Farmers' Forum and Monthly Digest

Another Chance To Make Good

(By The Editor.)

It is well that there is a mark on ed with sadness, reminding us of the days. essing of time and that life's journey our experience during the year and we make the whole world kin. are glad when the time comes to

the county who had made a failure of there is in us every day.

as they come to us, as they surely will in this good year of grace. And may Every new year is a fresh begin- we go bravely and happily to the work ning. Listen, Oh soul, to the glad re- of the year that lies before us and in the words of Elizabeth Hardy:

meet, as it were. Too many of us this old grudges, our misunderstandings and the more respectable his fammarking on the cycle of time is attend- and animosities into its fair new

is lessened by another year. It is said dantly, to serve more cheerfully, to be er depend upon his parents and that on the chapel walls of St. Gilzen, less critical of the faults and the others for support, in which case posed to have these pleasures in the winter if he lives on the farm, there is this motto: "Look not mourn- weaknesses of others, and to try hard- about the only good he is to human- the winter, if he lives on the farm,

hature without fear and with a manly and souls to the divine vibrations that into the world to live more or less how passionately the boy longs for However, every new year is a shall attune our natures to the love, by his wits. beginning. Sometimes disaster and charity, and helpfulness that nd hard luck as we call it, have been bring us closer to all humanity and

hang up a new calender and try, try worry, and cultivate the spirit of must collect in some way, and as playfellows, as well as parents to cheerfulness, to look on the bright a rule he often lands in jail. It is the growing boy, if he is to benefit Some years ago a good farmer of side of things, and live up to the best a noteworthy fact that the majority by the beautiful relationship. To go

by his own, told us that the fail have faith in God and our fellow men, ty-eight; and we suspect that in would rather stay at home and toast d winter seemed to drag wearily to accept our blessings joyfully and as as he waited impatiently for an, bear our burdens bravely, and to keep ther chance. He longed for the length- our eyes constantly lifted to the hills ming days and the inspiring twitter from which cometh our help. So shall of the blue bird's bugle call to the we be prepared for all that the New be human breast and with this hope, the good wishes which we extend to ckened with a determination to others he returned to us in full meastake the very best of each opportunity are pressed down and running over.

How to Build Up Soil!

The farmer who expects to balld ing for two or three years. crops, and grow them profitably, do his deep breaking often fails in other line, then, unless he sets to all the games dear to boyhood on should give special attention to the one or more respects. When the top work and learns it, he is in very very important part of getting a deep soil has dried out sufficiently to be serious danger. have never really succeeded in corn- plowed, the top soil is usually dry to learn. The probability is that he all the happier and all the younger growing. This is most largely due to enough to bread in clods. It is al- will get lower and lower in the

ing, the manner of breaking and the place before planting. condition of the soil and subsoil, Without a deep soil the farmer can or week's work, anything that will should all be considered in doing such not obviate the detrimental effects of get him into the closest kind of ing fall and early winter is the best dry weather. In wet weather his dry weather close contact with actual life have evil if it is repressed. Let him have because we get the beneficial effects they fail for lack of moisture. The met eften with these derelies, who the run of the barn; give him a sections of North Carolina there has ing should be noted. A deep, porous, living. Some of them are coilege should be thrown up in ridges, or ten out. But with humus and with They insist on doing work that is "edged up," rather than left flat. The proper drainage, deep breaking is respectable, but they have at learnsubsoil should not be put on top until good for both.

The farmer who waits till spring to he fact that they have never properly most impossible to make a good seed scale until he finds some occupadeepened their soil by ploughing. All bed on cloddy lands without much tion where all that is required of big yields of corn which have been rerolling and pulverizing. Often the him is brute strength. And this is
needs to hear the old man talking appear to be strictly "legitimate," but are laid by. With spring breaking, ever to be a man; for there is not!:- of his happy winter days on the farm the fact remains, nevertheless, that

work. Other things being equal, dure the two extremes, wet weather and contact with human realities. of the atmosphere and of the freezes thoughtful, successful farmer, there- have attained their majority and good sled; and don't refuse him the for several weeks before spring plant- fore, is watching conditions and is more without paving acquired any time to use it. several weeks before spring plants fore, is watering conditions and is indeed without rating acquired the several weeks before spring plants fore, is watering conditions and is rated or business by which they come on the several is your velyable. In some permit, Two exceptions to deep plownot yet been sufficient rainfall to pre-sandy soil, without a clay subsoil, is lired; some have been raised in fine vent deep plowing now. Of course not benefitted by deep breaking un- families; some have high conneccare and judgment should be used to less a crop of humus is turned under. tions; and yet there is nothing they ascertain that neither the top soil nor A low, wet soil, needing drainage is can do. They say an effect: "1 Can the subsoil are too wet. The land not benefitted unless the water is got- not dig: to beg, I am assimel.

