

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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WINTER WHEAT IN IOWA DECREASED

Des Moines Capital: Acreage of winter wheat sown in Iowa this fall has suffered a decrease of 2 per cent according to the report of the Iowa co-operating crop reporting service compiled by Frank S. Pinney, field agent of the United States bureau of crop estimates, and Charles D. Reed, director of Iowa weather and crop service. Only 455,000 acres have been seeded this fall as against 465,000 a year ago. This falling off in acreage is due largely to the natural tendency on the part of the farmer to get back to a normal seeding, he declares. The war was the chief cause for the seeding of no heavy acreage last fall. Dry weather and the poor physical condition of the soil, making plowing for fall wheat almost impossible in many counties, also played an important part in decreasing the acreage. The condition on December 1st was 91 per cent. The report declares that the wages of farm labor in Iowa during 1919 averaged \$5.45 per month with board when hired by the year, without board \$7.43. Average wages per day during harvest with board \$4.66, without board \$5.20. Other than harvest work, with board \$3.46 per day, without board \$4.24 per day.

A REGULAR OLD IOWA APPETITE

Lysander, a husky farm hand, was telling his troubles to a neighbor, and among other things he said that the wife of the farmer who employed him was "too darn picky" for any use. "This very morning," said he, "she said to me, 'Lysander, do you know how many pancakes you have eaten this morning?' I said, 'No ma'am, I ain't counted 'em up yet.' 'Well, she says, 'The last one you ate was the twenty-sixth.' 'An it made me so darn upset, I just up from the table and went to work without my breakfast!'"

FARM AND HOME WEBS SHORT COURSE

A great after-the-war farm and home short course will be held at Iowa State college the week of February 9 to 14, 1920. Everything is being done at Ames to make this great meeting worth while to Iowa farm folks. It will be of unusual interest and value to them. Many new conditions have arisen which make profitable farm operation and efficient home management much different problems than they ever were before. The latest and most reliable information on dealing with these new conditions is to be found at an institution like Iowa State college and the investment of a week's time there through the intensive short course program will bring big returns. More than that, it will also furnish new inspiration for the tasks of farm and home and show the way to a fuller enjoyment of farm life and work. On every day of the week there will be a hundred different lectures, addresses and demonstrations. Twenty-five or thirty state farmers' associations and conferences will hold their sessions in connection with the program. Every phase of agriculture, of home making and of engineering as it pertains to

the farm and the home will be presented, not in the old way, but in the light of a new, after-the-war needs. The short course is free, except in the ten-day courses in dairying where the amount of materials used necessitates a moderate fee. Included in the program will be animal husbandry, dairying, engineering for farm and home, farm crops and soil, farm managing and marketing, horticulture, home economics, miscellaneous, state corn and small grain show, rural life conference and farmers' banquets. For any further information address Short Course Headquarters, Agricultural Hall, Ames, Iowa.

CROP PRICES DROP BEHIND

The price of farm products is one of the principal causes for the recent advance in the price of Iowa farm land, according to reports received from county agents by the farm management department of Iowa State college. This opinion is confirmed by figures for the past five years showing the correlation between the advance of the prices of crops and livestock in the United States and the advance in the price of Iowa farm land. The basis for comparison is the pre-war period 1910 to 1914. The average price of all products during this five year period is also assumed to be 100. Compared with these bases of 100, the prices of products and lands since 1914 have ranged as follows:

Year	U. S. Prices of Crops and Livestock	Iowa Land	Iowa Farm
1914 (Aug. 15)	100.0	100.0	100.0
1915	114.1	137.0	137.0
1916	128.3	124.5	124.5
1917	121.2	120.1	120.1
1918	120.5	117.7	117.7

In 1915 and 1919 farm land was capitalized higher, relatively, than the U. S. prices of crops and livestock. Farm purchasers in 1915 had the prospect of year prices for farm products to help pay for their farms. Those who bought land in 1919 paid a relatively higher price for it than the price of crops and livestock at that time would seem to justify, although the prices of crops and livestock were 134.3 per cent higher than the pre-war level of prices. It is probable that farm purchasers who went in debt for most of the land at August, 1919, prices, will pay for those farms with prices of crops and livestock considerably lower than the prices of 1919.

