

The Farm News Department

Special Page Devoted to the Farming Interests of Crawford County, Wherein the News of the Farmer and Stock Raiser is Chronicled From Week to Week.

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MR. PEDERSON CALLS

C. M. Pederson, of Evergreen Hill farm, near Dunlap, was in attendance at the meeting of breeders of pure bred livestock held in Denison on Monday, March 17, and while in town called on this department. Mr. Pederson is a breeder of Poland China swine, and has some of the very best blood lines of the breed in his herd. He is now running about 25 brood sows, and has on hand at this time some 60 head of fine pigs, with many more to come. His herd is headed by such individuals as "King L." 29533. This individual as a yearling was one of the greatest boars shown anywhere during 1917. At the Omaha show he won first in a very strong class of twelve contestants, of which four had been first prize winners at different state fairs. At one year he weighed 710 pounds, and is now rated as a 1000 pound hog.

Another one of Mr. Pederson's great sires is "Long Big Bob" 295385. This animal was bred by Fred Sievers, and Mr. Pederson selected him because he was the largest, tallest and longest, best proportioned boar he has seen. He is pronounced by best judges to be a real 1100 pound boar. For this animal Mr. Pederson has turned down some very flattering offers.

It will be remembered that Mr. Pederson held a sale of brood sows at his place February 25, and despite the exceedingly severe weather the stock averaged up pretty well, but nothing near what it would have had the weather been favorable. The Review printed the catalogues for this sale, and Mr. Pederson was highly pleased with the work.

James G. Donohoe, up at Gladbrook, who purchased Lady Gano, the world's champion Duroc Jersey sow, some two months ago, paying \$4,000 for her, sold the animal last week to Ed Kerns, of Nebraska, for \$5,000.

GOOD STOCK PAYS

A few years ago C. S. Mulke, a young farmer near Waterloo, moved to a farm near Riceville. He went into the livestock business, and about three years ago laid down a cool \$10,000 for a sire for his herd. Most of the farmers and stock raisers shook their heads; they could think of nothing appropriate to say, but privately they entertained the opinion that Mulke was crazy. This week in Waterloo the holdings of Mulke and another stock raiser from a nearby state, were sold at auction. Mr. Mulke returned home with approximately \$70,000 of real money in his jeans. The moral is obvious.

H. P. Messenbrink, of near Dunlap, was in Denison on Thursday, and purchased a Fordson tractor of the Denton Auto Co., and was to drive the machine home Saturday. Mr. Messenbrink is working 400 acres of land, and figures the tractor is going to be a big and paying investment.

IOWA AS A DAIRY STATE

Iowa is the third dairy state in the Union. This will no doubt be news to a great many people who do not think of Iowa as a dairying state. It will be an easy matter to make Iowa the first dairying state in the next few years by co-operative methods, according to dairy experts.

Inquiries for approximately 600 head of pure bred and grade dairy cattle valued at \$150,000 have been received during the last thirty days by the Agricultural Industries Bureau of the Greater Iowa Association, as a result of a collective advertising campaign being conducted by the bureau of Iowa's dairy herds.

Before this advertising campaign was started, detailed information was secured on practically all of the dairy herds in the state. When these inquiries are received, the files of the bureau are consulted and the inquiries are then passed on to those breeders who are best able to fill the order. This promotion work is expanding and extending Iowa's market for pure bred dairy cattle, and will encourage the small breeder in his operations, because in conducting this campaign in a collective way, the bureau renders him a service which it is almost impossible for him to render himself by reason of the big cost of advertising.

The big problem confronting the small breeder of pure bred stock is that of marketing his surplus, and if by promotion work of this kind, his business can be increased, his example furnishes an incentive for other men to engage in the breeding of pure bred livestock.

The Agricultural Industries Bureau of the Greater Iowa Association expects to do the same kind of promotion work for every branch of the pure bred livestock industry of the state as fast as the information can be secured and compiled.

We doubt if in all its history Crawford county has passed through such a siege of bad roads as during the past three or four weeks. Of course since the rain of last week there are signs of betterment, insofar as solidity of earth is apparent. There have been more cars "stuck" than ever before and even local garages have resorted to tractors to pull 'em out.

Fred Arnold, of Washington township, is one of the up-to-date farmers of the county and believes in keeping the soil up to standard. He was in town Thursday last and took home a brand new manure spreader bought of the Sibbert-Reimers Co.

FORTY-SEVEN SHORTHORNS, \$13,389

Alvin Heller, of Alexandria, S. D., realized \$13,389 from his sale of forty-seven head of Shorthorn cattle which was held recently. The sale was attended by buyers from several states, and the top price paid at the sale was \$615 for a 3-year-old bull, "Pride's

Choice." An average of \$287 was received.

Just a word to our rural friends. If you are going to sell a few head of livestock, a piece of machinery, a second hand cook stove, a buggy, some grain, or even vegetables, if you will but telephone the word to the Review and order a classified ad run in the paper, the cost will not be much and you are sure to make a sale. There are a number of people living right in town who would buy such articles, if they but knew where to get them. People in town do not as a rule read the agricultural papers, and yet there are some farmers who wishing to sell something think the only way to sell is to advertise in an agricultural paper published in some other section. A classified ad will be read by hundreds of people, and the ad will have the moral support of the editor; he will go out of his way to tell about it.

