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Panama Graft Next.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The democrats of the House are planning to demand an investigation of the purchase of the Panama canal property, and in conformity with this programme Representative Rainey of Illinois introduced to-day a resolution directing the Speaker to appoint a committee of five to "ascertain how much of the 40 million dollars which appears on record to have been paid to the French company was really paid to that company." It is said that the national Democratic committee requested Mr. Rainey to present the resolution.

The resolution provides that the committee shall ascertain if any portion of the 40 million dollars was directly or indirectly paid to American citizens, or to an American syndicate, and if any member or senator profited by the transaction.

In the recent campaign it was charged in newspaper articles that the President's brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson of New York and Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of the President-elect, had profited by the transaction. It was this charge and newspaper comment thereon which provoked the letter from President Roosevelt to William Dudley Foulke of Indiana denying the statements and saying that all the papers in the matter open to the public.

Mexican Cattle Shipped In, Although Duty of \$3.75 Each

Custom duties averaging \$3.75 a head did not keep General Louis Terrazas, the biggest cattleman in the world, from shipping cattle to the Fort Worth market, and about twenty cars of two and three-year-old steers from his ranch in Mexico have been received in the past few days at the stockyards on the north side. These cattle were shipped from Sauz, Mexico, and are part of a large number which have been purchased by American cattlemen for placing on the market and in feeding pens in the United States this winter.

General Louis Terrazas owns so much land in Mexico that he could establish a republic on his own ranch and be the superior of some of the important European countries in point of size. He runs an enormous number of cattle on the ranch. One of the men who brought the shipment here declared that Terrazas ranch brands 300,000 calves a year.

Cattle from Terrazas ranch are smaller than cattle raised on this side, but the old Mexican breeds have been graded up with better stuff from the states for the past few years so that the steers from there compare reasonably well in appearance with steers raised on this side of the Rio Grande.—Record.

Negro Bandmaster for Negroes.

President Roosevelt notified the Secretary of War Wednesday that as soon as it can be done without injustice, he desires all negro regiments in the army to be supplied with negro bandmasters. In accordance with these instructions orders have been given for the transfer of white bandmasters with negro regiments to any vacancies that may exist in white regiments, and the appointment of competent negroes to the vacancies thus created in negro regiments.

The honor of dropping the first bill into the house of representative's hopper at this session of congress fell to Representative Overstreet of Indiana. An hour and a quarter before the house met he sent up a bill for an increase of 10 per cent in the enlisted strength of the navy.

Texas Appropriations.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The following appropriations for Texas for the next fiscal year are recommended by Secretary Cortelyou in his report to congress:

For work on public buildings—Bonham, \$35,000; Cleburne, \$50,000; Corpus Christi, \$50,000; Corsicana, \$30,000; Dallas, \$30,000; Del Rio, \$60,000; Denison, \$25,000; Gonzales, \$20,000; Greenville, \$20,000; Hillsboro, \$35,000; Houston, \$200,000; McKinney, \$20,000; Mineral Wells, \$45,000; Port Arthur, \$65,000; San Angelo, \$33,000; San Antonio, \$75,000; San Marcos, \$75,000; Sulphur Springs, \$37,000; Temple, \$20,000; Terrell, \$35,000; Victoria, \$75,000; Waxahatchie, \$40,000; Wichita Falls, \$30,000.

Congressman Sheppard introduced a bill to enlarge the federal building at Paris and Texarkana and for new buildings at Jefferson, Mount Pleasant, Pittsburg, Mount Vernon, Daingerfield, Atlanta and Cooper.

Representative Stephens introduced a bill permitting old Texas rangers to qualify for pensions by secondary proof. This is to permit soldiers to obtain pensions in cases where destroyed by fire in the old capitol.

Representative Henry introduced a bill for a \$100,000 building at Marlin and \$110,000 building at Belton. He also introduced a bill forbidding dealing in futures in agricultural products.

Representative Henry introduced a bill for the improvement of the Brazos river, contemplating the construction of three additional locks and dams. The first lock is to be immediately below Waco; the next below the hills near Marlin, and the other at Thompson shoals, near Bryan.

The president has sent in the following nominations: Luke E. Wright, secretary of war; Truman Newberry, secretary of the navy; Herbert Satterlee, assistant secretary of the navy; Daniel Keefe, commissioner of immigration; Rufus Thayer, judge of the United States court in China; Wade Ellis, assistant attorney general.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma was on motion of Senator Culberson of Texas, admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States this week. It is believed to be the first instance of admission of a blind man to that bar.

A Christmas shopper is a woman who decides on Dec. 1 that a pair of gold cuff buttons and a pearl scarf pin will be about right for her husband, and on Dec. 24 gets him a stick of shaving soap.—Dallas News.

J. B. Holloway, a Waco capitalist, says a contract has been signed with the Santa Fe road and a forfeit put up by the road to build from Plainview to Lubbock, fifty miles, by Aug. 1 of next year. Work is to begin at once.

At Georgetown R. W. Maxwell is suing the Katy road for \$20,000, alleging that a train on that line carried his wife half a mile beyond her station, compelling her to walk back with a baby and valise.

Up in the Panhandle country and throughout central west Texas they are breaking the land with steam plows. That's meeting the intensive demands of development. Outside capital is the steam plow demanded by inside opportunities for enterprise and commerce. The one-mule power turning plow and the dime invested in the grouch are not heavy enough for the firing line in Texas today. We need the wonderful energy and power of the investment dollar. Progressive sentiment has retired the dime.—Ft. Worth Star.

Beef Fed Without Corn.

Prof. W. J. Kennedy of Iowa station, who went to Europe to the live stock industry over there for the government has just issued his report, and it is full of interest for the American breeder.

They do not raise corn over there to any extent and therefore depend largely upon roots. Prof. Kennedy says the English farmers place their dependence on roots, linseed and cottonseed cake, and feed a larger percentage of roughage in proportion to concentrates than do the Americans.

Further, while cattle are given the greatest care, the Englishmen do not believe in keeping breeding stock in extreme flesh condition, as they think it tends to barrenness and impotency—which is quite right.

