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Distribution of Soy Soja Beans.

The North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh, desiring to extend the cultivation of Soy Beans, proposes to distribute a quantity of seed to careful planters desiring to test their merits. The only condition is that each applicant send 2 cents in postage stamps to pay the cost of transportation by mail. Enough seed will be sent to each applicant to plant 1 to 10 acres. The first 400 applications will be filed in the order received.

The Station regards this as a very valuable forage plant. It is of upright growth 2 to 3 feet high and is a legume capable of adding nitrogen from the air to the soil in which it grows. It is planted in hills or drills 2 1/2 or 3 1/2 feet apart according to richness of soil, and 15 to 24 inches apart in the row. It can be planted any time from March to July, either alone or in the corn row between the corn, and 2 to 4 beans are usually planted in each hill. Soil suitable to it and the general preparation is the same as for corn. When planted for corn both crops can be ensilaged together, and the corn ensilaged will be much improved by the combination, or the plants when planted alone can be cut for forage before they get too woody. The seed are found in small pods and can be saved by cutting the whole plant when leaves and pods have turned a golden hue. They can easily be beaten out when dry. Heuting is delayed beyond this time they will open and some will be lost on the ground. It will not pay to pick the beans. It is also a good table bean, but requires a long time to cook. The station urges a careful trial of this crop.

[Several of our farmers ought to send and get the above bean seed and try it.—EDITOR.]

The Marriage Ceremony.

A newly elected justice of the peace who had been used to drawing up deeds and little else, was called upon to marry a couple in haste. Removing his hat he remarked "Hats off in the presence of the court."

"Hold up your right hand. You, John Markin, do you solemnly swear to the best of your knowledge and belief, that you take this woman to have and to hold for yourself, her heirs, executors, administrators and her assigns, for her an' their use forever."

"I do," answered the groom promptly.

"You, Alice Evans, take this yer man for yer husband, ter have and to hold forever, an' you do solemnly swear that yer lawfully seized him in fee simple from all incumbrances, an' have good right to sell, bargain or convey to said grantee, yer self, yer heirs administrators, an' assigns?"

"I do," said the bride doubtfully.

"Well, that ere's worth a dollar an' fifty cents."

"Are we married yet?" asked the bride. "No, not yet. Know all men by these presents, that I being in good health an' of sound mind and

disposition, in consideration of a dollar an' fifty cents to me in hand, well and truly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do an' by these presents have declared you man and wife during good behavior an' until otherwise ordered by the court.—Greensboro Record.

The Kansas City Times-Democrat wants a Western man in 1896.

"Between the West and the South there is a natural alliance in business as well as politics. These sections should come to an understanding before the next presidential election. They should unite upon a candidate who will represent them in their political aims and their material interests."

North Wilkesboro News: Wilkes county has a notable citizen in the person of Mr. William Harrell, who lives near Dockery. He is now 99 years old and is the father of 19 children, 18 of whom are living. For 26 years, and until a few months ago, he walked and carried the mail from Wilkesboro to Mouth of Wilson, Va., a distance of 104 miles, in 48 hours. He has never known what it was to be sick until a short while ago.

Newbern Journal: From all around the truck section of Eastern North Carolina comes news of the serious effects of the protracted dry spell on the crops. It reports be true, the strawberries are cut off fully half, and the peas not killed by the frost, continue to grow, and are keeping green, but few bulbs are forming in dry earth, and unless it rains in a few days this crop will be seriously shortened. Beans, so far, have only been delayed in growth, but in order to fruit well, must have rain soon. Cabbage is holding its own in the field pretty well, but prices are so low that shipment have fallen off greatly the past week.

Concord Standard: Our Gladstone, Stanley county, correspondent writes: "While in Norwood township I met Mr. H. M. Mills who put President Jefferson Davis and family across the Yadkin river at Brown's ferry, near Salisbury on the 16th day of April, 1865. Mr. Davis gave him one dollar in silver for his services—I had the dollar in my hand; it was made in 1860.

Mr. Mills says Mr. Davis was on horse back and his wife and two daughters were in an ambulance drawn by two mules. They did their own driving and they were accompanied by 500 Confederate cavalrymen.

Washington, May, 3.—Senator Jarvis will deliver a eulogy on the late Senator Vance before the United Confederate Veterans of Washington two weeks from tonight at their memorial meeting to be held in honor of the great North Carolinian. Senator Ransom declined a similar invitation from the veterans because he had already paid one tribute in the Senate to his colleague and was preparing to pay a more elaborate one on the occasion of the usual memorial exercises there.

One dollar pays for the Democrat one year.

To Float Kelly's Army on Rafts.

Des Moines, May 5.—The proposition to float Kelly's army down the Mississippi river on a 150 rafts, each bearing ten men, is still under consideration. It is feared that Kelly will not be able to lead more than 800 of his men out of the city with him when he goes and that the other 600 or more will be turned loose on the city and country. During the past week as many as 100 men brought here by the army either as members or hangers-on, have been jailed on various grounds.

A doctor in Arkansas refused to attend a negro down with the small pox. He was put in a cabin and some devil set fire to it and buried both the negro and house.

Why folks drink liquor, when they can get good water; why they wash in the branch, when linure is so cheap; why they make out on not enough dishes, when crockery is in reach; why shingles rot, when paint is low; why they borrow, when they can use their own tools; why they skin over the ground when every plover can be had; why they break themselves down cooking over a hot fire, while stoves are so cheap, are countermeasures that cannot be solved by N. M. Allen.

Standard Keeper's Notice.

The people of Watauga will take notice that I have procured a room in the court house where I will attend at the commissioners' court the first Monday in each month for the purpose of sealing the weights and measures for the people. The law requires this to be done every two years. J. H. COOK,

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