

THE REVIEW'S SPECIAL FARM NEWS DEPARTMENT

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Live News About Crawford County Farms and Farmers

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week. I would have given the inside pages of the magazine more of my time if I had not taken so much of it in looking at the picture on the cover page of the charming young Iowa lady who is holding the Short-horn steer, Merry Monarch, grand champion steer winning over all breeds at the 1917 International. I looked through the magazine but failed to find a marked article, so take it for granted that Carl wanted me to be sure and see the picture of Miss Curtis. I will take an extract from an article written by Col. F. M. Wood. Here it is: "With due respect to all other breeds of cattle, there are few to dispute these statements: The Shorthorn breed is the pioneer breed in America; it is the cosmopolitan breed. Shorthorns are the most practical, coming the nearest as they do to being all-purpose cattle. Few farmers can afford to keep one breed for milk and butter, and another for beef. The Shorthorn supplies both, and the blood has done more to improve the country's cattle than all the other breeds combined. The Shorthorn breed and the grades have given us more beef, butter and milk than all the others combined." That is explained by the fact that Shorthorns have been the choice of the great majority of men who have kept cattle.

Manning Monitor: Hans Derner had bad luck with his stock shipment of two loads of fat cattle that he shipped to Chicago from Botna. His cattle got as far as Clinton where they were delayed many days on account of the railroad blockade.

At the O. S. Larson sale of Duroc bred sows near Logan last week fifty head sold for an average of \$333.10. At the Fred Swan sale of Durocs at Missouri Valley the "Royal Critic" sow which has won sweepstakes in many contests in Iowa and other states was sold to H. Fain, of Emmetsburg, for \$2,600. And still there are men who will kick just because the water brings him in pork chops that have been cut thin.

A. J. Grotenhuis & Son held a Duroc hog sale at Sioux City last week and hung up a record hard to beat. John Orion, a boar born last April, sold to E. S. Ritterman, of Kingsley, for \$2,100. A younger brother of the boar sold to C. R. Steele, of Ireton, for \$1,200. The top sow sold for \$1,025.

Mr. Quist, our county agent, has been with us but a few days but is fast becoming acquainted with our farmer friends. There still seems to be a false impression as to the work of the agent and I will give you in as few words as possible an outline of his work. The primary purpose of the Crawford County Farm Bureau is to build up the greatest industry in the county, grain and livestock farming. It is the purpose of the county agent to make his office a sort of clearing house for all movements beneficial to the county, such as organizing and conducting seed corn campaigns, livestock associations, testing of seed corn and other means, demonstrating methods of treating seed oats and wheat for smut, testing soil, etc. The services of the agent are free to every person in the county whether a member of the farm bureau or not. It is not the purpose of the county agent to tell or teach farmers how to farm. He wants only to work with them and help devise new methods and means of increasing crop yields, to find the best varieties and kinds of seed adapted to the soil and climate of the county, to aid farmers in finding help and to serve as a means of exchange of seed and livestock between the individual farmers in the county and between our county and the adjoining ones. When a short course is to be held he will assist the local committees in putting it across. He will be a sort of handy man to have around the county and the government pays his salary, aside from his office expense. In closing, I want to mention this fact, he can't assist you if you will not permit it, but he will give great assistance if you will co-operate in his work.

A. A. Rauch in Ida Grove Pioneer: Why should the farmers be asked to pay the highest prices for unskilled labor—more than any other business does? Where else can the unskilled labor go, ask and get the very highest price for his services? The question is asked, "What is skilled farm labor?" A skilled laborer is a man who knows how to do the work and perform it having practical knowledge of the work he is doing. An unskilled laborer is a man who has no practical knowledge of the work that he is expected to do. It is quite expensive for a farmer to hire unskilled farm labor and pay these men the wages they ask and all the while they do not know how to do farm work as it should be done. The farmer they work for must teach them how to do the work in such a short, busy and expensive time. A great many folks (who don't live on farms) think that anyone can do farm work easily. They can, but whether it is done right or wrong whether the fellow has the knowledge to do the work and can do it in a practical manner, is vastly different and often quite expensive to the man who has to have the work done. We consider that the young man who has been raised on the farm is worth as much as two unskilled farm laborers. There never was a time when agriculture was so much in need of good help on the farm as just now we want for our plain farming. We have the soil and all that is needed is the right kind of weather for the crop and lots of hard work with practical knowledge. The hired help on the farms is getting to be a serious proposition. The remedy—

