

FARM INSTITUTE TRAIN

Large Crowds Greeted the Farmers' Special at Cooperstown Last Thursday.

The farmers' institute and demonstration train arrived at Cooperstown last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock schedule time and remained here until 5 p. m., when it left for McHenry. Notwithstanding the fact that the circus was here and was a big drawing card to the people this special train was visited by hundreds of farmers interested in better farming and those in charge of the train were kept busy demonstrating and giving lectures.

Forty towns were visited and the attendance was over fifty thousand. A royal reception was received at each stop. The train contained nine cars of exhibition material — some thirty lecturers from the Agricultural college. Two sleeping cars and a diner were also provided for the accommodation of the lecturers, while Mr. Barnham, who is in charge of the train for the railroad company, had a special car for his use.

THE LESSONS.

1st. Live Stock. Improve the stock by using a pure bred sire of the best type. When the proper kind of stock is well cared for and liberally fed they bring splendid returns.

2nd. Poultry. The proper housing and feeding of poultry need not be expensive, but it must provide the conditions that the chickens need. The poultry industry is one of the largest in the United States, equal in value that of wheat.

3rd. Home Economics. Modern conveniences can be had in the country home as well as in the city.

4th. Seed. Sow only the plump and brightest seed. Treat it to kill plant disease germs that are on the outside. Rotate the crops.

5th. Chemistry. Plants remove plant food; therefore feed it to stock and return manure to land. Read the labels on food and medicines and beware of fakes.

6th. Veterinary. Diseases like tuberculosis and glanders can only come into the herd by being brought in. First test to find out that the herd is free, then do not bring in diseased animals.

7th. Dairying. Feed the cow well. Ensilage is a good roughage. Weigh and test the milk and cool it as soon as drawn.

8th. Agricultural. Sow only pedigree or a high yielding strain of different crops. Conserve the moisture and rotate the crops.

9th. Horticulture. Hardy trees, shrubs and flowers will do well in North Dakota if cultivated.

There was also a bigger lesson—that agriculture is the fundamental

industry. The railroad has given evidence of this in furnishing this train, the largest that has ever been sent out for demonstration purposes and furthermore in that it gave the train the right of way over all tramas on the road.

On the part of the people great interest was shown in learning more of the science of agriculture, as the attendance was large, on nice days running from 1500 to 5000. The business men showed their interest in the work by helping to pay the expenses of the train, by furnishing entertainment for those who came, by decorating the town, bringing out the brass band; by doing everything they could to welcome the train and those who came to learn.

T. A. Hoverstad, Supt. of Farmers' Institutes, had charge of the lectures and exhibits. It is of interest to know that this train was made possible by donations, as there was no money from the state to be used in running it. The railroad furnished the train, the agricultural college the exhibits and lecturers, the farmers' institute the management, and the towns helped pay the running expenses. It shows what can be done when people work together.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given, that the Farmers' Co-operative association of Shepard will hold its annual stockholders' meeting at the schoolhouse near Shepard, N. D., on Monday, the 8th day of July 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., according to its by-laws, for the purpose of selecting a new board of directors and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.
R. S. LUNDE,
Secretary.

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A Hero in a Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a light-house keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is he might have been a wreck himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50 cts at all druggists.

F. W. Soule, the eyesight specialist, will be at Allen's jewelry store again Wednesday and Thursday, July 3 and 4, prepared to examine defective eyes and fit glasses when needed. Don't miss this chance.