The roots most commonly fed to dairy cows and beef cattle are mangelwurzels, turnips and rutabagas (commonly called swedes) in France and Germany sugar beets, and the pulp as well, is largely fed, used for roughage in the winter, and the principal rations in the summer are grass or soiling crops, with a mixture of cottonseed and linseed cake. For breeding cattle, crushed oats, wheat and bran are the principal feeds used.

Some farmers need as high as 125 pounds of roots per animal per day. The majority feed from 50 to 80 pounds. A tremendous amount of cake is fed all the time. It is generally broken into small pieces and fed on the ground and the hay or straw is cut.

Roots are pulped or sliced. In some parts of England farmers save all the chaff and mixed it with grain and cake at feeding time.

The English do not believe in highly forcing feeds and the use of concentrated stuff is limited. The best breeders think forcing feed is pretty sure to injure the animal in the long run.

Animals are kept outdoors or in open sheds most of the time. The only animals that are fed on highly concentrated feed are those that are intended for sale, as it is much easier to sell an inferior fat animal than a superior one in the rough. The most intelligent feeders say that natural feeding prevents, or greatly lessens, the danger from tuberculosis.

As a rule feeders are in no hurry to get their animals on full feed and usually take 4 months or more to do this. Cattle put into stalls or feed-yards from the first of October to the middle of November, are ready for the market by the first of March to the middle of June. The feeding period varies from 120 to 200 days.

Prof. Kennedy says that while to an American feeder the grain rations fed by English feeders may look small, gains made by the cattle are fully as great as those obtained by the most successful American feeders. This fact, he thinks, demonstrates that the English method must insure more thorough digestion of the grain and cake or the roots must furnish more nourishment than the chemical analysis would indicate.

Cattle are fattened on grass in all parts of England, but only where rents are low or where the lands are swampy and grass is abundant. Many cattle are kept on grass and cake until they are half fat before putting them in the stable or yards for winter feeding. While on grass cattle are fed small quantities of cake, the limit being about 4 or 5 pounds a day.—Ex.

During a fight with knives at Comanche, Lum Whatley was seriously cut and Henry Scott slightly stabbed this week.

Views on Christmas Trees and Santa Claus.

CONDEMNNS THE CUSTOM.

New York, Dec. 7.—If the advice of Rev. Dr. Robert S. McArthur of the Calvary Methodist church is taken, the custom of having Christmas trees will be abandoned. In his sermon yesterday, after a plea of early shopping to relieve the third workers in department stores, he said:

"How came we to adopt this custom is one of the many taken from the heathen. We are deforesting many portions of our state and country. We ought to save the trees to prevent flood and give the proper amount of shade. To do my share in the work I have forbidden the purchase of evergreen trees in the church the coming holidays."

SAYS ALRIGHT TO DECEIVE THE CHILDREN.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—In a sermon at Sinai temple yesterday, Dr. Hirsch ridiculed those who would rob childhood of its illusion concerning Santa Clause. He took issue with club women and educators who advise instilling exact truthful subjects into the infant mind.

"Parents are blind to take away from their children's life the charm of expectation," he declared.

"Misses in nurseries are dressed by milliner models. Boys become blasé at 14. Let the children make mud pies, let them be awkward; let them not know of sheath gowns and merry widow hats.

"This is St. Nicholas day in Holland. Children there are rejoicing in their belief that the good saint has brought their gifts.

"But this enlightened and progressive land, forsooth, the little ones must not be permitted to cherish such a mistaken illusion. We are to make it clear to them that there is no St. Nicholas and that the toys came from papa and mamma lest our children become addicted to untruth.

"Many a child has become an inveterate liar without ever having heard of St. Nicholas and many a boy or girl who believes firmly in the saint, has grown up to be truthful men or women. Leave the child its realm of imagination, for out of that comes enthusiasm and the joy of youth."

We note in the Amarillo Daily Panhandle that Robt. Moss, formerly of Clarendon, ran down a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Eakle Monday and one of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oliver. The paper says, "The accident was witnessed by the mothers of the children. The ladies were driving from the city and were approaching their little daughters when the latter ran out to meet them. The children had reached a point near the middle of the street when struck by the car of Moss. The ladies were horrified, but Mrs. Eakle seemed more seriously affected and collapsed a few minutes later, not being able to comprehend that her child had escaped serious injuries. Attention was diverted from the child to the mother, who lapsed into a serious state. She was carried home upon a stretcher and a physician attended her several hours before she assumed anything like a normal state. Today she is confined to her bed and continues to suffer from the nervous shock through which she passed."

Two land fraud grafters were sentenced to the penitentiary in Washington yesterday. The discovery that it is really a penitentiary of fence to steal government land will come as a shock to those who have for years made a specialty of this form of real estate activity.—Kansas City Star.

Dangerous Counterfeit.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate Indian head has been discovered by secret service officials, who declared it a dangerous and deceptive counterfeit. It is said to be particularly deceptive by reason of the fact that it is printed on genuine paper, which has been obtained by bleaching notes of smaller denominations, probably \$1 bills. In bleaching the note the color has been taken out and some of the distributed silk fibre lying close to the surface, but the deeply imbedded fibre is still visible in the paper, though the blue has been changed to purple and the red has been somewhat lightened. The back of the note is deceptive, but is blue and green and darker than the genuine.

Corporation Interests Want Laws Changed.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—According to indications prohibition submission will not be the only important issue before the legislature, recent developments showing there will be a hot fight over the tax laws.

The Commercial Secretaries' association wants the laws revised and some sections abrogated. State officials and politicians friendly to the administration wants no change.

Tax Commissioner Dashiell and Insurance Commissioner Love urge slight modifications in the intangible assets law but want the system otherwise unchanged.

The commercial secretaries are making an organized fight for a tax more favorable to railroads and corporations and will have a strong lobby here. They are working among the legislators.

Grow to Be an Evangelist.

Criminals of various lines have turned, or pretended to turn, evangelist; now it is Pat Crowe, the kidnapper, who has taken up that class of work. He is quoted to have said in Chicago this week: "I'm through with the old game for good and all, I have cut out the drinking and have become a Christian. Now I am going out regularly to put the young fellows on the right track and warn them from the paths and temptations that no one knows better than I. I am not going to be a temperance lecturer. I am going into a broader field." Crowe is married and has a son, Pat Crowe, jr., 1 year old.