as it looks to me—is smaller farms, more young people on the farms, better farming and a spirit of co-operation among the farmers, that they will help each other with their farm problems.

Scores of orders have been received daily for the farm business record book by the agricultural extension department of Iowa State college. These books are being used by farmers for the two fold purpose of studying their business and of making their income tax returns. It has always been the policy of the agricultural extension department to supply these record books at cost. This formerly was nine cents, but now that the income tax supplement has been added, the cost is ten cents. Those desiring books should remit to the agricultural extension department, Ames, Iowa, and the books will be sent, all charges prepaid. "This book is worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of Iowa," one farmer wrote who had received one copy. He was so pleased with it that he sent back for several extra copies to distribute to his neighbors. Many of the calls for the books are coming from outside the state.

C. G. Good, of Ogden, owner of Far-cour, the \$47,500 stallion, in a talk to the draft horse breeders at the farm and home week short course at Ames, told the story of how he came to get into the pure bred horse business and along with his experience he gave some sound advice to a young man beginning with horses today. "Fifteen years ago I bought a pure bred mare for \$600 and a grade mare for \$200," Mr. Good said, "I wanted to see which would pay me more. After three years of experiment, I discovered that the pure bred mare's account was just \$1,200 ahead of the grade. That made a pure bred breeder out of me. From then on I began to build up my business. I believe in beginning carefully and going slowly at first. Neighbors laughed at Mr. Good and took him to task for squandering his money in such a fashion when he bought his first mares. Now that he has made a success, his whole community has taken up the breeding of Belgians and has become a breeding center. "Sell your unmarketable horses at 'bum' prices if necessary and then go out and buy a few of the best you can get," says Mr. Good. "It does not pay to breed scrub stock. One-half of the mares in the country should not be bred at all, and nearly one-half of the stallions are of too poor quality. Many breed only the mares that won't sell. To do this is only to propagate something worse and more of it."

County Agent Quist informs me that farmers who have made some early tests of their 1917 corn have found unusual results. He says: "Much of the supposedly good seed fails to grow 95 per cent strong. In individual ear testing where six kernels have been taken from each ear, farmers and seed houses alike report that they find three and four kernels growing strong, and the other two or three kernels absolutely dead." He reports one Crawford county farmer in testing 240 ears of early picked corn found 112 ears growing all six kernels. About fifty ears grew four kernels strong and two kernels dead. The question arises, should the ears growing four kernels strong and two kernels dead be saved for seed. The county agent suggests that in reading the individual ear test all ears growing six kernels be placed in one pile, those growing four and five strong be placed in another pile. Discard all ears which fail to grow at least four strong. Plant your 100 per cent seed first. Shell the second pile, mix thoroughly and make a second test of this corn. Plant 300 to 500 kernels of the shelled corn in a box of sand. Keep the sand plenty moist, and the temperature high. Make the growing conditions as ideal as

possible. If the second test then makes 80 to 90 per cent strong a good stand may be obtained by planting it when the ground is good and warm, and by planting a little thicker. All receiving these seed corn course cards are expected to send them to the county agent as soon as they have been filled out. If you have any trouble in finding seed or want some help in testing, call on County Agent Quist. Phone number is 214 and his office is located in the court house.

