

OREGON HAS PRODUCED AND MADE AN IDEAL HOME FOR MORE GREAT COWS IN PROPORTION

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WAY BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

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FARMERS DEMAND A PARCEL POST HEAD

What One Man Did, With Baby Chicks and Other Farm Products

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Farm organizations, notably the American Farm Bureau Federation, are making a drive for the creation of a director of parcel post. This movement was started two years ago, but it is only recently that the matter is being given serious attention in congress.

An effort is being made to attach this provision to the pending postal rate bill, but it may be decided to be better strategy in the house to introduce the measure as a separate bill. Representative C. W. Ramseyer of Iowa is sponsoring the plan, although several other members of the postoffice and post roads committee of the house have expressed their intention to support the idea.

Officials of the postoffice department, instead of taking a non-committal attitude as heretofore, recently expressed the belief that a director of parcel post along the lines advocated by farm forces might be very useful.

Needs Directing Head

What farm heads are demanding is some one in charge of the parcel post corresponding roughly to a freight traffic manager in the railroad world. The railway traffic manager is ever on the alert for new business and is always ready to lend his assistance in planning adjustments of local service, loading schedules, rapid and positive delivery, and special services at the delivery end, wherever the business appears to justify it.

Nothing of this kind is provided for parcel post. In fact there is no head for this \$140,000,000 transportation business. No one makes any effort to get new business, and when prospective shippers apply to the department for adjustments in the service to meet their special needs, it is next to impossible to get any help. Usually nothing less than a special order from the postmaster general will suffice, and naturally the division heads with their easy-going civil service ways dislike to undertake all the worry and effort necessary to get a special dispensation.

What One Man Did

A few years ago the postoffice department had an employee who took a special interest in parcel post, and through his efforts a large volume of business was added. The postoffice regulations theretofore forbade the shipment of baby chicks and motion picture

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A FEW OF OREGON'S GREAT COWS AS SEEN AND REMEMBERED BY THE STATE DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER

The Pioneers With the Jerseys and Those Who Have Put This State Ahead of the World in All Jerseydom—The First Cows of the Entire Breeding Universe in the Holstein Breed—The Guernseys Coming to the Front, and the Brown Swiss and the Ayrshires Have Very Important Places to Fill in This Section

Editor Statesman:

Your slogan "Great Cows" is especially well adapted to Oregon, for she has produced and provided an ideal home for more great cows in proportion to her cow population than any other state or country in the wide world. Do you say, "That is a pretty strong claim?" It does sound rather loud, but facts sustain the assertion. When some three years ago it was announced that Oregon held seven of the eight Jersey world's records in the production of butterfat and hardly a year passes but one or more of her cows joins this high honor class, certainly our claim cannot be gainsaid.

Oregon's Great Cows

Your request for an article "telling all about our great cows" does not place any limit on territory, but I am taking it for granted that you mean Oregon's great cows, for that in itself is a big field—bigger than can more than be merely touched upon in one brief article. I take it, too, that you are asking several persons to write on this Slogan and that they will cover some of the herds and cows that I do not. With the data I have at hand and in the short time I have to dig into records, I know there are many great cows in the different breeds that I cannot mention.

Necessarily an article on "Oregon's Great Cows" will have a strong Jersey flavor, for it was the little Jersey that many years ago got in on the ground floor of pioneering the improvement of the dairy stock of the state, and her descendants constitute a very large percentage of the present dairy population.

The Pioneers

Oregon is greatly indebted to several enterprising, far-seeing, stock men who, in the early days, imported the very best blood obtainable of whatever breed or breeds of stock they were interested in. W. S. Ladd was outstanding in this class. Being a man of means and a great lover of fine stock, he imported, for use and breeding purposes on his various farms in western Oregon, the best blood obtainable of three of the leading dairy breeds, as well as Shorthorns, horses, sheep and hogs.

The W. S. Ladd estate purchased seven of the Jersey cows in the St. Louis dairy demonstration, including the champion Loretta

D., winner of both test A and test B and the next four cows below her.

Back in 1905 they had 51 cows with records ranging from 14 lbs. 2 oz., in seven days to 22 lbs. 14 oz., made according to the rules of the A. J. C. C. The five making over 25 lbs. 14 oz. were Belle Jefferson, 21 lbs. 7 oz.; Loretta D., 20 lbs. 13 oz.; Sandgate, 20

lbs. 10 oz.; Lucy Prince, 20 lbs. 3 oz.; Olga Ann, 20 lbs. 3 oz.

When 11 beautiful, breedy Jersey matrons were led into the ring at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, it was looked upon as a wonderful aggregation of Jersey aristocracy, and it was. But in numbers that show has been greatly exceeded in later years at our state fair and at the Pacific International. It is a question, too, if the winners in that class might not have to contest with positions well down the line in some of our present day shows.

Ladd Estate had 7th and 2nd in that great contest; Gertie Alexandria being rather outstanding was made senior and grand champion, followed by Eurybia that lacked only one ounce of being in their class of 20 lbs. 7 day producers. Trabina 2d was placed 3rd, Pride's Prue, 4th and Harry West's great cow and heavy milker, Empress of Sunny Bank, had to be content in 5th place. (Only five moneys were given.)

In passing it is pertinent to re-

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FARM HOMES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN BATTLESHIPS

Urges Immediate Action On Farm Problems Above Big Navy Demands

"It is decidedly more important that we sustain our farm homes with contented families and producing service to the rest of humanity than it is for us to create great embattlements with gold braid and tinsel for the few who intermittently excite themselves and strive to terrorize us with the great danger of war," warns Hon. Gerald P. Nye, United States Senator from North Dakota, in protesting against the "big navy" program.

The nation always has and always will give whatever of resource necessary for adequate protection, advises the senator, but warns those who would expend vast sums for naval extension that "they must, for the time being, stand back from the public till and give the American people a chance to catch their breath.... let the farmers and their related interests have a chance to get on their feet and on to a plane of measurable equality with industry in general."

Senator Nye gives the further warning that unless the farm problem is properly met and there is a "balance of the scales of economic justice" giving a fair distribution of the blessings of national prosperity, the country faces graver dangers from within than "all possible dangers which might come from without."

Urging immediate action on this farm problem as paramount above the military establishment, senator Nye's statement in full follows:

"Restore a prosperous and contented rural life in America and such a condition of national prosperity will follow as will quickly relieve our growing problem of unemployment and change the dismal record of business disaster and bank failures to a recording on the profit side of the ledger. It will promote the growth of educational advancement and cause better thinking and better living throughout our entire land. So great is the agricultural problem that it is going to require careful thought, sound action, and a great deal of help to bring the farm industry out of its present difficulties. A real national problem is afforded and should invite the sympathy and support of all classes and all callings among our population.

"To whatever program is adopted, our national government must

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NEW YORK BUSINESS MAN SETS PACE FOR THE COUNTRY'S JERSEY BREEDERS



Spends six hours a day in his office in a New York skyscraper

Proud of his success of farming and stock-raising

Edward J. Cornish, New York businessman, is setting a pace for breeders of Jersey cattle throughout the country. On his farm at Cold Springs, N. Y., 53 miles from the metropolis, his Fon Owlet, shown above, two-year-old purebred Jersey, has hung up a world's record. In a 305-day test she produced 656.08 pounds of butterfat and 12,874 pounds of milk.