FARMING ISN'T SOLDIERING, NOT YET

Boston Transcript: One day after the civil war a man who was riding through the farming districts in the middle west stopped by the wayside to talk with a farmer. Several men were working in the field and the traveler was interested to learn that most of them had been soldiers in the war and that among them were some who had been officers. "That last man over there," said the traveler, "happened to have been a private, but the man next to him was a corporal; that chap over there was a ma-

cor, and over in the next field is a man who was a colonel." "Indeed," said the traveler. "What kind of workmen are they?" "Well," said the farmer, "the private is a first class man, and the corporal is a pretty good worker." "How about the major?" "He's about so-so." "But the colonel?" persisted the traveler. "Well," said the farmer, "I ain't a goin' to say a word against any man that fit in the war to save the union, but I notify you right here and now that I ain't goin' to hire no brigadier general!"

ALMOST A FORTUNE IN CORN

Charles Crolley, a tenant on a farm in Massena township, near Massena, Iowa, owned by E. D. Forsyth, of Anita, has made a small fortune from his corn crop this year. He raised 210 acres of corn which yielded 12,000 bushels. He is farming a half section of land. "Those of our land buyers and speculators, and even owners of Crawford county lands, need have little fear of the land values dropping very much, for some time at least. Most any kind of land still sells and at pretty fair prices. The first of last week the 80 acre farm belonging to Roy Naeve, located two miles south of Schleswig, was sold to Henry Holst for \$36,000 or \$450 per acre. This farm is a very fine one, well located and with all modern improvements. Mr. Naeve bought the farm this last summer, paying \$400 per acre for it, and has therefore netted a nice sum as profit. The farm has been occupied this season by Theo. Wunderlich, who has just moved to Denison."

WOULD PAVE ROAD AROUND WORLD

Iowa has some corn crop this year. The ears of this corn if laid side by side and end to end, would pave a road 40 feet wide all the way around the world. The year's crop of 415,000,000 bushels make quite a lot of corn, and no other state in the union can anywhere near Iowa's production. Illinois, which ranks second, had less than 275,000,000 bushels as compared with Iowa's bumper crop.

COLLEGE SECURES A WILD BOAR

A wild boar from Africa has been received by the experiment station of Iowa State college for use in type test and other breeding work. Kansas State Agricultural college received the boar from its original home and used him in a number of tests and sent the boar to Ames as a gift. All of our present day breeds have been developed from the Suscrofa, the

species to which this wild boar belongs and the station hopes to do some interesting fundamental work with the animal. He has large tusks and his hair, gray in color, is very long. His ears are black and stand upright. Although he weighs only 150 pounds, he does not lack in fierceness. "On many farms, one horse and occasionally two or three, can be sold without affecting the operation of the farm. With the farm cost of keeping a horse mounting to \$200 a year, the efficient farmer will decrease his operating costs by eliminating unnecessary horses."

RULES FOR LIVESTOCK BREEDERS

"The history of all our well known breeders clearly indicates that to establish a good reputation as a breeder of livestock, one should practice the following rules," says H. H. Klidde, head of the animal husbandry department of Iowa State college. 1. Be honest. 2. Choose a breed and stick to it. 3. Breed with the correct type in mind. 4. Study pedigrees for inherited characteristics, relative merit and value. 5. Keep your herd or flock free from disease. 6. Develop the young animals and maintain the breeding animals through wise feeding and management. 7. Boost better livestock in your community. 8. Advertise judiciously. 9. Exhibit at the county, state and other larger livestock shows. 10. Remember that a satisfied purchaser is your best advertisement. So be prompt in registering and transferring animals and make good all guarantees.

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Public Sale!

As I am going to take a position with the Farmers Lumber Co. of Buck Grove, I will sell at public auction on the Fred Hast place 1 mile north of Buck Grove, the following described property on

TUESDAY, JAN. 13

COMMENCING AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M. SHARP

7 head of horses

Grey mare 5 years old, weight 1600; grey gelding 5 years old, weight 1500; black mare 9 years old, weight 1600; black mare 10 years old, weight 1600; black mare 5 years old; span of horses 4 and 5 years old.

