

A FEW DAIRY FIGURES

Crook County Farmer Shows That Diversified Farming Pays

DAIRY HERD IS A GOOD THING

Big Money in Well Conducted Dairy and Hog Farms In This Section--Some Practical Good Road Talk That Should Convince All With Importance of It.

The following is a portion of an article published in a recent issue of the Prineville Journal, showing what can be done with a dairy herd and would indicate that more attention to such work would pay here. We never have sufficient dairy products to supply the demand at this time of year and a large amount of money is sent out for butter:

Herbert E. Rideout, proprietor of the Fairview Stock Farm, which is situated five miles west of Prineville, has demonstrated that diversified farming, good dairy cows, thoroughbred horses and a good sprinkling of swine and chickens is a combination that cannot be beaten on a farm. One year ago Mr. Rideout had 9 Jersey cows and from these he raised 28 head of calves. The calves were raised on a mixture of brand and skimmed milk, were fed liberally on the best of alfalfa hay. The pasture was open to them at all times.

At present there are 17 head of milk producing cows on the Fairview Farm and from these an average daily churning is made of 20 pounds of butter of which finds a ready sale at 40 cents per pound, making a total daily income of \$8.

Twenty-nine head of Jersey stock were purchased from Harry Janus the first of January, making the Fairview herd a total of 22 head. The milk producing stock will increase to 30 head in a few weeks and it is expected to keep from 30 to 50 head as a permanent herd.

Besides the calves, Mr. Rideout figures that his plant will support and fatten one hog for every cow on the farm. He marketed 30 head last fall at an average price of \$25 per head. These, he figures, require about \$5 worth of grain each, besides the waste products.

PRACTICAL GOOD ROAD TALK.

The Good Roads movement in Oregon has become general. All classes are represented in the demand made upon the legislature for the passage of the five Oregon Good Roads Association highway bills that have been pending before it. Farmers are the most interested because they have most to gain. The Oregon farmer is and has been a prisoner in his farm during the winter months because the terrible muddy roads that mire an empty wagon keep him from the market place and from the pleasures of town. The streets of Portland, the largest Oregon town, are trod day by day by boys from the farm who would not stay in the mud and who have not earned the clerical work of the town.

Thousands of acres of land are not producing wealth for prosperous communities because they cannot be reached over bad roads. In many instances there are no roads at all. More than two millions of acres of land worth now more than \$5,000,000 were given in Oregon for the making of roads. These roads were never built. The holders of land grants were not held accountable to their trust. There was no system.

The state-wide good roads movement now insists upon system of roads. The highway bills provide state aid. This aid, \$20,000 to each county in two years that raises \$40,000 is little enough compared to the \$14,000,000 appropriated for state-aided highways in New York, or \$2,59,000 in New Jersey which is only a fraction of the size of an average Oregon County.

The operation of the highway bills as law, the services of the

highway board and commissioner, the appropriation generally of \$680,000 to help counties build roads, the convict labor bills, that take convicts from competition with free labor and put them at work crushing rock, the county bonding act which permits counties to pledge their credit for the construction of permanent roads—all of these movements united in a general system to establish a good roads system in every Oregon county are expected to convince all doubters of the development necessity and benefit of permanent highway construction so that when the question of increased appropriation comes before the legislature two years from now, the largest possible amount will seem little enough.

NOT THE RIGHT THING.

A Multnomah county man has introduced a bill in the legislature to cut off all state aid to county and district agricultural fairs and providing for each county to appropriate \$2,000 or less toward such fairs. It may be a good thing to do in some respects, but it is hardly just to interior and isolated counties where population and deeded tillable land are scarce.

These are the sections that should be exploited as here is where we expect increase in population and wealth for Oregon, and the state should help. If it placed every county on an equal basis it might not be so bad, but does it?

EXPERIMENT STATION BILL.

Representative Brooke has introduced the bill providing for the experiment farm in this county and which carries an appropriation of \$4,000.

A letter to every member of the legislature was sent last week by the Burns Commercial Club asking support of this bill and offering some good argument for its establishment in this county. We believe our claim to this station is just. It was the Burns Commercial Club that first took up this matter two years ago, but the provision in the bill specifying the location for "Harney county" was stricken out and we lost. Now it is "Harney county" again in the bill and it is there to stay.

COMPLIMENTS JUDGE DAVIS.

The Vale Enterprise says: The circuit court was a busy place during the past week and it is reported that the coming week will be as important. Judge Smith of Baker is expected on Monday to sit on the bench for a number of cases in which Judge Biggs had been retained as counsel before his election.

