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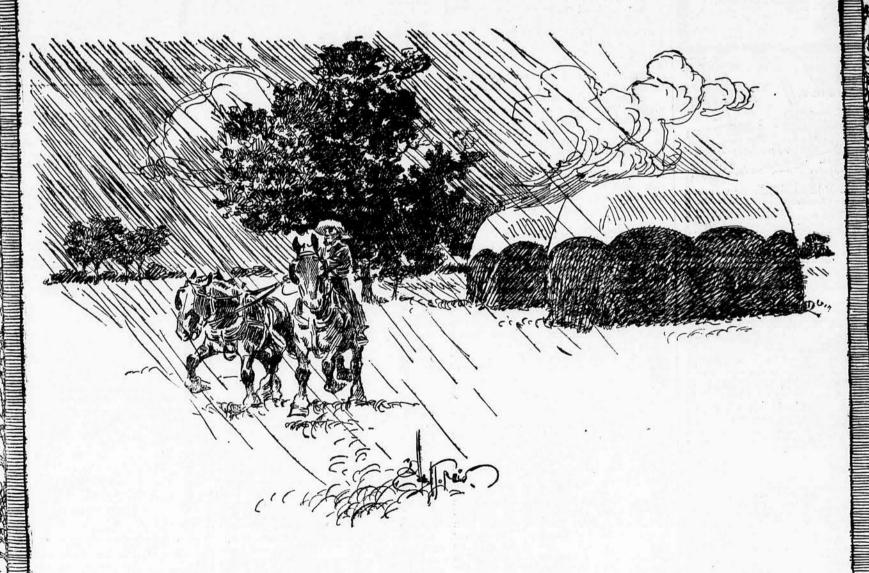
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A canvas cover will save each, and its possession will indicate whether you are to be a What or a Who.

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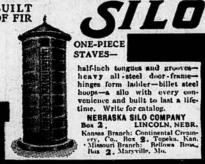
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Over the Editor's Table lust a Bit Personal By The Editor For KANSAS FARMER Folks

This letter from S. S. Reachy, Garnett, Kan., is full of food for reflection. What do Kansas Farmer readers think on this

subject:
"I think that leaving the farm and moving to town is contrary to the laws of nature. We have a clear example of what I mean in Mother Eve, when she was not satisfied with her position.
"I know three farmers. I will name

one A, one B, and another C. A has been a farmer all his life and is 85 years He is living with his wife on the old homestead, now owned by his son. The son has a large family and three of his sons are now married and live on farms near by. The old man enjoys assisting the son and grandsons in laying plans, such as building, general farmand stock raising.

ing, and stock raising.
"Farmer B has rented his farm and has moved to town. He has one cow and some chickens. Sometimes he experiences trouble with his tenant. I can occasionally hear him explain with sadness how the old home is going down. His boys are educated and scattered over many states. A short time ago he received a dispatch stating one son, an engineer, was seriously hurt in a wreck. The old folks look pale and sickly. I presume one week on the old homestead—such a life as Farmer A enjoys—would

—such a life as Farmer A enjoys—would bring about a grand change in the worried, lonely look of these dear old people.

"Farmer C is living on his farm. His boys are going to high school. The parents are slaving to pay their way through school. I can see a lot of shock corn at this late date—March 4—yet in the field. On Saturdays, when one of the boys comes home, the father and son go to the field with team and wagon, regardless of weather conditions, to bring up feed for another week. In short, this farmer gives more attention to the educating of his boys than to his farm.

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"While Farmer A may have paid a fine for not highly educating his boys he believed in schooling, but not so much as to steal his boys away from the farm —he kept his boys interested on the farm, reading agricultural papers, books of farm engineering and of farm machinery, attending to improved live

"Farmer A and son and grandsons' farms and live stock are in first class condition on and near the old homestead. They use gasoline engines—one for washing, churning, etc.; one for pumping water for stock; one large tractor for shelling and grinding corn. This land is tile-drained, fences in good repair, plenty of the finest improved fruit and berries are grown on this farm, and those old grandparents are enjoying a life worth living and one which for them cannot be found in the city."

Now, what do you think of the argument of Mr. Reachy? Do you believe that the man who has been so active all his life as a successful farmer must have been, will or can be contented by a residence in the city or small town? Editors of farm papers have written much and expressed many views on this matter. The editors think a comfortable home and garden patch and a cow and a pig and horse and buggy on the old homestead will give to the retired farmer the best satisfaction, greatest ease of mind and contentment. I am not venturing an environ although I believe I ing an opinion, although I believe I know what I would do were it to me to elect my choice. Here in Kansas I am sure that most farmers retire to the towns. I am told that in other states this is not so. What are your ideas? You are too busy now to write, maybe, but let me hear from you at your leisure.

Henry Sorge, Ringwood, Okla., upon renewing his subscription to Kansas Farmer, writes as follows: "Have been a subscriber to Kansas Farmer for about 20 years and would not give up the paper. The issue of February 24 is surely very excellent, and could not have been better. There are several articles in this issue worthy of special mention. in this issue worthy of special mention. They are: 'Sheep and Conservation,' 'The Wheat Barn,' and 'We Pay the Penalty,' etc.

"Having come to this country from Belgium, where the common people are born gardeners, truck farmers and horticulturists, we greatly favor all kinds of conservation, intensive culture, etc. There is great opportunity in this country for improving in these lines, and the time has come for the people of the United States to more fully adopt the fundamental principles of agriculture. Old countries have been obliged to adopt them and without which they would not have prospered at all.

It is our wish that KANSAS FARMER may prosper more and more and con-tinue to be the great blessing it is to its numerous readers."

I am more than gratified with the reception which KANSAS FARMER is receiving at the hands of the most progressive breeders and feeders of live stock and at the hands of the most successful farmers. The past few weeks I have received numerous letters from men well up in each of the above lines, asking for more detailed information regarding subjects recently discussed in this paper. When men of such character as these write, I know that I am putting into KANSAS FARMER material dealing with live, upto-date and important problems, and what I say regarding them has the approval of men who have thought deeply on these subjects. The correspondence with such parties as above is no more important—in fact, to me, not so important as is the correspondence with the less fortunate farmer—the man who has not accumulated a great deal of this world's goods, but who is prospering in a smaller way and who is doing his best to get further ahead. My correspondence with the latter, in value, far over-shadows that of the first named, both in so far as quality is con-cerned and in so far as importance is concerned. To the small farmer Kansas Farmer especially desires to be valuable, and I am confident it is. However, one of the best recommendations I can offer the small farmer as to the value of KANSAS FARMER is the commendation of those readers who have succeeded in a measure in excess of that of the average in their respective lines. Fortune does not smile upon all men alike-but with Fortune grinning a little now and then, the man who does the best he knows, will, through his own intelligent efforts, get there just the same, and KANSAS FARMER is a valuable aid along the way.

I am in receipt of a letter from F. H. Demaree, agronomist for the J. I. Case Plow Works, in which he commends KANSAS FARMER for the activity and thoroughness of its better seed corn cam-paign in Kansas. He states that his company, through its dealers everywhere, this spring distributed large quantities of literature regarding the necessity of testing seed corn and the methods of testing it. He says that this company regards it as necessary that it do its share of the pioneer work in many lines of better agriculture. With this seed corn literature, the company is putting out literature with reference to soil cultivation, conservation of moisture, etc. I mention this, not for the purpose of quoting the J. I. Case Plow Company, but as an example of the firms which are commending Kansas Farmer's activity and at the same time to show that the matters above mentioned are regarded by manufacturers of farm implements as pertinent and important to the present time. Such work is not engaged in alone by manufacturers of agricultural implements, but by rail-roads and numerous organizations composed of business men in practically every walk. It must be conceded that the men representing these interests have given the agricultural situation more than passing thought, and when such men and such organizations spend their time and money in an effort to further agricultural progress, the effort should not be frowned upon, but instead should have commendation. The inauguration of the campaign mentioned and the distribution of the literature mentioned is not necessarily a reflection on our present method and manner of doing things, but rather is an indication that the situation as existing at present is such as will not meet the needs of a rapidly increasing consuming public and that a larger return from the soil is necessary to feed the consumer; and further, that if a larger return from the soil is to be had it must be given better care and farmed to the tarkormen vantage.

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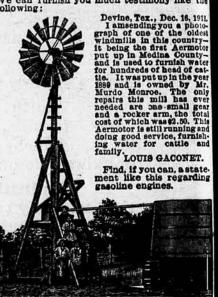
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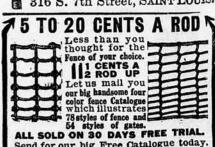


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KANSAS CHEESE SITUATION.

A dairy farmer living in the locality where the establishing of a cheese facory is being considered, asks KANSAS
ARMER why Kansas is not producing more cheese and why it does not have number of cheese factories.

The editor recalls a time ten or twelve years ago when there were possibly fifty heese factories in operation in Kansas. This was in the day when the dairy lusiness of the state was young and when the creamery business was conducted on the skimming station plan, necessitating the hauling of the whole milk daily to the skimming station. This also was at a time in advance of the general introduction of the hand cream separator.

When the economic advantages of the hand cream separator were fully under-stood and the same became generally used, the cheese factories began to grow less in number. This was so for the reason that farmers would not haul whole milk daily to the cheese factory when they could separate the milk at home and deliver the cream two or three times per week. This same situation resulted in putting out of business some 300 or 400 complete skimming stations, which, together with the value of cheese factories, amounted to thousands upon thousands of dollars. The value of the cheese factory and skimming station equipment was absolutely wiped out.

Aside from the inconvenience of hauling whole milk and which operated against both the cheese factory and the skimming station, was the small value of the by-product returned to the farm. In the case of the cheese factory the by-product was whey, which has small feeding value and which was worthless in the rearing of young calves, but which had some value in feeding hogs and older calves. The value of this whey as compared with the warm, sweet skim milk from the farm separator was of little account. Thus the cheese factory was opposed by the farmer, and passed away because it could not endure the competition and the economic advantages of the farm cream separator.

The manufacture of cheese in Kansas was never a really successful commercial enterprise. This was so for the reason that the cheese made was not of the best quality. The cheese was gassy and sour and bitter, because milk of fine quality and free from objectionable odors and flavors was not delivered. Short pastures, and hot weather operated against the quality of the milk ated against the quality of the milk. Likewise, poor care resulted in a poorer quality of milk than otherwise would have been necessary. Milk for good cheese requires special attention, particularly in cooling-removing the animal heat-and in its delivery to the cheese factory with the lowest possible acid content.

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After the cheese was made it was difficult to properly cure in Kansas climate. It was impossible to build satisfactory curing rooms without providing artificial methods of cooling which were expensive and for the small cheese factory were quite out of the question.

The production of a satisfactory cheese depends not only upon good raw material to begin with, but also upon its curing for six weeks or two months at a com-paratively low summer temperature.

On account of these difficulties surounding the production of cheese, Kansas cheese factories sold their product quite fresh and consequently green. Considerable local demand for cheese of this quality was worked up. Kansas people seemed to like this green cheese. At least so for a time, but where it was necessary for this cheese to come in competition with the well made and well mured cheese of the eastern states which states have more favorable natural conditions for the production of good milk and for properly curing cheese— the Kansas cheese received very little consideration.

The above, in short, are the reasons

for the passing of the cheese business in Kansas. The editor does not at this time know of a single cheese factory in Kansas. He believes there are none

operated on any considerable scale.

IF YOU WANTED TO SELL.

If you wanted to sell your farm, you would naturally want to get the best possible price for it. In order to do this the first thing you would do when you made your offer public would be to fix up a little. Mow the weeds along the road, trim the hedges, repair the gates and fences, fix up the barn doors, and maybe do a little painting. Trim the trees, drag the roads and drives, and have everything look as nice and com-

have everything look as nice and com-fortable as possible.

It would pay to do this, because your farm would be worth dollars per acre more to the prospective buyer than if it were not done, and you would attract a better class of buyers. After the cleaning up is all done, just

ask yourself this question: Is my farm worth more to the buyer than it is to me? If you should read a land agent's

me? If you should read a land agent's description of your farm after the cleaning up, would it not describe just the kind of place you would want to buy? You may never want to sell. I hope you never will, but if you keep your farm in shape all the time you will never have to hunt for buyers and you will be able to demand a better price will be able to demand a better price and get it. Besides this, if you never sell, the keeping of your place in order will give you better neighbors. Your example will be followed by them more or less and, as changes in the ownership of adjacent farms occur, a better class of buyers will be attracted just because your place is attractive. your place is attractive.

But the cost of doing all this! There is no cost—it is an investment, and a mighty profitable one. Beauty has a commercial value which can be written in dollars and cents, and it has a moral value that cannot be estimated. A slovenly appearance invites slovenly actions, while a neat and attractive appearance is an inspiration, whether it

be in a farm or a family.

The Citizens' League of Kansas, of which C. M. Harger, Abilene, is president, is sending out convining literature on the precessity of banking and curon the necessity of banking and cur-rency reform—a live topic. Business and civic organizations in more than fifty counties of Kansas have undertaken the work of extending education on currency problems, with a view to securing a more sound monetary system. Literature is being distributed in great quantities and is free for the asking. Address Arthur Hurd, Secretary, Citizens' League of Kansas, Abilene, Kan., for printed

M; M; M; Senator Curtis has proposed an amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation Bill which provides for an appropriation with which to conduct experiments in irrigation in western Kansas. His experiments would pertain principally to investigation as to the underflow with a view to determining its extent and possibilities for irrigating purposes as well as the best methods for utilizing it in this way.

Potato growers in the Kaw Valley predict this year the largest crop in the history of Kansas potato growing. The acreage is normal. On account of the scarcity of potatoes, due to the short crop of last year, it has cost as much as \$20 per acre for seed this season. The crop has been planted three weeks later than usual, which is regarded as a guarantee against frosts which so a guarantee against frosts which so often affect the crop. Do KANSAS FARMER readers know that the Kaw Valley is famous for its potatoes?

One of our exchanges heads an article, "Canning and Preserving Hints." That's right! Can the hints of no value and preserve those of worth.

KANSANS GO TO CANADA.

Government advertising and the reports of the immense yields of wheat which come from the prairie provinces of Canada have induced thousands of Americans and millions of American money to go to Canada for a permanent

Climatic conditions, the short seasons and the limited number of crops which can be raised in the prairie provinces have brought dissatisfaction, and many of these same Americans are now being piloted by promoters to the newer states of the southwest, notably New Mexico

and Arizona.

In order that Kansas may stand the peer of her sister states and of foreign countries and that she may show to Canadian emigrants her superior productive power, strong efforts will be made to have this state fittingly represented this greatest of all international ex-

positions of dry farming products.

To this end, Secretary John T. Burns, of the International Dry Farming Congress, and Prof. W. M. Jardine, Executive Committee for Kansas, visited To-peka for the purpose of laying plans for such an exhibit of Kansas resources. A conference with the Topeka Commercial Club, the Kansas Real Estate Dealers' Association, Kansas State Fair, Kansas Association of County and Dis-trict Fair Managers, Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association and a number of state and railroad officials, to-gether with the farm papers, was held and plans gotten under way.

These plans will be announced shortly, but each farmer can lay his plans now. Plant and grow something for your county fair. Show this at the State Fair, and then make your exhibit a part of the state exhibit which shall go to Lethehridge.

