

## Modern Farm Methods As Applied in the South.

### Notes of Interest to Planter, Fruit Grower and Stockman

#### Poultry Notes.

Disease germs multiply more rapidly when the weather is warm, so use extra precaution to keep the drink and feed vessels clean. Boiling water will disinfect them.

Because turkeys weighing fifteen to twenty pounds are a good size for most family dinners, they bring better prices per pound and are in greater demand on the markets.

Too many poultrymen imagine that anything that a fowl will eat well is wholesome food for it. It is a mistake, and very often a costly one. Whatever is decaying is bad for domesticated fowl.

It is not necessarily the largest flock that nets the largest profit. A smaller one well cared for and freed from loafers may pile up the net gain much faster, even if the gross income should be decreased.

Keep the droppings cleaned out of the house; mix them thoroughly with dry earth; then spread the mixture about anything in the garden that is desired to grow quickly, working it lightly into the soil. The chickens will be better off and the garden will do very much better.

A dollar's worth of grit will save more than a dollar's worth of feed, and do another dollar's worth of good for the flock. Any hard stone may be crushed up to the sizes of wheat and corn grains, and will give good account of itself; but buy the prepared grit if necessary, rather than to try to get along without grit for chickens.—Progressive Farmer.

#### Reducing the Cotton Acreage.

What an awful amount of human labor wasted to produce only 11,560,000 bales on over 31,000,000 acres, when if every farmer of the South really farmed, the crop could have been made on 11,000,000 acres and the nearly 20,000,000 that were scratched over in cotton could have been growing forage for stock, corn, wheat and grass. That is what acreage reduction means. It means better preparation of the soil, crop rotation for the development of the productive capacity of the soil. We cannot, of course, hope to get the bale-per-acre standard all at once, but what a rich country the South will be if we ever get to making the crop of the season on an equal number of acres for the bale production. But it will never come while farmers plant every acre they have in cotton and depend solely on commercial fertilizer to make a crop, buy the fertilizers on credit, the mules on credit, the hay on credit, the meat on credit, and in the fall have to rush the cotton off at any old price to pay their debts. It will come through good farming only, less land in cotton and more cotton per acre, and hence cheaper production. It is to be hoped that the farmers of the South have had experience enough in over-acreage to make them cautious about spreading over too much land and putting croppers in to still further increase the weak cotton in the fall.—W. F. Massey, in the Progressive Farmer.

#### Cut Crimson Clover Early.

Crimson or annual clover is now coming into bloom, and if cut at the proper time makes a valuable hay, even more nutritious than red clover hay. But if allowed to stand too long before cutting it makes a dangerous feed for horses.

It should be cut when in full bloom and before the heads begin to turn ripe. If allowed to stand until the heads, or a considerable part of them, are ripe, there is danger of them matting and forming balls in horses' stomachs and killing them.

I have seen them taken from horses' stomachs as large as a man's fist, and am told they often get very much larger.

I write this note of warning because many are experimenting with crimson clover this year who never grew it before and may not know of the danger of allowing it to stand too long before cutting for hay.

Crimson clover is a very valuable crop and should be planted very much more largely all over the South, but this caution about cutting it before the heads get ripe when intended for hay should be observed.—T. B. Parker.

#### Pork Pointers.

Hogs can be produced and marketed as quickly as a crop of grain. This should be attractive to the poor man.

A grain or cotton crop makes an income only once a year, but there is no valid reason why hogs cannot bring in money twice a year.

Pasturage is the cheap pork maker, and the South leads other sections in the length of the pasturage season.

#### Pert Paragraphs.

Trust no man's memory—nor your own.

Forbearance is one of the virtues our enemies do not possess.

Most liquor would improve with age if men would let it.

Don't be afraid of experience. He is the best teacher.

Don't be afraid to do more than is required of you.

but pasture alone will not yield the best pork profits.

Do not be penny wise and pound foolish, by trying to get over-cheap breeding stock. Suppose one breeder, because of greater merit, costs \$5 more than another, and suppose that it makes five per cent. difference in the offspring (a difference of one-twentieth), the extra cost will soon be repaid. A gain of only twenty-five cents on each of twenty pigs repays the extra cost of \$5, and there yet remains the better blood for future breeding.—The Progressive Farmer.

#### Irish Potatoes Then Turnips.

I break ground in winter and leave rough; in March I harrow fine, open rows three feet apart, apply stable manure from ten to twenty loads per acre; on this scatter 800 pounds of fertilizer to acre. I mix acid kainit and cottonseed meal in equal quantities and add ten pounds of nitrate of soda to each 100 of other mixtures; run sweep through to mixture, drop potatoes, cut to two eyes, every eighteen inches, cover with two furrows; just as plants begin to come up run over with spike tooth harrow; cultivate with sweeps, three to four times, sprinkle vines with Paris green to kill bugs.

After digging potatoes fertilize again with same fertilizer in same manner, cover row, then harrow down once when ready to plant turnips.

I plant rutabagas in June and begin planting purple tops in July and continue to plant in succession until October—the turnip four to six inches apart and cultivate every ten days or two weeks.—Karl G. Daly, in Southern Cultivator.

