

THE FARM NEWS

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DEPARTMENT

THE NEWS OF THE FARMER AND BREEDER OF PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

CHRISTIANSEN GETS FAIR

C. A. Christiansen had a good crowd at his sale of Duroc hogs on Saturday last, and on the sixteen animals sold he received a fair average, considering the state of the hog market and the tightness of money. The offering was one of the best to go through a sale in Denison this season, and in ordinary times would have brought two or three times the price they did. No one questioned the breeding or the condition of the hogs, as they could not have been improved. The A. Great Wonder I Am and the Pathfinder blood is known wherever the Duroc is bred, and Mr. Christiansen's reputation is so well known and his way of raising hogs so much relied upon that to mention his breeding or his name is to meet with favor. The Malones worked hard to make the sale a success, and it was not their fault that more money was not received. The buyers just would not pay more; they were willing to bid up to a certain amount, and that ended the matter. M. E. Jones clerked the sale, and by the time the last hog was sold every buyer had settled for his purchase. The following is the sale list:

1 Wm. Beerman	\$82.50
2 John Eggert	75.00
3 Frank Houlihan	37.50
4 D. E. O'Brien	50.00
5 John Tebbe	45.00
6 Ray Jones	42.50
7 John Stehlik	45.00
8 Reinhard Kruger	37.50
9 Wm. Goetsch	37.50
10 Al. Reimers	25.00
11 Otto Jacobson	45.00
12 Hugo Denker	40.00
13 Chas. Franzek	37.50
14 Otto Arnold	62.50
15 John Eggert	30.00
16 Geo. France	30.00

FIVE PAIRS TWIN CALVES

The Iowa Homestead tells of a Short-horn cow owned by A. Schrank, of Danbury, that has brought him five pairs of twin calves within the last eight years, or a total of 13 calves in all.

Lady Alexander 4th 161196 was dropped on the W. Schrank farm Aug. 7, 1911, and her calving record is as follows:

Sept. 23, 1913, heifer calf.
Aug. 20, 1914, bull and heifer calves.
July 14, 1915, bull calf.
Sept. 23, 1916, bull calf.
Aug. 2, 1917, bull and heifer calves.
June 12, 1918, bull and heifer calves.
June 19, 1919, bull and heifer calves.
June 27, 1920, bull and heifer calves.

The last pair of twins were dropped when Lady Alexander was eight years and eleven months old. The cow is a good milker and provides well for both her calves each time so that the calves have been uniformly strong and all have been raised. The bull calves have all been sold to neighbors in the vicinity of Danbury and have all proved to be good breeders. One of the bulls sired a pair of twins last year. The heifers, however, that were twins and are old enough have failed to breed.

Jack Mullen is one of the many farmers around Buck Grove who have been successful in picking corn. Jack is a progressive farmer and stock raiser, and is not worrying a great deal about conditions; he thinks within a little time everything will work out all right, and we will be a happy and contented people. During the past year or so the people seemingly had gone "spend it now" wild, and the country needed a "hard knock" in order to check the money-crazed desire.

CATTLE CAN BE FED AT PROFIT

Feeding steers in Iowa is not popular this season, although they can be fed profitably. According to a statement by H. H. Kildee, head of the animal husbandry department at Iowa State college, there are 50 per cent less cattle in the feed lots than a year ago. Many farmers are waiting to see how the banks are going to handle farm loans, but Mr. Kildee believes assistance is due from banks very soon.

"With the decrease in the prices of grain the farmer must turn to feedlots if he is going to get anywhere near the cost of production. There is also a scarcity on the market of western cattle of the feeder type, due to the lessened demand, but the supply will increase if farmers will begin buying feeders."

"Many farmers are expressing undue concern over the situation, but a pessimistic period always follows a poor season and this is shown in the cattle business."

There should be no reason for anxiety at this time over the feed question since cattle purchased now will come out all right.

