

# FARM NOTES OF INTEREST

## THE FUTURE OF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT.

If the beef cattle breeders of America have not wholly ceased to think, they will soberly confront a few startling facts and govern themselves accordingly.

Meritorious cattle of all the breeds are bringing low prices at sales. Some have been sacrificed on the bargain counter. Trade in general is at a low ebb. Many holders of pedigree beef cattle, who made a well-intentioned start in the industry when prices were on a much higher level, are discouraged. Some of them are throwing over their stocks at much sacrifice. Incalculable damage has been done the entire movement which makes for beef cattle improvement in this country.

Causes are plain. A severe and wide spread drouth, the disastrous effect of which few people appreciate to its full measure, is the chief cause. The long-continued high price of corn and other grains contributes a material factor; the panic with its consequent slackening of the wheels of commerce and lessening of consumptive capacity, and the fall in price of market cattle following the industrial paralysis, all contributed elements which have affected unfavorably the business of the pedigree cattle breeder. A lightning of the ballast of the ship has resulted. We have pleaded with breeders against needless sacrifice, but at such times all appeals fall on dull ears.

But even the blindest must see a great light in the facts and figures now available. A mighty nation, suddenly stayed in its crushing upbuilding that was watched by the world with wonder, has incontestably begun again to gather impulse. Like a huge grayhound of the sea, which strikes its iron prow against a rock, and with reversed engines reels under the shock, but is quickly pulled off unscathed and trembles again under the forward movement, so industrial America has survived the shock of its financial distress and bounds forward to material development, interrupted but not destroyed by the panic. This means a maximum consumption by an imperial people whose standard of living is the highest in the world. Meat is the fundamental basis of its daily rations.

The law of supply and demand is seldom suspended, never abrogated. Demand is beginning its march toward the maximum. What of supply? The figures of the market place show that during the past ten months there has been a shortage of nearly 1,000,000 cattle at the large markets of primary receipts. If demand had been normal only the imagination could have set limit to the price of beef. Liquidation has proceeded for more than two years from range and farm, until we stand face to face with a shortage of such vast volume as to occasion seemingly wild predictions of future prices of beef. Stock yards trade does not hesitate to talk 9-cent cattle and 10-cent cattle during the next six months. The first-named figure was nearly reached this year and would undoubtedly have been touched but for the restricted consumption.—Breeders' Gazette.

## WHAT TO FEED.

A poultry keeper who has made a success of poultry tells us that 90 per cent of the food he gives his fowls is whole oats.

He says that he gives other grain occasionally as a change, but that the regular daily diet is composed of whole oats, scattered in the straw, so that the fowls will have to scratch. He sows oats in the fall and at intervals in the spring, so that the fowls will have green food, and when convenient he allows the oats to head out so that the hens may gather the grain in the field.

He says there is no other grain that produces as many eggs and he enthusiastically says that the hens keep more vigorous on a diet of oats than on any other ration. Oats are easily raised and every farmer should give our friends' system a trial.

## HATCH THE CHICKS EARLY.

Early hatched chicks are always the best, and they give less trouble than those hatched later in the season. They are not troubled with mites or gapes, and they grow rapidly. The males, at two months old, will sell at from six to eight dollars a dozen and more than pay for the

cost of raising the females. The females will mature before fall and will begin to lay at a time when the old hens are in the midst of the moult. The incubator solves the problem of hatching as it can be started up at any season of the year.

February and March are the two best months for hatching and chicks hatched during those months will invariably be the ones that produce a profit.

Start up the incubator now and see how easy it is to raise the early hatched chicks—and next fall you will find that the early pullets will lay the first eggs.

## LIFE IN THE HOG BUSINESS.

The public sales this year have had more life to them and more real business than has been the case for several years; while the prices have not been high, they are on a cash basis and the cash has accompanied the bids. It has enabled more people in the business to square up their bills, to meet their ordinary expense than has been the case in three or four years. This has been more satisfactory where the actual cash was paid for the animals, as every man knew where he was at, and what he could depend upon.

High prices and notes may look well on paper, but they were not practical nor profitable. When you lift the price of the hog up out of the reach of the farmer you are inviting trouble on your hands.