Those seeking a higher education are not always from the cities and towns, but a big majority of the students come from the rural districts. Crawford county can boast of at least one Harvard student, in the person of John Riegleman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Riegleman, of Stockholm township. John enrolled at Harvard as soon as he was released from the service of Uncle Sam. His brother, Jessie, is still at the Great Lakes training station, but expects his release soon.

FARM BANK LOANS \$182,997,964
Loans totalling approximately \$14,799,800, were made to 4,209 farmers throughout the United States by the federal land banks on long time first mortgages, in February, according to a statement of the farm loan board just given out. The federal land bank at Omaha led in amount of loans closed with \$3,895,400. The total amount of loans closed since the establishment of the federal land banks was \$182,997,964 on March 1, distributed among 75,734 borrowers. Altogether 179,734 have applied for loans aggregating \$471,455,362.

"I never expected to top the market," said Albert Roentanz, of Cerro Gordo county, as he waited for his check at the commission firm's office in Chicago last week. "Well, you see they were not the fancy steers to start with. I never buy that kind, but I usually feed 'em out heavy. I've been feeding that way for twenty years. Some of the steers must have weighed 1800 pounds, I guess, but there's a few below 1400." Mr. Roentanz's shipment numbered 53 head averaging 1504 pounds and sold for \$30.25, within a dime of the top this year. The cattle were halibuts which were picked up in his neighborhood, they were grassed through the summer and started on shock corn, then snapped corn and finally ear corn and molasses feed. They got the latter ration three months.

And now the road boosters down at Burlington are going to light the roads by electricity. At each intersection, and some of the more important turn lights are to be placed. The advantages of the lights to the motorists or travelers along the highways in general is obvious. Motorists meeting with engine or tire trouble can stop under the lights and are assured of illumination while the damage is being repaired. As they are to be located at cross roads they will likewise eliminate accidents.

CEMENT HOG WALLOW
Cement has many and varied uses both in city and on the farm. We do not generally think of concrete in connection with hogs, but the combination of the two goes far toward the famous "mortgage lifter," buy music for the home, a college education for the boy or girl, and the many luxuries so much enjoyed by the mother. Every

hog man knows it is poor policy to allow mud wallows in the hog lot. They are not only unsightly, but they are breeders of disease, where the hog can collect germs and spread them rapidly. There are ways of providing this much enjoyed sport of the porkers however, and in a sanitary way. The United States experimental farm at Beltsville, Md., has a department for hogs. On this model farm they try out various feeds and methods of feeding to ascertain ways of producing pork the most cheaply. In one of their paddocks they have a cement wallow. Two paddocks of hogs were fed the same ration. The hogs in the paddock with the cement wallow showed a considerable greater gain over the hogs in the paddock without a cement wallow. If the hogs can be made to produce more flesh in a given time because of a wallow, let there be a wallow, but make it a sanitary one, one in which there are no cholera germs and one that can be flooded and cleaned and disinfected.

Producers of alfalfa seed in the United States received \$8.30 a bushel Nov. 15, 1916; \$9.43 a year later, and \$9.38 Nov. 15, 1918. After the harvest of 1916 the price considerably declined, but an upward movement followed February, 1917, when the price received by producers was as low as \$7.75, and by March, 1918, it reached the high price of \$10.60 a bushel.

A handful of rags fastened to a pole and soaked in kerosene is an effective weapon to burn out nests of gregarious insects, as the apple tree caterpillar, fall webworm and others.

F. A. Slater, of near Buck Grove.



The Pirate-
"Sh! What would happen to me if I were your kid? Well, if you're not acquainted with Calumet Baking you don't know what a good excuse I have. I Can't Help Helping Myself—they're so good! Good for me too, because Calumet Baking are wholesome and easily digested. Millions of mothers use CALUMET BAKING POWDER because of its purity—because it always gives best results and is economical in cost and use. Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities. You save when you buy it. You save when you use it. HIGHEST AWARDS."

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DR. MILES' Anti-Pain Pills
FOR RELIEF OF PAIN.

was in Denison on Thursday, and favored this department with a pleasant call. Mr. Slater will have charge of the road dragging in his neighborhood during the coming season.

HEREFORD BULL FOR \$50,000

J. B. Ferguson of Ferguson Brothers, Canby Minn., paid \$50,000 for a pure bred Hereford bull last Thursday. The animal purchased is known as "Richard Fairfax," a five-year-old registered animal. This is the world's record price. The best previous American price was \$31,000 paid for "Ardmore," sold by W. L. Yost to W. R. Pickering, both of Kansas City. "Richard Fairfax" was raised by War-

ren T. McCray, of Kentland, Ind. He was five years old last November and it is believed he is the best Hereford bull in the world. His weight is between 2400 and 2500 pounds.

What was once termed by the average farmer as noxious weeds recently brought \$65 per acre, when a farmer near Tracy, Minn., threshed from twelve acres fifty-one bushels of common sweet clover and sold the seed for \$15 per bushel.

John Krueger, who lives in section 28, Stockholm township, was in Denison on Friday of last week, and we enjoyed a nice visit with him. He is

working 150 acres this year, and has the help of his father, who looks after the lighter chores, and keeps the fences in good repair. The Kruegers have lived in Stockholm for many years.

Albert Steggemann, of near Buck Grove, was among the many farmers at the county seat on Friday. The nice weather and the betterment of the roads were inviting, and many were able to come to town in their cars. Mr. Steggemann took home a fine set of Concord harness purchased from Ed Nelson.

N. B. Price, who has been living



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