

"BROWN FARM" ONE OF SHOW PLACES

Olympians Greet "Farmer" Smith and Party Who Are Guests on 2600 Acres.

PAYING PLANT OPERATED

Modern Agricultural Institution Destined to Be One of Greatest in Western America, Says Addison Bennett.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. OLYMPIA, Wash., April 3.—(Special.)—Farmer Smith and his party left Castle Rock Saturday evening and came here to inspect the farm of A. L. Brown, which is located 12 miles east of Olympia.

I had often heard of the Brown place before when in this city, but never before had an opportunity to see it. Now I am compelled to say that it was the most interesting visit I ever paid to an agricultural plant of any kind.

We were met at the beautiful new depot of the O.-W. & N. at this place upon our arrival in the special car, by the following persons, who accompanied us in their autos: C. J. Lord, president First National Bank; F. W. Convery and his son, Fred, a contractor and proprietor of a 15-cent store here; E. W. Carlson, real estate dealer; C. H. Springer, president Olympia Door Company; Joseph Reed, grocer; and Sprinker, of the door company; Eagle Freshwater, of the Washington Standard; also Mrs. Springs and Mrs. J. G. R. Scooby, and the following members of the railroad party: Farmer Smith; T. E. McGrath, traveling freight and passenger agent; and the representative of the Oregonian.

Brown Farm's Acreage 2600. The Brown place of 2600 acres. Of this 1800 acres originally was overflow or tideland and 1000 acres of it is upland. Of the former 1200 has been reclaimed by diking and the other 400 acres is well under the way to reclamation.

Mr. Brown's business operations here about 12 years ago and confesses it will take two or three years more to get all of the land in till and get the output up to the normal level. Just in passing let me say that he soon expects to kill 50,000 hogs a year, to market 100,000 head of poultry annually and to market about 300,000 5000 dozen eggs a day during the business season of the hens and to milk daily 500 cows.

Packing-House Interests. The plant that interested us most, perhaps, was the packing-house. This is a concrete building three stories high and 50x80 feet on the ground. It is from top to bottom a masterpiece of sanitary as any plant could be and is equipped with the best of machinery.

And just here let me say that Mr. Brown, from the beginning, has been obsessed with the idea that he could build up such a reputation for the "Brown farm products" as would allow him to put them up a little better, a little neater, a little sweeter and more tasteful than any competing products sell them for a higher price than others asked.

Then into the great cow barn where 300 cows are in their stalls, over 200 of them giving milk; then to the calf barn, where there were several hundred head ranging in age from a day to a year. Only last week the state inspector came and went over the herd, animal by animal, not a single sign of tuberculois. Only one cow failed to pass and she had hurt a knee which had caused a sore. The injury sent her to the morgue.

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