

FARMERS SHOULD ROLL GROUND TO PROTECT WINTER WHEAT CROP

Professor Pugsley of the State University Advocates This Method of Protecting the Wheat From Exposure Due to the Ground Cracking and Allowing Air to Reach Roots.

Farmers of the state of Nebraska are facing a peculiar situation, which may result in a big loss in the winter wheat crop unless proper precautions are taken to overcome the condition.

According to Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the extension department of the university, the ground where winter wheat is planted is badly cracked, the result of the heavy snows and rains of the early part of the year. The cracks, which are three to five inches deep in many places, expose the roots of winter wheat to the air, which may result in much of the wheat being killed. In addition, the surface ground is baked, caused by the rapid drying of the ground. Because of the making of the ground much of the moisture is lost. The two conditions threaten the winter wheat.

To remedy the condition one solution is offered—that of rolling the ground. Professor Pugsley advises a thorough rolling of the ground within the next week or ten days, a corrugated roller being preferable. By rolling the ground the cracks will be filled up and in addition a mulch will be formed which will prevent the loss of moisture. If a corrugated roller cannot be secured, a smooth roller may be utilized to good advantage. But under all conditions the ground should be rolled. According to bulletins on file in the bureau of publicity of the Commercial club of Omaha, wheat

yield can be materially increased by a systematic rolling of the ground.

"Rolling winter wheat in the spring has not failed in any of the four years it has been tried at the university to give an increased yield," says Professor Pugsley. "The average increase has been 5.4 bushels per acre. The rolling was given early in the spring, soon after the frost was out and about the time the growth started. Harrowing after rolling was not as good as rolling alone. Early spring rolling of winter grain, pressing the earth firmly about the plant roots, produces good results. When frost comes out it is apt to leave the soil filled with small cracks. This is the condition this year, because of the heavy snows and freezes. The stand in Nebraska this year is good, practically up to the average, and the prospects for a bumper crop are good. But the cracking of the soil must be attended to. The remedy is so simple that I believe every farmer in the state will take the proper precaution. The condition is general and not confined to any particular locality, though it is a trifle worse in some parts of the state, where the precipitation was unusually heavy."

Bulletins have been prepared on rolling of wheat. These may be had free of cost by writing to the Bureau of Publicity of the Commercial club of Omaha, or the Nebraska Experiment Station.

DEVICE FOR CATCHING MAIL BAGS

Can Equip Stations for Operation at an Expense of About \$30 Each.

One of the most important of the automatic mail catching and delivering devices is owned by a Nebraska company, and offices have been opened in the City National bank building, Isaac Gurwitsch and George Rahe. Demonstrations will be given daily in the office of the company on the ninth floor of the City National bank building in Lincoln.

The mechanism of the American Automatic mail catcher is not complicated and a station, it is said, can be equipped for operation at an expense of about \$30. Floyd Rainey, one of the inventors of this device, is a brother of William Rainey and Chief of Police Ben Rainey of this city, and James Rainey of Union.

Endorses Sam Hinkle.

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Helpers of Omaha local lodge No. 38, at their meeting April 4, 1912, endorsed Samuel Hinkle of Havelock for state railway commissioner. This lodge includes all of the contract shops in the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. This demonstrates the fact that Mr. Hinkle is the logical candidate for that important office, as he has always been the friend of the laboring classes.

Mrs. Chris Wohlfarth and daughters spent the day Saturday in the metropolis.

JOHNNY ATTENDS WRESTLING MATCH

Vallery Needs Training, Spence is Great—A Battle Between Strength and Science.

