

Home Course In Modern Agriculture

XVI.—Farm Buildings

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THE kind of buildings needed on the farm, their arrangement and location and the kind of material to make them of are problems that often perplex the farmer who is just starting out to improve his place. No attempt will be made here to give any specific plans, since the buildings must be constructed to meet the varying requirements of different farms and the still more varying ideas of the owners. A few suggestions, however, may help to solve some of the most troublesome building problems.

Aside from the house, which will be considered in the next article, the most important farm building is the barn. This is usually built as a shelter for the cows, horses and young calves and to provide a storage place for hay. The barn should not be located near enough to the house so that the odor will be objectionable nor too far away, as this makes too many extra steps. About 300 feet is a good



FIG. XXXI.—ONE OF THE BEST TYPES OF FARM BARN.

distance, if the yards and manure piles are on the side away from the house, as they should be.

The basement type of barn, though in use to some extent, is not very popular, even on farms where it can be easily built. The lower part is damp and dark, and it is difficult to secure proper drainage. These disadvantages make it desirable to construct the barn entirely above ground on a solid foundation. On many farms there are plenty of "tiggerheads," which can be used as foundation material. The floor should be of cement throughout. The cost is but little more than that of a wooden floor, and it will last several times as long. A cement floor is cold and for this reason should be kept well bedded. If this is done there can be little objection to this kind of floor, even for horses, although some horse owners prefer to cover the cement with a false floor of plank.

The remainder of the barn may be built of several different materials, of which wood, in spite of its advancing price, is still the cheapest and most convenient. Next in order come cement blocks and tile brick. When lasting qualities are taken into consideration these are even preferable to wood. A good shingle roof is very satisfactory, though one of the many kinds of prepared roofing may be substituted at a saving in cost and will probably last just as long. In form the hip roof is the best, as it costs but little more and adds considerably to the capacity of the haymow. The plan of having the hay come down to the ground in the center of the barn is not economical of space and is liable to cause the barn to spread. It is better to obtain the extra hay room needed by making the sides a little higher.

A small room in the barn which can be used as a workshop for repairing tools, harness and doing other "rainy day jobs" will be found very handy.

It is always best to have the stock face to the outside. This gives them better light and ventilation and keeps the stable walls from getting splattered with manure. If the barn is located on a knoll where water from surrounding ground cannot flow down around it and provision is made for carrying away the water from the roof, little further drainage will be needed. It is wasteful to allow the liquid manure to drain away and be lost, and it causes unnecessary work to drain it into a manure pit and haul it to the places where it is needed in a water tight wagon. A much better plan is to use bedding enough to absorb it all. There will always be plenty of this at hand in the form of straw, shredded fodder and spoiled hay. By this plan all the fertilizing value of the liquid manure will be saved with a small amount of work.

A litter carrier or a wheelbarrow is a great help in cleaning out the stables. When a litter carrier is used the manure spreader may be left standing in the yard and filled directly from the carrier. Whenever it gets full the manure may be hauled out and spread where it is most needed. In this way it reaches the fields with a small amount of loss.

A point that should be looked after in the construction of the barn, and one that is too often neglected, is provision for sufficient light. Not only does plenty of light make the barn a more convenient place to work, but it also keeps the stock healthier by discouraging the growth of bacteria. The horse stable especially should be well lighted, since horses are liable to have their sight injured by being kept in a dark barn.

Along with light should come plenty of ventilation. By having the windows swing inward from the top and providing triangular boards to close the openings at the sides the incoming currents of fresh air will be directed upward against the ceiling and distributed over the stable without causing a draft. Cupolas may be placed on the roof to carry off the impure air. A cheaper method is to leave some of the rafters unboxed at the lower ends.

In case there are many dairy cows or young animals to be fed a silo is almost a necessity. It should be located at the end of the barn nearest the cow stable in order to lessen the work of feeding. By having the yard for the young cattle close to the silo they can be fed from it with little extra work.

