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SWINE BREEDING IN THE SALEM DISTRICT.

The ancestors of the swine found on American farms came from two sources, southeastern Asia and western Europe. These two families of hogs are often designated by the names sus indica and sus serafa. Although the word sus (swine) is Latin, people who feed pigs use it when they call "sui, sui," to the pigs at feeding time. So that is a very ancient call.

Sus indica, a native of China, was a small, fine boned animal much prized by the people of southeastern Asia. Descendants of sus serafa, the wild boar of western Europe, are still hunted in forests and private game preserves. They were troublesome near the battle fronts in the recent great war. The wild boar is a large, ferocious animal with thin hams and a very heavy shield. From its Chinese ancestor the modern hog derived its form and quality; from the wild boar it has obtained its size and vigor.

Swine were probably introduced into this country by early Spanish explorers. For many years wild hogs were found in the everglades of Florida. It is recorded that Jamestown had to be fenced to keep out the wild hogs, descendants of those brought over by earlier settlers.

Although the ancestors of the hog came from China and western Europe, it remained for English breeders to blend the two and develop the earlier breeds. The earlier breeds like the Berkshire were developed where corn is not the principal crop. Under such conditions the bacon type of hog was produced.

The bacon type has a longer side, less fat and a smaller ham. The lard type hog is a native of the corn belt. This type of hog has a compact, thick, deep, smooth body. The ham, back, loin and shoulders are the most valuable parts and are developed to a higher degree. The production of lard and fat is the principal aim of this type.

The following are among the favorites of the bacon breeds: The Large Yorkshire, originating in England. The Tamworth, also first developed in England. The favorites of the lard type are: The Poland Chinas, originating in the Miami valley, Ohio, and getting their name (probably) from a man from Poland who was one of the first breeders. The Berkshire, originating in England, but improved in this country until its American relative is superior to the English Berkshire. The Chester White, an American white hog. The Duroc Jersey, an American breed, a red hog—cherry red being the preferred color. There are many minor breeds. But there is no "best breed." So much for hog history and hogs in general.

But the object of this Salem Slogan issue of The Statesman on hogs is to attempt to show that swine breeding is one of the fifty-two principal basic industries of the Salem district.

The writer believes the reader will agree that this is proven, if he will carefully scan the articles on the Slogan pages.

He will find that the prices of hogs from the farms here are higher than the average offered in the Chicago market; higher in Portland and higher at the local packing plant in Salem.

That is a very important point; and this condition will without doubt persist, owing to the great lumber and mining camps in this region, and the developing markets on all sides of us, and across the Pacific, where live two-thirds of all the people in the world.

There should be more dairying in this section; more and still more; and on every dairy farm swine breeding should of course be carried on.

And no farmer of any kind should be without at least a few hogs. Not only for the market, but for breeding purposes, in the higher walks of the hog world, there is room here in the Salem district for great growth and fine development. This district ought to produce some of the best and highest priced hogs in the world, and it will, if more of the kind of men of whom we have a considerable number now will get into the game. It is a great game, calling for the best that is in men of intelligence and action, and there is a wide open invitation for such men here from every where.

The City Beautiful, Flowers and Bulbs, will be the Salem Slogan subject for The Statesman of next Thursday. There will be some fine illustrations, and the whole matter will be worth while, and interesting.

THE RULING PASSION.

Commuters between New York and a Long Island city now have an airship line and the plane carries 12 passengers on a trip, saving more than an hour in time. It is reported that on the first trip the passengers spent all the time playing whist. The ruling passion of the regular com-

muter would be strong even in death. The tourists could not desert their cards long enough to gaze at the wondrous panorama spread below and about them. If they should collide with the Statue of Liberty and be scraped off into the bay, every man would come up with his 13 cards still firmly grasped in his hand. If the pilot should flag the fiery chariot of Elijah, the prophet would have to divide attention with the broker who was doubling on diamonds.

NOW I LAY ME.

