

PORK PRODUCTION CONTEST FOR 1915

North Dakota boys and girls have demonstrated that North Dakota is in the best part of the pork production belt. The two contests held in 1913 and 1914 have proved to be of national importance. The results secured have been a stimulant to the pork production industry of the whole nation, besides calling attention to the opportunities of pork production in North Dakota. These two pork production contests have been more widely written up than anything else carried on in the state and have been instrumental in changing the opinion of North Dakota. It used to be looked upon as a purely grain state, but the boys and girls are making it to take rank as one of the best pork production states.

A new contest is being announced for 1915 by the Better Farming section of the North Dakota experiment station. More prizes will be offered this year than ever before. Two of the large hog registry associations will offer cash prizes in addition to the regular prizes. The regular prizes are as follows: First, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$30; fourth, \$25; fifth, \$15; sixth to tenth, \$10 each; eleventh to twenty-fourth, \$5 each; and the National Duroc Jersey Record association offers in addition to the above three prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 to the three contestants making the best record in this contest with pure-bred Duroc Jerseys, while the American Yorkshire club offers a cash prize of \$25 to the contestant who secures the best results with Yorkshires, and Thomas Canfield, of Lake Park, Minn., offers a pure-bred sow or boar to the contestant standing first with the Yorkshire breed. The contestant that secures the best results with the pure-bred Duroc Jerseys will also receive a pure-bred sow from Peter Rutten, of Osakis, Minn. This makes a total of \$415 in cash and two pure-bred pigs.

The purpose of the contest is to increase the interest in pork production. Through the results secured each contestant becomes a local demonstrator. The things that have been learned from the two previous contests are that spring pigs can be brought to a marketable size in seven months, or before cold weather, on North Dakota farm feeds. It has also been demonstrated that liberal feeding is the paying way, that is, to keep the hog growing steadily. It has also been quite evident that the cheapest feed is pasture and corn hogged down. These results will likely be still more marked this year, due to the high price of grain.

In 1914 twice as many hogs were marketed in North Dakota as in 1913. The contests were undoubtedly one of the factors in bringing this about.

The conditions of the contest are that the boy or girl secure a sow to farrow not later than May 1, to feed and care for the litter and to report weekly the amount of feed used. The contest is to close Nov. 20 and the litter will be weighed by a representative of the North Dakota experiment station. The awards are to be made on the basis of the largest production from a litter produced at the least cost in the shortest time. Any boy or girl who desires to enter the contest should write to the North Dakota experiment station, Agricultural college, Fargo, for an application blank and full particulars. Information will be

CORN CONTEST FOR 1915 IS ANNOUNCED

The fourth acre yield corn contest was announced Thursday by the Better Farming section of the North Dakota experiment station. Seven hundred dollars in prizes are offered. The state has been divided into a north and south section so that those in the northern section will not have to compete with those in the southern part of the state. The prizes will be as follows, in each section: First, \$75; second, \$50; third, \$35; fourth, \$25; fifth, \$15; sixth to fifteenth each \$10; sixteenth to twentieth, each \$5, with a sweepstakes prize of \$50 which will be for the best yield in the state. The contest is open to boys, 10 to 18 years of age, and the conditions are that they grow an acre of corn. The contestant may secure some assistance in plowing it, but is to do the rest of the work himself. The basis of the awards will be the mature corn produced on an acre. It will be judged by county agents or other representatives of the North Dakota Experiment station.

The results from the previous contests have demonstrated that big yields can be produced in North Dakota. The highest yield secured was 106 3-4 bushels. It has been found that the big yields have been secured from well selected, home grown seed that has been tested. Another factor has been early planting and thorough cultivation. These, however, are just the things that have to be done in any part of the corn belt in order to secure big yields.

The purpose of the contest has been to create a greater interest in corn growing. The results secured have justified this contest. Corn is taking quite a prominent place in North Dakota farming. In 1914 the value of the corn crop was but \$1,000,000 less than that of the flax crop, which is looked upon as one of the staple crops of the state, in fact the value of the corn crop was 1-10 the wheat produced, and the corn produces a greater money return per acre than either the flax or wheat.

