

FINE HERD OF POLAND CHINA HOGS ON ABLES FARM NEAR SPRINGFIELD

Large Part of 300-Acre Farm Will Be Put Into Fruit—Irrigation System to Be Installed—Farm Is Modern in Every Way—Exhibit to Be Sent to State Fair This Fall.

What gives excellent promise of becoming one of the best and largest thoroughbred stock farms in the state is situated at the very edge of Springfield. It is the 300-acre farm operated by L. C. Ables & Sons, on the county road about two miles northeast of Springfield and which was formerly owned by August Vitus. One of the outstanding features of the farm is their herd of imported Poland China hogs which forms the foundation on which they expect to build up a first class hog farm. Their herd boar, Big Jumbo, was imported from Harry L. Marsh of Bloomington, Ill., who is an eastern leader in this line. Big Jumbo is of the big, advanced type of Poland China breed with a somewhat arched back over the hind quarters and has a longer and more pointed head instead of the straight back and square head as has the older breed of Poland Chinas. It has been found by breeders that this type is far stronger and better in every way. Jumbo is now 15 months old and measures 80 inches long, 38½ inches high, and 10½ inch bone around the pastern. He was sired by Jumbo King, out of Miss Gertsdale 1st, which in turn was sired by Gertsdale Jones, a noted sire which sold for \$6600. Mr. Ables expects to prepare Big Jumbo for exhibition at the state fair this fall.

Sows from Prizewinners.

What they consider the best sow of the herd is Mollie Price, sired by Black Price, the grand champion of the world for 1918, and out of a 900-pound sow. Another good sow is Peek Superba Queen, sired by Superba, the champion of the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in 1915. Both pigs were also imported from Mr. March. Peek Superba and Mollie Price are yearlings and each recently farrowed eight pigs.

In the herd are also three gilts which were sired by prizewinners, being granddaughters of the world's champion Poland China boar of 1915.

There are also several other fine pigs in the herd and another one was received last week from Mr. March and for which the registration papers have not yet been secured by Mr. Ables.

For the purpose of caring for their show stock through the winter a large building 22 by 50 feet is being erected. It will have a capacity for caring for fourteen sows with litters and will be fitted up in the most modern and up to date manner.

Stock and Fruit Specialties.

While at the present time a large part of the farm is in grain it is gradually being converted into a stock and fruit farm. Nothing but purebred stock will be raised and the Poland China hogs will be a special line. Large acreages of fruit, especially prunes and small fruits will be set out. Due to the scarcity of farm labor only a small amount of trees were planted this year.

Practically every foot of the farm is capable of being irrigated and already a large part of it is being watered. A large main ditch takes water from the McKenzie river above the farm. A number of laterals serve different portions of the farm, but here again scarcity of farm labor has prevented Ables from enlarging the irrigation system this year. The operators of the farm are firm believers in the value of irrigation and declare that it use will pay big dividends.

Large Flock Chickens.

A large flock of White Plymouth Rock chickens are also being raised on the Ables farm. A new brooder house of 700 capacity has recently been built. It is electrically lighted and modern in every respect. Large well arranged yards are adjoining the poultry houses and provision has

been made for the best possible care of the poultry.

An automatic pumping system has been installed, together with a large tank that will give the farm first class water service. A lighting plant furnishes light for the house, barn, outbuildings and the yards. Two tractors take the place of horses for practically all the farm work such as plowing, harrowing, sowing, etc.

Fine Collies on Farm.

Dogs are a sort of a hobby with Ken Ables. In his kennel are a number of prize-winning Collies, among them being Taxwell Tantalizer, a champion imported from Manchester, England, by D. O. P. Bennett, president of the Collie Club of America. Melody Second, a big eastern winner, is considered by Mr. Ables to be the best bitch in his kennel at the present time. He also has a number of other first class dogs.

Although L. C. Ables is retired and does not live at the farm he spends much time there. Associated with Ken Ables in the active work and management of the farm is Tom Dills. Both young men are graduates of the University of California and are specialists in agricultural and stock lines. They believe there is a good future ahead of them in the work they have chosen.

FLOUR MILL IS BEING IMPROVED

Prepares to Handle More Grain Than Last Year's Record of 110,000 Bushels.

In preparation for the large crop of wheat expected in this locality the Springfield Mill and Grain company have recently been making extensive improvements in their plant on Mill street.

