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FARMERS' COLUMN.

A STAND OF COTTON.

Dr. Knapp's Advice in Regard to Planting.—Things Essential for Seed Germination.

Procuring a stand of cotton under the various conditions of heat and moisture is one of the important things which all of us have not yet learned how to do.

Let us thoroughly masticate, agitate, digest and assimilate that fact so that we will have it "in the blood" when planting season comes around again.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, in charge of Demonstration farm work in the South, and a man of ample experience and wide observation, gave out information in the early spring about as follows: Thoroughly pulverize the soil before planting.

If the rainfall is too great, this stirring of the soil right down to the seed close underneath, dries out the immediate surface thus obviating, to some extent, the excessive moisture, yet forming a mulch to conserve the moisture underneath to prevent too much dryness through the rain cease.

It is often necessary to plant cotton seed when the soil is dry. In planting under such conditions the usual practice is to put the seed deep into the soil, three or four inches.

During the second week of May, during a severe drought, the writer had occasion to plant some cotton seed in soil that was exceedingly dry. A lighted torch was first passed over the seed to remove the fuzz and the contact of the seed with the soil. This probably could have been done better by close ginning or reginning.

The usual practice in this country is to plant from one to two bushels of cotton seed per acre. This gives many plants, standing thick in the row.

LOW RATES AND MILEAGE BOOKS VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has put on sale intrastate rates in North Carolina at rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile.

of careless men, is responsible for much of the poor stands of cotton. Most of them plant entirely too deep, and are not adjustable enough to run more than three or four inches or to put less than a bushel of seed to the acre.

There are now on the market a few machines that seem to be almost ideal in construction. They plant either wet or dry seed, have a forced arrangement that drops one seed from one to four inches a part, are easily adjustable to any desirable depth.

Rapid Progress in Removing Cattle Quarantine.

Raleigh Times.

It will be a surprise to the farmers of the State to learn that the United States Department of Agriculture during the past year has spent \$26,000 in eradicating the cattle tick in North Carolina.

Dr. Tait Butler, State Veterinarian and State Board of Agriculture, has prepared a stock law map of North Carolina, issued by the State Board of Agriculture, compiled from data secured from various sources.

The cattle tick is the greatest incubus to the animal industry in this State and there can be no successful cattle raising and marketing until the tick shall have been eradicated. More progress is said to have been made in North Carolina since the State and National Departments of Agriculture have been co-operating than in any other Southern State.

Excitement Over a Grave.

Wilmington Special to Observer, 11th.

There was much excitement in the northern part of the city yesterday when a newly-made grave of some diminutive decedent was found in a vacant lot surrounded by scrubby oaks, head and foot stones being carefully placed and a bunch of faded flowers resting on the mound.

Have a Care for the Beast of Burden.

Stoughton Neck Commonwealth.

Nothing is more important to farmers and wagoners during this season of hot weather than the proper care of their team. It is an easy matter to over-drive or over-work a horse now.

Don't Be a Soil Robber!

J. D. S. in Progressive Farmer.

Messrs. Editors: What does it profit a man if he sells \$10,000 worth of produce at, say, \$5,000 profit, and damages his farm \$6,000? Many never think of this.

Too Rough for the Cows.

Mrs. Rorer, of cook-book fame, tells of seeing a maid drop and break a beautiful platter at a dinner recently.

The World's Best Climate

is not entirely free from disease, on the high elevations fevers prevail, while on lower levels malaria is encountered to a greater or less extent, according to altitude.

THE EAST VERSUS THE WEST.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Copying the Chronicle's editorial on the sectional warfare waged in the late State convention, our good friend, Editor Sam Ashe, of The Wilmington Star, is grieved to dissent from us.

That Wall Street and its methods it is not necessary to go into details, for the country recognizes that the element for which these stand are the vast monopolies and the illegal trusts which have no concern for the people.

FROM THE STAGE TO THE PULPIT.

Robert L. Downing, Formerly An Actor, Preaches in Maryland.

Robert L. Downing formerly manager of the Bijou Theatre at Baltimore, and who, after 32 years of theatrical life, renounced the stage and joined the ministry, preached before a large congregation in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Frederick Md. recently.

THE "INTERESTS" FOR TAFT, OR PEOPLE FOR BRYAN.

Newspaper Observer.

The conflict in the nation this year means that there are to be opposed to each other the "interests" of this country as represented by the crookedness of Wall Street and the people, as representing the legitimate interests.

On the other hand Mr. Bryan and the Democratic party stand for humanity as against the crushing weight of a dollar, and it is to the unthought people, the patriot citizen, the interests that are honest and just from whom he will receive support.

No Hope Except in Democracy.

Richmond Journal.

What the Republicans mean by "tariff revision" is already beginning to transpire. Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee, will not, it is understood, call together his committee until after the election.

Fasted 56 Days and Cured Appendicitis.

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Joy Not Unmixed.

"Your husband will be alright now," said an English doctor to a woman whose husband was dangerously ill.

The electoral vote of Georgia may

be cast for Thomas E. Watson for President, even though the State should go overwhelmingly for Bryan. This will occur, it is said as the result of a deal between Watson and the Brown faction of the Democracy, which recently, with Watson's aid, defeated Gov. Hoke Smith for reelection.

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Washington, D. C., May 23, 1908.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that The Concord National Bank, in the city of Concord, and State of North Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the "Act of Congress to enable National Banking Associations to extend their corporate existence and for other purposes," approved July 12, 1882.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that The Concord National Bank, in the city of Concord, county of Cabarrus, and State of North Carolina, is authorized to have succession for the period specified in its amended articles of Association, namely, until close of business on May 20, 1925.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 25th of May, 1908.

(Seal) T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

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