Deep Plowing

This is the season of the year when jaded, will be lacking in the spirit farmers are very apt to have attacks which they felt two months earlier as custom them to werk. He can do of the "horse-swapping fever." Colds they left the stable of the desier. The tout Second, let him train them in and La Grippe are frequently preval- mules will "come back" all right by in the idea that the world does ent during the winter months but with and by, if they are sound and hardy; the return of the balmy breezes and and so will the farmer but he will wish ment for the services that they can equitable weather of spring they are many times before he gets "back" that render. The higher the service they estopped and their effects soon pass he had worked old Beck and old Tom can render, the greater the payoff. Not so with this annual epidemic two or three years longer.

The ment to which they are entitled, whether they ever get it or not. They of the "horse-swapping fever." While "But," says the farmer, "You advothe active outbreak of the disease cate deep plowing and we can not do will cease with the planting of the it without good stock." This is honest men in the world place a high crop, the effects of it will be felt to be active outbreak of it will be felt to be active outbreak of the disease with the planting of the it without good stock." This is honest men in the world place a high

attack the farmer who has just recently gotten out of debt and has a some other farm.

The average service life of the mule site on society. About the most helplittle surplus cash that he can call his on the farm is probably not over ten less man in the world is the man own. He jingles it in his pocket by years. If this be true you are losing whoh as no business or calling, no day and counts it occasionally at say one-fifth of the service life of the work that he can do at least reasonnight. He feels like a colt turned out mule by trading him before the end ably well.—Wallace Farmer. to pasture in the spring after being of the period of efficient service. At shut up in a close stall all winter. He present prices of stock the farmer is is full of life and hope. The sense of paying in addition to the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists and those who think is that when the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the gists are considered in the cost of the freedom and independence is delightfeed, about thirty dollars per head the Rocky Mountains were built it ful, animating, inspiring. In the exuberance of his spirit he plays the colt and cripples himself or runs into the wire force. He will be remind. to the wire fence. He will be remind- but we can lessen it by good manageed of his cuts and scars while doctor- ment. This can be done by working iness as well as they think they could ing the sore shoulders of the soft the old teams as long as they render mind others,' there would be fewer young mules that he swapped for, efficient service. Begin to plan now heartaches. Before the hard ground is all broken, for replacing them at the end of the

***** SELF RELIANCE

crop, the effects of it will be felt true; but are you sure that old Beck estimate on honesty. throughout the year and, in some ca- and old Tom can not pull your plow ses, for several years. This is espe- just as deep as the pair of game, high- if the father does his duty and cially true in the fall of the year, strung four-year-olds? The mistake treats him as a father should treat when very distressing and trouble that is too often made is in thinking a son, he at least has the foundation some sequelae are often manifested. that our old mules are worn out be- essential to success; industry, econ-This disease has cost the southern fore they really are. We trade them omy and the good constitution, with farmers millions of dollars annually. off for a song when they would do what education the rural school af-It swoops down on the small two two or three years good work. The fords. Then he should determine horse farmer and at one fell blow trader trims them up neatly, feeds what business he would like to folsweeps away his pair of good old faith- them well for a few days and sells low, and during all the early years ful mules and all the surplus of from them for 50 per cent more than you of his life say: "his one thing I get for them in the trade. They do do." If this policy is followed he

both he and his mules, now badly service period. The cheapest way to do this is to raise one or two mule colts every year. You can put them to light work when they are two years

old and break them in which the break them in the product of the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation as suicide; that he must take himportality, that though the wide world is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestow-bim but his probably cost him seven hundred to the him but through his toil bestow-bim but hough his toil bestow-bim but his probably cost him seven but his though the two stock best of the flow the stock best of the t H. Q. ALEXANDER.

