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WAYSIDE OBSERVATIONS

By L. E. McDaniels—County Agent

First hay harvest about over. Everyone shorthanded. By using the women folks and babies the work done somehow.

It speaks well for the future of a country, however, when a 12 year old boy or girl has the intelligence and ability and grit to do a days work in the hayfield, that the able bodied farmers hanging around the pool rooms waiting for higher wages should be doing.

The County Agent can place a number of good men at your long work but aside from the local standbys there seems to be no one in the county willing to work.

While it is unfortunate that many ranchers were too discouraged on account of the past three years drouth and onslaughts of insect and rodent pests to seed their lands to grain crops this season, yet where they did so the yields promise to be among the greatest ever known in this section. This also applies to hay crops except in isolated instances where the regular supply of water was not forthcoming.

The County Agent was a visitor at the James Paul ranch in Happy valley the past week and the diversification of crops grown by Mr. Paul was a revelation as to the possibility of Harney County soil backed by intelligently applied labor and water. All root crops were clean cultivated and practically mature while the grain crops aside from the rye grown by Mr. Beat of Silver Creek is the equal of anything seen by the County Agent in the county so far.

Mr. Paul while being a "Hoot Mon" when it comes to talking, intimated very strongly that certain parties from Silver Creek, Calamity, Poison Creek, Catlow, and other sections, had better disabuse their minds as regards carrying away that prize for the best individual and community exhibits at the County Fair this fall. For fear of getting a raise out of the Editor of The Times-Herald nothing will be said about the loads of good eats, including trout that the County Agent was able to store away, yet it must be confessed that the Mrs. County Agent did remark that her spouse "Behaved as when he and the editor were together."

Say folks! The Harney County fair for September 30th and October 1-2 is an assured fact. Now please keep the fact in mind that this is your fair and not the fair of any particular town or district. It is up to you to help make this fair by attendance and exhibits, a success for the reason that a good fair is a distinct commercial and educational asset to you personally. First because it will give you and yours a chance to get out and swap ideas with your neighbors regarding the methods used in producing crops or stock that is better than your and second, for the reason that in order to create and maintain a value on your lands, you must demonstrate to others as well as yourself what these lands will produce. This applies equally as well to those who desire to sell as it does to those who are content to remain where they are for if you do desire to remain on your holdings, you desire good roads, good schools and agreeable neighbors, and in order to obtain these it is necessary to show desirable people the advantages of purchasing the holdings of those who desire to sell. Think this over and then get busy and prepare an exhibit of some kind if it only a sheaf of grain, or hay, a plate of vegetables a pen of chickens, a pig, or some evidence of household skill. Only whatever you do, don't be one of the pikers that attend a fair empty handed and after looking over the exhibits say, "Hump! I've better stuff at home."

SULFUR WOULD INCREASE VALUE OF ALFALFA CROP

Two Million Dollars Would be Added to Value on One Hundred Thousand Acres

That sulfur will make at least a ten per cent increase in yield on 100,000 acres of alfalfa lands in arid and semi-arid sections of the state, is indicated by fertilizer trials in most of the important alfalfa growing sections of southern and eastern Oregon.

"The value of this increase at \$20 a ton would amount to \$2,000,000," says W. L. Powers, chief in soils. "As yet farmers have used sulfur on only about one-sixth of the area and its use can be profitably extended."

"Sulfur is best applied to alfalfa land in the fall and harrowed in as it takes some time for it to become effective. An application of 100 pounds an acre is sufficient to meet crop requirements for four or five years. The material can be applied by hand or with a land plaster spreader. Where sulfur costs \$40 a ton the initial cost of the material for one acre would be \$1."

"Recent quotations have been received on sulfur from different sources ranging 90 to 99 per cent purity to cost \$27 to \$40 a ton delivered in 40 ton car lots to Oregon points. On account of slow freight movements and prospective increase in rates, alfalfa growers in sections where sulfur is known to help are urged to order material needed now and to pool their orders in cooperation with county agents or county farm bureaus."

CAN ENOUGH BEANS FOR WINTER'S USE

Care Used in Following Directions More Than Compensated by Product Which Will Keep

(Special Information Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture)

Plenty of string beans in jars in the store closet means that the basis for innumerable salads and vegetable side dishes is at the housekeeper's command all during the winter months, so when this vegetable it at its best in the garden or on the market the wise woman cans enough for use when it is out of season. The following directions for canning string beans are given by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Select small, tender wax or green beans for canning purposes. Beans which have grown within the pod to any size are difficult to can, and the resulting product is not as satisfactory as one from younger beans. The sooner the beans are in the jar after picking the better the flavor and the more certain they are to keep. Wash, string and cut off the ends of the beans. Whole beans may be canned or they may be cut in short lengths. Those cut diagonally are attractive in appearance.

Fill Jars With Hot Brine

Place the beans in a wire sieve or in cheesecloth and blanch (scald) in hot water or live steam for from 3 to 5 minutes, or until the pod will bend without breaking. On removal, drain well and pack into jars which have been boiled for 15 minutes. On the jars place rubbers which have been boiled in a solution of 1 tablespoon of soda to 1 quart of water.

Cover beans with a hot brine made from 4 level tablespoons of salt to 4 quarts of boiling water. Put on top which has been boiled 15 minutes. With glass-top jars put one wire ball in position. Make screw tops about half tight. Processing beans under steam pressure is recommended. Quart jars should be processed 45 minutes under pressure of 10 pounds. With a hot water canner or with a home-made canner made out of a wash boiler or lard can process the jars three hours if the one-period procedure is used. Make sure the water is boiling before starting to

count time. When boiled, tighten the covers and cool.

