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WHAT OUR IRRIGATED
FARMS REQUIRE

What the Agricultural College Press
Bulletin Has to Say on the
Subject.

The one forage crop which will be
of more importance than any other
in Josephine county under irrigation
will be alfalfa. These columns have
urged the growing of this crop many
times and yet feel that it cannot
be repeated too often. The price of
hay in Grants Pass market today is
\$22.00 per ton and the reason for
this high price is that it has to be
brought here by the railroad and the
freight has to be added to the grow-
er's profit. If our farmers who are
under irrigation will grow alfalfa
and can be sure of a market at \$9.00
a ton they can become rich at the
business. The Agricultural College
Press Bulletin gives out an article
on this subject which for the farmers
of this county is certainly timely.

"Of all the crops produced upon
the farm perhaps no other offers so
many attractions and advantages to
the farmer as does alfalfa. As an
improver of the soil it has few equals
and no superiors. As for forage for
all classes of live stock, whether used
as hay, green feed, or pasture, it is
unexcelled in yield, feed value, palat-
ability and permanency of growth.
To the farmer keeping cows, hogs or
poultry it is of paramount value in
that it is practically the only forage
crop that will supply green feed con-
tinuously through the dry summer
months of this region. In addition
to these advantages it is superior to
all other crops in quickly improving
and maintaining the appearance and
selling value of farm lands.

"Lack of understanding of the
peculiarities of the plant and its re-
quirements has caused many failures
of first attempts at growing the
crop in western Oregon. This has
led farmers to believe that alfalfa is
not naturally adapted to this region.
While this to a certain extent is true,
yet the difficulties in the way may,
and have largely been overcome. The
splendid results obtained by the
State Experiment Station and other
growers in different parts of West-
ern Oregon should convince the most
skeptical of the great future of the
crop in this state. As authentic and
accurately measured yields to illus-
trate the possibilities of the crop
here, those recorded at the Experi-
ment Station may be cited. The aver-
age of all the yields of the Station
field for the last eight years has been
6.2 tons of cured hay per acre year-
ly, or where cut as a soiling crop,
25.3 tons of green feed per acre.
This field has the ordinary heavy
clay loam soil typical of the Willam-
ette Valley and has received no irri-
gation, fertilization or special treat-
ment whatever. Anywhere in West-
ern Oregon where certain primary
requirements of the crop are satis-
fied, the same or better results can
be obtained. It only behooves the
beginner to secure the best advice
obtainable as to methods of growing;
start with a small piece; experiment
with it until its requirements are
learned; gather experience from his
failures or persist until successful.
The reward of such persistence is
ample.

The primary requirements of al-

PERSONAL ITEMS

W. H. Farrar returned Tuesday
from Myrtle Creek.

Ed Friday, the Galice mining man,
was in this city Wednesday on busi-
ness.

Judge G. H. Durham went to
Salem and other northern points
Monday on business.

Harry Smith was up from Grave
Sunday to take part in the ball game
and visit his parents.

Mrs. James Gibson and baby left
Tuesday for a visit with Mr. Gib-
son's parents at Applegate.

Miss Grace Short, who has been
attending school here the past win-
ter, left Sunday for her home at
Merlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Palmer, of
Wilmer, came in Wednesday for a
short visit with relatives and
friends.

Miss Lora Pummil has just closed
a successful term of school at Gold-
in, Oregon, and Monday returned to
her home in this city.

Geo. Mattheson and wife returned
Wednesday morning from Kerby,
where Mr. Mattheson had been at-
tending to business matters.

Mrs. C. C. Feikert, mother of Mrs.
Geo. Donnell, and son Charles
Feikert and family, left Tuesday
afternoon for Orchard, Nebraska.

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Norton were
in Grants Pass Sunday. Mrs. Nor-
ton was formerly Mrs. Ray Everitt,
of this city.

Mrs. W. J. Gardner, who has been
visiting with her son, W. J. Gar-
dner, during the past week, left Mon-
day for her home at Cottage Grove.

Mrs. A. J. Meade and son, who
have been in town the past few days
the guests of Mrs. J. E. Lacey, re-
turned Wednesday to their home at
Galice.