The Hotel Commodore in New York, which has 2000 rooms, is to have an addition with 2000 more. With more than 4000 beds under one roof, this will be the biggest slumber hive in the world. Not satisfied with that, the same landlord is building another hostelry across the way with 3000 rooms. Any stranger who asks him for a bed ought to be able to get one, but the chances are he will have to put up a ten-spot, at that. If used to be that when people went to New York they never thought about going to bed, but now there isn't much of anything else to do. This landlord is in on the play, all right.

THRILLS AND CHILLS.

The biggest thrill that can come to any American: News that he has been nominated for president. The biggest chill: The flash on election night that he has been defeated. Only five men now living have experienced that thrill, and four of them have shivered with a subsequent chill. Bryan had three thrills and three chills. Taft had two thrills and a chill. Parker and Hughes a thrill and a chill each, while Woodrow Wilson has felt two thrills and no chills. People often talk about and try to answer the question: "What was the biggest thrill I ever had?" but these five men can give an answer right off the bat.—Philadelphia Press.

THE FAMINE.

(Los Angeles Times.) There must be a shortage of gasoline. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., spent a day riding about the city of Los Angeles, but was handicapped in extending his trip because of the gasoline famine which prevailed at many of the service stations of the Standard Oil company. Somebody will have to start out the senior Rockefeller with his gimlet, fountain pen or whatever it is he uses to bore for oil, else the young man will suspect the father of loafing on the job. When the heir of the Rockefellers is obliged to go thirsty for gasoline it looks ominous for the rest of us.

FUTURE DATES

July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university. July 6 to 26—Annual encampment of Oregon national Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens. July 14, Wednesday—Open forum meeting of Commercial club. July 15, Thursday—County court to open bids on road bonds. July 18 to 24—Salem Chautauqua. July 19, 20 and 21—Willamette valley tennis tournament, state hospital courts. July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem. August 2 to 11—Boyers' week convention in Portland. September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

THE GHOST THAT WALKS AT NIGHT



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"What is time to a hawk?" said the Cracker of his razor-backs, when the county agriculturist was trying to show him the error of his ways. Time to a hog takes away all the profits of his existence, when he is regarded as a living machine with which to make money for the up-to-date breeder.

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Camp Meeting at Turner Biggest in Many Years

TURNER, Ore., July 13. — The Christian church annual camp meeting closed Sunday with a larger attendance than it has had for several years.

Mrs. Gerald Gomer returned to her home at Warrenton Wednesday after several days' visit with her parents at the Baker hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Small and daughter were week-end guests at the L. H. Small home.

Silas Reed and family motored over from Corvallis Sunday and attended the camp meeting.

Mrs. Sadie Mankin and daughter Dell, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. C. H. Riches.

Berry picking is in full swing at the John Ahren's berry patch.

Miss Ruth Parsons returned to her home in Salem after spending a week with Mrs. H. A. Thiessen.

Miss Reva Allison, a former Turner girl was recently married to a Mr. Brown at Toledo, Ore.

JAPS BUILD BATTLESHIP

YOKOSUKA, Japan, June 14.—The Japanese battleship Mutsu, recently launched here is closely comparable with the newest American battleship, the Maryland, launched at Newport News, in March. Both warships however, are considerably smaller and less speedy than the great British battleship cruiser Hood launched on the Clyde in August, 1918. The Hood, on the other hand, is armed with 15-inch guns in her main battery, while the Mutsu and the Maryland will have an equal number of 16-inch rifles.

The Hood, continues to be the largest warship afloat, a distinction she will hold until the Massachusetts class of dreadnaughts comes in

624 feet; designed speed, 21 knots; main battery, 8 15-inch.

Numerically Cross-Eyed. Johnnie's history class was studying an important period in history and it was Johnnie's turn to recite. "Johnnie, who was king at this time?" asked the teacher. "Louis, the cross-eye." "Why, Johnnie, where did you

learn that?" she asked. "Right here in the book," he answered, and showed her the paragraph where the name was printed, "Louis XI."

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