

FIRST SPRING DAY SALE, OF COVALL BROS. NETS \$7,400

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

Taking retrospective glance back to the opening of the winter farm sale season, we are impressed with the fact that Covall Brothers, living two miles southeast of Moreland, are the boss pickers of hairy, sunlit farm sale days.

Having decided that Monday, March 22, would be a day to their liking they announced an exclusive live stock sale for that date, and behold a great crowd in quest of horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep. When that crowd got through dickering they paid \$7,400 into the Covall Brothers' general fund and started home with their plunder.

Everybody seems to agree that it was a good sale. No grain, hay, implements nor odds and ends were put up. The live stock was shown in a tent, at least the horses and cattle were. There were 10 head of horses and mules which sold at an average of \$150, also 15 cows that ran from \$100 to a top of \$175, the price paid for a 4-gallon birdie.

There were upward of 40 head of cattle in the offering, the cows all averaging above \$100. There were nearly 75 head of sheep and lambs on the bill, he feature of which was a dozen registered Dorset Horned sheep, with which the buyer got the papers and which went at \$18 per head. A nice bunch of Shropshire ewes didn't sell for near that money, very few sheep selling at over \$12 to \$15 at recent farm sales, most of them going nearer to \$10 for the general run of aged stuff.

There were 100 head of shoats in the pens, ranging at from 60 to 125 pounds. These were divided around at prices which indicated a very fair demand for porkers, regardless of the present hog market conditions. There was also a demand for fat cows and butcher cattle at satisfactory prices.

The Ladies' Aid of the Friends church at Moreland did a land office business in good things to eat and netted a nice profit for their church fund. The auctioneers, Clem Conway and Guy Strong, opened the sale at 11 o'clock and made a clearance before sunset.

The Farm and The Farmer

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Thirteen millions of acres of North Dakota farm lands were insured by the state against losses by hail in 1919, and although the losses were the heaviest experienced the cost to the insured was but 25 cents per acre. Under the state law farmers are insured against hail and when the expenses and losses of the year are totaled, an indemnity tax is levied against the farms thus protected. We understand that a farmer who believes his land to lie outside the hail belt may waive this insurance in writing, but in any event will have a small tax assessment for the general hail fund of the state.

"I believe that the majority of farm boys who went to the war never went back to the farm," said Superintendent Boyd, of the Illinois State Free Employment Bureau. "They are the ones we need most but can't find them. Of the entire 208 applications for farm work since March 1, at least half were too inexperienced to do the work and at that the most of them were foreigners."

Mr. Boyd cites hundreds of cases where farmers are offering from \$50 to \$75 and board to single men and \$100 per month to married couples, and adds that many farmers are "really becoming alarmed at the prospects of having to let ground lie idle."

About Early Potatoes. Market gardeners who have tested the matter out tell us that the planting of green sprouted potatoes has resulted in earlier potatoes and larger crops. They have proven this by planting the sprouted potatoes in the same patch with sound, unsprouted spuds and claim that the sprouted seed broke through the ground on the fifth and sixth day, or much earlier than the other.

Rooms Wanted for Music Folks at Convention

Residents of the city who are willing to open their homes to one or more members of the State Music Teachers' Association for April 20, 21, and 22, with full recompense, are asked to communicate with members of the hotel and lodging committee, including Mr. Allen at the Starr Piano company, Miss Fetta at the Palladium and Mr. Copeland at the Item.

The potatoes to be sprouted are placed in a light room, where there is no danger from frost. The sprouts will attain a growth of about one-half inch and then become dormant, until planted, according to their statements. Where long sprouts happen to form, which absorb the seed and causes a shriveling, the potato should not be planted.

Did 29 Millions. There is an independent packer named Patrick Brennan who stated in Washington on March 19 that his firm had done a gross of \$29,000,000 in 1919, in Chicago.

He made this statement before the house agricultural committee. Mr. Brennan said that he "started in business in 1895, under the shadow of the five big packers and the growth of his business was sufficient proof that the independent packer can successfully compete with the big five." In this independent packer's view—"The industry cannot be substantially disturbed by regulation like that proposed, without an effect upon the farmer, and the consumer must pay the bill in increased cost or impaired service."

In line with Brennan's views came a statement by Dr. J. M. Wilson, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association, who said that "the proposed regulation would not only harm producers but would injure our foreign trade in meats."

Among others who have taken the packers' side of this controversy is Frank T. Fuller, president of the Iowa Packing company, of Des Moines. He maintains that "packers should be allowed to operate their own refrigerator cars, as it will take the railroads five years to provide sufficient properly built cars to care for the meat trade."

Between 300 and 400 music teachers of the state will come to Richmond to attend the convention. Although great difficulty is resulting in an attempt to obtain sufficient rooms, it is thought that citizens interested in the attitude of the city toward visitors and especially those interested in music, will come to the front with "a room each."

The United States Government has 487,003 classified draft deserters on file at Washington.

Labor Calendar

Meetings of local unions scheduled for Tuesday, follow:
Carpenters—President, S. C. Lantz; secretary, Charles Griffy. Luken's hall, at 7:30 p. m.
Blacksmiths, 563—President, W. H. Washburn; secretary, F. A. Irwin. T. M. A. hall, at 7:30 p. m.

Farm Sale Calendar

Thursday, April 1.
D. W. Foster, one mile east of Richmond. General clean-up farm sale.

Politeness Still in Vogue in City, Reporter Finds; Looks in Street Cars

Are Richmond citizens still polite, or has politeness, like many other things, changed since the war, with women being given the right to vote? Politeness to the fairer sex is usually confined to small things, such as giving up a seat in a crowded street car, or the removal of a hat in an elevator when a lady passenger is riding.

Citizens say, that as a rule, the male population in Richmond is very thoughtful. Of course there are a few grumblers, they say, but men of this type are to be expected. A lady when accepting the proffered seat in the crowded car, usually thanks the donor.

Practically all of the stores in Richmond spare no efforts in making the life of a shopper happy. Very rarely is a clerk found who is too busy to give attention to a customer's wants, and the managers try to impress on their employees the necessity of "courtesy always."

Many persons believe extended courtesy to a lady is dropped when the lady enters the business world. Although they do not receive all the little courtesies probably extended to a more domestic sister, it is very seldom that a Richmond business woman

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