Wealth and Happiness.

Andrew Carnegie in "Problems of Today," says: "Our poets, authors, statesmen, the very highest type of humanity, are above the allurements of money-making. These known of higher satisfaction and nobler lives than those of the mere millionaire. Having their nobler missions, they have no time to waste accumulating dross. All these men are quite right, for beyond a competence for old age, which need not be great and may be very small, wealth lessens rather than increases human happiness. Millionaires who laugh are rare. The deplorable family quarrels which so often afflict the rich generally have their rise in sordid differences about money. The most miserable of men, as old age approaches are those who have made money making their god; like flies bound to the wheel, these unfortunates fondly believe they were really driving it, only to find when tired and craving rest, that it is impossible for them to get off, and they are lost—plenty to retire upon, but nothing to retire to, and so they end as they began, striving to add to their useless hoards, passing into nothingness, leaving their money behind for heirs to quarrel over, only because they cannot take it with them—a melancholy end much less enviable than that of their poorer fellows."

STATE NEWS.

The Temple creamery began operation this week with the product of 250 cows.

All toy pistols found in the possession of public school pupils at Terrell will be confiscated by the teachers.

Dallas is going to lay it over Ft. Worth in way of a passenger station. It is to cost a million and a half, or more.

Armstrong county's \$2,500 school house bond issue, bearing 5 per cent, has been approved by the attorney general.

R. B. Kelly, a painter about 72 years old, was instantly killed by a South Belt car in Dallas Tuesday night while en route home.

At Sherman this week George Wilson, charged with violating the local option law, the jury assessed the penalty at \$50 and 30 days.

At Paris Monday night L. W. Robertson was snatched and robbed of \$15 in a downtown street. He was unconscious for some time. He says negroes made the attack.

At Haskell Saturday a judgment was rendered in the district court for \$20,000 damages to Mrs. W. C. Petree for personal injuries received on alighting from a moving train on the Wichita Valley railroad.

At Paris Tuesday Floyd Walker, formerly in the United States army cavalry, confessed to three cases of forgery in which bogus checks were passed. His age is 30 years and he was honorably discharged from the service. He was jailed.

S. A. Lawrence, who doubtless paid taxes on more land than any other man in Dallas county, died Wednesday of the effects of a dose of chloroform said to have been taken with suicide intent. No reasons are assigned for the alleged suicide.

Glyde Canterbury, the 6 year-old son of J. B. Canterbury, and his little sister ate mistletoe berries last week and were poisoned, resulting in the death of the little boy. The girl will recover. Canterbury resides six miles north of Colorado.

The attorney general's department through Assistant Crawford holds that a school trustee is a public official and therefore not qualified to act as election judge at the local option election to be held at Athens, Henderion county, under the Terrell election law.

Neal and Jernigin's gin north of Commerce burned Monday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss about \$6,000, partially covered by insurance. This was only the second season this plant had been run. Neal & Jernigin having lost their first plant two years ago by fire.

A man believed to have been Otto Sugel, aged 50, was run down and killed by a freight train in Taylor railroad yard Monday night. His head was severed and both arms cut off. Shoulders and breast crushed. A package on his person showed he had come from Smithville, Texas.

The Dallas Commercial club, the Hundred and Fifty Thousand club, the Dallas Trades League and the freight bureau have merged into the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. The new organization has embodied in its constitution all of the salient points of the old clubs and several new features.

Sunday morning John Meacham was burned to death in the old Jackson gin, ten miles north of Commerce. It seems that he had been out late that night and retired in the gin instead of the house. It is supposed that while he was asleep a lamp was overturned and thus the gin was fired.

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The first international apple show ever held in America is in session at Spokane, Wash. Canada has many large exhibits, and Germany, Norway and Japan are also represented.

Mr. Taft, president elect, at the dinner of the North Carolina Society in New York, declared his administration would work to obliterate North and South sectional lines and for the granting of greater political rights for the negroes.

President Neill, of the Farmers' Union, says, "Texas will produce 3,500,000 bales of cotton" "While my estimate was 3,000,000, central Texas and west Texas turned out better than we expected. The receipts of cotton are falling off and I am looking for a bullish market."

Governor Campbell is being deluged with applications for Christmas pardons and indications are that quite a number will be issued this Christmas. Some of the applications come by mail while others are brought by persons interested in securing liberty for unfortunates in the penitentiary.

Rev. Francis A. Poole, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Barre, Vt., says advertising pays, even in the church. He quadrupled his congregation in three years and now they are going to make the church building twice its present size. Sometimes he used a whole page in the local papers.

Emmett Dalton, the convicted bank robber should never have been pardoned. He now lives at Bartlesville, Ok., and threatens further publicity to his career as an outlaw by writing a book of reminiscences, telling of the bandits that once infested Indian territory and Oklahoma, whom he knew and with whom he kept the road.

Sentiment in favor of the issuance of government bonds for a comprehensive improvement of the rivers, harbors and canals of the country to the end that this nation shall have the greatest system of waterways in the world, gained considerable headway at the opening session of the annual meeting of the rivers and harbors congress in Washington Wednesday. The schemes contemplate the issuance of \$500,000,000 worth of federal bonds for inland water courses, to be distributed over a 10 year period of \$50,000,000 annually. Following the lead of President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft, both of whom, before the joint conversation meeting advocated the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent waterways improvement.

Same Here.

Street fakirs are becoming obnoxiously numerous in Childress now. These fraudulent vendors of worthless goods can always find people to buy their cheap wares even in the Panhandle.—Childress Post.

Governor Deneen has issued a call to all residents of Illinois to make the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Feb. 12, 1909, the biggest event yet.

Since the Smithsonian institute will pay Roosevelt's expenses to Africa and get whatever he may bring home in return therefor, it begins to look as if Roosevelt should be on the ways and means committee.—Ft. Worth Record.

The penal code needs considerable attention at the hands of the next legislature. It takes exceedingly strong penalties to even partially subdue the law-breaker, and every citizen who pays his taxes and attends to his own business should have protection that is his by right, and it takes strong penalties to evildoers to assist his rights.—West Times.