well, we all decided to take in the wrestling match, so we beat it right up to opra house and bought 2 tickets wich they had nerve enough to soke us 50 coppers a peice. well we didn't mind as long as we were to see sumthing, well any ways we gott rite in the font row and the first one bgun, which didn't last long i ferget the exact time, anyways that big "rube" from mynard jest threw "ace" edwards down in a jiffy, which i didn't like no how, cause you see it was this way, i had bet 2 bits on "ace" edwards with mike flynn, and i jest didnt want to lose it as you see i only earn 2 bones a week, which isn't much for a feller like me, but i was game sport, wal we had a few minets rest, and went to it again, now this time i jest got up in my chair and hollered for "ace" like a auctioneer at a sail, cause i knowed what was in "ace," he is a little cus but he has nerve and grit and is preety strong and above all he is quick as greased lighting, and is by no means stiff, he is like those limber fellers you see in the shows, wal i jest started to beller for "ace" with all my mite, wal they wrestled about 10 or 15 minets and suddnly that big "stiff" from mynard got a toe holt and sunthing else on "ace" and floped him over on his back and i thought for a minet my wizard of the mat was gone, but suddnly i woke up and let out a holler that you could heard at mynard if you had been thar, wal i coaxed "ace" and talked to him till i got him in the notion not to give up to that mynard "stiff," wal you ought to have seen that boy "ace" work he jest floped around and broke all of holls that that mynard stiff ever knew, why sport i jest knew "ace" could do it wal they wrestled for about 40 minets when that big feller what was referee stoped them and told us that they would have to stop the match as they wanted to stage the big event, well we didn't like this at all but he jest wouldn't let them finish so they brought out a guy, from louisville nebraska, what is champion of eass county so they said, and gave us fellers a knock down to him they called him "spence" wal then they brought out a big husky powerfull feller who they called "vallery," wal now i knew rite away that if "vallery" had any sience he could eat 3 or 4 like "joe spence" in 10 minets, but sience is just what "vallery" didn't have but he did good any ways, he showed the fellers that strength could break some of the best sientific holls, why "joe spence" tried to weaken his neck which he couldn't do, as "vallery" has a neck like iron, wal after about 20 minets or more spence threw "vallery" wal then we had a cat nap fer a while and then they went to it again wal this time it only lasted about 10 minets when "joe spence" threw "vallery" again making 2 out of 3 falls, wal this ended the show and we all left fer home, some mad and some glad, i was rather mad cause they hadent let my man "ace" edwards go to a finish, i know that he can throw that big "stiff" from mynard and some time in the future he will prove it. johny.

Died on Operating Table.

A special from Elmwood, under date of April 14, says: "One of the largest funerals held in the history of Elmwood was held yesterday from the German Evangelical church and was that of Mrs. Otto Flesman. Her death came as a great shock to her friends, as she had not been seriously ill and even her husband was not aware of her condition and did not arrive in Omaha until after her death. She died on the operating table under the influence of the anaesthetic. Mrs. Flesman was 32 years old and leaves a husband, mother, one sister, Mrs. Marie Rosenow, and three brothers, George and Henry Olerking of this place, and the Rev. Mr. John Olerking of Atkinson, Nebraska. Rev. Mr. Janan had charge of the service."

Grain Cleaning.

I have just purchased a new cleaning machine and am prepared to clean all kinds of grain and grass seeds; also seed corn. Alf. Nickels, Route 1, Murray.

For Sale.

Light Brahma eggs for setting. Price 50 cents per setting. Mrs. Wm. Gilmour, R. F. D. No. 1, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Taken to His Home.

Alvin Meisinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Meisinger, of Eight Mile Grove, who fell in his parents' dooryard and broke his arm a week ago, was taken home Saturday, having been in this city since the accident. He is doing as well as one can under the circumstances, but it will be some time before the lad can use his arm.

AN OLD-FASHIONED EASTER EGG "FEED"

Plenty of Eggs and a Rollicking Good Time in Jack Oak Timber South of Town.

A rollicking crowd of men and women, young and middle-aged, met in the Jack Oak timber at Alvin Range's place at 8:30 p. m. one day last week and enjoyed an old-time Easter egg roast. Refreshments, consisting of hot and cold boiled eggs, roast potatoes and apples, were served up in the latest style by Chef Rex Young, assisted by Lloyd Lewis.

The guests were made comfortable, seated on Jack Oak stumps and bent saplings, and the cool spring evening air only served to whet their already keen appetites. The chef and his assistants prepared the feast by placing three iron kettles over fires kindled from dead Jack Oaks, and into the kettles were placed twelve dozen eggs, four dozen in each kettle, while under the kettles, in the hot ashes, a few pecks of potatoes were roasted to a finished brown. The apples were served as nature left them.

An informal program was arranged after the egg feast, and to put the performers in a happy frame of mind Lloyd Lewis favored the company with a violin selection on his new "Sears & Roebuck" fiddle. Miss Clara Young, on request, recited "The Swedes in Minnesota," which brought down the Jack Oaks. Miss May Lewis gave a reading, "When Father Carved the Berk," a selection which also brought forth a great deal of applause. Earn Bintner then sang an effusion from Mozart, "Mother's Teeth Will Soon Fit Sister," which brought down the leaves.

