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FARM REMINDERS

Large amounts of alsike and red clover seed have been shipped out of Oregon to cover large eastern demands reports the experiment station. Farmers who expect to seed clover next spring are advised to lay in their supply now, as both the market trend and the statement issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, point to higher prices for clover next spring. Heavy winter killing of clover in the eastern states last winter produced a shortage of seed in that section.

From 1200 to 1500 acres of creeping grass seed were harvested in Oregon this year, bringing the farmers of the state between \$100,000 and \$125,000 reports the experiment station. Although this is more than was raised last year there is market for many times that amount of seed in the United States. Bent grass seed amounting to two thirds of the Oregon crop was imported into the United States during July, August and September.

Experiments have shown that animal protein is necessary in laying rations for poultry. Very few eggs will be laid if it is omitted or displaced by vegetable protein. From 10 to 20 per cent animal protein will fill the requirement. Milk or milk products, raw milk, or meat products, and commercial fishmeals are good sources of animal protein.

Winter months provide a time to overhaul thoroughly farm equipment says the Oregon Experiment station. Plough shares can be removed and sharpened, worn bearings be rebalanced or replaced, and all farm ma-

chinery be checked to see that it will be ready for instant use. It is well to order and install implement parts now which are broken. By overhauling during the winter months the life of farm implements can be lengthened materially.

Plank floors are more comfortable or stock to lie on than are concrete floors. In case a barn has concrete floors, remove plants can be laid on top of them.

PAGE, LINE AND PARAGRAPH

With the aid of a new method devised for the study of wool, it has been discovered that the finest wool on a sheep is not grown on the shoulder, but on the cheek or on the back of the ear.

The dairy heifer raised for breeding needs special care at this time of the year. Allow her the run of a pasture or stubblefield until late in the fall so that she will get plenty of exercise. Feed a liberal allowance of hay and silage with possibly a little grain.

Play safe, advise pure-food experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and do not eat food from swelled cans, or from cans termed "flippers," or "springers," that is, cans with one or both ends curving outward. These signs frequently indicate that the food is unfit for consumption.

Many a valuable sire in the swine herd is sent to the block too soon when the practice is followed of using a boar one season and then marketing him, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A boar in the

breeding herd should not be discarded until the growing and feeding qualities of his progeny are determined in the feed lot.

Though it may be discouraging to know that there are forty or more insect pests that may attack your stored grain, it is consoling to learn that any of them can be controlled by carbon disulphide. This material, although highly inflammable, is particularly adapted as a fumigant in the small elevator or the average grain bin or crib on the farm where the fire hazard can be controlled.

Many ills to which calves are subject can be traced to unsuitable stables, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Calves kept in stables that are clean, dry, light, sunny, warm, well ventilated, and free from draughts are less susceptible to pneumonia, from which many die in winter. Digestive ailments also are less likely to develop if the bedding, stalls, and feed troughs are kept clean.

HOME POINTERS

(From School of Home Economics) Rag rugs will stay clean longer and will not wrinkle up if rinsed in thin starch when being washed.

Absorbent cotton is a perfect filter for muddy water.

Fruit stains can be removed with camphor before being put in the laundry. This does not injure the most delicate colorings.

Sheets that are worn down the center may be cut and selvages joined in a seam bringing the strong parts in the middle.

The best parts of wornout sheets make good ironing board covers.

Collars and cuffs of two shades of linen are attractive and can be made from scraps.

After a blanket has been washed and is almost dry brushing it will raise the nap and make it fluffy.

Laces too fine to be washed are cleaned by covering with some absorbent material such as powdered magnesia, fullers earth or chalk.

In making an old garment, if the

pieces of the garment are long enough for recutting, seams may be cut off in lead and ripped.

Before placing a garment in a dye bath, put a sample of the material

to be dyed in a small vessel to see if the color is satisfactory.

OREGON NEWS NOTES

Consolidation of county schools strongly advocated by Thomas H. Gentle of the University of Oregon addressing Clackamas County teachers in convention. Great reduction in taxes by this means forecast.

Madras—Contract let for construction of new community hall at this place.

Heppner—Bids asked for construction of new waterworks system here.

Hood River—Local Product "Oregon Gold" ice cream wins first prize at

Pacific International Live Stock recently held in Portland.

Baker—Contract let for \$40,000 addition to Commercial creamery plant here.

Vale—State Highway Department will grade 15 miles of road from here to Harper.

Dufur—Highway from here to The Dalles in readiness for winter travel.

Klamath Falls—New Pelican theatre at this place nears completion.

320 miles of state road in Oregon will receive federal aid.

Hood River—Mid-Columbia Cold Storage company finishes pack of 135,000 boxes apples.

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