A silo sixteen feet in diameter and thirty feet high is about the right size for a 100 acre farm. The diameter should always be small enough so that two or three loads can be fed off the top each day. This insures fresh silage all the time. The greater number of silos in use at present are made of wooden staves. These are cheap, and if a good quality of wood is used they will last a long time. Cement and brick silos are practically indestructible, but are rather expensive. A new type of silo that is proving very satisfactory is made of hollow building tile. This material is as cheap as staves and lasts as long as cement.

For the young stock, fattening cattle and sheep cheap sheds furnish ample shelter. These can be made of common boards well battened, with strong cedar posts for a framework. The roof should be water tight. A twelve foot opening on the south will answer the purpose of a door.

These sheds should be on high, well drained ground and must be kept well bedded. When this is done they are fully as good as a more expensive shelter. A separate lambing house will, of course, have to be provided for the ewes as spring approaches.

For the man who is making a specialty of hogs the "colony system" of hog houses is probably the best. For the average farmer, however, the extra amount of work which this system involves more than outweighs its advantages of cleanliness, freedom from disease and keeping the hogs in smaller bunches. On most farms the central hog house comes nearest to meeting the requirements. Along with it a few individual houses are convenient for hauling around to the stable and clover fields or other places where the hogs may happen to be located.

Little pigs need a great deal of sunlight, and this, together with the liability of hogs to become diseased, makes it imperative that the hog house be provided with plenty of windows. By running it north and south and having a row of pens on each side each pen will receive an equal amount of sunshine. Where the building faces the south the north row of pens does not receive its share of sunlight, and the outside yards on the north of the house are almost always shaded and cold.

The floor, like that of the barn, should be of cement. It is a good plan to extend it out about twenty feet on each side to make feeding floors where the hogs can be fed and watered without getting in the mud. By having all pen and yard partitions movable they can be arranged for sows and litters or for fattening swine, as needed. A feed room in one end of the building where grain can be stored and feed mixed up is a great convenience.

A corncrib should be located close to one end of the feeding floors, so as to save work when hogs are fattening. It

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STEERS ARE FED ANOTHER CRIB SHOULD be built with one end next to a string of feed banks, so that the feeder can walk right into them with the corn when feeding. A double crib with a bin for oats on one side should be placed near the barn. In the winter the driveway may be used for grinding feed.

A good weather proof machine shed should be built on very firm. It may be located almost any place where it will be out of the way. There should be a row of wide doors all along one side so that it will be possible to take an implement out or in without moving everything else in the shed.

All wooden buildings should be kept well painted. Painted wood will last three times as long as that not so treated, to say nothing of the gain in looks.

A little attention to some of these points in locating and arranging the buildings and yards will cut the work of doing chores in half.

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BRICK ROAD BUILDING

Methods of Construction Adopted by an Ohio County.

MACADAM IS TOO EXPENSIVE.

Homer W. Jackson Tells Why Properly Constructed Brick Highways Are Cheaper Than Stone Ones—Ten Feet Wide Enough For Country Use.

Washington county, O., has pretty definitely committed itself to a policy of brick road building. The county officials and the different city and country organizations are a unit on the subject. Some work has already been done, and a comprehensive road building campaign only waits on a little more definite knowledge as to what scheme of road building will best suit local conditions.

The unanimity of opinion as to the desirability of brick roads is surprising. I attended a monthly meeting of the Valley Farmers' club, a social organization which unites the farmers of the Ohio valley in Washington county, where the subject of an afternoon debate was, Shall Washington county issue bonds for \$100,000 to build brick roads? This club has a membership of about 200, and probably 125 were present at the debate, but if there was a man among them who did not favor brick roads he did not say so either in public or private. The member who took the negative side of the question in the debate contended that their present knowledge of brick road material and construction they were not yet ready to expend large sums.