the cycle of the year, where the ends the New Year, and take none of our stands. The more respectable he is, "Let us resolve to love more abun- which he can do well, he must eith- these? fully into the past, it comes not again. er to rectify our own imperfections. ity is as a consumer of provender and often he does; but sometimes thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy "Let us resolve to open our hearts and clothing, or he must go forth fathers and mothers do not realize

Usually a man of this kind has very little moral stamina, and he will come to the conclusion that the childhood. "Let us resolve to turn our backs on world owes him a living, which he of our criminals are young men be- shooting with father may seem crop from causes, not as he thought. "And, abouve all, let us resolve to tween the ages of twenty and twen-little thing to the older man, who vestigation would show that the rea- his feet before the fire; but to the son why these young men are crim- boy it is the initiation into maninals is because they have no bushood; it brings to him the feeling iness which they understand. The that comradeship between his fathancient Jews required every man to er and himself will be a matter college-bred, and yet he had learn so apt to marry without consulting maker; so that whereever he went in sport as well as in work. humanity.

to reach twenty-one without being will not care to wear his best started toward learning a business clothes, and it's likely that he will makes the mistake of his life. He be indifferent to the presence of has one of the bset lines of bus- girls; but he would like to go out iness in the world; but if the boy in the barn and have two or three is too smart to farm (that is, thinks of mother's big apple pies, and a jar he is), and wants to follow some of doughnuts to eat while he plays

The young man who goes out into The time of doing the deep break too, very little weathering can take ing that will stiffen up a limp back to know how truly bright these homebone so surely as doing day's work by pleasures shine in the dullness fect of increasing the crowd and lend-Without a deep soil the farmer can or week's work, anything that will of after life.

ed to do any respectable work. Their mode of life, their training, lus rave no means of gratifying them If they have no moral backbone they become cicks. The only sale way is that of the p odigal son. When they get down to husks, there is then some 1-ssibility of developing some soit of nanhood.

If the farmer wishes his children to be a blessing, let him first ac not owe them anything except payment to which they are entitled,

If the boy does not like farming, The disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for two or three years on the disease is especially liable to good work for the good work for two or three years on the good work for two or three years on the good work for the good

old and break them in with the old

days "back on the farm" has an en. clously turned back to the soil, canchantment which is never forgotten. not help but bring large farm prof-To coast and skate and snowball the its. parson and the doctor, and make snow forts, and have glorious pitched battles; to pull candy in the Among the most helpless of human kitchen with a crowd of "the felbeings is the young man without a lows;" to eat an enormous Christ-"First, let us resolve to be fair with business which he thoroughly under- mas dinner of turkey and apple pie -and to reast chestnuts and pop corn before the open fire! Is there ily, the more helpless and hopeless any pleasure that the artificial world he becomes. If there is no one thing has to give which can compare with

them, nor how much it will mean to his older years, if he can look back upon these happy, happy times of

Father and mother should be big learn a trade, whether he was ever which the coming years will give likely to use it or not. Paul was him in increasing measure; he's not ed in his youth the trade of tent- his father if they have become one

a country where tents were need- | An dif mother will give a party ed, hec ould be of some service to now and then for Tom as well as for Bess, she will be rewarded far The farmer who allows his boy beyond her dreams, Tom, to be sure,

which can be so easily procured in is especially true in regard to corn- subsoil is still too wet to be plowed the world without a business of some the winter days, should not be emgrowing and is valuable for all crops. without considerable injury. By the sort must either steal in one way or ployed by the older members of the Southern farmers, taken as a whole, time the subsoil is dry enough to be another, or else he must set to work family; mother and father will be for enjoying a good laugh with the boys and girls.

Blessings never seem so bright as

Let your boy play, father and mother; it's the surest outlet for

Animal Manure

vocating the use of commercial fer- particuate in this year's renewal, tilizers to the exclusion of the home owing to several good and sufficient reasons. In the first place given them arge wants, and they made manure product. This is far there was a pretty openly expressed from out intention. No farmer can opinion among the amateurs themafford to ignore the fertilizing value selves-especially those that hailed existing in his annual manure crop. from the far North-that the gentle-It is an asset on every farm where men's cup races decided at Moncrief live stock is kept which merits the park last winter were not strictly "up best and closest attention. Aside and up." In other words, a lot of parfrom its worth in supplying the soil tiality was shown local talent. Then, with valuable plant foods, it helps too, there wer whispers of "shootins" wonderfully in keeping up the sup-among the rank and file of turf patply of humus and in making the me- edrons that, though probably unfoundchanical condition of the soil what it ed, roused the ire of the simon-pure sould be. Every soil needs ani- riders. Therefore it is hardly probamal manure, and every farmer should ble that the Northern society element depend upon barn-yard manure to will be prominently represented this aid him in maintaining that proper year in Jacksonville's amateur affairs. made fertilizer should be considered men riders throughout the country In addition to its use, and as sup- to the staging of a big amateur cup plants and crops and at a cost which usually can be afforded.

