

DROUGHT VERY SEVERE

ASSISTANT DEMONSTRATOR T. J. W. BROOM GIVES ADVICE.

Advises That People Note Carefully Successes and Failures For Future Success--Things to Do.

Many sections of the state are passing through the most severe drought they have ever experienced at this season of the year.

Many of us, as we review the farm operation of the past three months, see where we have made costly mistakes. We also see where we hit the "bull's-eye," so to speak, and scored a success. We should make careful note of these and they will serve us in good stead in the years to come.

Moisture is the most important factor in the production of crops, and methods by which water may be stored in the subsoil and conserved for future use by crops should receive our most careful consideration early in the season.

The planting season in many sections opened with less water in the subsoil than ever before and the rainfall in most places since April 1, is below the average for this period by several inches.

Most Preserve Remaining Moisture. With a normal rainfall the remainder of the growing season it will require our utmost skill to preserve every particle of moisture possible, and herein we need to be resourceful, and perform the work in the most efficient manner.

Keep Up Cultivation. We should keep the cultivation going even if no rain falls to form a crust. In some instances it may be better to run a drag or a light roller constructed for the purpose to break the crust or compact the soil water too open and loose.

Is the Tuberculosis Crusade Losing Ground? Despite all the efforts being made by advocates of fresh air and egg-and-milk treatments, the number of new cases has not been noticeably decreased.

Flower of the Air. There is a plant in Chile and a similar one in Japan called the "flower of the air." It is so called because it appears to have no root and is never fixed to the earth.

A Leading Citizen. "Didn't you tell me Fargo was one of the leading citizens of Crimson Gulch?" "Well," answered Broncho Bob, "he was. When he left town he led the vigilance committee by a quarter of a mile clean to the next county."

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waeching a farmer going by with 10 bales of hay on his wagon. He had passed early in the morning on his way to town and was now returning home. As we drove by with the cultivator the boy said, "Papa, I have just been thinking. If that man had gone out last fall with his team and prepared half an acre of land and sowed to oats and crimson clover, and cut with mowing machine this spring and put in the barn, it would not have taken him longer to do this work than he has been gone from home for this load of hay, and he would have made as much or more hay, too, and he could have saved the money he had to pay for that load." Was the boy right?

Unless more than ordinary attention is paid to our forage crops from now on many farmers in this State will buy next summer at prices higher than they have paid for it in many years. The hay crop outlook out West is short. In fact, it is short everywhere, and we may reasonably prepare for the evil day. If your stubble land is too hard to break with a plow, run a disk or cutaway harrow over it at once so as to form a mulch and stop evaporation of the little water remaining in the soil.

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BIG ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT.

Piedmont Section of North Carolina Attracting Attention of the World. The immense hydro-electric development in North Carolina and the Piedmont section is attracting the attention of the entire country. North Carolina is said to be the very first state in which water power generated electricity was used for lighting and power purposes.

The placing of this electrical energy within the reach of the farmers to churn their butter, pump water and to do a hundred other things that were formerly accomplished by the wearisome expenditure of muscular energy, is making farming in the Piedmont section the most enjoyable occupation in the world. With the completion of the inter-urban electrical railway system now under process of construction, the pleasures of the farm life will be doubly increased.

Within a few days the lines of the Southern Power Company will have been completed to Durham. The steel towers have been erected for some time, and the wires have been strung to within a short distance of the city. This line is reported to be the longest electrical transmission line in the world.

The placing of the energy at the disposal of local manufacturing and industrial plants will mark a new era in the industrial development of Durham. It is hoped that some arrangement can be made whereby this cheap energy can be placed at the disposal of the residents of the city for lighting and household purposes.

The Dead Man's Hand.

Charms as cures for sickness were common in England a century ago. Lady Wake, who was born in 1800, tells of a grewsome cure adopted for the removal of some birthmarks which disfigured her face.

It's the Cut.

An aged country rector who had an old tailor as his clerk, returning from his church one Sunday with the latter, thus addressed him: "Thomas, I cannot think how it is that our church should be getting thinner, for I am sure I preach as well as ever I did and ought to have far more experience than I had when I first came among you."

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One today is worth two tomorrows.-Franklin.

THE OIL WELL SHOOTER.

Sometimes Blown Into Eternity With His Own Ammunition.

In certain of the petroleum producing districts it becomes necessary sometimes in opening an oil well-sometimes when the well has become clogged or apparently exhausted-to begin or renew the flow by exploding nitroglycerin at the bottom of the well.

The shooter has a wagon in which to carry his explosive. A square box under the seat is carefully padded, and when it has been solidly filled with cans of nitroglycerin, which is a molasses-like fluid, he fastens down the cover and drives slowly away to the well that he is to shoot.

In such a case little is ever found except the great hole in the ground which the explosion has dug, with possibly a wheel of the wagon a quarter of a mile away in one direction and another in the opposite direction.

Formerly anything with feather on it and that cackled was called a hen. An egg was an egg unless it was too small to be visible to the naked eye.

Scarcity and high price of eggs have led to experiments in poultry raising in cities, which have demonstrated that the hen easily adapts itself to city life and will be as happy and contented and lay as regularly as on the farm.

Thought They Couldn't Do Better. Philadelphia Record. There's a certain minister whose duties sometime call him out of the city. He has always arranged for some one of his parishoners to keep company with his wife and little daughter during those absences.

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