As the facts become known about the relative cost of stone and brick roads and the enormous cost of maintaining the former brick roads are rapidly growing in popularity. While it is true that brick roads cost more than stone, the difference is not as great as is generally thought. In Wash-



LAYING BRICK ON A SIXTEEN FOOT ROAD.

ington county, for example, brick roads are being built at a cost of only \$2,000 to \$3,000 per mile more than macadamized roads would cost, and it has been found that the cost of maintaining the latter will in six or eight years consume all the difference. After that the maintenance of the stone road continues increasingly expensive, while the properly constructed brick road will under ordinary conditions need no repairs for an indefinite period. One of Washington county's farmers observed: "The first cost of a stone road is only the beginning of the expense; the brick road is an asset."

Here, as elsewhere, it has been found that the best argument for brick roads is a brick road. Two or three years ago the first one was built for a distance of half a mile along the Ohio river where the road is flooded two or three times a year and where it was conceded that no other kind of road would "stay put" for a single season. The brick road stayed, and every farmer who drove into Marietta over that road is clamoring for its extension.

At the close of my visit to Washington county last fall the commissioners were finishing two new brick roads. One up the Muskingum valley is sixteen feet wide with two feet of gravel outside the curb and two feet of earth berm outside the gravel, practically a twenty-four foot roadway. Here the brick is laid on a seven to eight inch gravel base with concrete curb, brick curb and berm all rolled to an even surface. The cost of this road was \$11,500 a mile, and it was built under state aid law.

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PEOPLE OF THE DAY

New Ambassador to Russia.

William W. Rockhill, promoted from the post of minister to China to that of ambassador to Russia, is peculiarly qualified for the St. Petersburg portfolio. President Taft's choice of Mr. Rockhill for the Russian post was based largely on his knowledge of the position of Russia in China, with especial reference to the vexed railroad question. There has been constant friction between Russia and China in Manchuria, notably along the line of the Manchurian railroad. The question is filled with possibilities, and the United States realizes the benefits



WILLIAM W. ROCKHILL.

that will follow the presence of an ambassador at the Russian capital thoroughly acquainted with the details. Another delicate diplomatic task he will be called upon to perform is that of securing from the Russian government the guarantee of proper treatment of Hebrew citizens of the United States traveling in Russia. That this step will be taken with regard to Jewish travelers in the czar's dominion was promised by Mr. Taft in the last campaign.

Mr. Rockhill was assistant secretary of state under Grover Cleveland. He has had twenty-five years' experience in the diplomatic service and has represented this country at several important posts in the orient.

Brains and Avoided.

Cy Suloway is the biggest man in congress—that is, if one takes count physically. Morris Shepard of Texas is one of the smallest—that is, if he is measured on the same lines. They were sitting together at one of the Pennsylvania avenue hotels the other night.

"Morris," said the New Hampshire giant, "why don't you grow? You talk to me about the whales the south produces in avoiddups. Pity you don't send some of them up here. Look at you. Why, I could slather a dime's worth of butter over you and swallow you!"

"And should you?" replied Shepard, "as Alexander Stephens once replied to the same suggestion from Butler, you would have more brains in your stomach than you have in your head."

The New Senator From Illinois.

Congressman William Lorimer of Chicago by his election to succeed Albert J. Hopkins as United States senator from Illinois has again demonstrated that he is a politician of consummate skill. Senator Lorimer was chosen on the ninety-fifth ballot by a coalition of fifty-three Democrats and fifty-five Republicans after a contest that tied up the legislature for over four months. The victory restores to him the Republican leadership of Chicago and Cook county, which he held for many years, and makes him a powerful factor in the Republican state machine.

Senator Lorimer was born in Manchester, England, but came to this



WILLIAM LORIMER.

country when a boy. He got a start in Chicago as a street car conductor and from that developed into politics. There as inspector of plumbing he progressed rapidly. By 1894 he had entered national politics, being elected to the house for the first of the seven terms to which he has been chosen.

For the last five years or so Senator Lorimer has been the ex-boss rather than the actual boss of Chicago and Cook county. His control was broken when Charles S. Deneen was first nominated for governor in 1904.

The new senator is about fifty years of age, and his private life is said to be above reproach.

Rain Fall Short This Year.
The rainfall this year is behind former years. The fall for April was only .75 of an inch. In May it was 1.15 inches and in June .25 of an inch. In the first week of July 1.50 inches of rain fell. These figures are compiled by O. A. Cheney.