After the program was over it was discovered that the chefs had missed one basket of the eggs, a small item of five or six dozen, which had not been "touched." It was decided to raffle these and the one drawing the proper number should take the lot. The fortunate holder was Joe Creamer, who held the unlucky, though this time lucky number, "13," and carried the hen fruit away in triumph. It was 2 o'clock a. m. when the tired and happy company quit the Jack Oak timber, and when they reached their homes dawn of day was beginning to streak the eastern sky.

Those signing the guest's book were: Alvin Range, Lloyd Lewis, J. E. Wheeler, F. H. Range, Wayne Lewis, Percy Wheeler, Edgar Creamer, Leo Bintner, W. A. Wheeler, Will Oliver, Joseph Creamer, D. A. Young, W. Rex Young, Harry A. Range, Mesdames F. H. Range, Albert Wheeler, A. O. Range, D. A. Young, Misses Clara Young, Rose May Creamer, Thelma Range, D. Fern Barkhurst, Susie Bintner, Lillian Wheeler, Eva Bintner, May Lewis and Catherine E. Bintner.

Buys Venner Property.

W. H. Venner and wife and daughter of near Murray were in the city today to close up a deal and make the papers for their residence property at the corner of Tenth and Pearl streets. Charles L. Martin is the purchaser of the property and will take possession of the dwelling very soon. As soon as abstracters can complete the chain of title the deal will be closed. Mr. Martin is getting a desirable property and is a block nearer town than his former residence.

Funeral of Pioneer Lady.

A special from Elmwood, dated April 14, says: "The funeral of Mrs. Creamer, mother of M. I. Creamer of this place, was held this afternoon from the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Davis conducted the services. Mrs. Creamer was 83 years old and leaves six children. She, with her husband, homesteaded here in an early day and she has spent the greater part of her life in this vicinity."

Red Polled Calves.

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CORNER SIXTH AND MAIN ST. PHONES 100-03 AND 101-03

NEHAWKA News.

J. E. Banning and Jimmie Peterson received their guns last Wednesday that were stolen from the depot in February.

Mrs. D. C. West and Gladys were passengers to Lincoln on the early train Monday and Dave, who is constitutionally opposed to early rising, followed on the noon train.

Henry Heebner was over from Murray Sunday shaking hands with his many friends in this community. Henry says he is well satisfied with his new job, but he gets rather homesick for Nehawka at times.

Mrs. J. M. Palmer, who has been in a hospital at Oskaloosa, Iowa, for the past two months undergoing treatment, came home Wednesday. She has had a long siege of it in the hospital and her many friends will be glad to know that she is greatly improved in health.

The farmers are busy seeding oats and preparing their ground for corn. They say a good dashing rain would put the ground in better shape to work, but are satisfied with conditions as they are. The ground is full of moisture and the outlook for crops at this time of year was never better.

Rev. Van Buren came home from Omaha Wednesday, where he has been in the Methodist hospital for the past two weeks. The operation, whereby one of his eyes was removed, was a complete success and it will be but a short time until he is recovered. The eye, which had been blind for years,

was becoming inflamed and was threatening the other, hence the operation.

Last Thursday afternoon Henry Knabe's hay barn caught fire from a spark from an engine from the wood sawing outfit at his place and in spite of all they could do burned to the ground in a short time. There was nothing in the barn but a little fodder and the loss is confined principally to the barn, on which we understand there was a small amount of insurance. Mr. Knabe just built the barn last summer.

A cartload of dirt moving tools and horses were shipped in last week from Omaha, and Monday morning about a dozen "skimmers" unloaded from the flyer prepared to go to work at the Van Court quarry on the hill, stripping. This is one of the best quarries in the country, but there is an immense amount of dirt to move before they get to the rock.

Makes Lively Runaway.

W. M. Davis started to town this afternoon and stopped at O. Gilson's on a business errand. While his gray nag was tied to a post an auto came along and frightened the animal and it broke loose and ran to town, bringing up at a telephone pole on South Fourth street, breaking the buggy and doing considerable damage. Mr. Davis followed the horse to town and found her tied to a post with the buggy not far away, the shafts broken.

White Plymouth Rock Eggs.

White Plymouth Rock eggs for sale at \$3.00 per hundred. Mrs. Geo. A. Kaffenberger, R. F. D. No. 2, Plattsmouth.



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