The office and purpose of a breeder is to improve the hog, for the feeder and farmer, then if he does this and puts the price out of the reach of the farmer, it brings about a condition of affairs that is undesirable as well as unprofitable.

The sales this winter have been the means of cleaning up and straightening out and getting men on to a cash basis that is most satisfactory all around. There is every encouragement for the breeders at the present time, as the prices are likely to be reasonable and remain on a cash basis, as it satisfies all concerned.

## THE FARMER'S WIFE.

Why it is that invention which has lent a willing hand to make the work of outdoor farming easier, has been so little utilized in relieving the farmer's family of household drudgery? The back-breaking work of binding grain by hand has been a disjunct memory since the self-binder has done the task automatically. Does the farmer reflect that the work at the wash-tub is quite as hard for the tired housewife as the field work used to be for him? Why is it that only about one farmer's wife in ten has a modern washing machine? Does it often occur to our men readers that no work about the house is more puttering than the care of an endless chain of milk pans which might be instantly eliminated if a cream separator were used instead? Why is it that only about one farm home in fifty has a separator? Another task which, on the average farm, usually falls to the woman is the care of fowls and the raising of poultry. This work would be twenty times as easy if the wife or mother were not compelled to fuss with a dozen cranky old hens, but were given an incubator and brooder outfit, all of which can be bought now at almost nominal prices, and it is safe to say that they will pay for themselves and much more in a single season.

We admire the farmer's enterprise and we are glad that modern invention has made his life one to be envied, but we are thinking of the farmer's wife, that brave, patient, industrious saint whom we all love, but to whom we do not give the proper degree of diligent care until too often it is too late. Let us introduce a little more comfort and happiness in the home.

## FARM PRESS.

## VETERINARY QUESTIONS.

### SKIN PARASITE.

Question—I would like to know what will cure my mules of some kind of itch or insect they are troubled with. It is in their feet, extends only up to their knees. They are continual stamping and biting their feet and legs. My lot and stalls are dry and I keep good bedding for them.

Reply—This is very probably a skin parasite—possibly a mite or mange parasite penetrating the skin, or it may be a plant parasite. Wash the limbs thoroughly with soap and

water; let them dry and then clip the limbs up as high as the disease extends. Apply over the diseased parts of the limbs every morning some of the following:—Lysol, 1 ounce; boiled and cooled water, 2 quarts—Every night bathe the limbs in a solution of baking soda, two tablespoonful and water 1 quart.

### DRY COUGH IN HORSE.

Question—I have a horse nine years old. He has a cough like distemper. It seems to be a dry cough, mostly at night.

Reply—Lay dust in grain and hay by sprinkling with water before feeding. Always water before and not immediately after feeding. Do not feed too heavily. Give less hay. Fluid extract of stramonium, 1 ounce; glycerine, 4 ounces; tincture, 16 ounces—Put one tablespoonful in ground feed night and morning.

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## NORTH CAROLINA

### PERQUIMANS COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT, BEFORE CLERK.

William Mardre, Plaintiff

vs.

Simpson Parker, Defendant.

Simpson Parker, the defendant above named will take notice that he is required and commanded to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court at Perquimans County aforesaid, at his office in said county, on Thursday the 15th day of April, 1909 at 11 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any he has, why execution should not be issued upon that certain judgement for \$23.41 with interest as therein stated obtained, in the above entitled cause, by Wm. Mardre Plaintiff against the said Defendant, on the 14th day of March 1898 and duly docketed in the Superior Court of said County upon that said day, in judgement Docketed No. 1, Page 283. And let the said Defendant take notice further that if he fails to appear and show cause as herein commanded, the Plaintiff motion for leave to issue execution upon said judgement will be allowed.

CHAS. JOHNSON.

