

ROYAL STRAIN OF FAIRFAX ON SALE AT M'GRAY FARM

KENTLAND, Ind., May 20.—The twelfth annual sale of Hereford cattle at Warren T. McGray's Orchard Lake Stock Farm opened Wednesday with 5,000 people in attendance, Governor James P. Goodrich being among those present.

At 11 o'clock, 4,500 individual lunches were served and soon thereafter Col. Reppert faced a crowd that filled every available foot of space in the sales pavilion. After eulogizing Mr. McGray as being the foremost Hereford breeder in America, whose fame is known throughout the civilized world and the product of whose master mind, backed by his known business integrity, has placed nearly 100 famous Fairfax descendants in South American countries and more than 200 in foreign countries, he proceeded with the sale.

The highest priced animal sold was Lowden Fairfax, christened in 1919 by Mr. McGray, in honor of his farmer friend, Governor Lowden. Bidding was spirited and this offering sold to Ferguson Bros. of Canby, Minn., for \$25,000.

Twenty bulls had been sold today as follows:
Jimmy Fairfax to Law & Roberts, Hereford county, West Virginia, \$9,000.
Stephen Fairfax to Miller & Manning, Council Grove, Kas., \$10,000.
Condo Fairfax to R. G. McDuff, Monroe, Ia., \$14,000.
Cato Fairfax to M. L. Ainsworth, Mason City, Ill., \$5,500.
Jefferson Fairfax to Hickman Bros., Lafayette, Ind., \$8,300.

Production Threatened by Congestion of Freight, Report

NEW YORK, May 20.—Farm production has been seriously affected by the freight congestion, according to dealers in farm implements, seeds and commercial fertilizers in this city. The head of one of the largest agricultural implement firms in the country declared yesterday, in a letter to the Merchants' Association, that in many sections there would be only one-third of the normal crops this year because of the farmers' inability to get seed and implements.

In his letter the dealer says that the interruption of transportation facilities is proving a much more serious factor than the daylight saving law in the reduction of farm produce. "The railroad strike has certainly paralyzed local commerce," says the letter. "In our particular line dealers and farmers are crying for their goods, more especially because of the late season, and yet it is impossible for us to help them out because of the present situation."

Milton, Ind.

MILTON, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. John DuGranut entertained at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William Hussey and family, of near Hagerstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindley Hussey and daughter, Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferris and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warren were their guests in the afternoon. Mrs. Julia Rodgers, of Hamilton, came Saturday to spend a few days with her brother, Willard Williams. The Eastern Star had special work Wednesday evening. The Odd Fellows have roll call Wednesday evening. All members are urged to be present. The 500 club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Harry Manlove. Mrs. Alvin Lowry and Mrs. Clifford Braiden left Monday for Indianapolis as delegates to the general assembly of the Rebekahs. Mrs. Squier received a telegram from Capt. Squier, en route to Sacramento, Calif., to take the position of flight surgeon of the transcontinental mail service. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newton and family entertained at a family dinner party on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank DuGranut, Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Dalley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuGranut, north of Richmond. Morton Warren spent the weekend at Indianapolis with his mother, Mrs. Angeline, who celebrated her 81st birthday Sunday. Mrs. Mary Sells was home from Muncie to spend Sunday.

HOOS GETTING BETTER
Ernest Hoos, 13 years old, who suffered a broken jaw and a crushed foot when he lost control of his motorcycle and collided with a telephone pole at North Twelfth and F streets, last Friday noon, is reported to be getting along nicely. He is at his home, 112 North Seventeenth street. He said he had no idea how the accident occurred.

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The Farm and The Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

While admitting on Wednesday afternoon that we have now had plenty of rain, Frank Jones, of Richmond, stoutly maintains that whatever losses may come to farmers who still have corn to plant, that the benefits from recent rains will largely overbalance them. "No one can tell how much good these rains have done, all over Indiana," said he. "It is simply wonderful, this change in wheat prospects, and the growth of oats and clover, in fact all the grasses." At to corn, Mr. Jones is also behind his schedule. He has 80 acres prepared for corn and doesn't fret him any. "The ground is full of water now and when planted corn will make a quick start," is the way he puts it.

Some Very Fine Wheat.
As to wheat Frank Jones claims that Franklin township has a number of fields that promise as good crops as have ever been grown in Wayne county. Says he has 80 acres which can't be beat anywhere, and that the cover in it is as thick as hair on a dog. Also says that dozens of farmers have told him how greatly their wheat and grass crops have improved within the past few days, owing to the rains.

Fleeces Averaged 14 Pounds.
Ben Foreman, who is farming the old Jonas Gaar place, southeast of town, reports shearing a bunch of ewes whose fleeces averaged 14 pounds. Says he was lucky enough to get in 55 acres of corn between rains and still has 12 acres to plant. He sowed no wheat last fall but has 40 acres of thrifty looking oats. Mr. Foreman is feeding about 100 head of hogs and has 40 head of young short-horn cattle which will be put on pasture shortly.

