

AGRICULTURAL NEWS



WHY POLK COUNTY PEOPLE SHOULD BE ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE POLK COUNTY CLUB

Some Points Concerning Co-operation Between the Residents of the Community and What Such Co-operation Will Accomplish.

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When I speak for itself. That is the best publicity one can get. The most dignified, the most humble, the most lasting. It is also the most truthful. It wins the respect of more circumspect folks than anything else. It is using your battery to run the machinery rather than the blowing of your horn.

Truthfulness must actuate our "adds" if we would reap the harvest. Lies are excluded with scorn, but often a half truth, or a truth half told is worse than a whole lie.

WORK, THE GENIUS THAT WINS

On Thanksgiving Day, 1895, there was held at Chicago the first horseless carriage race in America, and a certain man wanted to attend the race, but didn't have the price. Telling about it this man said, "I never wanted to see anything so badly in my life as I wanted to see that race. But I was in Detroit and the race was in Chicago. It was too far to walk and I didn't have the car fare and couldn't find anybody willing to lend it to me." This same man is rated among the richest men of the world today, and his name is Henry Ford. We may some day come to understand that our failures have been our best friends. Mine have been. It was the best thing that ever happened to Henry Ford that he had not the money, nor could find anyone willing to loan it to him for such a purpose.

Sometimes we hear—"If you don't like our town or county, get out of it." This has been said to your humble. Really he should say, "If this town is not large enough for you to live in, then help to make it larger." Boost, but do it honestly and tell the truth. We have nothing to lose thereby, and much to gain. Don't act on the assumption that everything which will ever be known has already been found out. This may have been true in Solomon's time, and it doubtless was up to the time of Christ.

TAKE PAINT FOR INSTANCE

Paint, a chemical used in the manufacture of paints and varnishes is being extracted from corn cobs. It formerly was extracted from the hulls of oats at the cost of 50 cents per pound. Taken from corn cobs, the price is 10 cents. So we see that nothing seems to be finished. The more we discover, the more remains to be found out. That is why we are urged to search.

If all the fine and hidden things about the Bible had been known to a dying world, why did Jesus tell us to search the scriptures? It certainly meant the old testament, for the new was not yet written. Mother, teach your children to be natural. Teach them to be true. Make your time as good as it is in your power to do so with the surroundings you have.

Girls love their brothers. It is right that they should. I love the girl who loves her brother. Love is the fulfilling of the law because God Himself is love. Then if we cannot build up our town with outside citizens, let us build it up with our own boys and girls. The idea of even

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thinking that money value can be applied to a home! The home to the farm boy or girl is what the spirit is to the body.

RELIGION

This brings us now to the subject of religion, and I want to give a little of my idea. Genuine Religion is the biggest asset to any community. When I say genuine religion, I do not mean sects or creeds. I mean pure and undefiled, not one which is an outward form, and no thing after all. I want not a religion which scoffs at doing a turn on Sunday, or helping some needy in distress, or attending a social or a dance, and then put setting eggs in your market basket that failed to hatch. I want a religion which expresses itself in conduct true to advertisement. When a man is genuinely religious, he puts better material into his products. Genuine religion works more consistently and turns out a better product from the same material. In fact, he works his profession into all he does and makes it better. Did it ever occur to you that religion helps business? Checks on banks would have no value were it not for confidence in men's honesty. Banks can't do business when distrust makes men afraid of each other. Furthermore genuine religion is the best safeguard of the home. It preaches moral right and conduct. It means that the home is kept sacred. As men live religion, they are truer and surer. As they neglect it, they stumble and fall.

THE TWO AMERICAS ARE BEST ANSWERS TO THIS

North America was settled by those who came seeking God and freedom to worship him. South America was settled by those who came for gold. The contrast between these two nations today is answer enough. But beyond this is another answer. The heart craves something that satisfies its longings. Nothing but God, the great loving Father can meet this inner cry.

TAKE AWAY THE SPIRIT AND THE BODY IS DEAD

Take the good influence, the love from the farm home, and the broom sage, pine bushes, briars and brambles takes farm and leaves it a desolation for owls and whippoor-wills. Build up your farms by building up your homes. Destroy home life, and away goes the farm. Destroy the farms, and grass grows up in the city streets.

