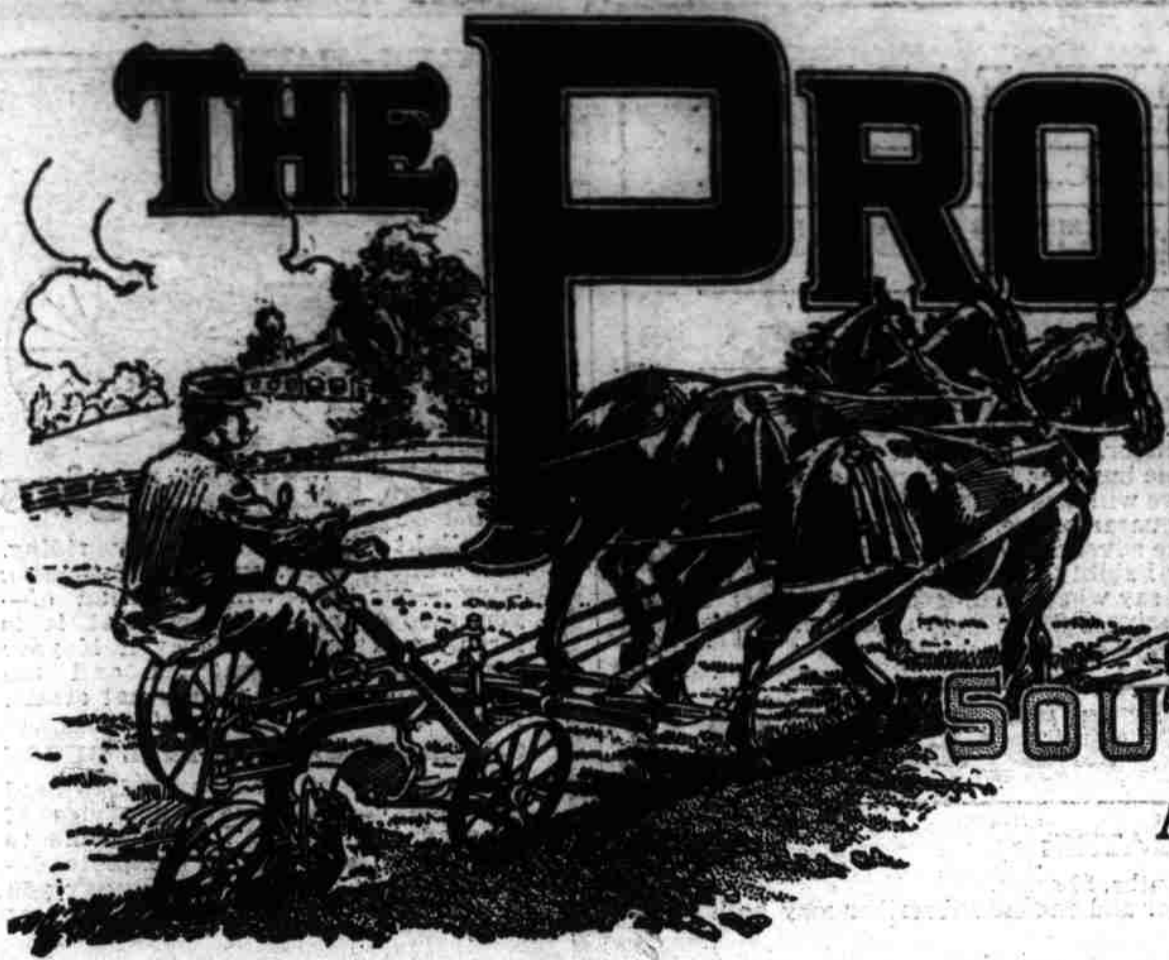


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### SHORT TEXTS FOR PORK RAISERS TO CONSIDER

**H**OG-FATTENING time is again with us and we hope our readers have heeded our advice and are better prepared than ever before for making pork economically. The man who still fattens his hogs on corn alone, in a dry lot or small pen, is beyond help. He will continue to make his pork at from ten to 20 cents a pound and declare there is no money in raising hogs. For such a man it is cheaper to buy pork than to raise it.

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We wish, however, to reason a little with the man who has peanuts, cowpeas, soy beans or other grazing crops for his hogs. It is a mistake to allow the hogs to get their entire feed from these crops. When hogs are grazing these, a quarter or a third of a full ration of corn will be worth at least a dollar a bushel and no one can afford not to feed it. The failure to feed some corn to the hogs while grazing these crops rich in protein is almost as big a mistake as to feed corn alone in a dry lot. The only difference is that the wasted feeds—peanuts, soy beans, etc.—have not cost quite so much as the corn that is wasted by the other method.

