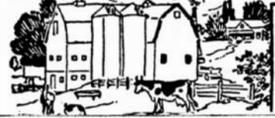


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Faithful Horse Believed To Be Returning To Place In Industry

"During the last five years we have passed through one of the most trying periods in the history of the horse industry," says R. E. Lubbehusen, veterinarian, North Dakota experiment station, "a period during which almost every conceivable make and design of motor vehicle was put before the public and received a just and thorough trial to determine whether or not the horse was to be replaced as the economical factor in industry and agricultural production. As we emerge from this competitive era let us gather facts as they are to determine whether or not the horse should again take the place it once held as a source of motive power as well as a factor in the breeding and livestock markets of the country.

"In summing up these facts we find that during the past four or five years farmers and stockmen have curtailed and in many cases wholly ceased horse production. This may be explained in part on the grounds of the motor craze which appealed to the average farmer as the avenue to a more satisfactory and economical source of power, and in part because of the corresponding depression in the horse market. Breeders of pure-bred horses who should have carried on promptly refused to breed their dunes on the plea of a fallen market and the extreme uncertainty of future sales. The result has been that in the Northwest today we are facing a lack of pure-bred and high grade draft horses which within the next four or five years is going to amount to an acute shortage, for undeniably the agriculturalist is slowly returning to the horse for the solution of his farm power problems.

"This change, gradual though it is, is due in part to the fact that to date, no tractor put before the public can compete with horse power over a period of four years. Again, never before has it been necessary for the farmer to figure on a dollars and cents basis. We have arrived at the place where it has become necessary to part down excessive overhead expense. It is not the writer's intention nor will space permit a comparison of the adaptability or farm power cost of the tractor and horse, may it suffice at present to say that the latter passed through an acid test during the period from which we are now emerging and was not found wanting.

"Disregarding for a time the matter of farm power, let us turn our attention to the market value of pure-bred and high grade horses. I refer to these classes because they are the ones which merit consideration. Despite three successive crop failures, stringent financial conditions and a generally depressed market, the well-bred, type, draft horse is a present selling in Eastern market and at community farm sales at prices which give the gratifying indication that this type of animal is becoming more and more in demand. During the past winter the farmers of eastern North Dakota have marketed several car loads of horses which brought an average

of \$200 per head in the east central and New England states. Not so very discouraging, is it; nor an indication that the good servicable draft horse is a thing of the past. Why are agricultural men depleting their limited supply of draft horses? Why have they discontinued breeding your draft mares and curtailed the necessary horse supply of the next four or five years? If a draft mare is worth \$200 in an eastern market, isn't she worth that much and more to the farmer as a breeder and source of motive power? Do you suppose the present gratifying sale of good draft horses is because of the success of motor transportation and economic tractor performance?

"With the coming breeding season, keep these pertinent facts in mind: First, the horse is returning to the place once held, that of the cheapest farm power obtainable; despite the onslaughts of automotive power, statistics have yet to show where they can compete with average farm conditions; second, the demand for purebred draft horses is increasing with long strides; we are beginning to realize that the day of the scrub is passing, and let us hope that at a not too distant future date we may see the end of that unworthy line; third, make the resolution that while ushering in a renewed horse power era, you will also do your bit in fostering a better horse movement. If you have no purebred draft mares breed your best grades. Turn your attention to the good, type draft mare whose minimum weight should be at least 1,350 lbs. Such an animal mated to a worthy sire should produce an offspring worthy of the duties before it. It is far better to raise one purebred than three scrub horses for in this age the scrub horse should have no place in reproduction.

"The horse breeders of North Dakota have at their service an organization which from its earliest inception has conscientiously endeavored to play an important part in the production of purebred and worthy grade horses. Thanks to the co-operative spirit of stallion owners and livestock owners in general, much has been accomplished by the Stallion Registration Board, in fostering the use of sound, purebred sires throughout the state. Through its regulations only purebred or high grade sires of the first generation are eligible for use. As an additional safeguard every stallion in service is inspected for soundness every three years until the age of ten. It is strictly against the regulations of the Board to stand grade stallions for service and it should be the duty of every person interested in better livestock to report to the board such offenders. While the results of the labors of the board have been gratifying yet they will have been vain if the men in the field fail to do their part in mating their best dams to a purebred sire, for it is only through such co-operative effort that we can hope to eliminate the scrub and worthily usher in with heavy purebred draft horses the horse power era which is so surely making itself evident."

GARDEN IS NECESSARY ADJUNCT TO THE FARM

The farm garden in North Dakota will pay large dividends in dollars and cents for the time and money invested in it. Fresh vegetables are necessary in the diet. Vegetables cannot be supplied fresh to the farms in any way except by the home garden. Canned vegetables are a poor substitute, and many vegetables cannot be secured at all in the canned form. A garden is a necessary part of home life. It supplies an interest otherwise lacking.

Locate the garden as close to the house as a suitable place can be found. Protection from the south and west winds of summer is exceedingly desirable. If there is no permanent shelter, for temporary protection plant corn or other high growing plants. For permanent protection a hedgerow around the garden is best.

Make the garden no larger than can easily be cared for. The size of the garden should be determined by the situation of the person who is to care for it, and the way in which it is to be cultivated. If horse cultivated, half an acre may be desirable, but

Treatment for Mites.
 The mite is an entirely different insect from the louse, belonging to the bedbug family; consequently they must be treated similarly—by treating the house rather than the fowl. A simple and effective method of exterminating this pest, and at the same time disinfect the house from the disease germs, is the following formula:

1 gallon of kerosene oil.
 2 ounces of carbolic acid.
 1 pint of any of the creolin dips.
 This should be sprayed on the entire interior surface of the house with a

force spray or applied with a stiff brush or broom, thoroughly soaking the entire surface. If bad, repeat in ten days, and as often as found necessary afterwards.

But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't sleep with our windows open at night, and air the living rooms once in so often during the day.

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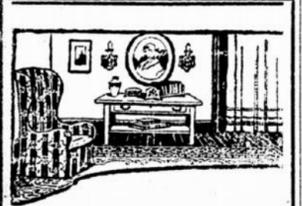
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