Ex-Judge George E. Davis has been one of the most active persons in the circuit court during the past week, having been retained as counsel in numerous cases. While on the bench Judge Davis was one of the best judges in the state and his decisions were counted as the best, being seldom reversed, showing that he had always treated each case upon its merits. The people of this section are pleased to see that he is so favorably looked upon as an attorney. Judge Davis, upon the opening of the court the first day of the term, installed Judge Biggs on the bench, and since that time has been one of the busiest attorneys around the court house.

Rights Evil of Long Standing.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has announced that hereafter

the government will discontinue the printing of stamped envelopes and recommends that the same be done by the local newspapers, in ever town where there is a newspaper, and by special permit for the towns nearest the newspaper where a town has no paper of its own. No large town will be allowed to have a monopoly on the printing of the envelopes to the detriment of the smaller newspapers.

HILL OR HARRIMAN.

On Saturday morning last a crowd of engineers with many frost hubs, bedding and engineering instruments left for the north. In Lakeview they left the impression that they were in the employ of the people that own a great deal of land north of here that contains borax, and were bound for Abert and Summer lakes. Valley Falls was reached but after buying supplies in great abundance there, they started further north, saying that their destination was Burns, but that later they would touch Wagon tire, Summer Lake, Abert Lake and back to Lakeview.

This may or may not mean a great deal to this interior country but the Herald ventures the suggestion that ere long we will hear more about this party that seemingly came from nowhere, stopped nowhere, and changed their minds 150 miles if their destination within a half day's time.—Lakeview Herald.

To Abolish Death Penalty.

The question of whether the death penalty shall be abolished will probably be decided by the people at the next general election in November, 1912, says the Journal.

Many members of the legislature, perhaps a majority, are in favor of making the death penalty a matter of the past, if the possibilities of obtaining a pardon are made fewer, and they have decided that the only safe way of disposing of this phase of the question is by taking the pardoning power from the governor and placing it with the supreme court. Lawyers have discovered that this involves an amendment to the constitution, which must be submitted to the people before the proposed bill can be passed.

In the bill introduced into the senate, the privilege of granting pardons is taken from the governor. Instead, the supreme court is the only resort of pardon for the person given a life sentence for murder who has exhausted all other methods of escape. The supreme court, under the bill's provisions, may then grant a pardon only upon the introduction of evidence unearthed since the conviction of the prisoner, showing that he or she is innocent of the crime.

The first bill upon the subject was introduced by Senator Patton and abolished the death penalty for first degree murderers only. In the judiciary committee it was pointed out that the crime of treason and assault by a convict upon an officer of the penitentiary was also punishable by death under the Oregon laws, and as it appeared manifestly unfair to legislate only in favor of first degree murderers, the committee decided to introduce the new bill covering all crimes now punishable by death. Since then was found that the constitutional amendment was involved and consideration of the bill will probably be postponed until the people have passed upon the question.

Members of the supreme court have called the attention of some of the senators to a phase of the subject which is decidedly important. The bill, at present, makes no reference to the murderers already convicted and should it be submitted to the people without reference to this point a serious legal question would afterward be raised as to whether the law applied to them, or not. In order to prevent subsequent court tangles, the members of the supreme court suggested that the proposed law exempt all persons convicted previous to its enactment. Such a provision will be inserted.

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MORE BIRD PRESERVES

Bills Presented to Legislature Asking That Land be Set Aside

COMMENT ON ELECTION FRAUDS

"A Weak Sister" Hopes to be Kept Out of Temptation If She is no Stronger Than Man Has Shown Himself to be With the Ballot--What Might Happen.

William L. Finley and others interested in the preservation and propagation of wild game in Oregon have presented to the legislature a bill to create wild bird and game refuges either on state or private lands and to secure the protection of birds and animals on such refuges.

This bill provides that the government may set aside state land and land surrounding state institutions as game refuges, the act making it unlawful to kill or shoot at any living thing in these refuges or to carry firearms on the refuges without the permission of the warden in charge.

The bill also provides that the proposed state board of fish and game commissioners have power to make contracts with owners of private land to create game preserves for a length of time not to exceed ten years, upon which it shall be unlawful for anyone to carry firearms or shoot protected animals without permission of the warden in charge.

As a penalty for violation of this proposed act it is provided anyone found guilty be punished by a fine of from \$50 to \$100 and imprisonment from thirty days to six months.

