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WHAT FOUR ACRES DID.

Kept Seventeen Cattle and Twenty-five Hogs Three Months—What Alfalfa Did.

There are two facts of special interest to farmers out on the college farm. One is a two acre field of alfalfa, now in its third crop. and the other is an experiment in soiling.

The alfalfa is eighteen inches to two feet high. A yield of three tons of green feed per acre is expected from it. The second crop, cut about four weeks ago, was taller, and yielded about four tons per acre. The cutting of the first crop began the 1st of June, and from it a measured yield of about ten tons was secured. In all, the three crops will make a product of more than 17 tons per acre. The soil on which the crop is produced is ordinary land, such as abounds on hundreds of farms in the Willamette valley. It has had the benefit of no commercial fertilizer and has not been irrigated. Only such means were used in the growth of the plant, as is available on any well kept farm, where barnyard manure is regarded as an asset in the business. The tract was sown in the spring of last year, and the manner in which it has flourished has convinced all who have seen it, that alfalfa is not only a possibility, but destined to be a profitable crop on many a Willamette valley farm, where it is now regarded as one of the things that can not be grown. Dr. Withycombe is certain that three fine crops of the plant can be grown on any river bottom land.

The soiling experiment is the continuation of a test began two years ago on the college farm. It has shown that a very small acreage of ground will sustain a large herd of live stock for a considerable period of time. In the test, 17 head of cattle and 25 head of hogs were maintained from the 13th of May to the 1st of August, and there is still enough feed on the tract to keep them a couple of weeks.

The soiling began on the 13th of May, when crimson clover was cut and fed green to the herd. When the clover was exhausted a first crop of alfalfa was used, and was followed by peas and green oats. Then the second crop and so on until the present, when a third crop is in use.

A careful account of the extra expense on account of the cost of labor for cutting and feeding has been kept, and it has aggregated three cents per cow, per day. The estimated income from the herd based on present prices of dairy products is, for the period, $284.20. The results show that by soiling, any farmer can make up for such deficiencies as he may have in pasturage for a long period, in the summer, and at the same time enrich his land, for the growing plants renew the nitrogen in the land that otherwise, must in time be bought in the form of commercial fertilizers and added to the land in order to secure a crop.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Benton County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Corvallis, as follows:

For State Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, August 12, 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday August 15, 4 o'clock.

Wednesday —Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology. geography. mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany. plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

For County Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, August 12, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Friday, August 14, at 4 o'clock p. m.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Certificates.

Wednesday— Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic school law, civil government.

Primary Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

Dated at Corvallis, this 29th day of July, 1903.

G. W, DENMAN,
County School Sup't.

PREFERRED FERN STALKS.

To Other Food for His Dinner—Insane and Gone to the Asylum.

Joseph Lester, who imagines that evil spirits occasionally take possession of him and direct his movements, was taken to the insane asylum by Sheriff Burnett and Deputy Fullerton, Monday. He lives in Alsea, where he resides on his homestead claim. He came to the country about a year ago from Kansas. He has brothers and sisters in the latter state, and a father in Denver. He is 25 years of age, is unmarried, and is of agreeable presence and address.

Lester's insanity was first noticed a week or ten days ago. One night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, he suddenly appeared at the home of one of the Hayden brothers. He aroused the family and told them that he had come to help drive some of their sheep over to his place, where the fleas were bad. He said if the sheep were taken over there, they would take the fleas away.

After that he was at work for the Haydens, and at dinner time he declined to go to the house, saying he didn't want any of their dinner. "This fern around here is what I eat," he continued, "and I don't want any of your dinner."

At last it was suggested that he could gather some of the fern, take it to the house with him, and eat it there along with the family dinner. He consented and gathering a lot of the stalks, a foot in length, he took them to the house and after peeling off the outside bark, presented himself at the table. There he passed his fern stalks around to those present, all of whom declined the unusual diet. Lester himself, however, ate the stalks along with the other food, declaring that it was a fine diet, better than any medicine. This and other manifestations convinced his friends that the young man was of unsound mind, and his trip to Corvallis in charge of a deputy, and the subsequent journey to the asylum followed.

Lester confesses to a belief that evil spirits often control him. He has talked freely to that effect among his Alsea friends, and in the examination before the county judge Monday he made similar statements. "If the spirits ordered you to do something violent or bad, would you have to do it?" inquired the physician in attendance. "Yes I would have to do it; but I would probably be sorry for it afterwards.' This idea, together with his unusual behavior led to a fear that his malady might assume such a form that bodily harm to himself or some one else might result. A faraway look in his eyes, and a brightening of the light in them when the subject of spirits is mentioned tells only too well the story of his mental unsoundness. Dr. Cathey was the examining physician.

Lester lives alone in the cabin on his homestead.

Reduced Excursion Rates.

The Southern Pacific Company has placed on sale at very low rates round-trip tickets to the various resorts along its lines, and also, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, to Detroit and the seaside at Yaquina Bay, latter tickets good for return until October 10th.