Yoakum Favors Government Control.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island-Frisco lines, delivered an address before the Chicago Chamber of Commerce last night on "Our Country and Our Railroads." During the course of his address he declared that "all railroads engaged in the movement of commerce between the states should be under control of the federal government rather than 46 states."

"Railway pools should not be legalized," he also declared. "Pools are secret understandings between the parties to them; but railroads should be permitted to enter into open traffic alliances, subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission."

"We are beginning to live down the effects of last year's depressing conditions; but we are an advancing and forgetting people and before the recent panic has been forgotten we should, as individuals and through co-operation, aid in influencing a governmental policy which will protect us from similar calamities in the future."

"An established railroad policy by our government is essential to the welfare of our classes, but more directly that of the railroad employees and other workingmen. The agitation against the railroads has been to hurt the workingmen, as we have recently seen in the loss or shrinkage in the payroll of railroad employes alone of \$1,000,000 per day, to say nothing of the army of men engaged in the manufacture of material and supplies used in the operation and construction of railroads who were thrown out of employment."

The Poor Hungry Fish.
"Here is an interesting thing that happened last summer to a friend and myself," said a New Yorker. "We had gone on a fishing trip in a rowboat, but it seemed that either all the fish were at another place or were not hungry. We decided if those fish were not hungry we were. We had taken our luncheon, as wise fishermen will, and in order to keep the bread as fresh as possible had left it in loaf form. My friend asked me to pass it to him, and in doing so the loaf of bread went overboard. We made out the best we could without the bread and later rowed to another place to fish. On our way back we passed the place where we lost our bread. Then we saw the sight of our lives. On each side of the loaf of bread stood a big fish, and for as far as we could see there was a great line of small fish. We wondered what it was, and then the thought dawned on us—those fish had formed a 'bread line' and the two large fish were dealing out the bread. After that we didn't have the heart to try to catch any of those poor, hungry fish."

Christmas Pies.

In England, Yorkshire is still the stronghold of vast Christmas pies that trace their lineage far beyond the Norman conquest into the dim feasts of Saxon kings and Danish freebooters. A rather quaint note, written in 1833, makes mention of the "wains" (or wagons) groaning about Christmas time under a load of these pies and adds, "At such times the hostess of a well frequented inn of the old school will construct a pie of the circumference rivaling her own, and the county newspaper will record its dimensions."

One such "hostess of the old school" is immortalized by a famous though slightly profane epitaph in a Yorkshire churchyard running as follows:

Here lies the body of Mary Ann Shoven. She was versed in the arts Of cakes, pies and tarts And the mystical rites of the oven. When she'd lived long enough She made her last puff— A puff by her husband much praised. Now here she doth lie And make a mud pie In the hope that her crust may be raised.

—New York Evening Post.

Rural Reparto.

"Sary," snickered young Ab Cornstossel, "I kinder think I'll put myself on th' Christmas tree fer you this year."

"If you do, Ab," giggled Sary, "they'll not take you off this year. They'll let you stay there till you git ripe enough to pick."

"Christmas Children."

In some Catholic countries there is a custom of dressing up puppets called Christmas children, hiding them on Christmas eve, setting persons in quest of them and giving a reward to the finder.

Our fall stock of Dorothy Dodd shoes are on display. See them. Rathjen's Shoe Store.

If you are a reader of the Chronicle the news is not old and stale when you get it.

Good stock, neat work, moderate price, are features of our job work.

What the President Favors.

The Dallas News makes the following synopsis of the President's recommendations in his message:

"Repeal the provisions of the Sherman law denouncing combinations. Enact law which will expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public. Give some agency of the national government full power to control and supervision over them. Have full publicity of all matters the public has a right to know. Vest the executive, not the judiciary, with power to prevent improper favoritism and wrong doing."

"Put the railways of the country completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and remove them from the domain of the anti-trust law. Have the commission exercise complete control over the issue of securities, as well as the raising and levying of rates. The power at least to rates should be summary. Railroads should be expressly given power to make combinations and traffic agreements subject to consent of the commission. The commission should have complete power to see that the railroads do their duty to the public and vice versa."

"Put telegraph and companies engaged in interstate business under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission."

"Tax inheritances."

"Enlarge the scope of the law passed at the last session of congress for the protection of wage-workers engaged in the government service so as to include all such and liberalize its terms."

"Pass a model employers' liability act for the District of Columbia."

"Grant half holidays in summer to all employes of the government."

"Extend the principle of the 8-hour day to all work carried on by the government."

"Double the salaries of all federal judges."

"Provide a method for doing away with the long delays in administration of justice."

"Provide that no injunction shall issue, except where irreparable injury would otherwise result, and sharply define the procedure."

"Begin action forthwith for the improvement of our inland waterways, so that we shall have navigation. Provide for a permanent commission to frame and supervise a comprehensive plan. Put the work of supervision under the reclamation service or under the military engineers, acting jointly with the reclamation service or with civilians, so that the work may go forward in time of war. Issue bonds if necessary. Quit playing. Get results."

"Place the National park adjacent to national forests completely under control of forest service."

"Repeal the law passed at the last session prohibiting details from the secret service or transfers therefrom. If it is not considered desirable to use the service in the detection and prosecution of Congressmen who commit crimes, make an exception as to the legislative branch of the government."

"Establish postal savings bank. Provide for experiments in local parcels post on rural delivery routes."

Increase the appropriation for the National Bureau of Education.

"Provide for the next decennial census. Place all employes, except supervisors and enumerators, under the civil service."

"Concentrate the bureaus having to do with public health in one of the existing departments."

"Put the Government printing office under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce and Labor; the soldiers' homes under the War Department; place all existing independent bureaus and commissions under the jurisdiction of appropriate executive departments."

"Admit New Mexico and Arizona as separate states."

"Provide for national control of interstate fisheries."

"Extend the Federal statute regulating interstate traffic in game so as to include fish. Establish more fish hatcheries. Vest the administration of the Alaskan fur seal

service in the Bureau of Fisheries.

"Establish satisfactory mail lines to South America, Asia, the Philippines and Australia."

