

FORAGE FACTOR ON THE FARMS

Dr. Withycombe Gives Marion Agriculturists Food for Reflection.

PRESCRIBES PROPER FOOD FOR CATTLE

Vetch, Clover and Alfalfa Highly Valuable as Food and Soil-Builders—Synopsis of Address at the Institute at Stayton.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Stayton, Or., May 29.—At the Farmers' Institute held here Saturday, Dr. James Withycombe, director and agriculturist at the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, delivered an address on "Forage Crops," of which the following is a synopsis.

"Forage plants are grown for two special purposes—first for the maintenance of livestock, and second for their beneficial effect upon the soil, both chemically and physically.

"The list of forage plants is large and affords the farmer a very wide range for selection, but mainly a few will suffice for all practical needs in western Oregon. Common vetch (*Vicia sativa*) is unquestionably the most valuable forage plant when its wide range of adaptability, its value as stock food and its good effects on soil fertility are considered. This plant is easily grown, is very rich in protein, and highly palatable to all classes of stock.

"Red and alsike clover are standard forage crops and have a wide field of usefulness. The alsike is especially valuable for the heavy clay soils usually designated as 'white land.' Wherever the clovers will grow, they should be included in the rotation crops of the farm.

Alfalfa's Heavy Yield.

"While climatic and soil conditions may not be altogether favorable to alfalfa in the Willamette valley, there is no question that this plant is destined to become an important factor in the agriculture of this section. Especially will this be evident on the dairy farms for the supply of green and succulent feed during the summer months. The experiment station has been growing this forage for several years for the purpose of soiling the dairy herd. A field of two acres has been cut 19 times in five years without irrigation. This field has yielded some seasons nearly 80 tons of green feed per acre. We began cutting this field this season on the first day of May, and the first cutting is yielding at the rate of 12 tons of green feed per acre.

Importance of Winter Feeding.

"For a general rotation system, exclusive of the grasses, the farmer will make no mistake if he grows vetch, clover and alfalfa for hay and for green summer feed, and thousand-headed kale for winter succulent feed. To provide against any possible failure in the supply of kale from freezing it would be well for the dairyman to either grow some roots or put up some silage to be fed in case the kale is not available. In an ordinary winter, however, kale can be fed from the open field, as this forage plant will easily withstand a severe freeze.

"There is, unfortunately, altogether too little vetch and clover hay grown on the average farm. If an abundance of this hay were grown and fed judiciously to all classes of livestock on the farm, and especially to sheep, we should be

spared the sickening spectacle of starved and dead sheep all through the matchless valley during the winter months. A very large proportion of the difficulty of our livestock in the winter season is due to a want of proper food and shelter. If our calves, sheep and goats were fed some nicely cured vetch, clover or alfalfa hay early in the season, when the grass becomes unpalatable, they would escape many difficulties and go through the winter in excellent condition.

Feeding Advice to Farmers.

"My advice to the farmer is to grow vetch, clover, alfalfa, kale, etc. Feed these forage crops to well-bred livestock and the farm will not only become more remunerative, but the growing of these forage crops will lay the foundation for larger succeeding crops, and thus accomplish what should be the ambition of every farmer—to make his farm steadily richer rather than poorer.

"For detailed information as to the methods of growing these forage crops see bulletin No. 21 of the Oregon experiment station, a copy of which can be secured by addressing a card to the director of the experiment station at Corvallis."

MYERS TO FILL PLACE IN OREGON SAVINGS

Former Vice-President of a Sioux City Bank Accepts Good Position Here.

J. P. Myers, recently vice-president of the Farmers' Loan & Trust company at Sioux City, Iowa, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the management of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank occasioned by the resignation of George Estes. Mr. Myers comes to the coast highly recommended, having been significantly successful in the banking business. A new bank stock department has been added to the business of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank. This, together with the bond department, will be under the complete management of Mr. Myers. George Estes, whose position he will occupy, resigned to take a position as manager of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, now building from Medford to Crater Lake.

Mr. Myers has been familiar with banking since he was 17 years of age and has had much experience in the organization and management of banks. Within the last five years he has been president of four Minnesota national and state banks and until a short time ago was still interested in the concerns. He organized and personally conducted two of them. The Sioux City bank he leaves is the only institution in the state of Iowa with a \$1,000,000 paid up capital.

The new officer of the Oregon Savings bank has been on the coast three months, two of which were spent in Seattle. He has implicit faith in the prosperity of Portland and believes the Portland boom is more stable than that of Seattle. While not going on record as to the future of the two cities, Mr. Myers said that "hot air" was the principal asset of the sound city and the eastern capitalist is just beginning to learn it.

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PRINCE FUSHIMI ON HIS WAY TO AMERICA

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Prince Fushimi is a member of the second branch of the Japanese imperial family, and a cousin of the mikado. He was born in 1858 and in 1894 fought hard for the Japanese flag against China. Two years later he was in St. Petersburg for the coronation of the present czar, and the whirligig of time placed him before Fort Arthur, bent on crushing the might of his former host.

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