

## SECOND SILO RAMP

Last Friday Was Spent in the Vicinity of Hemingford—Farmers Are Enthusiastic

Last Friday, the second trip of the silo campaign was taken in the country surrounding Hemingford. The weather was fine and all meetings were well attended by the farmers. The first day was also fine, but not so well attended by the farmers. The average attendance at the meetings around Hemingford was thirty-five, and around Alliance forty.

The start was made from Hemingford with seven cars. The first meeting was held at Joe Reiman's farm, southeast of Hemingford, where the pit silo just finished was observed, and the building, cost and methods discussed. Following this, Prof. Fransden gave a very interesting discussion on silage. He forcibly brought out the point that a balanced ration is as necessary when feeding ensilage as with any other feed. Afterward, Prof. Fransden gave a demonstration how to select a dairy cow.

The next meeting was held at the farm of Barney Halbur. The crowd was here treated to a surprise, as well as at Mr. Reiman's. After the lunch was served, Mr. Wood gave a detailed talk on silo construction. He took up the different types of silos from the standpoint of durability, cost and satisfaction. The point most strongly emphasized with the pit silo was plastering the walls with a rich mixture of cement, and with the upright silo was properly anchoring the same. Bulletins were also distributed here dealing with construction of silos, kinds of silos, and devices for removing the ensilage.

In the afternoon, the first meeting was held at the farm of E. E. Addy, west of Hemingford. Prof. Fransden, with a fine example of a desirable dairy bull at this place, gave a talk on the selection of the herd bull. He pointed out the fact that with pure-bred stock, the bull is one-half the herd, but that in raising the standard of the grade herd, he is more than half. He also pointed out the fact that men often made the mistake of buying an untried animal, and that very often the one of great value to a neighbor was left to the last at the meat block. Mr. Addy then talked of his pit silo, and pointed out how it had increased his returns. The bad effect of having a silo too large in diameter for the size of the herd was pointed out at this place.

Next the well-improved and well-kept farm of Mr. Robinson was visited. At this place a stave silo well anchored was studied by those present. Mr. Adams, who is on the farm, gave an interesting talk on what the silo had meant to that place and how well both his horses and cattle had wintered on the ensilage. Many questions were asked and answered.

The last meeting was at the pit silo in the farm of E. F. Abley. Mr. Abley built his silo last summer, and according to Mr. Christensen, in charge of the Hemingford Creamery, his returns from the same cows last winter were twice that of the previous winter.

This silo campaign was held at the expense of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska College of Agriculture, the Box Butte County Farmers' Association, and the business men of Alliance and Hemingford who gave their time and cars toward making this a success. It was intended for the farmers. Many who needed the information most were not reached. Now, Mr. Farmer, how many of you felt the need of more and better feed for your stock last winter, the same as for many winters before? The testimony of your neighbors having used silos shows that the silo has a place, and will fill a great want in Box Butte county.

### GAS IN SILOS

A Simple Test That Will Determine Its Existence

Gas may form in a silo at the time of filling and for a week or so afterwards. This gas is heavier than air and so will settle in the silo. As soon as filling the silo is started the falling silage will stir up enough air currents to drive out the gas. A good way to determine if there is gas in a silo is to lower a lighted lantern. If it goes out, it will be safe to go into the silo. At the Athens (Ohio) State Hospital farm four of the patients went into a silo to tramp the ensilage and were overcome. The fifth one noticed what happened and help was called. It was about ten minutes before they were taken out, and it was too late to save them. This was an above-ground silo. The silage had settled three feet during the night and was about five and one-half feet below the door opening. It will be well when filling pit silos not to go into them before some silage has been run in, or to use the lantern test.

## BUSY GAME WARDEN

236 Persons Arrested During Last Biennium for Violating State Fish and Game Laws

(By special correspondent)  
Lincoln, Neb., July 21—That Gust Rutenbeck, Nebraska's chief game and fish commissioner, is a busy man is attested by the following facts:

During the last biennium the commission has caused the arrest of 236 persons charged with violations of the game and fish laws: 176 of these were convicted and paid fines; 16 jail sentences inflicted. The total fines imposed and paid to the various county treasurers amounted to \$1,485.70. The number of unlawful fishing nets, traps confiscated and destroyed during the past two years were \$22. Twenty-one seines were destroyed during the year of 1913 by the different local and spe-

cial game wardens. A great many lines having more than the legal number of hooks thereon have also been destroyed. In every case where fish were found in those traps they were released. During 1912, over 2,800 pounds of fish and three deer were confiscated and given to the poor. Fourteen grouse, twelve prairie chickens, five ducks and 60 other birds were confiscated and given to state institutions or poor people. During 1914 several kind of game and about 700 pounds of fish were distributed among the different state institutions.

