

Seed Corn Tests Show the Live Germs and Sound Ears

Bag Drill Device Enables Grower to Test Strength of Germination and Health of Kernel.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 1.—Seed corn tests may be made to point out the ears with kernels that are sound as well as healthy.

With the bag drill tester as used by the O. A. C. experiment station and some adapted paper, growers may make their crops against failure from seed or even diseased seed.

On a piece of muslin 12 inches wide and not more than 24 inches long, mark off inch squares leaving 1/2 inch unmarked at one end. Number the first cross row of squares 1, and so on up to 50. Lay the muslin squares up on a piece of glass paper.

Take ten grains from each ear to be tested, the first near the butt, the last near the tip, and so two from the same ear. The ears are numbered to correspond with the rows on the muslin.

Lay the ten grains from ear No. 1 on the squares in row 1, not more than two outside squares. Place the grains across side down with tips pointing to the left.

After the squares are all filled, dampen the cloth with lukewarm water and roll it up from the bottom, taking care that cloth is next to one side and the paper next to the other of every grain. Tie a string lightly around each end of the roll and put it in the germinator, left end down.

Keep the "rolls" in an even temperature as possible—about house temperature for 3 or 4 days longer than for the simple germination test—9 to 12 days. It must be kept moist by sprinkling with warm water if it dries out.

All ears that show dead germs or live germs in rotting kernels are rejected as unfit for seed.

WANTED—Man with team or auto to handle McCannan Products direct to consumer in this county. For particular address McCannan & Co., Winona, Minnesota. Mention this paper.

TO THE PUBLIC.

At the beginning of the year, having taken my son, J. G. Barratt, into partnership in the stock raising and farming business, I wish to announce to the public that the firm name will hereafter be W. B. Barratt & Son, the business to be conducted under the management of J. G. Barratt.

W. B. BARRATT.

Columbia Power Project Launched.

Organization of the Umatilla Rapids Power Site association at Umatilla Wednesday afternoon launched a movement to build a hydro-electric power plant on the Columbia river capable of developing 125,000 horsepower, and which would be used to irrigate 125,000 acres of land in Oregon, as well as a large acreage on the Washington side of the river.

Delegates from all the west and towns and Pendleton were present at the meeting and a preliminary organization was formed. It is the intention to meet at Pendleton on February 5th to complete the organization and go out after state aid for the \$25,000,000 dam which will be required.—Echo News.

Groshens to Wrestle in Echo Feb. 8.

Fatal arrangements were made last night with Harry Groshens of Heppner to meet Shine Markham of Echo in a wrestling match to be held here Feb. 8th. Groshens is said to be a skillful wrestler and Markham's ability is well known here. In addition to this main event four preliminaries are planned, all of which will be fast events. The main match will be for the best two out of three falls.

J. I. Howard is training Markham in quarters recently fixed up in the Spilke building on Bridge street. The local athletes are working out at the club room every evening, getting in shape for the match. A detailed bill of events will be ready for publication next week.—Echo News.

C. B. Sperry's condition has so far improved that he is now able to sit up a good portion of each day. His many friends hope to again see him at his office in a short time.—Echo Independent.

Ralph Sperry a former resident of Ione, now on the Portland police force, was in town the first of the week visiting his brother C. B., and renewing old acquaintances.—Echo Independent.

Harry Johnson was called to Salem again the early part of this week, owing to the very serious illness of his father, Henry Johnson.

By the provisions of a bill which passed the State Senate on Monday pertaining to the Port of Portland, the membership of that body was increased from 4 to 8 and T. J. Mahoney was made one of the new members, the others being W. L. Thompson and Henry L. Corbett.

FRESH LARD—We render three times a week. Selling now at 25c lb. retail. Patronize home industry. CENTRAL MARKET.

PEACH LEAF CURL YIELDS TO BORDEAUX TREATMENT

Perfect Control is Promised Growers Who Apply 6-6-50 Bordeaux Before February 10th.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 27.—Peach leaf curl can be entirely prevented by thorough application of Bordeaux mixture, 4-6-50, not later than February 10.

"A hundred per cent of buds covered means 100 per cent disease free leaves," explains H. P. Baras, plant pathologist of the O. A. C. experiment station. "But only 10 per cent of buds covered bring the possibility of 50 per cent infected leaves from the untreated buds."

