

What Busy Farmers Are Doing

SECOND CROP LOOKS GOOD

MANY FARMERS NOW IRRIGATING THEIR FIELDS FOR LAST TIME BEFORE SECOND CUTTING IN SEPTEMBER.

The second crop of alfalfa in Central Oregon is starting off with a boom. The farmers in many sections of the county are irrigating their alfalfa for the last time preparatory to cutting the second crop, which will be early in September.

The farmers want favorable nights for growing. Warm weather will be of little harm now. Indications are that the second crop will be much heavier than the first crop which was heavier than was expected early in the summer.

According to experienced farmers, who have been in this section in the last few weeks, Central Oregon is one of the favored spots this year in the alfalfa yield. Most of the alfalfa sections of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana have suffered with a short crop. It is held that the farmers who are served by the waters of Central Oregon streams, are fortunate in having the streams with an equal year-round flow. In other irrigated sections of the northwest there has been a decided water shortage.

COUNTRY PAPERS SELLING PRODUCE

100 South Dakota Farmers Tell Press Bulletin Man It Makes Them Good Money.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 14.—Newspaper advertising of farm products is practiced more generally in other western states than in Oregon, says the agricultural college press bulletins. The Idaho university press bulletins say that many farmers advertise in their local papers and do not consider the cost a waste of money. The news bulletins of South Dakota college wrote letters to nearly 100 farmers asking them to give their experience with local newspaper advertising. Some of the answers follow:

"We have been so successful in advertising our seed grains that next year we plan to erect a new granary and get more equipment to clean and handle grain. We must have a new truck."—Hillcrest Farm, Clark, S. D.

"We have found that it pays to use the local papers. The best success is with using those that cover our natural selling territory."—Bevington Farms, Highmore.

"We have been so successful in selling young pigs through local papers that we have been unable to keep up with the demand."—J. M. Tucker, Edgemont.

"Yes, it pays to let people know what you've got to sell. People believe an advertisement, since they think the editor stands good for its being true."—M. A. Slocum, Ipswich.

"I am sure it paid me to advertise in the local and farm papers. Perhaps a neighbor may want just what you have to sell, and the way to let him know is to advertise it."—Charles P. McPherson, Sturgis.

"A small ad in our local paper sold all our pure bred eggs for hatching. Yes, I certainly am in favor of advertising."—Bright Side Farm, Lily.

SULPHUR BRINGS 100 PER CENT. CROP GAIN

Another evidence that sulphur is the ideal fertilizer for alfalfa on Central Oregon farms is shown in the yield this year of F. B. Baughman of Powell Butte.

Last year Mr. Baughman purchased four tons of sulphur through R. A. Ward, then county agriculturist. In 1918 the crop from this particular field was 70 tons of alfalfa. This year with the application of the sulphur the same field produced 150 tons of alfalfa. The sulphur cost Mr. Baughman about \$236. It is estimated that the profits from this year's crop over last will be about \$1600.

Many other Central Oregon farmers are experiencing similar results since they have used sulphur.

POTATO CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

VINES ARE NOW IN BLOOM AND IF FROST KEEPS AWAY A BANNER YIELD IS SURE TO FOLLOW.

If Jack Frost will just lay off on his early visits for at least 10 days, Central Oregon will have a banner potato crop. The potatoes in the central and southern sections of the county are now in full bloom, which is the critical time.

There is every indication, according to J. B. Miner, who has been in various sections of the county during the past week, that the potatoes will have a high standard. The vines are healthy and there is no indication of disease. The potato wart, which has been reported in some sections of the country, has not made its appearance in Central Oregon potato fields.

Indications point to a favorable market this year for Central Oregon potatoes. It is reported that the crop of the Willamette valley has been harvested, and practically all consumed, which will open for eastern Oregon potatoes a good market at high prices. It is also understood through the commission men that the cold storage crop is about used up, which will be an additional cause for better prices than usual.

SHEEPMEN WILL BUY 1000 FINE WOOL EWES

If the plans of the Cline Falls-Tumalo Sheep association works out satisfactorily, the association this year will purchase approximately 1000 choice wool ewes. It is likely that Rambouilleta will be selected.

The association finds that standardization of its herds is the best when it comes to running the sheep on the range.

INGHRAM HAS FINE HERD.

Guy Inghram has 500 fine black faced Rambouillet lambs. These lambs, which were lambed in March, will average about 70 pounds apiece. This herd was an object lesson early this week to several sheepmen who had heard of Mr. Inghram's lambs.

THE BOY AND GIRL

(This column is open to the boys and girls of Central Oregon to send in their questions about the livestock they may be raising, the work they are doing on their farms, the success they are having. Questions will be submitted to an expert for answers.)

From Beulah Luce, 19 years old, member of the First National Bank Pig club, comes the following communication to R. A. Ward:

"Redmond, Oregon.
July 26, 1919.

"Mr. R. A. Ward, Bend, Oregon.

"Dear Mr. Ward: I received your letter and am very sorry that I did not send in my reports without you having to write for them. But will be more prompt from now on.

"My pig (Irene 1st) is fine. She is gaining just a little more than a pound a day. I feed her a quart of soaked rolled barley morning and evening, and a quart of skimmed milk three times each day, but she doesn't drink much.

"The only thing on her feed record she didn't deserve is a chicken, but I have got her pen fixed now so they can't get in.

"Some time when you are going by, stop in and see her. She's fine.

"Yours for better pigs.

"BEULAH I. LUCE.

"A Club Member."

CLUB WORKERS ADOPT PROGRAM

Oregon Girls' and Boys' club programs, like President Wilson's peace aims, have 14 points, explained by Miss Alice Joyce, assistant club leader, as follows:

- + Call to order by president;
- + music in charge of leader;
- + reading of minutes of previous meeting by secretary; announcement of plans by president; roll call of progress;
- + address by special speaker;
- + surprise, leader in charge;
- + club clippings and reports;
- + consideration of new projects;
- + demonstration team; local leader's remarks; special entertainment; games.

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you have seen its increased size. You have seen that it contains more news of interest to farmers.

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