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HAY SUPPLY VERY GOOD

Reports from all parts of the northwest, especially the irrigated districts in Washington and Idaho, are to the effect that the hay supply is up to normal and even above in some districts.

Thousands of tons of hay have been bought there by dealers in cattle, who expect to buy beef feeders from districts like Prineville and feed them there.

This will make a good market for such beef stuff as will not be fat enough for the block when it comes off the grass, and should keep the price at a level that will not mean any losses to the grower.

Contracts of this nature have been made at prices ranging from \$10 to \$14 per ton, and there is no likelihood of the price of hay going much above the \$15 mark, most dealers think.

Some movements of stock east have also helped to relieve the conditions here and before fall conditions will no doubt have adjusted themselves so that there will be no losses to the cattle men.

SAVE THE SHEEP

Two of the best authorities on the sheep industry in the United States are having a hot controversy concerning the very important matter of marketing young ewes. One contends that they should be held by all means, because of the fact that the supply for future years is sure to be short, while the other says that the need is so great this year, and feed so short, the same percentage of ewe lambs be sold as in normal times.

When men of the type who should know just what policy to pursue, become honestly confused in this manner, it is difficult for the less informed man to know just what policy is best.

It is safe, however, for this part of the west at least, to occupy something of a middle ground. No man should keep more sheep than he has feed to put through the winter safely, yet there is no location that needs the sheep, and where they will pay better than Central Oregon.

With the approach of winter it is no wonder that the German men in the trenches feel many forebodings. The allies have the comfort that a part of their hardships will be borne by the United States troops, but there is no such comfort for the Germans. There is a possibility that this will have some bearing on the situation soon, and the result should be the recognition of the true condition, that Germany must surrender.

The rounding up of German spies in the Northwest is a step in the right direction. It appears that there have been many activities by these people recently, all of which are known to the Government, and action will no doubt be taken so rapidly that there will be little or no chance for escape.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body.

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MEASURING HAY.

Way to Get Weight of a Stack Without Weighing.

Estimating the number of tons of hay in a stack by measuring is often resorted to when it is inconvenient or impractical to weigh it. It is impossible to give a rule for measuring hay which is entirely satisfactory. The following one has often been used and approximates the correct weight:

Width plus over, divided by 4 and squared, then multiplied by the length and divided by 512 gives the tons.

The above rule assumes that the cross section of a stack may be obtained by dividing the width plus over measurement by four and squaring it. Stacks vary so much in shape that this cannot be absolutely true with all stacks. The above rule also assumes that there are 512 cubic feet in a ton. The length of time a stack has been built, the size of a stack or the amount it has settled, also the kind of hay, all influence the weight of a certain volume of hay. The above or other rules should not be relied upon unless it is impossible to weigh hay when it is sold.

Problem.—Assume that a haystack measures eighteen feet wide, twenty-six feet over (distance from ground on one side up over the stack and to the ground on the other side) and thirty feet long.

The solution would be: Eighteen plus 26 equals 44, 44 divided by 4 equals 11, 11 squared equals 121, 121 times 30 equals 3,630 cubic feet in stack, and 3,630 divided by 512 equals 7.09 tons.—E. G. Schafer, Washington Station.

REPAIRING FARM MACHINERY.

Repairs Should Be Made Systematically and When Work is Not Rushing.

Importance of repairing farm machinery so that it will be ready for use when needed is emphasized by F. A. Wirt, assistant professor in charge of the department of farm machinery in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

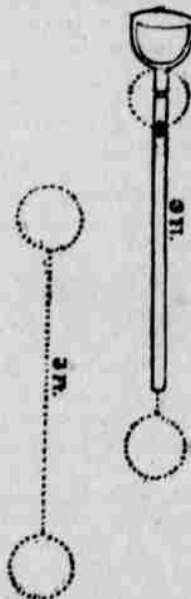
"Repairs should be made systematically, and at times when work is not rushing," said Mr. Wirt. "In putting a machine away after a season's work, notation should be made of the parts needed, while the operation of the machine is still fresh in mind. These notes may be made on tags and attached to the machine, but a separate list should be kept on file in case any of the tags are lost. If the farmer waits until spring he probably will forget about the repairs needed."

"In the slack winter season the farmer should go to the shop and put every machine into first class condition. This gives the implement dealer time to obtain the parts needed. Ordering by mail lessens the chance of getting the wrong piece. Parts needed cannot always be obtained from the dealer, but will have to come from the branch house or factory, and plenty of time should be allowed.

"In the busy season, when a breakage occurs, the farmer repairs it as best he can and goes on using the machine. The work may suffice for the rest of the season, but will not last through another year. Such repairs are often the cause of inferior work and make the process of harvesting expensive."

Handy Hog Catcher.

A Texas hog man describes a hog catcher which he finds very handy. "To make this hog catcher, take a piece of gas pipe about three feet long and slip into the end of it an iron handle of an old shovel or scoop. Usually a three-quarter inch gas pipe will fit an iron handle of this kind. Cut a hole about an inch long in the pipe six inches below the handle. Then take a piece of wire, preferably a twisted clothesline, as it is softer and more pliable, and make a loop about six inches across in one end—a loop that will not



slip. Pass the other end into the lower end of the pipe and let it come out at the hole below the handle. Make another loop in the wire at this end so that when this upper loop is pulled up even with the end of the handle the knot of the lower loop will be well up into the pipe. To use the catcher, pull the wire loop down as far as it will come, slip it over the hog's nose when he opens his mouth, and pull up on the loop at the handle. This brings his nose up against the end of the pipe. You can easily hold a hog of almost any size, with one hand."—Kansas Farmer.

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