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By SUSANNE GLENN

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We have often pointed out the conditions necessary to success. First, the ground must be rich; second, the seed bed must be thoroughly prepared; third, the variety must be adapted to the climate—Turkish Red or its varieties north of the latitude of central Missouri and the stiffer wheats south of it. We have urged that it be harrowed or rolled in the spring, and that it be seeded down to clover and timothy in the process of spring cultivation.

Under the influence of our teachings the winter wheat belt is moving north in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska—it now being grown to a greater or less extent in almost every county in these states. We have known as high as fifty bushels of winter wheat to be grown where the directions have been followed, forty bushels in some cases; and no man ought to be satisfied with less than twenty-five. This means, even at sixty cents a bushel, fifteen dollars an acre, as much as fifty bushels of oats or sixty bushels of corn at corresponding prices.

We have regarded it as a great deal safer than oats south of latitude 44 or 45. It distributes the labor of the corn more evenly over the year, and it requires no more labor if put in on corn stalks, and furnishes a cash crop for which there will always be a world-wide market.

The reason why the corn belt has not gone into winter wheat raising successfully is because many farmers have not fenced their fields so as to avoid pasturing it while pasturing their corn stalks. Many farmers refuse to take the means necessary to preparing a thorough seed bed cheaply, and many refuse to invest in a drill. Sowing wheat broadcast is an invitation to failure which is usually accepted.

In case the reciprocity treaty is passed many farmers will fear to undertake to grow wheat on the ground that the country will be flooded with Canadian wheat. We admit that Canada is a serious menace to wheat prices, not because of reciprocity, which will have no bearing upon the subject, but because we need to import wheat for our own use, which time will not soon come; but because whether we have reciprocity or not, the wheat area in that country will be immensely developed and will be a factor in fixing the world prices, which in turn will affect our prices until we reach a point when we grow less wheat than we need for our own consumption.

Another fact must be taken into account, that in the great wheat growing sections of the country, say Kansas and Nebraska, it is only a question of time when insect pests will multiply and the soil be impoverished in that section and these will cease to be great sources of supply. Nothing is more certain than that the continued growing of wheat or any other cereal either exclusively or in rotation will so waste the fertility of the soil that its growing must be abandoned. This is as true of Canada as of the United States. We know of no country in the world that will stand this sort of farming, and sooner or later it must be abandoned and farmers get down to a rotation including a legume, either alfalfa or clover, and a winter wheat crop for a few years after breaking up the native prairie grass. Then it will have just the same experience that farmers growing wheat in that in the United States have gone through.

But, you say, why do you talk about this in such hot weather? It is not time to sow wheat yet. That is true. You do not sow winter wheat until late September; but it is time to think about how you will prepare that seed bed. Where wheat follows oats it is of the utmost importance that a dirt mulch be started as soon as the crop can be removed, particularly so in seasons of less than the normal rainfall. It will be but a short time now before oats harvest. If any of our readers think they can grow winter wheat on oats stubble without having a well-prepared seed bed, we advise them to quit thinking about it and do something else. Oats exhaust the soil more than any other cereal crop; and if the crop is removed and the land allowed to become dry and hard, it will undoubtedly work up lumpy and a seed bed can not be prepared.

Therefore, if you intend to grow winter wheat after oats and can do it at all conveniently, at the disk follow the binder and make a dirt mulch towards providing a dirt mulch. Then when the harvest is removed, disk again. Even in a dry season, this will prevent clod formation. You can then easily prepare a seed bed to which you can safely trust winter wheat. The trouble with most of us is that we do not think far enough ahead, and regret afterwards that our foresight was not as good as our hindsight. Winter wheat in the corn belt, if properly managed, will pay quite as well as any other crop, and really, notwithstanding an occasional failure through severe winter freezing or drought, is less hazardous than any other crop we know of. It can be grown on a good farm by a good farmer at not to exceed thirty cents a bushel and we have grown it ourselves at twenty cents. In the latitude south of central Iowa it can be grown cheapest by disk it in on cornstalks after the crop has been removed either for the silo or the shock. The cost then is seed, seeding, harvesting, threshing and marketing, and when there is a good yield more than half the cost is the harvesting and marketing.

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