The boys who have taken part in these contests have boosted North Dakota into the corn belt and are making North Dakota noted for its corn all over the union. These winners in the corn and pork production contests are the best immigration agents that North Dakota has ever had or can have. Settlers are coming where the good crops can be grown, and especially corn. This is the crop that has raised the value of Illinois and Iowa lands from \$20 and \$40 an acre to \$100 and \$200 per acre, and it has been done on smaller yields than the contestants have secured in North Dakota.

Any boy who wants to enter the contest should write the North Dakota Experiment station, agricultural college, North Dakota, for application blank and full particulars, or they can be secured from the county agents. The experiment station will send the contestants information on corn growing from time to time.

The boys and girls have done an important work for the state in these contests and doing faithful work as it is demonstrating how the farm products of North Dakota can be marketed so that more than the ordinary market prices can be secured.

possible. Captain Marsh was given orders to reach Fort Lincoln as speedily as he could.

The river was very dangerous and Marsh had never traveled down stream on much of the course. Nevertheless he jammed on a full head of steam and Marsh and his pilot took tricks of four hours each at guiding the boat. What a thrilling trip that must have been! Dodging about islands and carrying off the narrow banks when rounding curves, Captain Marsh never slackened speed until Bismarck was reached. The thousand miles, more or less, had been covered in 54 hours and a record was established that has never before or since been equalled on the river.

Captain Marsh continued in the Missouri river steamboat business until about 1905. He is easily the most famous captain that ever a Missouri river boat had and has connected himself with many of the important historical incidents of the west.

Captain Marsh is now 80 years of age but is yet hale and hearty. His frame shows that he has been a powerful man in his prime and his elastic step and graceful bearing indicate that he has many years yet before him. Here's to Captain Grant Marsh, king of Missouri steamboat captains.

SEVERAL CONTESTS FOR CHILDREN OF COUNTY

The industrial contest for schools has become an important feature in modern day school work. This year five contests will be carried on in the schools of Barnes county, affording opportunity for all the pupils in every school to display their skill. As will be seen by the following list, there is something for the girls as well as the boys:

Corn growing, potato growing, chicken raising, bread making and butter making.

As has been the custom in former years, the county superintendent has planned two additional features, which will serve to further extend the scope of the contests. These are sewing and canning for the girls.

Further announcement of the details of the contests will be made in a short time, and it is the desire of County Superintendent Nielson that parents interest their children in the contests. They are of practical value, as has been proven in every contest that has been carried on, and the participants gain knowledge that is valuable to them in after life.

"SHALL NOT HESITATE TO CALL AN EXTRA SESSION"

Bismarck, March 16.—"I shall not hesitate to call a special session if it becomes necessary," said Governor Hanna yesterday.

It is not the governor's opinion, however, that a special session will be needed. On the other hand, should the proposed referendum on measures affecting the people's interests be carried forward a special session will be called.

Monday twelve additional applications for appointments in the immigration work were made. These came by mail personally and even by long distance telephone.

By far the larger number of applicants are real estate men. During the past three years the real estate business has been poor and men who formerly made large incomes as realty brokers have found difficulty in making either end meet.

As the immigration law does not go into effect until July there is plenty of time for the board to carefully consider all applications and no decision will be made for some time to come either as to who will land the plum as commissioner or as to who will be named as immigration field men.

It is not likely however that any Cass county men will be able to land. Cass county has a number of representatives at the capitol and on the various boards and commissions and as a result the other counties are disposed to be jealous.

Germans are forming a strong organization to see that their nationality is represented and if possible that a majority of the agents are Germans or Russians. The Scandinavians are also said to be quietly looking around for members of their nationality who can be landed in the coveted places. Already at least two hundred applications have been made either by mail, phone, in person or through friends to the members of the board. The board is comprised of five members with Governor Hanna as chairman. The other members are Tom Hall, Attorney General Linde, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor Flint, and Railroad Commissioner Stutsman.

GIVE US THE CORRECT DATE.

Owing the change in management, the Times-Record is checking up its mailing list. If any subscriber has made payment not shown by the subscription label, we would like to have him let us know about it.

