

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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IT PAYS TO CURRY HAND FED STEERS

"Little Johnnie" Mommensen, of near Maquoketa, recently marketed in Chicago his fourth load of hand fed steers, receiving the top of the market, \$19.65 for the animals. The animals were of the fancy kind and were purchased by the packers.

Mr. Mommensen is a great believer in the care of his animals and says he likes to have them so tame that they will eat out of his hand. Mommensen makes currying his steers a part of their care.

The steers which he marketed recently were prime Herefords, averaging 1455 pounds and were fed a ration of crushed corn, oats, oil meal and clover hay twice a day. As feeders they were bought at a price of \$13.85 from local parties and he makes it a practice to buy locally whenever he can.

Mr. Mommensen's plan of feeding is simple. After getting the animals home he puts them on pasture for a few weeks until they become accustomed to the place. He then starts them on a light feed of crushed corn. He then gradually works them to full feed. In good weather he carries his cattle. He says that the old saying that currying a horse saves 50 per cent of the feed bill holds good with cattle too.

Feeders in his territory used to laugh when they saw him currying the cattle, but when he repeatedly topped the market they began to sit up and take notice of his methods. "Currying, if nothing else," says Mommensen, "makes the steers gentle and quiet. This is a big advantage, for a nervous steer does not gain as well as one that is contented. The cattle are a little afraid at first, but after a few days they begin to look for it. I have taken very wild steers and after currying or brushing them a few times have made them so tame that they would cut out of my hand."

COST OF FARMING AN IOWA ACRE

INDIANOLA, Dec. 28.—Two high school boys, Kenneth Work and Cleo Fleisher, of the Indianola high school, have figured out the cost of production on a 58 and 35 acre wheat field as a part of their school work in the vocational educational classes in the school. The figures are given as follows: Kenneth Work, 58 acre field of wheat, labor spent in field between September 23d and October 14th: 228 man hours at 30c \$ 67.80 835 horse hours at 20c 167.00 835 equipment hours at 6c 50.10 72 1/2 bu seed wheat at \$2.00 145.02 Use of land valued at \$300 an acre 870.00 Taxes on land 52.00 Interest on money invested in crop as labor and seed till harvest 91.65

Total cost 191 harvest time 1,377.40 Total cost per acre to date 23.74 Following are the figures of Cleo Fleisher on a 35 acre wheat field. Labor spent in the field was from October 12th to 18th. The labor consisted of plowing and harrowing: 80 man hours at 30c 26.70 256 horse hours at 20c 51.20 256 equipment hours at 6c 15.36 1 1/2 bu seed wheat at \$2.10 31.50 Use of land valued at \$225 an acre, 5 per cent interest 393.75 Taxes on land 29.75 Interest on money invested in crop till harvest time 11.53

Total cost crop to date 1865.00 Total cost per acre 19.00 According to County Agent Overley the above figures on both fields of wheat do not include any upkeep of fences, manuring or building up soil, harvesting and threshing and marketing expenses. Rolling of ground in the spring may add more expense. Nothing is added for risk against hail, drought, grasshoppers, hessian fly, black rust, smut and other things that generally take their toll. Figures on the two fields vary somewhat, due to different valuations placed on the land and the preparation of the seed bed. In discussing this work recently Mr. Overley said: "With the high priced land that we will have to deal with from now on it is becoming more and more necessary that we give some

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(thought) to the cost of production. Very few farmers are able to tell of hand with any exactness what it costs to produce a crop of any kind, and a man simply can't tell without keeping some records; the memory is treacherous. "Now the farmers all over the country are asking that they be given the cost of production, less a reasonable profit the same as any other business expects. The first thing to do is to find out just what the cost of production is."—Des Moines Register.

