

FARM BUREAU NEWS

 ♦ SALESMEN PROFITEERING. ♦
 ♦ Three Representatives of Cal- ♦
 ♦ ifornia firms are in Central Ore- ♦
 ♦ gon this week selling cultures ♦
 ♦ for the inoculation of alfalfa ♦
 ♦ and clover seed. ♦
 ♦ It has come to the attention ♦
 ♦ of county agent D. L. Jamison ♦
 ♦ through farmers, who asking ♦
 ♦ advice on the advisability of ♦
 ♦ purchase, of that this culture ♦
 ♦ is being sold by these salesmen ♦
 ♦ for an exorbitant price. One ♦
 ♦ farmer is said to have paid \$80 ♦
 ♦ for culture to inoculate seed ♦
 ♦ for 15 acres. According to Mr. ♦
 ♦ Jamison culture sufficient to in- ♦
 ♦ noculate this amount of seed ♦
 ♦ can be purchased through the ♦
 ♦ Oregon Agricultural College for ♦
 ♦ 50 to 75 cents and farmers are ♦
 ♦ urged to communicate with him ♦
 ♦ if needing bacteria culture. ♦
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to make the work what it should be, according to county agent Jamison, every farmer in the county should be a member.

The meeting places and the dates are as follows:
 Terrebonne, Tuesday, February 17; Lower Bridge, Wednesday, February 18; Cloverdale, Thursday, February 19; Sisters, Friday, February 20; Plainview, Monday, February 23; Tumalo, Tuesday, February 24; Bend Grange, Wednesday, February 25; Pleasant Ridge or White Rock district, Thursday, February 26; Redmond, Friday, February 27.

The executive board decided at its Monday meeting to allow 2 per cent gross to the man in charge of cooperative shipping of livestock under the auspices of the Farm Bureau.

C. H. Miller, county commissioner was officially designated as a member of the executive board of the Farm Bureau at Monday's meeting.

For the purpose of raising a revolving fund to \$500 to provide for rodent poison, a committee consisting of Fred N. Wallace and D. L. Jamison was appointed to confer with the county court at its next meeting. The county agent was instructed to mix and keep on hand a supply of squirrel poison.

At its meeting Monday night the executive board of the farm bureau prepared a schedule for meetings in the various towns and communities in connection with the campaign for membership in the Deschutes county Farm Bureau.

Six hundred members or more is the goal set for membership in the farm bureau in this campaign. The scope of the work of the project during the coming year is extensive and

FARMERGRAPHS

Glimpses into the Lives of Prominent Central Oregon Agriculturists.

From the cab of Chicago & Alton big locomotive to clearing land in Deschutes county is a big long jump for any man who has pulled the throttle of one of the big railroad steel steeds for 22 years, but that is what happened to R. U. Flickinger, one of the best known and most prosperous farmers in the Tumalo district.

Whether Mr. Flickinger thought he was leading too "fast" a life of covering too much territory every day he has not said, but he does say that he is perfectly contented on his 80 acre ranch on the Tumalo project, raising alfalfa hay feeding it to purebred cattle and with the cooperation of his wife, who is a fiend on poultry, keeping the wolf away from the pantry shelf.

The last phrase was not intended to convey the idea that the Flickingers are near the margin where the H. C. L. is pushing most of us. That's not so. Mr. Flickinger came to Central Oregon about 1912, and is considered among the second croppers—not exactly a pioneer among the colony. However, on his own land he is a pioneer because he jerked juniper and pins out of the ground to make room for a plow to pass through. Obtaining 53 acres he set at once to put his house in order. Today he has one of the best ranches on the project.

Probably a few years ago if you had tried to sell him stock in pure-

bred bull or milk cow he might have told you that any old cow would do as long as she produced a good sized pail full of milk, but today the case is different. Mr. Flickinger is one of the most progressive conservatives on the project. In a small way from the start Mr. Flickinger has been in the dairy business, starting out with two cows he is now milking seven and until last week possessed one of the most promising bulls in the county. Two purebred milking short-horn cows were purchased last year for \$200. The two cows today are worth \$200 and in addition Mr. Flickinger has received \$150 for the bull. This little venture has proved to Mr. Flickinger that purebred livestock on an irrigated ranch in Central Oregon will pay. He contends that his ranch will never be without purebred cattle.

With his agricultural duties Mr. Flickinger finds time to devote to the interests of the community building of the Tumalo district. He is an officer in almost every organization in that section, chief among which are the Deschutes County Farm Bureau and the Tumalo Bull Association.

In addition to farming his own ranch Mr. Flickinger leases 40 acres. Ask him what he thinks about the future of the farming in Central Oregon and he will tell you, purebred livestock, alfalfa on an irrigated ranch, potatoes and in all respect to his wife, poultry.



