

THE FARM NEWS

SPECIAL PAGE DEVOTED TO THE FARMING INTERESTS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY



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DEPARTMENT

THE NEWS OF THE FARMER AND BREEDER OF PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

NATION FARMERS' UNION FAVOR STRIKE

A nationwide producers strike to combat the falling prices of farm products was urged in a call sent out last Thursday by the National Farmers' Union to its local unions throughout the country, representing producers of grain, cotton, wool and livestock, said to number 50,000.

The proposed strike was urged in retaliation for what the convention considered abnormal deflation in prices of farm products through which it was asserted American farmers have been robbed of \$1,000,000,000 in reduced value of products now on hand. All farmers were appealed to to hold this year's production from the market "until profit-making levels" were restored. The action of the National Farmers' Union was in line with a "wheat strike" called several weeks ago by the Wheat Growers' association of the United States.

C. W. Hunt, of the Iowa Farm Bureau, declared in a Chicago interview, that the Iowa federation did not contemplate a strike and was not in favor of one. He gave figures showing that the cost of production was more than the market price in several cases. Wheat, he said, cost \$1.85 a bushel to produce, and it was selling around \$1.50, and corn costing the farmer about \$1.00 was selling at 50 and 60 cents. "Prices too low," Mr. Hunt declared. "We think the farmers ought to slow down until there is a price adjustment. No one is suffering; no one is in want of food products. The farmer is willing to take a loss, but he can't lose it all."

All kinds of livestock does better if given an opportunity to run in a large pasture, rather than being closed in a small pen. Therefore it behooves farmers to have all fences made hog tight, as rapidly as possible. It costs but little more in the beginning. Confinement is not natural for the hog, as many hog raisers seem to believe. The best hog raisers have learned otherwise. Because a big, fat hog will lay around a mudhole, occasionally ambling into it to rid itself of flies, does not indicate the hog's nature. Hogs turned out in a pasture will not stay out too long in cold weather. The animal likes to move around and gain an appetite for its feed. Exercise is the best preventive of colds, pneumonia, and like ailments of animals exposed to storm and inclement weather. When hogs are trained to exercise and travel they are naturally active and it is not a hardship for them. They will be found traveling long distances to corn fields when properly induced.

The farm sale of Mrs. Kate Monaghan, administratrix of the estate of Michael J. Monaghan, is announced in another column of this issue. This sale will take place on the farm 2 miles east and 2 miles north of Vall, and 3 miles west and 3 miles north of West Side, on Tuesday, December 17th, and will commence at 10 o'clock. In all there are 117 head of livestock, comprising 7 head of good horses, 300 head of cattle and 80 head of hogs. In the bunch of cattle there are 17 two year old steers, 6 sturdy good 2 1/2 year old calves, and a yearling Shorthorn bull. The hogs consist of 55 good healthy spring hogs, 20 fall pigs, 4 brood sows and a Poland China boar. The list of farm machinery is large, and it is all in good repair. Then there are 1000 bushels of corn, 40 tons of alfalfa and clover hay, harness, 20 dozen chickens and many other articles too numerous to mention. A free lunch will be served at noon, and the usual farm sale terms are of record. Malone Bros. are the auctioneers and W. A. Maguire is the clerk.

John Buck, who lives on the Henry Bauman farm in section 22, Denison township, shipped to Chicago last week 47 head of Chester White hogs that brought him a pretty fair price, and as a result he is not complaining. He still has 40 head of fine brood sows on the farm, from the John P. Holst, Jr. stock. There are 160 acres in the Bauman farm and John has been working this without the help of anyone except Mrs. Buck, who turns in now and then and helps. The truth is, Mrs. Buck does considerable work about the farm. For instance, there are ten cows to be milked daily and the milk has to be run back to the separator. Then she has 300 Rhode Island Red chickens and a number of geese to care for. She had quite a few White Leghorn chickens this spring, but sold the meat of them, shipping them to Nebraska to a customer. Mrs. Buck is a daughter of Fred Frederick, a well known Crawford county man, who now spends his winter in California.

Rhode Island Red chickens of pure breeding predominate on the Alvy Crampton farm in section 22, Denison township. Mrs. Crampton has a large number of these chickens on the place, although more than 100 disappeared last spring. It is thought thieves were responsible for the disappearance. In times past Mrs. Crampton has raised many chickens and had her regular customers for the purchase of the same. She now has customers that take all the butter she can make from the milk of eight cows. The caring for the chickens and the butter, together with her housework, does not leave Mrs. Crampton much time in which to get lonesome, and she never does. Besides the 120 where they live the Cramptons also own an 80 acre farm in sections 23 and 26, and this farm the son, Raymond, works. Raymond is a firm believer in purebred stock, and has on the home place a number of fine Duroc Jersey hogs.