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Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher

REAL ESTATE

Evan W. Jones and Mary Jones to C. B. Anderson, 50 acres of George Graham D. L. C. township 4 south, range 2 east; \$3,150.

W. R. and Ida J. Ellis to W. E. and C. G. Millard, 5.08 acres of Causey's Sururban tract; \$170.

Corenilla McCown to George H. Webster, lots 6, 7, block 18, Gladstone; \$250.

Mary E. Stevens to H. C. Stevens, 25 feet of easterly ends of lots 5, 6, block 93; also westerly half of lot 7 and westerly half of lot 8, block 63, Oregon City; \$1.

H. and Katie E. Glidner to Jas. D. Waring, lots 5, 6, 7, to lot 22 inclusive block 17, Hyde Park; \$10.

Emilie Wagner Partsch to Edward Partsch, part of Lot Whitcomb D.L.C. township 1 south, range 1 east; \$1.

Emilie Partsch to Edward Partsch, block 1, Lewellyn Park; \$1.

Hibernia Savings Bank to Elizabeth B. Manley, tract No. 5, Atkinson; \$240.

George Muech to Elizabeth Muech, lots 19, 20, block 7, Annex Addition to Oregon City; \$1.

Charles W. Risley to Lillian A. Rickell, tract of land in Concord; \$1.

Ross Wolf Scouring and Manufacturing Company to Multnomah Mohair Mill, tract of land in George Willis D. L. C., section 24, township 1 south, range 1 east; \$10.

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Portland Woolen Mills to Ross Wolf Scouring & Manufacturing Company, part of George Willis D. L. C., section 24, township 1 south, range 1 east; \$1.

Genevieve Church to E. L. Thompson, 35 acres of George Willis D. L. C., township 1 south, range 1 east; \$1.

E. L. and A. I. Thompson to Portland Woolen Mills, tract of land in George Willis D. L. C., township 1 south, range 1 east; \$250.

Richard and Minnie Ellstrom to Alex B. Brooke, 40 acres of section 2, township 3 south, range 5 east; \$600.

William and Susannah Dale to George E. Dale, lot 6, block 34, First Addition to Estacada; \$50.

Lizzie and B. J. Anderson to Andrew P. Swanson, 79 acres of section 11, 12, township 5 south, range 1 west; \$4,345.

Charles W. Risley, trustee, to H. C. Munger, tract 8, Concord; \$1.

August Hornecker to J. M. Short, 16 acres of section 4, township 3 south, range 7 east; \$1000.

J. M. Short to J. O. C. Willey, tract of land in Clackamas County; \$510.

Joseph Hedges, trustee, to Lillian E. Hedges, lot 16, block 28, Gladstone; \$100.

Sarah J. Harlan to William and Clara A. Nicholson, 10 acres of section 2, township 2 south, range 2 east; \$2400.

E. C. and Emma Wickland to George E. and Carolina L. Wickland, tract of land in P. Welch D. L. C.; \$100.

J. F. and Martha B. Sanders to Albert A. Runyon, lots A and D, tract 59, Willamette Tracts; \$10.

R. B. Beattie to John W. Loder, lot 1, block D; lot 1 of block F, lots 1 and 2, block H; lots 1 and 2, block I; 3-4 of lot 2, block 21; lots 1 and 2, block O; lots 1 and 2, block R of the Acreage tracts; \$15.

T. F. Stillwell and Margaret J. Stillwell to C. M. Oldsby, 287 acres of Erna Fisher D. L. C. No. 10, except one-half acre sold to L. and S. A. Freeman, and one-half acre to B. F. Swope; \$10.

Fred Eggman, J. W. and Grace Loder to L. and Blanche Mautz, lots 29, 30, Apperson's Addition to Gladstone; \$10.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble.
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THE CC STORE

Our buyer, Mrs. A. Conlin, left Wednesday for the East to be gone six weeks or two months. She goes to New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other principal cities and will buy for our stores at Oregon City, Vancouver and Hillsboro. In this way we are able to buy at prices that other stores cannot touch and our customers receive the benefit of our close buying prices. Our Fall and Winter goods will be well worth waiting for, and further announcements will be made from time to time. Watch for them.

