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A New Era in Agriculture is Here.

The greatest discoveries, reforms and inventions or improvements and perfections have been attained in human activities only after these things have had their proper conception in the call of necessity, comfort, efficiency and permanency—man's cry for better things and more time for the development of the many human faculties necessary to appreciate and enjoy himself and the world of things in his environment—only after these things have been thought about, talked about, pondered over and written about, have they entered upon the arena of realization.

The custodians of the soil today are thinking, seeing, hearing, and their researches reach even to the ends of the earth, their inspections leave not even the most secret confines of nature unexplored, not the achievements of their fellows. The farmers of Livingston county, Illinois, have the spirit of this new era. Soils, crops, machinery, animals and social needs must answer their questions whether these questions are answered at home or abroad.

On a recent trip of inspection, over one hundred of these men, from fifteen different towns and villages, left their plows in the field and took advantage of an opportune time to study alfalfa, and sweet clover production and the work in general of their neighbors. Approximately three hundred miles and two full days is the record they set.

For its development of congeniality, good will and unselfish interest alone, this trip was worth while. Every individual of the party felt a genuine satisfaction in a common interest. They saw alfalfa in the field ready to be clipped; they saw it newly sown; old fields renewed; the hay in the swath, in the windrow and in the cock, covered with caps and not covered with caps. They say it, and good hay too, in the mow after being drenched with more than a week's rain; they saw it baled in the field from the windrow; they saw big yields and small yields; large yields on poor soil and small yields on rich soil and large crops on rich land, small crops on poor land. They saw it being fed to dairy cows, fattening cattle and horses. They saw it clipped at the proper time, when the new growth from the crown had attained a height of one to two inches high, also too early and too late; they learned how to cure the hay best and

to feed it; they learned that spring seeding is the best when weeds are not bad. They saw it growing successfully upon yellow gray silt, black clay and brown silt loam soils. They saw the effect of crushed limestone and phosphate rock in the production of this crop. On the DeKalb County farm they saw, where these materials were used with barnyard manure, nearly two tons of alfalfa hay being harvested per acre. Two years ago, this land was thought too poor to produce satisfactory crops of corn and oats and impossible for alfalfa. They produced pencils and note books and figured the probable yield of hay in this field for the season. Four and one-half tons per acre some one was heard to say, while another computation put the yield at 5½ tons. Five tons in unison the party cried and the value per acre was then estimated.

"It is worth as much as wheat brand, pound for pound, in feeding value" someone offered. "But wheat brand costs about \$30 per ton," came a protest. "I paid \$20 for alfalfa hay at Barackman's last winter" said another, and so the field discussion went on, resulting in fixing a value of \$15 per ton for alfalfa hay, or a gross income from this old land of \$75 per acre.

"All aboard! the next stop will be Rochelle," calls the leader. "How far is it?" "Twenty miles." Before the hum of autos began someone called in a loud voice, "Hossack, I am going to sow a field of alfalfa this fall."

"My machine registers 165 miles" Sandmeyer was heard to say, as the automobile party halted at the hotel

in Rochelle. From 6 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. is a good farmer's day. "Where is Kirkton" went up a cry as the machines became silent. "Come in boys, I have everything ready for you." "But where did you go?" went up the protest. "I lost you in Aurora and four other cars did too, but nevertheless we saw a plenty going through Kane and DeKalb counties." "We fell in with Eckhardt, County Agriculturist of DeKalb Co. and he led us through a number of beautiful alfalfa fields and a splendid dairy country."

After supper discussions of the day's events ran high. Silos and silo material, tile, cement blocks, staves, solid cement and wood staves; Ames observed that only three wood silos were seen on the trip and that the larger number were solid cement, while the more recently constructed silos were of tile. It was agreed that some of the most remarkable things observed about alfalfa are that when it is put into cocks, it sheds water excellently and that even when rained upon heavily in the swath, it yet makes fair hay; also that there is a great possibility in alfalfa as a green manure crop to be plowed under the same year it is sown. The consensus of opinion was that it makes a much larger growth in the same time than red clover, which is used in this way extensively and the seed is cheaper.

There was a healthy hum of automobiles the next morning by 4 o'clock. Yes, the farmers—the "new farmers" were up and getting ready for the second day's inspection work.

"Today we are to study sweet clover" went the rounds. What did they see? They saw sixty head of horses and cattle being pastured upon twenty acres of sweet clover and making substantial gains; they saw twenty acres of this crop which was pastured in the spring, afterwards clipped and now stands for a seed crop, after which a green manure crop will be awaited and plowed under. They saw sweet clover in spring wheat which is now over ten inches high. They heard, while standing in the midst of the sweet clover field, a two hour discussion on sweet clover, by the biggest and most successful grower of sweet clover in Illinois. This discussion was illustrated with the crops themselves.

