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Tillamook County Agricultural Notes.

By Roy C. Jones, county agriculturist.
About a year ago the sales of tile were very light, but at the present time dealers having more or less trouble in keeping up with the orders.

This indicates progress toward the betterment of Tillamook county. There are some 6000 acres that can be improved and their productive capacity increased from 25 to 100 per cent by the use of tile drains that will cost much less than they will add to the value of land.

B. L. Beals is putting another 20 acres under tile. Last year he took 115 tons of hay from 30 acres, drained a year ago. This land was previously too wet to make good meadow. These figures offer a basis for meditation upon the subject of whether it pays to drain land or not in Tillamook county. There is no question about it in this case. The acre cost was approximately \$20. The same results may be expected from 600 other acres in the same drainage district. Carl Hunt and Geo. Williams are also putting in considerable tile this spring.

O. A. C. Drainage Here.

J. E. Larson, soils and drainage specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College, extension service, is here for a stay of about two weeks. We are now working on the plans for the drainage of the proposed district composed of the lands between Cloverdale and Woods on the south side of the Nestucca river. We will also give aid, so far as possible, to individuals who are interested in putting in private systems. Mr. Larson

says he has found many instances in the state where much money has been wasted by the improper planning and laying of tile drains.

Those in position to benefit by Mr. Larson's stay in the county can call me up by either phone and we will arrange to give help to all those that time will allow.

Prairie Soils.

Anything that will throw any light upon the question of what will make our black prairie soils as productive as they look like they should be, is not only of interest but is of some thousands of dollars worth of value to the county. Chemical analysis show that these soils are very acid and lacking in some of the plant food elements.

Last year pot tests were made supplying lime and the various plant food elements, with very good results in some instances. These tests will be repeated this year and will be tried out on a larger scale on the county fair grounds. We hope, by the end of the season, to be able to give a practical solution for the prairie soil problem.

Change in Office Arrangements.

Up to the present, field work has demanded the attention of the county agriculturist to such an extent that it has been impossible to keep the office open more than one day during the week. We have been unable to answer correspondence as promptly as it should be done, too few articles, of interest and information to the people, have been published in the papers, our state library books have not been accessible to the people, except on the one day. We believe that this part of the work is important and have arranged to have the

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