

# 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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## DICKINSON MAKES PLEA FOR COUNTY AGENTS

Representative Dickinson, of the Tenth district, made his maiden speech in the house of representatives last Friday week. He was instrumental in getting the appropriation of \$150,000 for farm agent work in connection with the agricultural bill left at the original figures, and getting it so restricted that 80 per cent of it must be used actually for the farm agents. In the course of his remarks the representative said: "Mr. Chairman, the state of Iowa has thought enough of the farm agent movement to authorize every county board of supervisors to co-operate in the county agent movement by the appropriation of money in order to carry on the work under the provisions of law."

"The time has disappeared when the farmer says that he does not want the county agents to come around and assist him in improving his farm work. As a matter of fact, he is welcome on their farms. He has helped them in orchard work, he has helped them in stock problems, he has helped them in seed corn, he has helped them in the soil problem, he has helped them in a great many problems in every way. "I believe we ought to do all we can in this county agent work, and if the money is not spent in the right place, we should provide that it shall go for the purposes which the gentleman from Missouri says it does go."

"Complaint has been made before the committee that about 30 per cent of the money so appropriated is used for administrative work and only about 20 per cent of it actually goes to the paying of the expense, salary and so forth of the county agent. It appears to me to be an easy matter to attach to this bill a proviso that at least \$120,000 of the appropriation of \$150,000 should go toward paying the salary and actual expenses of the county agents employed."

"In view of the increased demand for food production, it would seem to me a grave mistake to suggest that \$1,000,000 to \$1,000,000 as suggested by the gentleman from New York. The county agent is surely an instrument to encourage the increase of farm production of all kinds. He has made a careful study of these problems; he assists the farmer in working out his problems in the most effective way; he encourages attention to good seeds; he encourages attention to livestock production; he gives instruction as to how to preserve soil fertility."

"In the state of Iowa the movement has been indorsed by an extent that we have a county agent in every county in the state. We have the state chairman of the National Federation of Farm Bureaus, and we have the state ever encourages to this work that we possibly can."

## TEST YIELD OF CORN STRAINS

Iowa corn growers are to be given an opportunity to compare the yields of their different varieties of corn. The contest which is to be held by the Iowa Corn and Grain Growers' association is the best such has been said about the desirability of finding the highest yielding varieties of corn and so the state association has decided to put on a contest which will be continued over a period of several years.

"It is generally agreed that strains which vary generally differ greatly as to yielding power. Results secured by individual farmers and farm bureaus during the past four or five years show a difference of as high as 30 bushels. In addition, work done under the direction of H. D. Hughes at the Iowa agricultural experiment station indicates great possibilities in the selection of high yielding varieties."

"The corn growers' association plans to divide the state into four sections similar to the division made for the annual state corn show. Three testing stations will be located in each section, making 12 different localities in which varieties will be compared. Varieties, however, will be tested at all three stations in the section entered. The seed will be planted on plots side by side with exactly the same soil and planting conditions and will be cultivated exactly alike. The difference in yield will be entirely due to heredity."

"High yielding strains of corn are the result of the contest, their instruction to the state as a whole will mean millions of dollars to the farmers annually. In addition the owners of the winning varieties will benefit by the demand for their seed. The association will also make suitable awards to the winners of the contest. Full details of the contest will soon be published. Anyone interested should write the secretary of the Iowa Corn and Grain Growers' association at Ames."

"At the sale of Percheron horses held last week by O. Mease at Manning, we notice George White, of Denison, purchased two head at the sum of \$495 and \$155 respectively."

"Psycho-therapy is advertised to cure timidity. So far the girls of Denison do not seem in need of the treatment."

## COLLEGE BUYS A NEW BULL

The Hereford herd at Iowa State college is now headed by Good Stantway, a junior yearling just bought from E. M. Cassidy and Sons, of Whiting, Iowa. Good Stantway is by Bright Stantway and out of Good Lady 13th, being an intensely bred Anxiety 4th bull. An indication of his worth is the fact that his sire, Bright Stantway, was the last herd sire used by Gudegill and Simpson, prominent breeders of Independence, Mo., before their dispersion sale.

While he has plenty of good breeding he is also an excellent individual, having a strong back, uniform lines, and is deep with a wealth of flesh. Good scale and weight for age combine with quality in every respect make Good Stantway a very desirable animal to head the college breeding herd.

C. F. Robinson of Plankinton, S. D., refused \$5,000 for his herd boar, Goldfield Giant, farrowed April 1918. The boar is of the Poland China breeding. Mr. Robinson held a sale and sold thirty-nine bred sows at an average of \$219.

The public sale of Chester White hogs held by P. H. Sheridan at Vail on Monday the 18th, averaged \$80, and the top sow brought \$510. The sale was fairly well attended.