No doubt all our farmer readers have heard of F. H. Hassler, the man who developed Grandmaster, the largest piece of hog flesh in the world. He will sell 35 head of those big type Poland China bred sows from his famous "Fashion Herd" at Manning, Wednesday, February 20th. His annual offering is the occasion for the assembling of the elite of the Poland China world. He is selling a great lot of sows sired by such noted sires as Grandmaster, Big Bob, A King and Masterpiece. They are bred to Masterpiece, Fashionpiece and Advancer, a great-son of the mighty Disturber. Many strive but none excel the "Fashion Herd." Fred Hassler has produced as many top notchers as any man in the land. He is the gentleman who now owns the "Bill" Leets farm located about one and a half miles southeast of the town of Manning, and it is one of the show places of that section of Carroll county. I am personally acquainted with Fred and want to give my personal recommendation to anything that will go into his sale. I have known the herd and man for years and know they are both pure breeds of the highest type.

The Germans have strictly kept their pledge not to transfer their troops to the western front, as the soldiers are sent home for a 24 hours' furlough before going there.

The congressmen expect that the garden seeds about to be distributed will at least raise a crop of votes next November.

People who fear that the government will get inextricably tangled up in its war business are reminded that Col. House is only five hours distant at New York.

Some people think the "cash and carry" plan for buying groceries is not practical, as they might discover at 11:50 a. m. that there wasn't a thing in the house to eat, in which case of course the grocer must get out his Ford car and relieve their distress.

The first step taken in the campaign to promote the eating of fish was to make a big increase in the price.

"Corn-Less Day" for Feet, Every Day

Use "Gets-It" the Great Corn Discovery! Makes Corns Peel Right Off!

Look at the illustration below. See the two fingers peeling off a corn as though it were a banana peel. And this man smiling, as if he's doing it! All done painlessly, joyfully. The moment "Gets-It" touches a corn or callus the growth is doomed. It takes but two seconds to apply "Gets-It". The corn-pain is eased at once. You can sit at your desk or walk about, dance, think, love and work with absolute ease. You can apply "Gets-It" conveniently almost anywhere where you can take your shoe and stocking off for a moment or two. "Gets-It" dries at once; then put your shoe and stocking on again. There's no further excuse for suffering from corns and corn-pains.



"Gets-It" is sold at all druggists (you may mail for 25 cents a bottle), or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

\*\*\*\*\* BROGAN ITEMS \*\*\*\*\* T. M. Brogan was a business caller at Wall Lake Saturday. Frank Corn and family and Willie Dozark and family moved to their new homes Friday. Mrs. Fred Overhue returned to her home Wednesday. She is as well as can be expected. Wm. Meyer was a business caller in West Side Wednesday. Mrs. John Garrels is very sick at

her home with appendicitis. We hope for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Angeline Williams spent the last of the week at Deloit visiting with friends. Mrs. T. M. Brogan entertained the G. L. P. W. club on Thursday. They spent the afternoon in doing Red Cross sewing. Charles Johnston spent Saturday at Vail. His daughter, Thelma, returned home with him to spend Sunday. The Red Cross sale at Wall Lake was continued on Saturday, the goods being all sold. A large sum was realized from the sales. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weed, of Ode-

bolt, visited this week with relatives near Herring. Mrs. Gus Anderson spent Friday at Denison. The Red Cross society will meet at the Frank Dozark home Tuesday and at John Auen's Friday to cut out various articles needed by the soldiers. Mrs. F. Fauglewait was a passenger to Denison Tuesday. A Red Cross play is being planned by district No. 4. Miss Leise is the instructor. Chris Brotherson and H. Bauer were passengers to Omaha Monday. Chas. Fenton has resigned his posi-

tion at the lumber yard in Herring and expects to move to a farm near Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wassum are the proud parents of a girl, born Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers and family spent Sunday at the Charles Koenk home. Frank Meyers was a business visitor in Brogan Sunday. Herb Cochran spent Sunday at the T. Brogan home. Miss Lena Schwantz and brothers, Chris, Louie and Ernest, spent Saturday evening with the T. Brogan family.

