

AGRICULTURE.

FALL PLOWING. We do not recommend that fall plowing be done indiscriminately. The proper time to plow must be determined by the intelligent farmer.

The greatest advantage arising from plowing naked fallows in the fall, especially where the soil is of a compact clayey nature, is that more of the subsoil can be safely plowed up, and the action of the frost, sun and air during the winter upon it, will disintegrate the particles of the soil, and render them available as plant food.

Lastly, it is particularly beneficial to fall plowing where the soil is disposed to pack and become solid, and impervious to the action of the frost during the winter. Such a soil should be thrown into ridges or narrow beds of not more than six paces in width, and thus keep the ground comparatively free from water, which finds its way into the dead furrows.

Low, wet, clayey lands should be plowed a trifle deeper than usual, so as to bring some of the subsoil to the surface. Land plowed in this way can be planted or sown much earlier in the spring, than it otherwise could be.

Among the various reasons for fall plowing compact clay lands are the following ones: It loosens the soil so that the frosts of winter can penetrate it deeply; it benefits land greatly that has previously been plowed when it has been too wet; it enables the farmer to sow or plant his spring crops earlier; and lastly, because there is usually more leisure time for doing it.

FALL SOWING OF TIMOTHY. I cannot agree with your excellent correspondent, F. L. of Trimble county, Ky., in regard to the position taken by him, that the best time to sow timothy seed is in February, instead of September.

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ANOTHER BIRMINGHAM IN THE FIELD.

General Sherman, President of the Republican Candidate for the Presidency, The Indianapolis Work-The District Investigation.

A strong combination is in progress to make Gen. Wm. T. Sherman the Republican candidate for the Presidency, and it is confidently asserted that in a very short time it will display very formidable proportions.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The Babcock Trial-Finchback Getting Discharge-Reduction in Expenses, &c.

WASHINGTON, February 14. Several of the Washington correspondents for the opposition in the Babcock case returned to this city this morning, having concluded their testimony on Saturday.

General Babcock is showing visibly the effects of his illness. He is not able to work to-day, no one being permitted to interrupt it. There is no doubt that it has reference to the pending trial.

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Spirits Turpentine

The Greenville Journalist (Thursday) says "a success."

Mr. Charles Harriman is preparing to issue a Conservative paper at Mount Airy.

Two citizens of Lincoln, Messrs. Lawson Houser and S. A. Saine, have, each of them, chopped off a foot while cutting wood recently.

Bro. McDowell, of the Charlotte Observer, has been spending a fortnight in New York, looking up his wedding 'tuds, says the Home.

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