

INSPECTION TRIPS DEVELOP INTEREST IN LIVE STOCK

Second Tour Last Wednesday Attended by Large Party.

By Paul H. Spillman, County Agent.

Wednesday morning last at 10:00 o'clock saw cars coming from all directions to the Floyd McKennon ranch at Conley's siding. Before arriving at the McKennon farm some four cars, with eighteen passengers, stopped at the Blockland feed lots at the river at Island City, and inspected the yearling Hereford bulls that Mr. Blockland has been feeding all winter.

Upon arrival at the McKennon farm a considerable group were present and already inspecting the calves which have been the center of much interest during the past winter. These calves have been on feed since November, and have received a ration of ensilage and corn fodder supplemented with cottonseed meal at the rate of one and a half pounds per head per day. When the corn fodder gave out alfalfa hay was fed in its stead. Finally, three weeks ago the ensilage gave out and rolled barley was used in its place. These calves were to be shipped the latter part of the week, and at that time we will know what their weights are, and will be able to draw some deductions. The calves were estimated in weight from 750 to 900 pounds per head by various members of the party. Whatever the weight may actually be those who saw these calves when we inspected them in January and saw them again yesterday will vouch for very good gains, for the cattle are certainly in nice shape. We will have some interesting figures to give on feed consumed, weight, etc., in the near future.

From McKennon's nine large cars and my flivver started for Hot Lake by way of Island City, as one of the bridges on the more direct route has recently been burned. On our way to inspect the Townley cattle, which wintered on grain, hay and weed ensilage, we passed through the G. W. DeLay farm and inspected the Short-horn cattle which Mr. DeLay recently purchased in Iowa and most of which will be entered in the La Grande Short-horn sale on May 1st. Much interest was manifested in the cattle, and they are undoubtedly quite a feature for the coming sale.

From DeLay's we went to Mr. Townley's adjoining ranch, where we saw cattle that had been fed on grain, hay and silage, which is largely made up of vernal grain. These cattle are in a very good shape, considering the feed they have been receiving and if they are not ready for market when the supply of ensilage is exhausted they will be properly finished before going to market. These cattle consist of yearlings and culling two-year-olds.

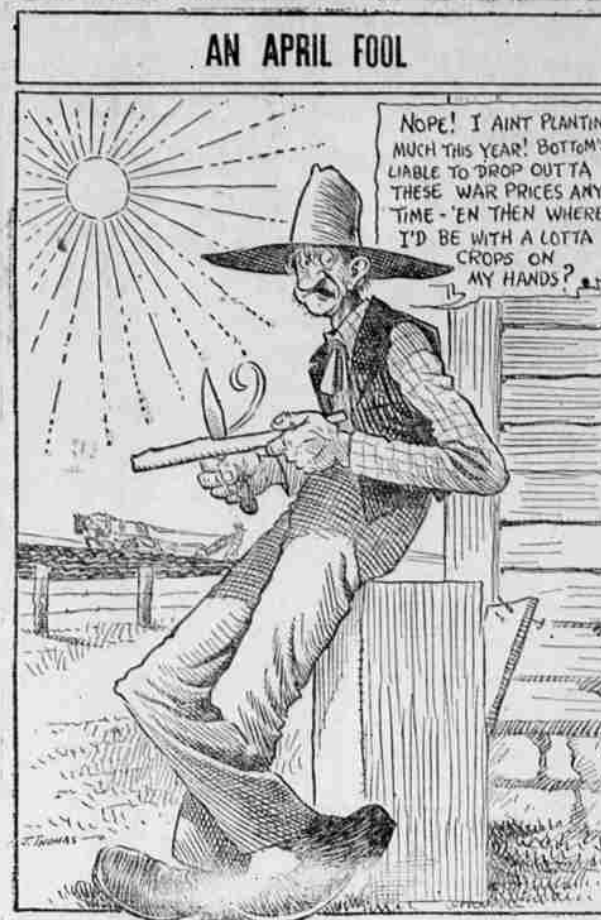
Our next stop was a short one at Mr. Townley's home farm, where we inspected his several herd bulls and a few head of cows and heifers which happened to be close to the buildings at that time. We will see these cat-

tle in Mr. Townley's show herd which will be entered at the Union Stock show.

When we left Mr. Townley's home farm we were all in a rush, and in fact had a merry race across the Benson farm toward Union, for we knew that there awaited us a luncheon in charge of the business men of the city of Union, who are noted for their hospitality. As my official duty on this tour was to see that none of our party went astray my car was the last one to arrive on the scene, although there may be a bare possibility that said flivver could not travel at the rate of sixty miles an hour, such as our friend, P. L. Meyers, with his trusty Haynes decided to maintain and in this particular case with the prospect of a hearty meal ahead.