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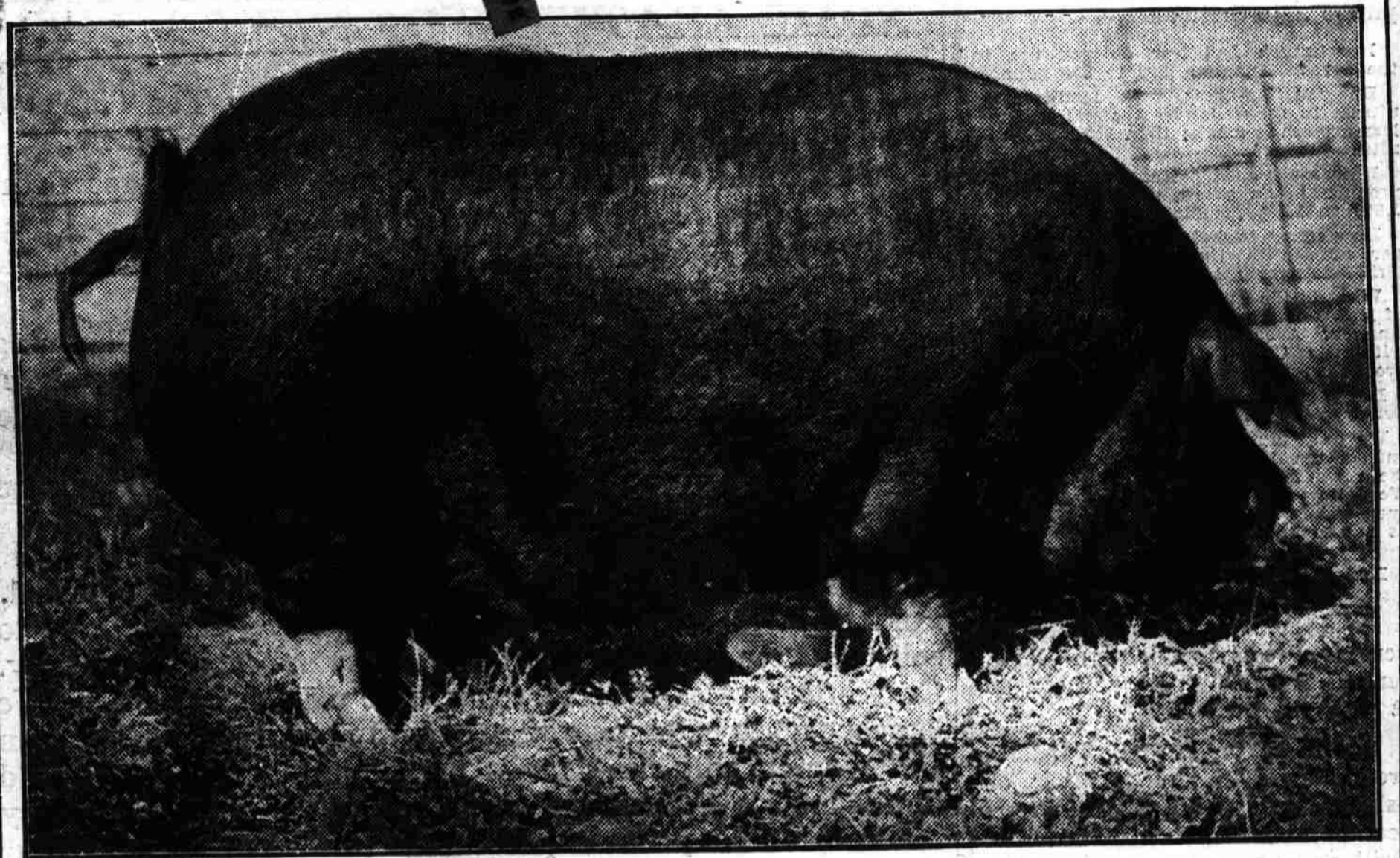
When the hogs have grazed off the legume crops they should be fed for not to exceed three weeks on a rotation of one part of cottonseed meal to three parts of corn. This will improve the quality of the carcass, the hogs will gain rapidly on this feed, and cheap pork will be made.

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It is likely that we shall again have the usual crop of "big hog" stories when December rolls around. Until we learn that it takes three times as much feed to make a pound of gain in weight on a hog weighing over 300 pounds as it does on one weighing 100 pounds, these stories will continue. They are simply an evidence of our ignorance regarding economical pork production, instead of something that anyone should be proud of. No hog kept for pork production should live longer than one year or weigh over 300 pounds.

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The man who has only corn to feed his hogs should probably sell them to someone who has grown peanuts, soy beans, cowpeas, velvet beans, or some such crops for hog feed; but if he will not do this, then he should buy tankage and feed one part of tankage to about eight parts of corn. The tankage is high-priced—\$50 to \$60 a ton—but it is cheaper than corn alone. Soy beans and corn grown on the farm will make cheaper pork than tankage and corn, but tankage and corn will make cheaper pork than corn alone.



A PRIZE-WINNING POLAND CHINA—ONE OF THE LARD BREEDS.

The fattening hogs will need plenty of good pure water to drink and it will also pay to keep the following mixture under shelter where they may go to it and eat at will:

One bushel each of charcoal and hardwood ashes.

One pound each of copperas and common salt.

The charcoal should be broken into small lumps, the copperas powdered and all thoroughly mixed.

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