#### A Fine Stand of Alfalfa.

We have one acre of alfalfa sown latter part of October last, on sandy land, and have a fine stand, and it is growing fast; some of it is four to eight inches in height, and has some weeds and oats growing in it. Would like to know whether either of them, weeds or oats, will damage the alfalfa, and also if we can top dress it, and what kind of fertilizer. We had the land planted in corn and peas last year; after gathering the crop we broadcasted sixty to eighty tons of stable manure on the acre and then turned it eighteen inches deep and cut with disc harrow until the land was well pulverized and leveled with harrow and then sowed the seed by hand and got a beautiful stand. This is the first I ever tried to raise.—E. H. & Son, Sumter, S. C., in Southern Cultivator.

#### Three Bees for Every Bale.

Feeding one beef for every three bales of cotton sold in the Southern States will not enrich the farmers, but feeding three bees for every bale sold will bring prosperity, especially if the bees are of the best beef breeds, for there is little profit in feeding scrub cattle. When a cotton farmer raises manure enough to cover his corn field broadcast he will not be tempted to throw away money in buying fertilizer for the corn, and he will be getting that land into condition not only to make corn, but cotton, too. With manure on the corn field and peas in the corn, he will be getting back the wasted humus, and in feeding cattle he can get on a cash basis and be in a position to dictate prices to the fertilizer men for what little of their goods he needs to buy.—W. F. Massey.

#### Get a Good Stand.

Strive to get a good stand. All your careful preparing, and good cultivation, and heavy fertilizing, and all the sunshine and showers and gently distilling dews cannot make corn and cotton grow on stalks that are not there. Prepare your seed bed well, be sure your seed are pure, sound and strong, and then plant them the proper distance and depth. In this way you will at least be trying to do a good farmer's part in securing a good stand.—Progressive Farmer.

#### Feeding Your Crops.

One of our enterprising fertilizer companies has this very pertinent suggestion to our farmers: "You don't eat enough in one day to last six months, nor do you feed your stock that way. Why fellow such a plan, then, in feeding your crops?"—Southern Cultivator.

#### Hay as a Money Crop.

If one raises peas and can not get \$3 per bushel for them, he can sow them and sell the hay, and thus realize their value. Southern grown hay is fast coming to the front. Our markets are no longer prejudiced against it as in years past.—Southern Cultivator.

#### Proverbs and Phrases.

You can't save time. The best you can do is to improve it as it passes.

Beware the geese when the fox preaches.—Italian.

If a man is right he can't be too radical, and if he's wrong he can't be too conservative.

Always speak well of yourself. There are others who will attend to the other side of it.

## TO CUT MEMBERSHIP

Bill Passes House to Reduce South's Representation

### SOUTHERN MEMBERS PROTEST

By a Strict Party Vote, After a Lively Debate, the House Passes the Crumpacker Bill Provides For a Reduction in Representation in the States Having Disfranchisement Laws.

Washington, Special.—A campaign contribution publicity bill, embodying an amendment by Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, providing for a reduction in the representation in the House of Representatives in those States having disfranchisement laws, was passed by the House by a vote of 160 to 125, following a lively debate. The measure was brought up under suspension of the rules and but forty minutes were allowed in which to discuss it. The Southern members in particular were bitter in their denunciation of the apportionment provision of the bill. Mr. Williams the minority leader, was especially vigorous in his attack characterizing the bill as being an attempt to revive the conditions of reconstruction days. On account of the Crumpacker amendment the Democrats voted against the bill in its entirety.

In brief, the provision regarding publicity of campaign contributions is made applicable to the national committee of all political parties and the national congressional campaign committees of all political parties and all committees, associations or organizations which shall, in two or more States, influence the result of or attempt to influence the result of an election at which Representatives in Congress are to be elected.

The Crumpacker amendment provides for the re-enactment of certain sections of the old Federal election law, except that the idea of the force bill authorizing the use of troops at the polls is eliminated. It also provides that the director of the census shall submit to Congress a report on population showing the number of male citizens, white and black, in each State and the number disfranchised, for the purpose of enabling Congress to ascertain the apportionment in representation to which such States must be entitled.

Mr. Crumpacker explained his amendment by saying they were designed against fraud and intimidation in elections. He undertook to say, he declared, that no member of the House would object to a law whose only purpose was to secure honest elections.

In the opinion of Mr. Rucker, of Missouri, if anything were wanting to demonstrate that the leaders and managers of the Republican party in the House were guilty of deceit and false pretense, the bill supplied that want.

"It is horse play," remarked Mr. Hardwick, of Georgia.

Mr. Williams declared that if the publicity feature of the bill should become law, "it will damn your Republican party and be worse for you than the force bill which defeated Harrison: 'Like children you are paying with fire in a powder magazine.' He closed by asking the Republicans if they were fools enough to believe that the South would ever again submit to the policies to which she submitted when she was weak and helpless.

Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, said no greater evil than that gentlemen should be sent as representatives to the House, "not by virtue of the votes of their fellow citizens, but by virtue of the suppression of votes."

