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State Farm Notes.

The farm is putting in a new cinder sidewalk leading from Thirty-third street to the farm buildings.

Messrs. Stilson of York and Ashburn of Gibbon, farmers' institute speakers, visited the station yesterday.

Prof. H. R. Smith and S. W. Perin, foreman of the farm, are in attendance this week upon the closing exercises of the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan.


Complaint is general out at the farm of this being such a backward spring. However, with the weather permitting, the small grain plots will be started this week.

Chester G. Marshall, the nurseryman in the horticultural department, has resigned and will leave April 1. His place will be filled by James Carlyle, formerly foreman of the Jefferson county nurseries. Mr. Carlyle will have charge of the landscape gardening. He is an old experienced ornamental gardener, having received his training in Scotland.

The department of animal husbandry has just published in press bulletin No. 18 the result of a pig-feeding experiment at the station. The object was to determine the relative value of alfalfa, wheat shorts and skim-milk to supplement corn for fattening pigs. Twenty pigs, uniform in type, were placed in four lots of five pigs each and were fed from December 2 to February 24, each lot receiving different rations. The results of the experiment show that at market prices and in the proportion used, skim-milk will make corn bring 4c more per bushel, wheat shorts 8c more, and alfalfa leaves 9c more. Assuming that only 5 per cent of the 252,000,000 bushels of corn produced in Nebraska this year is being fed to hogs as a single food, these figures would go to show that over one million dollars more wealth could be added to the state if wheat shorts or alfalfa were substituted for one-fifth of the corn fed.

Prof. T. L. Lyon, in a recent bulletin on "Macaroni Wheats," records the results of 100 tests conducted in various parts of Nebraska, principally in the west central part of the state. Seed of several varieties of macaroni wheat was distributed by the United States department of agriculture through the Nebraska experiment station, each experimenter receiving one bushel of seed. The test was planned to cover the following points: First, the productiveness of macaroni wheat as compared with other spring varieties or with winter wheat; second, the portion of the state to which it is best adapted; third, the varieties best suited to growth in this region. The average yield of all macaroni wheats tested in 1902 was 18.3 bushels per acre. From the data at hand it is safe to say that macaroni wheats yield better than other spring varieties; but how they compare in this respect with winter wheat in western Nebraska can not be definitely stated at this time. The growing of macaroni wheat in western Nebraska promises to add a new and useful crop to that semi-arid region. The department has just received an importation of this wheat direct from Egypt, India and Arabia. It will be used in an experiment similar to the one noted above.

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Engineering Society Notes.

Mr. Van Ness, the manager of the Lincoln Gas and Electric Light company, spoke to members of the engineering society last evening. The practical work of an electrical engineer was taken up and thoroughly discussed, together with the relation of the engineer to the management of the plant. Good, sound advice was given in regard to formulating estimates for different modes of lighting and the many practical points to be taken into account which a young engineer is liable to overlook.

Vern Hedge, chairman of the committee to arrange for the engineering society banquet to be held April 25, asks that all engineering students expecting to attend give him their names so that arrangements can be made to accommodate all who will be there.

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