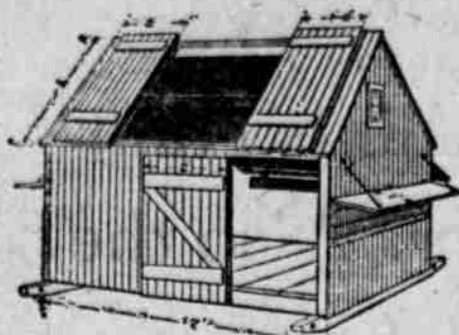


**Excellent Type of Structure Used at Government Farm.**

Structure Presents Very Attractive Appearance and Has Proved Satisfactory in Service—Details of Construction.

There are numerous forms of individual hog houses constructed to be portable and adapted to accommodate a sow with pigs, or two or three hogs. Almost every portable house that is built possesses certain features peculiar to itself and rendered necessary by the circumstances which it is intended to meet. The type of hog house described here has been successfully used on the government experimental farm at Beltsville, Md.

This house presents a very attractive appearance and has proved satisfactory in general service. It is simple in construction and possesses all the essentials of an ideal hog house. It can be moved from place to place whenever desired. The perpendicular

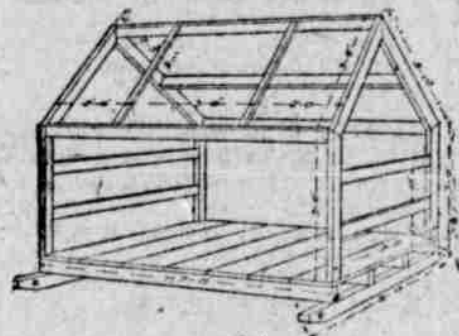


Front and End View of Portable Hog House; Roof Open for Sunshine, Back Open for Shade.

walls furnish plenty of floor space, which can be used to good advantage. The doors, ventilators, and roof are so arranged as to provide for ample fresh air and shade. The wires fastened to the roof and lying on it serve to hold up the back for ventilation and to shade the ground. The back is swung open and the hooks that hold it shut are hooked in these pieces of wire. In the winter the house can be closed to shut out the cold winds and the roof opened to give fresh air and sunlight to the interior.

In moving the house a good way is to take a chain or a strong rope and fasten it to the runners through the holes bored for the purposes, fasten to a clevis, hitch on a team, and take the house wherever desired.

The runners are the foundation of the house and should be of sufficient dimension (3 by 6 inches) to hold the house well off the ground. Wood which is short-lived and decays when

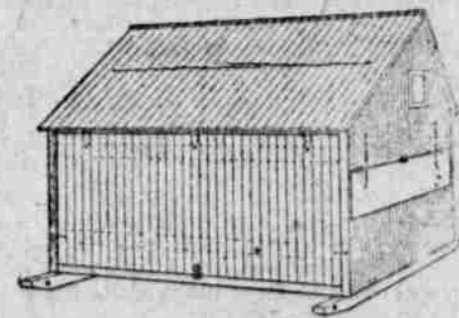


Perspective of Portable Hog House, Showing Framing Details.

placed in contact with the ground can not be recommended. The more durable woods are fir and cypress. Two joists are used to stiffen the floor, so 1-inch material is of sufficient thickness to make a good floor. The frame is built of 2 by 4-inch material.

The house is covered with 3/4 by 2-inch tongued-and-grooved pine boards which is very tight and sheds water. Ten-inch shiplap could be used satisfactorily and will reduce the cost of building the house. A satisfactory fender is made by fastening 2 by 4-inch pieces flatwise 6 inches from the floor. Fenders are absolutely necessary for the protection of the young pigs.

Paint will aid in prolonging the life of the house as well as improving the



Back View of Portable Hog House, Showing the Ventilator and Back Closed.

appearance. Any good paint which will stand the weather will be satisfactory, but two coats should be given to thoroughly cover the wood. The inside of the house can be given a good coating of whitewash. This will give it a clean and sanitary appearance.

**Keep the Saws Sharp.**

Some men sharpen saws about as they do their razors. The more they sharpen them the duller they are. Now there is some man in your neighborhood who can sharpen saws. Go and ask him to give you a few pointers, and then let them point. A sharp saw is a blessed good thing to have on the farm.

**Money Wasted.**

No use working hard and scrimping to buy a nice thing for the farm or home and then let it spoil out in the wet, or use it as if it had no feelings.