ALUMNI ELECTS OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting and Banquet Held in Willamette Hall.

The members of the Oregon City High School Alumni Association gathered in Willamette hall Friday night to show their loyalty to the organization. The business of the association was taken up during the early part of the evening, which included the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the secretary, Miss Winnie F. Jackson. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: J. Lee Canfield, president; Mary A. Scott, vice-president; Mabel Tower, secretary; Ona Renner, treasurer. The business being transacted as the chairman fittingly said, "Business before pleasure." Those present betook themselves to the banquet table. Here seated around the hospitable board with the president, Clarence L. Eaton, acting as toastmaster, the members partook of a choice menu, after which the following toasts were responded to: "The Needs of the Oregon City High School," Miss Laura Beattie; "The Oregon Spirit," J. Lee Canfield; "The Heaperian," Miss Mary Scott; vocal selection, Miss Ivy Roake; who responded to a hearty encore: "McMinnville College," Orel Welsh; "Cheney," Miss Mary Sandstrom; reminiscences, Mrs. Kate Hunsaker Nicholas; Mrs. Nicholas showed that the children of today are just the same as those of yesterday, and the eyes of many an elderly person sparkled with the recollections of their past pranks. G. A. Harding and Dr. A. L. Beattie, members of the board of school directors, were called upon and gave very interesting talks.

Taken as a whole perhaps this is the most successful meeting ever held by the association, and the executive committee certainly earned the vote of thanks, which was unanimously tendered them at the close of the banquet.

They Had the Best of It.
The celebration of Saturday had all the best of it. Oswego, Wilsonville, Wright's Springs and Highland took the third of July for the day of joy and gladness and were happy in taking time by the forelock. Molalla celebrated at Wright's Springs. There were speeches, races and sports and a ball game, in which Molalla won. E. S. J. McAllister, of Portland, delivered the oration at Wilsonville.

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price of Peace.
The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co.

The Proper Question.
The man with the glass eye and pectormaturally solemn demeanor put down a sovereign at the booking office at Charing Cross and demanded "a ticket." "What station?" snapped the booking clerk. The would be traveler staidied himself. "What stations have you?" he asked, with quiet dignity.—London Globe.

Not by Ike Walton.
Now, here is true bliss,
One you shouldn't miss,
The greatest of joys a mortal could wish:
"Tis to sit on the edge
Of a cool, mossy log,
And dandle a fly over the nose of a fish."
—St. Louis Republic.

Wayward Willis.
Willie banged his sister's head
"Gainst the side wall fast and faster,
Mamma only sighed and said,
"Gently, dear—you'll break the plaster."
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Improvement.
"Have you noticed that your daughter has learned much since she has been going to boarding school?"
"Yes. She has become quite expert in her handling of the chafing dish."
—Smart Set.

The Wings of Love.
"Time flies," they say, my dear, and I
Am satisfied it's true.
But, goodness me, what makes it fly
So fast when I'm with you?
—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Voice of the Consumer.
"What difference can a new deal make,"
They heard him tearfully exclaim,
"If still the same old people take
The same old rackets in the game?"
—Washington Star.

Will It Come to This?
Allicia—I understand the man who married Celeste is wealthy.
Felicia—Wealthy! Why, he's so rich he can afford not to own an automobile.—Chicago News.

The Time of Timidity.
A hero is a man who dares
Some peril not to be despised
And never once felt truly scared
Till he came to be lionized.
—Washington Star.

A Song.
Now sing a song of summer time
And raise a joyful shout—
The season of the speckled boy
And of the frocked trout.
—Lippincott's Magazine.

Couldn't sleep him.
Blox—Newspap is a great boaster.
Knox—That's what. Why, only yesterday he was boasting about how loud his baby can cry.—Rocky Mountain News.

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