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Kansas needs more people, and the best way to get them is to "show them." * * *

Plants are slow in starting this spring. This is so because the soil has warmed up slowly, being the result of an unusually large amount of moisture in the soil and little warm weather prior to a week ago. Seeds germinate best at from 70 to 85 degrees F. The best temper-ature for wheat is 84 degrees and for corn 93 degrees. At lower temperatures, however, the seed germinates, but will grow slowly. Growth in the case of most cultivated crops will not result until the soil has attained a temperature of from 45 to 48 degrees Fahrenheit. The formation of nitrates and other plant foods does not begin until the temperature is higher than 41 degrees Fahrenheit, and plant food is not abundant until the temperature is much higher and exists in the greatest quantity and is most easily used when a temperature of 98 degrees F. is reached. It will be apparent from the above that it is no advantage and, in fact, many seasons is quite damaging, to plant the crop early and before favorable seasonal conditions have arrived. The planting of the seed in the cold ground very often has the effect of germination and often has the effect or germination and the loss of the plant through lack of growing temperature and inability to obtain food to support the plant. In the case of late seasons the more culti-vation the ground is given in advance of planting, the more quickly the ground will warm up and the crop will start after planting. There is little to be gained by planting any crop so early in the spring that it is planted out of the spring that it is planted out of season. Certain natural growing conditions as above explained, are necessary for the germination of the seed, and germination will not take place and the crop will not grow until the required condition of soil is obtained. These conditions can be beyond; a forw days ditions can be brought about a few days earlier in the case of late seasons by cultivation which has the effect of loosening up the soil and permitting the warm air and the sunlight to reach the KANSAS WHEAT OUTLOOK.

The report of the State Board of Agriculture on the condition of Kansas wheat May 1, gives an average of 81.2 per cent, as against 78.5 per cent last year. The real situation existing now as compared with last year in considerably more favorable than indicated by the figures, for the reason that at this time the ground is full of moisture and the rains of last week have put the surface in excellent condition. Last year this time the conditions of soil were just the

reverse.

The report indicates that an acreage of 6,065,000 will this year be harvested, as against 5,300,000 in 1911. Until the rains of the latter part of last week, KANSAS FARMER correspondents have regarded the wheat outlook with considerable apprehension. This on account of the freezing out of the plant in some localities, but principally on account of the impervious crust which covered practically all the wheat fields covered practically all the wheat fields of the state and which it was feared would prevent late-sown seed from the surface and which was to a considerable extent retarding the growth in all early-sown fields except those which had been harrowed or rolled. The state-wide rains of last week have relieved the situation in general, and wheat growers are feeling much easier. In some sections of the state unusually high winds prevailed for a few days, but the usual damage to wheat was not done or second of the state unusually high winds prevailed for a few days, but the usual damage to wheat was not done or second of the state of the st done, on account of the crust spoken of, and which had the effect of preventing the wind from uncovering the wheat

Considerable damage was done wheat in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas as are eastern two-thirds of Kansas as a result of overpasturage last fall. This, with other conditions spoken of, causes the wheat prospect to present a wide range of conditions and shows that local as well as general conditions are what may be termed "spotted". Fields believed to have been worthless a month ago are coming forward surprisingly. ago are coming forward surprisingly.

Kansas wheat and Kansas soil possess marvelous recuperative power. It is ad-visable always to give the wheat field a chance and not act hastily in plowa chance and not act hastily in plowing up and planting to other crops. There is yet ample time for the planting of catch crops on wheat ground, should it be necessary so to do. It is our recommendation that you not be in a big hurry to dispose of unpromising fields of wheat.

It is altogether probable that Kansas will this year harvest 80 to 90 million bushels of wheat.

The Kansas Experiment Station has recently started out three parties to make soil surveys. The counties to be surveyed are Jewell, Sedgwick and La-bette. The work in each of these three counties will be tinished this summer and the report can be expected next year at this time. The Experiment Station has completed soil surveys of Shawnee and Reno counties, as has already been mentioned in KANSAS FARMER.

It is just a little bit about stacking wheat, but wheat cutting time will be here before we realize it. Most of the wheat of Kansas is cut with a binder. Little of this wheat is threshed within a week after shocking. Usually, a considerable part of the wheat which is intended to be threshed out of the shock stands through one of more rains. Every rain on the shocked wheat costs money. It is the best practice to stack wheat immediately after harvesting. When wheat is in the stack it is protected from the rains and plowing can begin earlier. Early plowing is proven assessential in the production of the best wheat crops. The waste through exposure of wheat to rain in the shock,

Read much and think more. Read good matter only. Poor stuff is not worth while.

GENERAL FARM INQUIRIES

Several inquiries would indicate that the writers had determined to do deeper plowing and ask how much of the new soil should be brought to the surface. It is our judgment that not more than one to one and one-half inches of new soil should be brought to the surface at any one plowing. To bring up more would, in our judgment, not be conducive to the best crops. When the subsoil is brought to the surface it should be the order of the surface of the surface it should be the order of the surface of

be thoroughly mixed with the other soil.

While talking about deep plowing, it is not intended that the admonition should be observed to the point of going should be observed to the point of going as deep as the team or engine will drag the plow the first time that deeper plowing is attempted. Go down gradually, and eventually you will have a deep permanent and moist seed bed, which will store moisture that should produce a fairly good crop during the driest year. Thoroughly pulverized and deep seed beds act exactly like a sponge. The water soaks in because there is room for it.

The humas worked down into the lower soil enables the soil to absorb and hold water which, in the absorbe and hold water which are the soil being the soil and hold water which are the soil are the soil and hold water which are the soil of humus, it would not absorb and hold. The deeper the cultivation and the deeper the seed bed, the more easily the ground takes up the rainfall and the better it is saturated.

Harrowing Wheat.

This spring Kansas Farmer has several times made mention of the advisability of harrowing wheat, and calling attention to the greater necessity for so doing this spring than for several years past. On this subject, W. M. Jardine, Agronomist, Kansas Experiment Station, Writes KANSAS FARMER as follows:

"The snow covering protected the wheat during the hard freezes and then most of it melted and went into the ground. Later snows packed and crusted the soil. The crust keeps out air which the roots need, and it increases the evaporation. Cultivation to break this crust is necessary to produce a bumper

"Harrowing wheat early in the spring almost always is advisable. Such treatment will never do any harm and likely will increase the yield materially. This year the ground has crusted as a result of the heavy snows followed by drying winds. The harrow does not break this crust effectively, so the corrugated roller the subsurface packer or the spike-tooth alfalfa renovator are recommended in preference to it. In ordinary years the preference to it. In ordinary years the harrow would accomplish the purpose. The implements should be driven at right angles to the drill rows. The discs of the disc harrow should be set straight up and down so as not to tear out too much of the wheat."

Cowpeas as a Catch Crop.
J. A. S., Ozark, Ill., writes: "Owing to the various localities throughout the west being often stricken by drouth in the late spring and early summer, it behoves every farmer in such localities to pro-vide himself with the seed for some kind of a catch crop, and there is no better catch crop to follow where oats, corn and other crops have made a failure than the cowpea. Peas will mature in from 80 to 90 days, hence they may be sown long after it is too late for the crops that require longer time to

"Owing to the very dry weather in the season of 1911, there was a 10-acre field of fertile soil on the south side of my farm which I did not get to plant in corn. Six weeks after corn planting time, the drouth was broken by show-ers, and we plowed the field and pul-verized it with the harrow and land roller. We then seeded it to cowpeas satisfactory crop In short, it made the best, cleanest and cheapest hay we had. No better or richer hay can be grown as a catch crop than cowpeas. All kinds of live stock relish it and it gives very satisfactory results to feeders. Pea hay is an ex-cellent feed for the milk cow, and it is my opinion that every farmer would profit by raising a few acres of peas for his cows. Peas will cause an in-creased flow of milk when all other bulky feeds fail."

Regarding Tame Grass Pasture. Several letters have recently been re-

ceived from subscribers asking if they can set permanent pastures this spring and have the pasture available for this season's use. A. B. F., Williamsburg, Kan., has an 8-acre patch in the middle Something For Every Farm—Overflow Items From Other Departments

of his wild grass pasture which he desires to get into tame pasture for use as above stated.

It will be impossible at this late date to seed any combination of grasses which will furnish pasture this year. Our recommendation to the above inquirer is ommendation to the above inquirer is that he use this 8-acre patch for soiling this season, planting the same to cowpeas and oats, directions for which have peas and oats, directions for which have at numerous times been given in Kansas Farmer. The planting, however, should have been done a month earlier than this. This crop will yield the earliest and best soiling crop. When the oats have reached the dough stage they should be cut for hay and this hay used as a supplement for the short wild grass pasture.

grass pasture.

The idea in planting the entire 8 acres to cats and peas is to mature the earliest feed possible and get the crop off the land so that the land can be prepared for grass seed. Cats and peas should be off by July 1, and by the

Affalfa seed, generally speaking, does not possess high germination and seed should germinate at least 75 per cent if it is to be sown. The quality of alfalfa seed depends largely upon the manner in which it is harvested and handled. The second crop of alfalfa is the best for seed for the reason that is the best for seed for the reason that by this time there are sufficient insects in the field to fertilize the blossom. Blossoms which have not been fertilized fail to produce seed that will grow Seed from unfertilized plants usually show up as brown and shrunken. If seed bought for sowing shows a considerable number of such seed, the amount sowed per acre should be increased as compared with the amount of good seed

Farmers generally sow about 20 pounds of affalfa per acre. This is fully two times as much more than is needed if every seed should grow. This quantity of seeding is, no doubt, due to the fact that farmers have recognized alfalfa as

effect that probably if a sample of the limestone were to the State University it could be analyzed.

"Our State Geological Survey has studied the limestones of Kansas so extensively and has made so many chemical examinations, that probably we have already a record of the composition of more than half of all the samples which might be sent. Our State Geolog. which might be sent. Our State Geological Survey will undertake the task, free of charge, of giving information about the chemical composition of any and all

of charge, of giving information about the chemical composition of any and all limestones in the state.

"From the standpoint of a soil fertilizer, it is not necessary to know the exact composition of a limestone. I am theroughly satisfied that we have no limestones in Kansas carrying impurities which would act as a soil poison. The early question at issue is the strength of the limestone. A chemically pure limestone has exactly 56 per cent of quickline in it, the remaining 44 per cent to 94 per cent acid gas. In general, our Kansas limestones are from 96 per cent to 94 per cent pure, yielding from 50 per cent to 53 per cent quickline. Some of them, of course, are considerably weaker and in a few cases a yield as low as 45 per cent quick-lime might be reached. "It will be seen from the above that practically any limestone in Kansas would be suitable for use as a soil fertilizer on acid soils. The ultimate result is the same whether the limestone is applied raw or as lime, but if it were burned, the desired results would be obtained much quicker. If, for example, quick-lime were spread on an acid soil and cultivated in to a depth of 6 or 8 inches, it would correct the acidity of the soil to a large degree

acid soil and cultivated in to a depth of 6 or 8 inches, it would correct the acidity of the soil to a large degree the first year. If pulverized lime-stone, without being burned, were used, it would take a much longer time, but the length of time here would depend upon the degree of fineness to which the rock were ground. the rock were ground." .

Improved Farm Implements. The mould-board plow and the drag harrow are among the oldest of our farm implements in use today. They have served well the purpose for which they were intended, but since their invention we have learned things about soil cultivation which require a considerable change in their use as compared with former years. We have learned that deeper plowing is essential and deep tilling machines of the disk type are taking the place of the plow. The disk harrow, too, is doing a great deal of work more effectively than the mouldboard plew and at a less acre cost. The sub-surface packer in many sections is doing much of the work the harrow formerly did, and in a much more efficient manner. Is it not reasonable that with manner. Is it not reasonable that with improved cultivation methods a change in the class of machinery used should be brought about? The increased cost and scarcity of labor has resulted in the invention of the gang plow, the two-row cultivator, etc. Progress in one line of our development is very likely to demand and force progress in other lines. mand and force progress in other lines. We must keep our eyes open for the best and most effective tools.

No Substitute for Babcock Test. There are few men in Kansas who have talked the use of scales and Babcock test in the dairy herd longer and bab-louder than has the editor of Kansas Farmer. We know that the weighing, sampling and testing of milk is a chore which the large majority of dairy farm-ers are not looking for. This situation has necessarily caused not only our-selves but every other individual inter-ceted in the unbuilding of the deliver ested in the upbuilding of the dairy business to think of other methods by which the relative merit of dairy cows might be determined. Continued thought along this line has failed to develop any other plan. There is no other known method by which the best cows may be known from the poorer cows. There are shotcut methods in weighing and testing. For instance, the weighing of one week's milk a month, which will accomplish approximate results, the employment of which method is much better than no effort made in this direction. However, the scales and the test are the only known means of determining cow value, and anyone who is desirous of knowing the real value of one oow as compared with another, cannot escape their use.

There has never been but one real religion and that religion is "to be good and do good."—Charles P. Dole.

LOGAN COUNTY HOG GROWER



THERE is a picture of 80 nice Berkshires grown by A. B. Miller, of Logan, Kan. These hogs were shipped to Kansas City, and topped the market for the day at \$6.10. The average weight was 200 pounds. Mr. Miller is a very successful farmer and hog raiser. He came west in 1872 and homesteaded on the farm where he now resides. He owns 640 acres of as good land as there is in Phillips county and has no desire whatever to leave the old homestead where he has lived continuously all these 40 years. Mr. Miller has now taken Kansas Farmer for 10 years, and thinks it is a paper well worth the price to any farmer. well worth the price to any farmer.

middle of July it will be possible to seed any one of the several combinations of pasture grasses given on page 8 of Kansas Farmer April 20. We recommend Bromus inermis and alfalfa, 16 pounds of seed to the acre of the former being used, and 6 pounds to the acre of the latter. This combination should be available for pasture next spring. It is unfortunate, however, for this

It is unfortunate, however, for this subscriber that his 8-acre patch of tame grass pasture will be located in the center of his wild grass pasture, for the reason that the tame grass will be over pastured. In the case of practically all tame grass pastures it is necessary to regulate the pasurage, depending upon the season, condition of land, etc.

If, however, our subscriber is desirous of getting the largest amount of feed from the 8 acres, he should leave it fenced as it is and use soiling crops exclusively. The location of the tract in the center of his wild grass pasture would then be an advantageous location. Kafir and sorghum would yield heavier return for soiling, but if these were used he would not have the field available for early fall seeding of grass.

Test of Alfalfa Seed. William Boldt, May, Okla., sends KANSAS FARMER sample of alfalfa seed for germination test. A test of this seed showed that slightly more than 50 per cent of the sample would germinate. This is a low germination test. The sample received was free from weed a low germinating seed and figure on sowing enough to get a good stand. Moderate age is no drawback to the value of alfalfa seed. Tests of 6-year-

old seed have shown a 93 per cent germination. As the seed grows older it turns yellowish brown. Good, new it turns yellowish brown. Good, new seed is greenish orange yellow. Reddish brown or black seed has been injured in the stack by heating or is immature

It has been calculated that 20 pounds of alfalfa seed to the acre, in case all seeds germinated, would produce 21 to 3 million plants, whereas 4 million to the acre is ample. If 15 pounds of clean seed of high germination should be sowed to the acre and each seed made a plant, there would be 44 plants to the square foot of land, or fully five times as many as would thrive after 2 years old. These figures indicate somewhat the reckless extravagance in the purchase of alfalfa seed and the seeding of same.

Lime For Kansas Soils.

E. Hawarth, State Geologist, Lawrence, Kan., writes KANSAS FARMER the following letter. It is hoped that farmers who are in doubt as to the composition of their soils and are endeavoring to supply such soils with the elements meeded for the best production of crops, will avail themselves of the information possessed by the State Geologist:

"In a recent issue of KANSAS FARMER I noticed an item regarding some reader making an inquiry about limestone for soil fertilizer, and your comment to the ıll

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There are a great many who farm more acres and a great many who farm fewer than I do, but with the exception of the large ranches where extensive breeding operations are being carried on as well as large farming operations, the kind and the variety of work performed on my 320 acre farm are about the same as those on the average stock and grain farm. The routine of work that the horses on this farm have gone through in a year includes about everything that could be found on a Kansas stock and grain farm.