**Sixty People Attended Monthly Meeting at Home of Wm. Rust, Sr., North of Alliance**

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the home of Wm. Rust, Sr., four miles north of Alliance, on Tuesday. The number of people present was estimated by a Herald reporter at sixty, and the meeting was an enjoyable one.

Dinner was served at 12:30 o'clock "a la Boston" style, and it was the finest we have ever had the privilege of enjoying. It was a genuine, old-fashioned home-cooked chicken dinner with all the "trimmin's and fixin's" that go with it. We ate and ate as only a newspaper man can eat when he gets next to a square meal, and finally became ashamed and quit. And the good housewives observed our appreciative and longing glances toward the still well-filled table and provided us with a goodly sample of each cake to "take home to the folks". We now know from experience that the farmers' wives of Box Butte county are without a peer when it comes to knowing what to cook and how to cook it.

After dinner had been eaten and the men had enjoyed a smoke in the warm spring weather outside, the meeting was called to order in the parlor by Alex Lee, vice president. Browne Griffith, president, was compelled to leave early and was unable to stay for the business meeting. Alex Lee acted as chairman, and Mrs. L. M. Beal as secretary. Art Groves, secretary of the club, was called away with Mr. Griffith.

Lloyd Thomas of The Herald was called on first by the chairman. Lloyd stated that after the big dinner he had more on his stomach than on his mind, but talked for a few minutes, telling of the good work which had been done by the club and speaking of its future, and telling of the relation of the newspaper and the farmer.

F. M. Seidell, Box Butte county farm demonstrator, was called on and spoke on "Marketing Problems". Mr. Seidell has the confidence of the farmers, and the talk made by him was instructive. The following discussion brought out many points of interest and resulted in much good to all present. Other things brought up by Mr. Seidell was the monthly Farmers' Exchange bulletin, the first issue of which was published February 1. He told of coming meetings at which experts will be present from the Department of Agriculture, and urged that every man, woman and child make it a point to attend these meetings.

Mr. Seidell also spoke of the demand for potatoes in Texas for seed and said that he is looking up the markets there. He called attention to the boys' and girls' club work and the educational value of a county fair. D. E. Purinton spoke on crop

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reports. Several new members were admitted. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Browne Griffith, president, March 21.

**Traveling Men Appreciate Local**

Beginning last Monday the Burlington started running its local freight from Alliance to Guernsey instead of from Bridgeport to Guernsey. The local leaves Alliance at about 4:30 o'clock in the morning and gives traveling men a chance to get onto the river territory early and make much better time.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to extend our thanks to the many friends, and especially the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Central school and the Freshman class of the high school, for the kind assistance and sympathy extended in our recent bereavement in the death of our husband and father.

Mrs. T. F. Brown and Family.

**WANT NEW VIADUCT**

Petitions Are Out Asking Burlington to Install New Viaduct Under Tracks in West Alliance

Petitions are being circulated asking the Burlington railroad to construct a "viaduct, elevated crossing or subway" over or under its tracks between Platt and Emerson avenues, starting on Second street and extending across or under the tracks south. This is on the road to the stockyards west of the Rowan & Wright elevator.

Another petition being circulated at the same time is addressed to the state railway commission asking the commission to order the viaduct. Persons who are acquainted with this kind of work estimate the cost of a viaduct at approximately \$14,000.

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**C. L. Powell, One of Box Butte County's Prosperous Farmers, Tells of Trip East**

The people in the east have come to know Alliance through the publicity secured by our Commercial Club. C. L. Powell, a prosperous Box Butte county farmer living two miles north of the city, made a trip to eastern points late last fall, returning just before Christmas.

While stopping at Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Powell was amazed to find that Alliance was as well known there as Omaha or Denver. Mr. Bartlett, head of the firm of Bartlett & Sommer Manufacturing Company, a large firm, told Mr. Powell that he made a trip through last summer and stopped over in Alliance for half a day. He told Mr. Powell that "Alliance was the best town between Chicago and San Francisco." Mr. Harrison of the Harrison Brick Company, a mammoth concern, told Mr. Powell that although he had never been west he had read much of Alliance and thought it must be a large town and a live one.

Mr. Fisher of Fisher & Sons, the largest department store in the United States, when he learned that Mr. Powell was from Alliance, expressed a wish to see the town about which he had heard so much and read so much.