"How do you propose to manage this sweet clover crop?" was asked while the party stood in a field of spring seeding. "I will either pasture or make ensilage of the crop after the wheat crop is removed." "Next spring it will be pastured and in the summer clipped, after which a seed crop will be harvested, and following the seed crop, a green manure crop will be plowed under." "The butts of the wheat bundles will carry about six inches of sweet clover; this will make the straw more valuable for manure or feed." "This fall's crop of sweet clover, or the first season's growth, will make 1 to 1½ tons per acre." "The seed crop following will produce from three to six bushels per acre and then a ten inch growth will be developed and plowed under for green manure." "I shall put most of the sweet clover which is clipped into the silo," continued Mr. Graham. "This saves any loss in curing for hay and makes a more palatable and digestible feed." "I pasture sweet clover in the spring, summer and fall, both early and late, and feed sweet clover ensilage in the winter." "My object in growing sweet clover, however, is primarily to maintain the fertility of my soil."

Can he do it? Three tons of crushed limestone and inoculated seed, at the rate of 12 lbs. per acre, gave him these results. "Limestone and inoculation are absolutely necessary for sweet clover production," says Mr. Graham.

"We are about 100 miles from home" announced the leader, "but there is ample time before dusk to make the trip." "The party will stop at Starved Rock and Deer Park for rest and lunch—at these places some of the prettiest scenery of the state is to be seen."

"It all sounds like a fairy story," said someone, "but I saw these things myself and know they are true." "So long, fellows, I will see you July 1st on the special train to the University and Experiment Station Farm."—Roy C. Bishop, Agent, U. S. Dept. of Agr.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Death of Miss Laura Meier.

Laura Amanda Meier, daughter of Henry and Minnie Meier, was born November 26, 1878, in Goodfarm township, Grundy county, and passed away at her home in Dwight June 16, 1914, at the age of 36 years, 6 months, 21 days.

She was a member of a large family, five sisters and two brothers, four sisters having preceded her to the Great Beyond, three in infancy and the other, Mabel, died four months ago.

She leaves one sister, Pearl, at home and two brothers, Arthur and Jesse, who reside in Goodfarm, and her parents and a large number of other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Meier home, Rev. G. H. McClung officiating. Burial took place at the Goodfarm cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and assistance at the time of the death of our daughter.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY S. MEIER
AND FAMILY.

Celebrations.

Cullom, the only "wet" territory in Livingston county, will celebrate the 4th.

Lexington, McLean county, will celebrate the 4th in good, old style. Morris, in Grundy county, will have a big celebration the 4th. Bishop Falls, of Chicago, will be the orator of the day.

Kankakee, in Kankakee county, will also celebrate the 4th.

Verona, in Grundy county, will celebrate in fine style the 4th. A fine program is assured by the Modern Woodmen.

Methodist S. S. Picnic.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday School was held at Bergman's Grove Thursday, about 250 being in attendance. Automobiles and other conveyances took the merry picnickers to the grounds where a delightful day was spent, all enjoying themselves immensely, both young and old. There was plenty to eat and no accidents occurred to mar the happiness of the occasion.

Morris Reds Win Fast Game.

Sunday at West Side Park the Morris Reds won the third game of the season from the F. L. Smiths. The game was fast and exciting from start to finish. The Dwight batters were unable to hit Enger's pitching. Three hits was all they were able to get, Burns making two and Boyer one. In the third inning Flood made a sensational one handed catch of Boyer's line drive to center and robbed him of a hit that looked good for a home run. Frank sure has the jinx on Boyer as he has robbed him of a home run in both the last games played by almost impossible catches. Ketcham also hit in hard luck, two drives good for home runs going foul by only a few inches.

The Reds scored their only runs in the seventh and ninth. They had men on bases often but their best batters were unable to get the necessary bingle to bring them in.

This is the first time the Morris Reds have been able to hang three consecutive defeats on the Smiths and naturally the fans are feeling quite jubilant. We don't blame them for rejoicing while they can. The season is

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long and the F. L. Smiths will endeavor to even up before it is ended.

FRANK L. SMITHS.

| | R. | H. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|----|
| Erenaisa, cf | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miller, 3b | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Boyer, c | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Ketcham, 1b | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Trecker, lf | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Gutel, 2b | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Naas, ss | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Burns, rf | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mickelson, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |

MORRIS REDS.

| | R. | H. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|----|
| Woods, cf | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kutz, 1b | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Enger, ss | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Flood, cf | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| W. Miller, 3b | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Gleghorn, rf | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H. Enger, 2b | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Enger, c | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| I. Enger, p | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Two base hits—W. Miller, Wood, Flood, Boyer, A. Enger. Three base hit—Wood. Struck out—By Enger, 8; by Mickelson, 5. Base on balls—Off Mickelson, 1; off Enger, 1. Double play—Roy Enger to H. Enger to Kutz.

Sunday, June 21, F. L. Smiths vs. Livingston Parks at Interurban Park. Thursday, June 25, F. L. Smiths vs. Livingston Parks at Interurban Park. Sunday, June 28, there will be a game at West Side Park. Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5, F. L. Smiths vs. Morris Reds at Morris, Ill.

Announcement.

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