Three day tickets to Yaquina Bay good going Saturdays Mondays are now on sale at greatly reduced rates from all points Eugene and north on both East and Westside lines, enabling people to spend Sunday at the seaside. Very low round trip rates are also made between Portland and the same points on the Southern Pacific, good going Saturdays, returning Sunday or Monday allowing Portland people to spend Sunday in the country, and the out of town people to have the day in Portland.

Tickets from Portland to Yaquina Bay, good for return via Albany and Eastside. or Corvallis and Westside, at option of passenger. Baggage checked through to Newport. A new feature at Newport this year will be an up-to-date kindergarten in charge on an experienced Chicago teacher.

A beautifully illustrated booklet describing the seaside resorts on Yaquina Bay has been published by the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern and can be secured from their agents, or by addressing W. E. Coman, G. P. A., S. P. Co. Portland, or Edwin Stone, Manager C. & E. R. R, Co, Albany, Or.

Wanted.

To rent a farm or stock ranch. Will pay cash or give one third. Address
W. A. Rickard, Bell Fountain.

For Sale.

Thirty two inch Pitts separator and a horse power, to be had for $100. Call on or address,

R. C. Kiger, Corvallis.

Buy your harvesting outfit from Nolan & Callahan. Big stock to select from.

For Rent.

Furnished rooms, second door north of M. E, church South.

Mrs. R. L. Fitch,

A FRAUDULENT STOCK MAN.

He Disappears from Corvallis After Failing to Cash Checks on an Albany Bank.

Friday, a man drove a single buggy and gray horse into the City stables. He alighted and threw out six halters on the floor and selected one to be placed on the animal he was driving, stating that he had just taken several horses to pasture. This was in explanation of his possession of so many halters. Then he called for a pen and proceeded to fill out two checks on blanks from Cusick's Albany Bank. He seemed to be awful full of business. Next he engaged a saddle horse to go to Jesse Foster's to see about buying some cattle. Just about that time Foster walked into the stable, and after a brief conversation with that gentlemen it was decided that he would go to Foster's place the next day. Then he hunted up J. L. Lewis, the real estate and stock man, introducing himself as one of the O'Shea boys, members of the Union Meat Company, Portland. Lewis replied that he knew Jim and Johnny O'Shea, and didn't know that there were any other brothers. "Oh, yes," said the stranger, "I was ten years old when father was killed in Portland by Johnson and Brown, who also killed the Jew boy in resisting arrest, and who were hanged for their crimes about 25 years ago. I generally buy stock in Eastern Oregon and Idaho for the Union Meat Market, and that is why you probably have not seen me before." He knew all about the stock and butchering business of Portland, and finally Lewis came to the conclusion that he was all right. He wanted Jim to buy several loads of cattle, but dickered a good deal about the price, condition and kind of stock. After seeing Foster, P. Avery, Peter Rickard and other stock men, Jim found he could procure the cattle and agreed with the buyer to do so, and engaged cars. They were to go out together the following day and purchase the stock.

The stranger registered at the Occidental hotel as T. C. O'Shea, and engaged a room. Friday night he attempted in two instances which are known of, to cash checks for small amounts on the Cusick bank. His manner, however, was suspicious and it is not believed that he secured any money in this manner. He asked Charley Shene field, night clerk at the hotel, to cash a check for a dollar. Upon being refused he went out and that was the last seen of him.

The next morning Lewis came around to filfh is engagement to go to the country, but his customer was not to be found. Then, after much telephoning, Jim concluded that the fellow was a fraud. The horse he drove into Corvallis later proved to be from Frank Skipton's livery stable at Albany, and Mr. Skipton sent a man over to procure his rig.

Mr. Brunk, of the Occidental hotel, believes this man to be the same person who about three years ago, hired a horse at the brick stable and failed to return it. He pretended to be a stock man, and gave his name as Johnson, who in partnership with Dick Perkins conducted a butcher shop in Portland many years ago. When O'Shea undertook to engage Mr. Brunk in conversation, the latter said: "I don't want anything to do with you." I am thoroughly on to all such people as you. The hotel man's recollections of Johnson, and this fellow's resemblance to him, led Mr. Brunk to warn Lewis that O'Shea was a fraud.

To Cascadia.

Cascadia Stage office, at Powers and Loftin's livery barn, Lebanon. We are prepared to convey people to Cascadia after the arrival of the morning train reaching there the same day with or without baggage.

Powers & Loftin.

What is worth doing is worth doing well, and so in selling coffees, we sell only the best—Chase & Sanborns importations. P. M. Zierolf.

Immigration Increasing.

Immigration statistics for the last fiscal year are of interest, because of the great increase in the number of new arrivals. Of the total of 494,300, the month of May brought the most, 82,054; and in the past four months the arrivals numbered 268,307, or considerably over one-half. Austria-Hungary, Italy, Germany and Russia sent the most immigrants. It is of interest to note that only one-fourth of the whole number were women, and that not the newer parts of the country, but New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey were the destinations of the majority of the incomers. Many went far west, even to California.

THE AUGUST SHOOTING MATCH.

Proposition to Hold a State Tournament Here About September 30th.