**HOWARD HERE 28TH**

Burlington Immigration Agent Will Confer with Local People Regarding Immigration

S. B. Howard, immigration agent for the Burlington railroad, will be in Alliance Monday, February 28, for the purpose of taking up the proposition of encouraging settlement in Box Butte county. A special meeting of business men and farmers of the county has been called at the city hall for that evening and it is urged that those who want to see the county settled up with more farmers be present and submit their ideas.

Mr. Howard will tell at the meeting how some other towns in the west are solving the problem of getting settlers for the vacant agricultural lands.

The speaker of the evening at the annual banquet of the Alliance Commercial Club, to be held Wednesday, March 8, will be Henry Augustus Buchtel, chancellor of the University of Denver. His subject will be "The Pleasantness of American Life".

The Hillsboro (Ohio) Dispatch says: "For eloquence, diction, rapid action, intensity of thought and humor Governor Buchtel's lecture surpassed anything ever heard in Hillsboro." Hear him at the Phelan Opera House March 8.

**Delaware Station Poultrymen Confronted With Hen Which Laid 314 Eggs in 365 Days.**

Not very many years ago the 200-egg hen made her appearance. She was not greeted with open arms by poultrymen, but was rather considered to be a freak—an exceptional being that would not perpetuate her kind. Her cool reception, however, was no more than over before the 200-egg hen became a "common" occurrence. In the four Missouri egg-laying contests 749 hens (or 10%) laid 200 eggs or over. The individual record last year went to a Buff Wyandotte with 247; F. The Connecticut contest, a Rhode Island Red laid 257 eggs in the same period.

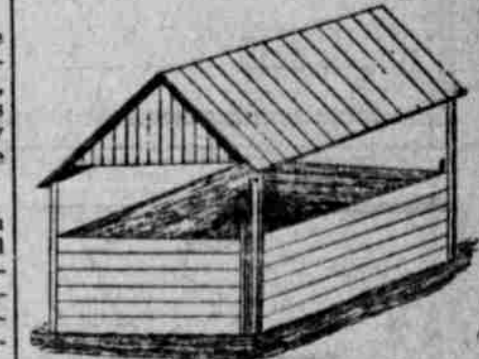
But with the close of the Philadelphia-North American contest at the Delaware station poultrymen are confronted with a hen which laid 314 eggs in 365 days; Oregon hens have also produced over 300 eggs in a year. How is the 300-egg hen being received? Almost in the same way as was the 200-egg hen. Wonderful strides have been made and will be made to get high producers. But the real problem before poultrymen is to perpetuate the egg laying qualities which have been developed. The 300-egg hen may soon be classed in the same way that the 200-egg hen was classed a few years ago.

Poultrymen may well be proud of what they have accomplished, but they cannot rest satisfied until they perpetuate the desired qualities. And that takes years of experience and careful selection.—Orange Judd Farmer.

**MANURE IMPROVES THE SOIL**

Important, Especially in Garden Operations, That Fertilizer Be Rotted or Composted.

Manure adds plant food to the soil, and it also improves the texture or physical condition of the soil. This latter effect is often its greatest value. If one wants mere plant food alone, he may often do better to add it in



A Covered Manure Shed.

some more concentrated form. It is important, especially in garden operations, that the manure be rotted or composted. This is accomplished by letting it decay in piles. The compost pile should be flat on top and from 3 to 5 feet high. Cow manure is the most desirable for garden or house plants. It does not burn or lose its strength, and may be kept for a number of years if piled under shelter, becoming more available each year. It mixes well with soil and leaf mold. When once rotted, this manure is very nutty and easily assimilated by plants.

**CULTIVATION FOR CORN CROP**

Keeping Surface in Fair Condition and Free From Weeds Will Be Found of Greatest Value.

In view of the common belief and practice that corn should be cultivated frequently experiments conducted on an Illinois farm are quite significant. One field was left uncultivated; on a second weeds were cut with as little disturbance to the soil as possible; on a third cultivation was given in the usual way. The first had almost no crop; the second gave 47.3 bushels of corn; the third 42.9 bushels. In other words, lack of cultivation was better than cultivation provided the weeds were kept down. The reason evidently was that corn, being a surface feeder, was able to get more plant food on uncultivated soil. Similar results were said to have been secured even in dry years.

While experience seems to indicate that abundant cultivation is good for most crops, with corn there is good reason for believing that as shallow and infrequent cultivation as will leave the surface in fair condition and keep the ground free of weeds will be of most value.