Among the modern pieces of machinery installed is a new receiving separator with a capacity of 700 bushels of wheat per hour. This will enable the mill to care for a much larger amount of wheat in less time and with less waiting for the farmer than was done last year.

Besides this a number of other alterations and improvements have been made on the mill. A new Marvel Seal roof has been put on to insure perfect storing and milling conditions. The building is also being repainted.

Last year the mill handled 110,000 bushels of local wheat besides a large quantity that was shipped in from outside points. According to reports coming to the mill from the farmers around Springfield a much larger crop of cereals is expected this year than that of last year.

Arrangements have also been made by the mill company to store grain for farmers who do not have facilities for keeping their grain until they are ready to dispose of it.

MONETA INJURED NEAR JASPER

Edwin Moneta, age 35, of Jasper, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when the motor handcar on which the section crew were riding toward Fall Creek, struck a pile of dirt and gravel. He was immediately taken to the Eugene hospital where attending physicians late this afternoon declare he has a shadow of a chance for recovery. On account of the hard rain storm the crew was unable to see the pile of gravel on the rail. Moneta's head was crushed against the rail. Most of the crew sustained minor injuries.

HARDING'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE IS A NEW KEYNOTE

Republican Nominee at Notification Ceremonies Discusses Problems Confronting Nation.

Marion, Ohio.—(Special.)—Warren G. Harding was officially notified here of his nomination as the Republican candidate for the Presidency. His speech of acceptance is, in part, as follows:

Chairman Lodge, members of Notification Committee, members of National Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen: The message which you have formally conveyed brings to me a realization of responsibility which is not underestimated. It is a supreme task to interpret the covenant of a great political party, the activities of which are so woven into the history of this republic, and a very sacred and solemn undertaking to utter the faith and aspirations of the many millions who adhere to that party. The party platform has charted the way, yet, somehow, we have come to expect that interpretation which voices the faith of nominees who must assume specific tasks.

Believes in Party Government.

Let me be understood clearly from the very beginning. I believe in party sponsorship in government. I believe in party government as distinguished from personal government, individual, dictatorial, autocratic or what not.

No man is big enough to run this great republic. There never has been one. Such domination was never intended. Tranquility, stability, dependability—all are assured in party sponsorship, and we mean to renew the assurances which were rendered in the cataclysmal war.

Our first commitment is the restoration of representative popular government, under the Constitution, through the agency of the Republican party. Our vision includes more than a chief executive. We believe in a cabinet of highest capacity, equal to the responsibilities which our system contemplates, in whose councils the vice president, second official of the republic, shall be asked to participate. The same vision includes a cordial understanding and co-ordinated activities with a house of congress, fresh from the people, voicing the convictions which members bring from direct contact with the electorate, and cordial co-operation along with the restored functions of Senate, fit to be the greatest deliberative body of the world.

Republican Senators Conscious of Oath

It is not difficult, Chairman Lodge, to make ourselves clear on the question of international relationship. We Republicans of the Senate, conscious



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of our solemn oaths and mindful of our constitutional obligations, when we saw the structure of a world super-government taking visionary form, joined in a becoming warning of our devotion to this republic. If the torch of constitutionalism had not been dimmed, the delayed peace of the world and the tragedy of disappointment and Europe's misunderstanding of America easily might have been avoided. The Republicans of the Senate halted the barter of independent American eminence and influence, which it was proposed to exchange for an obscure and unequal place in the merged government of the world. Our party means to hold the heritage of American nationality unimpaired and unsundered.

SALIENT POINTS IN SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE.

"I pledge fidelity to our country and to God, and accept the nomination of the Republican party for the Presidency of the United States."

"The human element comes first, and I want the employers in industry to understand the aspirations, the convictions, the yearnings of millions of American wage earners."

"The Constitution contemplates no class and recognizes no group. It broadly includes all the people, with specific recognition for none."

"We approve collective bargaining."

"Gross expansion of currency and credits has depreciated the dollar. We will attempt intelligent and courageous deflation."

"When competition—natural, fair impelling competition is suppressed, whether by law, compact or conspiracy, we halt the march of progress, silence the voice of aspiration and paralyze the will for achievement."

"I promise you effective peace as quickly as a Republican congress can pass its declaration for a Republican executive to sign."