So as to give full warning of the creation of such refuges in case the bill becomes a law it is provided that notices shall be placed on them giving notice they are reserved for wild bird and game refuges and warning against trespassing, hunting, killing or in any way disturbing the birds or wild animals protected by the Oregon law and found on the premises. It is proposed to make it unlawful for anyone to remove or disturb such signs or notices, violators to be fined from \$50 to \$100.

Mr. Finley, members of the Audubon society and other nature lovers believe such refuges will do more to build up the wild game of Oregon than anything else. Game of all kinds, excepting that not protected by law, would be as safe in the refuges, if the framers of the bill have their way, as they would be in Yellowstone Park, which has become famous the world over as a national refuge for birds and game.

This bill has the indorsement of Governor West, and he has promised to support it in every way.

A "HOT BUNCH" FOR MEN.

"A Weak Sister," sends us a communication this week anent Woman's Suffrage. She cites the wholesale prosecution in Ohio for bribing and vote buying where in one county 752 indictments have been made with prospects that the number will be increased to 1,500 or 2,000, with comments as follows:

Now isn't this appalling! Imagine what a world of political darkness and sin in which we are living—and this search light has been thrown on but one county. With this before us it would indicate some squirming among men if a political X-ray were turned on the entire United States. Do you remember that one ar-

gument they cling to when they voted down woman's suffrage this year, was that we did not read enough and consequently would be unable to keep up with them in politics.

Pardon me for side-tracking while I repeat the story of the Irishman and aviator who went up in an airship. The aviator lost control of the craft and it was flying through the air at a terrific rate. The manipulator thoroughly frightened, said: "Pat, do you think the Lord is with us?" "Faith," said Pat, "and he's goin' some if he is."

So it would be with us in politics if we kept up with the men. No doubt we'd be "goin' some." Another thing which men have had figured out for a long time is that women have less will power than men and are more easily influenced. God help us if we are, and ever keep the ballot from us.

Under the circumstances I am glad we women in Harney Valley didn't get to vote this year as a great many of us housekeepers who tried to keep up appearances on crop failures and jack rabbits had a peculiar weakness for money.

Brothers, if you feel that your mental powers are stronger than ours, we ask you to guide us in the way we should go—not the way you are going. But deliver us from the ballot, for in such there is corruption, power and downfall forever and ever to men.

A WEAK SISTER.

Water Power Development Retarded

State Engineer John H. Lewis argued with figures and statistics before the Commonwealth Conference at the University that the state's annual tax on water power development seriously retards industrial and financial development in the state. He showed that the tax in no measure begins to produce sufficient revenue to offset this retarding influence.

"The equivalent," he says, "of seventy millions of dollars worth of coal is being annually wasted in the undeveloped water power of Oregon. This energy should be developed and used, and Oregon will prosper in proportion as this is accomplished.

The engineering and financial difficulties in the way of development are usually sufficient to defeat construction except in the most promising cases." To add to this a heavy annual tax, imposed only on new projects, and with the idea of securing a revenue, Mr. Lewis thinks defeats, or at least seriously retards, development. To substitute for the tax, Mr. Lewis believes that an annual license should be imposed on all companies, old and new alike, simply for regulation purposes.

Figures About Oregon Sheep

There are 2,441,814 sheep in the state of Oregon, and there is invested in the industry itself—that is the sheep, the land, and the equipment necessary to carry it on—\$28,750,410 according to the report of the state board of

sheep commissioners, which was submitted to the governor last week.

Eastern Oregon contributes, according to the report, \$24,920,100 to this amount, and western Oregon \$3,830,310. The industry furnishes continuous employment to 3660 men and there is expended in labor in caring for the herd each year \$2,360,154.

The report shows that the herds are practically free from scab, and that other diseases are also well under control. The laws generally, says the board, have been well complied with by the sheepmen.

BOOST FOR GOOD ROADS.

People of the state made a demonstration in favor of good roads legislation at Salem at the open session of the House and Senate Tuesday of this week, when special trains were run to the capital from Portland and many interested citizens attended. Pending bills providing for the permanent betterment of the roadways of the state were urged upon the legislators.

State and county automobile clubs, the state organization of threshermen, retail merchants and other interests were represented to do what they could to get the pending good roads bills passed. It is felt by those actively at work on this legislation that the measures proposed will accomplish a great deal in bringing about marked improvement in highway conditions throughout the state.

Twin Falls, Idaho, takes the palm for the greatest yield of potatoes in competition with western states along the line of the Oregon Short Line, which offered a prize of \$500.00 for the best crop. Louis A. Snyder, living near Twin Falls, was awarded the prize, having grown 645 bushels on one acre. He irrigated his crop three times and planted and cultivated the tubers by machinery.

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