Several years ago I began farming operations for myself with a mixed lot of work animals, which included mules, drivers and some rather light draft and a few heavier horses, these latter being mostly geldings weighing from 1,600 to 1,750 pounds.

As the farm work had to be done by myself and hired help, it soon became evident that everything on the driving order failed to fill the bill. In the first place, this kind of horse was generally too spirited to be handled, without being ruined by any but the most trustworthy men. In the second place, too many horses of this kind were required to pull horses of this kind were required to pull the present-day machinery used. One could not care for so many horses and get ready in time to do a day's work in the field. In the third place, either the hired help or I had this kind of horse on the road too much after a day's work, for the good of the horse, the help or myself. or myself.

I soon found that it was no easy matter to replace, with desirable young horses, the ones sold. I therefore con-cluded to raise my own work stock, especially as it seemed the time had again arrived when any surplus, if of the right kind, would find a welcome market.

market.

It was the heavy stuff, other things being equal, that the market demanded, so the question arose, could the farm work be done as profitably with the heavy mares as with lighter draft mares, or would the lighter mares earn more than enough to pay the difference in the market value between their colts and the colts from the heavy mares? I believed that all the necessary farm work could be done as well with heavy mares each of which could raise a colt that would bring a higher price. Several years' experience has shown that my reasoning was sound. It would be my reasoning was sound. It would be a serious mistake to go back from heavy mares to lighter ones for my own work.

My mares, with one or two exceptions, range from 2-year-olds, weighing from 1,450 pounds to 1,600 pounds, to aged mares, weighing from 1,800 pounds to nearly a ton. While raising colts the mares have done all the farm work.

There are a good many reasons why heavy draft mares are to be preferred to lighter ones for general farm work, aside from the fact that they produce foals that grow into larger horses and that bring more money in the horse market. Owing to their weight, three heavy horses will do the work of four neavy norses will do the work of four lighter horses and do it more easily. The lister can be run with three heavy horses, while four lighter one would be necessary for the same work; three heavy horses will take the place of four lighter one of the same work; three heavy horses will take the place of four lighter ones on a binder; one heavy horse can be used instead of two lighter ones on the stacker; and two heavy horses will pull a 6-foot mower more easily than a lighter team will handle a 5-foot cut. A pair of good, heavy Percheron mares will swing along easily with the biggest manure spreader if the ground is not so soft that the wheels of the spreader slip. In the feed lot nothing has been found so satisfactory as a part of these big, docile, easymoving, almost human creatures. this means economy in time, labor and equipment.

The hired man can get a three-horse team ready for work more quickly, and handle it more easily in the field, than he can a four-horse team. The saving of half a set of harness equipment is

also something nowadays.

The heavy mare is by her very nature docile and teachable, steady and true, and will not subject her worker to the irritation so frequently the case with the light, high-strung mare not of the strictly draft breed. The heavy animal will, therefore, not be abused by any man that has in him a spark of love

One of the principal objections urged against this class of work mares is that they are too slow, cannot be trotted out on the road, or will not turn corners

HEAVY HORSES-FARM WORK

Before Kansas Live Stock Registry Board at Manhattan, Kansas

By R. G. McKINNIE, Glen Elder, Kan.



HANSAS PURE-BRED PERCHERONS WHICH WERE RAISED ON ALFALFA HAY AND PASTURE.

quickly enough. We all know the fable of the hare and the tortoise, and which of them won. We do too much rabbit farming in this state. You will be surprised, however, after working heavy mares awhile, how much work they can turn out and how quickly they can move around if bred for action as well as for size, and if properly broken and handled. The big horse, if properly bred and properly broken, will surprise you with his long business stride. He does not lift his big feet so often as a shorter, smaller horse, but he does not need to, for, as a rule, one of his steps equals about one and a half steps of some of the smaller variety, and, if necessary,

he can be put into a pretty comfortable trot without any damage being done.

Another objection sometimes raised against the heavy brood mare is that she will not stand the heat so well as a lighter one. My experience is that this is largely a matter of care and proper feeding. Of course, I would not be so foolish as to argue that any mare can carry a colt, suckle a foal, and do as much work as a mule or gelding. The worth of the colt will, however,

more than recompense the owner for any difference between the two classes so far as the value of the work per-formed is concerned. Moreover, if dur-ing the summer's work a little extra care is taken, it is surprising what an amount of heat a heavy, sound mare can stand.

Take to the field a heavel of water

can stand.

Take to the field a barrel of water for the horses as well as a jug for yourself. If, after turning their heads to the wind, you give them a drink every time you take one yourself or every time you oil the machine, you will be surprised what an effect it will have upon the team. In addition to being kept fresher in the field, the horses will not gorge themselves at the tank when not gorge themselves at the tank when they come in, and will be in much better they come in, and will be in much better shape internally to handle their feed. This is an old practice and is, of course, not original with me. Plenty of good water never hurts a horse if the water was given frequently instead of waiting until the animal became half exhausted from thirst. The time consumed in putting the water upon the wagon in the morning and in giving it to the team in the field will not exceed

half an hour a day. This will more than be made up in the extra amount of work the team will perform and the lessened number of calls for the veteri-narian to treat colic and kindred forms of indigestion.

narian to treat colic and kindred forms of indigestion.

Being of a quiet disposition, heavy brood mares are easily put into shape for market whenever one is ready to cash them in. They have an immense reserve power that is seldom entirely called into use in doing the ordinary farm work, such as I have described, and so their work is really little more than good exercise. This makes them susceptible to feed, and, when the cooler fall weather comes, they can, on a surprisingly small amount of grain, given regularly and in proper proportion, be readily fattened for sale.

Many farmers who refuse to attempt colt raising give as one of their reasons the fact that they are dependent on hired help for the greater part of their work. They say that the loss from the abuse of their mares would be greater than their revenues from colts. On exceptionally large farms and ranches where the sole object is to do all the work possible and push everything and everybody to the limit, this argument

work possible and push everything and everybody to the limit, this argument may be well founded. But it is not true at all on the diversified farms of from 80 to 640 acres.

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My own experience has been that the better the horses and their equipment, the better help have I been able to secure. In fact, it is no unusual thing for a man who has worked for me to stop and inquire particularly about every horse and colt on the place, at intervals accounts come hash for the express pure even to come back for the express purpose of seeing the mares and colts. Several times when I have sold teams, farmer help or the help then working for me would ask how I could part with the could represent the second or would express the their favorite team or would express the wish that they could have been the purchasers.

purchasers.

Put the matter right up to the hired man. Give him a big, good-looking, well-matched team, equipped with the right kind of harness, well fitted; let him understand that he is assuming a responsibility, that, while you expect him to do a day's work, you will appreciate his care of the team. If he is made of the stuff that good help is made of, your only worry need be that he will, if such a thing be possible, take too good care of the horses.

Good teams and good equipments have an inestimable value for a farmer and for the community in which he lives. If business corporations that look at every-

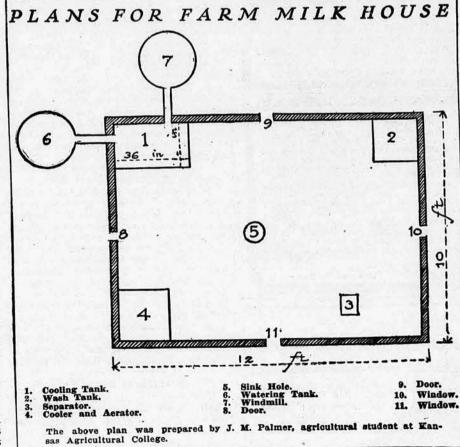
business corporations that look at everything from the dollar standpoint can af-ford to spend big money for good teams, not only for the work the teams can do, but for the advertising value as well, why can't we who raise them afford to why can't we who raise them afford to keep at least some of the best? And it is really surprising how much interest your friends not directly concerned about stock or farming will take in your horses if you try to have good ones. They will be elated at your success and sympathize with you when you have failures. I have had more heartfelt regrets expressed at the loss of a colt from a well-known brood mare than at the loss of a whole crop of feed or grain.

grain.

It would not be advisable, however, for anyone who has not had considera-ble experience to plunge at once into the business of using heavy mares for his farm work and raising colts from them. Start with one pair of heavy mares, preferably pure-breds; work them a year and raise their colts. One will know by that time how he likes them. If they are satisfactory, he can purchase more of the same kind later. If he buys pure-breds, it will pay him well to see not only that he gets a pedigree with every horse, but also that he gets a horse with every pedigree.

A pile of papers with poor horses is a sorry combination. Having purchased a good pair of mares, one should look well to the care of them and their

We farmers need to study the art of horse raising and horse handling more thoroughly, to give more attention to the care and comfort of the horse, to watch their feeding, and, above all, to keep their quarters clean and sanitary. keep their quarters clean and sanitary. Helpful hints from farm and stock journals, veterinary bulletins, agricultural bulletins, some of the best of which come from our own College, some good books, and the experience of neighbors—all these will be found useful. The acquaintance of the local veterinarian should also be cultivated.







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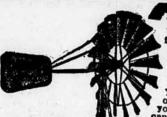
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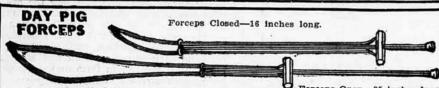
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Name and Address Wanted.

Will the Osborne county reader who grows "Honey-Dip" sorghum and whose success in sorghum cultivation was men-tioned in Farm Notes of KANSAS FARMER April 20, please send KANSAS FARMER his name and address?

Cure for Egg-eating Hens.

A Colby (Kan.) subscriber submits this: "Make a hole in the shell of one egg and draw out the white. Beat the yolk inside and fill the shell with ammonia. Place the shell so loaded in the poultry house or poultry yard. The egg-eating fowls will make a rush for the egg, take one swallow, shake their heads and walk off, never to eat another egg. The cure is harmless and effective."

Colorado Sugar Beet Experience.

James G. Close, Ordway, Col., tried a comparison on an 80-acre tract of 24 a comparison on an 80-acre tract of 24 acres of sugar beets, and 50 acres of alfalfa. His beets, 398 tons, sold at \$5.50, brought him, with the sale of the tops for fodder, \$2,239, a net profit for the crop of \$1,238.80, or roughly \$500 an acre. His alfalfa netted \$1,289.08, or roughly \$500 and acre. roughly \$250 an acre. The tops of the sugar beets, used for stock food, prove the finest food for dairy cattle or for

Big Tile Draining Experience.

Our subscriber, F. G. B., Buffalo, Kan. writes that he has 445 acres of land, all of which needs tile draining, but that the job has not yet been completed. He has a steam ditcher at work and has placed six carloads of tile drain on 80 acre. On this tract the tile is working nicely, and he says there is no doubt in his mind as to the ultimate success of drainage on this land. He will proceed as rapidly as possible to drain the remaining acres.

Wheat Conditions.

Kansas will likely produce 80 to 90 million bushels of wheat this year un-less, of course, some unforeseen condition arises which has a damaging effect on the present outlook. The acreage is nearly 6 million and the state average of around 15 bushels per acre is likely to be maintained. The government wheat reports show the condition of Kansas wheat as being 85 per cent, against a 10-year average of 84 per cent. The government report a year ago this time was 75 per cent.

Another Big Man Is Farmer.

Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, former Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, and who is now a contributing editor to a prominent magazine, and who, as a lecturer and pure food expert, has made his name a household word, contends that his main occupation is that of tilling the soil. It is claimed that he has always taken more interest in the operation of his Virginia farm than in any other one thing with which he has had to do. It is said that his farm is a model of its kind although it is not stated its kind, although it is not stated whether he runs to some specialty or is a general farmer.

Kafir Inquiries From Iowa.

demonstrate the interest in Kafir and further to show that those not familiar with Kafir realize that through Kansas Farmer they can best obtain such information, we have the past week answered a number of letters from Iowa, which letters are from farmers who at the time of writing were not subscribers. We have written such inquirers at length regarding Kafir, and have placed in their hands copies of KANSAS FARMER which gives additional information regarding this wonderful plant. Kafir will help the Iowa farmer tremendously and it is encouraging and gratifying to note that he is investigating Kafir cultivation.

Bermuda as Lawn Grass.

The governing board of the State Capitol lawn has planted a part of the lawn to Bermuda grass. It is not known just why this grass should have been planted, inasmuch as the principal lawn beautifully set with blue grass, and

soil and climatic conditions are favorable to the same. KANSAS FARMER, how-ever is glad that the Bermuda has been planted, for this gives us an opportunity to watch its growth and report from personal observation to our readers of its success. It is certain that on the State House lawn there was no necessity for the use of Bermuda. In Oklahoma City and other Oklahoma towns, Bermuda is used as a lawn grass and well serves the purpose.

Subsoiling vs. Deep Soiling.

A subscriber asks why he hears nothing about subsoiling, but a great deal about deep plowing. By deep plowing we mean plowing 12 to 18 inches and the double disk implement is the only plow known to us which will actually plow the soil this dear. tually plow the soil this deep. The subsoil plow following the ordinary plow has the effect of breaking up the lower soil 4 to 8 inches in depth, but it does not get the subsoil to the top of the ground where its fertility is available for the plant. The disk plow stirs the upper furrow and the lower furrow and mixes them well. Plant growth, therefore, is not retarded as it would be if the bottom soil was thrown on top and not mixed with the older cultivated soil.

Hoard's Oat and Pea Hay.

Writing of his experience in growing oats and pea hay, ex-Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin, say that he broadcasts 1½ to 2 bushels of cowpeas per acre and plows the peas under to the depth of about 5 inches. A week later he sows a bushel and a half of oats broadcast to the acre and harrows the same in. This the acre and harrows the same in. This method, he says, will bring the oats and peas along at about the same stage of ripening for cutting. His contention is that the plowing of peas under in this way enables them to stand the heat and dry weather much better on account and dry weather much better on account of their being deeper rooted. It is his idea that this combination should be gotten into the ground as early as possible in the spring of the year.

Practical Corn Book.

Because farmers generally are interested in better corn cultivation and larger crops, many corn books have appeared the last few years. We are just in receipt of a book, "How to Grow 100 Bushels of Corn Per Acre on Worn Soil," which is worthy of the attention of every corn grower. The author is William C. Smith, a practical farmer living in porthern Indiana. ing in northern Indiana. The principal point elaborated upon in this book is that of rejuvenating worn soils by practical methods of crop rotation and green manuring. Mr. Smith, the author, according to his statement, has met with wonderful success in the improvement of soils and the growth of large corn crops. The book can be had through Stewart & Kidd Co., Publishers, Cincinnati, O., for \$1.25.

Thickening Alfalfa Stand.

Our subscriber, E. B. G., Fort Scott, Kan., writes that during the past winter his alfalfa badly froze out, and asks how the stands can be thickened.

If it is a question of thickening the stand on the entire field, the problem is simple. Disk the ground and harrow and sow the amount of seed required. If this spring's growth of the alfalfa is as far advanced in the vicinity of Fort Scott as it is surrounding Topeka, it is now too late to re-seed without losing the first hay crop. If it is desired to get as much hay as possible from the field this summer, the re-seeding had best be delayed until fall.

