

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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THE NEW ROAD BILL

The subcommittee draft of the road bill, which has been printed and distributed throughout the state for examination is entitled: "An act to coordinate the work of the state of Iowa and of the government of the United States relative to road improvements, to provide and to define a system of primary and secondary roads in each county and to provide for the extension of such primary system, to provide for the improvement and maintenance of such roads and to prescribe the procedure therefor, to provide the funds to pay the cost of such improvements and to regulate the division, accounting and disbursement of such funds, to authorize, in certain cases, the levy of limited special assessments upon real estate which abuts upon or is adjacent to such road improvements, in order to defray a part of the cost thereof and to regulate and prescribe the procedure in consummating such assessments and the collection and application thereof, to authorize and regulate the anticipation by each county of the funds (including special assessments) provided by this act for road improvements, to authorize the submission to the voters of each county of the question of issuing the bonds of the county in order to secure immediate funds to carry on such improvements, and of levying an annual tax on all the property of the county to pay the annual interest on said bonds and to pay any deficiency in the principal of such bonds which cannot be met by other funds provided by this act, to authorize the submission to the voters of the county of the question of validating specified contracts for the improvement of highways and the question of issuing the bonds of the county in order to carry out such contracts, and of levying an annual tax to pay the annual interest on such bonds and to pay any deficiency in the principal of such bonds which cannot be met by other funds provided by this act, to provide the procedure for submitting all such questions to the voters and for the determination of the result of such submission, to provide the procedure for the levy of taxes and for the form, conditions, issuance, application, disbursement and payment of authorized bonds and the interest thereon, to limit the amount of bonds which may be issued under any vote of authorization, to provide for the purchase, lease, receipt and distribution of equipment in aid of the improvements provided by this act and to authorize the payment of the cost of such equipment, to prohibit and punish violations of this act, to repeal section one thousand five hundred seventy-one and three hundred thirty-two (1577 and 1578), to amend paragraph five (5) of section one thousand three hundred three (1303), supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, to repeal all existing acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act, to provide for the printing and distribution of this act, and to provide the time when the same shall take effect.

OWN A HOME

We believe in the institution called marriage. We believe no man has reached the fullness of life until he has a household of his own. We believe man should take unto himself a wife.

Human tradition and human law require that, having done so, he shall furnish her with food and shelter. So far as shelter is concerned, to rent a room, or a few rooms, or a house somewhere, fulfills the letter of that tradition and law. We sometimes find very much that it fulfills the spirit of them. "He's a home owner and a taxpayer" is the best recommendation any man can have in his own community. It gives him a standing forthwith, not so much as a person of some financial importance, but as a dependable, substantial and self-respecting citizen, wisely regardful of his own and his family's happiness and best interests, and at the same time an asset to the neighborhood in which he lives. So universal is the home-loving instinct that it might almost be said there is something wrong morally with the man or woman who does not care to own a home, and that is why the malcontents, the habitual industrial disturbers and the socially restive that inflict themselves on all countries are of the element that is very largely without home ties.

Unless all signs fail, this is to be the great American home-building year. Stimulated by the government's urgent advice to "Own a Home for Your Children's Sake," and by the injunction that "During the war it was patriotic not to build, now we can best show our patriotism by building," there has been a tremendous "revival" in the sentiment for home ownership. The indications are that the unhappy classes of "renters" and "boarders" will be greatly depleted before the end of 1919 and that there will be many thousands of additional families entered upon the life of happiness and contentment to be found only in the home.

Wild barley or squirrel tail grass is one of the most common weeds in Iowa, according to L. H. Pammel, chief of botany section at Ames. Not only does it interfere with the production of crops, but it injures domestic animals, like horses, sheep and cattle. Moreover, it is one of the most common hosts of the common stem rust of wheat, and, if for no other reason than this, it should be exterminated. Squirrel tail grass is not difficult to exterminate where the field is plowed. A single plowing followed with the harrow will destroy the weed. The weed is most common in the pasture, and the best way to deal with it there is to cut it at the time of blooming to prevent the formation of seed. This will not, however, kill the plant, but

simply prevents the formation of seed. As soon as possible this meadow or pasture should be brought under cultivation.

