

Roosevelt's Address.

In part, Mr. Roosevelt said after comparing civilization today and of Rome centuries ago:

"One of the prime dangers of civilization has always been its tendency to cause the loss of the virile fighting virtues, of the fighting edge. When men get too comfortable and lead too luxurious lives there is always danger lest the softness eat like an acid into their manliness of fiber. The barbarian, because of the very conditions of his life, is forced to keep and develop certain hardy qualities which the man of civilization tends to lose, whether he be clerk, factory hand, merchant, or even a certain type of farmer. Now, I will not assert that in modern civilized society these tendencies have been wholly overcome; but there has been a much more successful effort to overcome them than was the case in the early civilizations.

"Personally, I do not believe that our civilization will fall. I think that on the whole we have grown better and not worse.

"We, the men of today and of the future, need many qualities if we are to do our work well. We need, first of all and most important of all, the qualities which stand at the base of individual, of family like the fundamental and essential qualities—the homely, every-day, all-important virtues. If the average man will not work, if he has not in him the will and the power to be a good husband and father; if the average woman is not a good housewife, a good mother of many healthy children, then the State will topple, will go down, no matter what may be its brilliance of artistic development or material achievement. But these homely qualities are not enough. There must, in addition, be that power of organization, that power of working in common for a common end, which the German people have shown in such signal fashion during the last half century. Moreover, the things of the spirit are even more important than the things of the body. We can win without the hard intolerance and arid intellectual barrenness of what was worst in the biological systems of the past, but there has never been greater need of a high and fine religious spirit than at the present time."

Births and Deaths.

The record of the births and deaths for the county for the months of March and April show the usual increase in population, and also go to show that the death rate of Coos county is far less than that of many other sections of the state, and also far less than that of any of the foreign countries. During March there were 25 births in the county, divided as follows: Bandon, 3 girls; Coos River, 2 boys; Coquille, 3 boys; East Side, 1 boy, 1 girl; Empire, 1 boy; Four Mile, 1 girl; Lampa, 1 boy; Marshfield, 5 boys, 4 girls; North Bend, 2 girls.

For the month of April there were also 25 births recorded, distributed over the county as follows: Bandon, 1 boy, 1 girl; Coquille, 2 boys, 3 girls; Catching Inlet, 1 boy; Coos River, 1 boy; Gravel Ford, 1 girl; Lampa, 1 boy; Marshfield, 2 boys, 3 girls; Myrtle Point, 4 boys; North Bend, 2 girls; Norway, 1 boy; Riverton, 1 boy, 1 girl.

In March there were but 9 deaths in Coos county, and of this number five of the deceased had passed the age of sixty-nine years, and one had passed the eighty-year mark. They were distributed as follows: Bandon, 2; Marshfield, 2; Coquille, 2; Myrtle Point, 1, and Riverton, 2.

April records show 11 deaths and these are marked by about the same proportion of aged people as was the month of March. Of the 11 who died during the month of April 5 were over sixty-five years at the time of their death, 2 had passed eighty, and one was over ninety years of age. They were distributed as follows: Bandon, 1; Coquille, 2; Lampa, 1; Marshfield, 3; Myrtle Point, 2; North Bend, 1; Ross Slough, 1.—Coquille Sentinel.

CARE OF BREEDING EWES.

Much Depends on the Food and Manner in Which It is Given.

In caring for breeding ewes one should first see if they show any symptoms of being affected with stomach worms. If they do, have them drenched with gasoline at once. After this treatment keep salt to which have been added some worm powders constantly before them. There are a number of different brands of medicated stock salt and worm powders in the market, all doubtless possessing some good qualities, and they act as a good preventive, but it is impossible to find any that would expel worms from sheep after they become badly affected. Tobacco mixed with salt is also to be recommended as a preventive, and some breeders prefer it to the specially prepared worm powders and so called stock salts referred to.

The sheep should also be examined for ticks. It will pay to dip them



MOVING THE FLOCK HOME.

even though the weather is cold. In this case they can be protected until dry.

The method of feeding depends very much upon local conditions. It pays to feed a light ration of grain during the winter even though the sheep are in good condition. The grain ration, of course, depends upon the kind and condition of roughage to be fed. If feeding liberally of clover or alfalfa hay not as much protein is required as when the hay fed is largely timothy or meadow grass. With mixed hay, clover and mixed grasses feed oats, bran and cracked corn.

To the growing animals give some oilcake meal, always feeding the oilcake in lump form. Sheep prefer to do their own grinding, especially with this kind of grain, which is of a sticky nature. Make the grain half bran by bulk, balance equal part corn and oats. Silage is also very good for sheep. A good way to feed the grain ration is to scatter it on the silage, although not necessary, as they will very soon eat the silage with a relish.

It is hardly necessary to say that the feeding should always be done regularly, and the feeding time should be as early in the morning and as late in the evening as the length of days will permit.

Hints For Raising the Colt.

Don't break the colt; train him. Begin as soon as he is born and pet, lead, feed and water him. In fact, treat him as though he were a horse.

Teach him what whin, get up, gee and haw mean by gently pushing him the way he is wanted to go; then when old enough to work he will know what is wanted of him.