## SAMUELSON SONS' DUROC SALE

Wednesday, February 18, proved another red letter day for the Messrs. E. A. Samuelson & Son, near Kiron, On that day they held their sale of Duroc Jersey hogs, and to use Mr. Samuelson's own language, they "as usual had a good sale." Forty-one head of hogs were sold averaging \$202.60. Top cop prices were paid, F. A. Bailey, of Battle Creek, purchased No. 2 of the catalogue for \$400.00, and Fred Knop, of Charter Oak, purchased No. 1 at \$400.00. Most of the hogs went to Iowa buyers, in fact only three left the state, one going to South Dakota, and two to Minnesota. The Samuelson breeding has become known, however, in many of the adjoining states, and many of the animals sold heretofore have found homes outside of Iowa. The following is a list of the purchasers, and the price paid:

Christ T. Nelson, Vermillion, S. D.	\$ 55
F. H. Bailey, Battle Creek	400
Fred Knop, Charter Oak	400
J. W. Gailley, Battle Creek	280
19 Palestine Bros., Fulda, Minn.	300
18 A. L. Swartz, Jeffers, Minn.	295
14 O. S. Larson, Logan	300
43 J. W. Gailley	295
J. C. Butcher, Holstein	325
11 F. H. Bailey, Battle Creek	230
3 J. W. Gailley	235
W. A. Love, Arthur	210
25 Clouse & Core, Manson	250
27 Leater Draper, Sutherland	175
26 Jake Wilkins, Wall Lake	180
13 Lee Hotchkiss, Osceola	230
J. C. Bosch, Osceola	125
10 J. C. Butcher	190
17 J. C. Butcher	155
20 Jake Wilkins	130
49 Lee Hotchkiss	99
50 Lee Hotchkiss	125
38 C. S. Babcock, Farnhamville	170
Jake Wilkins	125
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A. J. Golling, Breda	170
21 Clouse & Core	105
21 P. H. Bailey	200
15 W. A. Love	300
E. F. George, Aurelia	300
33 Paul Anderson, Boyer	105
48 C. S. Babcock	150
W. H. Johnston, Cherokee	125
C. S. Babcock, Iowa	235
30 T. W. Down	125
31 W. A. Love	135
24 Ecklund Bros., Osceola	145
32 Jennings Berg, Boyer	100
23 J. C. Butcher	115
Total	\$8,310

Dan Fink, of near Deloit, was in Denison Monday morning in consultation with the county agent. Dan has been working in the interest of the Farm Bureau the most of the winter. Only last week he was in Ida county where he assisted in the membership drive. He visited 20 different farms and secured 50 as members. He has been doing a wonderful work in this county also. Dan says he never spent five dollars that brought him in as great a return as did the five he spent for farm bureau membership."

"Politicians insist on a presidential candidate who never did anything to offend anybody."

The farm sale of John Kroll, near Charter Oak last Friday was a real bumper, and the auctioneers, Messrs. Reinking & Dunson were kept on the jump from the time dinner was over until the sale finally ended at dark. Both auctioneers were in good trim, however, and secured the best of prices. C. F. Reinking has just returned from a sojourn in California, and was filled with good old Iowa pep. He says California is a fair place to spend a little money, but as for living, Crawford county, Iowa, is still good enough for him. After the regular farm sale, Ed Dunson took charge of the sale of the purebred Hereford cattle, and he handled the sale end in good shape. Prices for the older stock ranged from \$250 to \$350. There were a number of bidders present who came particularly to get cattle, and among them were noticed Nels Jensen, of Buck Grove, Iowa. Weed purchased a number of the cattle, and Emil Pautsch purchased the herd bull, Doves Boy. At the farm sale, horses sold at \$405 per team, milch cows went as high as \$170, and hogs from \$38 to \$45 apiece. Three turkeys sold for \$15 and the chickens went at about \$16 per dozen. Mrs. Kroll supplied a fine dinner for the auctioneers, clerk and helpers, and she was ably assisted by a number of neighboring ladies. The sale was one of the most successful ones held in Charter Oak vicinity during the present season.

J. H. Will, living just east of Charter Oak, has 20 head of high grade Duroc brood sows for sale. He has an animal at market value worth about \$45, when butchered and marketed, brings considerably more than \$100.

John H. D. Gray, formerly writer for this department, but who has for the past year been with the Ida Grove Pioneer and Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune, dividing his time between the two papers, has resigned, and will seek other fields. John has been a good man for the two papers mentioned, but he found the work unsatisfactory when he ought to have been in the county he was in Buena Vista, and when in Buena Vista he ought to have been in Ida. He has no objection as yet, but has a number of offers under consideration. In the meanwhile his address will be Wall Lake.

In another place in this paper will be found a large advertisement for John P. Coulson, of Storm Lake. He will hold a Chester White sale at Storm Lake and those of our Chester White breeders will do well to look up the date and attend the sale if possible. Mr. Coulson held a sale of bred sows and gilts February 12, and the lowest price received was \$102. One gilt sove for \$2,075, and several sold from \$400 to \$600.00. Many in the sale for March 12 are litter mates to those sold at the February sale.

