

First Carload Gone

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The arguments and demonstrations to date, look very much in favor of the marketing of livestock and especially hogs on the hoof. As a suggestion, that subject would make a good one, for a debate, by the schools or Granges—Resolved that it is more economical to market hogs on the hoof, than when dressed.

Mr. C. M. McAlister, special agent of the Union Stock Yards, who addressed the afternoon meeting last Saturday, is well known in his particular line, that is, stimulating and creating business for his employers and urging the Oregon people to raise more and better livestock. His talk was interesting, being well interspersed with stories and his big jovial manner, took well with the audience.

Hill Road Opened

Supervisor Frank Millard received word from the County Court the 17th, to open the road on the Springwater Hill temporarily, or until the rains set in.

This will be a big help to the Springwater people and the Estacada merchants will welcome the opening, for much business that should have come to Estacada has been diverted elsewhere. Supervisor Millard has little sympathy for the wails of the Estacada merchants, as he says, "Any town that will not vote a special road tax for its own roads should not find fault with their more enterprising neighbors."

One result of the "sell 'em on the hoof" movement, is a new hog chute, built by John Stormer and Clark Denny, and the hogs take turns sliding up and down it now. Several hog racks have already come into Estacada, so it looks as though the owners expect to sell pork on the hoof regularly.

Disastrous Fire

Last Thursday forenoon a fire, of unknown origin, broke out in the home of Chas. Hicinbotham at River Mill, and owing to the heavy east wind fanning the flames, the home and contents were completely destroyed. After much effort the barn was saved, although the fire burned nearby.

Mrs. Hicinbotham and daughter are temporarily at the home of friends.

Owing to the many friends which the family have and to their strong fraternal ties, it will not be long before they are again housekeeping.

Budget Cut \$18,935.

A party of local people, being made up largely of Garfield farmers attended the Tax Payers meeting in Oregon City, last Tuesday and went on record for or against certain items on the budget for 1915.

The appropriation of \$300, for county fruit inspection was upheld and the \$15000. appropriation for a new jail was killed.

The impression is more or less general that this preliminary budget is made up carefully by the County Court, when in reality it is merely a collection of figures, as furnished by the various officers, to run their respective offices and naturally they place those figures high, Attorney Cross pointed out where there could undoubtedly be a saving of \$5,000. per year or more made in the handling of these offices alone. County road levy will be 8 mills.

It is to be hoped that the county's expenses will be kept down this year.

Christian Church

On Sunday evening at the Christian church there will be a Christmas lecture, "Their First Christmas in America" This is a story of a Russian Jew, who came to America to make his home, and some of the trials and difficulties which he had. Also, some of the pleasures which he enjoyed. This will be illustrated with the stereopticon and about sixty views.

Death of Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Margaret Nelson of Elwood died Dec. 14th after a lingering illness. Mrs. Nelson was in her 49th year and is survived by her husband and three grown children.

The funeral took place Wednesday from the Elwood church with interment in the Mountain Home cemetery.

THE STOCKMAN.

Improved hogs are improving hog profits that is the better the breeding stock the better the chances are for larger profit from the business.

If it is necessary to take a smooth horse over icy roads to the shop wrap the feet in meat sucks.

Don't have fat, lazy sows; make them exercise. Keep their appetites well whetted.

Sheep do not need expensive buildings in which to house them.

Shoes with removable calks are best for icy roads, as the calks can be renewed without removing the shoes.

School Notes

In the debate tryout last week the following contestants were successful: Affirmative, Veneta Page, Carl Kimmel and Lloyd Kwalt. Negative, Oliver Bowman, Lewis Jones and Chester Womer. The question is the government ownership of railroads. The first debate will be held on January 15th against Dayton. Estacada's affirmative team stays at home while the negative goes to Dayton.

The Senior Faculty basket ball "bunch" beat the Junior "scrubs" to the tune of 44 to 13. The stars of the evening were easily discernible, they were George Harkenrider, 16 and Earl Tracy, 15.

Don't forget the Alumni-High School basket ball games next Saturday night. Come and see whether the former E. H. S. stars can down the coming E. H. S. stars.

TABLE SIRUP FROM APPLES.

An Invention of Interest to Housekeepers and Owners of Orchards.

Chemists in the United States department of agriculture have succeeded in creating a totally new product for American tables—namely, apple elder sirup. This is a clear ruby or amber colored liquid of about the consistency of cane sirup or maple sirup and, like them, may be used for griddle cakes, cereals and flavoring purposes. Its flavor, however, is quite distinct, resembling more than anything else the taste of the substance which exudes from a baked apple.

To the apple grower this invention is of even more importance than to the housekeeper, for it supplies him with a new commercial outlet for his apple crop. In the past apples which, because of their appearance or otherwise, could not fetch a profitable price on the market, were frequently allowed to go to waste. It was possible, of course, to turn them into cider, but the difficulty of keeping cider sweet and its bulk often made it unprofitable to ship it any considerable distance. In consequence the market for cider in many cases is restricted to the area of production, and the demand is therefore frequently less than the supply. The consumption of vinegar is not sufficiently great to provide an outlet for all the surplus cider that might be made.

The new apple sirup, however, when properly sterilized and put in sealed bottles will keep indefinitely. In consequence the cider makers can use their excess apple juice for sirup and market the product gradually throughout the year instead of having their sales confined to a month or two in the fall, as is the case with cider.

To make the new apple sirup a filter press and open kettles or some other concentrating apparatus must be added to the cider making mill. After the cider has been treated with pure milk of lime until nearly all of the natural malic acids have been neutralized the liquid is heated to boiling and filtered through the filter press. The resultant liquid is then evaporated as ordinary cane or sorghum sirup is. When allowed to cool the lime and acids form small crystals of calcium malate. These are removed by filtering the sirup once more through the filtering press. The final result is a sirup with the same basic composition as ordinary cane sirup, but with a quite distinct flavor and appearance. Incidentally it might be said that calcium malate sells for \$2 a pound.

The new process is being tested on a commercial scale in Oregon, and the result of the experiment will afford valuable information as to the cost of manufacture. There is, however, no doubt that from a scientific standpoint the manufacture of the sirup is perfectly feasible and that, from the consumer's point of view, it is a very agreeable addition to one's diet.

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