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Farmer, Stockman and Dairyman

This is no time for a dairy farmer

Breeding back of him than even the

for the grade herd as well as for the pure-bred herd. Heifers from cows re- and time saving. tained in the herd because of their producers in the new generation.

ture herds in Oregon, it is well to re- the up-to-date machinery, member that only the best bulls should be used.

Business System on the Farm-

The use of up-to-date machinery by the country's large manufacturers is the example which business men of this enlightened age are setting for the man who tills the soil. It is the means of adding to the profits. In some lines of business, competition is so terrific that machinery, more advanced than that of his competitors, is often the only method by which a business man may secure actual earning power from his capital.

In the cost of raising a bushel of corn or wheat, the amount of money expended must be figured in proportion to the labor expended, in exactly the same way that the cost of any manufactured article is calculated.

The farmer, in one respect, is above the business man, for the materials from which he grows his crops cost comparitively little. His money, and time saving opportunity is in the use of up-to-date farm machinery to get better produce and at the same time cut down expenses.

One way to reduce the cost of crops is by the use of modern plowing methods. Only a few years ago farmers were harvesting wheat by hand and attempting to cultivate large . fields of corn with a single shovel plow. Yet today cultivation cost is gut low and great time is saved by discarding the walking plow and adopting the real business methods

embodied in the gang plow. That tool was once made for special fore the agriculturist.

The future of the herd depends upon Added to the big prices which farm nor were they in popular favor. The the kind of sire. An inferior sire products for 1918 will bring is the sav- heifers from the first cross were remeans inferior offsprings, even though ing in money and time which is so tained in the breeding herd and now the cows be of the best. Upon the easily effected by the use of modern females of the second cross are propolicy of selecting a sire with better implements, the gang plow being a ducing on the farm. strong factor.

nows have, failure or success depends. One man and four horses with a public to visit Sni-A-Bar farm Octo-Some dairymen think that because gang plow accomplish a greater ber 10 and make a study of the rethey have grade cows it will not pay amount of work than is possible for sults. Nearly 2500 people responded no get a good bull. And many others two men and six horses with walking to the invitation. More than half a dislike to pay the price of a pure plows. This saving amounts to a large dozen states were represented. One Bred, but no improvement can come item where the farm is of reasonable of the comparisons was had in two from the use of grade bulls. A good, size and even on a small farm one sea- lots of steers, one representing the strong, well-bred bull, with high-pro- son's saving will in itself pay for the first cross, the other the second cross. ducing ancestors, should be selected cost of the improved farming methods. The first cross steers averaged \$50

high production will not equal the for his own benefit should figure out ference: The first cross see s were average of their dams unless the sire the cost of his crop. Base it on the given a valuation by the stockyards wased is much better than the cows. labor required at so much per day; salesman of 14c per pound, and the It is profitable to raise the heifers the approximate amount of money second cross steers a valuation of 17c from the best producing cows, but represented by the work of the per pound-a total per head valuation this by no means solves the problem horses, etc. Then figure it out on a on the first lot of \$119, and on the of getting a higher proportion of good basis of modern farm machinery and second a valuation of \$164, a differthe consequent saving. In most cases, ence of \$43. At this time, when many farmers it will be found that one season's are laying the foundation for their fu- saving will pay the cost of a part of

> Pure Bred Sire Demonstration-Some years ago at his farm near Kansas City, Mo., the late W. R. Nel- Subscribe for the News.

work, such as plowing sod or stubble, son, founder of the Kansas City Star Today, however, the use of universal began the practice of using pure bred who has to buy a herd bull to assume bottoms-moldboards and shares- white Shorthorn bulls on red cows, that a scrub or grade bull, or a poor which do perfect work in sod, stubble such as he could obtain at the Kansas sull of any kind, is good enough to or corn stalk land, makes the gang City market. He had well-f unded Se used on his herd. This is a critical plow the implement for every plowing faith in the value of white bulls to time for farmers who are selecting purpose. Thus the true principle of sire roans of good quality when mated breeding animals, especially in the farm economy has been brought be with red cows, although at that time white bulls were not generally used.

