

Vetch A Most Profitable Crop

A progressive farmer in Polk County, Oregon, figured with the writer as to comparative profits to be derived from raising a vetch or an oat crop.

The estimate of 100 acres sown to oats in this locality at an average yield of 40 bushels (on good land), is 400 bushels. At the ordinary market price this crop is worth \$1600. An equal acreage of vetch on the same kind of land will produce 12 sacks of clean vetch per acre, weighing 80 pounds per sack, or a total of 96,000 pounds. The ordinary market is not less than 2 cents per pound or a total of \$1920. The screenings from the vetch, when ground up for feed is worth an additional \$600, or a total value of \$2520. The expenses of plowing the ground preparatory to sowing the vetch was eliminated, as the seed was put in with a disk on stubble in the fall. Sheep were pastured on the vetch from March 15 to May 1 to keep it from growing too rank for seed. It is easy to figure a clean profit of \$1000 in favor of the vetch more than could be derived from the oats. Besides, the vetch enriches the soil with nitrogen, while the oats diminishes that element.

But vetch is worth more this year and figuring at 4 cents per pound would make the revenue \$5000 from the 100-acre vetch field. This figure is above the average, but the crop is short this year, caused by a dry season, many farmers cutting off the crop for hay. Even at 2 cents per pound vetch pays the farmer better than does grain. I believe that it will pay Coast farmers to grow vetch even if the price of seed is 5 cents per pound. My advice is to sow in the fall and if the land needs fertility, then plow the vetch under next May when it is in bloom; otherwise make hay or raise seed. A farmer in Linn County, Oregon, had 10 acres which has become so poor that he could only raise 10 bushels of wheat per acre and summer fallowed at that so that crop was only every other year. The farmer sowed the 10 acres to vetch in the fall and the following spring plowed under the second time, then put in wheat and the following year reaped 40 bushels per acre. There is no need of "wearing land out" when it can be kept in fertility with vetch crops put in the year to take the place of a summer fallow.

The Black Russian oats yield heavily. The variety is in constant demand, selling today at 15 to 20 cents per cwt. over the common market grades of other varieties, by the carload. Why not raise the crops which pay best? Rotate to increase fertility of the soil instead of continuing in the old rut and complain because the soil does not produce crops as it "used" to in the early days?—L. L. Brooks, in Oregon Agriculturist.

Dallas May Have Union Depot

A Salem dispatch to the Telegram looks promising for the immediate future of Polk county in general and Dallas in particular. It states: Salem, Or., Nov. 19.—The Oregon Railroad Commission is today issuing notices that another meeting will be held November 26, in the commission's offices in the State Capitol in this city, for the purpose of taking further testimony as to the value of the property of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad in this state. Figures have already been submitted to the commission as to the cost of the road, and these are being checked over by the

commissioners. Commissioner Oswald West has just returned from Dallas, and is perfecting plans evolved by him while in that city for a union depot to be used by the three railroads now having roads in the Polk county capital—the Hirschberg Independence & Monmouth line, the Salem, Falls City road, and the Southern Pacific. The union depot planned will be up-to-date in every respect and adequate space will be provided for many years' of future growth.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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(Copyright, 1909, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.) Paul on Self Denial. (World's Temperance Lesson.) Rom. xiv:10-21.

Golden Text—It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth. Rom. xiv:21.

Verses 10-13—Is the Bible a book of rules in any sense, or is it a book of principles only?

Principles never change, but may a good rule under one condition become a bad one under another? Give examples.

There was a controversy in the church at Rome between the Gentile and the Jewish believers about meats and days; but in the eyes of God was it in any sense a moral issue, as to which were right, those who observed certain kinds of meat, or those who esteemed all days alike and ate all kinds of meat fit for food?

Did one Christian in Rome have any right to impute sin to another Christian, who believed and, therefore, acted differently in the matter of meats and days, to what the objector's conscience would allow him to act?

Does this commandment not to judge, forbid us forming an opinion concerning any doubtful action of our brother; and if not what does it forbid?

To-day one party in the church thinks that renting pews is wrong, another that any kind of games in the church parlors are wrong, while others think quite the opposite on these matters; now has either party any right to "judge" the other party to be guilty of moral wrong?

What should be both the constraining and the restraining influence with us, in all matters of conduct? (v:12.)

Verse 14—Does God morally estimate actions in themselves or the motives which prompt the actions?

Give an example of how it is possible that one man may do a thing and please God, while another may do the same thing and commit sin.

How many outward actions can you think of that are always wrong under all circumstances?

Verses 15-16—If your neighbor is very ill and your singing and piano playing hurts him, and you refuse to deny yourself the pleasure of singing and playing, what kind of a person are you?

If you enjoy and drink your glass of wine, when you know wine drinking is doing vastly more harm than good, what sort of a person are you?

To what extent should I deny myself any pleasure the gratification of which hurts my neighbor?

No sensible parent, will allow anything in his family, however good it may be in itself, if it proves to be injurious to the children, should he or not, apply the same principle to his neighbors?

Verse 17—Should our chief thought be given to the needs of the body or of the soul?

What does the Kingdom of God pre-eminently stand for?

What, in the last analysis, is the real wealth of the individual, the family, the community and the nation?

Can the highest good be enjoyed if the Holy Spirit is not recognized as its source?

Verses 18-20—What do we need to be, in order to be pleasing to God and to good men?

Verse 21—If we deny ourselves things we enjoy, for the sake of others, what is the effect upon ourselves, and do we get as much, or more, out of the self denial as we would out of self gratification? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

If all who drink wine in moderation, would obey the principles of self denial in this verse, how long would it be before we should have total prohibition of the liquor traffic?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 5th, 1909. Paul on the Grace of Giving. II. Cor. viii:1-15.

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Principals of the County Meet and Organize a Principals' Club.

The principals of the county met with Sup't. H. C. Seymour last Sat. Nov. 20, and organized a Principals' Club for the purpose of taking up a line of school supervision and administration and also other work pertaining to the work of the schools of the county. The Club will meet once a month at Sup't. Seymour's office and will have an Instructor from the University of Oregon meet with them at these meetings.

Any other teachers in the county who are not principals and who wish to join the club are welcome to do so and should notify Sup't Seymour as soon as possible.

A good crop of apples will remove from the soil three times as much potash alone as a crop of wheat on the same soil, and while in the decaying vegetable matter we can get what nitrogen the trees need, the supply of the mineral matters must be kept up if we expect to get large and perfect crops of fruit.—Oregon Agriculturist.

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Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

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