"Provide adequate harbors on each of the Hawaiian Islands. Amend the coastwise shipping laws to meet their needs. Amend the contract labor law so as to permit them to bring in American and European labor. Appropriate money to quickly make the fortification of Pearl harbor impregnable."

"Give the Porto Ricans American citizenship."

"Abolish the seniority rule in army (also the navy). Extend the scope of retiring boards in order to secure a more rigid enforcement of eliminations of officers for disabilities. Retire officers who fail to attain full rank by the time they are, say, 45. Promote officers by selection. Reorganize the cavalry. Provide more infantry. Develop the machine gun. Create more officers in the army, so that a sufficient number shall be available as instructors of the National Guard and to train raw levies in case of war. Give Congressional assistance to those promoting rifle practice, in or out of service. Encourage rifle practice among the school-boys, and all other classes."

"Provide for four new battleships, also for two hospital ships and for more colliers and destroyers. Abolish the bureau organization of the navy; turn the general board into a general staff. Graduate the midshipmen from Annapolis as ensigns. Appoint the board of visitors of that school in January and require that each member give at least six days' service."

STATE NEWS.

C. C. Lowery had two fingers cut off by a printing press at Amarillo this week.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway's track now connects Wichita, Kan., and Sweetwater, 432 miles.

Children playing in corn shucks at San Antonio set them afire and Lillie Leech, aged four, was burned to death.

B. J. Bearden was fined at Waxahachie \$50 for drunkenness. The costs run the sum up to \$84.95, making it a costly drunk.

An automobile gasoline explosion near Claude this week came near killing Voss Brummal, of Amarillo this week. He may lose his eyesight.

While feeding his team at his home three miles northwest of Moody Wednesday night Dock Howard, a farmer, was held up in his own barn by two armed men and robbed of \$240. There is no clue.

The 3-year-old child of Rev. J. F. Segraves, pastor of the First Baptist church of Pilot Point, was probably fatally scalded Wednesday afternoon from falling into a vessel of hot water while playing in the yard.

At Temple this week Oscar Reese aged 27 years met death by being run over by a wagon loaded with wood which he was preparing to unload. In some manner he fell between the horses and the wagon, sustaining injuries in the nature of brain concussion that proved fatal in a few hours.

Mrs. Ira Maddox, aged 20, was fatally burned at her home, south of Paris, Thursday. She was rendering lard in the yard and her dress caught fire when the fat boiled over. She ran into the house, where her infant sat, but fearing to set it afire, ran out and seized a cotton picker's sack, which she threw over her head. When a neighbor who heard her cries ran to her assistance her clothes were all burned off. She lived five hours.

First-class Shop Work.

I have bought the Dick Allen carpenter shop, and I invite all classes of carpenter and cabinet work, furniture repairing, etc. Window and door frames, mouldings, baseboards, mantles and scroll work put up in the best of shape and all work guaranteed.

L. D. Clark, Mgr., Clarendon Planing Mill Co.

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Five miles southeast of Clarendon, on the Ben Chamberlain place, I will on

Thursday, Dec. 17th beginning at 10 o'clock, Sell at Public Auction the following:

- One good Team, weight 1,100.
- 2 Good Cows, one fresh.
- One 3-inch Racine wagon, nearly new.
- One 2-seated spring wagon.
- One cultivator. One go-devil.
- One 1-horse drill. One 10-in. plow.
- Four head of hogs.

Three or four dozen Chickens, Household and kitchen Furniture, 1 large, 6-hole cooking range, also a lot of other articles.

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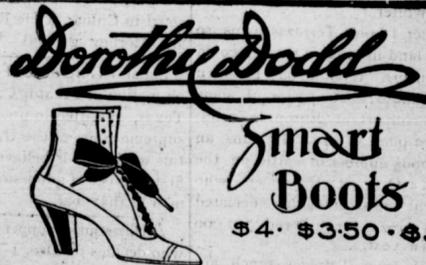
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Jack Wall, of Brice, loaded out material yesterday for a new house.

Giles is now clear of diphtheria, those ill having recovered and no new cases.

R. W. Scales from Rowe dropped in yesterday to advertise a farm for rent.

J. L. Bagwell, of Mulberry was in this week buying furniture. Wonder what it means?

Three or four marriages are soon to be pulled off in Clarendon, but we dare not say who.

J. M. Wattenberger, who moved from here to Alpine, Tex., is here on business this week.

Dr. Stocking reports a 10½ pound girl out at Sylvester Dubbs', born Wednesday morning.

C. E. Thornton, J. A. Grundy and Charley Madison went over to McLean this week on business.

A Mr. Lee and family moved here this week from Indiana, seeking a more healthful location than hitherto.

J. T. McHan was here Thursday night on business. He says Rowe is the chief corn market of the Panhandle.

R. W. Talley expects to open up his barber shop again as soon as he can make a satisfactory deal for a building.

Rev. W. Y. Switzer, who is now pastor of the Methodist church at Shamrock, visited here a few days this week.

J. S. McCrary, of Lella Lake, was in yesterday with four nice porkers, which he disposed of to the City meat market.

Mrs. J. D. Stocking and three children have returned from Henrietta where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ward.

Assessor Baker returned from Grapevine, Tarrant county, Wednesday, where he visited a brother who has been very ill, but now improving.

E. P. Ozier and father-in-law, Mr. Sheldon, moved in from Rosebud yesterday. Mr. Ozier will take charge of the Smith & Thornton stock at once.

J. E. and D. L. Baker moved here this week from Lake Arthur, N. M. They have bought the Bond place west of town, 244 acres, at \$22 per acre.

Mrs. T. S. McClelland leaves today for Virginia to spend the Christmas holiday vacation with her two sons, who are in Cornell University. She will spend the winter in Virginia.

Tom Young has sold his place to G. W. Medley and moved to Amarillo to engage in railroad work. He first contemplated going to Clovis, but after a trip out there he changed his notion.

Note the ad of Frank McFall's Auction sale in this paper. He says he is unable to find a place for rent for next year, hence will sell off his stock, implements, etc., Thursday of next week.

Dr. Ed Hughes, who lived here two years ago and moved back to Wylie, Tex., was not as well pleased back there as he thought he would be. He has moved again, this time to Holliday, Tex.

