



### SOWING ALFALFA.

One of the Greatest Foods for Dairy Cows.

In the last issue of the Pacific Northwest, Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station of OAC, this city, is quoted as follows on the cultivation of alfalfa in the Willamette Valley:

"It is not a good plan to sow alfalfa with any other crop, unless the soil is rich and well suited to the growing of alfalfa. These so-called nurse crops are often a delusion and a snare. Some of the soils in the valley are evidently too acid for growing alfalfa, and some contain too much iron salts. Hence, where there is a suspicion that either of these conditions prevail it is wise to experiment on a moderately small scale before sowing a large acreage. The experiment station, however, is experimenting with lime to determine the minimum amount required to correct this acidity.

"Alfalfa is a durable crop and should last five or ten years, or even longer, if treated properly. The principal foes of alfalfa are weeds, gophers and heavy pasturing. After the alfalfa is two or three years old it will stand moderate discing and any amount of harrowing; hence weeds can be kept in subjection by using these implements in the spring and fall. When the crown of the plants attain a good size a discing to split them up seems to invigorate the plant and materially increases the yield.

"The station has experimented with all kinds of devices for exterminating the gopher, including traps, spring-guns and fumigations with poisonous gases but strychnine proved the most successful. The method employed is to take a piece of carrot or potato as large as a small walnut, slit it and put a few crystals of the poison in it and drop it into an open hole, or in their runways, and that is usually the last of the gopher.

"Green alfalfa is excellent for dairy cows. It supplies practically a balanced ration. The hay is excellent for all classes of stock except the horse. Hogs will winter fairly well on nicely cured alfalfa hay.

"Alfalfa is a deep-rooting plant, hence it feeds on the lower strata of soils which other forage plants fail to reach. It is also a great improver of the soil, both physically and in nitrogen content.

"Perhaps it would be well to state that ordinarily where alfalfa is sown in the valley, it is wise either to treat the seed with cutting of the proper nitro-organisms before sowing, or inoculate the ground with empregnated soil, putting on from 100 to 200 pounds per acre at the time of seeding."

### They Moved With It.

Gerhard, the book-store man, Elgin, the harness maker, and Morgan, the job printer, have all received a "raise" and are going north to locate.

The author of their "lift" is Mr. Moffat, and the occasion of their change of residence is the transfer of the Porter building from its corner opposite the Occidental to a position immediately south of Hotel Corvallis. The building was ready to start Wednesday, but more big timbers were found necessary and a delay was occasioned by the work of securing them. All things were made ready Friday, however, and in the attempt to start the big structure the rigging broke down, and it was about nine o'clock Saturday morning when the first quiver of the building indicated that it was on the move.

Immense timbers are under the building and by the use of rollers, blocks and tackle, a horse power apparatus is effective in

drawing the big edifice. The operation was watched by many interested spectators, each of whom had his own views, of course, as to how it should be done. The progress down Main street was made, and the building will soon be firmly settled in its new location.

### A Man to Help Push.

A. J. Johnson, of Corvallis, arrived in this city Tuesday. Mr. Johnson has been national bank examiner in this district for several years and in going his rounds on official duties was attracted by the great possibilities of the Harney country and purchased a big block of stock of the First National Bank of Burns. Mr. Johnson has tendered his resignation as bank examiner, which, by the way, has not yet been acted upon, in order that he can devote more time to his private interests. His visit here at this time is to become better acquainted with the people and look over the country thoroughly. He is most desirous of advancing the development of this section and is a man who will take a personal interest in local affairs.

While the gentleman will not take up his permanent residence here at the present time, he will nevertheless keep in close touch with us and make frequent and extended visits. He will remain here until after the 4th of July and perhaps longer. He is a capable business man, of pleasant address and impresses one at once as a progressive and energetic worker in any good cause.

Harney county needs just such men as Mr. Johnson. We want outside capital interested here; we want wide-awake business men to help us push—that will bring this magnificent country to the attention of the outside world. The Times-Herald welcomes all such men and commends them. We should treat them as one of us; be candid and free in our relations with them and solicit their good will and assistance in our public enterprises.

