

THE REVIEW'S SPECIAL FARM NEWS DEPARTMENT

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Live News About Crawford County Farms and Farmers

A. A. Rauch, writing for the Ida Grove Pioneer, finds the condition of our corn crop much the same in Ida county as it is in Crawford. He says: "The main corn question of 1917 was: 'Will it get ripe?' The main question this year is: 'How badly has the corn been burned?' I think that I am safe to say that in the south half of Ida county that the corn crop is cut in two what it would have been, if we had had plenty of rain. But what corn we do have will be good and ripe. There will be no soft corn such as we had last year. The bulk will not be more than half as large as in the south half last year, but we will get more feed out of it than last year. There is a vast difference in corn fields this year. Some fields are fired badly, while others in the same neighborhood are not injured at all, even on the same kind of ground. The thinner the corn, the better this year. Many fields have a good stand and are not fired much. The corn fodder this year will be very brittle and will not feed well—that is, the corn that is fired badly. It is surprising to find the corn as good as it is with so much hot and dry weather and so dry to start with in the spring and so little rain. In some parts of the county we find some careless straw stacking. It looks like they did not care to save straw. Not knowing whether it is carelessness or the want of more help, it is our advice to save the straw, not knowing what is in store for us. We do not know that there will be a long time to feed before grass will come. If you think you do not need the straw, some of your neighbors may be mighty glad to get it before the winter is over. Save the straw, as well as the grain."

While driving along High View farm, which is located one mile southeast of Kenwood, I noticed a new building was being erected. Knowing this meant a new item I halted my mighty touring car and was soon busy visiting with Wm. Kuehl, owner of the farm. I was told that the new building will be a hog house 18x36. It is being built of hollow tile brick and the floor will be made of same material. I noticed some very choice Poland China swine on this farm. Don't think I have ever seen a herd where every brood sow had the bone that Mr. Kuehl's stock has. They are strictly big type in every way. I looked over the herd and which answers to the name of Long Chief. He was purchased of J. H. Healy of near Manila, who has the reputation of raising only the big kind. Long Chief

was sired by Utility Wonder, bred by Thos. Walker of Alexandria, Neb. Utility Wonder was sired by Blue Valley A Wonder, which has taken the reins in Mr. Walker's herd since the death of Blue Valley, so Mr. Walker announces. Mr. Kuehl has a great bunch of spring boars and he told me that he would sell 24 of them at public sale on the farm October 2d.

At the Nebraska state fair the Durocs were out in larger numbers than any other previous year. It is said they compared in size with the Polands too. The two year old grand champion boar weighed nearly a thousand pounds and the champion sow weighed over 800. It is said the greatest change in type was the Chester Whites shown. The show this year was a big step forward for a larger type in hog meat. The state of Nebraska has always been strong for the big Polands, and this year was no exception. The Hampshires in Nebraska, like in all other states, are growing in popularity. It is said the specimens at Lincoln had an increase in thickness and fleshing qualities as they are elsewhere.

This Thursday afternoon John F. Byrnes will hold his Second Poland China boar and bred sow sale on the farm 8 miles northeast of Denison and 3-4 miles northwest of Vail. I would be pleased to learn that many animals in this sale will remain right here in Crawford county to assist in improving our many good herds. There will be sold two herd boars, fifteen fall boars, thirty-two spring boars, one fall bred gilt and three tried bred sows. H. S. Duncan will preside as auctioneer.

Last week I found a number of farmers picking their seed corn. They are picking enough for two years' planting too. They do not intend to soon get caught as they were last spring. The farmers say it is much less work this season to pick their seed, for it is not necessary to hunt all over the field for desirable corn for seed. The season is at least three weeks ahead of last year, and, while the dry weather in some sections has cut down the yield considerably, the quality is far better than last year.

On September 24th, John H. Kral will sell his excellent 40 acre farm located about one mile northeast of Vail. I have often called at this farm and always received a cordial welcome and will feel it a personal loss if some

of my other friends do not buy this farm. Mr. Kral has found it necessary to sell the farm, owing to his boys being called to the colors. It would seem to me that this farm would be a good buy, located as it is, right in as fertile a spot as can be found in our great state. It is convenient to church and schools, well improved, located on a main wagon road and is all good smooth land. I don't know of anything more desirable in the way of a Crawford county farm.