32 head of cattle

Twelve cows, some coming fresh in spring; 3 heifers; 9 yearlings; 7 spring calves; one bull calf.

TEN DOZEN YOUNG CHICKENS AND FIVE GEESE

MACHINERY AND MISCELLANEOUS—John Deere sulky riding plow; John Deere stag riding plow; John Deere corn planter with 90 rods wire; 2 Oliver riding cultivators; Badger riding cultivator; 2 disc pulverizers; Tower pulverizer; Superior force feed seeder; 3 section harrow; Cooper bob sled; No. 17 DeLaval separator; 3 sets farm harness; 2 lumber wagons; new hay rack; N. churn and other articles.

USUAL TERMS FREE LUNCH AT NOON

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MALONE BROS., Auctioneers GLEN HEMPHILL, Clerk

Highest Cash Prices paid for

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Economy Meat Market
Wilbur Roberts, Prop.

Auctioneers

WE wish to announce to the public that FRED REINKING and ED. DUNCAN will cry sales together this season. See us before you make your sale dates and get a square deal.

MERRY XMAS FIX IT FIT
"MERRY CHRISTMAS" ONE AND ALL... KEEP IT WARM FOR SANTA'S CALL...

THE ideal sort of Christmastide is one that is cold out on the fields and up in the glistening star-studded sky, but warm as a generous heart in the interior of your own home. We deal in home comforts.

Howard Gray
Ferguson Building
Denison, Iowa

Public Sale

Having decided to quit farming, the undersigned will sell at public auction on his place in section 8, Paradise township, 7 miles west of Denison and 2 1-2 miles east of Kenwood, on

WEDNESDAY, JAN 14th.

Commencing at 12 o'clock the following property:

7—Head of Horses—7

Consisting of 1 sorrel horse 14 years old, weight 1400; 1 black mare 8 years old, weight 1200; bay horse 9 years old, weight 1200; black mare 6 years old, weight 1100; 1 grey horse 4 years old, weight 1400; 1 bay mare 8 years old, weight 1300; 1 white pony 10 years old, weight 800.

12—Head of Cattle—12

Comprising 5 milch cows, 1 fresh; 1 bull 2 years old, Hereford breed; 4 spring calves; 2 yearling steers.

35 Duroc Shoats, 2 Purebred Duroc Sows, (Bred)

Three dozen mixed chickens; 500 bushels corn; 400 bushels oats; 65 bushels Marquis old wheat; 2 stacks timothy; 2 stacks clover; 1 stack alfalfa.

MACHINERY—1 wagon; 1 cultivator; 1 manure spreader; corn planter with 160 rods wire; 1 mower; 1 buggy; 1 16 in. riding plow; 1 harrow; 2 sets work harness; 1 set fly nets and numerous other articles.

USUAL TERMS OFFERED FREE LUNCH AT NOON

Jas. A. Grainger, Prop.

MALONE BROS., Auctioneers.
CRAWFORD COUNTY STATE BANK, Clerk

Public Sale

As I am going to move away I will sell at public auction on the old McLeod farm 5 miles north and 1 mile east of Manilla, 7 miles south of Vail, 11 miles southeast of Denison and 11 miles northwest of Manning, on

TUESDAY, JAN. 6th

Commencing at 10:00 o'clock Sharp, the following property:

7 Head of Horses and Mules 7

27 HEAD OF CATTLE

10 milch cows, 10 calves and 7 head of heifers.

40 HEAD OF HOGS

20 head purebred Poland China sows, 20 stock hogs.

75 Tons of Good Hay in Stack; Some Straw; 3000 Bu. of Corn
X-Ray Incubator; 6 Feed Bunks; 2 Hog Oilers.

MACHINERY—Five wagons; buggy; 2 bob sleds; John Deere gang plow; Rock Island disc; John Deere corn planter with 80 rods of wire; 6 cultivators; 2 Deering binders, one nearly new; Superior grain drill; fanning mill; 2 mowers, Deering and McCormick; side delivery rake; hay rake; 2 hay bucks; Great Western manure spreader; feed grinder; 2 gas engines; 3 sets harness.

ALL HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Good hard coal burner; excellent kitchen range.

USUAL TERMS OF SALE FREE LUNCH

H. L. McLEOD

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