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ABOUT THE FARM -

By John J. Inskeep, County Agent

Recent Document Gives Interesting Brief History of Clackamas County

Three Clackamas County sheepmen have consigned purebred rams to the annual Willamette County ram sale. This sale will be held at the fairgrounds in Albany, August 7th.

Harms Bros., Mackburg, are consigning Lincolns and Southdowns. Jack Kassner, Clairmont, is selling a few good Corriedales and Marcus Vetter, Monitor, represents Clackamas County with Columbia rams.

O. E. Mikesell, sale secretary, tells us there will be eight breeds represented in the sale—Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia, Cheviot, Shropshire, Hampshire and Southdown. From the number of Hampshire consignors on the list it would appear that a large number of Hampshire rams will be offered for sale.

We are in receipt of an interesting document from Ivan Oaks, Executive Secretary, Willamette River Basin Commission, entitled "Clackamas County." This document provides a brief history of the county and of our cities and tells how each was named. The same is true of our streams. Then follows a record of civil government, city and county, population trends, a description of climate, record of rainfall and monthly temperatures, data on transportation, flood control problems, size of farms, crop production trends over a period of years, irrigation and drainage problems, timber and power resources.

County History

The following information on history of Clackamas County may be of interest to our readers.

"The county was one of four original districts of early Oregon. It was named for Clackamas Indians and was created July 5, 1843.

"Barlow was named for William Barlow, who was the son of Samuel K. Barlow. They came to Oregon in 1845. Samuel Barlow opened the Barlow Road. William Barlow started the first black walnut trees grown in Oregon in 1859.

"Canby was named for Major General Edward R. S. Canby, commander of the Department of the Columbia.

Spanish Origin

"Estacada is a Spanish word and means staked out or marked with stakes.

"Gladstone was named for William Everett Gladstone, the great English statesman.

"Lot Whitcomb founded Milwaukie in 1847, as a rival to Oregon City, and named it for the Wisconsin town. Derivative of the name is Indian, said to mean council place and also good land. Post Office was established February 1, 1850.

"Molalla took its name from the Molalla River.

"Oregon City was laid out and named in 1842 by Dr. John McLoughlin, who located claim there in 1829. It was first called Willamette. Post Office was established March 29, 1847 with David Hill as postmaster.

"Oswego was named for Oswego, New York, by A.A. Durham, who operated a sawmill there.

Named For River

"Sandy was named for the river. The location was originally called Revenue. A Post Office was established April 13, 1873.

"West Linn was successor of Linn City, which was established as Robins Nest by Robert Moore. December 22, 1845, Legislature changed the name to Linn City for Lewis F. Linn of Missouri. The 1861 flood swept the place away. It was later moved to higher ground and named West Linn.

"Beaver Creek was first used as the name of a community school district in the early 1850's.

"Butte Creek was named for Lone Tree Butte. The Butte is now known as Mt. Angel.

"The Clackamas River was named for the Clackamas Indian.

"Eagle Creek was called Eagle Creek in 1844 because the Indians said there were so many eagles along the stream.

"Johnson Creek was named for William Johnson, pioneer, who settled near Lents and built a sawmill in the 1850's.

"The Molalla River was named for the Molalla Indians.

"The Sandy River was discovered in October, 1792, by Lt. W. R. Broughton and was named Barings River. Lewis and Clark named it Quicksand River and shortened it to Sandy."

Plants Interesting

Plants do not have personalities like human beings but they do have individual characteristics which make them interesting if not glamorous. Certain characteristics of an individual plant or variety may go along way determining its value to man. On July 12th we had a rare few moments of leisure which we consumed in looking over 15

S.143—Bred at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station. Prostrate in growth habit. S.143 is the most persistent of the Cocksfoot strains and, with S.100 White Clover, it can form an excellent grazing sward. It throws up fewer seed heads than the other strains. Though essentially a grazing strain it will give a leafy silage cut with the minimum of stem. Taking the season through, there is little difference in the productivity of the three 'S' strains but they were bred for different purposes and, insofar as is possible, they should be used for their own specific jobs.

"Aberystwyth Hay strain, S.37—More leafy and of greater persistence than the Danish types. In common with the other two 'S' strains, it is later than Danish to reach its early maximum growth but its summer and autumn production is considerably greater. S. 37 is capable of yielding very heavy hay and silage cuts and, when sown in a mixture, it will also make a material contribution to the grazing.

"Aberystwyth Pasture-Hay Strain, S. 26—Bred at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station from plants collected in a gorse brake in Devon. Intermediate in type between S.143 and S. 37, it lends itself equally well to hay or grazing and is probably best used in a general mixture. It blends well with other species and though not so prostrate as S.143, it is markedly persistent.

Post Treatment

The first evidence that cold-soaking split cedar posts may serve as an effective preservative has been found on the Walter Fisher farm at Carus and on Charles R. Marshall's farm at Clarkes. Here is an interesting report on the subject.

"Walter Fisher, Route 3, Box 242, Oregon City, cold-soaked split cedar posts in the spring of 1945, using penta and diesel oil. These posts were carefully examined May 14, 1954 by Fisher, Farm Forester Alvin Parker, and O.S.C. Forestry Specialist Charles Ross. The preservative oil was still recognizable on the treated cedar posts, both by smell and color.

"The posts were given two treatments; some placed in a penta solution that was brought to a boil over a fire, then allowed to cool. Others were

merely cold-soaked for a day or more.

"No decay was found on the treated cedar posts. Other posts in the same fence not given treatment were found to have substantial decay at the ground line.

"Walt Fisher has adopted the practice of treating all his posts by cold-soaking. He uses split cedar posts altogether and finds the untreated ones last 10 or 12 years. He has another split cedar fence now 12 years old. The posts were not treated and the fence now needs replacing.

"Walter Ferguson, Clackamas County Farm Forester at the time induced Walt Fisher to make these trials and furnished him the penta. The posts were not incised in the early trials, although Fisher now incises all the posts he treats."

It is good for us to think that no grace or blessing is truly ours 'till we are aware that God has blessed someone else with it through us.—Phillips Brooks

Benevolent feeling ennobles the most trifling actions.—Thackeray

Usefulness is doing rightly by yourself and others.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

"Browser's" License

"Specs" Johnson, who thinks it's a real treat to spend an hour or so browsing in a bookshop found his idea of heaven up in Centerville last week.

"Just inside the door," Specs says, "there's a tray of bright blue buttons. If you want to look around without having someone suggest you buy the latest best-selling novel, or maybe a history of Africa, you pin a button on your coat lapel.

"You can poke around all you like. Then when you've found the book you want, take off the but-

ton, and someone's right there to take care of you."

From where I sit, everybody likes to make his own choice. It doesn't matter whether it's books, or preferences in clothing or makes of cars. And it's no surprise that folks have personal preferences in beverages, too. So if your neighbor orders a glass of beer while you're having coffee, remember he's entitled to his choice, too.

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