There will be preaching at both hours at the Baptist church Sunday by the pastor. Text at 11 a. m., "Unto Me Who am the Least of All the Saints Given to Preach the Unsearchable Riches of Christ." At 7:15, subject—"How to Win True Happiness."

Santa Claus goods at Stocking's store.

Joe Jones has moved to town from Mulberry Flat.

Mr. Munn, brought his daughter Miss Lila, down from Amarillo this week and placed her in St. Mary's academy.

The City council is to be commended for their stand against the noisy, dangerous fireworks. Better read the mayor's notice and avoid a fine, and a possible fire or painful accident.

For a Cleaner City.

The election on the bond issue for sewerage purposes carried by a fair majority considering the small vote polled. Out of 209 there were 115 to 92, a majority of 21.

The desire of the voters for a cleaner, healthier, better city will tend to keeping us in the up to date class and we believe those who opposed the measure will soon be convinced that the result of the election was for the better. We believe it will be the means of bringing in men of energy and capital and the establishment of additional enterprises. It will furnish employment for a number of men who will spend a portion of their wages in improving their homes. When finished the system will be a source of pride in addition to the convenience and other desirable features it brings.

A Corn Blockade.

Fully 100 wagons of grain have been marketed at Rowe today, loading from both spur and main switch. One blockade of wagons all day from early morn until after the stars are shining at night.

Ninety cars have left this station up to date, of corn alone, to say nothing of cattle, hogs and cotton products. Freight footings of today breaks the past record and shows \$678.35. As Egypt was noted for the land of bread so Rowe, only in its infancy, now will soon be recognized as such from all points of the Lone Star state.

J. T. McHAN.

C. B. Weaver is reported quite ill with pneumonia.

R. L. Mormon made a business trip to Clarendon Saturday.

H. C. Powell last week sold his grocery stock to W. H. Magnus, of Sparta, Tenn., who will conduct the business in the future.

W. J. Parson, W. T. Atterberry, Dr. McGee and H. B. White, attorney, all of Clarendon were in the city Saturday attending to business in the justice court.

Rev. J. G. Miller, presiding elder of Clarendon district held the fourth quarterly conference for the Memphis station of the Methodist church Saturday night. Good reports were made which showed progress along all lines of church work.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday: Steers \$3.00 to \$4.75. Cows \$2.00 to \$3.20. Calves \$3.00 to \$4.35. Hogs \$5.00 to \$5.80.

Tax Payers Notice.

I will be at Giles on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 17 and at Hedley Friday, Dec. 18, with my tax rolls and all those that desire can meet me there and pay your taxes. The office at county site will be closed on the above dates.

Very respectfully,
J. T. PATMAN,
Tax collector.

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FIRE WORKS PROHIBITED

The City Council desires that all shall know that it is unlawful and punishable by a Fine of One Hundred Dollars to explode any fire works within the City limits of Clarendon. We have had enough fires in this City, having had seven in as many months.

Therefore all citizens are requested to report any violations of the fire works Ordinance so the guilty parties may be punished. This law will be Rigidly enforced.

A. L. JOURNEY,
Mayor.

Maupin's Brain Leaks.

The worst dishonesty is honesty for policy's sake.

Christmas lies principally in the giving, not in the gift.

The price tag never accompanies the real Christmas gift.

And we'll be happy if Santa brings us an extra pair of suspenders.

If you can not give anything else, give a smile and a word of cheer.

Mighty easy to get the children to bed early these nights. And off to Sunday school.

We know what we'd like to hand the coal man—and also what we'll have to hand him.

If heaven were to be won only by achievements it would be a frightfully lonesome place.

This postal savings bank scheme has no interest for us at this particular time of the year.

One reform in the currency that we want hurried along is the matter of getting your change back in a department store.

Hog killing season—and we recall the old days of backbone, sparerib and jowls. Make your mouth water, Mr. City Man?

Just because you can not make everybody happy on Christmas is no reason why you should not try to make somebody happy.

We have a sneaking suspicion that a lot of children are fooling us into believing that we are still fooling them on this Santa business.

Of course your friend who smoke-will appreciate a Christmas gift in the shape of a nice pipe, but if he's a real smoker he will stick to the old one until the stem is worn off.

Farm For Rent.

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Old papers for sale at this office, only 15 cents per 100. Good to put under carpets, on shelves, etc.

Found—Bunch of keys, left at this office for owner.

Have you renewed for 1909?

Market Hogs.

What kind of hog will bring the most money in the market, and what breed will make the best market hog? These are questions hard to answer definitely. Markets vary as to the class of hogs that will sell at the top. When lard is at a premium the hog that yields a large amount of lard is the market topper, and that means the heavy, thick, fat hog. When lard is below other products this kind of hog sells for less than the light weight which will make handy pork loins and good hams without too much fat on them. Taking one year with another in eastern markets, the hog of 180 to 200 pounds will hit the top oftener than any other weight. In western markets hogs of around 250 pounds will probably average best. Sometimes lighter or heavier hogs will out-sell these grades, according to the fluctuations in price of the product. In summer hog prices cover the widest range because there is the greatest difference in the yield of product at this season. In the winter all hogs are corn fed and yield more uniform quantities of product. In summer many are grassers that make low yields and of inferior quality to corn fed hogs. A 200 pound hog that dresses 80 per cent yields 160 pounds, one that dresses 75 per cent yields 150 pounds, and one that dresses 70 per cent yields only 140 pounds, an enormous difference in a carload of hogs, which the buyer makes allowance for in buying them on foot. As a rule, of late the best hogs have been the cheapest on the hooks at the top of the market because they have yielded so much more product than the others, which looked cheaper to the inexperienced observer. As to the breed that kills like best, probably more would answer Berkshire than any other breed. But hogs are what killers want, and the kind they want will top the market, whether black, white, red or spotted.

