

# THE POLK COUNTY POST

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## Over-Taxation Test Suit Against Polk County Filed

The first of the proposed suits to test Polk county's supposed over-taxation was filed this week in the circuit court. U. S. Grant et ux are the plaintiffs and they demand in their complaint a refund of \$13.92 of the taxes they have paid for their 1920 assessment. It is expected another suit will be filed soon by other parties to mandamus the county school superintendent to compel a refund of taxes from the county high school fund. Thus, with these two different suits, it will be up to the circuit court to decide from which fund the refund of taxes shall be made, if made at all.—Dallas Itemizer.

### BUENA VISTA

N. C. Anderson and wife and Norman Tyler were shopping in Albany Saturday.

N. Anderson and wife of McMinnville and Mrs. Anderson's nieces of Vancouver were guests of the R. Pettersons and N. C. Andersons Sunday.

Frank Burch of eastern Washington was a Buena Vista caller Sunday.

E. M. Lichty and wife were business callers in Salem Saturday.

Harley Hall and wife of Portland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall Sunday.

Mr. Enness is hulling clover for David Turnage and Cleve Prather is hulling for R. Petterson and G. E. Harmon.

W. R. Bevans and wife and baby of Portland were visiting relatives here last week.

Miss Marie Church, a missionary from Korea, will give a lecture here next Sunday at 11 o'clock in the M. E. church. All are invited to this service.

There will be cottage prayer meeting

at the farm home of F. P. Grounds next Wednesday night.

Mr. Buck and family attended church services in Albany Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Emmore and daughters of Albany are picking hops for Mr. Pankella north of town.

E. B. Gobat and family and M. I. Conger and family of Suver were Buena callers Sunday.

There will be quarterly meeting at the M. E. church Sept. 12 at two o'clock. This is the last quarterly for this conference year.

Harold Reynolds and Verd Schrank went to the Cascades to hunt last week.

John Bedford and family of West Salem were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bedford were former residents of this place.

## Greenwood Rancher Wants \$500 For Dead Bull

Herbert E. Rideout, a farmer living near Greenwood station, through his attorney, Oscar Hayter, has filed suit in the circuit court for \$500 damages from the Southern Pacific railway company. Rideout, in his complaint alleges that on June 2, 1921, a pure bred Holstein bull belonging to him died as a result of eating grass cut by the plaintiff on the right of way of the defendant railway company at the request of and with the consent of the said defendants. The grass so fed had, it is alleged, been sprayed with a poisonous mixture by the railway company for the purpose of killing weeds, which caused the bull to become deceased. Dallas Itemizer.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the Masons, the G. A. R. post and the W. R. C. Also the many kind friends for their aid and sympathy during the death and burial of our father.

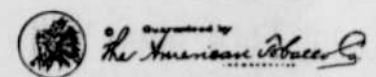
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## CANTALOUPE OF FINEST QUALITY

Early Picking Is Reason Given  
for Melons Reaching Market  
in Inferior Condition.

### AVOID BRUISING IN PACKING

Load Immediately in Iced Refrigerator  
Cars and Furnish Ample Ventila-  
tion—Floor Racks Are Also  
Recommended.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Fully 10 per cent of the cantaloupes produced in the western states reach the consumer so green that they are practically worthless for food. If only 1 per cent were picked and shipped unripe it would mean transporting and marketing more than 40,000 crates, for more than 20,000 carloads—or four-fifths of the production of the United States—are harvested in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California, and shipped on a six to twelve-day journey to middle western and eastern markets.

During three recent shipping seasons specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture conducted investigations in the western producing sections and chief eastern consuming centers, in order to determine the most satisfactory methods of handling cantaloupes for long-distance shipments. It was found that too early picking was one of the chief reasons why melons reached the market in an inferior, tasteless condition.

### When to Pick Melons.

Green melons have a depressing effect on both demand and prices. While it is necessary that they be picked before they are entirely ripe, in order to provide the essential keeping qualities in transit, they may be picked at a stage of maturity that will afford good flavor as well as keeping quality when they reach consumers, cantaloupes should be picked just after they will slip cleanly from the stem; that is, at the full-slip stage of maturity.

