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Prosperity Question of Agricultural Success

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will be realized. Grimm and Battie are hardy and prolific varieties and succeed well under conditions here.

The dry land alfalfa stands in rows 28 inches apart and had one cultivation. It is nearing the third cutting and will yield three-fourth tons per acre.

Water, either by irrigation or seepage is necessary to the success of starting the crop. Watering before seeding has proved a good practice, and trials will be made this summer on some station plots to determine the value of fall irrigation. By spreading the water in the fall, irrigation machinery and labor will be distributed over a much longer period, which will decrease the overhead costs.

Field peas for forage and for fattening hogs is a promising crop that yields a ton and a half good feed per acre with 15 or more bushels of seed.

Sugar beets and mangels also produce heavily under irrigation and make excellent supplementary feed.

Dry farming crops likewise have an important place in the progressive agriculture of the district. Mr. McIntosh points out. Grain to finish off the fattest stuff for the highest priced trade can be grown with success in normal years. The station wheat plots show well and the barley still better. Mr. Shattuck names the grain crops in the order of their importance as follows: Barley, wheat, and rye. For hogs, the field pea is preferred.

Variety trials show that the new treble barley is most promising under central Oregon conditions. It is hardy, frost resistant and a good yielder. A yield of 50 bushels per acre under normal conditions for this and other varieties of barley in Harney indicates its place in the farming system.

Wheat trials will be made next year with some 30 varieties to determine the most profitable under irrigation and dry farming conditions. Also experiments with clipping certain varieties both to get a hay crop and to delay heading and maturity till all danger of frost is passed. It is the late developing but early maturing after passing the grass stage grains that will succeed best here, Mr. McIntosh was told by Mr. Shattuck.

A good silage crop is needed for certain seasons of the year in this as in all other big livestock and dairy districts, and the beginning has been made on the station farms by growing sunflowers as the most promising silage crop. The sunflower succeeds and yields well under dry conditions and

is rather tolerant of frost at most stages. When put into silos the chemical changes render it highly palatable and nutritious. Analysis at the Oregon experiment station and other stations show that the sunflower closely approximates corn when ensiled. Silage is described as canned pasturage which can be fed as demanded throughout the year.

Any review of the splendid livestock and field crop farming possibilities of Harney that failed to consider the range would be far from complete. Preliminary steps looking to the improvement and enlarging of the range carrying power have already been taken by the main station and the Harney branch station. This will be effected as largely as possible by working for a system of management that neither overstocks nor understocks any part of the range, by development of watering places, and by increasing the ratio of edible range plants and grasses with elimination or control of poisonous plants. "I am enthusiastic over the agricultural possibilities of your country," said Mr. McIntosh "and am surprised at the excellent work being done by Mr. Shattuck in hastening the realization of your highest possibilities."

All Dad Does is Dig

There was a movement a while back to establish a day for dad.

Father was going to have one day of respect and tribute along with mother.

But dad is such an easy-going unromantic person that even the holiday maudlin couldn't get him to show much enthusiasm.

And when a holiday mania gets discouraged it must be a dreary topic indeed, for the mania delights in nothing so much as in injecting half a dozen more holidays into an already overburdened calendar.

With the return of school we feel that dad should get a few words of sympathy.

Teacher and mother and pupil all have their kind words, but dad gets nothing; all he does is dig.

And how the poor man goes have

to dig this fall.

The children all have to be dressed decently; they have to be equipped with books and tools and charts and maps, and the hundred and one expensive incidentals that modern manual and technical training demand.

Shoes for a family of four will take a week's pay check of the average laborer.

School books change faster than do the styles.

A simple little dress, for the oldest girl costs more than father's suit did a few years back.

And the knee pants suits of Eddie suits that get shabby and tattered and patched so quickly, eat up dollars like waffles do butter.

And how to afford enough fresh milk and butter and meat for growing children is something else again.

And as to rents—there they're impossible.

So dad digs and digs, and stands off the butcher, and keeps the doctor and dentist waiting; and gets a bit shabbier and more frayed around the edges every month, and keeps scratching; hoping that sometime, somehow, he will dig out to daylight and breathe a contented breath.

Poor dad! Mother has her troubles, but she also has her biographers and her chroniclers, but dad, who is beneath the entire load, and who just barely stumbles through, gets nothing but bills.

Cheer up, dad; you're manufacturing citizens and a free country.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currie and their two daughters have been guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Hibbard lately. Mrs. Currie is a sister of Dr. Hibbard. During their stay the party spent a short time in the mountains in quest of deer, but were disappointed. Rev. George Ward was also a member of the hunting party. The Curries left for their home at Salem yesterday.

Misses Anna Otley and Helen Long were up from their homes in the Lawen neighborhood for a few days this week calling upon friends and doing some shopping. Miss Long will begin teaching the school in the Otley district on next Monday.

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