I. K. Evans returned from Galice
Wednesday where he had been on a
business trip. He expects to go
again next week when he will be ac-
companied by his wife.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Ellison and
baby left Wednesday noon for Myrtle
Creek where they go to attend the
district conference of the M. E.
church, South.

Mrs. Harry Smith and Miss Della
Haviland left Tuesday for Grave,
where Mr. Smith and the boys are
located at the mill. They will spend
the summer there.

Louis Steelhammer returned from
Portland and other northern points
Saturday morning where he had been
on business connected with the B. P.
Bishop Clothing Co., of which he is
manager. Mrs. Steelhammer accom-
panied Mr. Steelhammer to Portland
and will visit with friends and re-
latives until the first of June.

F. Merrill, of Yreka, Cal., spent
a week or more in this county look-
ing for a piece of property which
would be suitable for alfalfa and
with a good range back of it. He
says he was able to find any amount
of such places but the owners after
having set a price and showed the
property would not be ready to talk
business, but would want him to call
the next day, at which time the price
of the place would have advanced
one or two thousand dollars. He
left for home Thursday without buy-
ing.

alfalfa are a deep, well drained, sweet
and fertile soil, free from weeds. The
lands most nearly meeting these re-
quirements are on the slopes of the
rolling lands of the valley bottoms;
the slopes and tops of the hills sur-
rounding these valleys are the deep,
sandy loam river bottoms well above
the water level. The ordinary val-
ley low flat lands are not suitable.

The deep feeding tap roots upon
whose length these plants depend for
securing plant food and moisture,
make a soil eight to ten feet in depth
imperative. Although alfalfa pre-
fers a sandy loam yet it has proved
equally prosperous on the heavy clay
loam soils, a heavy clay subsoil or
hard pan delaying but not stopping
the root growth.

"Owing to the need of its roots
for air, alfalfa, especially when
young and during the growing sea-
son, is easily injured by standing
water either above or below ground.
Root growth stops at once on strik-
ing water saturated soil, hence the
water table should not be less than
eight or ten feet below the surface
of the ground during the growing
season. Overflow from streams in
winter when the plant is dormant
does not cause much injury even if
continued for several weeks.

Of even more importance to the
alfalfa plant than a deep and well
drained soil are the bacteria which
produce the molecules on the roots,
through which the plant is enabled
to draw upon the free atmospheric
nitrogen.

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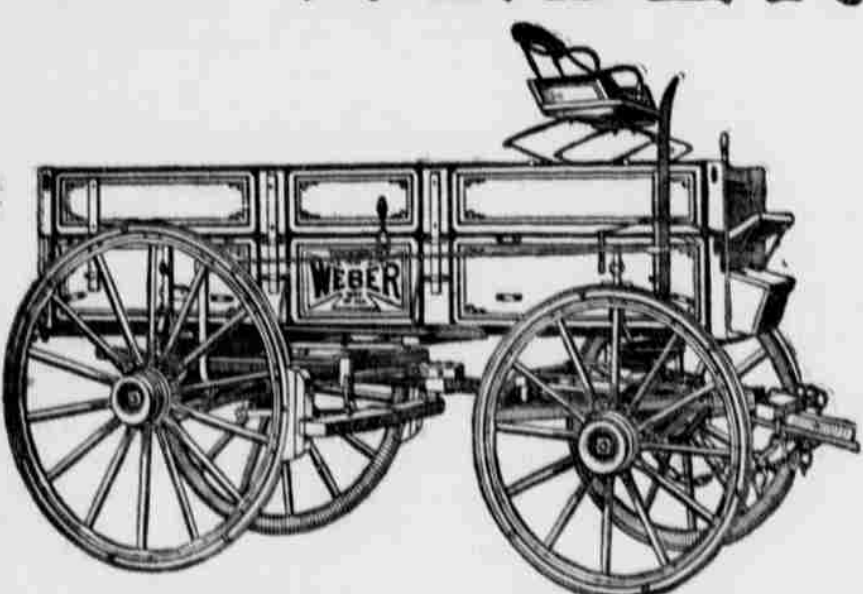
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