If properly handled and promptly loaded they will carry in satisfactory condition, even to long-distance markets. Allowance must be made, however, for a certain amount of rough



Unwrapped Melons Cool Quickly, Thus Preventing Mold.

handling and for some delay in transit. As a general rule, therefore, cantaloupes should be picked just before they reach the full-slip stage. Such melons possess not only the desirable eating quality, but also the necessary carrying quality.

The keeping and carrying qualities of cantaloupes are directly dependent on the care exercised to prevent mechanical injuries in harvesting and preparation for shipment.

### Use Care in Packing.

During the operation of packing, melons should be placed carefully in the crates, and not dropped or tossed

into place, as is frequently done. Injury caused by squeezing can be prevented if packers are careful not to force in over-sized melons when finishing the crates.

The reduction of serious market losses from over-ripe and decayed melons is dependent to a large extent upon the promptness with which they are placed under refrigeration. They should be loaded immediately in iced refrigerator cars, and, while being hauled from packing shed to the car-loading platform, should be covered to protect them from the sun.

Cantaloupes should preferably not be wrapped. They do not refrigerate so well in transit nor do they reach the consumer in so good condition as unwrapped melons. Loading different types of packages may obstruct air circulation and thus seriously retard refrigeration. In cars equipped with these racks, as well as basket bunkers, salt may be effectively employed to hasten refrigeration. The ability of refrigerator cars to cool melon shipments quickly and to maintain desirable temperatures in transit depends directly upon proper bunker and bulkhead construction, and upon the quantity and quality of the insulating material used.

### MOLTING PERIOD IS TRYING

Feathers That Must Be Made Are Rich in Nitrogenous Substance—Coated With Oil.

Many owners of hens think that because the hens are not laying during the molting period, they do not need feed. This period is harder on a hen than heavy laying for the feathers that must be made are rich in nitrogenous substances and are coated with an oil.

### HEAT FROM STONES.

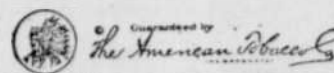
At a school in Canada advantage was taken of the heat-retaining property of stone. The large space at the back of a boiler, connected with the steam-heating system, was filled with stones, and it was found that when the stones were once thoroughly heated the fire could be allowed to go out, and the stones would keep up steam for a considerable time. Tests were made with two boilers, one a new one and the other old, and it was found that the new boiler kept up steam for 20 hours after the other boiler had ceased to give out heat.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.



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### HER VIEW IS PHILOSOPHICAL

With the Factory Girl, Her Occupation, Good or Bad, Is a Matter of Comparison.

Factory work, more than anything up to the present moment, has brought out the fact that life from beginning to end is a matter of comparisons.

The factory girl, from my short experience, is not fussing over what her job looks like compared with tea at the Biltmore. She is comparing it with the last job or with home; and it is either slightly better or slightly worse than the last job or home. An outsider, a college graduate with a mission, investigates a factory and calls aloud to heaven: "Can such things be? Why do women stay in such a place?"

The factory girl, if she heard those anguished cries, would as like as not shrug her shoulders and re-

mark: "Ugh! She sounds so—'s factory where I worked a year ago!" Or: "Gosh! What does she think a person's goin' to do—sit home all day and scrub the kitchen?"

And yet the fact remains that some things get too much even for a philosophical factory girl's nerves. Whereat she merely walks out—if she has spunk enough. The labor turnover, from the point of view of production and efficiency, can well be a vital industrial concern. To the factory girl, it saves her life, likely as not.—Cornelia Stratton Parker, in Harper's Magazine.

### ANALYSIS MADE OF MANURES

Dry Material Contains Large Amount of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium.

The average of analysis of manures from cattle, horses and mixed, shows that a ton of dry manure contains 88 pounds of nitrogen, 7.6 phosphorus and 30.4 pounds of potassium. A ton of fresh farm manure consists of about three-fourths water but it contains ten pounds of nitrogen, two pounds of phosphorus and eight pounds of potassium.

### HOW SHE ARRIVED.

Winifred was at her grandmother's one day having a good time playing all by herself. Her uncle, going out to the back yard, found her up on a high workbench, where it seemed impossible for her to get without help.

"Why, Winifred!" he exclaimed, "how did you get up there?"

"I got up here on my determination," was the quick and spirited reply.—Exchange.



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