Needless to say, the luncheon was a great success and surpassed our fondest hopes. Lucian Wright, M. S. Levy, Will Vogel and other business men of their city saw to it that none of us should miss the festive board, while a boy of Union stir did their utmost to appease our appetites, which were, to say the least, appropriate for the occasion, as it was 1:30 before we arrived at Union. Several short talks were made, Mr. Wright acting as toastmaster. Marion Davis, mayor of Union, welcomed us to his city. M. S. Levy, George Benson and Robert Withycombe vouched us to be prepared to see the best stock show Union has ever enjoyed, while our friend George said that though he was a Hereford man the Short-horn was a worthy rival. According to the toastmaster, three of the most prominent stockmen at the table were Fred Holmes, F. L. Meyers and T. J. Scroggin, though he stated that their stock was mostly of the "bank" breed. However, they were perfectly at home among the rest of the stockmen and gave us some interest-

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WAR IS MADE ON CITY DUMP

Department of Commercial Declares That It Is Cause of Great Waste

The Department of Commerce has declared war on the city dump. The chief consumer of the waste material of this country is the city dump, but the Waste Reclamation Service has formulated a plan which will lessen the annual loss through this channel. In conjunction with the National "Clean up and Paint up" Campaign bureau and the Savings Division of the United States treasury, the department has established a new competitor for the waste material of this country. The War Savings Stamp and the Thrift Stamp will now compete with the city dump for the thousands of tons of valuable waste material which are now lost through our present method of disposal.

This is "Clean up and Paint up" time, and the accumulation of the winter will shortly be moving to the dump. In our urban communities we annually send to the dump 13 tons of valuable waste material for every 1,000 persons living in a community. Twenty per cent of this tonnage is made up of waste paper, as this is the first item that is destroyed. Based upon the present approximation of the population of our urban centers about 150,000 tons of paper are sent to the dump annually.

Great Britain, under the stress of war, increased her collection of waste paper from 1,000 tons to about 6,000 tons of paper a week. America annually sends to the dump about twice as much paper as was collected in all of Great Britain in 1914. Great Britain increased her collection of paper approximately 500 per cent in four years. This tremendous

increase in volume was effected of paper. The War Savings and Thrift Stamp can become the paper controller for this country. The Waste Reclamation Service has requested the local Waste Reclamation Councils in centers advantageously situated to the markets to utilize the stamp in an effort to check the movement of waste material dumpward. The Councils have been advised to district their communities, assign a waste dealer to each district, and to have the housewife sell her waste for Thrift Stamps.

This plan will solve one of the problems of the local "Clean up and Paint up" campaign committees. It will lessen the burden on the collecting agency of the city and render it no longer necessary to burn the dump to prevent the waste paper from being blown back into the community.

The National "Clean up and Paint up" Campaign Bureau's program, which is receiving the support of the Department of Commerce and the Council of National Defense, as a means of stimulating local industries and intensifying the demand for skilled labor in all centers, will include the waste saving feature in order to develop the waste trade in the community and to assist the department of commerce in its war on the city dump.

Word has been received in Portland to the effect that Captain Eugene Libby, company F, and Captain L. E. Blanchard, company G, 162d Infantry, formerly the 2d Oregon, had been ordered to Russia, after having been kept on duty in England for several months. The information came through cablegrams to their wives sent by the two captains of the 2d battalion and both messages were sent from London.

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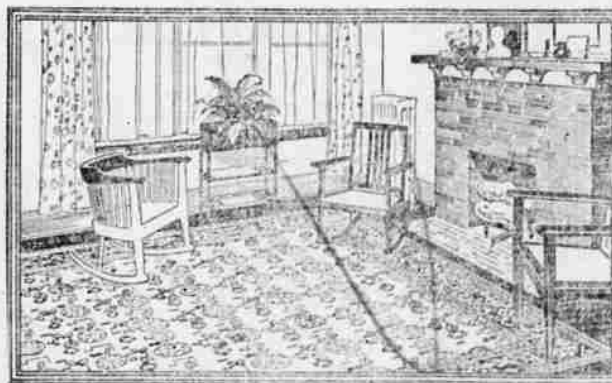
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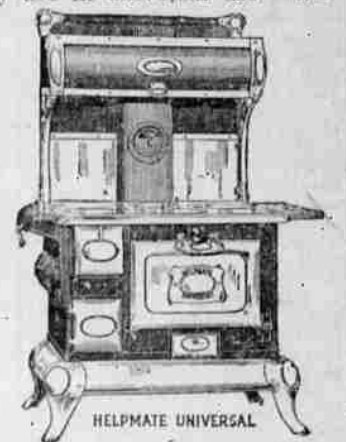
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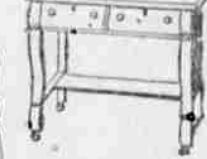
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