R. U. Flickinger, of Tumalo and his purebred shorthorn bull, which he recently sold for \$150.

JACKRABBIT SKINS WORTH REAL MONEY
 OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 12.—Here is a chance to make money!
 That rabbit skins are valuable is shown in a letter received by G. F. Sykes, professor of zoology and phy-

siology, from Adiel Vandeweghe of New York, America's leading buyer of rabbit skins. Rabbit skins are higher in value than ever before in the history of the fur market, he writes. His firm would pay \$10,000,000 for rabbit skins and is willing to pay from 25 cents to \$1.00 for Belgian hare skins. For Jackrabbit

BETTER BOUNTY SYSTEM NEEDED

Redmond Taxpayer Believes Efficiency in Eradication of Predatory Animals Will Come With Better Certification Place in County.

With reference to recent statements by N. D. Wood, of Redmond, relative to his attitude on the bounty question in this county Mr. Wood states that he opposes the present system of paying bounties not as a representative of the U. S. Biological Survey, but as a taxpayer in Deschutes county, on the basis of the present system of certification.

In speaking of changes that may prove beneficial Mr. Wood says in a letter to 'The Bulletin':
 "I have been informed and it is my judgment, that Deschutes county has paid bounty on animals which were taken in other counties and even other states. I suggested three plans, either of which in my judgment would be better than the one being used at the present. First—The one which the resolution of the farm bureau covers. 'Having two resident stockmen certify that the animal was actually taken in Deschutes county.' Second—Let the county employ expert hunters and trappers to work on salary within the county. Third—Let the county turn over to the U. S. Biological survey bounty money to be spent by the government within Deschutes county.

"I have been employed by the U. S. Biological survey as a hunter and trapper for the past four years, during which time I have had occasion to visit every section of the county and thus have had a fair opportunity to study the coyote situation. I am of the opinion that there are not more than half as many coyotes in Deschutes county today as there were four years ago.

"When the government began work in the county four years ago. The average catch of our best trappers ran from 16 to 28 coyotes a month, where as the average catch of the same men now, runs from 7 to 15, coyotes per month.

"The stockmen where these trappers have worked will tell you that the loss of stock from predatory animals has been cut 75 per cent. Of course there are a few fellows who have opposed the work from the beginning and who from personal bias talk differently. There are a few farmers who seem to think the coyote helps to keep the jack rabbit under control, but this is a mistake. The coyotes have been here for all time, and so has the rabbit and they have both been on the increase, until four years ago when we went after the coyote in a systematic way and his tribe is decreasing while there are no more rabbits now than there were then, and in some sections not near so many.

The coyote's principle diet consists of cotton-tail rabbits, sheep, young deer, calves, poultry in the order named."

WINTER FEEDING IS SUCCESSFUL

One of the shining examples of successful sheep raising on an irrigated ranch may be seen on the ranch of John Marsh, a well known Tumalo farmer. Mr. Marsh wintered approximately 200 head of sheep, feeding principally alfalfa. Out of his herd Mr. Marsh did not suffer the slightest loss during the cold weather of last December. It is Mr. Marsh's opinion that the hay fed on the ranch to sheep netted approximately \$75 per ton. It is the intention of the Tumalo sheep king to winter approximately 1,000 head of sheep during 1920.

FINE SHEEP TO BE IMPORTED

After many months of consistent pounding away upon the theory that purebred sheep on an irrigated ranch in Deschutes county will be a paying investment, the First National Bank has interested six well known farmers of the county in the purchase of approximately 75 head of purebred Rambouillet ewes and one purebred Rambouillet buck.

For the purpose of securing these purebred sheep for immediate shipment into Central Oregon, R. A. Ward, of the First National Bank left Monday, in company with Dan Heising, of Sisters; for Castleford, Idaho, to make the selection of wool stock for Dan Heising, of Sisters, Prentiss Van Tassel, of Gist, W. L. Bergstrom, of Deschutes, John Marsh and Grover Gerking of Tumalo. The purchase is to be made from the stock of Hobbes and Gillett, of Castleford, Idaho, a firm of high reputation in the breeding of purebred Rambouillet stock. The bank's representative expects to pay a price for the purebred stud ram ranging between \$250 and \$500, and a total of approximately \$7,500 for the en-

tire shipment. The stock, upon arrival in Bend within the next two weeks, will be distributed among six farmers.

More to be Brought in.
 In the event that Mr. Ward is able to secure the entire shipment as planned for now, the importation will be the largest ever brought into the county and will, he says, be the starter for a campaign to bring larger

numbers into the county.
 All the ewes under consideration have been bred to the ram which brought the highest price at the recent Salt Lake sale. The buck to which they were bred was owned by John H. Seely, of Mount Pleasant, Utah and sold for about \$3,000.
 Mr. Ward and Mr. Heising expect to return to Bend the latter part of next week.

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