## PROGRESS AND FACTS

### Facts

There are many farmers in Polk and adjoining counties who have cut down or plowed under from five to three hundred acres of grain this year because taken by weeds and mostly by the sow thistle—seed grain and labor lost. Many more acres, in justice to the farmers themselves and to their neighbors, should have been cut down. What is true of Polk is true of other northern counties.

### The Remedy

Let it not be forgotten that in order to free ourselves from the pest there is only one way in which real progress can be made and that is by not allowing any sow thistles to mature seed. No crop should be sown that does not ripen before the sow thistle does, or that cannot be cleaned with the hoe or by special cultivation after it has been "laid by." Fall rye, oats seed in the spring for hay, or millet may all be harvested before the sow thistle heads out and may therefore safely be seeded on sow thistle polluted ground. No crops that do not ripen before the sow thistle does should be sown because the seed from infested fields will pollute clean tracts. Only clean ground should be sown to wheat and oats. Fieds quite badly infested may be planted to corn or potatoes, and the sow thistles that remain after the cultivation, pulled or cut out.

If there is more sow-thistle polluted land that can be seeded to rye or to any other crops that will head off the sow thistles it should be idle and the pest taken care of. The problem is to raise no sow-thistles infested fields of grain to pollute clean fields. This is possible, nor will it work a hardship, nor will it reduce the acreage of crops. Why sow where experience has taught we cannot reap! A mowed down field is worse than an idle field: it means a positive money and labor loss. To allow an infested field to go to seed means to perpetuate the evil. It is not business and no real farmer will wittingly do so. If every farmer will see to it that no sow-thistle infested field is allowed to produce a crop of seed the evil will be a thing of the past in five years. If not, there will be an endless battle, with the sow thistles the victor.

### A Look Ahead

Agriculture today, in this part of the Red River Valley, has one foot in the grave. Shall it die as a profitable business, or shall farming in the future as in the past be a calling of profit: shall it again be a pleasure to farm or shall it continue a sickening pastime?

The farming public must thoroughly grasp the fact that if the Red River Valley, about which we have boasted so much, is again to be a safe farming section for every farmer and for his neighbor, with its sea of shimmering golden grain, the yellow menace of the fields must be throttled. This can be done without a money loss and without any additional labor and without a crop loss. It must be done and begun now by planning a cropping system that will prevent the pest from seeding. Any other system will get us nowhere.

John Meissner,
Weed Inspector, Polk County, Minnesota.

## "THE DAIRY COW"

By Walt Mason

The dairy cow's a thing of charm; she lifts the mortgage from the farm; and makes the farmer's life more sweet, and sets him down in Easy Street. Where 'er the dairy cow is queen, a county prosperous is seen, and dairymen, in joyful ranks, are packing bullion to the banks. Why plug along the same old way, producing nutmegs, prunes and hay, and putting up a bankrupt wail if one year's crop should chance to fail? There is a better method now—the method of the dairy cow; this critter always earns her keep and piles up riches while you [illegible] sleep. So let us boost the H[illegible] [illegible]stein cow, which beats [illegible] breech-loading plow; the Guernsey and the Jersey, too as smooth as any cow in view. Let's talk up dairies, milk and cream, the safest money making scheme.

### Same Old Story But a Good One

Mrs. Mahala Burns, Savanna, Mo., relates an experience, the like of which has happened in almost every neighborhood in this country, and has been told and related by thousands of others, as follows: "I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery). I had another attack of the same complaint three or four years ago and a few does of this remedy cured me. I have recommended it to dozens of people since I first used it and shall continue to do so for I know it is a quick and positive cure for bowel troubles."

## News Items From Northwestern States

### Important Happenings of the Week Tersely Told for the Benefit of Busy Readers.

Mason City, Iowa—Two men were killed and a third badly injured when two airplanes executed tail spins and crashed 400 feet to the ground.

Helena—The annual institute of the teachers in the Catholic schools of the Helena diocese will open in Helena on Aug. 16 and continue until Friday.

Chicago—Leonard Murray, messenger for the Jefferis State bank, who was robbed of $9,500, confessed, according to the police, that he and four other men planned the robbery.

Miles City, Mont.—Arrested on the Fort Keogh road, a man giving his name as Frank Chambers is believed to be the leader of a band that robbed the Sumatra State bank at Sumatra.

Helena—The last letter written by General Thomas Francis Meagher, fourth territorial governor of Montana, has been presented to the state historical society by J. H. Ming and T. J. Ming of Helena.