> An invitation was extended to the -to say nothing of added comfort, pounds in weight; the second cross steers 965 pounds. A difference of 150 Every farmer who reads this article pounds. But here is the strang dif-

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Post Exchanges Overseas Are Taken Over by the Military Authorities

Asserting that the valuable aid rendered by the war service of the Y. M. C. A. had been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army, General Pershing, in a communication to E. C. Carter, in charge of association operations with the American Expeditionary Forces, pays a splendid tribute to the work which this agency accomplished under extreme difficulties and handicapa. The Y. M. C. A. served the army better than could have been expected,' says General Pershing.

At its own request the American Y. M. C. A. has been relieved from maintaining post exchanges with the Expeditionary forces overseas, the need for such service having been relieved with the signing of the armistice. Correspondence exchanged between General Pershing and E. C. Carter, in charge of the Y. M. C. A. with the army, resulted in this decision. Carter wrote to General Pershing January 29th as follows:

Dear General Pershing: A year and a half ago you requested the Y. M. C. A. to undertake operations for post exchanges for the American Expeditionary Forces in order that "officers and enlisted men may not be taken away for that purpose from their paramount military functions of training and fighting."

As soon as hostilities ceased we raised with you the question whether time had not come for the Y. M. C. A. to be relieved of the operation of post exchanges in view of the fact that there was no longer the same pressing demand. on man power of the army for training and fighting. When we first raised the question with you it did not appear to you that it was feasible in the best interests of maximum service to the army that a change be made. Now the situation is materially altered.

Recent general orders from main headquarters and requests from commanding officers have laid on the Y. M. C. A. increased responsibilities in promoting educational, athletic and entertainment activities in the American Expeditionary Force. This is placing a rapidly increasing burden upon our personnel. The army is also now preparing for the delivery of all supplies for post exchanges which heretofore have been imported. manufactured and delivered by the Y. M. C. A.

In view of the changed situation I wish to know whether you do not think it would be possible for the army at a very early date to assome full responsibility for the maintenance of post exchanges throughout the American Expeditionary Force?

Very cordially yours, Signed) E. C. CARTER General Pershing immediate . . . ted

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upon the suggestion made by Carter and relieved the Y. M. C. A. of its task of maintaining the post exchanges. He

My Dear Mr. Carter: I have received your letter of January 29th asking whether, in view of present changed situation. It would be possible for the army to assume full responsibility for maintenance of post exchanges throughout American Expedition-

As you correctly state, the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of post exchanges at my request at a time when it was of greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away f. a vital military functions of training and fighting. As reasons which impelled me at that time to sequest you to undertake this work no longer exist, I am glad to approve your suggestion in reaching this conclusion. Const "ration has been given to sew buildens in sunnection with entertainment, athletic activities and education that you have assigned. I have necordingly giver directions that army units theaselves take over and operate their own post exchanges.

In making this change permit me to thank you for the very valuable services and assistance which the Y. M. C. A. has rendered to the American Expeditionary Force in hardling theer exchanges. Handicapped by shortage of tonnage and. land transportation the Y. M. C. A. has, by extra evertion, served the army better the could have been expected, and you, may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accumulishments of the American army.

Very cordially yours. (Signed) JOHN J. PERCHING. head the recommon the news.

Keep Some Sheep-

There are a few farms on which at least some sheep cannot be kept to creat advantage. As destroyers of weeds and brush, they have no equals, On a place of 150 to 200 acres 50 sheep are a "few," but that is too large a number to start with.

Like poultry, sheep pay large returns for the amount of capital invented: It is not unusual for a flock in the hands of experienced flockmasters to return 75 to 125 per cent per annum on the investment. That 's to say, most sheep will raise an average of one lamb and fit it for market so it will bring more than the ewe cest, besides five to ten pounds of wool worth today from 20 to 39 cents per pound.

A beginner estimates that a small flock has cleaned up for him during his experience of three years \$1000 from fence rows and waste places and in destroying weeds. A sheepkeeper should study his individual animals and observe them daily, reading meanwhile all the government bulletins on sheep that are obtainable.

Male lambs should be castrated when one to three weeks old to produce the best returns. This is a quick ind easy process that produces little liseomfort and must be attended to romptly. A fat lamb will bring doue the price of a thin one. Salt is the shepherd's friend, as it makes his flock love him and follow his leading.

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