#### Oregon Train Wrecked; Three Killed.

Oakland, Cal., Special.—The second section of the Oregon express train on the Southern Pacific Railroad, was wrecked near Pineole Friday. Three men were killed outright. One died Friday. Three were injured. The wreck is supposed to have been caused by the front truck of the baggage car jumping the track.

#### Governor Broward Leads in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Complete returns from Tuesday's primary election have only been received from 22 counties out of the 46 in the State. From these returns Governor Broward for United States Senator leads by about 1,100 votes, and Albert W. Gilchrist for Governor, leads by 4,500 votes. Governor Broward and Duncan U. Fletcher for United States Senator, and Gilchrist and J. N. C. Stockton will have to fight it out in the second primary in June.

#### McKinley Property to Be Sold.

Canton, O., Special.—The McKinley block on South Market street, one of the two pieces of Canton property owned by the late President William McKinley, was sold by Sheriff Wilson at public auction. The property has been appraised at \$60,000. The sale was decided upon by the administrator of the estate of Abner McKinley and representatives of the remainder of the President's heirs.

## THAW FAILS AGAIN

Loses in His Application For Release From Asylum

### WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS

The Justice Declares That the Commitment Was Constitutional and That Thaw is Still Insane, His Mental Disorder Being so Manifest as to Render Him Unfit for Freedom.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—Justice Morehauser filed a decision Monday declaring Harry Thaw to be still insane and refusing to release him from Matteawan on habeas corpus proceedings. The suit was brought on the grounds that Thaw is not now insane and that his commitment was unconstitutional. Justice declares it to be constitutional, saying that so long as an appeal is possible, the law should not be called invalid unless unconstitutionality is plain. Reviewing the testimony heard before him he says that Thaw's mental disorder is so manifest as to render him unfit for freedom. Thaw will not be recommitted, however, until a plea be made for his transfer to some other institution for the insane.

Thaw's attorneys declared at the beginning of the suit that they would appeal in case of an adverse decision. It is believed that they can secure the consent of District Attorney Jerome to the transfer they will drop the appeal. The decision makes no reference to the testimony given by experts at the present hearing and the kind of insanity from which Thaw is now suffering is not specified in the finding.

Thaw will now remain in Dutchess county jail until the final disposition of matters. He is cheerful and so is Evelyn.

The Thaw family is willing to spend every cent of its money to keep Harry from returning to Matteawan Asylum. "I had counted on this outcome," said Thaw, in commenting on the decision handed down by Justice Morehauser. "Jerome has a lot of hot air and my side was put at a disadvantage. The hearing brought out several things in my favor which were not printed. Dr. Jacob's testimony was conclusive, but not interesting."

Thaw took the decision coolly, and said he would win it possibly later. Dismissing the suit for the annulment of his marriage, he said:

"Colonel Barrett could have had the suit thrown out and time for several days." He said he thought there was no danger that his wife would withdraw in hope of being appointed trustee of his property.

#### Thousands are Homeless.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Four lives known to have been lost, more than a million dollars' worth of property destroyed, 4,000 people made homeless and telegraph and telephone wires west and southwest from the city out of commission are the results of a record-breaking rise and overflow of Trinity river Sunday night and Monday, making the greatest volume of water ever known in the city. The flood at nightfall passed the record made by the rise in 1866, 52 feet, when business houses situated in what is now a poorer residence section of Dallas, were swamped. That same section of the city is under several feet of water and thousands have lost their household effects, while the residence section of north Dallas is cut off from the business part of the city so far as street car lines are concerned.

#### Killed by a Train.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—A special from Aiken says Mrs. T. B. Wilson, wife of a prominent man of the county, was run over by a Coast Line passenger train at Jackson station, near her home, and instantly killed, her body being horribly mangled. Mrs. Wilson attempted to cross the tracks behind a freight train, apparently not knowing that the passenger train was coming in the opposite direction.

#### Fireman Killed at Anderson, S. C.

Anderson, S. C., Special.—Mr. George Reed Keith, fireman of No. 18 passenger train of the Blue Ridge Railway, fell in front of his engine here at 6:30 o'clock Monday morning while flagging the train over a street crossing. The engine trucks passed over both legs, severing them from the body at the knees. He was hurried to a hospital where amputation was made. He died at noon. Keith was single and was a brother-in-law of Superintendent Anderson of the railway.

#### Deaf and Dumb Reunion.

Baton Rouge, Special.—A reunion of the deaf and dumb of the State, graduates of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, was commenced Monday and has attracted a large number of visitors, who are working their fingers overtime in extending greetings and felicitations to their former friends and companions. The reunion is the first of this character ever held in Louisiana and will last three or four days.

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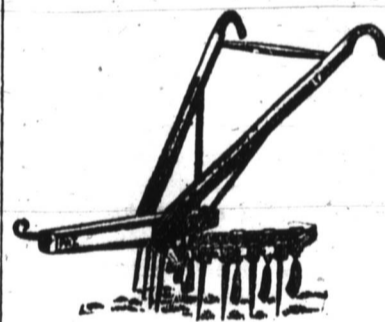
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