One of the pleasant homes in Coon Grove is that of John Champion, who built up a new home some three years ago. The house is modern in architecture, as well as in convenience, is furnace heated, and Mr. Champion expects to attach to the Buck Grove electric line for lighting purposes. The house sets well back from the highway, has an excellent view to the north and west, and is surrounded by mammoth oak trees and a splendid blue grass lawn. Mrs. Champion, who is a daughter of the late Michael Molony, is an excellent housekeeper and takes lots of pride in her home. This season she has raised 300 chickens from 500 eggs and she is raising nothing but the Barred Rocks, and went to Mrs. Con Houlihan and Mrs. Murray Woolsoncroft for the eggs.

So long as all the meat buyers insist on having choice cuts there won't be many price cuts.

Great many substitutes for gasoline being tried out, but so far all attempts to run automobiles on hot air have failed.

The back to the farm movement has been exemplified this fall wherever a cider mill is reported running.

IOWA CATTLE CARRY GOOD FINISH

According to Will Hunter, of Washington, Iowa, who was on the Omaha market last week looking for feeders, the livestock that will be shipped from Iowa this next season will be fewer in number, but in better condition and quality than in former seasons. In an interview with the Omaha stock yards Mr. Hunter is quoted as saying: "We have found that a few cents more for better bred and better quality feeding stock means several dollars more in the bank in the long run. Our feed bins are filled to the brim this year, and I think the average Iowa farmer has already decided to carry his stock over until they carry a good finish."

There are several good feeders in my neighborhood who brought some cattle from St. Louis and Kansas City, figuring to give them a short feed and sending them back to market about the first of the year. Most of these men have changed their minds and decided to finish them out rather than sell them as warmed-up steers. "While there may be a brief demand for feeders shortly after the first of the year, I for one am satisfied that it will be just as profitable for the man who has the warmed-up stock to keep them until late in the season and market them as finished heaves. The law of supply and demand will ultimately govern our beef market. At present it is the money situation which is governing the prices paid for feeders and finished beef as well, but the financial question is bound to be settled in a few weeks or months and then the natural laws of marketing will again come to the fore."

Victor Sandstrom, of Harrison county, has just finished husking 12 acres of corn which yielded 105 bushels to the acre by weight, figuring 75 pounds to the bushel, says the Logan Observer.

Strike for more pay and less work by the men frequently becomes a hunger strike on the part of their wives and children.

The people who are hollering for perfect equality can always find it in the poor house.

People who claim that news travels fast should reflect on the time it takes the retailers to learn of wholesale price reductions.

COUNTRY BOYS' CREED

I believe that the country which God made is more beautiful than the city which man made; that life out of doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work is work wherever I find it, but that work with nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery. I believe that the dignity of labor depends not on what you do, but how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on the farm as often as to a boy in the city; that life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in town; that my success depends not upon my location, but upon myself—not upon my dreams, but upon what I actually do—not upon luck but upon pluck. I believe in working when you work, and in playing when you play, and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life.—Edwin Osgood Grover.

Harry Fineran, over in section 35, Denison township, has his new home completed with the exception of the exterior of the house, which is to be of Kellastone finish. The house is 26x28 with full basement and two stories high. The building faces to the east, and has a commanding view in all directions. A large front porch, when screened, will make an ideal lounging place during the summer evenings. The rooms consist of a large living room, dining, sleeping room and kitchen, on the first floor, and there are three sleeping rooms and bath on the second floor. The walls are in hard plaster, the floors of hard maple, and the woodwork is hard pine finished. The entire building is heated with a hot air furnace, of the Colonial Greene pattern, and is also wired for electricity. The Buck Grove line runs near by, and it will be an easy matter to connect with this line. Workmen being scarce, the other buildings on the place have not been erected, but later when material is cheaper and workmen more plentiful the buildings will be completed. There are 80 acres in the farm, and Harry is building up the place as a permanent home.

Mike Molony, living in section 26, Denison township, is keeping some purebred Duroc hogs, and for his foundation stock purchased some of the C. S. McDonald and B. W. Hunt bloods. We notice in the yards about 35 head and they were all good looking individuals. Mr. Molony has an ideal place for the raising and breeding of livestock; the place is only three years old, and all the buildings have been newly built by Mr. Molony. He has a large hog house that is well lighted and ventilated, and the running water is nearby, and the hogs have the run of a large pasture with plenty of shade and fresh water. He keeps five milk cows—all Shorthorns, and the returns from these cows amount to considerable. Mrs. Molony is a daughter of Herman Otto, who lives at Owatonna, Minn., and she is a great fancier of chickens.

Better bring in all the machinery not in use and start to get ready for spring. Take off the plows, put them where they will be handy to get to the blacksmiths and see that the cultivator shovels are cared for. Don't wait until the blacksmith is rushed to have the discs sharpened. He will do a better job if allowed to take his time.