The above article regarding our fellow-townsmen appeared in the Times-Herald, of Burns, Or., June 23. We are pleased to note that the good qualities of Mr. Johnson are appreciated in that section, for here in Corvallis his business ability is well known and he has many projects in hand that are certain to benefit our city.

### Spoken by an Aristocrat.

It is strange that the strong, impressive words spoken by Lord Avebury in the House of Lords last week should have failed, as they have, to excite international discussion. Lord Avebury said: "The unrest in Europe, the spread of socialism and the ominous rise of anarchism are warnings to the governments and the ruling classes that the conditions of the working classes in Europe is becoming intolerable, and that if a revolution is to be avoided, some steps must be taken to increase wages, reduce the hours of labor and lower the prices of the necessities of life. Europe is a great military camp. We have no rest; only an armistice, with unlimited expenditures. The result is that instead of accumulating capital for our children we are piling up for them debt and overwhelming responsibilities."

These words were spoken, not by a labor agitator or a Socialist, but by an aristocrat and a member of the most conservative body in all Europe. That gives them all the more significance. They contain more valuable political economy than is to be found in most of the books. They sound a note of warning.—Wall Street Journal.

J. H. Simpson, the local hardware man, was an Albany business visitor Friday.

### TROUBLE BREWING

Carelessness of Boys May Cause Terrible Accident.

Some boys, or young men, have had a closer call to gather at the Great White Throne than they had any idea of, and are perhaps in ignorance of what might have happened them.

From D. B. Taylor, who has a hopyard south of Crystal Lake cemetery, we learn that in the recent past lads indulged in the pastime of shooting at his hop house. At the time they used the building for a target there were 2,300 pounds of dynamite stored within. A few of the bullets struck the dynamite boxes, but were somewhat spent by their passage through the outer wall of the building and had not sufficient force to explode the dynamite. So it will be seen that the marksmen owe their salvation to chance.

It will be remembered that during last winter 40 pounds of dynamite were exploded in Mr. Taylor's yard and one man was badly injured. The forty pounds jarred the whole town. What would have been the result had 2,300 pounds been "touched off?" The chances are some of us would have been unprepared for the better life we would so suddenly and unceremoniously have entered upon.

Of late these boys have been in the habit of firing into the yard from the river and from higher ground on the N. S. Lilly farm. On several occasions their bullets have cut vines workmen were in the act of trimming. Unless the boys cease this carelessness the chances are somebody will be seriously hurt.

Mr. Taylor while nice about the matter, says he realizes that the boys are not really inclined to viciousness, but are in ignorance of what might happen. However, he is quite determined that the practice of shooting into his yard and hop house must cease. If necessary to protect life and property, he intends to become vigorous in the course he shall adopt.

### To Train for Races.

Reuben Kiger and Prof. W. O. Trine left early Friday morning by private conveyance for Salem, where the former will remain indefinitely.

The object of the trip was to place in training at the Salem fair grounds the blooded horses that were taken down. These were Kiger's horses, "Pilot Lane," who is entered in all the big events, "Lookout" and "Dick," the latter being the black that won the prize for single drivers, at the Corvallis horse show.

A. J. Johnson's handsome little "Golden Rod" and Huston's mare were also taken down by Mr. Kiger, who is to remain at the grounds until after the fair, and see to the animals.

Reports from Salem are that already over 300 horses are entered for the fair races, and that there is already a larger list of stock entries than ever before.

Prof. Trine will return in a few days from Salem, but may return later to assist with the training of the Corvallis thoroughbreds.

### Writes of Hop Prospects.

"I would urge the Oregon growers to make good use of their time in caring well for the hop crop, as present conditions force us to predict fair demand by England for a large block of the coast hops at a fair figure," writes J. N. Hoffman of the condition of the hop market in London, where he is at present.

He says further: "I have been in the vicinity of the hop exchange district, but little is doing. The Oregon hops have

not yet arrived. Am of the opinion that the delay is rather lucky, as reports unfavorable to crop conditions have a tendency to stiffen the market. I will be on the lookout for any information that may be of interest to the coast growers.

"Prices here quoted are ranging from 50 to 70 shillings for Pacific coast, but none are selling. No business of any importance is being done at present. Holders are waiting for further developments as to crop outlook. Prices must go higher in the near future if present conditions continue. There is but little goods of prime quality on the market at any figure. Brewers, dealers and growers are waiting."