mercial fertilizers will ruin land is and exclusive use of the commerdifficulty in the way of a deficiency of vegetable matter in the soil. Proper quantities of vegetable matter must be returned to the soil from crop harvests. Commercial fertilizers They are not supposed to. It must systems of exclusive grain farming ried out, crop yields prove its efficiency.

Then there is the live stock system in which the manure plays the large part. This system, or at least a combination of the two systems,

tarian diet. Methods which will work out economically in producing a proper balance in the world's food supply and at the same time prove sufficient in meeting growing peeds will mean much ing growing needs will mean much Even to the jaded city man, who to producers. An intelligent combinahas been long from the old home, tion of live stock and grain in which the memory of the happy winter both manure and fertilizers are judi-

> provisions for work on Sunday. The new version worker suggests spending Saturday afternoons pushing the ox into the ditch for an excuse to spned ed means. But there are places in our than living on rented land. Sunday getting him out.

ANGLO AMERICAN ARBITRATION TREATY.

London, Jan. 7.-The project of reviving the negotiations for a gen-Anglo-American arbitration treaty upon thes ubject of which President Taft is sounding the senate committee on foreign relations, at tracts comparatively little interest here. Few of the newspapers express an opinion on the matter. Undoubtedly the British governnent would meet the United States half way. The Liberal party is particularly favorable to such an ar

however, is that the senate may block thep lan and the English your rents would pay annually toward statesmen are not anxious for a repurchasing a farm? petition of the experience which was had with the Hay-Pauncefote treats

Sensation Sprung.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 7.-A sensation was developed yesterday in the involuntary bankruptcy proceedings here against the Silbernagie Company, limited, wholesale brocers, by the testimony of M. Silbernagle, president of the company. Following the testimony of public accountants that an examination of the company's affairs showed are about land. A friend of mine a deficit of \$157,362.89. President Silbletters stating that dividends were being paid and profits realized by the company. He said he had signed these statements without investigating statements furnished him by his bookkeep-

The company is indebted to several New York and Chicago banks. The assets are given as \$156,652.96 and the liabilities \$214,015.85.

COLYER ON RACING

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a couple of those Pensacola fiascos the presence of such races has the efing social distinction of the proceed-

Recent announcements by the Jack

sonville management convey the intel-

ligence that it is the intention of 'Curley" Brown and his associates to stage a renewal of the old cup race which featured the sport at Moncrief asion nearly all of the famous gentlemen riders in the country had mounts in the race and they attracted to the local course a crowd equally as Important | the local course a crowd equally as large as that which witnessed the running of the Derby. It is vain to think, however, that such a high-class gath-We would not be understood as ad-ering of amateur riding talen would

plant food balance and physical es- So much for Moncrief park and its sentials so necessary to profitable forthcoming gentlemen's races. With erep production. In fact, this farm unconfined joy, however, the gentlethe basis of the farmer's fertilizer have heard of the intention of Manager supply and be treated accordingly. Wind, of the Juarez track in respect plemental to it, the use of commer- race. Heretofore the fear that sufcial fertilizer can be made to pay a ficent riding material could not be profit. This will furnish the im-secured had prevented the managemediate available food for growing ment of the Mexican course from featuring its winter meeting with at least one amateur race., With the cream of The idea that has gained prevathe riding and equine material now lence in some sections that com- wintering at Juarez, however, conditions have experienced a remarkable erroneous. To be sure the continued change over that which prevailed last winter. A full dozen of the best amacial product will in time present teur riders in America, coupled with a fair representation of Mexican society have announced their intention of participating in the forthcoming cup ace at Juarez. No doubt there will be which there is a constant drain in "class" to that event, and it will likely attract a record-breaking crowd repredo not supply this vegetable matter, sentative of the highest social circles. Amateur contests of any character be secured either from the use of whatsoever are worthy of encourageanimal manure or the residue of ment, and, in connection with the crops. Either source has been proven turf, they generally prove attractive satisfactory and adequate. There are headliners, inasmuch as they bring to a race track a host of people who oth in which commercial fertilizers and erwise would never come. That's becrop residues are all that go back to cause of the supposed social "caste'

