she gets into the farm wagon with her husband and they drive at full speed over the rough and frozen ground to the corn field. When they have husked a load of corn they return from the field and, while her husband shovels the corn from the wagon into the crib, she builds up the fire in the range, makes three beds and sweeps the floors while the noon meal is cooking. After dinner, they return to the field and husk another load of corn and, while her husband is unloading it, she washes the dinner dishes and the hand cream separator.

Then they return to the field and gather a third load of corn. While the husband unhitches the horses and feeds and beds them, brings in the cows from the pasture and ties them up in the barn and beds them and feeds them and slops the hogs, the wife builds up the kitchen fire, cooks the supper and sets the table.

After supper she puts the children to bed, and then with her husband milks eight or ten cows. After milking, she washes the supper dishes while her husband separates the cream from the night's milk and unloads the last load of corn, which makes up about 100 bushels gathered for the day's work of both. By this time the clock is striking 10, and their day's work is done.

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"Woodman, spare that tree!" was the burden of a popular poem of years ago. A new word may be substituted for the old. "Woodman, use that tree," so that the coal supply may be used to better advantage. Use the tree for your own fuel; use it for cord wood to supply other's fire—at a profit to yourself—at the same time releasing for other use the freight car that would otherwise have to be used in hauling coal for your neighbors. Every cord of wood gathered on your own farm and burned in your furnace or stove saves you the amount of money you would have paid for coal had you not burned wood. Of course, no sensible person advises the unthinking cutting of trees that should be saved for their beauty or to grow until they are ripe for harvest. The wise wood chopper will chop the trees that ought to be chopped down and up in order to make fuel for himself and others—all the while keeping in mind conserving the wood lot or forest for growth and greater usefulness next year and other years.

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While over to Deloit last Monday I called upon Lloyd Winans, whose home is in the south part of town. I called to see his pure bred Poland China swine. He has nine registered tried brood sows that are mighty good right now, and they are only yearlings at that. They are that big type you hear so much about and are sired by Mortgage Lifter and he by Henry Big Bone. It is unnecessary for me to speak of Henry Big Bone, for nearly all pure bred Poland China breeders in northwestern Iowa know him. He is owned by C. M. Pederson, of Dunlap. Mr. Winans also has a nice bunch of spring boars and gilts. He tells me that all this stuff, and his two year old boar, Taxpayer, goes into his public sale Friday, December 7th. Here is a chance to pick up some good quality stuff. At the same time he will sell a number of milch cows and a few horses.

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During a little chat last Saturday with William Harm, who lives northwest of Denison, he told me he sold to Henry Ruberg, 89 spring shoats for which he received $20 per hundred. They were seven and one-half months old and averaged 171 pounds. His brother, Martin, also sold 64 head to Carl Tate which averaged 142 pounds.

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I bought a new typewriter this week to grind out copy for this department, but the blame thing don't spell any better than the old typewriter.

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I have a buyer for ten or fifteen head of yearling or two year old Shorthorn heifers. They must be pure bred, good individuals and worth the price.

"The farmers who are having difficulty in keeping their corn are unanimously in favor of a drier Iowa," says the Sac City Bulletin.

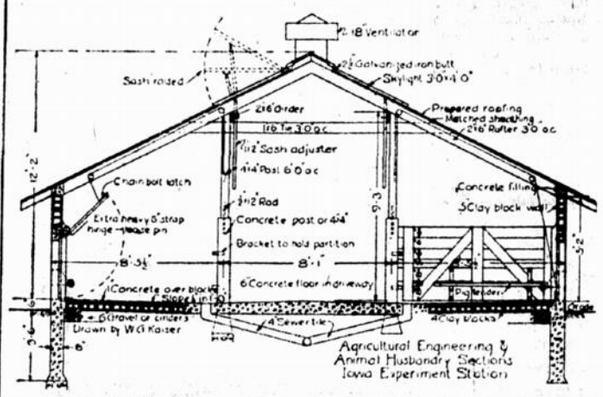
Great Lakes naval station boys dispose of 4000 pies at a meal. Mother must be doing the cooking.

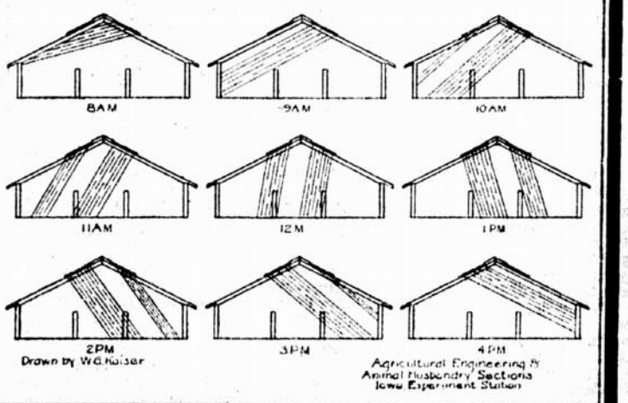
An Iowa Sunlight Hog House

Through the courtesy of the Extension Department of the Iowa State College of Agriculture I am enabled to give you this week a picture of the Iowa sunlit hog house. This community hog house is used on the Iowa State college farm.

The first cut shows ventilation in roof and windows in front of building may be opened for additional ventilation during mild weather. One of the cuts at the bottom shows a cross-section of the house. The other cut shows the direction, extent and duration of direct sunlight at various times of the day.

