

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 FARMER

All honor to the American farmer. He has stood next to the American soldier in delivering the goods. The more we see of the conduct of men in the other industries the better we approve of the American farmer. The war torn world asked for bread and he gave it wheat in prodigious measure; it asked for meat and he multiplied his flocks and herds. When peace came and production was called for to repair the waste of war he produced unceasingly and set an example of well doing that men in all industries had followed, reconstruction would have brought far less social unrest. Happily he has reaped a material reward, largely through the operation of natural law without haggling or profiteering. He has given real service, and the calm thought and sturdy character on the farms are having a steady influence on the passing of the ship of state through troubled waters.—Sibley Tribune.

Just next to the Hugh McCullough place lives the father, J. F. McCullough, and he owns a fine 320 acres. The place is equipped with all necessary improvements, including a good house, a large barn, machine house, stock sheds and granaries. A new cement feeding floor will be built yet this fall. Mr. McCullough has been unable to get a man with a cement machine to do the work, so he purchased a machine of his own and will do the work with the assistance of his helpers. The place is just 200 feet from the silo, and the day we called was hauling in hay and building up a good stack near the silo. A. L. Sieger, a son-in-law, was helping at this work. And like the son-in-law, Mr. McCullough raises Spotted Poland China hogs and has 90 head on the farm. He also has 40 head of cattle which he will fatten. While he keeps six head of work horses, he also has a large Case tractor, and an auto truck, and these two machines save horse flesh and considerable feed. Mr. McCullough has lived a long time on his present farm, and is considered one of the most substantial farmers and stock raisers of his community.

We had a pleasant visit with Robert Maxwell, up in section 19, Jackson township, the other day. Robert has purchased a farm near Denison and will get possession March next. The truth is, Robert purchased the C. D. Miller farm in East Boyer of J. H. Hayes and got a bargain, and no one knows it any better than Robert himself. He is rather anxious for March first to roll around so that he can move to the new farm. He has lived on the present place in Jackson for the past seven years, and has done pretty well there, but he believes he will do better on a place of his own. The day we were at his place he and his son were cutting up a load of corn for the cattle. He has two loads of good cattle he has been feeding for the past six weeks, and is running 185 head of hogs, the most of which are Poland Chinas. Robert has in 110 acres of corn, and the most of it will average better than 60 bushels. On this place we found 16 head of horses, including one team of mule colts.

H. S. Fain, of Emmetsburg, has just completed a \$16,000 hog house on his place, the like of which is not to be found in all Iowa. The new building is heated by steam, is electric lighted, and is arranged with a ventilating system that completely changes the air in the house every seven minutes. The steam pipes are all imbedded in cement under the floors, which are of wood construction, and movable for cleaning and for sanitary purposes. Every pen in the building has its automatic water fountain and ventilating pipes. The skylight is so arranged that they can be closed and opened handily from the runway. At one end of the building is a room fitted up for the convenience of the caretaker, and one may sleep in this and always be on the job at farrowing time.

War has broken out among the owners of the Economy Hog and Cattle Powder company down at Shenandoah. H. Eschler has started a suit against J. J. Doty and his associates in the Economy company, alleging that they have been paying themselves outrageously excessive salaries in order to absorb the income of the company, and to avoid paying dividends on stock not owned by themselves. Eschler says that Doty has been paying himself \$36,000 a year salary, while Fred Nye has been drawing \$525 per month, and C. E. Parker receives \$4,500 a year.

John Kiely's Aberdeen Angus sale down at Toledo last week set a new price on cattle for Tama county. The sale totaled \$95,000 with an average of \$2,068, the top ten animals averaging \$4,190. The highest price paid for an individual was \$5,700.

LeMars will have one of the finest sale pavilions in the state if present plans are carried out. Construction work has already commenced and the building is well under way. The

Highest Cash Prices paid for

Hides

Economy Meat Market
Wilbur Roberts, Prop.

structure will be 50 feet in diameter, walls 18 feet high. The grounds purchased include a good dwelling and barn 40x90, which will be remodeled into a show barn for cattle and hogs. The company is capitalized at \$20,000 with shares at \$100 each.

Land down in Mills county is still booming, according to latest reports. Two farms sold during the week—one 150 acres sold for \$385 per acre and one of 300 acres sold for \$325 per acre. The last named farm is 40 years old.

The home of Joe Dozart, in section 17 Jackson township, is really one of the show places of that township. Mr. Dozart has lived on this place for the past 30 years and has made a real home of it. The buildings are many and all are in a good state of preservation. The farm comprises 240 acres, and is certainly a fine stock and agricultural farm. One of the newest improvements to have been made by Mr. Dozart is the putting on of a new shingle roof on a large granary. In the feed yards were a number of long feed boxes, and these were well filled with corn. Mr. Dozart had in quite a large acreage of corn this year, and has cut to fodder some 25 acres. He has 86 head of steers and 175 fall pigs, 50 spring pigs and 60 brood sows. In looking at the surroundings near the house, one is impressed by the large number of fine, stately ornamental shade trees, and the large amount of shrubbery. The Dozarts have a large number of "butternut trees" on the place, but they did not bear well this year. Miss Anna Schupler, of Cedar Rapids, is expected at the Dozart home this week for an extended visit.