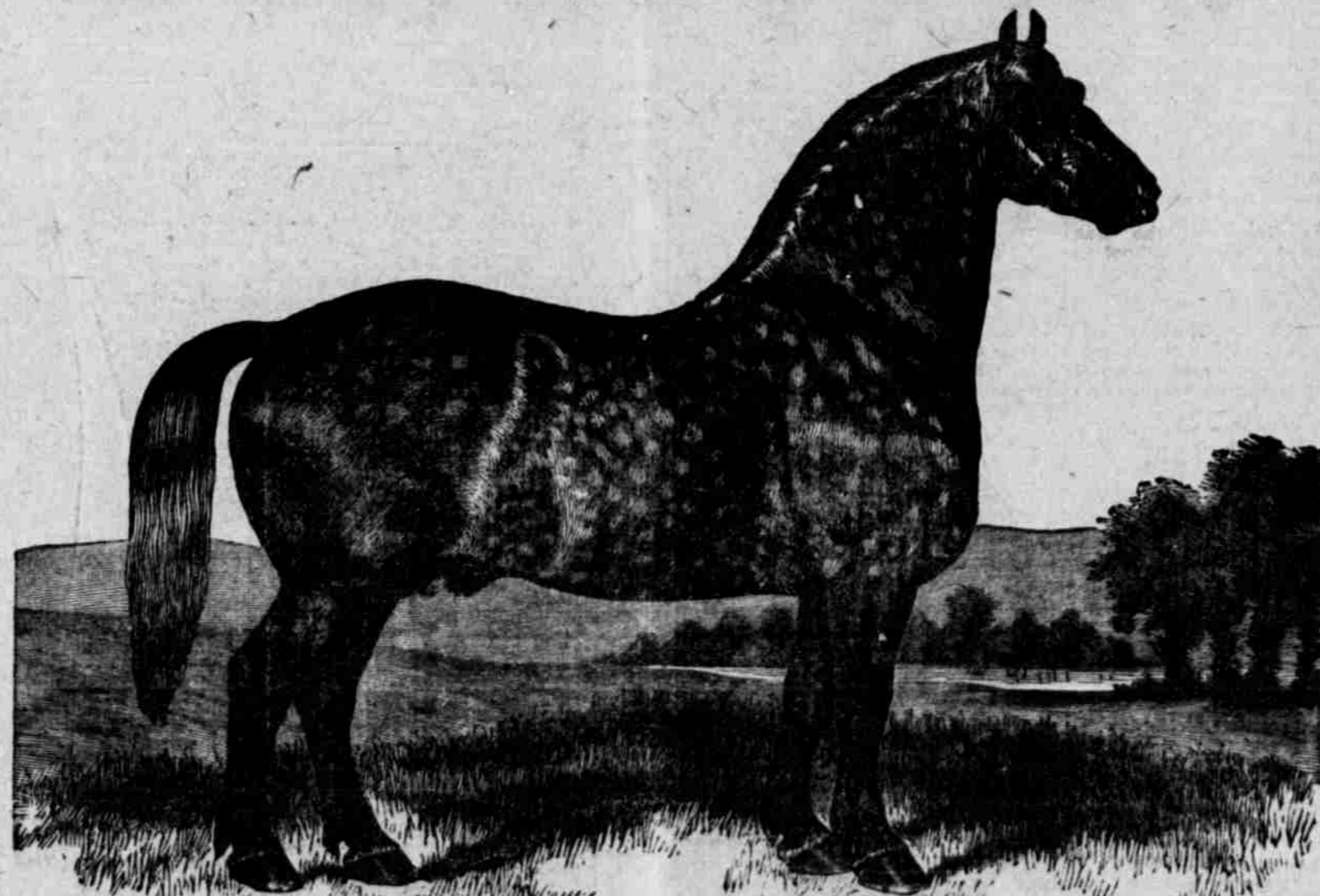
**CROWN GALL IS INFECTIOUS**

Communicated From Tree to Tree and From One Plant to Another—Many Plants Affected.

Crown gall is an infectious disease and can be communicated from tree to tree and from one plant family to another. A partial list of the plants upon which it occurs naturally and upon which it has been produced by laboratory inoculation includes the daisy, tomato, potato, carnation, peach, rose, cabbage, grape, hop, sugar beet, turnip, red beet, carrot, radish, chrysanthemum, oleander, marigold, pyrethrum, almond, clover, white poplar, Persian walnut, gray poplar, cotton, alfalfa, raspberry, geranium, apple, willow, quince and tobacco.

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