We would use the common disk in preference to the spike-tooth disk for this work. The use of a disk harrow is advantageous to and influences stand of alfalfa. The disking splits the crowns and the apparent injury done the roots lends vigor to the growth of the plant. Wherever the disk cuts or bruises the crown, many new buds are formed and thus the number of shoots materially

increased. To re-seed bare spots in the alfalfa field is much more difficult and unless the spots are large it is scarcely worth the while attempting to re-seed them.

Deep Tilling Machinery.

Answering L. K. L., Emporia, Kan.:
The Spalding deep tilling machine is especially designed and adapted to plowing and pulverizing the soil 12 to 16 inches deep and to prepare a thoroughly good and well drained seed bed at a single operation. The Spalding is a machine having two disks, the first disk running say. 6 inches deep and the other chine having two disks, the first disk running say, 6 inches deep and the other disk gotting the remaining 6 inches of a furrow 12 inches deep. It is claimed that it will successfully operate in land so dry and so hard as would not be practicable to plow in the ordinary way. The manufacturers claim that it does a better job of burying trash than any other implement made. It is said that the machine will operate successfully at the machine will operate successfully at a depth of 20 inches.

Hays Station Wheat Investigation.

The Fort Hays Experiment Station is doing a great deal of work in connection with wheat growing for western Kansas in experimentation regarding the Kansas in experimentation regarding the proper preparation of the seed bed and the proper sowing of winter wheat under western conditions. Last year the Station distributed pure-bred Kharkof seed wheat to the amount of 6,400 bushels among western farmers of the state. The Station distributed 1,500 bushels of seed of other crops. These seed grains were sold to the farmers of the state and the Station realized an income of more than \$11,000 from this source. In wheat culture the Station is carrying on an experiment to determine the

rying on an experiment to determine the value of green manure for wheat. A green manure crop is grown every other year on the land and the total yield of year on the land and the total yield of wheat through a series of years will be compared with the yield obtained from adjoining plots which have been cropped continuously. The crops which are being tested for green manuring are rye, sweet clover and winter vetch, for fall seeding, and field peas for spring seeding. This experiment will be watched with interest.

Kansas Societies on Free Sugar.

Organizations of beet growers, farmers and business people representing sugar producing states, are much inter-ested in the pending sugar legislation and which points toward free sugar. It is claimed that if the free sugar bill is passed that it will wipe out the sugar industry in this country. Kansas is considerably interested in the produc-tion of sugar from beets. The Kansas

tion of sugar from beets. The Kansas industry is young, but is developing rapidly and will develop to immense proportions. Senator Curtis and Senator Bristow are each opposed to free sugar, and for the support and upbuilding of the sugar industry in Kansas.

The House of Representatives has voted on the free sugar bill, and Representatives Young and Murdock supported the free sugar bill. Other Kansas representatives were opposed to it. The free sugar bill must be killed in the Senate, if killed at all. The advices from Washington are to the effect that the Senate will not pass the bill. that the Senate will not pass the bill. Many Senators at first supposed to be in favor of free sugar, are now opposed

to it.

Maintain Good Post Roads.

Every spring the Postal Department throws a scare into rural route patrons in the form of a warning that, unless roads are kept in proper condition for travel, whole or parts of rural routes may be discontinued.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General is sending out such notice to all Kansas postoffices from which rural routes start, and instructing postmasters to notify the patrons of the rural routes that the roads must be kept in good condition. This is what the notice says: "The great economic advantages of good roads, as well as the benefits derived by the residents of rural districts from the extension of mail delivery service, should be sufficiently apparent to cause them to make every effort to maintain the highways in proper condition. Patrons should remember that rural carriers must travel their routes on a fixed schedule, and the fact that carriers can 'get over' the roads is no argument that such roads are fit for rural delivery service. If the continuation of the service is desired, the roads should placed in condition to be traveled with facility and regularity."

Farmer and Automobile.

The editor has just come across a statement to the effect that of the seventy-two thousand autos manufactured in 1909, twenty-seven thousand were designed specially for use on the farm, and that in 1910 one western

Glance Backward

UR experience with harvesting machines began eighty-one years ago, away back in 1831. In that year the first practical reaper was invented. Probably not one thousand of the millions of farmers who read this have any distinct recollection of agricultural conditions in this country at that time. Wheat fields were small, because there was no way of harvesting leave groups. Ninety-seven man out of every large crops. Ninety-seven men out of every hundred worked in the fields and tilled the soil to secure a scanty subsistence. They could raise just about enough wheat to feed the workers. There was none to export; there was none to

Into the midst of these conditions came the inventor of the reaper. He was a farmer who had worked through the sixteen-hour-a-day harhad worked through the sixteen-hour-a-day har-west time, swinging a cradle, gathering sheaves, and building shocks. He knew farm work. He knew its cost in time and labor. He figured out a way to save that time and labor. He built a practical reaper, which made it possible to grow more wheat and harvest it in season; a machine which would increase the value of farm lands, re-lease an army of men from drudgery and put them to work in other gainful occupations. This machine, the same in principle but vastly im-proved in form and capacity, is marketed today under the following names:

when the first strenuous fight was over. He lived to see his dreams come true in great seas of billowy grain that demanded machines for their harvesting, in the enrichment of the tillers of the

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of his season's work is in sight. It has made good in every way.

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Champion Deering

The inventor had supreme faith in the future of farming in this country. The strength of his belief is shown by the record of the ten years belief is shown by the record of the ten years following the invention of his reaper—ten years devoted to a desperate struggle with custom, habit, and prejudice, before he found a farmer who would buy one of his machines; ten years of discouraging, disheartening effort that would have broken the spirit of a man with less faith in himself and his machine. That his faith was well based and his foresight clear was quickly proved

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dealer sold, in one month, 400 machines, every one going to a farmer.

In the good roads campaign, which is sweeping the country from one end to the other, it is common for the farmer to claim that it is the city autoist who is clamoring for good roads and the farmer regards such clamor as an im-position upon him in the form of in-creased taxes, labor, etc. The figures, emanating principally from the automobile industry, indicates that the farmer is the biggest buyer of automobiles, and has been such for some three or four years.

The editor has not until recently in use of automobiles by farmers, but our observation is that the farmer is making good use of the auto. A few days ago, in a trip of some three or four miles out of Topeka on one of the leading roads, the editor passed twelve auto-mobiles owned by farmers, each carrying the farmer's family and some produce to the city. In a little western on one Saturday afternoon was recently in one Saturday afternoon there were forty farmers' automobiles on the streets. It seem to the editor, therefore, that the farmer is, in fact, the man who is making the best use of the auto and that of all classes of people it is he who in the future will buy and use the greatest number of these machines. The farmer—particularly in the west—has seen the feasibility of the automobile, both from the viewpoint of pleasure and utility.

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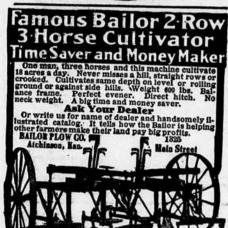
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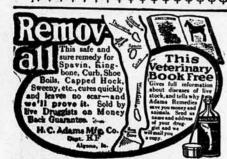
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In a state of nature the cow gives scarcely enough milk to support her young, but with increased care and reed she not only gives enough to support many calves, but it is richer milk. She is profitable.

If your animals must "rough it," then the grade or scrub will live as well as the pure-bred. But domestic animals should not "rough it," and with any decent care and feed the pure-bred will make money while the scrub will rob

As long as a beef animal is only fed enough to maintain life there will be no enough to maintain life there will be no increase in weight and no profit. Under these conditions a scrub is just as good. But when properly fed and cared for, the superiority of the pure-bred becomes at once apparent in quick maturity and flesh production. flesh production.

The value of the pure-bred animal lies The value of the pure-bred animal lies in his ability to consumer and digest large quantities of feed and turn it into meat quickly. Formerly a beef steer had to be 4 years old before it could be marketed. Now, it is a better animal at 18 months, a clean saving of two and one-half years in risk and feed in favor of the pure-bred.

The Colorado Agricultural College is dispensing anti-hog cholera serum which is manufactured by a well-known firm of manufacturing chemists. The College is not provided with funds for the manufacture of this serum and thus it manufacture of this serum and the item. facture of this serum, and thus it puts the seal of approval upon the commercial product.

pure-bred animal is the result of care and feed. Protected from enemies and the weather she becomes quiet. Given an abundance of good feed she develops a greater capacity for consum-ing and assimilating her feed. With a quiet nature and large feeding capacity she does her best and, when properly mated, her calves will do better.

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fashioned breeds.

Here is the month of May, and not an oat sown or a furrow plowed in our township yet. Winter wheat looks as bare as the back of your hand and there was only one-fifth the acreage sown last fall, as it was so wet after September 1 and winter set in on November 1, and has been with us ever since. Potatoes has been with us ever since. Potatoes are \$1.50 to \$1.60 per bushel here.—J. B. THOMPSON, Breeder of Ohio Chief Duroc Jerseys, Columbia Station, Ohio.

Rape for Hog Pasture.

Our subscriber, E. S. McC., Oak, Neb., writes for information regarding rape as hog pasture. His alfalfa pasture has winter killed and must have hog pasture as soon as it can be obtained. He says his neighbors have tried rape and hogs

would not eat it.

Rape should be seeded early in the spring, and grows best on soils rich in humus and vegetable matter. Dwarf varieties are adapted to lighter and less rich soil. The ground should be put in fine tilth before seeding. The crop matures for feeding in about two months from time of seeding. Seed is sown broadcast at the rate of 3 pounds per acre or 2 pounds per acre in drills 30 inches apart. When broadcasted, seed

should be covered with light harrow.

Rape seeded ten days after sowing oats yields well and is a pasture to be recommended. This method is most common for seeding in the spring. For the late summer and fall pasture rape is seeded immediately following wheat or oat harvest. Dwarf Essex rape, will, we think, give our subscriber best results. There is no difference in the palatability of the different varieties of rape. The varieties differ principally in size, the larger varieties growing well size, the larger varieties growing well in cool, moist climates and dwarf va-rieties best adapted to warm and drier

Rape is relished by hogs after they learn to eat it. They will soon acquire an appetite for it. The editor has seen well-fed dairy cows tramp several days over an alfalfa field before they would eat the green alfalfa while cows not so cat the green alfalfa, while cows not so well fed would eat the green alfalfa ravenously. This same idea is true with hogs or other stock in pasturing rape. Rape is widely used as hog and sheep pasture. The swine will soon learn to eat it to eat it.

Buying Pure-Bred Hogs.

The best way is for the seller to describe pig, and guarantee description, and the buyer dealing with strangers should not omit to require this. If then should not omit to require this. If then you receive an inferior or misrepresented animal, don't say harsh things when you write to the seller. And don't write anyway until you have fed the pig ten days. Maybe you will want to keep him. If not, propose to return the pig, paying express one way, and he will do it. Then when you get your money, wipe up the earth with him (by mail, I mean), and don't trade with him any more. Both sides should be guided in a trade by fair-mindedness. trade by fair-mindedness.

I know both sides of this subject, having bought from all parts of the west and north 12 to 20 hogs by mail order, each year, and shipped from 70 to 100. My latest purchases were nine bred sows and a boar, the express alone on which cost me \$112. I had only one disappointment, and I did not ask for anything, being so well pleased with the

The foremost cause, in my mind, for disappointment in purchases, is the halfhearted way some men go at improved hogs. They are hard to get to bite and when they do it is only a nibble. They hunt the cheapest bargain to be found. Such pigs rarely satisfy, or do any good, so this man is done with fine hogs just because he has been bit, and does not stop to think that the breeder was tempted to sell a doubtful prospect by his agreeing to take it. Both committed a sin against progressiveness.

I would like so much to convince every interested reader of this-the true worth in dollars and cents of a really good male pig, and how very glad a good breeder of pure-bred hogs is to deliver his best at a price entirely consistent with its cost to grow, and a reasonable

profit for his pains.

It is a mistake to think that really good hogs are priced too high.—T. W.

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We have had the pleasure of having with us such men as President Waters and Prof. G. C. Wheeler, of the Agricultural College; Director Ed H. Webster, of the Experiment Station (we claim of the Experiment Station (we claim him as a Woodson county product); United States Senator Charles Curtis, and others. I think the greatest compliment ever paid to our organization was paid last year when Mr. Protens brought here the Angus show herd from the Sutton farm at Lawrence.

I will say to the owner of any show herd in the state: We will be pleased to have you with us. Do us the honor to bring the best you have and we will make you welcome to win all our blue ribbons if you bring the goods.

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Manure Shipped By Rail.

It is interesting to note that the Stock Yards Company, of South Omaha, has under consideration the construction of a plant to burn the accumulations of manure of its yards. Within easy driving distance of Omaha a small quantity of the accumulated manure has been used by florists and gardeners. Its use at further distances would involve distribution by rail and to ascertain whether or not the manure could be profitably shipped, the Stock Yards Company asked for a railroad rate. The following rate was given: Twenty miles per cw miles and under 35 miles, 2½ cents per cwt.; over 35 and under 50 miles, 3 cents per cwt. These rates would make and under, 2 cents the transportation charge 40 to 60 cents per ton on such manure delivered within 20 to 50 miles of Omaha, and it would seem that at such rates there should be considerable demand for the manure within the 50-mile zone.

This is the first rate the editor has known of as being quoted on the transportation of manure, and this mention should be interesting as indicating that the transportation of manure by rail from points where manure accumulates to nearby farms is not a great way in the future. According to the figures which are given us on the value of manure, it looks as though this stock yards product had a value of \$2.50 to \$3 per ton.

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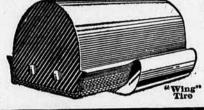
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A dairy farmer writing Hoard's Dairy man says that in 99 cases out of 100 soil that has been under cultivation 40 years can not be made to produce more than per cent of its crop without the use or lime.

R. A. Pearson, formerly Assistant Chief of the Federal Dairy Division, and later Commissioner of Agriculture of New York, and who is well known to many Kansans, has recently been elected president of the Agricultural College of lowa. Iowa has secured a good man.

There are short-cut methods of test-ing the dairy herd; for instance, the weighing of the night's and morning's milk each day for a week and the testing of a composite sample of such milk at the end of the week, and a continua-tion of this method through each month of the cow's milking period. This will give the farm dairyman some idea of the relative merits of the cows in the herd, but it lacks much of telling the whole truth, and is a makeshift method.

In the United States there are in round numbers 21,000,000 milch cows. Wisconsin leads with 1,500,000; Nevada has the smallest number—20,000. The highest average cow value prevails in Washington, which is \$54. The above figures show that when we refer to the value of the dairy cow and the annual product of milk, butter and cheese, it is necessary to think in large figures. Where you find the most dairy cows you see the best farms, the best homes and the happiest people.

From the office of the State Dairy Commissioner has recently been issued Bulletin No. 2, which is intended especially for persons who are about to engage in the purchase and shipping of cream for creameries. The bulletin contains full instruction regarding sampling and testing cream in compliance with the Kansas State Dairy Law. The bulletin has much information valuable to the patrons or to the party selling cream. This bulletin is free for the asking. Address, State Dairy Commissioner, Manhattan, Kan.

A Moline, Kan., reader who does not sign his name, asks whether or not the milking machine is practical. The editor knows of several milking machines installed in Kansas some four or five years ago, the use of which has since been discontinued, and the milking on these farms is done by hand. There was a time when there were 15 to 20 milking machines in this state. KANSAS FARMER does not know whether or not any of these are now in use. Kansas farmers who are using milking machines are invited to write us their experiences.