Untried ways are inviting or forbidding when we enter into them. The money we pay for progress is always paltry though it may seem great at the time, but if we can inspire the lark's note or the thrill of a thrushes' song, it will bring soothing music in the lives of folks that plod on their way, to those to whom the world is drudgery, who see no golden glow—who hear no message of finer things. Like cattle to their stalls are such people herded by circumstances and goaded by their own failures. How can children, whose eyes see only the earth they tread, move upward? Outward circumstances may hinder. It is the inner soul that becomes the keeper of destiny.

Paul, the great apostle said—One

man layeth the foundation, another buildeth thereon, but let every man be careful how he buildeth. Whether it be gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble.

When I was a boy there was a man making an educational speech at a rally. He said—"Young man, get an education and you can sit on the fence and whittle sticks while the other fellow does your work for you." I scorn that sort of an educational argument. Get an education that you may be better qualified and prepared to meet the obligations which will confront you later on, and not feel you are too good to work.

TOO MANY ARE SITTING ON THE FENCE NOW

Criminals are 80 percent young men and women from 18 to 23 years of age. An old proverb is "An Idle Brain is the Devil's Work Shop."

The great poet Longfellow has written wisely and well:

All are architects of Fate,
Working in those walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low;
Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show,
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
Time with materials filled;
Our todays and yesterdays,
Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fasten these;
Leave no yawning gaps between;
Think not, because no man sees,
Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art,
Builders wrought with greatest care;
Each minute and unseen part,
For the Gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the seen and the unseen,
Make these houses where GODS may dwell
beautiful, entire and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
Standing in these walls of Time,
Broken stairways, where the feet
Stumble as they seek to climb.

Thus alone can we attain,
To theseurrets, where the eye
Gazes, where the eye can't follow;
Sees the world as one vast plain,
And one boundless reach of sky.

Build today, then strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall tomorrow find its place.

Putting the Hog on a Normal Basis



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Many years of study and experiment have ended uncertainty as to what is best for the hog, says a recent report. In pork raising, as in building up any other source of profit on the farm, much can be learned through the experience of others.

The U. S. Government and Agricultural Colleges spend big sums each year at their experimental stations. Both the Government and the Agricultural Colleges issue literature which tells about these experiments in detail. Anyone interested can secure the literature without cost by writing the U. S. Department of Agriculture or such Agricultural Experimental Stations. The great value in Government literature is based on the results of observation and study by trained, experienced men and at an expense which makes it prohibitive for the farmer to make these experiments himself.

Generally speaking, hogs have a normal period of growth and development. Many raisers ship before the hogs are finished—others hold their hogs and feed them beyond the period that the herd would be most profitable for them. It is natural, with high feed prices, that the raiser is reluctant to hold his hogs any longer than absolutely necessary, even though the hog

market is good; but it is a mistake to start raising a market herd and quit before the job is really finished.

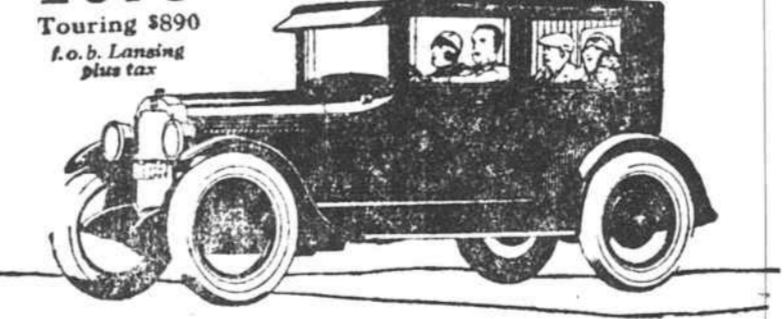
Judging from prices of the past few months, a fat hog is the one that is commanding a premium and, experts say, will continue to do so for some time. That is because of the large numbers of unfinished hogs that have been and are still being sent to market. Using the Chicago hog market for a day in mid-December, 1924, a 170 lb. hog brought \$14.10, while a 265 lb. hog brought \$26.55, or a difference of \$12.45.

The average hog raiser knows that it takes about 400 lbs. of corn and 40 lbs. of tankage to bring in that last 100 lbs. of weight, or in dollars and cents, approximately \$10.00 for the last 100 lbs. in feed expense, leaving more than \$2.25 per pig for the additional trouble.

Shipping weights of hogs are reflected in the feed crop. Last year the corn crop in many sections was small and therefore most of the hogs sent to market ranged around the 175 lb. class. Unless relative market prices on either hogs or feed are extremely abnormal, it pays the raiser to go through with his feeding program up to that stage where he can secure the greatest benefit from his efforts and the best market price for his pork.

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