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STILL IN STALK FIELDS FEEDING CONDITIONS ON FARMS REVERSED OVER THOSE OF LAST YEAR.

HAY CROP BEING SAVED UNTIL REAL WINTER COMES

One Farmer's Method of Keeping His Hogs in Healthy Condition—Owner of Five Acre Tract Furnishes Arguments For Intensive Farming—C. E. Wilson's Observations.

Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Dec. 27.—One year ago farmers and stockmen in this part of the country were feeding up the hay and straw that they expected to feed during the following February. At the present date the feeding situation is reversed. The hay supply is as yet practically untouched, and the cattle are still at work on the stalk fields. There are two reasons for this unusual state of affairs. First is the mildness of the late fall season. One man near here said the other day: "I have twenty-six head of cattle that have not yet been brought home. They have access to grass land, water and cornstalks. Have no barn or shed protection and thus have needed no hay. Then there is the added fact that one acre of stalks this year is worth two or three in ordinary years. The season was so dry that there was no waste caused by moldy stalks and the blades were not tramped into the mud by stock and left to rot as is usually the case. One man who keeps a lot of stockers at this time of the year declares there never was a time within his experience when there was so great a feeding value in ungathered cornstalks as the case this year. The state was below normal but the conditions above noted have much more than made up the deficiency.

Here is the way one farmer saved(?) his hogs last fall when some of his neighbors were losing theirs by disease. He began early with his precautionary measures. Went to the nearest elevator in early fall and bought 1,000 bushels of old corn at a fancy price so that it would not be necessary to feed from the new crop during the danger period. Fed some stock food to a tonic. Was casual about stock and left to rot as is usually the case. One man who keeps a lot of stockers at this time of the year declares there never was a time within his experience when there was so great a feeding value in ungathered cornstalks as the case this year. The state was below normal but the conditions above noted have much more than made up the deficiency.

A few years ago an enterprising young man in central Iowa delving into some statistics relative to mortality and cholera ran across the statement that in a given area of territory more than thirty per cent of the number of hogs died of disease. Then he figured out a plan to make some money on hogs and still not be to the trouble or expense of actually caring for or owning any of them. He mixed together certain ingredients which he called "remedy" and it had been paid for a contract wherein he agreed to furnish "remedy" at a stipulated price to be paid only in case the farmer saved 70 per cent of his hogs. This in the event that they became ill. If the medicine kept them well it had to be paid for. If 30 per cent or more died nothing whatever was to be paid for the stuff. Several men were put on the road and many were the contracts signed and sent in to the head office. Some of the accompanying notes were paid at maturity and many were not. The fact that labor is concerned with the pure food law came into existence about this time and some of its provisions seemed to make payment of notes for such a combination of ingredients as composed the remedy entirely unnecessary together with the added fact that unpleasant penalties might be imposed on the "doctor" if the matter was brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whelan live a short distance from Grinnell on a little five-acre farm. The answers they were able to make to the questions of the census man and assessor form the basis for an argument in favor of intensive farming. It ought to be stated at the very beginning that throughout most of the season Mr. Whelan has had outside employment and so the following results as far as labor is concerned must be credited largely to his wife. Since March 8 last, the receipts from two cows total the sum of \$208.50 with practically no outside expense for feed. A good deal of the milk was sold at home to a retailer of the article at a price of 3 cents per quart. With about 175 hens at the beginning of the season, they have sold 701 dozen eggs on which they realized the neat sum of \$134.60; \$102.90 worth of poultry and they have more than 400 hens and chicks left. Then there was a little strawberry bed that netted the owners some \$30 for berries. Besides furnishing plenty of fruit for home use. Next year it is proposed to eliminate the feature of outside employment and make that five acres yield an income of \$500 at the very least and that too with just about the amount of labor necessary to keep a middle aged couple in condition to properly enjoy life.

C. E. WILSON. HUNGERFORD SELLS PAPER.

Carroll Editor Probably Will Seek Larger Field. Carroll, Dec. 27.—The Carroll Herald, for a quarter of a century the property of J. B. Hungerford, has been sold and on the first of the coming year will pass into new hands. W. C. Saul is the purchaser. Mr. Saul is a lawyer and has been practicing his profession in Carroll for several years. He has a son who is interested with him in business and it is very likely that the younger man will become more actively identified in the conduct of the paper than the elder. Mr. Hungerford has not definitely determined what he will do. He is still postmaster in Carroll, but his

COMMISSION EXPIRED ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE NAMED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING A DAILY NEWSPAPER PLANT IN THE VICINITY OF CHICAGO AND MAY CONCLUDE TO RE-ENGAGE IN THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS IF HE CAN MAKE A DEAL FOR THIS PLANT AND CAN FORM A SUITABLE BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WITH SOMEONE WHO WILL BE ACTIVE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS END OF THE PLANT.

THRILLING RIDE AND FALL. Man Clings to Vestibule of Train for Five Miles.

Special to Times-Republican. Creston, Dec. 27.—Clinging for five miles or more to a closed vestibule on Burlington passenger No. 3, and finally being hurled off while the train was going at terrific speed was the experience of James Killfoyl, a young man in the newspaper business if he can make a deal for this plant and can form a suitable business arrangement with someone who will be active in the conduct of the business end of the plant.