Harold Johnson, who lives on the Chris Jensen farm in section 17, Milford township, favored this department with a call Saturday afternoon and renewed his subscription for another year. Harold is a brother to Swan over on the S. L. Gable farm, and has been in this country for the past twenty or more years. He came here without a dollar, and was unable to speak our language, and our ways were unfamiliar to him. But he came to America with the intention of staying and becoming a citizen and taxpayer, and he has lived up to his intentions. Since starting out for himself in the farming game he has resided in different sections of the county, but about three or four years ago he purchased the Chris Jensen farm of 160 acres in section 17, Milford township, for \$185 per acre, and the advance in the price of the farm alone has made him a lot of money. He has on the place considerable livestock, among which will be found 75 head of Duroc Jersey hogs, all eligible to register. For the outstanding stock he bought from B. A. Samuelson up near Kiron and purchased some good stock. He also has at the present time 50 head of Aberdeen Angus cattle, and is milking six cows. And sells the cream in Detroit. He recently sold 20 head of cattle at a fair price. This year's corn crop amounted to 3,000 bushels, and he has finished shelling 400 bushels that he sold for \$1.25 per bushel. Usually he raises considerable pop corn too. Mr. Johnson has not been troubled much with the help proposition, because he has four boys and they are of great help to him. It is just such fellows as Harold and Swan Johnson who come to America and make good, desirable citizens.

BUYS FORTY ACRES OF POND

G. W. Lemmon, who resides a few miles from Sac City, has purchased the Hugh Mead place at \$140 an acre. On the farm is a pond covering about 40 acres in extent, from which Mr. Lemmon expects great things. Some years ago this pond dried up unusually early, it being filled with water each year to a depth of about two feet. The place was owned at that time by Mr. Burroughs who disced the ground and planted corn. The season was just right for such a procedure and he took 200 bushels of corn per acre from the piece. Mr. Lemmon is now planning to drain the pond and repeat the experiment of raising corn, although this has been tried once or twice before, and each time proved failures. It is estimated that it will cost about \$4,000 to drain the pond.

Two brothers, Milo and Guy Keller, of Correctionville, for a number of

years interested in bee keeping, have secured excellent results this year. Recently they took 6,000 pounds of light colored extracted honey from twenty-four colonies, or an average of 250 pounds per colony. The best colony gave 400 pounds of extracted honey.

Thirty-nine cart loads of shelled corn have been shipped from Poshontas county during the past year. The bulk of it was shipped into other counties.

A NEW POTATO KING ENTERS FIELD

June C. Grove, a negro, born a slave in 1861, who went to Kansas at the age of seventeen years, with a capital of seventy-five cents, is said to have made the following statement: "It is to the best interests of all the negroes in the United States to live on the land and make a living out of the soil. They are not fitted for anything else. I'd like to go to Kansas City, and to St. Louis and Chicago, and New York and Philadelphia and say, as Moses said to Pharaoh: 'Let my people go.'"

"Not long ago," writes Donald Angus in the December 13th issue of the Country Gentleman, "June C. Grove was offered \$200,000 cash for his farm. The Potato King, as he is known in the Kaw river bottom, politely refused the offer on the spot. His 523 acres are not for sale at any price. Living with and on the farm are his eight sons and three daughters, their wives and children, and his eight grandchildren. Four of the boys are graduates of the Kansas Agricultural college. When the family becomes too large for the home place, 1600 acres which Grove owns in another county will take care of the overflow. If it is in his power to prevent, not one of his children will become a city dweller."

"The spirit of this man is well shown by a painting in his house, built ten years ago at a cost of \$23,000. It shows the tiny cabin in a sugar grove on the Kentucky plantation where he was born. It was put there, he said, because he wanted my children to see it three times a day so they could never forget the humble surroundings from which they sprang."

"As might be expected, this one-time slave, now a highly respected man in his community, is a progressive farmer. He has a fine library of agricultural books, and told of his pride in building up the fertility of his land. Some of the land has produced 416 bushels of potatoes to the acre."

Practically every farmer solicited in

Wimbeago county by the solicitors for the farm bureau have joined the association; 863 new members have been secured and \$3461 was subscribed to carry on the work in the county. Approximately 800 persons attended the preliminary meeting before the drive.