Everybody up around Boyer is acquainted with Christ Nissen. He is one of the jolly, well met fellows of his neighborhood. We had a good visit with him over in Boyer on Thursday last. He had just completed a fine new cave on his farm. And judging from the dimensions it must be some cave. The size is 8x14x12, and is cemented throughout. Has a ventilator, and in case of a storm the entire family can go down and spend the night. Christ told us that he had been keeping red hogs for many years, and that they were the only kind for him. He purchased a Pathfinder from Carsten Christensen some time since and the animal as a yearling will weigh close to 800 pounds. Christ says he's a regular elephant. He recently sold 16 head of cattle of John Frederichsen, and has 40 head left on the place.

Wm. Lindberg, of near Kiron, expects to retire from the farm soon and will move to Kiron where he has purchased the Trans-Mississippi elevator. He will also make a specialty of buying popcorn, and this in itself means considerable. He will turn the old home place over to his son, Charles, and son-in-law, Elwood Larson, and they will buy the stock now on the place, which includes 45 head of Polled Durham roan cattle and a number of hogs, and the work horses on the farm. William purchased about a year ago the Kropf farm over east of his place, and this he will rent to another son, Floyd, and another son-in-law, Elmer Mauritz. He recently sold 61 head of feeding shoats for \$18.00 per hundred.

South Dakota land is producing some good crops this year as is evidenced from the field of fax on the farms of Henry Brown and John E. Jochims, who are farming up near Scotland. They threshed their fax last week and the yield proved way beyond their expectations. The former realized 670 bushels from 70 acres and the latter 380 bushels from 38 acres. The fax was sold to the Farmers Grain & Stock Co., at \$5.10 per bushel, and the total crop from both fields amounted to over \$5,000. Mr. Jochims has also been dealing in hogs up there and he recently sold six fall

boars for \$500. He is now using a Waterloo tractor for his farm work and is covering a lot of ground with it, thus saving much valuable time and labor.—Schleswig Leader.

Wm. Gehring, who lives five miles south and a mile east of town, is making some extensive improvements on his farm. He is erecting a big new barn, corn crib, granary and other outbuildings. Mr. Gehring is another one of our progressive farmers who believes in having everything up to date on the farm, and finds that it pays to have things in first class shape.—Schleswig Leader.

ENGINE PULLING OUT THE GATE
A subscriber's wife sends the following poem to this department and says it fits her case so well she would like others to read it. The poem is taken from a recent issue of the Country Gentleman.

When the threshing season's ended
and the grain is in the bins,
And the yellow straw is piled up in the stack,
We women folks are glad to see the engine in the road,
And glad 'twill be a year till it comes back.

Our hands are black from scraping
new potatoes by the peck;
We're tired of baking cakes and lemon pies;
We're tired of tea and coffee in the big two-gallon pots,
And the leaves of bread in record breaking size.

We're tired of seeing tables long
enough to fill the room,
And planks across the chairs to make a seat,
And we're tired of sweeping out the bits of chaff the men bring in,
And the little grains of barley, oats and wheat.

But we're tired-est of the dishes that were piled up in the sink,
The glassware and the tin, and silver too,
We're soapy to our elbows and the water soon gets cold,
And it's time to eat again before we're through.

Oh, we're glad to have the harvest and the money it brings in,
And we're glad to know the crops have been so great;
But the nicest part of threshing to the weary women folk
is the engine puffing slowly out the gate.

M. B. Knop, of Cedar Falls, is a firm believer in the cow testing association and points to his experience as evidence that they are a good thing in any county. Mr. Knop's herd of high grade Holsteins averaged 8,027 pounds of milk and 333.6 pounds of butter fat this year, and he was awarded the Kildoe production trophy, awarded to the association in Iowa having the highest producing grade herd each year. Mr. Knop has been a member of the Pioneer association since its organization in 1909. He has increased the average production of his herd during the time he has been a member. 5,082 pounds of milk and 213.5 pounds of fat for each cow to 8,027 pounds of milk and 333.6 pounds of fat. This shows a 60 per cent increase

For Sale

PURE BRED POLAND CHINA BOARS, FALL AND SPRING

These boars' blood bears the closest inspection and are of good quality. Sired by Liberty King 344153, and he is a great boar.

Enquire at the farm three miles west of Charter Oak, Iowa. Visitors welcome.

Leonard J. Staley

Twelve Big Type Pure-bred Duroc Jersey Boars

For Sale

Sired by Premier Model 295285; dam by Professor Wonder 252729 and Fancy Superior 30529a.

These boars are the big kind, long body, big bone and color. Terms reasonable.

E. F. GRAINGER

Residence Five Miles Northwest of Denison
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in butter fat. Mr. Knop did not secure these results by the addition of purebreds and the elimination of scrubs, but by the breeding up of his grade cows with purebred sires.