FARM HELP

During the past week this department has had five inquiries for farm help. The cry seems to be "Where Can I Secure a Good Man?" If parties desiring to work on a farm will leave their names with us, we will try and locate a good job for them. The wages for farm help in Crawford county will be above the average for competent help, and anyone wishing to work will have no trouble in finding it.

Theo. Blume was a county seat visitor from Hanover township on Friday afternoon.

Tom Fitzpatrick, "Tom Fittz" for short, is one of the farmers whom we like to see get something new; he always takes so much pride in keeping up things. His latest purchase was a fine set of light work harness, bought from the Denison Harness Store.

Wm. Marshall, the overseas soldier boy, who recently returned from France, contemplates taking up farming and is located out in East Boyer township, near Henry Meyers. One of the first purchases made was a set of Concord harness. Soldier boys who return home, and hasten back to the farm are the fellows who are going to assist very materially in the work of reconstruction. And right here we might mention Harry Hoffman, a returned sailor boy, who takes a farm down in Nishnabotny township and also starts out with a new Denison Harness Store harness, recently purchased.

Among the farmers in town the past week we mention Fred Neuhart of Stockholm township, who attended the style show at the Denison Harness Store and took home a new outfit for one of his fine teams.

THE AMERICAN HEN IN WAR

The United Press says: "When the story of the war is written there should be a page reserved for the achievements of the American hen in the fateful year 1918. The hens set up a production record that wipes all earlier marks off the slate. There were 1,921,000,000 dozens of eggs laid during the year, which, reduced to figures that are understandable, shows that the hens produced every day between five and six eggs for every man, woman and child in the country. The egg crop was 147,000,000 dozens larger than in 1914, and 226,000,000 dozens larger than the average for the five-year period prior to the war. Toasts will be drunk to the American eagle, the praises of our heroes will be sung, and everything from posters down to corn, that helped win the war, will be given just credit. At such time the great American hen should not be forgotten."

Joe Inghram, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hutchison and Miss Grace Inghram were in Denison Thursday afternoon. They drove Mr. Inghram's car in, but found the roads somewhat spongy.

The selling power of Review advertising was never more fully demonstrated than during the past few weeks. W. K. Dobler, well known as a breeder of Duroc Jersey swine, up near Vail, had thirty-five head of bred sows he wished to sell. For various reasons he could not hold a public sale, and decided to sell at private treaty. When arranging for his advertising he said he didn't believe an ad for one week would do him very much good, but was satisfied that if it was run for four or five weeks it would sell his stock for him. He therefore contracted for liberal space to run in five consecutive issues. On Friday Mr. Dobler was a caller at the Farm News Department and reported the result of the advertising. He received some replies after the first issue of the paper containing the ad, the second issue brought him a few more, and after the third issue business assumed some proportions, and at the end of the fifth week, he was swamped with inquiries. He had not only sold every one of the thirty-five head of sows, but had twenty-six letters asking for stock after the last animal had been taken away. To begin with Mr. Dobler had some good stock, some of the best of the breed. The herd comprised tried and fall sows, all bred to Col. King Orion and Col. Redeemer, two of the greatest sires in the community, and having the stock he put it before the people, and kept it before them.

The first thing the average Iowa

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Dr. King's New Discovery used since Grant was President Get a bottle today

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For half a century druggists everywhere have sold it. Put a bottle in your medicine cabinet. You may need it in a hurry. Sold by druggists everywhere.

Bowels Acting Properly?

They ought to, for constipation makes the body retain waste matters and impurities that undermine the health and play havoc with the entire system. Dr. King's New Life Pills are reliable and mild in action. All druggists.

man talks about after spending a few weeks in California is the splendid roads they have out there. Some day, soon it is to be hoped, Iowa and the other states of the Middle West will wake up to the situation and build the same kind.