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"Our vision includes more than a chief executive. We believe in a cabinet of highest capacity, equal to the responsibilities which our system contemplates, in whose councils the vice president, second official of the republic, shall be asked to participate."

In the call of the conscience of America is peace, peace that closes the gaping wound of world war, and silences the impassioned voices of international envy and distrust. Heeding this call and knowing as I do the disposition of the congress, I promise you formal and effective peace as quickly as a Republican congress can pass its declaration for a Republican executive to sign.

It is better to be the free and disinterested agent of international justice and advancing civilization with the covenant of conscience, than be shackled by a written compact which surrenders our freedom of action and gives to a military alliance the right to proclaim America's duty to the

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TWO DAY A WEEK LAY OFF FORCED

Falling Market and Shortage of Cars Causes Mill to Cut Down Output.

Beginning this week the local plant of the Booth-Kelly mill will operate only four days a week. Both day and night shifts will be retained on this schedule.

This cut in the production is made necessary, as stated by A. C. Dixon, manager of the company, because of a lack of a market for lumber, together with a serious shortage of cars.

In a talk to the employees of the mill Monday afternoon, Mr. Dixon explained the present situation and outlined three plans which the company could use for relief until conditions improve. Closing down for a ten day period each month, and dropping the night shift were the two other plans mentioned. He said that many other mills of the northwest had been forced to adopt some one of these plans and some had suspended operations entirely. The Booth-Kelly company, however, favored the four-day a week method.

Mr. Dixon said that it had become impossible to get enough cars to ship their lumber and that there was no hope for immediate relief and that the storage capacity of the plant was already overcrowded. He emphasized the fact that because of the large overhead expense which would go on while the mill is idle that the company wished to keep it running at capacity whenever possible.

CHAMBER TAKES UP HOUSING PROBLEM

Urges Springfield Resident to Be Loyal to Their Home Merchants and Banks.

Many of Springfield's houses that are now vacant and in a poor state of repair will be made habitable, according to plans made by the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last Friday night. A list of such houses is being secured by Secretary John Edwards of the chamber. When the list is completed a committee will be appointed to arrange with the property owners to either repair the houses or let the prospective renters do the work, applying it on the rental.

The chamber believes that all indications point to an even greater influx of people who desire to live here during the school year than ever before. And at the present time practically all houses that are suitable are occupied.

Home Buying Urged.

The matter of home buying, and banking was also discussed and the chamber went on record as urging every resident of Springfield and vicinity to give their home town first consideration in their buying, marketing and banking. It was shown by the discussion that one of the reasons why Springfield does not grow faster is because too many people do a majority of their trading at some other point than their home town. In fact several instances were quoted of entire families who make their home here but boast that they do all their buying elsewhere. This condition makes it difficult for the Springfield merchants to build up a stock equal to those of the larger places.

The local chamber voted to affiliate with the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and a membership in Camp Ground Gate Attention.

The public camping grounds on West Main street will be cleaned and put in order for the use and comfort of tourists. A wood stove and possibly a gas plate may be installed and water will be furnished.

The chamber passed resolutions commending the backers of the chautauqua for this year and endorsing the move of the American Legion and the Royal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen to bring the chautauqua here again next year.

The city council was commended on its action of tearing down the old city hall.

The next meeting of the chamber was set for July 30th when a rousing get together and booster meeting is planned for. An ice cream feed after the business session is one of the features scheduled.

ED CRAWFORD KILLED

NEAR COTTAGE GROVE

Ed Crawford, who formerly lived in Springfield and who is well known here, was killed Tuesday near Cottage Grove. He was foreman for the Bohemia Logging company and at the time of the accident was helping unload logs from a car. To avoid being caught by a log which had broken loose from the car he jumped to the mill pond and then tried to climb upon another log when a large piece of bark was thrown from the rolling log, striking him across the head and shoulders and killing him instantly.

He leaves two sons, Frank Crawford, who is employed in the office of the Booth-Kelly mill here, and another son at Cottage Grove. The funeral was held this morning at Cottage Grove.

Ed Sollem of Richmond, Cal., arrived Sunday to visit in Springfield with friends and relatives. Mr. Sollem was formerly on the Springfield police force before moving to California.

G. G. Bushman and family have come to Springfield to make their home and are located in the house formerly occupied by John Seavey on 6th and F streets. Mr. Bushman is president and manager of the Springfield Mill and Grain company.