In the past week Mr. Rutenbeck has brought two men to trial at Lincoln who were charged with dynamiting fish in Salt Creek. One of these men plead guilty to the charge and was fined \$100, the other being bound over to the district court.

The collection of occupation taxes of domestic and foreign corporations doing business in Nebraska, which are paid in to the office of secretary of state, Charles W. Pool, during the months of May and June, amounted to a total of \$35,177. As the domestic taxes become due July 1, and the foreign, August 1, the above amount was early in the coming. The collections for July promise to be larger than during any previous July since the law went into effect.

The issuing of motor licenses and number tags from the department of state during the past three months has made that department a very busy place indeed. Six to eight clerks have been actively engaged and although many thousand auto owners have already been supplied the end is not yet, and the work goes merrily on.

E. A. Walrath of Osceola, the newly appointed deputy commissioner of printing, took charge of his office the first of this week, succeeding N. J. Ludl of Wahoo, who has lately accepted the postmastership at his home city. Mr. Walrath is most eminently fitted for this new position.

Fred C. Ayers of Holbrook, owner of the Holbrook Observer, has been named by State Auditor Wm. H. Smith to succeed Wm. B. Eastham as deputy auditor. Mr. Ayers is eminently qualified for the position and will make a most worthy successor to Mr. Eastham, the latter having shown rare proficiency in paring down claims. Mr. Eastham will soon be installed in his new position, being appointed the new insurance commissioner for the state of Nebraska, where he will shine with efficiency.

Phil F. Ackerman, the well known deputy hotel commissioner, who has been in poor health for some months, has gone to Rochester, Minnesota, with the hope of securing relief through a surgical operation.

## NOT AN EXPENSE

Silos Are Just as Much an Investment as a Team of Horses or Any Other Improvement

The silo trips last week are going to do a world of good for the farmers, and there is no doubt but that next year will find Box Butte county with twice as many as there are now.

The farmer that uses business methods in his agricultural work is the one who reaps the greatest benefit. When he buys a new cow, or a hog, or a team of horses, he does not consider it an expense—he figures it as an investment or he would not spend money for such purposes. So it is with the silo, and the sooner the farmer learns this, just that much sooner will he commence to realize the full benefit of his labor and the satisfaction of having a fat bank account.

If a farmer had \$250 that he could put out at 15 per cent interest, would he grasp the opportunity? He surely would. While the silo may not in all cases bring back 15 per cent, it will miss it only by a small margin. And the one great feature is that the silo is permanent—it's there from year to year to bring large returns on the investment.

The farmer would call the money paid out for a cow an investment—good if she paid him a profit, bad if she proved to be a "boarder." And what is said of cows applies with equal force to steers, young stock and sheep. Ensilage and clover or alfalfa, with a little ground feed, make an ideal ration for milk cows, and that worry's gone.

Another reason why the silo pays big returns is the fact that it forces the stock to consume large quantities of water. In cold weather the shrinkage in weight or the falling off in milk is often due more to too little water than too little feed. And where the stock drinks from a tank in the yard, this shrinkage is a regular thing every fall. Then there is the crop insurance feature of the silo to consider.

About the best way to figure capacity is to allow 35 pounds per day for old and young stock, on a basis of six months' feeding. This means three tons per head, and it is safest to add at least one-fourth to the total tonnage to allow for the increase in the herd. It is a common mistake to build too broad and too low. In the old silo sections, where they know best what is wanted, they are building tall, narrow silos. They feed out a sweeter, better-kept ensilage, as less surface is exposed.

There are a number of good make silos on the market, and the prospective buyer should learn the good and bad points of all of them before he makes a purchase, for he should see to it that his money is placed right.

Alliance business men want to cooperate with the farmers in raising more and better crops, and they believe the direct road toward this result is bordered on all sides with silos.