### A Jolly Affair.

The ice cream social at Plymouth Friday evening was a success in every respect and was largely attended. About fifty people went from Corvallis, most of them in two hay-rack parties, with four-horse teams and spirited drivers.

"Bushels of fun" is the report of all who went. Another hay-rack load came from Inavale, and a large crowd from Philomath was present. A program was rendered which included an instrumental solo by Frank White, recitation, Golda Long; reading, Miss Stella Mall; violin solo, Miss Winnifred Gates; music by a quartette composed of Misses Libbie and Lulu Rice and Messrs. Frank White and George Cross; and a reading by Miss Mamie Hall.

A huge bonfire was built in the yard and the young people indulged in games and merry-making until a late hour. The sale of ice cream netted a goodly sum for the church.

### To Bond District.

Marion Hayden and his brother, Jasper, were out from Alsea last week for the purpose of ascertaining what the people of their section could do in the way of bonding their district in order that they may build a permanent highway over which they can travel without hindrance at all seasons of the year.

Owing to the condition of the road over Alsea mountain during the winters of past years it has been an impossibility to get to Corvallis with produce; in fact, almost out of the question to reach this city at all. In order to better their condition the citizens of the little valley have voted a special five mill tax upon themselves, and with this money they are enabled to complete about two miles of permanent road a year.

This seems too slow and they feel convinced that if some scheme could be hit upon whereby they could raise the necessary funds and complete the road at once they would be money in pocket in the end. With this idea in mind they are thinking of bonding the district to raise funds for this purpose, providing such proceeding is not contrary to law. This was the business of the Messrs. Hayden in Corvallis last week.

The Oregon, one of the steamers of the O. C. T. Co., made a trip to this city Sunday. The boating stage of water has held out unusually well this season, although the time for boating on the upper river is getting pretty short now.

As soon as the building of J. M. Porter is settled upon its new foundation adjoining Hotel Corvallis the owner will place a new concrete walk the entire length of the block and it is to be hoped those owning the property with board walks will become so enthusiastic over street improvements that they, too, will put in concrete walks.



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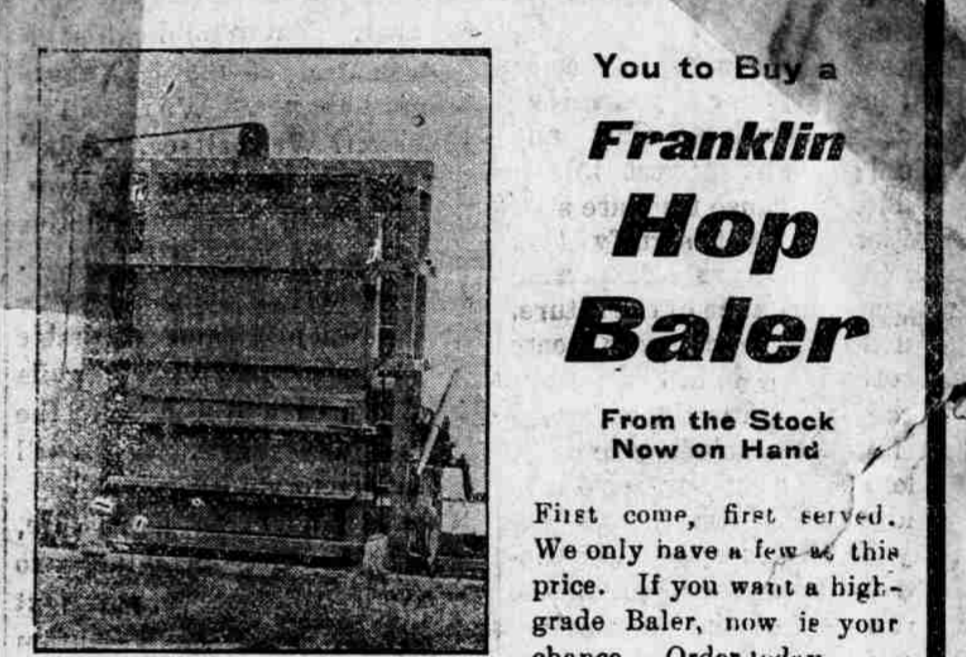
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