"Many good feeders are going cheap at this time due to the depressed condition of the market. Meat is bound to be higher in the spring, since fewer farmers are feeding. Feeding is the surest way to get the greatest margin out of the grain crop."

FEEDING GARBAGE TO SWINE

When properly managed, the feeding of garbage to swine is a practical means of pork production, according to Farmers' Bulletin 1133 issued by the United States department of agriculture.

In addition it helps to settle a problem which confronts many cities and towns—that of effective and economical garbage disposal. The wholesomeness of garbage depends greatly on the care it receives in households. Tin cans, glass, paper, oyster shells, saw dust, soap and other foreign material when mixed with garbage may cause numerous losses of hogs. But it has been found that this evil can be minimized by proper precaution and published requests to householders to be careful. The feeding of hogs is necessary to prevent hog cholera and frequent collection is urged to keep the feed fresh. Copies of the bulletin may be had free by applying to the United States Department of Agriculture.

We wish to call attention to this department to the public sale advertisement to be found on another page, of Fred C. Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder will hold a sale at his place two miles east and one mile south and another half mile east of Charter Oak; 5 miles northwest of Kenwood, and 4 1/2 miles southeast of Ricketts, on Wednesday, December 1. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock a. m., and there will be 112 head of livestock sold. In the offering will be found a head of horses, all of work age, except two; 72 head of cattle, comprising 33 yearling steers, 10 cows, 19 yearling heifers, 9 calves, and a purebred Shorthorn bull; 31 head of Duroc hogs, including a purebred Duroc boar. In the implement line there will be found a great lot of good machinery of all kinds, and in good condition. In feed there is some corn, oats, 30 tons alfalfa, 25 tons prairie hay, and ten tons of clover; 12 dozen chickens will be sold. The usual terms will be given, and a free lunch will be served at noon. Henry & Kraft are the auctioneers and the Farmers State bank is the clerk.

MANY FEEDERS AROUND DUNLAP

"From the number of cattle that are being shipped into the feed lots around Dunlap it doesn't look as if the Iowa feeders are going to lay down on the job this year," said John A. Henney, well known farmer and breeder of this section recently, in discussing the feeding situation.

Mr. Henney recently sold a load of white faces on the Omaha market that failed to bring him the returns he had planned on, but he is not discouraged, and says: "For while there was some danger of a lot of heavy feeders going out of the business, but the big crop and the prospects for cheap feed are making them change their minds. There are still a lot of cattle on feed in this country and our farmers will be making shipments right along for some time to come."

Mr. Henney purchased the animals he sold at Omaha recently on that same market just about a year ago, paying 10 cents a pound for them. For some unexplainable reason the steers failed to make the proper gains and when shipped back recently weighed about 950 pounds, after being fed and carried over a year. The tops of the head were sold locally for 2 1/2 cents.

"If I had fed some hogs this summer along with the cattle I would have been money ahead. However, my place became infected with some sort of a disease last fall and I have been rather hesitant about bringing any more animals on the place. That is one reason why I will sell my corn rather than feed it out this winter. The crop will not bring over 60 cents a bushel at the most in my opinion, but I can't afford to take another chance on feeding cattle this fall."

"I do not mean to say that I shall discontinue the work entirely, as I will be back in the harness once more after another season. In which time I hope to get my farm entirely cleaned up of all contagious and infectious diseases."—Des Moines News.

County Agent John Quist attended a meeting of bankers, county agents and farmers at Red Oak last week. A federal reserve banker was present and stated that the bankers of Iowa were very largely overdrawn on the reserve banks—that is, the reserve banks had loaned the banks of Iowa far in excess of the quota, and that how the reserve banks were demanding money. Secretary Cunningham of the Farm Bureau was present at the meeting, and in the course of his remarks, stated that if the farmer and stock raiser were allowed an extra ten cents on the market price, he could be able to liquidate, and would have smooth sailing, and the local banker would be able to meet his obligations with the reserve bank.

