

HORSES SELL WELL AT W. L. COX SALE, TOTAL SALES \$9,300

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN.

The W. L. Cox sale, held three miles north and $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of Modoc, on Thursday, was a live stock offering. It included 25 head of horses, six of mules 20 of cattle, among which were a number of milkers, and 125 head of hogs.

Odd to state the hogs were all feeders, ranging at from 40 to 140 pounds, not a single brood sow being put up. The sale was held in a tent and a whole lot of farmers took a day off to be present, to pick up a bargain or two, and enjoy the nice "hot dinner" that was served by the Ladies' Aid of Grace Chapel.

The man who carried off the topers in the horse ring, was William Level, who paid \$450 for a team of 6-year-old sorrel drafters. Linn Thorneburg was a close second, his team of mares costing \$440, while Sam Crouser got a pair to suit him for \$422.50. John Eales invested \$375 in a sturdy roan team and numerous other pairs sold above the \$300 mark.

Two spans of mules brought about \$700; Ed Blizzard, of Muncie, paying \$352 for a span, and Michael Miller, a neighbor, taking second choice at \$345. A pair of yearling mules sold for \$180. Among the buyers of cattle were J. Messenger, who paid \$110 for a Jersey, and Michael Pedro, who got another Jersey for an even \$100.

Collected \$9,300.

The 125 head of feeders made quite a showing in the numerous pens, graded according to weights, and caused some spirited bidding among these still having faith in the future of the great American hog, of which there are many. No fancy prices were paid but the figures seemed satisfactory to both buyer and seller, in view of market conditions.

While no corn, oats or hay were on the bill, Mr. Cox decided to offer 500 bushels of corn, which sold at from \$1.35 to \$1.38 per bushel. A handful of farm tools were also cleaned out. The sale was cried by O. E. Ross, of Winchester, and Clem Conway, of Mooreland. John Christopher, of the Modoc bank, acted as cashier of the sale and announced a net of \$9,300.

WILLIAM H. LAUDIG SALE.

The William H. Laudig sale, held on the William Motto farm, two miles southwest of Hagerstown, on Wednesday, was among the best sales held in this section this winter. There was a good crowd on hand early and competition for everything put up.

The live stock sold at good prices and implements were in demand. While the net was not as large as in many other instances, where there is a larger offering, the prices realized were considered very satisfactory, and the total was \$4,000.

Corn averaged \$1.50 per bushel, and mixed hay, \$27.50 per ton.

FARTIN COVINE FARM SALE.

The Martin Covine farm sale, held east of Fountain City on the Hockback pike, on Wednesday, was an afternoon session, and James Busby, the auctioneer describes it as "not a large sale but a good one."

Mr. Covine is leaving the farm, which has been taken by Frank Thorneburg, who has immediate possession. A limited amount of live stock, some corn and hay, together with some household goods, were quickly dispersed by the friends and neighbors being present in force. The corn sold at \$1.50 and the mixed hay brought \$31.50 per ton.

Farm Sale Calendar

Friday, March 12. Clarence Mullen, 6 miles east, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Boston, 6 miles west, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Eaton, Ohio, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Campbellstown, Ohio, on Albert McDivitt farm. General sale.

Monday, March 15.

C. D. Brumfield, on Springbrook farm, 2 miles south and 2 west of Winchester, $1\frac{1}{2}$ south of Juarez Stop on U. S. 1. Closing out sale, pure bred horses, etc.

Tuesday, March 16.

Charles G. Townsend, administrator general sale on the late Jesse E. Townsend farm, located two and one-half miles southwest of Whitewater and two and one-half miles northwest of Middleboro, at 10 o'clock.

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The Farm and The Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

In reply to the question—"Will the farmers raise as many hogs this year as last?" Benton Wilson, of Cambridge City, said: "They are trying to, I guess, but they have lost so many pigs during fall and winter that I hardly think they will make it."

"Many of the youngsters weakened and died, in some cases because the sows had been previously sick, and in others because the sows were too fat from lack of exercise." Cold weather and icy fields resulted in the pigs keeping under shelter and putting on weight, while the sows which now and then fell in the icy barnlots often lost their litters.