The leaf curl is a state-wide peach trouble that dwarfs the trees and reduces or destroys the crop. It is likely to appear in any un sprayed orchard in any part of the state.

The same spray thoroughly applied to all parts of the tree is said by Prof. Baras to be the most permanent control of tree moss. This is true for all orchard trees, though lime-sulfur 1-8 is fairly effective. Lye, 1 pound to 6 or 7 gallons of water, puts an immediate crimp in the moss, but new growths start again under favorable conditions as soon as the lye is washed off the trees.

Spraying for leaf curl later than February 10 does not insure protection with such varieties as the Elbertas,

especially in districts where trees are not sprayed. Control of this disease, however, as with many others, depends almost entirely upon the grower's cooperation. To cooperate will, however, to simplify operations and to save the grower's reputation for his fruit. But every grower who keeps his crop free of this trouble even in the midst of careless neighbors.

Farm and Home Pointers.

Seed corn tests with bag tester will show by measuring the usual period of test 4 to 8 days, which ears have sound germs as well as kernels that germinate. A sheet of glass paper is laid up with the muslin on which the grains are placed, to prevent the spread of germ rot from any row that may have it to the sound rows.—O. A. C. Farm Corps.

The callus on the feet of the one-fourth of all their hens 31 Oregon poultry bureau members with an average of 100 hens report a net saving of \$100 in feed. No loss in egg production was reported by 23 members. No chicks a loss of one to three a day was reported by six members, and an annual gain in output was reported by two members.—O. A. C. Extension Service.

Rare pulks contain growth-promoting substances, and children over three years of age should eat an egg or at least the yolk three or four times a week. Children under three should receive at least 3 teaspoonful of yolk three times a week.—O. A. C. Home Economics.

Leading Oregon farm crops are not well suited to some districts where they are grown. A new wheat for southeastern Oregon, a new vetch that will retain its seed in harvesting, disease-resisting red clover, smut resistant wheat, and a beardless rye for Eastern Oregon are under investigation by the college experiment station. Some promising results are reported, but final solution is a matter of time and most careful selection and breeding.

Garden spinach yielded at the rate of two-thirds of a pound per square foot having a gross value of 10 cents a square foot. Plant as a companion crop with cauliflower the value of the combined crops will be slightly greater.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

Attention Poultrymen.

Noteworthy progress is being made by the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers in the matter of signing up the flocks of the poultrymen of Oregon and southwestern Washington, considering that this is the season of the year when eggs are scarce, and can be sold anywhere at what appears to be a very good price, regardless of the quality or size of the eggs offered. It is found, however, that for the most part, the

poultrymen are realizing that to put their business on a firm business basis it will be necessary for them to discontinue "padding" their own products from place to place, and to scientifically market collectively with other producers. Everyone knows that cooperation is the "sign of the times," and that the grower only believes it can still stand alone and independently.

There are now about fifteen thousand eggs lined up under the marketing agreement of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers that were ever signed up under the contract of the Oregon Poultry Producers Association, which speaks very well indeed for the work of the present organization which has operated and carried on a rather large business entirely without capital. Everything points to the probability that fully fifty thousand more hens will be signed up between this time and the first of the year, when operation under the new organization begins.

If you are in the poultry business to the extent of 100 or more layers, and have not as yet investigated this organization, send your name to the office at 616 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland, and literature will be sent you at once. Remember that this organization is one made up solely of poultrymen for their mutual benefit—that there is no one connected with it in any degree who is not a producer, with the exception of two directors, who are appointed by the Director of Markets of the state of Oregon and Washington to represent the public on the Board.

Diversified Farming Near Boardman.

At the last meeting of the Farm Bureau the committee on diversifying the farm activities of the Boardman section made a very interesting report by bringing a couple of representatives of Libby, McNeil & Libby, who have canneries all over the Pacific Coast, and who gave a very interesting discussion on the kinds of fruit that might be profitably grown in this section from a canners' standpoint. Thinking that these varieties might be of interest to other people in the county a list is given herewith:

Of the apricot varieties, Kilton and Blenheim are the ones preferred because they are more solid and do not cook up so readily when canned.