The size of the building is 25x60 feet, has twenty pens each 6x8, and side walls five feet high. The total cost of materials and labor is estimated at $823.52. These figures are given for a house built of masonry, but if built entirely of lumber the cost will be less. A house built of lumber will not have the recognized merit of the masonry house as far as durability and fire resistance are concerned. If such a building is well constructed and carefully cared for, it ought to last for a long time and give good results. If planning on building a hog house I advise you to send to the college for bulletin No. 166, it will give you all the information wanted.





Public Sale!

Having sold my farm and am going to move to Woodbine, I will sell at public auction on what is known as the Whippoor Will ranch 5 miles south of Dow City and 8 miles northeast of Dunlap on

Tuesday, December 4

Sale begins at 10 o'clock sharp. Free lunch at 12 noon.

Eleven Head of Horses

One span Belgian mares, 4 and 6 years old, weight 3000 pounds; one span black geldings 7 years old, weight 2400 pounds; one gray gelding, weight 1400 pounds; one brown mare, in foal, weight 1400 pounds; one sorrel mare 2 years old, weight 1200 pounds; one gray gelding 2 years old, weight 1200 pounds; three gray geldings draft 1 year old.

37 HEAD OF CATTLE

Eight good milch cows, part giving milk now, rest will be fresh soon 5 stock cows; two 2 year old heifers five 2 year old steers; 15 head of calves; one 3 year old Polled Durham bull; one 8 months old white faced Polled bull.

65 Chester White Hogs

Four yearling brood sows; the remainder are spring shoats, a part of which will make good brood sows and are almost pure bred as I have had nothing but pure bred boars for some years past; one Chester White boar.

GOOD FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

Three farm wagons; one wagon and rack; one hay rack; manure spreader with tractor tongue; one Oliver gang with tractor hitch; two 16 inch stubble plows; two 16 foot harrows; one disc with truck; John Deere corn planter with 80 rods wire; two Jenny Lind corn plows; one new Departure cultivator; one hayrake; one hay buck; one McCormick mower; one 2 hole corn sheller; one 2 1-2 horse Sandow engine and washing machine; roller bearing hog feeder; three sets work harness; one single harness; two sets of fly nets; one saddle and bridle. ONE 8-16 MOGUL KEROSENE TRACTOR. This tractor was bought last April and is just as good as new. One tractor wagon; Early Ohio seed potatoes.

About 35 acres good corn in the field; about 800 bushels of corn in the crib; this corn is sorted; about 12 tons of oat and clover hay in stack; about 15 tons of timothy hay in the barn; 800 bushels of oats, little yellow oats; about 2 bushels clover and 2 bushels timothy seed; six pair of gray Toulous geese; three ducks; five dozen chickens; eight pure bred Buff Orpington roosters; one pair guineas and other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS: All sums of $10.00 and under cash. Over that amount 1 year's time will be given on approved notes bearing 8 per cent interest; all property to be settled for before removing from the premises.

F. H. DOWNS, Owner

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Public Sale!

Having rented my farm and as I am going to move to town, I will sell at public auction on my farm ½ mile east of Vail on

Wed., Dec. 12

Commencing at 9 o'clock sharp the following property:

12 Horses and Mules

Brown mare 8 years old, weight 1650, in foal by jack; gray mare 4 years old, weight 1660, in foal by Percheron horse; roan mare 3 years old, weight 1650, in foal by Percheron; sorrel gelding 3 years old, weight 1550; sorrel mare 2 years old, weight 1250; brown mare 2 years old, weight 1200; sorrel gelding 2 years old, weight 1200; brown yearling mare colt, weight 1000; a roan suckling colt; span of mare mules, 6 and 7 years old, weight 2500; yearling mare mule, weight 1000; suckling mule colt. These horses are all high grade Percheron and Belgian horses, and if you want a horse of this kind you should attend this sale.

52 Head of Cattle

25 cows and heifers, among which are a number of good milch cows; 27 spring calves.

Miscellaneous

25 tons of alfalfa hay, part is baled and the rest is in the barn; 10 tons of baled timothy hay; 3 sets of 1C inch harness; 2 sets of 1¼ inch harness; 2 sets of single harness; saddle; 2 bridles; 4 sets of leather flynets; about 3 dozen hRode Island Red chickens, some good roosters; DeLaval cream separator and some household goods.

70 Head of Hogs

70 head of spring shoats, these are all of the pure bred Duroc and Chester White strains, but I have not bothered keeping up the papers on them. I bought the sires and dams of the Durocs from Ken Dobler and McAndrews and of the Chester Whites from Barber of Harlan. These hogs are cholera immune.

Machinery

2 lumber wagons; John Deere 14 inch gang plow with 2 breaking plow attachments; John Deere 16 inch sulky plow; John Deere 16 inch stubble plow; hand corn sheller, almost new; John Deere corn planter and 80 rods of wire; Superior grain drill, almost new; fanning mill; John Deere 6 foot binder; 6 foot Acme mower, 2 See Saw riding cultivators; Good-enough riding cultivator; 2 Ohio cultivators; 2 disc cultivators; 2 18-foot harrows; Tiger disc with tongue truck; Osborn side delivery rake; McCormick hay rake; Deering stacker and 2 Dain bucks, nearly new; dipping tank; hog oiler; tank heater; hog rack; cutter and bells; platform buggy; top buggy; bob sled; breaking cart, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

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