The county has done some excellent work on the road leading to Buck Grove, during the past season, and now the road is one of the best in the county. With the exception of the one hill in Coon Grove there is not a bad grade at any one place along the road, and the road is being traveled considerably.

CORN FOR FUEL

This department is in receipt of the editorial page of the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, under date of Nov. 14, 1920. Accompanying the sheet is a neatly engraved card with an inscription. The card reads:

T. G. Daniels
Oakland Tribune, Editorial Department
"One of the Funders of the Crawford County Bulletin."

Under the caption "Corn for Fuel," Mr. Daniels says: "I am interested in the current articles about burning corn as fuel in the west. At present prices it must produce a blaze of luxury. It was not so many years ago, though, that corn in certain stressful seasons, was the necessary fuel in some of the bleak prairie towns of the west. There was plenty of corn, but no coal, and in some sections timber belts are lacking. Besides, corn was so little in demand in the markets of the world that it would not bear its own transportation."

I have a clear recollection of feeding some three hundred bushels into a big box stove, as a printer cub, to keep the ink from congealing and the press limbered up in a country newspaper office. (Here Mr. Daniels makes a notation in the printed column and says, in the Review office nearly 50 years ago.) It was splendid corn, too. A farmer would drive a wagon load alongside and shovel it through a window, exactly as he might shovel coal. I have not heard of a case of corn being used for fuel since that time, but I have often told of burning corn for fuel, and have generally been set down as a cheerful romancer.

Looking up a little history we find that Mr. Daniels, together with Geo. W. Stephens, still residing in Denison, founded the Denison Bulletin in 1873, with Stephens and Daniels as editors and publishers. After two years the interest of Mr. Daniels was purchased by A. B. Keith, who had, prior to that time been employed on a paper at Dunlap.

Good kinds of green feed for hens in winter, recommended by the United States department of agriculture, are sprouted oats, alfalfa meal, chopped alfalfa and clover hay, cabbages and mangel beets. Cabbages may be hung up in the poultry house; the beets are usually split and stuck on a nail on the side wall of the pen about a foot above the floor to keep the feed clean. Keep oyster shells, grit, charcoal and plenty of clean drinking water before the hens all the time.

NEW CLOVER VERY POPULAR

Distributing of over 47,000 samples of the new annual white sweet clover seed to Iowa and other farmers has moved the clover well known throughout the country.

It has made remarkable growths, according to the farm crops section of the Iowa agricultural experiment station and records of a growth of ten feet have been received. Many others have reported a height of eight and nine feet.

Samples of the seed were sent out in the spring to any farmer who would try it out and report the work to the department. This policy will be followed again this next season, says H. D. Hughes, discoverer of the clover, and more seed will be available than before.

The clover will reproduce seed rapidly, and anyone wanting to get a supply of his own can do so in a few seasons. This new annual white clover is desirable as feed, produces fine green pasture, is ideal for bees, and besides places desirable elements in the soil. All that is necessary to get seed samples is to send a self addressed envelope with a stamp on it along with the request.

Mrs. Lloyd Buffinton, living in section 36, Denison township, three miles south of Denison, is advertising a public sale in this week's paper. Having sold the farm, the Buffintons will move into town, is the reason given for holding the sale. We notice the sale will start promptly at 12:00 o'clock, and a free lunch and hot coffee will be served at 11:30. In the offering will be found 10 head of horses, and in this number are two registered Percheron stallions, a good team of geldings, 6 and 7 years old; a team of black mares, 3 and 4 years old, a spotted mare 8 years old, a work horse 8 years old, and 2 suckling colts. There are eight head of cattle, all of pure breeding, and including a 2 year old registered Shorthorn bull, a 2 year old registered Polled Short horn cow, two heifers and a bull calf, can be registered, and 2 milk cows. 20 head of shoats are also offered, as well as two good Scotch cattle dogs that are cattle trained. There are a number of dozens of chickens, and all farm machinery, which is nearly new. The usual terms are offered, and Malones are the auctioneers, and Emil Huggs the clerk.