Peaches, use almost any cling variety. Tuscan Cling is preferred. Another peach that is gaining considerable prominence is the Phillips' peach.

In cherries the canneries prefer the Royal Ann or one of the pie cherries, either the Tartarian or Montmorency, both being good. The Bing and Lambert cherries are very much preferred by shippers of fresh cherries but are not good for the canners.

The peaches preferred by local shippers and sold on local markets are the Albertas, which are very good peaches.

There are only two freestone peaches which can be used by the canneries, the Lovell and the J. H. Hale. They are also good shippers. The trouble with the freestone peach is that they cook up to a sirup and do not stand out good and solid in the cans.

The plums which the canneries use are Green Gage, the Washington and other light colored plums.

In the berry varieties the strawberry of course is very well adapted to the north end of Morrow county. The Clarke seedling stands up very well and the Perfection Ever-bearing will sometimes yield three crops and is also a very prolific bearer and good shipper.

Under raspberries there is quite a demand for these even at a good price, either by the canner or on the open market. The Cutbert (red) raspberries, or the St. Regis are recommended.

Loganberries are scarcely advisable in an unprotected, windy country such as this.

Blackberries, the only one that is given much consideration is the common evergreen variety.

Fourteen Morrow County Farmers Attend Grain Hearing in Portland.

These men were there in their war tows and it was because of their presence and activity that results were accomplished. Oscar Keithley, R. W. Turner, Jeff Jones, E. M. Holden, Andy Root, Joe Dewine, Ben Morgan, Fred Ely, Matt Hughes, Richard McMilligott, Nels Johnson, Leonard Anderson, Chas. Cox and Herb Olsen attended.

Morrow county had more representatives at this meeting than any other county in the state. The Farm Bureau sent six of these men and many of the others were there and attended on their own account.

If the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers Association goes through the farmers have a right to take a good deal of the credit to themselves.

Sunflowers.

It is now getting the time of year when every farmer who is interested in planting sunflower seed, growing silage for the coming year, should begin to make his calculations. The seed in this year very much cheaper than ever before, can be secured at present for about seven cents per pound. If the plans for home made silos are used the ensilage need not be a very expensive item. A hundred ton silo can be built for not to exceed \$200.00. This is the cheapest feed that any farmer can raise.

as it will produce anywhere from 15 to 20 tons per acre. Think it over.

The County Farm Bureau and Columbia Basin Alfalfa Growers Assn. have combined forces to put on one of the most interesting meetings for farmers that has been attempted in Heppner, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, an "Alfalfa Feeding and Marketing Meeting" will be held under the auspices of these two organizations. The meeting will be an all-day affair with a big basket lunch at noon. Farmers and their wives from all the alfalfa producing sections of Morrow and Umatilla counties are invited to attend. The Heppner Commercial Club aided by a committee of women of the Civic club have planned an interesting afternoon of entertainment for the ladies who come to the meeting. The club has chartered the Play House for the matinee and Manager Adamson promises to put on a Super Special screen performance to which the club will invite all the ladies of the county who with their husbands, brothers or sweethearts are interested in the feeding and marketing of alfalfa.

For the meeting of the alfalfa growers themselves the committee in charge has arranged a splendid program and very large attendance will no doubt greet the speakers for this important gathering. James N. Price of the Washington Hay Growers Assn. has been invited to present the problem of alfalfa marketing. Two or three years experience with the only large cooperative hay marketing organization in the Northwest gives him peculiar fitness to deal with this subject. Following Mr. Price's speech there will be a discussion. Robert Withycombe of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union will speak upon "Cattle and Sheep Feeding Experiments in Eastern Oregon." Discussion will be led by H. P. Whitman of Pendleton.

The Eastern Oregon Experiment Farm exhibited the grand champion car load of fat hogs at the Pacific International this year and last and this year also had the champion load of fat sheep. Last year a Cattle and Sheep Feeders Convention was held at Union which was attended by stockmen from all over Oregon. So popular and profitable did this convention prove that it was voted to make it an annual affair. Mr. Withycombe himself is one of the recognized western authorities in this line and charts which are indisputable. Fred Benson, Umatilla County Agent will speak upon Silo Types and Costs and of the campaign that will be put on for thirty new silos in the Columbia Basin of Oregon this year.

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