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Alfalfa.

Mr. EDITOR: If the claims of those who have grown the plant are true alfalfa or lucerne must indeed be a wonderful as well as profitable forage crop. I have noticed articles in many farm papers, government Year Book, etc., all of which unite in at once pronouncing it one of the greatest of the legume family. One authority says that land which formerly could have been bought for \$10 an acre, after having been set in alfalfa readily sells for from \$100 to \$200 an acre.

It is said to be a great plant for renovating or bringing up worn out land as it draws up so much plant food from the subsoil, its roots penetrating to a depth of three feet and over, and, being a legume, having the power to utilize the free nitrogen in the air. Of course a plant with such a root system is not affected by the droughts at all, and high authorities say it can be cut three or four times during a season, yielding from one to two tons per acre, and unlike the other clovers, one setting lasts for many years. There are two kinds, the ordinary alfalfa and the Turkish alfalfa; the latter said to be not so suitable to our country. It is also said that not all soils contain the bacteria necessary to the development of the plant, and where it is lacking of course it would not grow. But right here scientific research steps in with a little cake of what is called nitro-culture which being dissolved in water and sprinkled upon the seed just before planting will increase the crop from two to ten times! Now that sounds almost miraculous, but the scientists all agree that it is so and the United States Government in the department of Agriculture say it is so and send out this bacteria to the farmers free of charge when they have it on hand at present the supply is out, more will be available after July 1st for fall sowing, but our experience in this country is that fall is not the time to sow clover as it do not get sufficient root to withstand the freezes.

Now, the object of this article is to ask if any one in Watauga has ever tried this plant and if so what success, and if they failed, why in their opinion the failure. Hope to hear from some one on this great plant, who knows from experience something about it.

HAY SEED.

One night last week Thomas Harris, of Baltimore, a corporal in the 31st Co., Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Caswell, N. C., was shot and killed by Lee Kye of the same company. Kye had been assigned to special service in putting down the illicit sale of liquor on the government reservation and accosted Harris in the dark, commanding him to halt. At this juncture Harris gave an insulting command in return and started to run when the fatal shot was fired, Kye is under arrest.

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Dr. C. W. Phipps.

This writer would like to add one more flower to the chaplet kind friends have already woven in memory of Dr. C. W. Phipps. Large-hearted, kind, charitable, his seemingly untimely death is deplored by all, for every one who knew him appreciated him for his many superior traits of character that made him indeed a man of sterling worth.

Those who knew him best appreciate him most, and his death has given to the county another one of those shocks, as one by one by one our old substantial friends pass into the great mysterious unknown. Hedied "in the harness," working for the good of his country. The familiar form and kind voice will be missed in our midst but we will ever remember him as one of our best friends. Our tenderest sympathy is extended to the lonely widow in this dark hour.

FRIEND,

At Philadelphia on the 23rd ult. a small box done up in an innocent manner was found in a private mail box addressed to United States Senator Penrose. The package was turned over to a detective without exploding its contents. The box contained gun powder and a bottle of liquid supposed to be nitro-glycerine, on portions of the wrapper were the names of different corporations. Another wrapper contained the inscription: "President Roosevelt, we are not in any trust; time limited inauguration." It is thought the machine is the work of a crank, but there is no clue to his identity.

One of the smallest countries in the world, San Salvador, has issued the large number of 405 different postage stamps, while England has only issued at home 205 kinds, and 5,711 in her colonies. The total of European issues is 4,089.

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Adolph Webber, a young white man, of Auburn, Col., has been convicted in the courts for killing his mother. He is also accused of killing his father, sister and brother and burning the family residence. He is the sole heir to a large and valuable estate. What does it profit a man if he gains all and then gets his neck broke?

There is an island off the coast of Ecuador which is bounded in black cats. These very remarkable cats dwell in crevices of the lava and live by catching fish and crabs instead of rats and mice.

One day last week at Lowell N. C. Mrs. A. J. Clemmer and little daughter was burned to death. It was only another case of kindling the fire with oil. The little girl was pouring oil on the fire when the can exploded.

The insane the Confederate soldiers and the educational institutions already established come first. No new institutions should be launched before these are well cared for. The State's income can not properly care for these and make any costly new departure; the new institutions projected can wait.

Hot Springs Ark. experienced a disastrous fire on the 25, the county jail and court house was burned destroying many valuable records. The loss is over one million dollars.

The great tunnel through the Alps, which has been under way for seven years, has been completed and will be open for traffic by March the 20th.

Louisville, Ky., is having a remarkable revival of religion. Four thousand have been converted and it is thought that the number will be doubled ere the services close.

Birds are being shipped in egg crates now. A game warden at Greensboro looked in to an egg crate and found birds instead of eggs.

Thousands of the younger and smaller orange trees in Florida were killed by the recent cold wave.

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The books formerly belonging to the Library at the old Valle Crucis Mission, many of said books marked "Valle Crucis Abbey." Also Indian relics bought at a fair price. Address

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Blowing Rock, N. C.

Land Entry.

No. 2449. State of North Carolina, Watauga county. Office of Entry taker for said county. A. D. Blair locates and enters 200 two hundred acres of land in Blowing Rock township on the head waters of John's River adjoining the lands of Wm. Hatley and others, beginning on a spruce pine near the creek, and running various courses so as to include the vacant land for claimants. Entered Feb 22, 1905.
H. J. HARKIN, Entry Taker.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas, A. J. Combs and wife, Mary C. Combs, executed to me a mortgage on Feb. 12, 1902, to secure the payment of the sum of \$1,541.25 on the hereinafter described land; and whereas, there are now due and unpaid two notes of even date with said mortgage each for the sum of \$513.75 bearing interest from date, and whereas default has been made in the payment of the above mentioned notes, or either of them, now therefore, under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage I will offer at public sale for cash at the court house door in Boone, N. C. on April 8, 1905, between 10 o'clock, a. m., and 4 p. m. the following described real estate the same being contained in said mortgage; to wit: All the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in Watauga county, N. C. Cove Creek township, and known and designated as follows: Adjoining the lands of Samuel Fletcher, Noah Isaacs, T. B. Fletcher and others, and beginning on a pile of rocks, Samuel Fletcher and A. J. Combs' corner on the east bank of the Big branch, and runs west with Sam Fletcher's line to a swamp dog wood, Fletcher and Combs' corner, thence a west course 20 poles to a lynn, thence a west course to a beech, thence up the main top of the ridge with Boone Isaacs' line, thence up the ridge with said Isaacs' line to a water oak, for merly Dick Isaacs' corner, thence up the ridge 23 poles to a chestnut J. M. Matheson's corner, thence a north course 23 poles to Prefit's line, thence east 29 poles to a cucumber, thence down and with the hollow 127 poles to a buckeye, thence an east course to a beech on or near the Big branch, thence with F. B. Fletcher's line 67 poles to a black gum, T. B. Fletcher's corner, thence up the main top of the ridge with T. B. Fletcher's line to a chestnut oak, Jacob Fletcher's corner, thence an east course 19 poles to a hickory in J. C. Henson's line, thence down the ridge 70 3/4 poles to a chestnut oak, thence west 28 poles to a sour wood on the top of the ridge, thence down the ridge to a stake in George Bingham's line at the grave yard, thence west to a white walnut on the east bank of the Big branch, thence down and with the branch to the beginning, containing 96 acres more or less. Reference is hereby made to Book "H" of the records of mortgages, pages 127, etc., in the office of the Register of Deeds where the same is recorded. Said sale will be made to satisfy the unpaid notes, interest on same, and cost of sale, and deed in fee simple executed to the purchaser.

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