Frank Bixler told me last week he had been raising pure bred Poland China swine ever since 1902. Previous to that time he had raised the Berkshires a number of years. He bought his first Poland Chinas from Frank Leshner, of Denison. Mr. Bixler now has about thirty spring pigs and five fall pigs, as well as a number of older ones. He expects to have a public sale about November 10 and we will have more to say about the stock later. He is located one mile southeast of Kenwood.

According to feeding experiments carried out by many of the experiment colleges, each ton of good silage contains in feeding value the equivalent of 5 bushels of corn and 600 pounds of good mixed timothy and clover hay. On that basis Mr. Buss has the feeding value of 800 bushels of corn and 48 tons of good hay stored up in his silo.

Farmers are sowing winter wheat in spite of the dry weather, says County Agent Quist, and those planting wheat at this time are confident that they are not wasting their seed either. The early plowing has crumbled down in good shape and that after rolling and discing has made a good seed bed.

I found Jens Clausen at home, which was an uncommon experience, last Friday. Nearly everyone was either threshing at home or assisting their neighbors. This old gentleman told me that his son, Hans, is farming his quarter section farm, located about one mile northwest of the old home farm, which is located three miles northeast of Ricketts. The building on the farm Hans is farming are being repainted.

At least twenty-five new silos are being constructed this fall, says County Agent Quist, and several more would have been built had not the material and labor been so scarce. Near Dow City and Vail the farmers seem to realize the value of silage best. Around Deloit there are a number of silos. However, these were some of the first to be built in the county.

I called at a farm home last Friday and the young man I visited with told me his father was away. His father was hauling a load of sugar cane to Deloit. From this I am convinced that a sorghum mill is being operated in or near Deloit.

During a visit with John Kroll, who is located about one and a half mile south of Ricketts, he told me that he thought he would have an average yield of corn this year. He will soon

start work on a cement feeding floor 20x50. This was my first visit with Mr. Kroll and it was a pleasant one.

The hum of the threshing machine has been displaced by that of the ensilage cutter in many communities of the county. Again this fall the silo has come to the rescue of the farmers, especially in those districts where the hot winds were most effective.

John Hagerman is located about two miles north of Ricketts. He is repairing his buildings, rebuilding the board fence around the feed lot and at so doing some cement work around the dwelling.

Hogging down corn is just as good a practice on the farm this year as in any other year when corn prices were cheaper. "In fact, it is a better practice now than ordinarily," is the way the matter is put by John M. Evvard, of the agricultural extension station at Ames. "It's better because it costs so much more to husk corn now; there is talk of a charge of from 8 to 14 cents for husking and the hogs can do it much more cheaply and they will do a good job of it." Mr. Evvard has made a careful study of hogging down corn for a good many years and he has found that on hundreds of farms in the state where the practice is followed there is a big saving on every bushel of corn. Some years ago that saving was found to average nearly 3 cents per bushel on 149 Iowa

farms. At the present time, with husking and marketing costs double what they were some years ago, the saving would be correspondingly larger. Swine will do well when they hog down corn, if they get supplemental feed, which has either been grown in the field with the corn or which is supplied otherwise. Pork produced when the hogs husk their own corn and get a supplement is produced more cheaply per pound than by dry lot feeding.

BUCK GROVE ITEMS

The oldest boy of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shields was running one day last week when he fell, striking his hand, dislocating the wrist. The large bone of the forearm was split for a short distance. He will probably make a good recovery.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Paul Weatherby returned from a visit in Sioux City.

Friday morning Mrs. Bonney left for a few days' visit with her daughter and baby at Kamrar.

A letter received from Lieut. H. S. Bonney Saturday conveyed the intelligence that he had been married for about two years and that there was a little granddaughter about a year old down in Texas.

Will Blair returned Saturday from

a trip to Sioux City. He is the first section foreman we have had since McGuire left that had done any visible work on the section here. He is getting the track into good shape, working under great difficulties.

The fore part of the week Claud Welch left for South Dakota, where he has employment.

