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### Improve the Herds By Proper Selection

There is good money in dairying in Crook county and several dairymen are proving this to their own satisfaction. The greatest trouble with the majority of men owning cows is that they have inferior producers. There are too many who are willing and even eager to purchase the cow or heifer for \$40 or \$60 without first testing the animal or knowing her ability for butter-fat production. There are too few who are willing to pay \$100 to \$500 for profitable animals. There are also too few who insist upon a thorough test of the animal, both for milk and butter production, and for tuberculosis before they purchase the animal. The \$200 cow that will net a profit of from five to ten dollars per month is much more profitable than the forty or sixty dollar animals which we must pay to stay on our farms. In many instances, we would make money by simply shooting the animal and burying her. And in many instances, an animal which we may consider a poor producer in our herd, is the one profitable animal we may have.

Very few of the farmers in this section have the cash or can afford the credit to pay \$150 to \$300 for a cow. Many already have fairly good animals and can in a very few years more than double the profit they may obtain from the same number of animals in their herd by the use of a good, pure-bred bull from a productive family. It has been found that the bull transmits the characteristics of the mother and grandmothers to a decided degree, so that in the purchase of an animal it is absolutely necessary that we know the production of the animal's family. The bull with a pedigree as long as your arm may be a very poor individual and unworthy of use in a herd. Always look for the production of his family, for there are many very poor individuals pure-bred and registered. If many of our dairymen in this section were asked \$200 to \$300 for a bull, they would feel that they could not purchase the animal, and yet it is necessary to pay this price usually for a really good animal.

Bull Associations have been organized in many sections of the country and even in many sections of Oregon. These organizations consist of four to ten farmers who purchase the bull, each man paying according to the number of cows he has. An agreement is drawn up regulating the use of the animal, and stating the service fee and other conditions regulating the association. The animal is kept at one farm and service fee charged sufficient to cover the expenses of his care. If one or more associations are organized in one section or one county, the animal purchased by each association is used for two years and then the different associations trade animals. With four or five such associations in Crook county, we might obtain at comparatively little expense to each individual, enough good animals to last us from eight to ten years, practically the life of the animal. In this case, it would be necessary that some of us forget our prejudices regarding other breeds than our own, and agree to use some other breed. Dollars and cents, and not imagination or sentiment, should determine the breed we will keep. If Crook county dairymen could agree upon one breed of dairy cattle and work for the greatest improvement of this herd, it would be noted for its

dairy cattle and buyers would be visiting our section for the purchase of dairy animals, no matter what breed we might sell. The cheapest and most reasonable method for our use in attaining this end is the organization of Bull Associations.

The Agricultural College has issued a bulletin which gives details for such organizations, and I shall be glad to cooperate with any in the county who are interested in this line of work. A. E. LOVETT, County Agriculturist.

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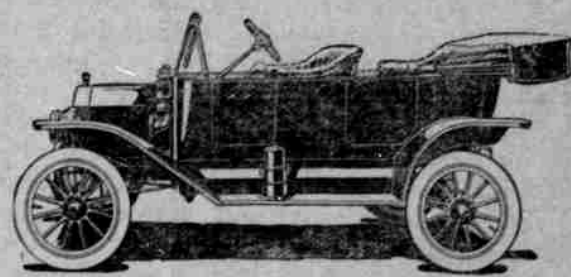
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