No animal parasite is quite so persistent as the hog louse. To most farmers the hog louse is only a pest that keeps the hogs rubbing, but few

people realize that there is a marked loss in animals so affected and gains made are much more expensive than if the hogs were free from them. Experiments conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture show that when two lots of hogs were fed a ration of corn and fish meal in self feeders for 105 days, the lousy ones were 175 pounds lighter than the others and gains made were made at an expense of \$1.00 per hundred more. A second trial was made with pigs weighing 100 pounds divided into two lots of twelve each. At the end of the period the louse free lot showed 192 pounds more gain than the lousy ones. It was a notable fact that the lousy pigs ate considerably more protein feed. This would seem to indicate that the lice draw their food directly from the pigs' veins."

**SOMEBODY GETS MONEY FOR HOGS**  
Des Moines Capital, Sunday, February 22: Hampton, Feb. 21—The recent experience of a young farmer and hog raiser of this vicinity, appears to prove that somebody along the line is getting a big rakeoff while the butcher stock is passing from the farmer to the consumer.

Just an ordinary sized hog was butchered, and the private packing process netted the farmer hard to the value of about \$41, country sausage—no beef in it—\$34, canned meat, \$25, and he still had the four quarters, some spare ribs with real meat on, and back bone. This animal at market value worth about \$45, when butchered and marketed, brings considerably more than \$100.

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Wednesday afternoon, February 18th, at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Schwenk and Walter Schugg, in the presence of relatives and a few friends. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Schwenk. The bride was attended by her sister, Victoria, and the groom by his brother, Arthur. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schugg, of Grant township. They will be at home on the groom's father's farm south of Ida Grove after March 1st. Married at the Lutheran parsonage last Thursday, February 12th, at high noon, Miss Hilda Boyesen and Earl Hargens. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boyesen and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Hargens, of Ida Grove. They will be at home on the groom's father's farm south of Battle Creek after March 1st.

Married at the Lutheran parsonage last Thursday, February 12th, at high noon, Miss Leona Boyesen and Alfred Jensen. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boyesen and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen. They will farm on the bride's father's farm after March 1st.

The fit restrictions have been taken off and people are breathing more freely again. Practically all cases are off the docket and there were no fatalities in this section.

Mrs. Albert Stoltenberg entertained the M. G. R. club at her home Friday afternoon. Walter Rickert has resigned at the cream station and at present is looking up another job.

Chas. Reinking and wife and his mother, Mrs. Hy Reinking, have returned from a six weeks' sojourn in sunny California.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ehler, Jr., February 9th, a baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schwartz, February 10th, a baby girl.

The Rohrer returned Friday from Paulina, where he attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Dora Rohrer.

Mrs. Carl Evers was called to Denison by the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Will Evers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schultz returned from Ft. Dodge last Monday, where he transacted business. Mrs. Schultz visited relatives there and at Boone.

Keeps Your Stove Shining Bright

Black Silk Stove Polish

Get a Can TODAY

Let a Can TODAY

Mrs. Katherine Bottger, accompanied by her son, Herman, left Tuesday for Hubbard, where Mrs. Bottger will join her daughter and family and go out to Colorado to live.

Peter B. Nielsen loaded his car Monday in preparation of going out to Bloomfield to farm.

Mrs. Matt Lorenzen has been seriously ill at her home and a trained nurse was called to care for her.

Miss Linda Zabel has accepted a position as clerk at the H. W. Schmidt store.

The 500 club met with Mrs. Emil Mass Tuesday afternoon.

STARTLING TESTIMONY CONCERNING MEXICO

The Federal judge, who presided at the trial of the captured Mexicans who raided the town of Columbus, New Mexico, in March, 1916, has given some startling testimony before the senate committee now investigating our relations with Mexico. He says that he was urged by the department of justice at Washington not to proceed with the trial on the ground that it might result in diplomatic complications with Mexico. The secretary of state, he said, recalled which, "I sent back word," said Judge Medlar, that

You feel fine in a few minutes. Your cold in head or catarrh will be gone. Your clogged nostrils will open. The air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more dullness, headache, no hawking, snuffling, mucous discharges or dryness; no struggling for breath at night.

Tell your druggist you want a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, and relief comes instantly. It is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer needs. Don't stay stuffed up and miserable.

"I made this test—and the cattle chose Western Rox-Salt-Block! Since then I've kept Western Block in front of my stock all the time. They thrive on it, and have a higher market value. At the same time, I've cut my salt bill, because Western Rox-Salt-Block lasts much longer."

Western Rox-Salt-Block are made of clean, wholesome, finely-crushed rock salt, pressed into 50 lb. blocks under tremendous pressure. Will not chip or crack; unrefined by rain.

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