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If the editor of The Ranch were asked the question: "Where is the model farm of Western Washington?" his reply would be: "The Glendale Farm, in Jefferson county." Probably there are other farm owners in Western Washington who would be ready to dispute Glendale's claim for first place, but we think if all the points of situation, management, productiveness and results were taken into consideration, that our off-hand selection would be found the winner.

Mr. D. S. Troy is the manager of Glendale Farm. He is, by the way, a native son, having been born at Dungeness, Clallam county, in 1870. He worked on his father's farm until the age of 19, and secured his education at the Puget Sound University, which was then located at Olympia.

He was for the following seven years in the employ of the Merchants' National Bank, of Port Townsend. About that time there was wanted a manager for the Ladd estate property, in Jefferson county, and Mr. Troy was chosen to fill the position. He has made something of a record in the management of the Glendale farm and creameries. On July 1st of last year the Glendale Creamery company was organized, with Mr. Troy as manager, and having creameries at Quilcene and Dungeness, and skimming stations at Center and Leland.

Mr. Troy is the retiring secretary of the Washington State Dairymen's Association, which position he filled faithfully for the last three years. The members of the association are now getting up a fund to purchase for him a handsome gold watch and chain, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services, and the esteem in which he is held.

Write Your Senators and Representatives.

Editor Ranch—Please urge upon all farmers, dairy and creamery men the importance of their interesting themselves in the matter of securing the appropriation of \$5,000 for farmers' institutes. The farmers of the State are clamoring for these institutes, but for some time have been denied them for want of funds, which the last legislature failed to appropriate. Should we fail in our application at this time another two or three years will roll around before we shall be able to get the institutes. This is all wrong. The farmers are entitled to the educational advantages of these institutes, and they should demand recognition



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of their rights from the legislature now in session, and do it with all the emphasis within their power. Now, let every one of us write to our senator and representatives, urging upon them the importance of this measure, and the great danger of permitting the matter to again go by default. In this way, only, can we depend upon securing our rights.

H. L. BLANCHARD.

Exportation of Nursery Stock Into British Columbia.

The Department of Agriculture, at Victoria, British Columbia, has been advised that in response to the strong representations which have been made, the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, has recommended that an extension of one month be allowed for the importation into British Columbia of nursery stock, from those countries to which the San Jose Scale Act applies, viz. the United States, Japan and Australia, and that his Excellency, the Governor General, in council has been pleased to order that the prayer be granted. The time, therefore, for the importation of such trees and plants as come under the opera-

tion of the San Jose Scale Act is extended for one month, viz. from the 15th of October to the 15th of April, instead of the 15th of March, as heretofore.

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What's a Hog's Time Worth?

James J. Hill, the railway magnate, is noted for his wonderful mastery of detail, not only in all departments of his railroad work, but in everything else to which he turns his attention. As is well known, he is himself a farmer, and takes the liveliest interest in grain and stock raising. He pursues a strong and fixed policy in the breeding of live stock, and upon the occasions where he has attended farmers' meetings has surprised those present by his knowledge of the subjects under discussion. Samuel Hill, his son-in-law, manager of the Seattle gas works, and president and leading spirit of the Washington State Good Roads Association, tells a good story which illustrates this characteristic of the railway magnate, and shows, moreover, his keen sense of humor:

A number of years ago, while in

Washington City, the two Hills met ex-Governor W. D. Hoard of Wisconsin, editor of Hoard's Dairyman, and straightway the senior Hill was deep in a discussion relative to the best ration for feeding hogs. While engrossed in this subject they were spied by a congressman, who intruded himself straightway. If there is anything Jim Hill don't want around him it's the average congressman filled with his own overwhelming self-importance.

"What did you say you'd feed a 50-pound hog?" queried the governor.

And Mr. Hill proceeded to figure up a balanced ration with corn, skim milk and a little oil meal.

"Good! good!" cried the governor, clapping his hands at Mr. Hill's keenness in answering the problem.

"Did you ever try wheat?" broke in the congressman.

"Yes," answered Mr. Hill, "it's a little too starchy, but will make a good feed in lieu of corn."

"How do you feed it?" was the next question. "Do you soak it or feed dry?"

"Dry," was Mr. Hill's answer.

"Wrong—all wrong! You ought to feed it wet. If you feed it dry it takes the animal two hours to eat it."

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"What do you figure the hog's time's worth an hour?"

The congressman was squelched, and hurriedly withdrew, leaving them to continue their discussion without further interruption.

Editor (Squashville News)—See here, Mr. Dolan! You delivered me a load of hay for the six years' subscription you owed for my paper.

Mr. Dolan—O! did!

Editor—Well, my horse won't eat that hay, b'gosh.

Mr. Dolan—Well, my goat won't eat your paper, be gobs!—Puck

"So he's been trying to live on other

people's brains," said the publisher indignantly.

"What's the trouble? Has some one been stealing the ideas from your books?"

"I suppose so. But that's a minor matter. They're trying to coax away the man who writes my advertisements."—Washington Star.

Note that complete list of books for farmers on page 2. The Ranch has compiled this list carefully, and for those interested it is worthy of preservation.