Move pullets into winter quarters before they begin to lay, the United States department of agriculture advises. All should be in winter quarters before cold weather. See that the henhouse is disinfected and that it is tight on the sides and that there is no chance for a draft to strike the hens while on their roosts.

Muskat hides, once worth about 35 cents, sold for \$7.50 at the St. Louis fur auction last spring, the United States department of agriculture reports in a recent circular. Fur buyers say the supply of muskrat skins in the market is decreasing at the rate of 50 per cent a year.

PUBLIC SALE!

Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public sale on my place, the Albert Lenz farm, 6 miles west of Denison, 4 miles north of Arion, 3 miles east of Kenwood, on

Tuesday, Dec. 7th

Commencing at 10 a. m., the following property:

Fifty-Five Head of Live Stock

Horses and Mules

Team of grey mules 10 years old, weight 2500, well matched; 1 bay mare 7 years old, weight 1400 pounds.

Twelve Extra Good Milch Cows

40 Head of Hogs—among them 15 open brood sows

One dozen Rhode Island Red-Rose Comb Roosters.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

New John Deere corn planter with 80 rods of wire; hay stacker and one buck, used only one season; 1 16-inch John Deere walking plow; John Deere seeder with grass seed attachment; John Deere disc cultivator; John Deere disc; 4 section drag; Standard mower; new wagon and box; wagon and hay rack; 5-horse power Hercules gas engine; hay rack; hand corn sheller; top buggy; 20 gallon galvanized hog trough; one pile lumber; 900 bushels ear corn; 3 stacks clover hay, and other articles too numerous to mention.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under, cash; on sums over that amount one year's time will be given on good notes bearing 8 per cent interest.

JOHN PROSCH, Owner

DUNCAN & REINKING, Auctioneers.

FARMERS STATE BANK, Clerk

PURE BREED COLUMN

A Directory Published for the Benefit of Those Who May be Seeking Foundation Stock for Their Herds.

IDEAL DUROC HERD

The home of Big Type Duroc Jersey swine.
For sale: Some great herd boar prospects of popular breeding.
Fred Knop, Charter Oak, Iowa.

E. F. GRANGER

Purebred Duroc Jersey Spring and Fall Boars for Sale. Sired by Premier, Model Chief. Good, big, husky fellows.
Denison, Iowa.
Phone 17-1

ALBERT WEISS

Denison, Iowa
Purebred HAMPSHIRE HOGS

CHESTER WHITE HOGS

Barred Plymouth Rock Chickens
Baby Chicks in Season
P. H. SHERRIDAN
Vail, Iowa

MAPLE GROVE STOCK FARM

Clair Nicholson, Prop.
Horses, Mules and Guernsey Cows
Phone 7-B
Route No. 2 Denison, Iowa

Husky Hereford Stock Farm

Four pure bred registered yearling Hereford Bulls for sale.
GUS E. LAKE
Phone 33-2 29-11 Manilla, Iowa

FAIRACRES STOCK FARM

Purebred Spotted Poland China Hogs and Hereford Cattle
White Leghorn Chickens
Stock for Sale at All Times
Soy Sale February 1
H. H. PRUEHNS, Charter Oak

W. K. DOBLER

Vail, Iowa
Pathfinder and Sensation Breeding
A few choice herd headers for sale

SUNBROOK FARM

John Fleming, Prop.
Kiron Phone
For Sale: Choice Fall and Spring Duroc Jersey Boars; best of breeding. Also some good pedigreed Aberdeen Angus Bulls. 42-17

RUNNYSIDE STOCK FARM

Ray H. McCullough, Prop.
Purebred Duroc Jersey Swine
Young Stock for sale at all times. Headed by one of best sows in King Orion Cherry. Phone 99-1 Vail, Iowa.

