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AN AGRICULTURAL COURSE AT HOME.

Last year 645 Missouri farmers took a five day course in agriculture without leaving their homes. Nine different communities in as many different counties received the benefit of these courses.

The college of agriculture is prepared to give a much larger number of branch short courses this fall and winter than was possible a year ago. Every community in the state has an equal opportunity to secure one.

BULLISH TONE IN HOG TRADE.

Chicago Drovers' Journal: For a long time packers showed ability to supply fresh pork demand requirements from a quite small volume of hog purchases, but that was before the eastern shipping demand took on speed.

CLASSES OF FEEDING CATTLE

Well Bred Stock Makes Largest Gains and Are Best Investment.

Captain W. S. A. Smith, of Sioux City, Ia., writes in the Live Stock Report as follows: Scrub vs. good cattle in the feed lot.

This at first looks like an easy question to answer. But it is not from a feeder's viewpoint. First, the term scrub steer is vague and covers a large class of cattle.

The country has gone short on hogs in recent months. Sickens cleared the feedyards of a lot of spring pigs and the crop of matured hogs has been short for months past.

LARGER CROPS POSSIBLE.

The Washington authorities estimate that instead of a corn crop of 3,000,000,000 bushels and a wheat crop of 700,000,000 bushels, record breaking though they are, this country on the existing acreage might have produced more than 5,000,000,000 bushels of corn and 1,200,000,000 bushels of wheat with other crop increases in proportion.



Daddy's Bedtime Story

When the Ants Fly Away From Home. JACK and Evelyn had been arguing together. "I told you I saw them," Jack said. "Don't be a silly," Evelyn answered. "Of course they don't fly."

MILK PRICES TO AVIATE

DAIRY LUNCHROOM PATRON EXPLAINS HIGH PRICE OF LACTEAL FLUID.

SMALLER GLASSES NEEDED

Cows Deserting Green Pastures and Verdant Hills Now Going to Paddock Houses, He Declares. Omaha, Neb., Oct. 7.—"Gimme a piece o' apricot an' a glass o' milk," said the philosopher of the pie counter, straddling a stool and sweeping the plattens of pastry with his deep-set eyes.

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of wheat, rye, barley and oats in Germany for 1909 was nearly 39 bushels an acre as against a fraction more than 21 bushels in the United States.

In 1909 the combined yield of these crops in Germany from 24,378,536 acres was 1,371,900,990 bushels while in this country it required nearly three times as much land, that is \$8,944,990 acres, to produce a total of 1,947,965,094 bushels.

The difference is all the more striking because in 1879 the average yield per acre in the two countries was practically the same, Germany's figure at that time being about 22 bushels as against 20 for the United States.

PLAN BIG PEANUT PLANT

Movement to Make Oklahoma City Second Largest Goober Market.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 7.—The peanut may be small in politics but not in trade, as the endeavor to supply the market demand tends to show.

By the time the next season's production is on the listings, Oklahoma City will have become the second largest peanut produce market and distribution center in the entire country.

With this as a basis of operation, Mr. Duncan took the matter up with a number of the leading business men of the city, with the result that ample capital has been promised for the erection and equipment here of the largest factory of the kind on the American continent.

"The erection of such a factory means a great deal, not only to Oklahoma City, but the state of Oklahoma," said Mr. Duncan. "You know that peanuts is a crop that can wait months for rain and then come flying.

A score of acres planted to this crop by the Central Oklahoma farmers will come in handy any year, but during years of moisture deficiency it may spell the possible starvation between profit and loss on the farm.

In fact, wet year or dry year, the Spanish peanut makes one of the most profitable crops to grow in Oklahoma. An average crop ranges right around fifty bushels and for the past two years peanuts have sold from 15 to 20 cents per bushel.

simply looking at it from a feeder's point of view. If a breeder is fool enough to raise common cattle, from common bulls, and sell them at common prices, that is his loss, and if I can buy the thin frame of a three-year-old steer which up to that age has been produced at a loss, that's my profit, if I can make it.

What, then, is the benefit in feeding well-bred cattle? First: They make gain as a rule, the largest gain; they make gain where it counts most.

The direct profits from cattle feeding in the advanced countries in dollars over the cost and after the cattle have been fed three to five months, and if the market goes wrong, it is able to carry good cattle longer and come out O. K. when the common cattle would eat their heads off.

Third: There is the wonderful effect that handling good cattle has on the man himself, which, although it cannot be measured up in dollars and cents, really leads to that. No man can make success of his business who does not love it above the dollar and cents, and when a man likes and handles good cattle, he takes an honest pride in them.

"As for the days of twenty quarts for \$1, it's worse than useless to think of their ever returning; it's simply silly. Time will come when the oldest inhabitant, sitting in the corner drug store, who can remember when Della Pringle was not stalling in her own company, will be plumb stumped when asked about the twenty-for-a-dollar days."

"What's the cause of all this?" asked the pie clerk. "It's a sample of a problem in Fijii algebra," answered the philosopher. "You can't get the dairymen to tell you much. None of them agree on the number of hitches they hitch pretty well on the effect."

"This is how I've got it figured out. Cows are getting scarce. The milk-cow population is being thinned from the pastures and verdant hillides, where for years they have been wont to nibble sweet and tender tufts of grass in the soft shade of the weeping willows, where many a time an' of as the sun has sunk in red an' golden glory, a ball o' fire, behind the western hills, they have lain and chewed—or is it chewed—their cud—lured away by the newspapers with their false stories of the fascinations of city existence, they have forsaken these pastoral scenes for the bright glare of the city houses an' the stock yards, those who in the strength of their noble courage have resisted these temptations an' have remained in the old home place with mother don't give us much milk as formerly. They reason it that grass an' hay are scarce owing to the large number of breakfast foods now on the market an' the increasing demand for such foods.

"If the city man really wants cheap milk he will have to get himself a regular, twentieth-century, city-bred cow—one who has strong in her soul the belief of her Puritan ancestors that there should be plenty of cream in the milk. He must learn to milk her himself an' keep her in a vacant lot on the other side of town so she may graze in peace."

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TEXAS PECAN SEASON OPEN

Industry Has Developed Large Importance in Gulf Region.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 7.—The approach of cold weather means the opening of the pecan season in South Texas. So long this year there has been no frost, and frost is necessary to open the outside hulls which enclose the nuts.

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