FARMER'S TRAGIC DEATH. J. H. Child, of Adams County, Falls From Wagon and Perishes on Road.

Special to Times-Republican. Corning, Dec. 27.—J. H. Child, a farmer about 39 years old, residing three miles northwest of Corning, was found lying in the road between Carbon and Quincy. Mr. Child was hauling a load of coal from Carbon to his home and as he has been subject to epilepsy for a number of years, it is supposed that he had an attack and fell from the wagon onto the whiplashes. He had the appearance of having been kicked by a horse and being dragged for some distance. His head and face were frightfully disfigured. He leaves a wife and three children, the oldest 6 and the youngest 3 years old.

SALOON PETITION FAILS. Creston Saloonists Lose in Renewal of Consent by Very Close Margin.

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While the appeals for harmony are

Southern Iowa Items

Williamsburg. The school house at Gibson burned to the ground Tuesday, the fire starting from a defective lue. The children marched in order from the building at the first alarm, and were all out within a short time.

Mount Vernon. After considering the matter since last spring, and investigating the experience of other towns of like size and smaller which have installed sewerage, the council has voted unanimously to establish a sewerage system with the entire town as one sewerage district.

Creston. Adam Pickett, superintendent of the Creston schools, is considering abolishing the two session day at the high school and substituting a one session day, to last from 8 o'clock in the morning until 1 in the afternoon. The plan was tried just preceding the Christmas vacation, and met with the approval of both teachers and pupils.

Cedar Rapids. A few minutes after he had said "good bye" to his wife and started on his way to work, William Harris, a colored laborer, dropped dead on the sidewalk at Sixth street and A avenue, within a short distance of the consistent plumber's repair for McDonnell Bros., plumbing contractors. He was apparently in robust health.

Mt. Pleasant. Word was received here of the sudden death at Ottumwa of William Boyles, as he was on his way to work. He was employed with the street car company in Ottumwa and had lived there since his removal from the city several years ago. He was baggage master at this station for many years and married Miss Clara Shannon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shannon of this city.

Ottumwa. Failure on the part of the policemen to remain until 6 o'clock resulted in Police Chief Gallagher issuing a notice to all of his patrolmen that they must not leave their beats unprotected and notified all night men to relieve the day men at 6 o'clock sharp and vice versa in the morning. It has been the custom of the day officers to leave their beats about 5:30 to 5:45 o'clock in the evening and the night officers going on would not leave the police station until 6 o'clock.

Keokuk. It is learned that a plan for the reconstruction of the C. & N. W. bridge coming into the Keokuk yards, calling for the building of a maintaining wall 1,000 feet in length, extending from the line of the lock northward, has been practically agreed upon, also negotiations between the parties concerned have not yet been closed nor plans other than tentative ones submitted. The Burlington will not have to enter the local yards on high, elevated tracks, as suggested in previous plans. The wall will permit the maintaining of a much lower level for the roadbed.

Mt. Vernon. C. M. Sessions, known to everyone as "Squire Sessions," passed away here after a long illness. He had been for several months confined to his bed. Mr. Sessions was one of the best known citizens of Mt. Vernon. For years he was a leading merchant. Retiring a

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Attorneys have complained because of what they say has been the inability of the court to give full consideration to the big cases. The court itself has been guilty of limiting the number of cases to be passed upon, regardless of the number submitted, and while the limit set was slightly exceeded the past year, the number decided was less than in other years. The judges have reached the conclusion that somewhere in the neighborhood of eighty cases is about all any one man ought to tackle in a year? This policy will unquestionably throw the court behind if followed long, because the number of cases appealed is increasing even with limitations placed upon cases a few years ago. On the opening of the January term on the 10th, Justice John C. Sherwin becomes the presiding justice of the court, and the next year it will be Chief Justice McClain. Their terms expire at the same time, and there is elder has the first year, and there is just a few weeks difference in their ages.

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becoming more frantic in the Seventh district of Iowa, somebody is engaged in playing a very clever game of very ordinary politics, with the administration at Washington deep in the plot. The day a Missouri clerk was named to "Billy" Mentzer as postmaster at Knoxville, far ahead of the time for the change, which means that Congressman Hull is fixing it up for his factional supporters to hold all the offices possible as long as they can even the Judge Prouty to be congressman within a few months. Similar tactics are said to be under way in various parts of the district with a view to leaving nothing for Congressman Prouty to do.

Members of the state executive council are said to be divided over the question of continuing the regular examination of the accounts of state officials, which was provided for by law. It is said that the governor is not in favor of selecting a successor to Charles C. Hoer, who will retire next week to become county clerk of the supreme court. Under the present arrangement the examination and checking of the books and accounts of every department is made once each year and the executive council receives a detailed report which is of great value. The work takes practically the whole year and is not an office board or commission that is overlooked. A number of applicants for the position of state accountant have been given any of them and it may be the state will commemorate by carrying out this office for the coming year.

It is not often that an Iowa girl journeys all the way to London to get married, but that happened in the case of Miss Alice Steele who last week was married there to a Mr. Gisholt. They will live in Germany. Miss Steele was formerly from Carroll county and has been for some years assistant curator of the state historical department under Charles Aldrich and Edgar Harlan, and in fact she was one of the most valuable of the assistants in that department.

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