THE RIDGEVIEW FARM

Large Type Duroc Jersey Hogs.
Denison

C. A. Christiansen

Route 6
Denison

FOR SALE

HAMPSHIRE MALE PIGS
Spring and Fall
BIRKHOFER BROS.
Dow City, Iowa

FOR SALE

Big Type Poland China Spring Boars. Inquire at my farm 4 miles southwest of Charter Oak.
HERMAN KIEPE
37-51

FOR SALE

Registered Shorthorn Bulls
Red and roans; one year old and up
G. W. SLATER
Route 2 Denison, Iowa
10-11

COUNCIL HILL FARM

Chas. Speck, Prop.
Choice Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerels for sale at \$1.50 each while they last.
Mrs. Chas. Speck
47-21

FINE FARM FOR SALE

NEAR SPIRIT LAKE

A beautiful 192 acres, just east of Spirit Lake, that can be divided into two 91 acre farms. This farm is located on the gravel road leading to Estherville, and land in this vicinity is selling for from \$500 to \$600 per acre.

My Price Is \$350

And I am going to sell. Anyone wishing to live near the greatest summer resort in the state, where land is going to the \$1,000 mark in a very short time, had better get busy; now is the opportunity.

Write or phone.

F. L. WHIPKEY, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Administrator's Sale!

As I am going to quit farming I will sell at public auction the personal property of the estate of Michael J. Monaghan, the sale to take place on the premises located 2 miles east and 2 miles north of Vail, 2 miles west and 3 miles north of West Side, on

Tuesday, December 7th

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

117 Head of Live Stock

7 Head of Horses

Consisting of span of black mares 8 and 11 years old, weight 3200; black mare 7 years old, weight 1700; black gelding 6 years old, weight 1500; span of drivers 9 years old, weight 2200; saddle pony.

30 Head of Cattle

Consisting of 17 two year old steers; 6 extra good milk cows; 8 fall calves; 1 yearling Shorthorn bull.

80 Head of Hogs

Comprising 55 good healthy spring shoats; 20 fall pigs; 4 brood sows, and 1 Poland China boar.

Grain, Feed and Miscellaneous

1000 bushels of corn in crib; 40 tons of alfalfa and clover hay; stack of oat straw; 3 sets of work harness; 1 set buggy harness; 20 dozen chickens; some good geese; some ducks; 2 chicken waterers; one-half dozen dining room chairs; 2 beds, springs and mattresses; sanitary couch; dresser and other household goods.

Farming Machinery

Two grain wagons; hay rack; set bob runners; new top buggy; Success manure spreader; 6 ft. Deering binder; 9 ft. pulverizer; four shovel riding cultivator; new John Deere walking cultivator; Janesville disc cultivator; 14 inch Good Enough gang plow; 14 inch walking plow; 16 inch riding plow; 3 section harrow; potato planter; potato digger; Gretchen corn planter and 80 rods of wire; seeder; 30 ft. corn elevator; corn grinder; six shovel riding cultivator; large water tank; three 12 ft. feed bunks; grind stone and emery stone; 6 ft. McCormick mower; McCormick stacker and buck; hog oil; 30 gallon steel oil barrel; ice box; two water pipes 20 feet and 8 feet in length; buzz saw with 30 inch blade; pump jack; hay fork; 30 bushel self hog feeder; fanning mill; hay rake; Great Western cream separator; some woven wire fencing; posts; 55 gallon gas tank; one dozen small hog troughs; lawn mower; ice cream freezer; all kinds of farm and garden tools; 55 gallon kerosene tank; two spools barbed wire; 264 egg incubator and brooder; Fuller & Johnson gas engine; Ford auto, roadster, run about 7000 miles; washing machine outfit and other articles too numerous to mention.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

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.

Mrs. Kate Monaghan,

Administratrix

MALONE BROS., Auctioneers.

W. A. MAGUIRE, Clerk