

Farm Reminders

Growing pullets that the roosting and fully feathered will do better when they are moved from the brooderhouse to a free range, reports the extension service. Under average Oregon conditions pullets can be moved when they are 10 weeks of age.

Trying to save a few dollars in fuel for the brooder stove, may result in lowering vitality of the chicks, a high death rate from crowding in the corners and a low winter production, states the Oregon extension service. On warm days it is better to give chicks more ventilation than to turn the heat off.

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WAYS TO BLOCK CROOKED PROMOTERS

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(This is one of a series of articles exposing the wiles of shippers who are after your money.)

MANY reliable corporations, firms and individuals are engaged in developing mining properties, drilling for possible new oil wells and promoting new inventions and enterprises. On the other hand many unreliable persons are ostensibly engaged in the same pursuits, but in reality are only promoting frauds. Therefore, every investor should first divide the sheep from the goats before he hazards his savings. Because there are many dishonest manipulators using mining, oil, invention and promotion terms to deceive does not mean that all promoters in these fields are crooked. The truth is, there are many trustworthy men engaged in promoting enterprises that are honest investments. The problem is to know the difference between promoters of the reliable type and the high-pressure variety. The former are engaged in legitimate business. The other group is engaged in fleecing the public.



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The number of those who deliberately scheme to defraud is large and they are shrewd and deceitful. For this reason those who cannot afford to lose their savings should not trust entirely to their own judgment in making investments.

In order to divide the sheep from the goats—to distinguish between reliable and unreliable promoters, to tell the good investments from the worthless—the inexperienced investor should consult his banker or let the National Better Business Bureau, whose headquarters are in New York City, advise him. It costs nothing to get such advice from either source. It is safe to say that if those who have lost their savings through fraudulent schemes had followed this simple course they would still be in possession of their money.

Get the Facts

Invariably, get the facts and take no substitute. There is nothing better and nothing just as good as the facts when it comes to withdrawing your savings from the bank and investing them. The facts about an investment either strengthen its position or show it up to be risky—oftentimes too risky for the person who cannot afford to lose.



Good Advice that Prevented Disaster

New schemes to defraud are being hatched daily. The unscrupulous promoter never sleeps but is continuously plotting new methods of attack on the savers' hard-won accumulations. The liberties he takes with the law and the schemes he designs for belittling the sound advice of responsible persons makes it even more essential for investors to get the facts.

Remember that anything that is worth investing in is worth knowing about as to its safety, its income, and its marketability. Any investment which is enshrouded by a screen of glowing promises or is so complicated that neither you nor your banker can fathom it and get the hard facts isn't an investment you can afford to put your money into.

Make it an unbreakable rule to get all the facts, whether the investment be large or small, and you will save yourself the heartaches and bitter disappointment of losing your savings.

Millions of dollars which have unfortunately been lost through poor investment might have been saved if the investors had taken time to investigate before investing. There is always need for capital in safe, honest business and so great is the legitimate demand for investors' funds that not one cent need be wasted by them on fraudulent schemes.

Don't Trade Good for Bad
Don't exchange your investments for

(A future article will tell of more schemes by which people are defrauded of their savings.)

BANKERS HELPING

Three banks in South Carolina have inaugurated a plan to provide free of rent for two years a centrally located place to be used by the farmers of Greenville and neighboring counties for the purpose of establishing a creamery, a canning factory and a farm woman's club. The idea is to get the farmers to raise livestock, to raise their own food and feed and to have something extra to sell. The canning factory is intended to utilize the surplus garden and fruit products, and the club rooms for getting the support and co-operation of the farm women.

Georgia bankers have made great strides in furthering a diversified farming program the past year. They induced farmers to sow fifty-five carloads of vetch seed, furnished local prizes in eighty counties for the corn contest, the state prize of \$1,000 being

others you know nothing about. Some time you may be approached to make a trade by a plausible person claiming to have better investments to offer than those you have. Recently a woman owning a block of gilt-edge public utility stock was approached by two smooth sharpers and urged to exchange it for stock in a fruit company which, she was told, was not only very valuable then but would increase rapidly in value and soon make her independently wealthy. Fortunately she told her neighbor about her offer. It happened that the neighbor had recently been defrauded in a similar way. She advised the second woman to report her offer to the local better business bureau. Having handled many similar situations the bureau instructed the woman to make an appointment for the traders to meet her in her home.

They were on hand at the appointed hour. With the cunning of expert swindlers they proceeded to inveigle her stock away from her, assuring her that if she exchanged her public utility stock for that of the fruit company there was no doubt she would become very rich. But just as they were spreading out before her a beautifully embossed stock certificate the bureau's detective stepped out from his place of concealment and told the swindlers he had come prepared to take them for a ride in his car. They protested loudly and even struck at him, but experienced as he was in handling persons who resist arrest—he soon had them handcuffed together.

Investigation revealed that the certificate of stock of the fruit company was fictitious. No such company had ever been organized. The evidence also disclosed that some certificates had already been issued and exchanged and there were a large number more ready for future use whenever a trade could be arranged.

Literally thousands of inexperienced investors are being swindled out of their good investments in such trades. It behooves all persons who have good investments not to exchange them without first getting all the facts from their banker or other person fully qualified to advise and protect them.

AS LABOR SEES BANKS

Vast sums of money are lost each year by wage-earners through investments hastily entered into. With the confidence of the wage-earners, banks will be enabled to more accurately advise such investors and thus save money which might otherwise be lost by unwise speculation. — William Green, President American Federation of Labor.