The difficulties attendant upon dairying in one part of Mexico are worth noting. A dairyman of that section is feeding his cows alfalfa cut green from the field. This is cut daily at 4 in the morning and placed in nets of about 110 pounds per net, and loaded on burros and packed through the sun a distance of eight miles, reaching the cow barn at noon for the day's feeding. This is dairying under some difficulty. The ing in one part of Mexico are worth notis dairying under some difficulty. The Kansas farmers would be justified in sidestepping dairying if it were necessary to operate under such conditions as these.

To demonstrate the cost of the pro-To demonstrate the cost of the production as between the cow producing 400 pounds of butter fat per year and the cow producing 200 pounds of butter fat per year, the following figures are interesting: A 200-pound cow, 27.1 cents per pound butter fat; 250-pound cow, 21.7 cents; 300-pound cow, 18.1 cents; 350-pound cow, 15.5 cents; 400-pound cow, 13.5 cents. The above figures show that a 400-pound cow produces butter fat at a cost of less than one-half as much as the 200-pound cow one-half as much as the 200-pound cow charges for her fat. It makes no difference what the price of feed was in the experiment from which the above figures were taken. The fact will hold good whether feed was low-priced or high-priced.

The State Dairy Commissioner has ruled that on and after July 1 cream buyers must discontinue the use of the pipette for measuring the amount of cream to be used in testing. His ruling is to the effect that persons testing cream shall weigh the samples on a cream scale to be approved by the com-missioner. He further states that proper sampling is the foundation of accurate testing, and no cream buyer, however skillful, can arrive at the proper test of a delivery of cream if the sam-ple is improperly taken. The commissioner has promulgated a set of rules governing the test and which rules are for the use of cream buyers, and these rules must be followed or the cream buyer's state license permitting him to test cream will be revoked.

A cream seller asks: "What protection has the patron against inaccurate testing?" All persons paying for cream on the basis of the Babcock test must first pass an examination and secure a permit granted by the State Dairy Commissioner. Every cream buyer is examined at least once every three years. The Babcock test is accurate if properly handled. The Kansas examination for cream buyers and the granting of permits or licenses if efficiency in the op-eration of the Babcock test is shown by eration of the Babcock test safeguard pos-the applicant, is the best safeguard posto give the cream seller. cream patron, however, can equip himself with a farm tester which will en-able him to test his cream and deter-mine with reasonable accuracy the amount of butter fat it contains in advance of delivery, if he has a desire so

The average congressman can be depended upon at some time or other in his career as proposing some foolish legislation. Such is proposed by Con-gressman Hamilton of Michigan, who has introduced a bill providing that no calf under six weeks of age may be shipped by any person or accepted by any car-rier for shipment unless accompanied by its mother. The bill provides a fine of \$25 for each calf so shipped or accepted for shipment.

Congressman Hamilton's argument is that the bill will prevent cruelty and needless suffering by young animals in shipment. There is no danger of this bill ever becoming a law. Such law would seriously affect the dairy cattle breeders. It would have been more sensible to have drawn a bill providing for a time limit that a calf of such age might be in transit, or the length of time which it might be without food. There is no necessity for any such legislation as this.

Even in years of normal alfalfa production, alfalfa hay from Kansas costs the eastern dairyman \$25 a ton by the time he gets it into his barn. If alfalfa hay is not a superior milk-producing hay, does it stand to reason that the dairyman of the east would buy Kansas alfalfa at such prices? Under these conditions, is it not reasonable to conclude that every Kansas dairy farmer is justified in growing all the alfalfa hay his cows can eat? The only difference between the eastern dairyman and the western dairyman is that difference which exists between the best of dairy animals and such as we have in Kansas. The eastern dairyman has no better market for his dairy products than has the Kansas farmer. If \$25 per ton alfalfa hay will make its feeder money when given to a good cow, will not alfalfa hay which has a market value ordinarily of \$8 to \$10 per ton in Kansas, not yield a much greater profit to the Kansas dairyman if he has a cow equal to the eastern cow?

The citizens of Augusta are anxious for a milk condensery and are endeavoring to locate a branch of some big concern in their town. The editor of the Mulvane News hits the nail on the head when he says that if the people of Augusta cannot get a condensery, they should go into the dairy business, anyway. He says they should breed a bunch



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of good cows, build some silos and make money out of their dairy herds, anyway. Nothing else will pay better and the town that gets the best start in the town that gets the best start in dairy-bred animals and a big volume of dairy products in its locality will have a milk condensery in the near future without asking for it. The Mulvane editor writes knowingly, for he understands the cause of the success of the condensery business at his own town. When there is ample volume of product that locality attracts the attention of people who have money to invest in dairy manufacturing enterprises.

Pasture will soon be good and cows will be giving milk in abundance. It is well for the dairyman who wants a good flow of winter milk to give some good flow of winter milk to give some study to the June conditions which cause the cow to yield more milk than at any other time of the year. June pasture is appetizing; it has a good flavor and pleasant aroma; it is extremely palatable. This is a condition which must be sought and accomplished in winter feeding. The June grass is a laxter feeding. The June grass is a lax-ative feed; this is another condition which must be sought in the winter feed. In June the cow is thoroughly comfortable because the temperature is agreeable and the air is pure. The cow must be made comfortable in the winter time and must be surrounded by pure air. The dairyman who can nearest approach June conditions during the winter is the man whose cows will nearest approach a June flow of milk. Bright alfalfa hay and corn silage will furnish the food constituents of June grass and as near as is possible the same palatability. It they remain for the ity. It then remains for the cow to be made comfortable by proper stabling. In this paragraph is the meat of the suc-cess of big winter milk flow.

Cotton Growing and Dairying.

Southern farmers and congressmen favorable to the oleomargarine manufacturers have a great deal to say about the value of the oleomargarine industry to the southern farmer. At a recent hearing on the oleomargarine question it was shown that the 11 cotton growing states, according to the 1900 census, produced butter worth fifty-three million dollars. The value of cottonseed oil used in the manufacture of oleomarga-rine in the year 1908 was five hundred thousand dollars. This oil was supplied by the same states as produced the butby the same states as produced the but-ter value above named. The value of butter made in the southern cotton states is to the value of cottonseed oil used in oleomargarine, on a careful 1912 estimate, is as 144 to 1. It is appar-ent, therefore, that the importance of the cottonseed oil industry to the south-ern farmer is small as compared with the importance of his dairy industry, which at the present time is small but which is growing and must continue to which is growing and must continue to grow in order to bring back to the cot-ton growing states the fertility which has been farmed out and which is necessary for profitable crop production.

Test Aids Dairy Progress.

The scales and the Babcock test, as means of determining the value of the cow, have proven a tremendous boon to dairymen in general. Testing the cow today is as easy as rolling off a log. For the dairyman and dairy breeder of 25 years ago to test his cover within a For the dairyman and dairy breeder of 25 years ago to test his cows within a reasonable degree of accuracy was a tremendous problem. Testing in those days involved the setting of the nilk, the skimming of the cream and the churning of the butter. These methods resulted in much loss and were subject to such variation on account of the lack of uniformity in churning methods, that of uniformity in churning methods, that the records were of little or no value. However, dairy breeding and improve-ment of dairy herds progressed under such methods, but when the Babcock test was invented, the dairy breeder had found what he was long looking for. Beginning with the use of the Babcock test, greater progress in the last 20 years has been possible than in the 50 or 75 years preceding. The breeder cannot get along without the scales and the Babcock test, neither can the farm dairyman if he is going to increase the output of his dairy.

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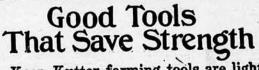
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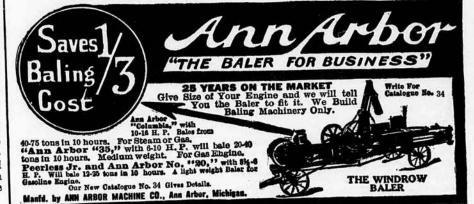
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In answer to an inquirer, would state the reason the chicks "gum up" behind is because they have bowel trouble, though not necessarily the "white diarrhea." Take off the gummed part, and wash with warm soapsuds, then inject a few drops of olive oil with a small syringe. A good preventive of bowel trouble in chicks is to feed bread moistened with olive oil, two or three times a day. The chicks should be moved to fresh ground and their brooders and coops thoroughly disinfected, or there is a liability of the recurrence of the trouble.

Though all our remarks this week have been devoted to the welfare of the young chicks, it must not be forgotten that the old hens need some care and attention. With the constant care of the youngsters upon our hands, we are apt to forget that there may be an ailing old hen in the yards that needs special attention. All hens that are not laying these days should be noted and weeded out, for it is unprofitable to keep them. Those wanting to set should be broken of the habit as soon as discovered, unless they are wanted for setting purposes. By placing them in a slatted coop, where the air can freely circulate underneath them, they can be broken up of their propensity to set and be ready for laying again in a few days. All hone that her was the large that the control of the co few days. All hens that have quit laying for the season, and that are not needed for next year's layers, should be sent to market at once, for every day

they are kept in idleness is a waste of money for good feed. As soon as you have hatched all the chicks you want this season, separate the male birds from the hens. If you want some of them for next season, pen them up by themselves, but dispose of the rest as soon as possible.

Eggs and Their Make-up.

To the farmer's wife usually falls the duty of taking care of the chickens, and the cash received for eggs sold is commonly regarded as her special perquisite. With the "egg money" she buys her dresses and the few simple luxuries that signify so much to her in the way of comfort. Indeed, what the rural housewife does not know about hens and eggs would seem to be hardly worth knowing.

And yet it would appear that even she might learn a thing or two from certain investigations which experts of the Department of Agriculture have been making recently. Take, for example the make-up of an egg, considered with reference to its food value. Sixty-six per cent of it, the experts have learned, is just ordinary water; a little over 10 per cent is shell and 1 per cent more is mineral matter con-tained in the material of the inside. This calculation leaves 23 per cent of food substance, of which two-thirds is muscle-forming stuff, the remaining

third being fat.
Now, it is often said that there is as much nourishment in one egg as in a pound of meat. This the experts declare is not true. Eggs are just about as nutritious as lean beaf, pound for pound, but an egg weighs only 2 ounces. Accordingly, it would appear that eight eggs are required to furnish the equivalent of a pound of meat as food for a working man.

Another popular notion, long accepted, has been exploded by the investigators, namely, that brown-shelled eggs are more nutritious than white-shelled eggs. In order to make sure of the facts in this case, the experts analyzed the brown eggs of Partridge Cochins, Dark Brahmas, Black Langshans, Wyandottes and Barred Plymouth Rocks and the white eggs of Brown Leghorns, White Minorcas and Black Minorcas. As a result, it was found that there was no difference between white eggs and brown eggs in respect to food value.

Next, experiments were made with the eggs of several breeds of hens, to find out if those laid by any peculiar variety had superior food value. It was proved, however, that they were all about the same in this respect. Then the effect of various kinds of rations on the composition of eggs was tested, some of the hens being fed on meat scraps, others on wheat, and others yet on corn and rice meal. It did not appear that the diet made any difference in this regard. Lastly, it was ascertained that, by boiling eggs different lengths of time and digesting them artificially in a pepsin solution, that hard-boiled eggs are quite as digestible as soft-boiled eggs-a conclusion directly opposite to long accepted theory.

The old-fashioned "school marm" used

to teach her pupils that the bones and beak of a newly-hatched chicken were made out of the white of the flesh and feathers out of the yolk. It is safe to say that the average farmer's wife today knows a great deal bet-ter than that. She is probably aware that the white spots on one side of the yolk is the germ of the fowl that is to be, and that the developing bird derives its sustenance first from the yolk and next from the white. When the food supply thus provided by nature is exhausted the chick is ready to chip the shell.

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to be brought to a conclusion without some reference to the art of preserving eggs, upon which so much attention has been bestowed within the last few years.

Eggs, of course, are vastly cheaper and more plentiful in summer than in and more plentiful in summer than in winter, and wholesale dealers in the cities have adopted the practice of gathering them up by the millions from the farmers in the warm season and holding them over for sale during the cold months. Indeed, bakers and confectioners depend almost entirely upon presented acres for their winter supply. Up served eggs for their winter supply. to date no thoroughly successful method of accomplishing this sort of preserving has been discovered, though a gigantic fortune awaits the inventor of a satisfactory process. Cold storage does fairly well, but the eggs must not be frozen and so decomposition is arrested only to a certain extent. Varnishes of vaseline and other substances have been tried, but the difficulty always lies in the fact that each egg encloses some air and with the air germs of decay. The best process found thus far is to keep the egg in lime water, and in this way immense numbers are preserved annually. It is obvious that anybody who can buy summer eggs at 12 cents a dozen and sell them in winter, strictly fresh, at 30 cents a dozen, will soon be a millionaire.

From the wide "jungle fowl" of India, which lays only a few small white eggs annually, all modern varieties of chickens are known to be descended. Out of this bird, by breeding, has been developed a feathered creature that lays nearly a leathered creature that lays nearly all the year round, and which produces its own weight in eggs in six weeks! The individual egg, be it realized, has been multiplied in weight by five. Thus the modern hen's egg may be regarded, in a sense, as an artificial product. To accomplish this wonderful result many thousands of years have been required. thousands of years have been required, and it is known that the Chinese, long before the beginning of the Christian cra, bred chickens and domesticated several improved varieties of them. Even in those days they understood the use of incubators.

People who live in cities complain that they find it very difficult to get fresh eggs at any cost. This is because so many buyers and sellers intervene between the hens and the consumer. Eggs are sometimes collected from farmers by men who drive about in buggies and gather them at a stated price. One farmer may have 13 and another may have 13 dozen; there is nothing regular about the crop and the eggs may have been accumulating for a period greater or less. Other eggs are exchanged by the farmers' wives for goods at the village stores, and in this way millions are brought to market, the storekeepers having relations with wholesalers' agents. Eventually, whatever may be the method, the eggs arrive at the whole-sale houses in the cities, where they undergo, first of all, a process of classification.

This process is accomplished by what is known as "candling." That is to say, an expert, in classifying the eggs, holds each one for a moment between his eye and a candle. If perfectly fresh, all parts of it will appear clearly illuminated. The slightest staleness will be shown by a certain degree of opacity. So easy is it to test eggs in this way, in a dark room, that any housewife can do it satisfactorily for herself without any practice at all. An adept in the business, however, is able to "candle" in a day's work of 10 hours 15 barrels of eggs. Improved methods of candling here been adented recently one of which have been adopted recently, one of which consists in putting the eggs in a wire create and placing the latter upon a create and sheet of glass, through which a powerful electric light shines from beneath. This instantly betrays any stale specimens, which are readily removed.

The cracked eggs go to bakers and to cheap restaurants at half price. The hopelessly rotten ones are bought by leather manufacturers. Those which are only partly "gone" are sold mostly to poor Hebrews at 5 cents a dozen wholestale. In the large sities are of this sale. In the large cities eggs of this class are retailed afterwards by liquid measure at so much a pint, being separated from the shells. They may not be specially appetizing, but they afford a great deal of nutriment in proportion to

A Correction.

In printing the seed corn advertisement of M. T. Kelsey, proprietor Northwood Farm, Topeka, Kan., in our issue of last week, the price was given as \$1.75 a bushel. It should have been \$2 a bushel, as that was the price Mr. Kel-sey named in his copy for the printer.



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If you find yourself out of pulverized sugar and need some in a hurry, try putting some granulated sugar through the coffee mill, first thoroughly cleansing the mill by putting some corn meal through it.

When washing out a chamois skin wring it out of clean soapy water without rinsing. This will leave the skin as soft and serviceable as when new. Also, care should be taken in the drying not to expose them to great heat.

All bacon rinds (cut off before cooking the bacon) should be saved. Wash them carefully and place them in a preserve jar. They will be found delicious for seasoning all the spring greens, also boiled or fricasseed chickens.

