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DISCUSSES PURE-BRED STOCK AGAIN.

Harrows, Sprays, Scab and Other Themes Discussed Learnedly.

BY PAUL H. SPILLMAN.
Willis Moss, of Island City, farmed for a good many years with various kinds and types of horses. Some were good, and some not quite so good, but be that as it may, Mr. Moss was a lover of good livestock and of well bred horses in particular. Of the draft breeds, none quite so "filled his eye" as did the Percherons, and it was to this breed that he finally surrendered. So several years ago, he purchased an imported Percheron mare from the well known importer, Mr. Ruby of Portland, Oregon. She is of Calypso breeding. She has weighed 2400 pounds, and at present tips the beam at 2250 lbs., but this does not keep her from doing her share of the farm work. The other day when I saw her, she was just finishing a day's work of helping draw a sulky plow, though she is heavy in foal to Cromer. Mr. Moss says that he finds that his mares do better, are more regular breeders, when they are worked. There are now four pure bred mares and one stallion on this farm, certainly a nucleus from which a fine breeding establishment may be developed.

The stallion is one of Mr. Moss' own raising, and besides being a good individual, is a prepotent breeder, as his get have been winning in the hottest competition, in the grade colt class at the Union Livestock show. Last year they won in a class of 24, the year before in a class of 18, and to win at the Union show is an honor second only to the State fair, and as far as the horses are concerned, the State fair "has nothing on this show."

Harrows and Harrowing.
When we speak of a harrow, it may be a square or v-shaped spike or spring tooth, disk, cutaway, acme or whatnot, but ordinarily we refer to the ordinary lever harrow of two or more sections. And even in this day and age the old lever harrow, if properly used can add much to your bank account and standing as a farmer in your county. Good farm practice requires that we conserve all the moisture we possibly can in all our farming operations, particularly in the non-irrigated sections of Eastern Oregon. I have noticed this and again in this valley this spring that large fields are plowed and left unharrowed for days and weeks at a time. And during this time we are letting all the moisture that the wind and air can "get hold of" be carried away, and the ground to become hard and dry. Of course if we have plenty of rain this spring and summer we won't notice it so much, but if we don't, you will wonder about harvest time, why you didn't get a better yield, and you may conclude that "snow water isn't any good any way." I have also noted that many outfits that are plowing, either for spring grain or summer-fallow, have plenty of power, so that they could drag a single section of harrow directly behind the plows "and never know the difference," so far as draft is concerned. Then when you are done plowing, you have also harrowed the ground once, leaving no

large clods on the surface and saved enough moisture to make several bushels of grain. Then too some of us are still using the smooth roller, if you must use the roller, follow it with the harrow to break the smooth surface, as it too makes for rapid evaporation of soil moisture.

Harrowing Grain.
The harrowing of grain after it is up is practiced more or less in this county at the present time. That it is a good practice there is no doubt, as its results are two-fold, that of breaking up the crust that forms after our rains which caused the soil to dry out more rapidly, and secondly the killing of millions of weeds. While harrowing early is a good practice, you will not kill as many weeds as though you waited until they get a start. Some of our farmers estimate that they increased their yield as much as ten bushels per acre by harrowing their grain. If you have never harrowed your grain better try it this spring, you may pull up some grain but you will have plenty left to make a good crop.

Sprays—Aphis.
Spraying for aphis has now been done with best results. After the aphis have worked on the leaves enough to make them curl, it is hard to get results as the leaves are so tightly curled, that the spray can not be forced to where the insects are working. Also at this time of the year there are not nearly so many, but they multiply rapidly, so each one killed now, means a good many less later on. The tobacco sprays are the best for this pest. Use "Black-laf 40" one part to nine hundred of water. One pound of soap dissolved in one gallon of hot water, and added to each one hundred gallon of the spray solution, will make it spread better on the leaves. This spray is effective on any fruit trees that are troubled with this insect.

Scab.
When the apple blossoms begin to show pink, is the time to make the first scab spray. Use one gallon of lime sulphur to 25 or 30 gallons water. If you have bud moth, leaf roller or leaf eating caterpillars, add 2 pounds of arsenate of lead to every 50 gallons of this spray solution. Arsenate of lead in this spray will not be effective for the apple worm or Codlin moth. The time to spray for this insect the first time is when the petals begin to fall. Be sure when spraying, no matter for what insect or fungus disease, to be thorough, but on the other hand do not waste your spray. See to it that the entire surface of the tree or plant is wet with the solution, but it is not necessary to have it running down the trunk of the tree in streams.

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Good Roads At 1916 State Fair
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