

Agricultural Department

What Next on the Farm?

The close of harvest, so far as the small grains are concerned, by no means ends the farm work for the year. It does, however, give a breathing spell after the busy, in which farmers may profitably ask themselves, "What next?" This is really the beginning of the new agricultural year, the time when the amount of seed and winter grain sown next month will depend on the farming operations of 1918.

There is little doubt that in most sections farmers will make some money this year. It is important to almost everybody, as well as to themselves, that they should use this money—that is, in the way to make it produce as much more as possible. This it can do by making the most of it.

Do not sow the largely-increased acreage of wheat that you had nearly completed in 1917. It may be enough to sow a little more than the average, for farmers are hopeful about wheat, and what is sown in hope is apt to be done well, provided too much is not attempted.

There has not been money enough made the last year to warrant speculative movements of any kind. It is not safe to put on little spare cash into any one crop. If you have a spare as badly off as before, and more plow than you can use, and more seed than you can use, and more land than you can use, and more money than you can use, and more time than you can use, and more health than you can use, and more everything than you can use, and more nothing than you can use.

Improve the breeds of your cattle, sheep, and hogs. You may at least improve the breed of your hogs. If you have to live your life in a few years your hogs will be half-bred, and except for breeding, nearly as valuable as thorough-breds. The first step money that farmers get, ought to be to create a large stock of good, thorough-bred pigs, hogs, and hares, and what we believe will do so.

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BLACKEBOARDS

A teacher who will allow a form, a week, or a day even, of school to pass without using, or having pupils use, the blackboard, deserves to be dismissed as unfit for the position; and yet Superintendent Keeney reports that he frequently finds the blackboard (3 feet by 6 feet) blackboard of wood, almost or wholly ignored by the teacher, on some such excuse as "the directors have forbidden such an expense."

Every department of the building is made up of blackboards, and each teacher should be enabled to earn much more monthly than if deprived of them. It would be economy in the end if directors would surround every district school room with blackboards, and then insist on their use.

Reading, writing, spelling, geography, grammar, arithmetic, will be most successfully taught by constant use of this instrument. It is important to almost everybody, as well as to themselves, that they should use this money—that is, in the way to make it produce as much more as possible.

At the County Teachers' Association, recently held at Orwell, a committee was appointed to arrange studies and grade our schools—the plan to be submitted through the directors for adoption. This has been done in several counties, greatly to the advancement of education there.

No teacher is so egotistical as to feel that nothing is to be learned from visiting for a day or two and witnessing the actual school work of others; yet many fail to avail themselves of such opportunities. We have always embraced every opportunity when about the county or when visiting towns and cities, to spend as much time as possible in the schools, and many of our most useful methods of teaching were thus obtained.

It has never been our fortune to attend a session of the Association that has not been attended or seemed more interested and desirous of making everything pleasant than at Orwell. The morning session of Friday was well attended; the church was filled to overflowing, and in the evening we heard that many were unable to get inside the church. The session on Saturday was crowded. A gentleman, some years ago a resident of Orwell, said: "Orwell is a miserable place for schools, but second to no other for educational gatherings."

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