Get him used to the harness by adding a strap at a time and to the shafts by fastening poles on either side of him occasionally. Teach him to draw by putting on very light loads at first and heavier as he gets used to it.

A colt handled in this way will be true and honest, as he will never know he is being made to work. He will love his master and delight in doing what he is told to do, while the one that is taken from the field in a wild state will rear and plunge, smash things and probably get loose and run away, after which he is almost spoiled for a trusty horse. Besides, it is cruel to treat a colt thus, as he never knows what is wanted of him.

THE DAIRYMAN

It is not time yet to hang up the currycomb. As long as the cows are in the barn use it freely and carefully.

The Only Milk Preservative.
The best preservative for milk is cold, and it is the only one to use. The two best friends of the dairyman are ice and cleanliness.

Good Point When Buying a Cow.
Don't be fooled when buying a cow with the assertion that "she is an easy keeper." You want a cow that is a hearty eater and a big drinker.

Clean Dairying Profitable.
Clean dairying pays. It was never otherwise. There has always been a big difference in price between butter made in a clean dairy and the other kind.

Don't Sell the Best Cows.
Never let a buyer go in your herd and pick the best cow unless you are going out of the dairy business. Better sell the poor ones at a canning price.

Value of Proper Feeding.
To make dairying profitable the cows must be of the best, and they must be fed properly the whole year through. The "feast and famine" practice is disastrous to profit in a dairy.

THE GRANGE

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THE EMPIRE STATE GRANGE.

New York Now Has Over Ninety Thousand Members of the Order.

For the information of grange members not only in New York state, but in others as well, we publish herewith the membership by counties as reported by State Secretary Giles for the fiscal year ended Oct. 1, 1909. As four months have elapsed since these figures were tabulated the grange membership of the state may now be placed at 90,000 in 731 granges:

Granges.	Members.
Albany	4
Allegheny	14
Broome	11
Cattaraugus	25
Cayuga	18
Chautauque	31
Chemung	8
Chenango	8
Clinton	11
Columbia	16
Cortland	29
Delaware	9
Dutchess	25
Erie	14
Essex	11
Fulton	2
Franklin	11
Genesee	12
Greene	6
Herkimer	21
Jefferson	33
Lewis	20
Livingston	7
Madison	7
Monroe	19
Montgomery	8
Niagara	14
Oneida	14
Onondaga	24
Ontario	19
Orange	22
Orleans	9
Oswego	35
Otsego	14
Putnam	4
Rensselaer	6
Rockland	30
Saratoga	11
Schenectady	3
Schoharie	8
Schuyler	10
Seneca	19
Steuben	23
St. Lawrence	25
Surfolk	2
Sullivan	1
Tioga	5
Tompkins	15
Ulster	15
Warren	1
Washington	14
Wayne	19
Westchester	2
Wyoming	12
Yates	9
New granges	1
Total	723
Fully paid up membership Sept. 30, 1909	88,866
Fully paid up membership Sept. 30, 1908	81,983
Net gain for the year	6,883
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Membership in arrears Sept. 30, 1909	416
Total actual membership Sept. 30, 1909	89,282
New granges not reporting	312
Actual membership Jan. 1, 1910	89,594
Total number granges Jan. 1, 1909	709
Organized during year	25
Reorganized	1
Disorganized or dormant	723
	9
	731

The financial standing of the grange is excellent, as Treasurer Bean's report sets forth. There was a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1909, of \$21,124.62. During the year he had received from the secretary the sum of \$26,307.54. Interest had accrued in the sum of \$479.25, making a grand total of \$47,911.41. He paid the bills of officers, delegates, etc., at the last meeting of the state grange, amounting to \$5,494.17. Bills during the year were paid to the amount of \$1,842.55, leaving a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1910, of \$24,396.35.

Good Roads in New York.
Frank D. Lyons of Binghamton, N. Y., deputy of the state highway commission in charge of the bureau of town highways, says there are now in that state over 80,000 miles of highway, 60,000 of which are passable for all kinds of vehicles. There are 8,000 miles of good roads built under the town system. He advocates a plan for the construction of improved town highways at a cost of from \$2,000 to \$5,000 a mile. Instead of paying contractors from \$8,000 to \$12,000 for the same work, allowing 10 per cent for contractors' profits, 10 per cent for engineering expenses and 5 per cent for shipping and caring for the machinery and help.

National Grange Legislative Committee.
The legislative committee of the national grange, composed of Hon. N. J. Bacheider, master of the national grange; Aaron Jones, past master of the national grange, and Professor T. E. Atkeson, overseer of the national grange, met in Washington Jan. 17 and spent several days looking after matters of legislation which were recommended by the national grange at its last session at Des Moines, Ia. Calls were made upon the president, cabinet officers and numerous senators and representatives, with all of whom matters of legislation of interest to farmers were frankly discussed.

Against Ship Subsidies.
This is what the national grange said about ship subsidy at its last session: "With congress refusing to heed the demand of the farmers for appropriations for such manifestly public purposes as highway improvement and parcels post it would seem to be political suicide for the party in power to vote away part of the public revenues to such a private enterprise as shipbuilding." The fight is on again at Washington, and the grange will need to make its demands known to every congressman from the grange states.

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