the land, which not only maintain which surrounds such events. The but actually increase soil fertility. racing association which honestly With this system thoroughly car- makes use of the amateurs in the legitimate sense only, is worthy of commendation, but race track operators who attempt to "use" the nonprofessional riders, or allow unscrupulous "race-fixers" an opportunity to taint amateurism with dirty gamb-

dustries are failing to reap the once pay the interest on your place. arge dividends, the minds of the mon- vided, however, you do not bu ed men are turned toward land owner- much at first. I would advise no The old fashioned religion made no ship as the safest and most prafitable ing more than \$100 worth of la investment. Land is advancing rapidly first, that is, if you did not have in price. At places it has already gone cash to pay down. But would a beyond the reach of the man of limit-going in debt \$1,000 for a home r own state and in Virginia, where the land is yet comparatively cheap, where school and church advantages are as convenient as here, where land is as that you will very soon be able to fertile, where climate is equitable, and where the health of people are as good as here. Land can be bought hand to pay all down. at an average of \$10 per acre. Can waited to be able to do this and be bought for very little cash down. died without ever owning a hom Time will be allowed for deferred their family. Buy on credit. payments to suit the purchaser.

Now, during the winter months, of a farm, you can sell at any tim while you are not busily engaged is the what you paid. If misfortune, time to look out a home for yourself health, or any adversity should and family.

No farmer should be satisfied to be a tenant for life. Everyone should strive to own his own farm. Should rangement. The general feeling, be "monarch of all he surveys." Did you ever consider how much

If you were to buy a farm and re-

It takes the Italians and the Greeks to show us how wasteful we down in New Jersey had a farm of ernagle admitted that he had signed about fifty acres; he raised the general run of crops on it, and constantly said that he had not enough land to make money; hardly enough, in fact, to warrant his calling it a farm, and he was always talking about going West and getting a

'real farm," as he said.

One spring, a clean, bright-eyed Italian came along, and wanted to provements, and of a substantial rent a little corner of the front meadow which had never been used. My friend smiled at the idea of has been looking on at all this taking money for such a useless the most utter astonishment, patch of ground, but was finally pre- of late he has begun to wo vailed upon to take a very small what the trouble is with his own sum for it. The Italian promptly pro- cess, and now he has made up ceeded to build himself a little hut mind that what he needs to le on the highest point, to which flock- is "intensive farming" as the ed endless quantities of cousins and cultural state institute calls it sons and brothers. We looked on in means that he needs to learn to amusement and some anxiety, to see every possible inch of the gro how so many mouths could be fed The waste land on which the Its from so scanty a provision. The has made a tidy little fortune whole troupe could always be seen, there year after year and genera early and late, bending over the after generation, untouched by tough earth, which had seldom a plow; and in time it was cleared, broken and sown.

"What you plantin'?" the farmer querried, casually leaning on the small crops can be grown close rail fence, already a little impressed gether; that it is possible to I park last winter. On the former ocgive up. "Potato? Bean!

Tony shock his head and showed to go to waste.-Armour's Ala

you pay) just as if you were on r Since cotton milling and kindred in- land, I assure you it will more

If you practice economy, enjoy comforts of life with your family abstain from luxuries, you will under your own "vine and fig tree Don't wait until you have cas

are careful in making your sele take you, you are still safe if you debtedness is backed by real e carefuylly selected.

I desire to see every farmer ow own farm. This will bring the gre degree of social, intellectual and al advancement in our civilization anything else which I can concei

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every one of his pearl white No, he was not plantin potat the tomat. No, he could buy But here were cauliflower and sels sprouts and artichoke, and French endive and the German cabbage. Tony swept his arm of a big fine gesture over the ori rows of little, light green shoc

Well Tony owns a large farr this time, for he made every s inch of that ground yield up s thing. He took in more money his "truck" than the farmer grew great crops of one thing, recently he has built for hims not to mention Josefa, Marietta, vanna, Ettone a really sple with all the modern

My friend, the American fa

material to let it so lie. Intensive farming teaches

much as a hoe, yet it has pre

that it was a sinful waste of

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