The Corvallis Rod and Gun Club held its regular monthly clay pigeon shooting match the first of the week at the Avery racetrack grounds. Ten persons participated. There were eleven events, and all consisted of ten targets, unknown angles, except the last which was at five targets. Entrance fee was 50 cents, money divided 50, 30 and 20 per cent. A scarcity of shells in town, such as are commonly used, compelled the participants to use an assorted lot consisting of sixes, sevens and eights, black powder, and an occasional load of buck shot, all of which largely accounts for the erratic shooting by the boys.

Participants in the match were Emery Kiger, Logsdon of Albany, Rennie, Burnett, M. Reynolds, Currin, Kerr, Sheridan, Elgin. Emery shot in all the events breaking 75 out of a possible 105, his average per cent being 71, the highest score of the day. Kiger was in seven events. He made the second best score, breaking 41 out of a possible 65, making his average per cent 63. Logsdon was third with an average of 68.8, breaking 44 out of a possible 70. Rennie and Burnett tried with an average of 60, both being in all events; Reynolds, in five, received 40 per cent. to his credit; Currin and Kerr, in all events, each received 37 per cent; Sheridan, in five events, received 34 per cent.; Elgin, in six, 60 per cent.

In the latter part of September the club expects to have a big tournament, probably at the race track, that location being well adapted to the purpose on account of the low horizon of the east. Here the clay pigeon shows against the sky almost the moment it leaves the trap. A shooting tournament on the extensive plan contemplated by the club will interest crack shots throughout the state and elsewhere. The boys ought to receive whatever encouragement is necessary to carry out their plans in regard to this attraction.

THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

That is the Sum Spent on Schools in Benton the Past Year.

Sup't. Denman has filed his annual report with the state superintendant. The report shows;

Number of pupils between 4 and 20 years in county, male, 1319; female, 1351.

Number marked R on teacher's register, male, 806; female, 821.

Number pupils registered, male, 860; female, 665.

Teachers employed, male, 36; female, 68.

Number not attending any school male, 348; female, 239.

Number of library books 1011.

Money spent for teachers' salary, $14,563.

FINANCIAL.

Paid for fuel and supplies, $1,362.

Repairs, $536.27.

Clerks' salary, $443.58.

Paid for all other purposes, $2,005.56.

The total amount expended for all purposes was $22,395.

The total amount received for school purposes, $301.20.

The estimated value of school premises is $43,405.

Estimated value of furniture, $5,518.

Insurance on school property, $25,400.

The average salary paid male teachers, $39.

The average salary paid female teachers, $32.

At a later issue the list of the newly elevated clerks for the ensuing year will appear in "THE TIMES."

NEW DEEDS.

A Five Hundred Acre Farm for A. R. and Harold Woodcock.

Mary C. Hibbard and husband to S. F. Stark 80 acres in Kings Valley $425.

Emma J. Woodcock and husband to Robert M. Crawford one fifteenth interest in 524 acres north of Corvallis $350.

Robert M. Crawford to A. R. Woodcock and C. H. Woodcock 524 acres north of Corvallis $2,

J. E. Henkle et ux to J. W. Roth land near Philomath $7,500.

Alice Croft and husband to Maggie E. Austin one fifth interest in one lot in block 1 Dixon's Add. $100.

T. L. Charman trustee to Victor Moses south half of block 11 County Add. $1,075.

E. E. Overman and wife to D. W. Morelock et al 15 acres Philomath $500.

Robert McCaustland and wife to Josephine H. Moore block 14 Wilkin's Add- $1,075.

ENGLAND'S DEATH RATE.

Remarkable Increase Shown, Against a Decrease in Marriages and Births.

The return of the registrar general of births, marriages and deaths for the year 1900, the first complete year since the war broke out, shows a decline in marriages and births and an increase in deaths, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The marriage rate was 16 per 1,000, compared with 16.4 in 1898-99. The births in 1900 numbered 927,062, or a rate of 28.7 per 1,000, the lowest record, and 1.3 per cent. below the mean rate for the last ten years. The illegitimate birth rate was 1.1 per 1,000, which is the lowest record. The deaths numbered 587,820, or 18.2 per 1,000, as against 17, 17.4 and 17.8 in the previous three years. Of the deaths, 3,683 were immediately due to alcoholism or delirium tremens. The death rate from alcoholism was 132 males and 95 females per 1,000,000. Both these rates were the highest on record. The deaths from tubercular riseases were 10.14 percentum of the deaths from all causes, aggregating 61,302. The strength of the army at home and abroad was 383,037. The deaths were 10,554, giving a rate of 27.6 per 1,000, as compared with 10.12 and 10.5 in the preceding three years. The mortality in the army abroad was 36.1 per cent. per 1,000, as compared with an average of 14.5 in the preceding five years. The death rate at home was 8.2, as compared with an average of 4.3 in the preceding five years.

For Sale,

A lady's Imperial bicycle and a lady's gold watch and chain. Articles in good condition, Inquire at Times office.

Buy your harvesting outfits at Nolan & Callahan's.