A year ago the seed corn question was the all-absorbing topic in the Middle West. The outlook was dubious. Seed that tested better than 90 per cent was far from plentiful and would bring just about any price the holder's conscience would allow him to ask. Many urged the selection of a double quantity of seed when the proper time came in order that there might be a liberal quantity carried over. Those who carried over their seed should take pains to see that it is safe, and that it will germinate.

The dates for the Iowa State Fair this year have been set for August 20 to 29, inclusive.

Hamilton county farmers will erect a mammoth sales pavilion on the county fair grounds this year. The new pavilion will be of brick and hollow tile construction. The sales ring will be circular and sixty feet in diameter. The adjoining barn will be 60x120.

POLAND CHINA FUTURITIES FOR 1919

Breeders of Poland China hogs will be interested in learning of a new feature inaugurated in connection with the regular Poland China futurities contest each year at the Iowa State Fair. It is called the Junior Yearling Futurity and carries \$420 in cash prizes. It is independent of the regular futurity in matter of prizes. To be eligible animals must have been farrowed on or after March 1, 1918, and not later than September 1st of the same year, and must have been bred in herds that were nominated for the 1918 futurity. In case payments have been allowed to lapse arrangements have been made for reinstatement.

Breeders are reminded that nominations for the regular 1919 Poland China Futurity will close March 15th. This event carries \$600 in cash prizes. Under the revised conditions in connection with the new Junior Yearling Futurity nominating a herd in the 1919 futurity automatically makes junior yearlings from that herd eligible to the Junior Yearling Futurity in 1920. If interested and unacquainted with the rules governing these futurities, drop a postal card to A. B. Corey, Secretary of the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, or W. M. McFadden, Union Stockyards, Chicago, Ill., for folder giving full particulars.

J. N. Bell, of near Dow City, who is operating 240 acres of land this season, is very enthusiastic over the hard surfacing of public highways, provided many of the unnecessary crooks and turns now in vogue are eliminated. In speaking of the road between Denison and Arion, the sharp turn at the Belle farm and the road at Arion ought to be remedied. The grade for this road is now all in, and aside from some extra surfacing is in good condition to receive the hard surface.

The United States Department of Agriculture says because of the shortage of red clover seed, farmers should substitute alsike for red clover in their spring operations. On the basis of the present market prices two acres can be seeded with alsike for what it would cost to seed one acre to red clover.

Hay sold in Denison Saturday for \$39.50 a ton, and a car load received by one dealer as late as Saturday noon was all sold before evening. Straw is selling at 50 cents a bale and not overly large bales at that. It is nothing unusual to see loads of hay going

into the country from town. Hay that has been shipped in from other states, it sets one wondering whether farmers have enough hay land.

RICHARDSON'S SHORTHORN DISPERSION

In this department will be found a half page advertisement for Mr. J. A. Richardson, of Wall Lake, who will hold a dispersion sale of 60 head of Scotch and Scotch topped Shorthorns at his place 4 1/2 miles southwest of Wall Lake on Thursday, April 3. This marks the passing of one of the best herds here in the west. There will be 40 head of Scotch females in the sale and eight head of Scotch bulls. This includes his great herd bull, Elanwood Sultan, a grandson of the noted bull, Imp, Whitehall Sultan. This bull was shown at Des Moines as a calf and was a conspicuous winner, and he has since developed into a most excellent herd bull. In fact he is one of the best herd bulls that we know of that is selling in any public auction this spring. He belongs to the famous Marr Raspberry tribe and he is just such a bull as most breeders will do well to buy and place at the head of their herd. Many of the cows are bred to him and many of the heifers and young bulls are sired by him. Another splendid young bull in this sale is Cumberland 5th, a 15 month old calf sired by the noted show and breeding bull, Cumberland 3d. He is a Crucikhaak, Butterly Elmer Powell this year. He bought this bull to breed to a few heifers and several of these are in calf to him. There is a good Marr Beauty bull in the sale and several others that are Scotch. Among the splendid Scotch cows are Rose Lenton, a daughter of Pride's Best, and she will be close to calving on sale day. Gardena 3d, by Red Knight, will also have a calf by sale day. This cow has a splendid yearling heifer in the sale. She belongs to the famous Gardena family. Belle and Marsh, both by Sultan's Boy, are both close to calving and the last named cow has a yearling, and a two year old heifer in the sale. One of these is Miss Ramsden and the other is Eliza 22d, and she will have a calf by sale time. These are just a few of the best cows that are listed in this auction. There will be about 15 good young heifers, and about half of these are bred and safe in calf. Mr. Richardson is leaving the farm and is moving to town and, therefore, this dispersion sale. Write him at once for catalogue and kindly mention The Review.

