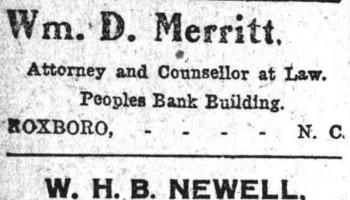
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Modern Methods That Are Helpful to Farmer, Frait Grower and Stockman.

Southern Agricultural Topics.

About Alfalfa.

Professor Holden, whose practical work with corn and the dissemination of whose doctrines concerning the perfection of this important cereal has been of such benefit to the farmer, has also found time to give considerable attention to alfalfa. He says:

As hay it has no equal. Do not use a nurse crop. Do not begin on a large scale. Have the seed bed well prepared. Every farmer should have a small field.

Cut before it gets into full bloom to save the leaves.

Disk both ways, plow, double disk again and harrow.

It produces more than twice as much per acre as clover. August is the best time to sow it. Not later than the 15th.

Make the first cutting as soon as ty-five per cent. the first blossoms appear.

Save them by all means.

clover, but with greater care. Sow on the ground from which the

small grain has been harvested. It is adapted to all kinds of soil except that which is wet and cold. Spread eight or ten spreader loads of barnyard manure to the acre on

the field. Leave it until about August 12. Disk again, harrow, seed and harrow. It can be fed to all kinds of animals and has no superior as a hog

It is rich in protein. The leaves have almost as high a feeding value

in suspension three days. It has also been found that when flour is used in making the emulsion there is not nearly so much danger of discoloring the trees.

Molasses as a Horse Medicine.

Scientific tests in substituting mo lasses for oats and other cereals in feeding horses have yielded surprising results. It is now definitely es tablished that as a horse diet there is magic in molasses. With this syrup on his bill of fare the horse rapidly takes on solid weight, develops prodigiously in muscular energy, grows a glossy coat and enjoys uninterrupted health. For these animals, therefore, molasses is declared to be both a tonic and a health food In addition to the many desirable results, a molasses diet reduces the cost of horse maintenance over twen-

For scientific experimentation two The leaves are the valuable part. abject and unthrifty animals were selected. One weighed 900 pounds As hay it should be handled like the other 940. No preparation was made for the sudden change in diet, but in place of the usual allowance of hay and oats the horses were given, three times a day, one quart of molasses diluted with three guarts of water and mixed with five pounds of cut hay. A marvellous improvement in the animals resulted. In two weeks one gained forty pounds in weight and the other forty-five. In four weeks from the beginning of the molasses diet horse No. 1 gained ninety-five pounds and horse No. 2 102 pounds.

Both of these horses were shedding their coats, and after six weeks of It can not be pastured safely by molasses regimen their new coats

Possum.

Preferably 'possum should be cook ed over a wood fire in a log cabin and seasoned with the odorous blue smoke of hickory and ash as the lid of the oven is lifted now and again to give a glimpse of the promisel viand to those who wait with whetted appetite for the coming feast. With the 'possum and taters there should be served either the ordinary Kentucky corn pone-if such an adjective may be not improperly applied to anything so rare-or the Olympian cracklin' bread of the hog killing season. In justice to the 'possum it must be said that neither corn prone nor crackling bread is necessary, but it serves well not only to mop up the gravy but also to prevent the 'possum and the yams from melting in the mouth too rapidly for the flavor to be enjoyed in the fullest:

The finest 'possums on earth are found in the woodlands of the Pennyrile district of Kentucky, and they reach perfection about the time the perfumed pawpaw becomes so ripe that it falls' from the parent stem and reposes in all of its golden beauty in the orange tinted leaves that the earth has first claimed as tribute from the trees for her enrichment.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Oll for Guatemalan R. R. We understand that a Chilean con sular report states that the Central Railway Company of Guatemala is changing the fuel of its locomotives from coal to oil-raw petroleum. It is estimated that a maximum of 70. 000 barrels a year will be used, to contain which reservoirs have been constructed. Guatemala produces neither of these two fuels, so that the cest of importing will be approximate ly the same; but owing to the greater heat of the oil fires and the greater facility in management it is hoped to save 40 per cent .-- Engineer.



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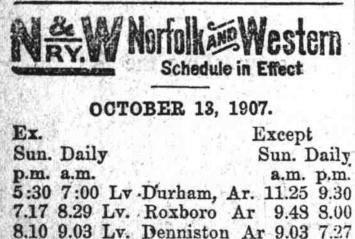
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bloat. If you do the work as directed, thoroughly and on time, you will get a good stand. If it is half done and out of season, you will surely fail. Twelve or fifteen pounds of seed to the acre is enough. Sow half of it Roxboro, N. C.

one way. Cross the field and sow the rest. Sowing both ways secures an even distribution of seed.

After the second year spring disking will improve the stand. It mulches the ground, kills the grass, spits the crowns of the alfalfa roots and in this way thickens it.

: Do not worry about inoculating the ground with bacteria. Prepare it as described, putting the manure on before plowing, and all the inoculating Station a few years ago a test was organism necessary for the best growth will be there.

The main thing is good seed on a well prepared seed bed. By putting on the manure now and plowing early and deep the seed bed can be got in proper condition for spring seeding. By all means get some alfalfa to growing on your farm.

How to Induce Fall Laying.

A little care and additional attention and work with the hens on the place at this season will be well repaid. This is the beginning of the moulting, or shedding, season, and a good many of the nens are not laying, and will not lay for some two or three months under the usual course of neglect and indifference on the part of their owners. And yet, it is possible to get a goodly number of fall eggs, if we will go at it right. To induce fall laying, the hens should have a variety of foods-not a great deal of any one kind, but a little of several kinds. For this purpose, all the waste of the kitchen and dining room should be saved and given to them. The best plan is to have a good sized pot handy and throw all scraps into it. Let it sit at the back of the kitchen stove; and at the close of either the breakfast to do it, and then when cooled off some, call up the hens and give it to them. It will start them to singing

and running about in a happy way,

1 at the end of that period weighed 1075 pounds and No. 2 1086 pounds. All symptoms of decrepitude disappeared. At the termination of the six weeks' experiment the animals could not be recognized as the forlorn creatures with which the tests had been begun. In place of those jaded specimens there were led forth from the stables two fine horses, the scientists describing them to be "full of play, life and energy." The animals are now employed profitably by commercial firms.—Saturday Evening

Boards Vr. Earth as Flooring.

At the West Virginia Experiment made of board floors versus earth floors for laying hens. The test commenced November 24, and continued during the winter for a full period of five months. It was rather expected that the board floor would prove superior to the earth floor, but such was not the case. There were thirty-six hens of three breeds on each kind of floor, and the hens on the earth floor laid nearly thirty per cent. more eggs than those on the board floor. It was found that the earthfloor was warmer during cold weather and this alone might cause the difference in results. The only sickness of any kind during the test was a case of roup in each lot.

Saving the Layers.

Don't make a mistake in the selection of birds for the winter's layers. Many farmers' sell their largest, earliest hatched birds to hucksters because they are in good demand and will bring a good price. Keep the earlier hatched, best developed birds for your egg producers and breeders. All that are left are the late hatched pullets and cockerels that go undeveloped into winter quarters. Breeding from such birds will degenerate any flock of fowls if you persist in such methods long enough. To have or midday meal, put some oats, or early winter layers the birds must wheat in it, too, with water, and soak | grow to maturity. The early hatched all together. It will not take long healthy chick makes the good winter layer,-Nashville American.

Breeding Up.

Breeding up gives large results in

and soon also start them to the nest, a few years. If a farmer starts with

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