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And one other point: It's FIRST AFTERNOON that we want you to begin going to the Chautauqua. Don't wait until the last—and then wish it could all be repeated for your benefit. And if you have half the enthusiasm we believe you have, you'll declare that this one day was worth the price of the entire season ticket.

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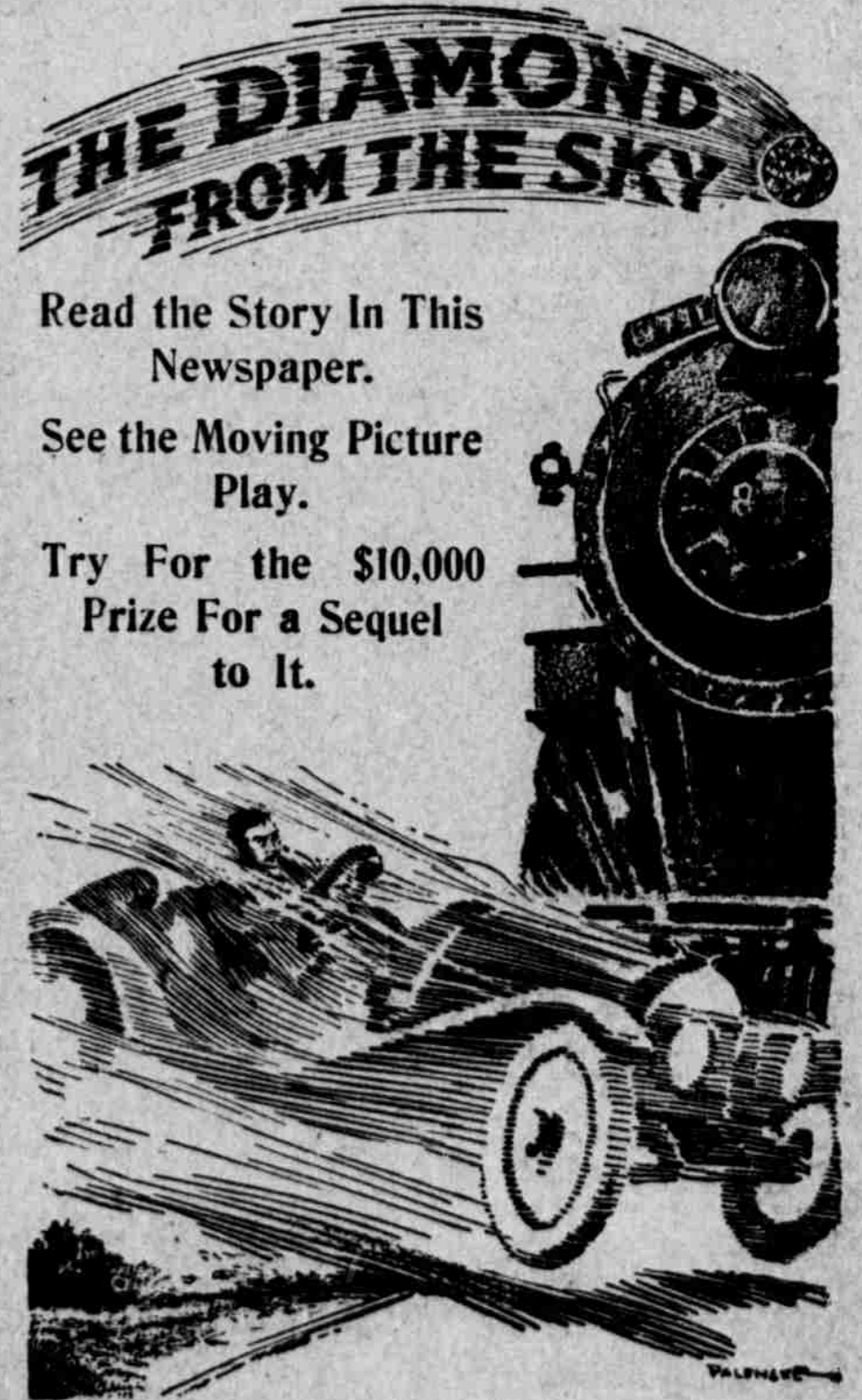
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