Miles City, Mont.—Cutting the wires into the Milwaukee station in Sumatra, bank robbers broke into the Sumatra State bank and, forcing the safe, secured about $8,000 in valuable papers. $400 in cash and unknown quantities of Liberty Bonds.

Minneapolis—The northwest is definitely on the way to a recovery of its deferred prosperity, the Northwestern National bank review, stated. The turn in affairs, it says, has come, which was commented upon as the most definitely optimistic note the review had sounded in months.

Minneapolis—The first official move for lower railroad rates on grain for farmers of the Northwest, as advocated by the American Farm Bureau federation and other farmers' organizations, was started in Washington when the Interstate Commerce commission began hearings which will reopen the whole subject of transportation charges on grain and grain products.

## AUTO THEFT PLOT SCENTED

### 24 Found Under 80 Feet of Water; Owner Suspected.

Chicago—In support of their contention that probably 80 per cent of the automobiles stolen in Chicago were taken with the connivance of their owners, the police found twenty-four cars under eighty feet of water in a stonequarry pool at Summit, Ill. The police believe the cars were sunk in the pool so that their owners might collect insurance and will make a search of other quarries.

### No Trace Found of Bus Bandits.

Minneapolis—Police have discovered no trace of two well dressed bandits who held up 18 passengers and a driver of a Twin City Motor bus, robbing them of $200 in cash and jewelry valued at approximately $2,000.



## STRANDQUIST.

Mrs. E. F. Bank returned to her home at Culver, Minn., last week after a short visit at John Hendrickson's in West Valley.

The Young Tripp boy whose foot was cut off in a mower sickle some time ago, returned home from the hospital at Warren Sunday.

Mrs. C. Blazewaki visited with relatives at Hallock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Mattson, from Salol, Minn., spent a few days at Mrs. Mattson's parental home at J. Hendrickson's lately.

O. K. Temmanson and family enjoyed a few days vacation at Minot with relatives.

Religious services will be conducted at the English Church Sunday forenoon at 11 o'clock, August 21st. All welcome to attend.

Strandquist and vicinity was well represented at the church gathering at Menzel's grove last Sunday.

Mrs. C. P. Pihlstrom went to Doole, Mont., last week to visit with relatives.

Due to that there is sickness in the neighborhood Mrs. O. E. Stennes has postponed the West Valley ladies' aid meeting till some time in the near future instead of the 21st of this month as first decided.

Mesdames Victoria Wolski and A. Walk, from Chicago, have been visiting at M. Myskowski.

The Gust Onger and C. Kittelson family visited with Oberg's in Halma Sunday.

H. C. Johnson and family and Olaf Christianson went to Bronson on Sunday.

Stanley Lausness returned to West Valley today from Fargo where he is attending school to spend the vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Broisoitt and Mr. Sibola, from Argyle, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phiffer children arrived here last week from Seattle, Wash., having made their trip by automobile. They will visit with relatives here for some time before returning home.

## Brandt-Helgeland

### Church Picnic

The school picnic of the Melo church will this year again be held at the Willowhurst Farm home probably better known as the Inga Pederson farm south of the Melo church. The dates have been set for Aug. 28th. The day will be begun with the serving of a picnic dinner and after which a short program by the children will be rendered and besides Rev. Tollevs, we expect to have with us another good speaker. Come early and spend the day. Look elsewhere in this paper for further announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hauglid autoed to Crookston Saturday.

Mrs. Inga Pederson visited with Mrs. Will and Mrs. Oscar Hauglid on Monday afternoon.

Gertrude Olson spent Sunday visiting with the O. Carlson children.

Miss Alma Olson returned home from Coleraine last Saturday where she had spent a fortnight visiting friends and relatives. She was accompanied by Miss Marie Martinson who will spend some time visiting at the John Olson home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Thompson were at Warren last Saturday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Miss Mildred Hauglid left on Monday morning for Sleepy Eye and other points for an indefinite stay.



Harvest is completed and threshing has commenced.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durbahn and daughter Mabel, of Sleepy Eye, renewed old acquaintances here the past week on their return trip from Winnipeg where they went to visit W. J. Durbahn's who accompanied them here also.

Alfred Olson autoed to Warren Monday, returning with several men who will work during threshing in this vicinity.

The Melo congregation was well represented at the Second Annual Lutheran Church festival held at Menzel's grove, Marshall county, last Sunday.

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