If the intermittent boiling procedure is used, boil for 1 hour on 3 successive days. Before each boiling loosen the covers. Tighten covers after each boiling. When the processing is finished, life the jars from the canner. Cool in a spot free from drafts; test, and store. In event of leakage when jar is tested, remove rubber, put on new, wet, boiled one, and process 15 minutes more.

Vinegar Aids in Preventing Spoilage

During the past year the Home Economics Experiment Kitchens of the United States Department of Agriculture has been experimenting with the addition of a small amount of acid—vinegar—to nonacid vegetables being canned. This work is being continued, and the results thus far indicate that 1 to 4 tablespoons of vinegar added to a quart jar help greatly in reducing the amount of spoilage. When the vinegar is added, the time of processing can be reduced. For instance, it is found that corn, which ordinarily is difficult to can successfully, keeps well when 4 tablespoonfuls of vinegar are added to a quart jar processed 3 hours continuously. String beans, old peas, and spianch are other vegetables successfully canned by this method.

The addition of vinegar to canned vegetables in the amounts mentioned modifies to some degree the natural flavor of the vegetable, but the result is not objectionable to most people and in many instances is not noticed.

SEEK LOST MINER IN DEATH VALLEY WITH AUTOMOBILE

Motor Car Penetrates Desert Region For First Time But Finds No Trace of Prospector

I. S. Geer & Co. who is local representative for Horse Shoe Tires, recently received word of the first automobile trip ever made into Death Valley in southern California. A car equipped with Horse Shoe Cords was sent into the valley to seek information as to the whereabouts of Marlon Grosse, a prospector who had disappeared on Funeral Range on a gold hunting trip a few months ago.

The motor trip described as having been one of the most hazardous in the history of the southwest was made by O. K. Parker, a Los Angeles engineer and J. B. Cook who is known as the "Dean of the Desert." The two men crossed the Funeral Range three times at various places and drove the entire length of the Death Valley from Furnace Creek Ranch to Cave Wells at the south end.

Describing the trip Mr. Parker said: "In most instances the signs give the directions and distance to the nearest water. The necessity for this is at once apparent when it is realized that the government records kept by Oscar Denton, the only white man in Death Valley, show that only 5-10 of an inch is the average annual rainfall in Death Valley and that the summer temperatures are as high as 140 degrees in the shade of the porch at Furnace Creek Ranch. By the way, that is the only shade on the floor of Death Valley for one hundred miles north and south and across the entire width from the Funeral Range to the Panamints. This entire region is from 100 to 300 feet below sea level."

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4th Sale, Tuesday, Aug. 10 7th Sale, Tuesday, Sept. 21
5th Sale, Tuesday, Aug. 24 8th Sale, Tuesday, Oct. 5

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"We learned that Marlon Grosse left Shoshone last July on a prospecting trip and has since never been heard from. The last man who saw him alive was 'Dad' Fairbanks of Shoshone. Grosse told 'Dad' that he would be gone about a month and that he was going over into the Funeral Range on a gold prospect he had recently heard of. That was the last seen of Grosse and his bones are probably bleaching in some steep canyon running up from the floor of Death Valley."

"The performance of the Essex Horse Shoe equipped car was so successful that I am trying to persuade Mr. Arnold to equip another party and send them back for a more determined search now that we know the general locality where Grosse lost his life."

EXPERIMENT STATION NEEDS HELP

Supt Shattuck of the Experiment Station was in Thursday for a short visit to secure some supplies. He informs this paper that the only man he and his assistant Richie had to help them on the station had been "drafted" by a neighbor to aid in hay harvest and they are left without any help whatever. Mr. Shattuck has had difficulty in securing competent help the entire season. Private concerns pay more wages than he is allowed to pay and therefore men will not stay with him. The work is likely to suffer from lack of help unless he gets some one within a short time.

This is an important work and should appeal to some young man who wants to know more about farming. In addition to the salary paid one can secure a valuable education along the line of agriculture if he would take advantage of it.

APPRAISING LANDS THAT ARE PLACED ON MARKET

J. O. Bailey, a deputy in the office of Attorney General Brown, is in this vicinity for the purpose of placing a valuation upon the lands which the Pacific Live Stock Co. has placed upon the market. At the time the decision was made to sell portions of the P. L. S. Co. holdings in this section it was agreed that the state should have a say in the valuation of the lands and Mr. Bailey is here for the purpose of appraising this land.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

J. H. Buckmaster is at the King hospital because of a bullet wound in his leg, caused by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of Hugh Tudor's little son.

The accident occurred at the Tudor place near Alberson on Monday. Mr. Buckmaster was digging post holes and the boy was playing with the fire arm but not observed. The boy attempted to raise the hammer and let it down between cartridges but it slipped and the discharged bullet entered the fleshy part of his leg above the knee. Roy Clark administered first aid and brought the wounded man to Burns for medical attention. Dr. Smith found the wound clean and Mr. Buckmaster is recovering satisfactorily.

RABBIT BOUNTY

Five cents each will be paid for Rabbits killed within the boundaries of our farm north of Burns. This offer stands for 30 days, and count will be made on our place. —Adv N. BROWN & SONS July 8, 1920.

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