A HUMBLE LEAD-PENCIL FARMER

"About all I have I owe to my banker. He has been the means of getting ahead almost from the beginning," said R. C. Shoup, of Grundy county. "Ten years ago this same Shoup was working as a farm hand in Grundy county, and had to ask a storekeeper to trust him for a pair of boots. Last March he moved onto a \$14,000 farm. On it he made a cash payment of \$14,000, and in addition had \$14,000 worth of farm capital inventories. During all of these sixteen years the humble lead pencil has been one of the most important tools on the farm. When he asked for credit of his banker he always showed, with the aid of the pencil, just how his affairs stood, as he always kept close record of all his transactions. All has not been smooth sailing with this one-time farm hand, however. During the first two years as a renter his crops were destroyed by floods and the persistence with which he kept plugging away makes it seem that perhaps he is too modest in giving so much credit for his success to his banker. In his business of feeding cattle into hogs Mr. Shoup is known as an exceptionally good judge of livestock."

"I have always used credit for my capital," he said, "if I need money for a short time, say sixty days, to buy feed, I borrow. When I am through, I return it. If I used my own money it might be idle a while until I could reinvest it."

Listing the points in this story to give us a formula for getting ahead, we find them to be, perseverance, credit, an always sharpened lead pencil—and a good wife. Mr. Shoup was married at the end of his two bad years with floods and had to borrow \$100 to pay the expenses of his big event, but he says he got his real start in life on his wedding day."

GOOD OLD IOWA RED CLOVER

Many farmers say that Ed M. Smith, of Winterset, is deserving of a hearing when he says "that while the agricultural colleges and farm papers are preaching the alfalfa gospel, he would like to put a word for old Iowa red clover. Iowa's red clover deserves a

scat along with the Iowa hog, as the two champion mortgage lifters. A lot of people say that the big trouble with clover is to get a stand—and that with winter freezing and summer drought, it is too expensive to risk seed costing \$25 to \$30 per bushel. We don't know whether the Ames experts will agree with us or not, but we venture the assertion that if soil was prepared as it is for alfalfa seeding, there would be less complaint about getting a stand. Then there is the practice of sowing foreign grown seed which is ill advised. Practical clover men say that the nearer the seed is sown to the field where it was grown the better the fertility of the soil."

DON'T FEED DEAD ANIMALS TO HOGS

It is an old time practice to feed to hogs carcasses of cattle that have died of disease. This is the warning of veterinarians that this practice is dangerous and that it is likely to transmit such diseases as tuberculosis to hogs. Likewise it is dangerous to feed offal from slaughtered animals to swine. All diseased carcasses of cattle should be thoroughly destroyed by burning or by deep burial under a liberal application of quick lime.

COLLEGE SELLS HERD BULL FOR \$3,100

The Hereford herd bull of Iowa State college, Standard 33d, was sold to Mr. Mish of Hudson for \$3,100 at the Hereford sale held at the International show at Chicago. This bull was purchased four years ago as a calf from Cyrus Tow, of Norway, Iowa. The bull was sired by Standard and was out of Lady B., which was sired by Disturber.

NEW PRESIDENT SPOTTED POLAND ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the National Spotted Poland China association, Henry Field, of Shenandoah, Iowa, was elected president of the association in recognition of his progressive methods in pushing the breed and the success with which he has met since becoming a breeder of Spotted Poland. He began raising "Spotted" hogs a little over a year ago because, as he says, he

"likes them" and that is reason enough, he thinks, his theory being that a man should raise the breed of livestock he likes best. There is a lot of truth in this. Mr. Field puts a great deal of energy and enthusiasm in anything he undertakes and the National Spotted Poland China association is to be congratulated upon having secured such an able man as its president for the ensuing year.

Most sheep men know that a lighted lantern hung in the yards at night or near the sheep flock will keep the sheep from attacking the dogs from the flock.

Over at Beresford, S. D., the experience of Charles Amber, a farmer of that vicinity, has demonstrated that this plan carried out will protect the sheep. In the fall Amber purchased 700 head of sheep to which to feed a lot of rough feed he had on hand. Dogs once again raided the flock and killed a number of the sheep. Amber was told to try hanging a lighted lantern in the yard, and he did so, and has been successful in keeping the dogs from the flock.

Roy Gebert, of Denison, was calling on Dow City friends Wednesday.

