

'ALFALFA' IS WELL NAMED

DISTRICT IS PRODUCING MUCH HAY

Feeding of the Crop to Cattle on the Farms is Being Started—School Shows More Than One Hundred Per Cent Growth.

(Staff Correspondence)
ALFALFA, Oct. 20.—The name chosen for the postoffice here is the keynote to the farming industry in this part of the county—alfalfa. Located 15 miles from Bend, the farmers find that their chief market place. In my short visit here I talked with only a few of the farmers but found that the district has excellent crops this year. Hay is the main one, and this is being fed largely to stock.

A. O. Walker, on whose place is located the postoffice and a small store, is starting out in the dairying industry. He has put up a big barn and has a big crop of hay which he will feed on his own place. Along with his cattle Mr. Walker will have hogs. It is his intention to seed down his land to alfalfa. He is here to stay now and has just completed an addition to his house. Mr. Walker has the means to go ahead with farming as it should be carried on and his achievements will be watched with interest.

H. L. Molony has 40 acres which he is seeding to alfalfa. He has been on this land only the past two seasons and has accomplished a great deal despite the fact that a large part of the time he has been away earning money. He has a nice residence and with the aid of his two grown sons is fast getting his land into excellent condition.

The largest holdings in this territory is what is known as the Johnson ranch, where Lee Davenport formerly was. There are more than 1000 acres in the tract. A large part of it is cleared and ready for crop but is not in anything. Large quantities of hay are raised on the ranch and fed to cattle and horses. The ranch seems, however, to be too large to be handled to the best advantage under irrigation methods and has been found to be unprofitable. Within a few years it will probably be cut up and handled in smaller tracts.

North of Alfalfa toward the Powell Muttie district C. H. Hardy has 120 acres of ditch land from which he cut a fine crop of hay this year, mostly alfalfa. Mr. Hardy has a number of dairy cows that produce such rich milk. He hauls his cream to the Redmond creamery. He also has 35 hogs that are doing well.

The Alfalfa settlers have the advantage of a good school that is centrally located. It is being taught by Edgar Barnes, this being his second year here. The school bears evidence that the district is being settled up rapidly. In 1912 the total enrollment was 11 pupils. So far this year the total is 24—15 boys and 9 girls.

SEVENTY-FIVE CARLOADS OF HOGS SHIPPED THIS YEAR

This Has All Been New Business For Both the Farmers and the Railroads, and All Are Pleased.

Reports from the officials of the W. R. & N. and Oregon Trunk railroads show that already this year there have been a total of 75 carloads of hogs shipped from Central Oregon. This is an entirely new business that has brought to the farmers and the railroads a revenue of some \$75,000, and the biggest part of this sum has been turned into the channels of trade in Crook county and everyone nearly has shared in it, directly or indirectly.

The bulk of these shipments have been from towns south of Gateway and Mecca and both roads have had a share of the business. While the shipments have been in carload lots, there have been very few shipments from one hog raiser alone. Job lots of from 2 to 10 hogs from various ranches have generally made up the consignments. The farmer with a few swine has been able to ship them to the outside market as well as his neighbor with a hundred or more, and in this way he has not been dependent upon local markets, although the prices paid by the local butchers have been uniformly high.

Formerly County Attorneys R. W. Smith, recently of Centerville, Iowa, arrived with his family last week. Mr. Smith is the partner of T. G. Fee, in the law firm of Fee & Smith, which has an office on Oregon street. It is an interesting coincidence that both members of the firm were formerly county attorneys of Appanose county, Iowa. The Iowans picked out Bend as the most likely place to locate after a thorough tour of the Northwest.

GRAIN MARKET FOUND IN BEND

BEND MILLING COMPANY HELPS FARMER

Company's Growing Business Will Take 40,000 Bushels of Grain From Crook County Producers During the Coming Year.

As important to the farmer as good soil on which to grow his crop or water with which to irrigate it is a market for the products of his fields. It is of little use to him to raise hogs if there is no slaughter house to send them to and there is no incentive to plant wheat if there is no one to buy it when it is in the sacks. For this reason the farmers of this territory are fortunate in having the Bend Milling & Warehouse Co. as a place where they can sell the grain they raise. This company with its modern plant, its growing business and its record for fair dealing holds an important place in the business life of the county, and especially in the life of the farmer and grain raiser.

The present plant of the company, exclusive of the addition now under construction, consists of a mill of three floors and basement with a spacious shed for storage and a detached office building. Starting in the basement the visitor finds the line shaft and a 50-horsepower motor with which all the machinery is driven. Here also are the receiving separator in which the incoming wheat is cleaned and the elevator boots to carry it to the floor above where there are five double stand 9x24 Barnard and Lee's roller mills. The flour and feed packers are on this floor also. On the next floor are the wheat bins which run through to the roof, a purifier, a bran duster, a suction fan to care for the fine dust from the rollers and the flour and feed bins. On the third or top floor there is a nine-section swing sifter and bolter and a dust collector.

The addition now nearing completion has recently been described in The Bulletin. Its chief purpose will be for storage, having a capacity of 6000 bushels of wheat, all of which will be cleaned in it, thus removing the dust and dirt before the grain goes into the mill. The present capacity of the mill is 150 barrels of flour a day. For some time it has been running steadily and with the present demand for its products, its consumption of grain for the coming year will be from 20,000 to 40,000 bushels as against 12,000 in the year ending September 1.

The product of the mill is rapidly gaining favor wherever it is known, the sales of flour in Bend alone having doubled in the past few months. The flour is shipped all over Central Oregon, even to points as distant as Prineville. Practically all the flour and millstuffs used on the state Tumaio project is purchased from the Bend mill. The wheat used comes wholly from Crook county.

The mill is in charge of Nelson W. Caldwell, who has had 11 years experience as a miller and in that time has handled all the different varieties of wheat grown in the northern states and has come in contact with 100 different systems of milling. Mr. Caldwell came to Bend from Spokane where he had charge of a 500-barrel mill.

RECENT SWINE BULLETIN

Information of Value to Hog Raisers Can Be Had Free.
The following is a list of bulletins on swine husbandry that have recently been issued and which may be obtained by anyone who wishes them: "Hog Cholera," Extension Bulletin No. 37 of the Minnesota Farm Library, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

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"Hog Cholera and its Prevention," Bulletin No. 157, Texas Experimental Station, Austin, Texas.
"The Maintenance Requirement of Swine," by Prof. William Dietrich, an abstract from Bulletin No. 163, University of Illinois, Urbana.
"Hogging-Down Corn: A Successful Practice," a bulletin issued by the Iowa Experimental Station, Ames.
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