BIG CLOSING OUT PUBLIC SALE

HAVING sold my farm, in preparation for moving to Denison, I will offer for sale without reserve, on my place 3 miles east of Boyer, 1-2 mile east and 8 miles north of Vail, 3 miles east and 9 miles south of Odebolt, 6 miles south and 5 miles west of Wall Lake, on

Thursday, Feb. 21

Commencing at 10 O'clock A. M. Tools and Machinery Sold Before Noon

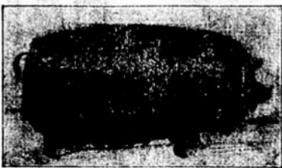
6 Head Horses

Consisting of one bay team, mare and gelding, 5 and 8 years old, weight 2,600; one grey mare in foal, 12 years old, weight 1,400; one bay horse 15 years old; saddle pony 10 yrs. old; black mare 10 yrs. old, weight 1,200.



89 Head of High Grade Shorthorns

This offering of cattle will be one of the best in Crawford county this season. Anyone interested in good breeding cattle should plan to attend this sale as the offering is class A, No. 1. 19 cows with calves at foot, ranging from one week to three months old; 14 young cows due to calve in June; 7 head of yearlings, 5 steers and 2 heifers; 29 head of last spring calves and 1 Registered Shorthorn Bull of Cumberland Stock.



100 Head of Hogs, 31 are Durocs, 69 are Hampshire

25 Tons Hay, 1 Stack Wild Hay, Balance Tame Hay. 15 bu. Timothy Seed

Good Farming Machinery, Etc.

Consisting of 1 Deering binder, 6 foot cut; 3 mowers, 1 McCormick, 6 foot cut, nearly new; 2 Deering mowers, 5 and 6 foot cut; 1 Acme ricker and buck rake; 1 side delivery hay rake, nearly new; 1 two-hole New Hero corn sheller, 1 Bloom corn crusher; 1 Galloway 5 horse power engine, 1 Corn King manure spreader; 1 Galloway manure spreader; 1 Anderson manure loader; 1 Moline planter with 160 rods of wire; 2 four-section harrows; 1 harrow cart; 1 one-hole corn sheller; 1 fanning mill; 1 Zig Zag corn cultivator; 2 16-inch stirring plows; 2 walking corn plows; 1 sulky plow, nearly new; 1 8-foot disc harrow; 1 disc cultivator; 1 one-row stalk cutter; 3 sets of bob sleighs; 6 wagons, 1 new, 1 nearly new; 1 wagon and hay rack; 3 buggies; 1 double seated carriage; 2 single buggies; 1 buzz saw; 1 road drag; 1 boiler; 1 vise drill; anvil; bellows; forge; sickle grinder; work bench; set of dies; pipe wrenches; crosscut saw; full set of farm tools; 2 shoveling boards; 1 Ideal hog waterer; pitchforks; shovels; spades; 1 scraper; grindstone; extension ladder; 2 sets of double buggy harness; 3 sets of farm harness, hog rack; 1 dipping tank. One engine and washing machine combined; 1 Golden Harvest cream separator; 1 dining room suite; 2 lounges; 5 bedsteads and springs; 1 heating stove; 6 cane bottom chairs; 1 organ; 1 bookcase and other articles too numerous to mention. 2 swarms of bees.

ONE REO AUTOMOBILE, SEVEN-PASSENGER, 1915 MODEL, WILL BE SOLD.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under, cash. On sums over that amount a credit of one year's time will be given on approved notes bearing 8 per cent interest from date of sale. FREE LUNCH

Frank Brogan

TEAQUIST & McLAUGHLIN, Auctioneers. JOHN KOVAR, Clerk.

Advertisement for MAZOLA oil, featuring an illustration of a woman and a can of oil. Text describes its benefits for frying and sautéing, and provides contact information for Corn Products Refining Co. in New York.