NEEDED—All Over the Farm

Western Crushed Rock Salt costs less at the start than white or evaporated salt, and it goes 1/3 farther, because of its great strength and quality—being 98% pure salt. It is so much better than ordinary white salt because it is produced by the mining method, which brings it out in its original purity and strength, just as nature formed it. No ordinary barrel salt, though it may appear whiter, can compare in purity, strength or economy with Western Crushed Rock Salt.

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Administrator's Sale

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of the late Frank A. Pearson, has been authorized to sell at public auction on the Fred Mundt farm in East Boyer township, located 5 miles southeast of Denison, 7 miles north of Manilla, on

Monday, Jan. 5

Commencing promptly at 10 o'clock, the following described property:

12 Head of Horses

Consisting of 1 team of black mares 10 years old, weight 3000; 1 team of gelding 6 and 7 years old, weight 3400; 1 team of mares, gray and black, 7 and 8 years old, weight 1400; 1 team of horses 3 years old, weight 2600; 1 two year old; 1 yearling and 1 saddle pony.

37 Head of Cattle

Consisting of 4 good milk cows, 3 fresh now, 1 soon will be; 6 stock cows; 5 three year old heifers with calf at side; 10 yearling calves, heifers and steers; 6 small calves; 1 purebred Red Polled bull.

10 doz. chickens; 800 bu. oats; some hay

MACHINERY—Van Brunt 11 ft. drill with seed attachment; 1 top buggy; 1 hog rack; 1 four section drag; 3 wagons, nearly new; 1 wagon and rack; 1 Osborn disc, 9 ft.; 1 seven ft. disc; 2 oil tanks; 1 water tank and heater; 1 gas engine 2 1/2 horse power; 2 DeLaval separators, sizes 15 and 12; 1 corn elevator with horse power; 1 Acme 7 ft. binder; 1 broadcast seeder; 1 disc cultivator; 1 John Deere manure spreader; 1 McCormick mower; 1 Emerson rake; 2 John Deere walking cultivators; 1 John Deere riding cultivator; 1 John Deere corn planter with 160 rods of wire; 1 12 in. gang plow; 1 Dain stacker; 2 hay bunks; 1 bob sled; 2 16 in. walking plows; 1 blacksmith outfit complete; 1 Union feed grinder; 1 power washing machine and churn; 1 fanning mill; 5 sets of good work harness; 1 singel harness and household goods of all kinds, including 1 good Hamilton organ. Other articles too numerous to mention.

Same day and place, W. C. Jenkins will sell 25 head good cattle

FREE LUNCH AT NOON USUAL TERMS

ENOCH OLSON, Adm'r.

MALONE BROS., Auctioneers FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Clerk

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming I will sell on my place, the Rogers farm 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Denison, on

Friday, Jan. 9

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp

9 Head of Horses

Team, bay mare and black gelding, 6 and 7 years old, weighing 3400; bay team, mare and gelding, 4 and 5 years old, weight 2500; bay mare 10 years old, weight 1250; sorrel mare 3 years old; 2 two year old colts; white pony 8 years old.

20 Head of Cattle

Three milk cows coming fresh in March; 5 steers coming 2 years old; Hereford bull 3 years old; 3 heifers coming 2 years old; the rest yearlings and calves.

15 Head of Shoats About 10 dozen Chickens 3 Geese

Machinery and Miscellaneous

Riding plow; walking plow; 4 section harrow; 2 section harrow; Gretchen corn planter and 120 rods wire; riding cultivator; walking cultivator; McCormick grass mower; disc; Deering binder; hay loader; hay rake; seeder with grass seed attachment; corn grinder; DeLaval corn separator, 1 1/2 h. p. gas engine and washing machine; pump jack; 3 rolls cribbing wire; galvanized water tank with hog waterer; 3 hog troughs; numerous tools generally used on the farm; 3 sets work harness and a few sets of old harness; set buggy harness; 2 sets of fly nets; saddle; 2 good lumber wagons; hay rack; top buggy; 2 seated carriage, nearly new; bob sled, good as new, and a good many other articles too numerous to mention.

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