Miss Gladys Welch spent Sunday at home after her first week of teaching school.

Mr. Scott, who bought the elevator here, has not yet decided what he will do about moving to town. He thinks he has time to decide before it freezes up.

Uncle Tom White is still able to come down town and engage in his favorite amusement of debating on any old subject that may come up. He has a very retentive memory and a way of stating things that carries conviction. Considering his age and the physical misfortunes he has had in the past few years past, he is a mighty spry old man.

Mrs. Tess Faulkner is visiting with friends here.

THE BURY THE HAMMER CLUB
Some one raised the question at the meeting this week, if one must never point out the faults that really exist in his home town as everywhere else? Certainly not, was the universal opinion. But use some brains and loyal spirit about it. Forget your home town's faults when you are talking with strangers and visitors. Don't try to show how superior you are by magnifying all the little faults in it.

And when you point out defects in your talk among the home folks, do it in a positive way. Remember that criticism, unaccompanied by any definite suggestion for remedying the defect, is useless and destructive. Never point out a fault without raising the question, What can you and I do to remedy that fault?

There are some politicians who always look at criticism of their selfish schemes as "knocking." Frequently they need knocking. But that is a very different thing from ridiculing and detracting positive efforts for civic betterment.

Big Type
Poland China Boars
For Sale

12 Fall and 12 Spring Boars

When you buy a boar from my herd you have the chance to select stock sired by the following great herd boars: Crusader, Choice Jumbo and Champion Joe. They are a mighty classy bunch of young boars too.

Farm is located 3 miles west of Charter Oak and post office is Ute, Iowa. Phone No. 7-G.

L. J. STALEY

Public Sale of Poland China BOARS

We will sell at Public Auction on our farm, one mile southeast of Kenwood, six miles north of Wov City and eight miles west of Denison, on

Wednesday, Oct. 2
Commencing at 1:30 O'clock P. M. Sharp

24 Pure Poland China 24
Fine Spring Boars, all our own Raising

All are large, growthy fellows and we consider them among the best we have seen this season, and we are taking this method of selling and expect to conduct annual sales in the future. We have spared neither time nor money in getting the best blood lines and individuals for the foundation of our herd.

We visited and bought stock of the oldest and best breeders in the state, such breeders as M. J. Arnold, of Strawberry Point, Iowa; F. Warner, of Goldfield, Iowa, and J. H. Healy, of Manilla. These men have been devoting their entire time to the breeding of Poland Chinas, and are recognized as some of the best breeders of the day, and have the best blood lines and individuals we have seen in our travels. Our boars are all from the popular strains that made these men famous as Poland China breeders.

If you are in need of a good boar do not fail to attend this sale and see these boars. They are of good quality with plenty of bone, and are good, big fellows.

Terms, Cash, or Bankable Note at 8 per cent

KUEHL & SON
MALONE BROS., Auctioneers. PAUL FIENE, Clerk

A Great Dispersion Sale Of Mammoth Chester Whites

On my farm located 2¾ miles south and 1½ mile west of Arthur and 8½ miles northwest of Kiron

Monday, September 30th

Owing to my son, who had full management of my herd, being called to the colors, it has become necessary to close out my herd of Chester White swine right at the time when I had become convinced that there were none better.

65---Head of Swine---65
Consisting of 41 spring boars, 1 yearling boar, 15 spring gilts and 9 yearling and tried sows. The picking is good for all who want to start where it has become necessary for me to leave off.
My famous breeding sows will be included in the offering. My spring boars are best we have ever raised. We believe this is the chance of a lifetime to secure tops from a herd to strengthen your herd. You can't afford to stay away from this sale.

Description of Offering
Sows are sired by first prize or champion boars, such as Straight Goods, Joy Boy, White Cap Chief--the boar which won first prize in junior yearling class and champion at Sioux City last year. Spring boars sired by J. B's. Best, a Sioux City prize winner; Young Wonder Jr., Prince Big Bone, champion boar at National Swine Show last year. Two yearling sows sired by White Cap Chief, also dam of White Cap Chief included in offering. Two gilts, one by Prince Big Bone and 2 gilts and 3 boars by Tony Evans.

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