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The registration books for the No-
vember election have been opened by
County Clerk Culbertson and about
twenty voters have registered. It
will be a good idea for voters to keep
this in mind and register at the earli-
est opportunity. A new departure
in connection with the registration
has been put in force this year which
requires the county clerk to send a
copy of the names of voters who
register to the secretary of state
each week.

It will be necessary for all voters
to register if they desire to vote at
the primary and fall election.
The registration will be closed on
September 15, nine days before the
primary election which will be held
on Saturday, September 24. The books
will again be opened after the pri-
maries for the registration of all vot-
ers who have not registered before
and will be closed about 10 days
before Tuesday, November 8, the date
of the general election.

The coming event will be the first
Oregon state election ever held in
the fall. Heretofore the Oregon elec-
tions, both state and county, were
held on the first Tuesday in June.
At the last election, two years ago,
a measure providing for the holding
of the state and county elections
at the same time as the national
event, the first Tuesday after the
first Monday in November, was car-
ried.

FARM, ORCHARD
AND GARDEN

Recent investigations into the life
habits of the mole show that his chief
diet, when he can get it, consists of
the large white grub and the larvae
of the June bug, which do much dam-
age to lawns, flowers and strawberry
plants. On this account alone the
mole is entitled to man's protection.

The disk drill is generally recog-
nized as the standard machine for
sowing small grain. Not only does it
mean economy in the use of seed, but
it puts the grain at an even depth,
covers all of it and thus insures a uni-
form germination and even stand,
which means uniformity of growth
and ripening. The end gate seeder is
a relic of a bygone era and should be
relegated to the scrap pile.

As a result of the heavy freeze of
last December it is estimated that 10,
000 cars of oranges were damaged in
southern California. This is about
one-third of the annual output and
will constitute a very heavy loss to
the growers. Where the fruit was not
entirely ruined its quality was so in-
jured that it not only will not pay for
the expense of marketing, but tends
to seriously demoralize the prices for
good stuff.

As a general rule, sires of merit of
either dairy or beef types are high
priced. But rather than buy a low
priced sire of little or no merit a bet-
ter plan is for two or three neighbors
who are breeding the same type and
strain of cattle to unite in the joint
purchase of a really good herd animal.
When he has been used as long a time
as is feasible arrangements could be
made to exchange him for another sire
equally good, but not related.

In sections where clover and alfalfa
are the chief forage crops many horses
are lost annually as a result of the
feeding of a ration too rich in protein,
and the loss is especially heavy during
the winter months, when the animals
are taking the least exercise. A par-
tial means of obviating this trouble
lies in substituting for a good share
of the leguminous ration clean, bright
straw and timothy or wild hay where
available and allowing the horses to
have daily exercise.

The agricultural department at Wash-
ington, after making tests with them,
recommends yantias, taros and dash-
eens for culture in portions of the
south where the land is too wet except
for the cultivation of rice. These
plants comprise salad plants, tubers
which are excellent for table use and
as stock feed and roots which are val-
uable sources of starch and from
which alcohol can be made. They
have been the staple food of native
Hawaiians and an important food crop
in Japan, China and a number of other
countries.

In view of the present scarcity of
corn of sufficient vitality to justify its
use as seed, the farmers in the north-
ern part of the corn belt, which was
visited by the severe freeze of last
October, are up against a very real
proposition. If they cannot secure
seed which will give them at least two-
thirds of a stand they would better
put in small grain in place of the corn.
They will be tempted to use seed
grown farther south because it will
germinate, but this is almost as seri-
ous a mistake as using poor seed, for
in all probability corn from such seed
would not mature in time to escape
the fall frosts, in which case they
would fare no better. If good seed of
the proper type can be secured at a
cost of even \$12 per bushel it would
be better to use this than to use seed
that will not germinate or mature a
crop of sound corn.

Nothing is thought of paying from
\$1 to \$1.50 for enough oats or other
small grain to plant an acre, yet many
a fellow will balk at paying more than
\$2 a bushel for seed corn. This seems
a bit inconsistent, for at the unusual
price of \$10, a figure which prevails
in some sections of the corn belt this
season, the cost of seed for each acre
would be but \$1.25 on the assumption
that a bushel will seed eight acres. In
determining how much a fellow can
afford to pay for his seed corn this
spring it is well for one to keep these
figures in mind.

As a result of extensive experiments
which he has made Professor Bolley of
the North Dakota experiment station
presents the view that flax does not do
well after flax, not because of an
exhaustion of the fertilizing elements
of the soil, but as a result of the de-
velopment in the soil of root rots and
other blight producing funguses, which
attack the plants and greatly reduce
their vitality. He holds that the same
conditions apply to spring wheat and
some other small grains. His remedy
for this situation is the planting of
the seed of blight resistant varieties
of flax and grain, the formalin treat-
ment of seed and a rotation of crops,
which will prevent the several fun-
guses from getting a foothold in the
soil.

It is generally considered that 343
cubic feet of wild hay will make a
ton, 400 cubic feet of timothy and
512 cubic feet of clover or alfalfa, the
hay being settled in each case not less
than a couple of months. One who
has measured much hay in the stack
has found a convenient method of
measuring to be the following: Take
one-third of the over-distance from
the ground on one side of the stack
to the ground on the other—for the
square of the stack. This would give
the number of cubic feet in each run-
ning foot of the stack. For example,
if the over were thirty feet, one-third
of this would be ten feet, which,
squared, would give 100 cubic feet as
the contents per running foot. If the
stack were thirty feet long it would
contain 3,000 cubic feet, from which
figure the number of tons could be
easily ascertained by dividing by the
number of cubic feet per ton for the
different kinds of hay.

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