Thinks Wool Pool O. K.
Gaar Ellason, of Centerville, says he had just gotten his corn planting under way when Monday's rain broke up the combination. He says that the 40 acres of wheat still standing has shown great improvement in past ten days, that timothy is looking fine, and that, on the whole, the rain has been of great benefit to oats and all grasses, but that a few sunny days are now in order. Mr. Ellason is on the wool pool committee which meets at the court house on Saturday night and believes that the pool will be put over.

Arthur Curme is also a member of the wool pool committee and it is his idea that the Wayne county wool pool will be formed. If so, the county will probably be brought to Richmond, put into a warehouse and buyers notified where it may be inspected, and on what day it is to be sold.

Harry Gilbert's Views.
According to Harry Gilbert, who is in close touch with Wayne county farmers, and who is considerable of a farmer himself, these "too frequent rains have gotten on the nerves of

many farmers, who are growing anxious as to their corn planting. They are getting blue over this delay, for corn planting is about a month late right now."

By way of comparison, Mr. Gilbert states that: "Last year I had 25 acres of corn in on April 27, had the last of 80 acres in on May 5, at which time the earliest planted was cultivated for the first time. It is surprising how wheat has developed of late. Looks like a good half-crop, at least and may run better. But our greatest trouble is lack of pasture, though that is coming along now. I have between 400 and 500 head of hogs on feed at a big expense, which should have been on grass before this."

Has Lost Many Pigs.
Mr. Gilbert has had bad luck with his young pigs, having lost fifty head in two nights this week, owing to the rain. "The soaked beds drove the sows into the rain, the piglets followed and were chilled," is his explanation of the loss of these farrowings in the "A" hog houses scattered about the place. As to his wheat and corn Mr. Gilbert states that he has a 21-acre piece of wheat which looks as good as any wheat he ever raised, and 25 acres which may make a half crop. Of the 40 acres of corn already planted some is showing, and he has 50 acres more to plant, for which the ground is ready.

Economy, Ind.

ECONOMY, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Seward Beard spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Charles at Spiceland. Mr. and Mrs. O. Cranor, Miss Carrie Cranor, Mr. James Mumbower were at Richmond Wednesday. P. O. Beckman and family, Mrs. J. B. Swain and daughter, Ina May were at Richmond Thursday. James Mumbower had the misfortune of tearing the ligament loose in his foot, while loading a car of logs Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weyl returned to their town home Wednesday after spending a few weeks with their son, Gus Weyl, and wife, Mrs. Lewis Weyl has been an invalid for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Parker had as their Sunday guests Mrs. Mendenhall of Webster; Lawrence Clark, wife and daughter, Hazel, of Williamsburg; Mrs. Harry Macey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cain and daughter, Helen. Miss Daisy Osborn went to Richmond Monday. Lawrence Hiatt and family of Fountain City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiatt Sunday. Mrs. Wade Kennedy is able to be around again



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FARM NOTES

The fellow who painted the barn down on the old farm last Spring must have been the same chap who has the reputation of painting the town red. As a barn painter, he makes a fine third party in a matrimonial tangle.

If the ducks keep following Louise around when she does her Spring sowing and gobble up all the seeds as quickly as she plants them, she will be able to harvest her fall crop in a thimble.

Seems like the landlord enjoys his job of visiting his fair tenants to collect on the old mortgage. Ah, there, Jimmy—funny how a pretty face can make a cruel landlord change his mind.

If all the farmers in those parts could get a dog like "Teddy," the canine with the human brain, they wouldn't be worried much about hired men and extra hands. Teddy is the only breathing soul that can make a cow do what it doesn't want to do.

Incidentally, Teddy knows how to take care of youngsters, so all you nurse-girls better look out or your jobs will be taken by bright dogs who only want a bone and a warm place to sleep, with no days off at all.

Things ain't like they used to be, "Down on the Farm," since Louise has become popular with the fellows. She's got the whole town sort of upset over a mysterious letter and a photograph of a handsome stranger. Watch your step, Louise, say we.

Never did believe that love's young dream runs smooth, but we didn't figure that the road was quite as rough as it appears in Mack Sennett's big new five-reel sensational comedy, "Down on the Farm."

Life on a farm may be a lovely thing for them that like it, but we would rather be sitting in one of the comfortable chairs in the Washington theatre, laughing at the folks on the screen, than be like the folks on the screen that are being laughed at.

The simple life may be lovely and nature may be grand, but before you buy that little old farm and settle down to the peace and quiet and comfort you hear so much about, better give farm life the "once over" at Washington theatre next week.

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