August Voss, of near Aspinwall, has just shipped to the Omaha market a double deck of extra good 83-pound lambs. His shipment was the first of its kind to reach the Omaha market and sold higher than fat western stock, bringing the highest figure paid for short feeds so far, \$15.50. The lambs were bought on the same market about the middle of August, a little over two months ago. They weighed 58 pounds when brought into the county and have gained 25 pounds a head since then. During the last six weeks they have had the run of a 30-acre corn field, which was well planted to rape and soy beans. They also had access to a field of clover for a short period.

Grant & Sons, of near Miles, Iowa, have just delivered to C. Forrest, of Linn county, a Poland China hog for the sum of \$3,500. The hog was registered as Big Jones, full brother of the famous Big Grant, who is well known to Poland China breeders, for he has swept the shows, carrying away prize after prize. For breeding purposes the animal is reputed to be worth \$50,000.

Chas. Speck and Ernest Poleske have returned from a trip covering the northern Iowa sales circuit of Poland China hogs, and each gentleman purchased an animal. Speck bought a fine hog at the Butterfield sale at Irvington, paying \$250. Poleske also purchased an animal at the same sale, paying the same price.

A recent rampage of the Little Sioux river southeast of Spencer caused a lot of trouble to cattle owners in that vicinity. The high water tore down the fences and more than a thousand head of cattle became mixed up. The cattle belonged to six or seven owners, and they had some time separating their cattle.

Bellevue, Iowa, furnishes a good market for clover seed, as illustrated by a recent sale of two loads of clover at that place last week. Ben Felderman received \$1,000 for a load of seed and Henry Rickert received \$87.25 for a load. The price per bushel was \$25.

At a public sale down at Harlan last 41-5t

week, held by B. W. Hon, the one big item of the sale was poultry, and there was an even thousand dollars worth sold. The poultry was of the Buff Orpington strain, and hens sold at \$3.15 each.

An ear of corn raised by Henry Sargan down on the old James Tranter farm near Buck Grove, was being exhibited in Denison on Friday. The ear weighed 1 3/4 pounds and was a very fine sample.

CONSCRIPTION FOR FOREIGN WARS

The people should bear in mind that the military bill now pending in congress, drawn by the war department, makes conscription "automatic" the moment war is declared. Article 16 of the league covenant makes war itself automatic by declaring that "should any member of the league resort to war.... it shall ipso facto be deemed to have committed an act of war against all other members of the league." We become a belligerent whenever any one of the forty-five or more nations in the league resorts to war, and we conscript our boys to take part in that war, although we may be on the friendliest terms with the nation we are compelled by the league covenant to fight. Is that what the American people want?

Some towns are doing a lot of arguing as to which has the most beautiful girls, but they can never prove it by the volume of paint sales at the drug stores.

FOR SALE

160 acres with good improvements near Terrill, Dickinson county, Iowa; land all tillable and well tiled. Price \$235.00 per acre; easy terms; possession March 1st.

J. H. POWERS, Owner

Carroll, Iowa.

The allied powers, which includes the United States, have now started in to beat out Germany in the commercial race by talking and striking while Germany is working.

The thrilling escapes from bandits and highwaymen pictured in the movies have nothing on the escapes of the October wedding couples from the hands of celebrators.

As usual the provision trade will serve a large part of the people with cold storage turkey for Thanksgiving, while saving up a good part of the

1919 turkeys for some future date unnamed. But it all helps the iceman.

A large number of brilliant "intellectuals" are spending their valuable time demonstrating that you can make up the shortage of everything by limiting your production and going on a strike.

It is hoped that on the first day when President Wilson gets up he will not feel it necessary to go out in the garden and transplant all the plants in the flower beds.

Public Sale

The undersigned having decided to retire from the farm, will offer for sale at public auction on the place, just north of the old brick yard, about 80 rods from the Lincoln highway, at Denison, on

Tuesday, Nov. 11th

Commencing at 1 o'clock p. m., the following property:

3 HEAD OF HORSES 3

One black mare 6 years old, weight 1500; one black gelding 7 years old, weight 1500; one work horse.

38 HEAD OF CATTLE 38

Consisting of one milch cow; 36 head of steers, years 2 old; 1 bull.

Some Pure-Bred Duroc Jersey Boars

Five dozen purebred Buff Orpington chickens.
Three pairs Indian Runner ducks.

MACHINERY: DeLaval No. 12 cream separator; wagon; new bob sled; McCormick mower; hay rake; corn planter; Cracker Jack—with 120 rods of wire; new Sterling seeder with grass seed attachment; walking plow; cultivator; drag; hay rack; 70 bales of oat straw; two tons alfalfa hay, and numerous small articles.

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 eight per cent interest from date. All property to be settled for before removal.

BERT WALWORTH

MALONE BROS., Auctioneers. COMMERCIAL BANK, Clerk.



Denison Seed Co.

JACOB WEISS & SONS, Proprietors

—Bring in your samples of seed—we are in the market for same. We pay highest prices for timothy, clover, etc.

—Call us up for market on corn, wheat, oats, hogs, etc.

—Have on hand for sale at all times for feeding purposes—corn, oats, barley, tankage, oil meal, etc.

—Call at the Denison Seed Co. if you want some breeding ewes or Hampshire boars, all at very reasonable prices.

—Denison, Iowa