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PIT SILO AND ITS ADVANTAGES

Practical Tests in Kansas and Other States Show Its Advantages—Will Not Blow Down and Never Freezes Up.

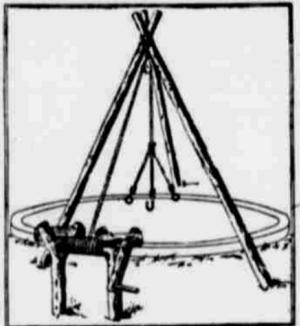
COSTS BUT LITTLE TO BUILD

Can Be Built Without Skilled Labor—Not Recommended in Humid Sections Where Water Comes Near to Surface.

Pit silos are not advocated in humid sections. Where the ground is firm and dry, pit silos will serve the purpose as well as more expensive structures. They are durable, and the cost is small, and they can be built without much outside assistance.

In constructing pit silos, the commonly accepted rule of a depth equal to twice the diameter is a good one to follow. If the silo is too shallow, there is too large a surface exposed and the pressure is not sufficient to pack the silage close enough for the best results. It is not advisable to dig the silo too deep because of the difficulty of getting the silage out. In case a large quantity of feed is required, it is better to dig two small silos.

Level the ground off before starting to dig, as this makes it easier to keep the walls perpendicular. A plumb line or straight edge should be used fre-



Cheap Hoist for Silo.

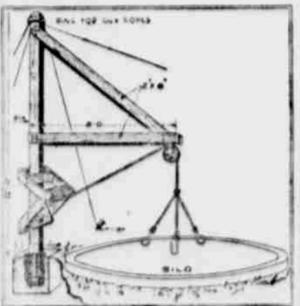
quently to be sure the walls are straight. A curb should be built extending above the ground high enough to keep out the water and deep enough to get below the frost line.

Advantages of Pit Silo.

1. Small cost of construction.
2. Adaptability to the size of the herd. It costs no more to make in proportion for six head than for 600.
3. Can be made anywhere where the water is more than 20 feet below the surface of the ground, and the walls of a common dug well will stand without bricking up.
4. Anyone can make it who can dig a cistern.
5. Small cost of machinery needed to fill it.
6. It will not blow over nor rot down.
7. It keeps the ensilage perfectly. No freezing. The temperature is the same winter and summer.

Essentials of a Good Pit Silo.
There are certain points that must be kept in mind when constructing a pit silo:

1. The walls should be plastered from three-fourths to one inch thick.
2. The walls should be washed with a cement coat to make them air and water tight.
3. The walls should be perpendicular and smooth, so that the silage will settle evenly.



Derrick for Taking Out Silage.

4. A covering must be provided that will keep out dirt.
5. If walls become dry before plastering they should be sprinkled lightly. This helps the plaster to stick, and keeps it from drying out too rapidly.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

C. B. Kegley, Its Master, Extends Effective Support in Every Way Possible.

During the recent campaign for alfalfa on every farm in the Pacific northwest, the awakening for a better system of farming was very marked. I have traveled over much of the territory since and find the prevailing sentiment very favorable indeed. The State Grange of Washington especially appreciates the educational feature of the movement and extends effective support to the Holden Improvement committee from every possible angle.

ARM AMERICANS IN MEXICO

Guns and Ammunition Are Shipped To Mexican Capital.
Vera Cruz, Mex.—Following the recent dispatch from this city to the British and German citizens in Mexico City of machine guns and squads of trained gunners, arrangements have been made to place in the hands of all Americans capable of bearing arms weapons for self-defense in the event of an uprising in the Mexican capital. A shipment of 1000 rifles and a large amount of ammunition arrived here recently from the United States. The shipment was made with the concurrence of the Mexican government, but every effort was made to prevent the facts gaining publicity. The arms and ammunition chests were carefully divested of all marks indicating the character of their contents.

Women Active In Politics.

Baker.—The "Woman's Booster" club, is the latest suffrage organization in this city, formed primarily to interest women in political affairs and to spur them to desire to take advantage of their right to the ballot. Primaries will be held in May. Committees will be stationed each day at the courthouse to instruct those who desire to register how to proceed, and a series of political meetings has been planned.

Game Hearing Asked.

Albany.—That a public hearing be held at which the sportsmen of western Oregon may submit evidence to federal authorities looking toward a change in the open season on migratory birds is a suggestion of Albany sportsmen.

An open season from November 15 to February 15 is desired. Local sportsmen assert that under the present regulations the birds do not begin to come into the Upper Willamette valley until the open season is over.

Lawyer Involved in Shooting.

Baker.—Charles F. Hyde, formerly district attorney of Baker county, was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill for the shooting of Tom Williams, a rancher, following a quarrel over the case in which Williams' son is involved, Hyde being one of the attorneys. The latter claims the shooting was accidental. He explained having the gun by saying he expected an attack by another person. Williams' injuries are not thought serious.

Dunes May Grow Trees.

Eugene.—Completion of the five-year task of reforesting Mount Hebo, in Tillamook county, and the beginning of an experiment with the forestation of the sand dunes about Gardiner, have been announced by H. L. Rankin, supervisor of the Siuslaw National forest. The Mount Hebo burn, which was one of the largest tracts of burned-over land in the west, was caused by the great fire of 1861, when the Indians set fire to the timber of the coast and destroyed vast areas.