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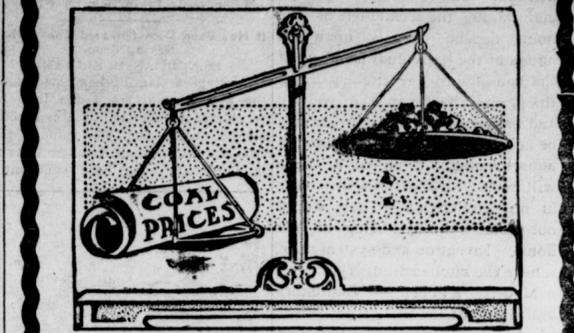
If you are an invalid woman and suffer from frequent headache, backache, gnawing distress in stomach, periodical pains, disagreeable, catarrhal, pelvic drain, dragging-down distress in lower abdomen or pelvis, perhaps dark spots or specks dancing before the eyes, faint spells and kindred symptoms caused by female weakness, or the derangement of the feminine organs, you can not do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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To Avoid Kitchen Drudgery.

The Kansas City Star this week awarded prizes for articles on how to avoid kitchen drudgery. The following was awarded first prize:

The greatest burden of house keeping is that connected with the kitchen. The economy of labor in maintaining the remainder of the home depends largely upon the habits of the individual members of the household. The kitchen, being the greatest factor in the welfare and happiness of family life, cannot be dispensed with co-operative housekeeping and public kitchens will never prove permanent factors in our civilization. They would not promote the well being of the home. Invention and system must relieve the kitchen drudgery.

Modern Kitchen—Ventilators built into outside walls, tiled, painted or oil papered; no crevices, dark cupboards or needless furnishings; table built around sink to adjoin stove within two inches; faucets high enough above sink for use with board covering over sink to make of it a cooking table; hooks and racks above table against wall for spoons, holders, lids and minor cooking utensils; light revolving chair; one three and one single decked table with rubber covered tired trucks and handle bar on one end.

Preparing and Serving 3-course Dinner—Use propelling tables; three trips kitchen and pantry to dining room; one, kitchen to pantry; no steps in interim across kitchen.

Clearing Up—One trip dining room to kitchen; pots and pans, soaked during dinner, washed first, like dishes, without rack; scraped dishes placed in inclined rack in sink; dish mop in one hand, spray attached to hot water faucet in other—two minutes; wipe; two trips kitchen to pantry. Through!

HILMA S. SWANSON.

SECOND PRIZE WINNER.

The great principle in all house-work is system; a time for every thing, a place for everything.

Make each step count; use brains and save muscles.

Let each member of the family have some definite work to do and be responsible for it.

Have some member of the family put the living room in order before retiring.

Let it be the duty of another member to start the fire and put on teakettle immediately upon arising.

The family should arise at a reasonably early hour so that the children may help with the morning work.

A small kitchen saves steps. Place work table near cupboard and sink.

Do not "let everything go" for awhile and then have a general cleaning up, but keep kitchen in good order.

Sit on a high stool to prepare vegetables, wash dishes, etc. Lazy? No, not at all; only saving strength to exercise in the open air.

Be punctual with your meals.

Where there is a large family, let each child stack and carry away dishes to the kitchen on arising from table.

Avoid a lot of cooking dishes by planning so as to use a dish for more than one thing—or rinse and use again.

Some of the plain clothes can be taken from the line, folded, pressed with the hand and put away.

Rinse dishes in very hot water and put away.

Spread a cloth on floor to catch litter when sewing.

Be neat; there is as much in saving work as in doing it.

NINA D. COATES.

Vanity.

A New York cloak manufacturer, speaking of women's clothing and vanity, said:

"Ah, well, we are all vain. There was a woman buying a coat for her little girl one day. Finally a becoming and beautiful coat was selected, and as she bridled in it before the glass the little girl said to the saleswoman:

"Don't you think that I look just like mamma?"

"The young mother smiled and bit her lip.

"Hush, dear. Don't be vain, she said."

Neat job printing at this office.

Farm and Garden

THE EUCALYPTUS FOR PROFIT

It Has Been Demonstrated That It is a Paying Crop.

By NORMAN D. INGHAM.

Eucalyptus planting has now passed the experimental stage and may be considered without question as a commercial proposition. The value of the crop and the possibilities of growing it in California have been sufficiently

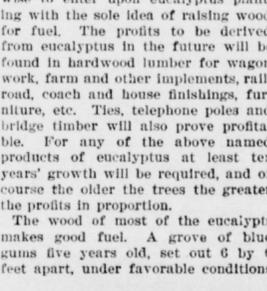


GROVE OF EUCALYPTUS, END OF FIRST SUMMER.

demonstrated to make judicious plantings even on a large scale perfectly safe, with an assurance of sure and reasonably large profits. It is important, however, for the planter to consider in the light of the best information the nature of the product which he will produce, or, in other words, the market which he will attempt to supply with his eucalyptus trees.

Eucalypts may be used either for fuel or for hardwood lumber. For the former purpose the prevailing prices of wood in most of our cities and large towns during the past few years have been such as to make the fuel proposition appear extremely attractive. Many glowing prospectuses are being offered to the public on this basis. It should be remembered, however, that the production and use of natural oil are rapidly increasing, that gas and electricity for heating purposes are cheap in the cities and that all three are coming more and more into use every day in the place of wood. In fact, wood as fuel is rapidly becoming a luxury, and there is in the mind of the writer no reason for expecting any increase in its use as fuel by the general public. He therefore believes it unprofitable and unwise to enter upon eucalyptus planting with the sole idea of raising wood for fuel. The profits to be derived from eucalyptus in the future will be found in hardwood lumber for wagon work, farm and other implements, railroad, coach and house furnishings, furniture, etc. Ties, telephone poles and bridge timber will also prove profitable. For any of the above named products of eucalyptus at least ten years' growth will be required, and of course the older the trees the greater the profits in proportion.

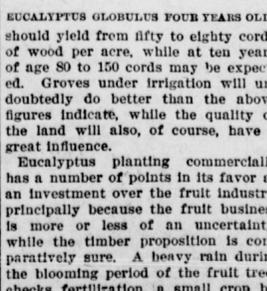
The wood of most of the eucalypts makes good fuel. A grove of blue gums five years old, set out 6 by 6 feet apart, under favorable conditions



EUCALYPTUS GLOBULUS FOUR YEARS OLD.

should yield from fifty to eighty cords of wood per acre, while at ten years of age 80 to 150 cords may be expected. Groves under irrigation will undoubtedly do better than the above figures indicate, while the quality of the land will also, of course, have a great influence.