On the Henry Schroeder old home place 2 miles east and one mile south and another half mile east of Charter Oak; 5 miles northwest of Kenwood; 6 1-2 miles southeast of Ricketts, commencing promptly at 10 o'clock.

AUCTION!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1, '20

9 Horses

Team of bay geldings 7 and 8 years old, weight 2450. This is an extra good all-around team for farm use. Team of black geldings 9 and 10 years old, weight 2800; black gelding 4 years old, weight 1600; bay gelding 4 years old, weight 1600; bay gelding 3 years old, weight 1400; bay mare 10 years old, weight 1400; black yearling colt; sucking colt.

72 Cattle

33 yearling steers; 10 cows, 5 are good milk cows; 19 yearling heifers; 9 calves; purebred Shorthorn bull, 3 years old.

31 Hogs

Purebred Duroc boar and thirty good brood sows.

Implements

Three lumber wagons; low wagon with hay rack; single seated buggy; spring wagon; bob sled; Deering mower; McCormick mower; Dain swing stacker; John Deere hay loader; 2 hay bucks; hay slings; hay rake; hay fork; Keystone side delivery rake; hand corn sheller; 4 hole Bradley corn sheller; Hoosier seeder with grass attachment; Deering binder; 16 inch Kingman riding plow; 2 16-inch walking plows; John Deere 12 inch gang plow; breaking plow; two discs; 2 16 ft. drags; John Deere corn planter with 120 rods of wire; Jenny Lind cultivator; Overland riding cultivator; 2 Avery cultivators; low down Litchfield spreader; Success spreader; 2 row corn stalk cutter; 2 oil barrels; dipping tank for hogs; 2 self feeders for cattle, one holds 400 bushels, the other 100 bushels; self feeder for hogs, holds 80 bushels; hog troughs; emory polishing wheel; 70 pound vise; 80 pound anvil; blacksmith forge; pump jack; hard coal stove; oil heater; 32 foot Sandwich corn elevator with jack and power; speed jack; fanning mill; Stover feed grinder; grandstone; 2 1-2 horse Associated engine; circle saw; Dexter double tub washing machine; DeLaval cream separator with attachment for gas engine; churn with power attachment; Radio round incubator and brooder; 4 sets of good work harness; set of good buggy harness; 2 sets single harness; 3 sets fly nets; good saddle and bridle, and other articles too numerous to list.

12 dozen chickens; some household goods; some corn and oats; about 30 tons alfalfa hay; about 25 tons good prairie hay (some of it in barn); about 10 tons clover and timothy.

GOOD FREE LUNCH

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under, cash. On sums over \$10, eight month's time will be granted on approved security, interest at 8 per cent. No property to be removed until settled for.

Fred G. Schroeder

HENRY & KRAFT, Auctioneers FARMERS STATE BANK, Clerk

Public Sale

Having sold my farm and intending to move to town, I will sell at public sale, all my livestock and machinery on

Wednesday, Dec. 8th

On my place in section 36, Denison township, three miles south of Denison. SALE COMMENCING AT 12 O'CLOCK

10 Head of Horses

Consisting of bay team of geldings 5 and 7 years old, sound, weight 3,000; team of black mares 3 and 4 years old, sound, weight 2400; spotted mare 8 years old, sound, weight 1000; work horse, 8 years old, weight 1400; 2 suckling colts; BROWN PERCHERON STALLION, REGISTERED, 4 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT ABOUT 1900; IRON GREY PERCHERON STALLION, REGISTERED, 9 YEARS OLD, WEIGHT ABOUT 1900.

8 Head of Cattle

Comprising one 2 year old registered Shorthorn bull; two 2 year old registered Polled Shorthorn cows; two heifers and one bull calves, can be registered; two good milk cows.

20 Head of Shoats

2 Good Scotch Collie Dogs
Cattle Trained

A Number of Pure Strain Chickens

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels and Partridge Cochon cockerels, and about four dozen hens.

Farming Machinery, Almost New

New Crackerjack, corn planter and wire; Leuder sower seeder; Champion 7 foot cut mower; John Deere 18 foot disc; riding cultivator; Jennie Lind 6 shovel cultivator; gang plow, 14 inch, and plowed about 60 acres; 3 section drag; 18 inch Bradley walking plow; hay rake; hay rack and running gears; wagon; corn sheller; all kinds of eveners; set of heavy work harness, good as new; set of medium weight work harness; single harness; saddle and bridle; galvanized tank; 1/4 horse power engine, pump jack and belt; hog trough, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Free Lunch and Hot Coffee served at 11:30

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. All property settled for before removal.

Mrs. Lloyd Buffinton
Malone Bros., Aucts. Emil Hugg, Clerk