The biggest cattle sale ever held in Marshall county, and one of the largest ever known in central Iowa, was held last Friday at Marshalltown, at which time fifty-nine head of Aberdeen-Angus cattle belonging to R. W. Plummer, sold for \$80,000, or an average of \$1,053. We notice that Erica McHenry 3d, calved March 14, 1914, sold for \$3,250. Among the heavy buyers were Messrs. Escher & Ryan, of Irwin.

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SPRING FEVER

Following Colds, Grippe, Thin, Watery or Poisoned Blood

(By Dr. VALENTINE MOTT.)

"At this time of year most people suffer from what we term 'spring fever' because of a stagnant condition of the blood, because of the toxic poisons stored up within the body during the long winter. We eat too much meat, with little or no green vegetables. Bloodless people, thin, anemic people, those with pale cheeks and lips, who have a poor appetite and feel that tired, worn or feverish condition in the spring-time of the year, should try the refreshing tonic powers of a good alternative and blood-purifier. Such a tonic as druggists have sold for fifty years, is Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a standard remedy that can be obtained in tablet or liquid form. Made without alcohol from wild roots and barks.

Occasionally one should "clean house" with castor oil or tiny pills made up of the Mergapple, leaves of alo and jalap, and sold by almost all druggists in this country as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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kinds has been shipped in to us." According to Mr. Fryer the cattle are about all shipped out from his section for this season, with the exception of a few in the feed lots, which will be shipped in soon. The steers Mr. Fryer had in were on a ration of corn alfalfa hay and ground barley. The latter grain, Mr. Fryer states, is very good for fattening cattle.

Lou Nicholson contemplates improving his 120 acre farm, known as the E. E. Riddle farm in section 35 Denison township, and is now hauling out cement blocks with which to build a new foundation under the house. He will also erect some new outbuildings, and clean the farm up in general.

Henry Saggau, who owns and will operate the Jim Tranter Durocs on the Washington township, was up at Charley Specks in Goodrich this week, and hauled home a fine pure bred Poland China hog, purchased from Charley.

J. U. Walker, a farmer near Pleasantville, Iowa, lost six head of horses recently from eating poisonous ensilage. Five of the animals died within four days of each other, and the other lingered about a week longer.

C. W. Wohlers, of Missouri Valley, had sixty head of fine Durocs on the Washington market last Friday for which he received \$19.50 per hundred. The shipment averaged 291 pounds, and they were of his own raising.

Single ears of premium seed corn brought from \$8 to \$25 in the auction of exhibits held at the Polk county corn show last week. Ten ear lots went for from 60 cents to \$5.00 and bushel exhibits sold for from \$16 to

\$20. The cheapest price for 30 ear lots was \$2. Clover seed, of which there was but a small showing, went for \$14 a peck, and a half peck of wheat sold for \$1.00.

John Tate, living between Denison and Manilla, is the owner of a new

Overland 90, purchased Saturday from the Gibson & Rogers garage.

Many of the folks who are now tearing their hair so violently about the prohibition amendment were reading the baseball news most of the time the amendment was under discussion.

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