PROF. HOLLIS VISITS BARNES COUNTY AGAIN

Prof. A. P. Hollis, of the extension department of the Agricultural college at Fargo, will be in Barnes county for four days again this week. On Wednesday he will speak at Baldwin and Pillsbury; Thursday he will lecture at Getchell, Friday at Minnie Lake and Oriska, and Saturday at Loda. These illustrated lectures on better schools are very popular and are of great benefit and help along the lines of school work. On March 29 Prof. Hollis will speak in Greenland township.

WORDS FROM HOME.

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Valley City Citizens.

When a Valley City citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Valley City resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

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NOLTIMIER NEWS.

Henry Bell was a Valley City caller Friday, returning home Saturday.

Bert McClaffin and mother visited at the C. A. Newman farm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolski and children visited at the Fred Bell home Sunday.

Peter Hansen drove to Valley City Sunday, returning home Monday.

Miss Sophia Hansen, who underwent an operation at the Riverside hospital, is reported as getting along fine. All her relatives and friends hope her a speedy recovery.

Miss Emma Newman spent a few days in Valley City and Oriska last week.

Allick Ryerson visited his loving old bachelor a few days last week.

Wm. Wolski and family were all on the sick list last week with bad colds and la grippe.

The B. C. Grothberg family are now settled on the farm again after spending the winter at Valley City.

The Farmers Equity club held their meeting at the George Iverson home.

Mrs. Reichow and daughter Lazetta and Louis Lutz were Valley City shoppers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlson and daughters Clara and Anna visited at the Pete Anderson home on Sunday.

Louis Noltmimer and son Walter were seen at Valley City on Saturday.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson spent Friday afternoon visiting with Mrs. B. M. Olson.

Roy Stiles bought two loads of seed wheat from Andrew Anderson last week.

There was no school held at the Noltmimer school on Tuesday, as it was election day.

Albert and Paul Priebe visited Sunday afternoon with the Andrew Anderson boys.

B. C. Grothberg took a load of wheat to market Friday.

Henry Bell went to town on Friday returning home on Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Hannig of Lanona spent last week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Priebe.

Noltmimer township is now trying to get a consolidated school.

ISLAND LAKE.

Mrs. W. O. Green returned Sunday morning from a two weeks' visit in Valley City and Sanborn.

Fritz Blumberg was an Eckelson caller on Friday.

John Schulze of Ada, Minn., arrived at Island Lake farm Thursday, where he will spend the coming season.

The election in Mansfield township passed off very quietly.

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With rubber-tired wheels. The handiest cart for wheeling the little tots around. Each..... **79c**
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C. W. Maier and Elah Whipple were in Spiritwood Saturday attending a farmers' meeting.
Edward Mattison of Spiritwood was a caller at the home of V. L. Green Thursday.
C. W. Maier was in Sanborn Tuesday attending lodge, returning Wednesday.
Dr. A. A. J. Lang was called to the Maier home Monday to attend the little son of Homer Morris. The child is quite ill with pneumonia.
Gustaf Johnson, Frank Frederick and Theodore Johnson returned from Northern Minnesota Thursday, where they each filed on a 160 acre claim of reclaimed government land.
Norbert Hesch has been in Valley City the past week under the care of Dr. F. L. Wicks for the removal of adenoids. Mrs. Hesch accompanied her boy and remained with him until after the operation.
Brandenberg, the Sanborn butcher, was in the neighborhood Monday buying cattle to ship east the latter part of this week.
In spite of the bad roads several young men of Island Lake neighborhood attended the wrestling match in

JONES IS BACK FROM IOWA.
J. E. Jones, assistant secretary of the Midwest Loan & Trust Co., returned to the city Monday morning from Des Moines, Iowa, where he accompanied Mrs. Jones, who has been quite ill. He reports her as feeling improved and she will make an indefinite visit with her parents. Mr. Jones was absent from the city for several days last week.
Mrs. Herbert Charles, of St. Paul, who will be remembered here as Miss Florence Swenson, returned to her home in St. Paul Monday, after a short visit in Valley City at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Robert Anderson. Mrs. Charles was accompanied to the Twin Cities by Mrs. L. S. B. Ritchie, who will make a short visit with friends in St. Paul.
Spiritwood, Monday, between Ernest Harrison, local wrestler, and Nels Moe, of Plentywood, Mont., champion wrestler of three states. Although Harrison lost the match his supporters feel that he did good work and with more training and experience could have given Moe "a run for his money."

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