When cleaning brass articles with a paste made of salt and lemon juice, warm the article in the oven and have the paste as hot as it can be handled. The result is said to be most satisfactory, besides making the work much

The pinch of salt which is so necessary to most dishes should not be added until the last, especially where milk is one of the principal ingredients. If this rule is followed, many curdled failures may be avoided. But if this should happen, a vigorous beating with the egg-beater will often make the dish fit to

Time to Run.

While motoring through North Carolina a gentleman met an old negro man driving a mule, which became frightened at the automobile and tried to run away. The gentleman stopped his ma-chine until the negro drove by, then

asked:
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"Well, boss, you see, it's like dis: If you were walkin' down de road and met a pair o' breeches running and snorting like de devil was a'ter them, you'd take to your heels, too; wouldn't you?"

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Asparagus with Cheese.

Tie the asparagus stalks together in bunches of six, trim them to an even length, set upright in a saucepan, and cook in rapidly boiling water for ten minutes.

Then put in layers in a buttered pudding dish with rich white sauce and grated cheese between. Lightly brown one tablespoonful of chopped onion in two tablespoonfuls of hot butter and pour over the top layer. Sprinkle with grated cheese and brown in a hot oven.

Dandelions have become such a pest, and their extermination seems a hopeless task. Digging usually does little good, as the roots go so deep they are hard to get, and simply taking off their heads doesn't kill the plant. In the past year or so spraying has been resorted to with more or less success, and a spraywith more or less success, and a spraying solution which has proven quite good is one made with sulphate of iron (copperas). Make the solution in the proportion of one and three quarter pounds of copperas to a gallon of water. Spray the lawn or infested area every ten days with this solution. Use a spray that has a strong pressure and use it when the day is bright and warm. If the first few applications don't give If the first few applications don't give any results, make the solution some-what stronger. The grass may become somewhat blackened, but it will do no permanent damage. However, care should be taken to keep the spray off of cement walks, as it will discolor them. As the copperas is not expensive, costing only two or three cents a pound, this method is not only inexpensive, but much easier than the old way of crawling around on your knees and digging until both arms and back are worn out.



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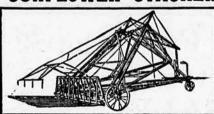
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Sheep and Lamb Experience.

Our subscribers, J. C. L. & Son, Meriden, Kan., write: A subscriber to your paper a few weeks back reported that he had a 14-pound lamb and asked if a lamb of this size was not unusually large. He did not say what the breed was. If it was a Southdown or a Shropshire lamb, it was large for those breeds. If a Hampshire or an Oxford it was not unusually large. We have a pure-bred Shropshire that bore us a ewe lamb weighing 12½ pounds. I weighed a lamb that came on March 11 and which was just after reading Kansas Farmer's article, and today, April 26, this lamb, 46 days old, weighed 55 pounds. We have others fully as large. My sheep rations were corn fodder and alfalfa. They received no grain until March 1, when I began feeding 1 pound per head per day until lambing time. We then cut the ewes out as fast as the lambs came, and gave 2 pounds of oats and corn per head per day. We are now shearing and the ewes shear 8 to 12 pounds."

For the information of sheep breeders, we have the following from Ontario Agricultural College regarding the weight of lambs at birth of the several breeds: of lambs at birth of the several breeds: Lincoln, 9; Leicester, 9½; Cotswold, 7; Highland, 7½; Cheviot, 12; Ox-ford, 11; Shropshire, 9½; Hampshire, 9; Southdown, 7½; Merino, 8. The above are weights of pure-bred and grade lambs from Canadian ewes. The weight of lambs at birth varying with the breed, are reported by this Station as ranging from 5½ to 12 and even 15 pounds, the latter weight being unusual. The above weights are averages.

Curing Alkali Spots.

Our subscriber, F. G., Clifton, Kan., asks how he can make alkali spots in his field productive. Drainage is the only permanent cure for alkali spots. The cure is not even then immediately effected. With the drainage the rain will eventually wash the alkali out of the soil, but it is doubtful if drainage in this case is practicable. The source of alkali is in the deeper strata of soil and capillary attraction carries the alkali to the surface.

Thorough cultivation of the soil will make evaporation less rapid and will tend to prevent accumulation of alkali at the surface where it does harm. Where the alkali shows the chief ingredients to be epsom salts, lime has a corrective effect. Where the alkali is sulphate of soda, gypsum has no effect.

Analyses of the soil only will determine Analyses of the soil only will determine the form of alkali existing. The appli-cation of lime or gypsum is only tem-porary and these do not remove the alkali from the soil. Tile drainage only will do this, and such drainage is very rarely practicable on prairie fields.

The plants which best tolerate alkali soils are so-called salt bushes, salt grasses and some weeds which have no value. Among cultivated plants the most tolerant are alfalfa, sugar beets and sweet clover, alfalfa being the least tolerant of these. Our cereals will not do well on alkali spots. Rye and barley, how-ever, are the most resistant to alkali.

Drainage must be the ultimate remedy for any alkali land. It is also clear that whatever means will prevent the excessive evaporation of water from the surface will lessen the concentration of alkali on the surface and consequent frequent and deep cultivation will lessen the rise of water from the soil beneath and the source of alkali supply, and in this way permit crops to be grown.

Dairy and Live Stock Train. Certain parts of Kansas are suited almost exclusively to live stock, forage crops and dairying. In some of these sections farmers have tried vainly for years to grow wheat. To help them in the right direction, the Kansas Agri-cultural College and the Union Pacific Railway will run a "Dairy and Live Stock Train" the week of May 27. This

train will carry lecturers from the Kansas Agricultural College who will talk for 30 minutes at 75 or 80 stations. The first day's work will be beween Culver, on the Lincoln branch, and Plainville; the second day, between Palco and Sharon Springs; third day, Wallace to Ellis; fourth day, Hays to Salina; fifth day, Solomon to Wheaton; sixth day, Onaga to Easton. The five days' journey from Solomon to Wheaton will be by way of Clay Center, over the L. K. & W. "On the eastern end of this trip we shall talk mostly of dairy work" said

shall talk mostly of dairy work," said J. H. Miller, director of the Extension Department. "On the L. K. & W. exten-sion it will be largely dairy work. Our purpose is to encourage more and better live stock, and in western Kansas to urge the growing of more forage crops and less wheat."

There will be a car for children in which H. L. Kent and one or two others will give simplified lectures; one car for women and girls, to be in charge of Miss Frances L. Brown and Mrs. Mary Simmons and two cars for men in which mons, and two cars for men in which E. H. Webster, dean of agriculture, O. E. Reed, professor of dairy husbandry, George S. Hine, silo expert, and G. C. Wheeler, animal husbandry and silo, will do the talking. This train will pass over the Union Pacific track in Kansas.

Spring Cultivation of Wheat.

In spite of Kansas Farmer's admoni-

tion to start the disks and the plows as early as the fields would permit, break-ing capillary attraction and thereby conserving the moisture, a tremendous amount of the winter's rain and snowfall has already been lost as a result of failure to do these things. Not long since in Dickinson County we observed a field of wheat which had badly blown out during the high wind of Saturday and Sunday a couple of weeks ago. An adjoining field, the surface of which had not been placed in such fine tilth last fall and which this spring, as soon as the ground was dry enough to let the teams get on it, had been harrowed, escaped the ravages of the wind and so far as we could see had a good stand of wheat in a perfectly healthful condition. tion. The surface soil of the latter field was sufficiently moist to prevent blow-ing, and this, together with the rougher surface, had up to that time saved the wheat stand. The two fields were of light soil and on a slope which permitted the wind to get a clean sweep. The harrowing of wheat is not generally practiced in Kansas, but unquestionably there are conditions under which this can be favorably done. The successful farmer is very often—and in fact most likely to be-a man who watches his fields and the condition of the same and does the thing which seems best under such conditions. In another field in the same community complaint was made of the condition of the wheat because the surface was covered with a crust and the ground was cracking. This condition could have been remedied by the use of the harrow or the corrugated roller-a thing which is recommended for wheat cultivation. We believe that the proper methods of soil cultivation are just now beginning to dawn upon us and that during the next few years tremendous advances will be made in this phase of our agriculture.

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April 17 a class of 19 candidates was safely piloted through the first and second degrees and two others were admitted to membership, by card, from

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Study of the Ritual.

In the first place, I ask you to turn to page 112 and read "Suggestions to Officers and Members of Subordinate Granges." Notice it does not speak of officers alone, but to each member, as well. Of course, it should be understood that before attempting to confer stood that before attempting to confer degrees those who have consented to be officers by being installed into the Grange, and knowing the work which is before them, should make themselves thoroughly familiar with the ritual in order to obtain the highest degree of discipline and dignity. To memorize each one's part takes time and thought; and as it is customary to have a change of officers occasionally and we all are so of officers occasionally and we all are so apt to forget, is why I favor degree teams composed of the younger members of the

The Regalia—ensign of royalty. It seems to me as though all true Patrons should be so proud of the honor conferred upon them, in having the privilege of wearing a badge, that they should wish to avail themselves of the opportunity whenever they could. "It is a good thing to have a creed and a good good thing to have a creed and a good thing to live up to it." As I read the law, every member of a Grange should be clad in proper regalia when attend-ing a session of the Grange and that the Steward should see that no one be allowed to pass the inner gate unless so attired. I know of some members who think this foolish, as their Grange has never been accustomed to do this, neither has it been required of them. Quiet should be preserved, all laughing, talking or noise disturbs and distracts the attention of all, especially in degree work. I believe every master of a Grange should recognize the importance of the ritual work and this year resolve that the wearing of badges, degree work and business shall be done in such perfect manner that it will be an example worthy to be followed by every subordinate Grange throughout the state.— MRS. WILLIAM STEVENS, in the Grange Review.



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Dr. J. T. Axtell, Newton, Kan. Sale at
Towanda, Kan.

Aug. 6—J. B. Lawson, Clarinda, Iowa, Aug. 7.—J. W. Pfander & Sons, Clarinda, Ia. Aug. 8—L. R. McLarnon and J. O. James, Braddyville, Ia. August 9—J. O. James, Braddyville, Ia. August 9—J. O. James, Braddyville, Ia. Aug. 28—J. R. Sparks, Hunter, Okla. Sept. 27—John T. Curry, Winchester, Kan. Oct. 1—John C. Halderman, Burchard, Neb.
Oct. 3—Williams Bros., Villisca, Ia. Oct. 3—Thompson Bros., Marysville, Kan. Oct. 9—Herfnan Gronninger & Sons, Bendens, Kan.

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Oct. 18—W. E. Long, Meriden, Kan.
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Oct. 15—H. B. Walter, Effingham, Kan.
Oct. 16—H. C. Graner, Lancaster, Kan.
Oct. 17—J. H. Baker, Butler, Mo. Sale at
Appleton City, Mo.
Oct. 17—M. T. Williams, Valley Falls, Kan.
Oct. 19—W. H. Charters, Jr., Butler, Mo.
October 22—Jacob Sparks, Pattonsburg, Mo.
Oct. 22—John W. Noll, Winchester, Kan.
Oct. 31—W. Z. Baker, Rich Hill, Mo.
Nov. 1—Walter Hildwein, Fairview, Kan.
Nov. 2—Hubert J. Griffiths, Clay Center,
Kan.

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Nov. 13—Herman Gronninger & Sons, Beadena, Kan.
Nov. 15—O. R. Strauss, Milford, Kan.
Jan. 28, 1913—James G. Long, Harlan, Ia.
Feb. 5—J. L. Griffiths, Riley, Kan.
Feb. 6—Thompson Bros., Marysville, Kan.
Nov. 9—W. A. Baker & Son, Butler, Mo.
Feb. 8—W. H. Charters, Jr., Butler, Mo.

July 26.—E. W. Davis & Co., Glenwood, Mo. Sept. 4—W. R. Huston, Americus, Kan. Oct. 18—Jeff Constant & Son. Denver, Mo. Oct. 19—E. C. Jonagan, Albany, Mo.

Oct. 24-Ri.W. Gage, Garnett, Kan.

Stock Ranch, Cheap.

This issue of Kansas Farmer contains the announcement of S. J. Baker, of Grainfield, Kan. Mr. Baker offers for sale a very desirable stock ranch consisting of 2,720 acres, over a thousand acres of which is bottom alfalfa land. This tract is well watered and one of the best ranch propositions ever advertised. The price is only \$12.50 per acre, and easy terms are offered. Write Mr. Baker, quick, mentioning Kansas Farmer.

Mr. R. P. Wells' Durocs.

Mr. R. P. Wells, the successful Duroc
Jersey breeder, of Formoso, Kan., writes

St. L. Griffiths.

A recent visit to the Poland China breeding establishment of Mr. J. L. Griffiths, near Riley, Kan., gives one an insight into what can be accomplished by the progressive breeder who cares to breed the best. Mr. Griffiths has bought liberally for some years from the best big type herds of Iowa, and at this time has one of the best sow herds to be found anywhere. His herd boar, Big Bone Pete, is a straight bred Iowa boar. He has a great bone and breeds a very uniform type of pigs. He is assisted by the great young boar, John Osborne, a boar bred along the same lines, but a boar with more scale than Big Bone Pete. Mr. Griffiths has a nice small bunch of spring pigs and some very choice fall stuff. He will offer the boars all for sale privately, reserving the females for a bred sow sale February 6. Mr. Griffiths is a regular advertiser in Kansas Farmer and always has something for sale.

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Following is a list of fairs to be held in Kansas in 1912, their dates, locations and secretaries, as reported to the State Board of Agriculture:

Allen County Agricultural Society—Frank E. Smith, secretary, loia: September 3-6.

Allen County, Moran Agricultural Fair Association—G. H. Ford, secretary, Moran; September 18-20.

Barton County Fair Association—W. L. Bowersox, secretary, Great Bend.

Brown County, the Hiawatha Fair Association—J. D. Weltmer, secretary, Hiawatha; September 24-27.

Butler County Fair Association—T. P. Mannion, secretary, El Dorado; August 19-23.

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Mannion, secretary, El Dorado; August 19-23.

Butler County, Douglass Agricultural Society—J. A. Clay, secretary, Douglass; September 25-28.

Clay County Fair Association—George H. Dorn, secretary, Wakefield Agricultural Association—Eugene Elkins, secretary, Wakefield, October 4-5.

Cloud County Fair Association—Fred W. Sturges, Jr., secretary, Concordia; September 17-21.

Coffey County Agricultural Fair Association—S. D. Weaver, secretary, Burlington; September 9-13.

Cowley County, Eastern Cowley Fair Association—Asa Cooper, secretary, Burden; September 11-13.

Dickinson County Fair Association—J. E. Keel, secretary, Abilene; First week in October. Race meet, week of July 4.

Douglas County Fair and Agricultural Society—Elmer E. Brown, secretary, Lawrence; September 24-28.

Franklin County Agricultural Society—J. R. Finley, secretary, Ottawa; September 17-20.

Gray County Agricultural Society—Lester Luther, secretary, Cimarron: September

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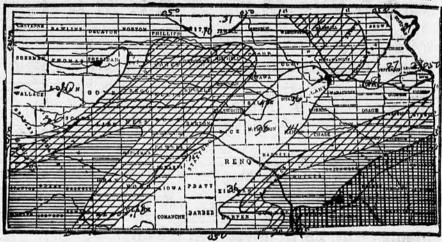
19-20.

Greenwood County Fair Association—C. H. Welser, secretary, Eureka; August 27-30, Harper County, Anthony Fair Association—L. G. Jennings, secretary, Anthony; August 6-9.

Harper County Agricultural Association—S. C. Lobaugh, secretary, Harper; September 25-27.