Radioed From USDA

Honey bees are not only valuable because they produce one of the choicest sweets. They also serve as pollinators to cross fertilize the flowers of our agricultural plants. This brings larger crops. Our great fruit orchards need literally millions of bees for pollinators. It is possible for bee keepers nowadays to earn a bit of extra money. The dressing percentage for beef cattle varies from approximately 45 to 68 per cent. Steers grading from medium to good should yield from 53 to 56 per cent dressed meat.

Insects and diseases reduce the potato crop of this country each year more than 100,000,000 bushels, according to careful estimates. The loss would be much greater if such measures as seed selection, seed treatment and spraying were not practiced by all the best growers; and the present loss could be greatly reduced if all growers would follow this example.

It is advisable to have horses' teeth examined by a competent veterinarian at least once a year. Generally all that will be required is to file off the long, sharp corners which are due to uneven wearing. This roughness first causes sore tongues or cheeks, followed by a lack of proper mastication together with digestive troubles. Older horses particularly are often much benefited by proper attention to the teeth.

If young pigs show goiter symptoms, feed them iodized salt daily in place of the regular salt. In goiter areas, potassium iodide is given to sows during the pregnant period as a preventive measure. One ounce is dissolved in 2 quarts of water. One teaspoonful of the solution for every 6 sows is about the right dose. The sows are given the solution daily for a period of at least 3 months during pregnancy. It practically never fails to prevent goiter in pigs.

The size of the back-yard poultry flock which can be most efficient kept will depend upon the space available and the amount of table scraps or other waste available for feed. It is a mistake to overstock the available space. For a flock of 20 to 25 hens a yard space of not less than 25 by 30 feet will be required. Where less space is available the size of the flock should be reduced, allowing on the average 20 to 30 square feet per bird.

There are now 1,252,126 farms in this country equipped with radio receiving sets according to the United States department of agriculture. The estimate is based on returns made by county agricultural agents throughout the country and shows a 126 per cent increase over the 553,908 sets estimated to be on farms July, 1925. Iowa led the States with 99,990 farm radio sets, or an increase of 160 per cent since 1925. The largest percentage of increase, however, was shown in Utah, where the number of sets was placed at 6,061 as compared with 899 estimated in 1925.

When screw-worm flies, a species of blowfly, are abundant they are strongly attracted to the slightest scratch or blood spot on the skin of livestock. These causes losses estimated at \$4,000,000 or more annually through attacks on livestock, says the United States department of agriculture. The department has for some time been trying to find a material that will kill the larva and prevent reinfestation by repelling the flies. Of all the materials tested as repellents against the screw-worm fly, pine oil, crude turpentine, pine tar, and pine-tar oil are among the best. Pine-tar oil, because of its cheapness, availability, nontoxicity, and adhesiveness, is regarded by investigators as the best of the materials tested for use upon wounds of domestic animals to protect them against screw-worm flies.

Of the 1490 forest fires fought by the forest service in Oregon and Washington last summer, 815 were held under one quarter of an acre each, 457 more were held under ten acres each, while 218 exceeded ten acres each.

Smokers were responsible for 35 per cent of all the man-caused forest fires on the national fires out of a man-caused total of 800.

Cornerstone laid for \$200,000 Columbia Lutheran hospital, at Astoria.

Construction begins on new 12-room, \$80,000 grade school, at Tillamook.

To-day, the poultry industry ranks sixth in importance of all the agricultural industries. Its annual farm valuation runs considerably over a billion dollars.

Eggs rank high in digestibility, whether you eat them raw or cooked. The advantage is probably on the side of the slightly cooked egg, especially in the case of the egg white.

Delegates to the convention have been chosen from Washington, Polk, Linn and Benton counties and similar action will be taken in Douglas, Lane, Marion and Clackamas counties, Oregon and Clarke county Washington.

The convention is to meet to formulate definite plans for coping with problems of the prune industry.

Ultra violet rays prevent rickets in growing stock. It is advisable to get chicks out in the yard in the sun rays as soon as the weather permits.

Granulated bone and limerock are valuable additions to regular mineral supplements of charcoal, hard quarts, grit and oyster shell. Oyster shell is best when only one shell material is fed.

Chicks shouldn't be fed for about 60 hours after they are hatched. The egg yolk supplies them with their best first nourishment. When you do start to feed, however, feed often, but very little at a time. And always be sure all the feeds you give your chicks are of the best quality. Green feed is particularly valuable. It tends to keep the chicks in good physical condition. Milk also has a decidedly beneficial effect.

"Inside" Information

Eat all the cherries you can during their short season, and then use the surplus for winter pies. Pit them, heat them in sirup, pack them hot, and then process in the water bath.

How many of us begin at the beginning and teach thrift to children? As soon as a boy or girl can do the necessary arithmetic, start the child off with a small allowance and an account book.

Don't undertake any canning until you have secured a copy of the latest farmers' bulletin on the subject, 1471-F. It gives the correct method and time-tables for all the fruits and vegetables you are likely to put up.

Don't leave the windows without curtains all summer. It's so ugly and unattractive. If you must take down these that are up now in order to launder them, either put them back of provide another set for the warm months. Curtains soften the glare of the hot summer

sun, and assure sufficient privacy without shutting out as much air as shades.

Remember, when you wash artificial silk or rayon underwear, that it is much weaker when wet. Launder it very carefully in lukewarm water, with soapsuds, of neutral soap. Squeeze the garments, don't rub them, and rinse repeatedly until clean. Rough finger nails or easily. Never use clothespins when hanging these garments up. Just hang them carefully over a line. Iron with a medium-hot iron, never a very hot one.

Better dyes are being used in wash fabrics now than ever before. Nevertheless it is well to get a sample of goods and test it for both sunfading and water-fading before buying a piece of material. Cover a part of the sample with cardboard and expose the rest to direct sunlight for at least a week. Remove the cardboard occasionally and compare the exposed and unexposed portions.

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