### NOTICE

Sale of Valuable Property. By virtue of an order made by W. H. Jennings, Clerk of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County on the 23rd day of February, 1909, in the cause of Florence G. Hughes et al. plaintiffs vs. Wm. Cartwright et als., defendants, I shall sell to the highest bidder on the terms herein after mentioned at the Court House door in Pasquotank County, on Saturday, March 27th 1909 at 12 o'clock M., the following real estate, viz:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lying on the Southwest corner of Shepard street and Euclid Avenue (Formerly called Shannon street) fronting about 73 feet on South side of Shepard Street and running back along Euclid Avenue about 170 feet being bounded on the North by Shepard St., on the East by Euclid Avenue on the South by the lands of IWSON Barco and on the West by the lands of F. F. Cohoon, being the same land conveyed to Frances Rhodes and husband, Samuel Rhodes, during their natural lives and after their deaths to the children of Frances Rhodes, by W. W. Kennedy, as will appear by reference to deed duly recorded in Book P. P., page 190, office of the Register of Deeds of Pasquotank County.

Terms of sale: One half cash, one-fourth in six months from date of confirmation of sale and the balance in twelve months from date of confirmation of sale, deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, the purchaser to have the right to anticipate deferred payments and pay all cash should he so desire.

This February 24th 1909.

C. E. THOMPSON  
Commissioner.

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator of the late William Brite, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to his estate to come forward and make immediate settlement and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice, or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

D. E. WILLIAMS,  
Administrator of William H. Brite, deceased.  
February 6th. 1909.

F-12-M19

## Norfolk & Southern Ry.

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| 9:00 A. M., Local   | 10:18 A. M. local  |
| 3:20 p. m., express | 1:20 p. m. express |
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## NORTH CAROLINA

### CURRITUCK COUNTY.

To R. E. Flora, Entry Taker for Currituck County, N. C., F. Bonney enters and lays claim as by law provides to the following vacant marsh land situated in Fruitville Township, Currituck County, N. C., bounded as follows—viz. On the North by Wishees Hammock, on the E. by Abes Island Cove, on the South by Abes Island on the West by Wishees Hommoch Creek, containing eighty acres more or less, actual number acres to be ascertained by survey.

This Feb. 22nd, 1909.

F. BONNEY,  
Recorded Feb. 22nd 1909.

R. E. FLORA  
Entry Taker

M-5-4t.

### NOTICE!

Sale of Valuable Property.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to me by Hugh Cale and wife, for certain purposes therein mentioned which said mortgage deed bears date, March 23rd, 1907, and is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pasquotank County, in Book 32, page 568. I shall on Saturday, March 20th, 1909 at 12 o'clock m., offer for sale at the Court House door in said County, at Public Auction, for cash, the property conveyed to me in said mortgage deed, to-wit:

Situated in the town of Elizabeth City, N. C., on the west side of Road street and bounded on the west by the lands of Martha J. Bass, on the south by the lands occupied by Courtney Morris and on the north by the lands occupied by Jerry Martin. Said lot fronting on Road Street fifty feet and extending back one hundred feet and being same lot purchased by Hugh Cale from W. W. Mann and wife, by Deed dated October 8th 1904, and duly registered in Deed Book No. 28, page 49, Register of Deeds office of Pasquotank County, N. C.

This the 13th day of February, 1909.

PHOEBE JONES, Mortgagee.

By J. C. Brooks, Atty.

Feb 17—M.17

State of North Carolina  
Dare County.

Entry No. 53

Notice is hereby given that Georgia A. Gaskins, Claimant, produced and filed in the office of the undersigned Entry Taker for Dare County, a paper writing, signed by herself, or agent, that she lays claim and enters a certain parcel or tract of land, vacant, unappropriated and subject to entry, situated in Hatter.

as Township, and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at a stake at Dave Fulcher's line running a South-east course to the ocean, thence along the ocean to S. L. Doshers line, thence along S. L. Doshers line a North-west course to a stake 100 yards North-west of the telegraph line, thence a North-east course parallel with the telegraph line, to Frank Stowes line, thence same course along said Stowes line to the station line, thence a South-east course about 150 yards to South-east corner of station line, thence a North-east course along the East side of the station line, parallel with the Ocean to the North-east corner of station line, hence Northwestwardly course along the station line, and Stowe line to a oak stump, thence a North-east course to the Sound, the place of beginning.

Excepting the Gaskins, and Wainwright, land. Containing by estimation two hundred acres, more or less. Entered this the 15th day of February, 1909.

A. V. EVANS,  
Entry Taker.

Feb-26—M-19

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M-12f.

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