KANSAS CROP REPORT

Rain chart prepared by T. B. Jennings from reports collected by the Weather Bureau.



UNITED STATES WEATHER OBSERVER'S REPORT BY COUNTIES.

SCALE IN INCHES:

Less than .50. .50 to 1. 1 to 2 Allen-No corn planted. No plowing done yet.

Anderson-But little farming done yet. Some corn planted. Barton-Rain helped crops and pastures.

Bourbon-Too wet to farm. Crops and rass doing well.

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Chautauqua—Crops damaged by heavy rains. Everything backward.
Cloud—Soil in good condition.
Coffey—Wheat and alfalfa looking fine.
Little corn planted.
Decatur—Farmers planting corn. Alfalfa.
coming. Wheat improving.
Doniphan—Needing rain.
Douglas—Warm weather improves all vegetation.
Elic—Soil wet. Very little corn planted.
Elils—Most favorable week so far. Corn being planted.
Elis—Soil wet. Very little corn planted.
Elisworth—Wheat and alfalfa good. Pasture coming out good,
Ford—Rain has improved the wheat.
Gray—Wheat looking fair. Pasture slow.
Some corn planted.
Greenwood—Grass growing fine. Too wet for plowing.
Harper—Conditions favorable. Good fruit prospects.
Jefferson—Spring work well along. Some corn planted. Pasture fair.
Jewell—Some corn being planted. Fruit prospects good.
Johnson—All vegetation growing nicely.
Good outlook for fruit.
Kearney—Plenty of moisture. All crops growing nicely.
Kingman—Some corn planted.
Leavenworth—Prospects good for all fruit

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Logan—Some wheat damaged. Needing

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Logan—Some wheat damaged. Needing rain badly.

Lyon—Alfalfa growing fast. Wheat doing well.

McPherson—Fruit prospects good. Alfalfa fine. Corn planting nearly finished.

Marlon—Cattle all on pasture. About half of corn planted. Oats good.

Marshall—Corn being planted. Much wheat winter killed.

Norton—Wheat doing nicely. Oats fine. Corn being planted.

Osborne—Wheat looking fine, Cattle on pasture.

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Pawnee—Rains were beneficial to all

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Phillips—Wheat and alfalfa growing nicely. Corn being planted.
Pottawatomie—Crops looking well. Fruit prospects good.
Rawlins—Ground in fine condition. Corn being planted.
Rice—Corn planting well along. Need rain badly.
Rush—Crops growing nicely. Wheat fair. Russell—Crops coming fine. Ground in good condition. Corn being planted.
Saline—Ground in excellent condition.
Fruit prospects good.
Scott—Crops starting nicely.
Sedgwick—Rains have improved wheat. Oats coming up nicely. Some corn planted. Sumner—Ground too wet to work. Crops doing nicely.

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Thomas—Soil in good condition; season

late.
Wichita—Needing rain badly.
Woodson—Too wet to farm. Pastures

MERRITT'S SALE POSTPONED

Owing to high water, the sale of 135 Holsteins by W. G. MERRITT, GREAT BEND, KAN.,

> has been postponed until TUESDAY, MAY 21.

Everything Will Be Offered As Advertised.

that he has had rather poor luck saving the pigs this spring, but what he has are unusually choice. Those sired by the herd boar, Tat's Chief, grandson of Tatarrax, are especially fine. Mr. Wells says Tat's Chief has made a great growth and would weigh now in his yearling form, were he fat, 400 pounds. Mr. Wells' card will start in our columns in a short time. In the meantime, write him about the pigs any time, mentioning Kansas Farmer.

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J. O. James' Big Type Herd.

J. O. James, of Braddyville, Ia., a breeder who has contributed largely to Iowa's fame as the home of the big type Polands and owner of one of the famous herds, has a large number of spring pigs this year. A large per cent of them were sired by the famous Big Orange 145509, owned jointly by Mr. James and Mr. J. C. McLarnon, and conceded by all critics to be one of the greatest big type Poland China sires living today. Others cired by A Wonder Giant 61979 by A Wonder, dam Miss Giantess. This boar is one of the great sons of the famous A Wonder, and as a breeder he is making a record that places him in the list of great sires. Mr. James also has several litters sired by the other great sires that have made his herd famous. One feature of this herd is the sows. The entire herd is of strictly big type breeding, many of them daughters of the famous Pawnee Lad 30853, one of the greatest big type sires the world has ever known, Ott's Big Orange 63127, a fall boar sired by Big Orange, dam Ott's Choice, is one of the outstanding good young boars that promises to equal the best of the many great herd headers bred by Mr. James.

Harter's Late Sow Sale.

The J. H. Harter bred sow sale held at the farm near Westmoreland, Kam., May 2, was not well attended. The busy time of the year and lack of interest on account of high priced feed, were the evident causes. However, very fair prices prevailed considering the small crowd and the fact that most of the sows were bred for summer farrow. J. L. Griffiths, of Riley, Kan., topped the sale at \$65, buying the fine sow, Collossus Bell, No. 1 in catalog. She had a fine litter of six at foot, sired by the great boar, Mogul's Monarch. Other sales, were as follows:

No. Buyer.

2. S. L. Knapp, Fostoria. \$63

4. L. E. Klein, Zeandale. 37

5. Julus Blockholsky, Flush 22

5. Charles Kolterman, Onaga. 24

9. John Commerford, Salina. 31

12. R. P. Welter, Flush. 26

13. Julus Blockholsky. 27

25. Ed Roegny, Westmoreland. 25

Leavenworth County Fair Association—C. A. Sparrow, secretary, Leavenworth; September 2-5.

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Lincoln County, Sylvan Grove Fair and Agricultural Association—R. W. Wohler, secretary, Sylvan Grove; September 18-20.
Linn County Fair Association—C. A. Mc-Mullen, secretary, Mound City; October 1-4.

McPherson County Agricultural Fair Association—Milton Hawkinson, secretary, Mc-Pherson; September 3-6.

Mitchell County Agricultural Fair Association—Milton Hawkinson, Secretary, Mc-Pherson; September 3-6.

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Mitchell County Agricultural Fair Association—P. H. Pagett, secretary, Beloit; October 1-5.

Montgomery County Fair Association—Elliott Irvin, Secretary, Coffeyville; September 24:27.

Nemaha County Fair Association—M. R. Connett, secretary, Seneca; October 1-4.

Neosho County, Four-County District Agricultural Society—W. W. Stanfield, secretary, Chanute; September 10-13.

Ness County Agricultural Association—J. A. Cason, secretary, Ness City; September 4-6.

Norton County Agricultural Association—M. F. Garrity, secretary, Norton; August 27-30.

Ottawa County Fair Association—J. E.

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ber 24-27.
Pawnee County Agricultural Association—
T. C. Wilson, secretary, Larned; Septem-

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Pottawatomic County Agricultural Society—J. A. Lister, secretary, Wamego.
Pratt County Fair Association—Walter Pedigo, secretary, Pratt; August 13-16.
Reno County, Central Kansas Fair Association—A. L. Sponsler, secretary, Hutchinson; September 14-20.

Republic County Agricultural Association—C. M. Arbuthnot, secretary, Belleville; September 10-13.
Riley County Agricultural Society—W. B. Craig, secretary, Riley.
Rooks County Fair Association—Charles Risely, secretary, Stockton; September 3-6, Rush County Agricultural and Fair Association—C. H. Lyman, secretary, Rush Center; August 27-29.
Shawnee County, Kansas State Fair Association—H. L. Cook, secretary, Topeka; September 9-13.
Sheridan County, Shéfidan Agricultural Association—Frank A. McIvor, secretary, Hoxie.
Sherman County Agricultural and Racing Association—T. V. Lova secretary.

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Sherman County Agricultural and Racing Association—T. V. Lowe, secretary, Goodland; September 16-21.

Smith County Fair Association—H. C. Smith, secretary, Smith Center; September 3-6.

Stafford County Fair Association—John W. Lill, Secretary, St. John; October 1-4.

Crystal Herd O. I. C.'s.

Note the change in the card of Dan Wilcox, owner of the great Crystal herd of O. I. C. swine, Cameron, Mo. Mr. Wilcox is offering extra good fall boars and gilts sired by his great herd boar, Frost's Buster, one of the best O. I. C. boars in service. He is a high quality boar from start to finish, and a great breeder. Write Mr. Wilcox for prices and description of stock. He will interest you. Please mention Kansas Farmer when writing.

Prockish Visited.

A Kansas Farmer representative recently visited the good Poland China herd belonging to Mr. Francis Prockish, of Westmoreland, Kan. Mr. Prockish has bred Polands for several years, and has met with good success in buying the kind of stock that develops into good individuals. His herd boars are Grand Look 2nd by Grand Look, Jr., he by the great old Grand Look, and Hadley's Equal by Young Hadley, he by old Big Hadley. Mr. Prockish's spring pigs are by these boars and out of a choice line of big sows. He has a good bunch of fall boars that are now offered for sale. In fact, Mr. Prockish has decided to sell everything at private treaty and not hold a sale this fall. His card will appear soon in Kansas Farmer. Always say where you saw his announcement when writing him.

Arkell Visited.

The writer recently paid a visit to the home and breeding establishment of Mr. James Arkell, of Junction City, Kan. Mr. Arkell has bred Poland Chinas for a good many years and, in his quiet and stalghtforward way, has gradually built up one of the best herds in central Kansas. Mr. Arkell has never hestated to pay long prices where he found animals that suited him. His herd boar, First Quality, purchased when a pig from a good Nebraska breeder at the long figure of \$165, has developed into one of the best boars now doing service in any Kansas herd. He was sired by Blue Valley Quality and, for real finish and good points, is not excelled by any boar that the writer knows of. Mr. Arkell has a choice line of sows that for the most part combine the blood of Expansion and Grand Look. The pigs farrowed this spring number something like 40, and will book orders for future delivery. See his card in Kansas Famer. Arkell Visited. orders for futur Kansas Famer.

A New Advertiser.

We are glad to direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. O. R. Strauss, Poland China breeder, of Milford, Kan. Mr. Strauss began the breeding of big type Poland Chinas about two years ago by buying from Mr. T. J. Langford, of Jamesport, Mo, the big boar, Model Bill, a grandson of O. K. Price, he by the great Price We Know. At the same time Mr. Strauss bought a pair of good sows, Big Mary and Big Carrie, both sired by Missouri Chief 43379, a boar famous as a sow sire. These two sows and many of their daughters now compose the Strauss sow herd. They are large and still have plenty of finish. Some of them were sired by a boar close up to old King Blain. Mr. Strauss has since purchased from the same man the outstanding young boar, Model Wonder, a grandson of the noted A Wonder. The spring pigs are by the two boars mentioned. Mr. Strauss claims November 15 for his fall sale.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

R. L. HARRIMAN LIVE STOCK AUCTIONEER. Bunceton, Mo.

STRAUSS POLAND CHINAS.

Big, smooth kind, headed by Model Bill 54634, and Model Wonder, descended from A Wonder. Sows of equal merit. Stock for sale.

O. R. STRAUSS, Milford, Kan.

WIGSTONE BROS. BIG POLANDS.

Fall boars sired by Big Jones 3rd and W.'s Wonder. Also, spring boars, sired by Big Jones 3rd. Prospects for herd headers, and priced right.

WIGSTONE BROS.

FINE PRINTING FOR REASONABLE prices, Catalogs, circulars, letter heads, Everything in the printing line. Write for samples and prices, Western Printing Co., 625 Jackson St., Topeka, Kan.

To thrive well, young chicks must have animal food of some kind. When they are allowed to run with the mother hen she usually is able to procure all the bugs and insects that are necessary for her young brood, but when the chicks are confined to a small run, animal food must be provided for them. Chopped meat or ground bone and meat is the best thing that can be fed to supply this natural want. When this is not easy to obtain, beef scraps or beef meal is the next best thing. While plenty of skim-milk will help out the animal food ration, it will not entirely re-

It is my aim to call attention to those few and simple things which make for greater success agriculturally. Most of what I write is regarding matters of which most readers have some knowledge. If I am able to make you think of them at the right time and in the proper relation to other things, I am sure KANSAS FARMER will be helpful.

It is a strange thing that the producer of raw material has thus far in the history of the world taken a subordinate place to the trader in this material and the fabricator of it .- Prof. L. H. Bailey.

The "big sensation" of the day is Frank Iams, the "millionaire" horse importer, who is closing out (at a little above cost) his encice bunch of 50 imported stallions and mares. They are all his "Paris winners" and largest imported stallions and mares. They are all his "Paris winners" and largest "topnotchers"—imported in 1911. His "peaches and oream" stallions go at "topnotchers"—imported in 1911. His "peaches and oream" stallions go at a \$600 and \$1,200; few little higher; imported mares—the best in the land—stall of the stall of t

L. R. McLarnon's Big Polands.

L. R. McLarnon, of Braddyville, Ia., the owner of one of Iowa's greatest herds of big Poland Chinas, is on deck again this year with one of the best lots of spring pigs he has ever raised. He has over 100 head sired by Big Orange 145509, Colossal 58180, A Wonder's Glant 161979, his three great herd boars, some by Pawnee Nelson, others by Jumbo Prospect and a few by Big Wonder, all of them numbered among the famous big type sires now in service. Big Orange is one of the biggest and best sires of the breed. He is not only a big one, but has the quality. At a postponed sale in February, 1912, 26 sows bred to him sold for the remarkable average of \$104.28. Colossal is another big one noted for high quality and as a breeder. At 28 months of age this boar measured: Length, 73½ inches; heart, 71; flank, 71; bone, 10, and weighed 770 pounds. Spring and fall 1911 males sired by him sold at an average of \$40.50, half of them at weaning time. Spring gilts sired by him sold in February, 1912, sale at an average of \$\$5.80. Mr. McLarnon has one of the biggest and best herds of strictly big type sows in Iowa. He also has an extra lot of fall gilts. Watch for his announcement later.

Dean's Mastodon Polands,

Clarence Dean, of Weston, Mo., owner of one of the best Mastodon herds in the west, writes that he has 60 head of fine spring pigs, and that his herd is doing fine. Mr. Dean has a large herd and can supply breeders with breeding stock of most any age. He has a fine lot of boars and gilts sired by such boars as Mastodon Price. Columbus Wonder, Surprise Wonder 5th and Gritter's Longfellow, all of them big, high quality boars, and all of them have made good as breeders. Mr. Dean owns one of the best big type brood sow herds, and breeding stock from his herd has made good in the best herds in the country. Write Mr. Dean for description of stock. The description of stock is guaranteed, and his guarantee is good. He is pricing stock to sell. Please mention KANSAS FARMER when writing.

Wigstone Brothers' Big Polands

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Wigstone Brothers, of Stanton, Ia, breeders of big type Polands, own one of the herds that has contributed largely to the fame of southwest lows for its great herds of big Polands. Nine years of careful and successful breeding by this firm has built up one of the best big type herds in Iowa. This herd is headed by Big Jones 3rd 155027, sired by Big Jones 2nd, and This herd is headed by Big Jones 3rd 155027, sired by Big Jones 2nd, and he is undoubtedly one of the great sires of the breed, and, as an individual, is a remarkable combination of size and quality—long, well rounded body, is a remarkable combination of size and quality—long, well rounded body, levenly wide from back to front, fine back, good head and ear, heavy, clean evenly wide from back to front, fine back, good head and ear, heavy, clean bone and extra good ham. He is assisted by W.'s Wonder 170943, sired by Long Prospect. His dam was a litter sister of W.'s Wonder. He is also one of Iowa's noted big type sires. A big, high quality individual and a one of Iowa's noted big type sires. A big, high quality individual and a sine breeder. Big John 186181, another good one sired by Prospector 2nd, is also in use in this herd. His dam, Lady Giantess, produced the sows of the famous Wigstone show herd and prize winners at Des Moines in 1911. They have a sow herd that is second to none, many of them daughters of the great Prospector 2nd that headed the Wigstone prize herd at Des Moines the great Prospector 2nd that headed the Wigstone prize herd at Des Moines in 1911. Look up their card in this issue of KANSAS FARMER. They are offering some fall boars that should go to the head of good herds and are pricing them right. Please mention KANSAS FARMER when writing.