WANT COMPENSATION ACT

Many Who Had Decided Otherwise Change Minds at Time Is Near.

Salem.—A number of employers, who had filed with the state industrial accident commission notices of their election not to come under the provision of the workmen's compensation law, are now sending in requests to have such notices withdrawn and declaring their intentions to take advantage of the benefits offered by the law according to F. W. Hinsdale, secretary of the commission.

Mr. Hinsdale says this change in opinion among employers is due to the educational work being done by the members of the commission and the inspectors. He said that letters from employers withdrawing their former notices were being received in practically every mail. The insurance feature of the law will become effective July 1.

Drinks Disinfectant.

Pendleton.—Crazed by his desire for drugs, Roy Chambers, recently sentenced to jail for stealing auto tires, seized a bottle of disinfectant which had been put in the cell, and took a long draught which almost proved fatal. A physician administered an emetic which saved Chambers' life.

Douglas Fair Date Set.

Roseburg.—The Douglas fair will be held this year September 16 to 19, inclusive. This is the same date the fair was held last year, and will come the week following the fair at Medford and the week before the fair at Eugene. The State fair will be held the week following the Eugene fair.

Plan New Electric Road.

Drewsey.—A movement is on foot here to organize a company to build an electric railway from Riverside, a town on the new Oregon-Eastern railroad, up the middle fork of the Malheur river, past Drewsey to the timber belt.

FRENCH MINISTER'S WIFE KILLS EDITOR

Campaign Against Member of Cabinet Said to Be Cause of the Crime.

Paris.—Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, was shot and killed by Mme. Henrietta Caillaux, wife of Jose Caillaux, the French minister of finance. Mme. Caillaux went to the office of the Figaro to carry out an act of vengeance against M. Calmette, who had been waging a campaign characterized by extreme bitterness against the minister of finance. She fired at least three times, M. Calmette being wounded in the chest, in the side and the abdomen.

In her statement to the police, Mme. Caillaux explained that the campaign against her husband had become intolerable and she determined to stop it. She consulted an eminent lawyer, who advised her that legal proceedings would be futile—that they were often worse in the case of the innocent than in the case of the guilty. She decided then to take the law into her own hands. She bought a revolver, drove to the Figaro office and sent in her card.

M. Calmette was most polite and asked what he could do for her. "It is needless for me to pretend that I am making a friendly call," she answered. "Then I drew my revolver from my muff and fired all the cartridges. M. Calmette tried to take shelter behind a desk."

'MOTHER' JONES GOING BACK

Woman Says She Will Return to Trinidad and Resume Efforts.

Denver.—"I am going back to Trinidad before the end of this week," declared "Mother" Jones here. "I fully expect to be arrested and put back in prison as soon as I reach the strike zone, but no governor nor president can make me abandon my constitutional rights as a citizen of the United States to go where I please and so long as I live I shall refuse to submit to military despotism."

As to the exact manner in which she left the hospital there is a sharp clash between "Mother" Jones and the state authorities. The strike leader declares she was simply deported; that she was ordered to prepare for the journey, and was brought to Denver under military escort and at state expense, without ever having given her consent. Governor Ammons and Adjutant-General John Chase said that "Mother" Jones had expressed willingness to come to Denver, leaving the strike zone, if Governor Ammons would grant her an interview.

CUSTOMS HOUSE ON BORDER IS RAIDED

San Diego, Cal.—The United States customs office and postoffice at Tecate, 45 miles from this city, on the American side of the international boundary, were destroyed by fire at night, following a raid. Eyewitnesses said the raiders were Mexicans.

Frank V. Johnston, of San Diego, postmaster at Tecate, was shot to death when he resisted the bandits and his companion, Warren Didenback, was wounded.

Johnston's body was found in the smoldering ruins. An autopsy developed the fact that he had been shot through the heart. His pistol was found not far from the body.

Elliot D. Johnston, the dead man's brother, sent telegrams to Secretary of State Bryan, Governor Johnson and Representative William Kettner at Washington, demanding a thorough investigation. In his telegram to Mr. Bryan, Mr. Johnston placed the entire responsibility for the affair on Mexico.

Car Robbers Kill Engineer.

Peoria, Ill.—Two men were killed and two deputy sheriffs and a woman wounded as the result of an attempted holdup of a Chicago & Northwestern freight train at Manlius, Ill., 45 miles north of here. Arthur Fisher, of Peoria, Ill., engineer of the freight train, was shot dead by one of the robbers and an unidentified robber was killed in a battle with the sheriff's posse.

Bank of Auburn Closed.

Spokane, Wash.—The Christopher, Knickerbocker & Howard private bank of Auburn did not open for business Monday, and a receiver for the bank was appointed by United States Judge Neterer, in the United States district court here, on petition of depositors.

Twenty at Pendleton Indicted.

Pendleton, Or.—Twenty indictments were returned by the grand jury after passing the greater part of a week in investigating the alleged charges of gambling, bootlegging and immoral practices under police protection.