Eucalyptus planting commercially has a number of points in its favor as an investment over the fruit industry, principally because the fruit business is more or less of an uncertainty, while the timber proposition is comparatively sure. A heavy rain during the blooming period of the fruit trees checks fertilization, a small crop being the result. This is not the case with the wood crop, where the more rain the greater growth and profits. The harvesting period of most fruiting extends over but a few weeks, and it is not gathered at that time the crop is a total loss, while, on the other hand, the harvesting period of the timber trees extends over a lifetime. The price of labor may be high or the value of the wood much lower than usual. If either is the case the trees may be allowed to stand. The following year they will be larger and more valuable.



ADULT GRAPE LEAF HOPPER.

surrounding it. They may come in, therefore, from vineyards closely adjoining, so that plowing a single vineyard may be of little help. When the plowing is done in a single vineyard or over a small area it is likely to result simply in driving them into other fields where there is a better food supply. Once in these other situations they may or may not come back into the vineyard where they were originally.

THE FARMER'S BOY.

In Many Instances He Has a Mistaken Idea of City Life.

The great trouble with country boys is that they are not aware of the circumstances under which the city boy is compelled to live and work if he has to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. The idea held up to the country boy is to go to town and get a nice, easy, soft snap such as So-and-so has. How many of them do it? Not one in a thousand. Far more go there to find work in some close, stagnant mill, to sweat amid the fumes of steam or tobacco smoke, or perhaps in some iron mill or foundry, surrounded by the curses of their fellow men, toil out a weary day of eleven or thirteen hours and after the day is over go home—and to such a home! Up some little back street in a bandbox built of brick and named a house more than likely our workman has his home, there to pass away the weary hours of the night amid the heat and stagnation of probably a filthy street only a few feet wide, hot, close and dirty. In any large city on some sultry night one may see the workmen and their families in these little narrow city streets stretched about the steps and pavements in all conditions. These are not shams either, but fairly respectable neighborhoods.

To such a condition of life many of our country boys have gone, and many more are today preparing to go. Fat pay and big pay envelopes? Not in these times. If our city laborer averages \$12 a week he is a lucky man. Tens of thousands get less rather than more. Country boy, before you make the change, in the name of that country you have been taught to hold in reverence, look and do not leap! If you understand farming there are just as many chances on the land to be worked out as there are in the city.

This is a great country, and if you do not like the kind of farming you are working at there are many others. If you belong to a family that follows the grind, grind system of all work and no play, when you reach your majority and start for yourself follow out an easier system. Do not condemn country life just because you have been unfortunate enough to be brought up in the home of a man who knows nothing but grind. Do not overlook the fact that if such a man was your boss in the city he would grind your life away. Long, long before you were twenty-one years old you would be occupying some six feet of green turf, where at last you would not hear the dreaded clack and curse of the boss.

Country life may not be and probably is not what many would like to color it; but, all things being equal, it is far preferable to city life. That is just where it comes in. City life is never compared with country life on an equal plane. Remember that if you must work in the country for a living you will have to work in the city for one, too, and if you possess the ability in yourself to rise above the ordinary workman in the city that same ability will carve out a home for you in the country. Look before you leap, consider all things, and if you are sure you can better yourself in the city; if not, stay on the old farm.

Plowing For Grape Leaf Hopper.
Plowing is sometimes done by California vineyardists during the winter season for the purpose of destroying the grape leaf hoppers. This is partly based upon the supposition that the eggs may be in the leaves or in the ground or that the adult hoppers are in some way killed in the operation. So far as having a direct effect in destroying the hoppers is concerned, plowing is of little avail. The only ones that will be killed are a few that may not be disturbed from their resting places among the leaves or otherwise accidentally buried by the plow. During the cold or rainy days there may be a few thus turned under, but ordinarily they are active enough to escape readily before the plow.

Plowing, however, may have an indirect effect on the hoppers by depriving them of food or of suitable sheltering places during unfavorable weather conditions, and if this practice is generally carried out in a neighborhood it will no doubt result in reducing the numbers somewhat. However, a field may be free from hoppers during the winter, but this is not necessarily an indication of freedom from spring infestation. The insects are more generally distributed in the winter season, but the bulk of them will usually be found in the vineyard or on the vegetation of the borders immediately



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But, however delightful the summer and autumn apples may be, their short life deprives them of the perennial place in our esteem that we award to the Baldwin, the Northern Spy, the Hubbardston, the King and dozens of other varieties. Ripening when the first snows of winter are imminent, if they receive their deserved treatment of a cool habitat in a well ventilated cellar they will remain sound and eatable well on toward the opening of another apple season. But they as well as all apples must be well treated. An expert pomologist has said that apples should be handled as if they were eggs, and he is not far from wrong. The slightest bruise means the instant beginning of decay, and one rotten apple can infect an entire barrel. Lovers of apples should therefore learn that care is essential to the preservation of fruit and that the better they are treated the longer the store will remain sound and healthy to meet the demands made upon it throughout the winter and spring.

The Manure Spreader.

There are not many farm implements that will pay for themselves more quickly than a manure spreader. It saves labor, but that is not the big part of the profit. Some men must hesitate about a purchase if it means only a saving of labor. The use of the spreader means a great increase in the efficiency of the farm supply of manure. Some men cannot see this point. They say that they get the manure on the land and that is all that is necessary. But it isn't. Manure gives life to a soil even when the application is light, and it is poor policy to give one spot more than is needed while another spot is left bare or to make a heavy application to one acre and leave another acre without manure. We now know that it pays to make the manure go over a relatively large acreage. Director Thorne of the Ohio station has said that eight loads of manure per acre applied with a spreader have about as great efficiency as twelve loads put on roughly with a fork. Every foot gets a little of the material, and the effect is seen in the sod that follows or the sod to which the manure is applied. Land should not have a heavy dressing of manure when other land in the farm needs manure. Make the application light and even, and only a spreader can do the work well. In the interest of better sods, which are the life of a soil, add to the efficiency of the manure by using a spreader. Some farming communities have learned this lesson thoroughly well, while others have barely awakened to it.

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