Hampshire Hogs.

With this issue of Kansas Farmer Mr. F.
C. Wittorff, the Hampshire swine breeder of
Medora, Kan., starts his advertising card.
He is a feeder as well as a breeder and has
a large corn crib full of corn, plenty of
alfalfa and a fine herd of well grown hogs.
Our fieldman was shown seven gilts which
farrowed and are raising 49 pigs. If you
want good Hampshires, write or call on
Mr. Wittorff, and mention Kansas Farmer.

Kerr's Big Polands.

Joe A. Kerr of Ashley, Mo., is offering 13 yearling big-type boars for sale. These boars have had the cholera and are immune. They were sired by Jumbo Price 157159, Hadley's Model 58425, Big Bone 2d 161497, and Chief Price of Cedar 170699. Their dams were Giantess Queen 391914, Long Queen 391912, Lady Chief 448252, Pawnee Pride 2d 448248, and others. You want some of this breeding, don't you? Write him and mention Kansas Farmer, please.

Last Call for Gates' Sale.

On May 16 at La Plata, Mo., Mr. E. M. Gates will sell 40 head of high-class Angus cattle. The offering will consist of 24 females and 16 bulls. A number of the cows will have calves at foot. Some of the heifers are bred, others of breeding age are open. The young bulls offered range in age from 12 to 18 months and are an outstanding good lot. Lord Roberts 3rd, one of the Kreatest Angus bulls now in service, will be well represented in this sale, as practically the entire offering is by him or bred to him.

Dr. Axtell Disperses Percherons.
Dr. J. T. Axtell, the well known horse breeder and alfalfa raiser, announces that he is going to sell all of his Percheron mares, fillies and a few young stallions at a dispersion sale, Wednesday, May 29, with J. C. Robison of Towanda, Kan. Dr. Axtell is going out of the horse business and will give all of his time to his new fire-proof hospital, which has just been completed. Dr. Axtell's herd is well known and very popular, and this is a rare opportunity to buy mares in foal or with coits by their side and bred again. J. C. Robison will also put in 20 head of pure-bred mares, making 40 head in all. Dr. Axtell's herd is headed by the fine stallion, Paragon, weighing 2,200 pounds, who has proved an excellent breeder. Paragon, as well as most of the older mares in this sale, originally came from the noted Whitewater Falls Stock Farm, owned by J. C. Robison.

Red Polled Bulls.

I. W. Poulton of Medora, Kan., is advertising a few choice Red Polled Bulls for sale. Please look up advertisement in this issue. At the head of this herd is the freat Polled bull, Algona 19388, sired by Excelsior 15856. His dam was Adalena 24789. This bull was bred by Charles Foster & Son of El Dorado, Kan. While Al-

gona is not a show bull, he has proven a splendid breeder. The cows in Mr. Poulton's herd are as good as you will find anywhere. We make mention of a few of the better-bred ones. Dora 38th is a thick-fieshed, blocky cow, with a strong constitution. She was bred by B. F. Miller at Prescott, Kan. Iowa Davy 35th is also a splendid cow bred by the same firm. Lunetta is a great breeding cow, bred by Wilkie Blair of Girard, Kan. Mattie is a straight Butterfield cow, bred by Otto Young at Utica, Kan. Mr. Poulton is pricing a number of young bulls, ready for service, at prices that should move them Quick. Please write for prices and mention Kansas Farmer.

Saving Farmers a Million a Year.

The Department of Agriculture has frequently called the attention of farmers and live stock breeders to the tremendous loss caused every year by worms in farm animals. It is estimated that these pests rob us of more than a million dollars of profit annually. This condition of affairs attracted the attention of a well known chemist of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Sidney R. Feil, while serving as assistant to Dr. Nathan Rosewater, chemist of the Ohio State Dairy and Food Commission. Mr. Feil discovered "Sal Vet," which has revolutionized the treatment of stock troubled with worms and has made his name familiar to almost every farmer and stock owner in America. In discovering "Sal Vet," Mr. Feil loosened the grip of worms on the live stock industry. No owner of stock now needs to lose a single dollar on account of these pests. First, because Sal-Vet will positively rid all stock of stomach and free intestinal worms, and second, Mr. Feil offers to send enough to last all your stock 60 days before he asks a penny of pay, and if the results are not satisfactory to you at the end of this trial he willingly cancels the charge and you don't owe him a penny. Since Sal-Vet was introduced it has been adopted by almost every prominent breeder and feeder in the United States. It has also received the highest endorsement from a number of farmers have written Mr. Feil personally thanking him for putting this preparation within their reach, Sheep, cattle, horses, mules, and all farm stock thrive better, gain faster and keep healthler when they have access to Sal-Vet. On Mr. Feil's liberal offer, which you will find on page 9 of this paper, it will surely pay you to rid all your stock of these pests at his risk.

Long Yearlings for Sale.

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Manager F. T. Grimes of the Aikins Ranche at Emmett, Kan., announces that he has 186 long yearling steers and a car load of long yearling helfers for sale. These are well graded up and will be priced worth the money. He also has about 100 head

LAMS KING BEE.

Iams and Model of Sixty Imported Percherons and Belgian Stallions that are Being Closed Out at "Bargain Counter Prices"—\$900-\$1,200—for a "Ripper" (few little higher). Imported Mares, \$600 and 700 each, and Best Bunch of "Topnotchers" Iams Ever Owned. "Prices Reduced" \$200-\$700 each. Iams' Stallions Have Been Approved, Branded and Inspected by Veterinarians of France and U. S. A., and Certificates Stamped O. K. by Government of U. S. See Iams and Save \$1,500 on a "Humdinger." All Must Be Sold—Cost or No Cost.

of horses, including ponies and a nice young draft mare, besides a bunch of mules for sale. Aikins Station is on the Marysville branch of the Union Pacific Railway, where visitors may get off. The postoffice is Emmett, Kan.

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W. B. Wallace Sale May 15.

On Wednesday, May 15, W. B. Wallace, of Bunceton, Mo., will sell a useful lot of prood sows. There are about 500 head of Poland Chinas on the Wallace farm. Most of the spring pigs are the get of the champion, Expansion Wonder, and Grand Leader, which gives the herd the uniformity so essential in establishing a type. Mr. Wallace added some sows bred to Big Orange and A Wonder and some excellent prospects are found among these, but his greatest success is with the Expansion Wonder-Grand Leader cross and on May 15 he will sell 40 young sows and gilts stred by or bred to these boars thus affording an exceptional opportunity for buyers to secure the blood of both boars. Ten sows with litters of seven and eight pigs each are listed and there are ten young boars listed. The large, blue grass range afforded the herd has much to do with the thrift and health of the hogs and it is Mr. Wallace's desire to have all who can come to the May sale, as it will at that time be possible to inspect the entire herd and see the work he is doing in producing big, useful Poland Chinas. Please read sale advertisement in this issue and if you cannot attend, send bids to O. W. Devine, in care of Mr. Wallace.

Williams Brothers' Mammoth Polands.

Williams Brothers, of Villisca, Ia., own one of the superior, as well as one of the largest herds of Mammoth Poland Chinas in Iowa. At this time their herd numbers 300 head and is headed by Pawnee Nelson 5478 by Pawnee Lad 30853, out of Anna Price 2nd 74264. Pawnee Nelson is a great massive boar with quality, weighing in ordinary condition 925 pounds. He has great length of body, great, even width, good spring of ribs, full hams, good head and ear, a back that cannot be beaten and, when it comes to bone, none of the big ones has him beaten. As a breeder he has few equals and a large number of boars sired by him are making good in the best herds in the corn belt. He is pronounced by many of the best judges to be the best big type boar in southern Iowa, and there is a number of good ones there. Another boar in use in this herd is Big Sampson 58095 by Sampson; 53261, out of Big Standard 111322. This boar is also one of the high quality big ones that is attracting the attention of the most critical judges, and is making a great record as a breeder. A Jumbo 58093 by Big Hadley's Prospect, is a young boar that is making good in this herd. A fine lot of fall and a very large number of spring pigs sired by these boars are features of the herd. Williams Brothers' Mammoth Polands.

How to Prevent Hog Diseases.

Some say and many others deny that the epidemic which is sweeping throughout the corn belt and destroying so many herds of hogs is hog choiera, but the symptoms in many sections were so at variance with each other that many farmers were puzzled as to what really was the trouble. Many thoroughly diagnosed cases yield very satisfactorily to the scrum treatment, but the symptoms of hog cholera are often so difficult to definitely detect, the disease terribly swift in its action and serum often difficult to obtain quickly, that we must turn to preventive measures. The thriftier and more vigorous a hog is, the better it is able to ward off any disease, but the thriftiest and most vigorous hog is the one that digests the most of its ration. But the average hog wastes nearly half of its ration, as proved by whole grain which it passes off in its droppings, and the fact that we can fatten our hogs on the grain that passes through the other stock undigested. Dr. Hess Stock Tonic will positively put a stop to a part of this waste, because it is composed of certain bitter tonics which act directly upon the digestive organs, helping the animal to extract more nutriment from its ration. Thus a hog fed Dr. Hess' Stock Tonic fattens more rapidly—gets on the market quicker and at less cost. But Dr. Hess Stock Tonic does more—ti cleanses. It prevents worms in the stomach—contains diuretics to expel the urine polsons and laxatives to keep the bowels active. Thus Dr. Hess Stock Tonic has two important effects—building up, strengthening and cleansing the hog—the animal in that condition can easily ward off disease.

D. M. Gregg, Harrisonville, Mo.

A fieldman called on Mr. Gregg, the owner of Long View herd of large, smooth Poland Chinas. Mr. Gregg has now over 300 head of hogs on the farm. The herd boars used are Young Mastiff by Long King, and Big Victor, a Nebraska-bred hog. Mr. Gregg also has two sows that are raising litters by Big Orange, the boar to which so many big type breeders are looking for herd header material. Mr. Gregg has a few choice young sows bred to farrow in May that he prices right. They show heavy in pig and are bred to his best boars. If you are in the market for a good sow, please read advertisement on page —, and write for prices on them. We can guarantee you will get a good one for the price you pay. Mr. Gregg is also booking orders for spring pigc, to be shipped in June. Please mention Kansas Farmer when you write.

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MORE SHETLAND PONIES

ANSAS FARMER HAS ALREADY GIVEN AWAY NINETEEN SHETLAND PONIES TO KAN-SAS BOYS AND GIRLS, AND WE WILL SOON GIVE FOUR MORE. WE ARE SHOW-ING ON THIS PAGE THE PICTURES OF SOME OF THEM AND THEIR OWNERS. WE WILL PUBLISH IN THE NEAR FUTURE PICTURES OF OTHERS WHO WERE RECENTLY GIVEN PONIES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OF THESE FOUR PONIES AND OUTFITS FOR YOUR OWN, AND TO GET IT WITHOUT COSTING YOU ONE CENT, BE SURE TO READ ALL ON THIS PAGE. WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO TELL YOU THE NAMES OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN PONIES BY KANSAS FARMER AND JUST HOW YOU CAN GET ONE OF THESE FOUR PONIES AND OUTFITS WHICH WE ARE GOING TO

Boys and Girls Living in Kansas

THE PRIZE PONIES

All are young, but gentle and well broken, and are just the right age to teach many interesting tricks. They are just as pretty and intelligent as any circus pony you ever saw. A boy or girl has no better friend in the animal kingdom than a Shetland pony, and that is the reason why every child wants one. A pony is not only a good playmate and useful pet, but also a faithful friend. Just think how proud and happy you would be to have a pony of your own, and of the many good times you could have with one. You now have an opportunity to get a pony and outfit without continue. and outfit without costing you a cent of your own money. We bought these ponies and are positively going to give them away to the four boys and girls who prove that they want them most. If you want to be the happy owner of one of the four which we will soon give away to Kansas boys and girls, be sure to fill in the coupon below and mail it today.



"FRECKLES" Given to Willie Johnson, Larned, Kan.

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TO BOOST KANSAS FARMER

we are going to give away these ponies, outfits and numerous other prizes, in this contest. KANSAS FARMER is one of the best weekly farm and home papers in the United States. Each week it is full of good reading of especial interest to those living in the country and on the farm. Every farm home should have this paper, and we want a number of hustling boys and girls to help us boost KANSAS FARMER. We are going to give every hustler a prize. The work will not be hard, and all of your friends will help you, for everyone likes to help boys and girls who are ambitious to do something for themselves. The contest is limited to the boys and girls of Kansas only, so you will not have to compete with those in other states. You can be one of the four who are going to get these ponies. Don't say you can't get one of them; just "pitch in" and try. It will be easier than you think. GET AN EARLY START BY CUTTING OUT THE COUPON BELOW AND SENDING IT IN TODAY.

THEIR OUTFITS.

With the pony, which we will give as Grand Prize in this con-test, goes one of the nicest outfits that you ever saw, consisting of a cart and pretty tan harness that are just dandy. All are made from the best material, and we have spared no time or money in getting this outfit so that it will be bound to please the boy or girl who gets it.

The second and third prize po-nies have each a saddle, saddle blanket and bridle, so nice that you will never get tired of using them. They will last a long time, them. They will last a long time, and the boy or girl who wins one of them will spend many happy hours in riding one of the finest ponies any child ever owned.

The fourth prize pony has a saddle and bridle just as good as the second and third, only they are just a little smaller.

are just a little smaller, because this pony is not so big as the other ponies, but just as good and gen-tle. Some boys and girls might like a smaller pony better. All of the outfits are new, and we will send each with the pony to the winner without one cent of cost.



Given to Emma Kinkel, Wilsey, Kan.

"BEAUTY"
Given to Elmer Lunz, Belpre, Kan.

GET AN EARLY START by sending in the coupon today. Our contest will be short, and it will not be long until the four beautiful Shetland ponies and outfits will be sent to their win-Shetland possies and outlits will be sent to their winners, with all express charges paid. You have just as good an opportunity as any other boy or girl. It does not make any difference in what part of Kansas you live, or how busy you are in school or with your work at home. We want busy boys and girls to help us boost KANSAS FARMER, and the busier you are the better it will be for you. Be sure to send in the coupon right away, so you can get an early start.

COUPON

THE PONY BOY, Care KANSAS FARMER, 625 Jackson Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

I would like to become a contestant for one of the four ponies and outfits and other prizes you are offering to boys and girls living in Kansas. Please tell me how I can help you boost for Kansas Farmer.

My Name_____

Parents' Name

You Can Get One of Our Ponies



"CRICKET" Given to Helen Crane, Horton, Kan.

NO EFFORTS WILL BE LOST.

Every contestant will be given a prize which will not only please, but be useful. Besides the four ponies and their outfits, we will give two pure bred Collie dogs, watches, rifles, cameras, bracelets, fountain pens, knives, post cards and numerous other prizes which every boy and girl would be delighted to get. We will do this so that all of the contestants will receive something nice for their time and efforts. You can't lose. Try your best to win the Grand Prize and have a beautiful pony, cart and harness all for your own. You can do it. Send in your name at once. You never can tell what you can do until you try. do until you try.

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