"We shall feel less around here because we have fewer hogs to feed," said Walter Petry, of West Manchester. "There was a heavy loss of fall pigs, for some reason which isn't clearly explained. There isn't any flu or cholera around but the young pigs have died nevertheless. So far as I know the spring litters are mostly all right. I have three litters about a week old which seem promising. I lost a lot of hogs from cholera last September as did some of my neighbors."

"The loss of fall pigs can be partly explained where cholera weakened brood sows. As to the tendency of the hog market I judge that will depend largely on the foreign demand for meats and lard. If we have a big surplus for our own use and little foreign demand we can't expect high prices. Farmers must take chances, and always do, not only on live stock but on everything they either plant or feed."

Looks Like Off Year.

"It looks like an off year on hogs and cattle," said Jerry Meyers, of Hagerstown. "We have surely raised a lot of hogs everywhere and the foreigners don't seem so hungry for our meats just now. Looks as if it have been accumulating a surplus on that

account, if all reports are to be believed. Don't think we lost an extra lot of fall pigs around here, but some farmers complain of a little winter killing."

Guess most of the brood sows are still on our farms, though I could use a few more and others are in the same boat, especially among those who look for better prices. If any acreages are cut down about here it will do because the farmer has more land to cultivate than he can get help to handle, in which case we shall have more grass and hay. Don't know of any herds

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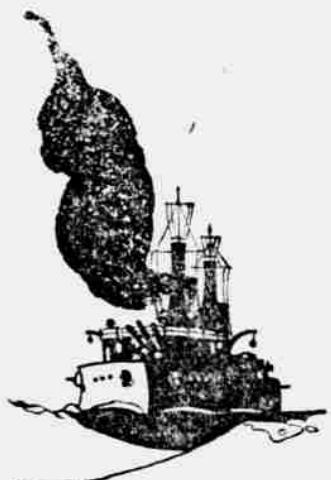
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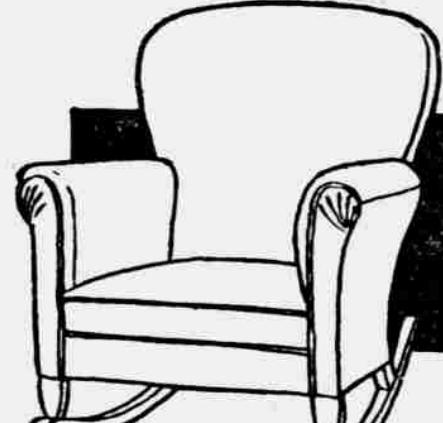
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Hard Winter on Stock.

"I haven't heard of any flu among the hogs," said W. E. Oler, of Economy, "nor much of anything else for the past nine weeks. Had the flu myself about a year ago and never rightly recovered from it, and have been sick during the cold weather."

"Have had no chance for personal observation on that account but have been told that some pigs have been lost during the winter, and that, for some reason, fall pigs are not all

doing well. It has been a cold, hard winter on stock, anyway."

Our inquiry as to conditions at Brookville, Ind., was encouraging to the extent that there is no complaint of flu or cholera among the hogs. Joe Glaub, farmer and stockman, said there had been but a limited loss in fall pigs and that no disease was prevalent.

His idea is that unless the market continues to fall that the farmers in that section will raise as many pigs as they can feed and care for, but that feeders who buy their young

stuff are likely to go slow, unless hogs bring better prices soon. Several bunches of cattle are on feed around Brookville, but the individual operations are not large.

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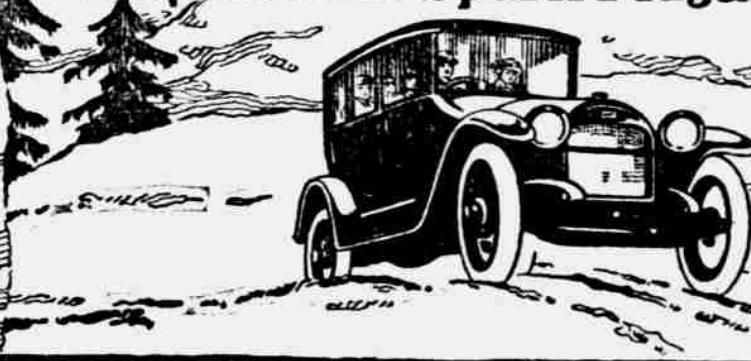
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