

LEARNS FARM AS HE WORKS

S. D. Mustard Is Among Crook County Leaders

Known As Potato Grower, But Is Most Successful As Diversified Farmer

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Twenty years ago when Crook county covered the greater part of Central Oregon, and when this portion of the state was considered by many to be a semi desert, there came to the Prineville district from Eastern Washington a man who knew scarcely a thing about farming. This man, S. D. Mustard of Powell Butte, in recent years was one of the leaders in the work that has won for Central Oregon the recognition of being an area peculiarly adapted for the cultivation of potatoes.

Mustard came to the Powell Butte country just 26 years ago, in 1905, driving to Central Oregon from Eastern Washington by the way of Fossil, the John Day river and Astelope. Shortly after coming here, he filed on a 160 acre homestead. It is this same tract of land, now transformed by water, on which Mustard lives. He built a modern home in 1915, "just before the prices went up," as he explains. Mustard was attracted to Central Oregon by a circular which described this part of the state as being on the eve of a great development.

Soil Right for Spuds
With his neighbors of the Powell Butte community, Mustard a number of years ago found that the climate and soil of the slope of the eroded butte was very suitable for the cultivation of potatoes and seed grains.

It was this realization which eventually resulted in the organization of the Deschutes Valley Seed Co., an association owning 600 acres of land. Mustard has one-fourth interest in this acreage, and a few years ago planted 100 acres of potatoes on land rented from the company.

In the past few years Mustard has turned his attention to his original tract, believing that it would be good business to develop this land, virtually all under water, to the maximum. Such maximum development will necessitate the growing of crops which will have a value for seed, and the handling of purebred stock. It is this goal toward which the Powell Butte diversified farmer is working. He is an advocate of scientific farming, and willingly cooperates with the county agriculturist in experimental work.

Gets Big Yields
Although Mustard is generally looked on as a potato grower, he is primarily a diversified farmer, especially since he started the improvement of his original homestead, giving up his lease on the Deschutes Valley Seed Co. property. Mustard is also a wheat grower. Last year 13 acres of Federation wheat produced 75 bushels to the acre. This is conceded to be a record for this section of the state. Mustard has about 50 acres planted to alfalfa and eight acres to clover.

Clover, Mustard mentioned when discussing his diversified crops, is of far greater value on a farm than is generally recognized. For instance, clover sod is much more easily plowed up than is alfalfa, and its value for rotative purposes is equal to that of alfalfa, he believes. His yield of 75 bushels of wheat to the acre was from a plowed up clover field. Mustard has between 15 and 20 acres of wheat planted this year. He shipped a carload of wheat last year.

The tendency toward diversification on the Mustard farm, just to the north of the Prineville-Redmond road about 32 miles from Bend, has resulted in the building up of a farm flock of some 150 sheep. This flock was started several years ago from a few "bummers"—motherless lambs. The flock is increasing so rapidly that Mustard realizes he must sell some of them off or get more pasture. The Mustard dairy herd consists of six cows, but he has more than that number of dairy animals on the farm. The cream is shipped to Bend. Between 15 and 20 hives of bees are also kept on the Mustard farm.

Schools Interest
To get Mustard to discuss his farm and his plans for the future was rather a difficult task. As he sat with his interviewer on a stone fence near the highway, overlooking the green fields that sloped away toward Smith rock in the distance, he was

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prone to discuss the Powell Butte community. From Federation wheat, Mustard jumped a conversational cog to schools, mentioning that before long Powell Butte would have a consolidated school. Land for this proposed school was recently bought. When this consolidation is affected, the children will be taken to the central school in busses. Mustard is one of the five members of the Crook county school board. The "unit system" of school management is in use in Crook county.

The tendency to "prove all things, hold fast that which is good," is exemplified by the farmers of the Powell Butte community in the formation of a seed growers' association. The members of this association are pledged to use only certified seed whenever possible. Mustard has a wheat experimental plot on his farm, where some 20 varieties of wheat are being tried out. Six varieties of Federation wheat are planted in this test plot. Mustard points out that test plots at O. A. C. are of little value to farmers—seeds must be tried out where they are to be used.

Mustard is a married man, but has no family. Mrs. Mustard's hobby is the cultivation of flowers. A large green lawn, well watered, occupies the front yard. Mrs. Mustard's liking for flowers is made manifest in the many plants around the house and lawn. Mustard's brother, Harvey T. Mustard, lives just across the highway from the farm of the pioneer.

Mustard is the owner of a radio set, and is constantly in touch with the western part of the United States. He agreed with the suggestion that a radio cannot be really appreciated unless it is in an isolated home—not in a crowded city. Mustard's set reaches far into the middle states, but he gets the greatest pleasure in tuning in KGO of Oakland.

Local Stars Take Part In Elks Mystery Play

Return to the stage of one of one of Bend's leading actors of a few years ago will feature the presentation of "The Hoodoo" here June 23 and 24 under the auspices of the Elks lodge. Jay B. Noble, dramatic director of the Bend Amateur Athletic club when it was first organized, and prior to that a professional actor, will take an important role in the mystery play which will close the Elks' entertainment. On account of holding executive offices in two lodges, Noble has been unable to take part in dramatic work for several years.

First rehearsal of the musical and dancing numbers which will open the entertainment was scheduled for this evening, under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNaughtan.

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LENGTHY ATHLETE ON TRAFFIC SQUAD

'Shorty' Foster Nails Speeder and Booze, Too

Walter Foster, known since his college days as "Shorty" because he was the tallest center who ever made the all northwestern basketball team, proved to be a determined and efficient traffic officer just a few minutes after he had donned his new uniform, according to the Redmond Spokesman:

"Last Friday night Walter Foster dolled himself all up in his new uniform and stepped out to see what would happen. He had no more than landed on the main street when he spotted a car coming along at a rate of speed not countenanced by speed cops, particularly new ones. Besides there was only one headlight.

"So 'Shorty' stepped out in front and gave the high sign, but the driver merely 'stepped on it' and attempt to run by. 'Shorty' grabbed on as the car passed and nailed a rear bow of the top. After being dragged nearly a block he managed to get on the running board and stopped the driver.

A search of the car by Marshal Toney revealed a bottle of alleged liquor, and the driver, Ed Strom, was placed in jail. Saturday morning he was taken before Justice of the Peace Simer, who fined him \$20 and costs on the speeding charge, and the charge of transporting liquor was

continued until Monday.

"The plea of Strom was that the liquor was owned by one of the other occupants of the car. On Monday the parties pleaded guilty and were fined \$35 and costs on the liquor charge. Besides Strom there were two other boys in the car, all three of them being minors."

Foster has moved with his family to Klamath Falls, which will be his headquarters.

Government of Mexico On Trial, Is Declared

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, June 12.—Secretary of State Kellogg, in a statement today relating to the return to this country of Ambassador Sheffield, said that the Mexican government is now on trial before the world and will receive the support of this government "only so long as it protects" American lives and rights and

complies with its international engagements and obligations. "Though we have been patient and realize, of course, that it takes time to bring about a stable government, we cannot countenance violation of her obligations and failure to protect American citizens."

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