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## ALFALFA NEEDS FIRM SEED BED

**SUMMER FALLOW TO SAVE MOISTURE—PLOW DEEP—WORK LAND DOWN WELL, MAKING GOOD SEED BED.**

**ALFALFA FIELDS LAST FOR YEARS**

Follow With Packer—Disk to Kill Weeds—Use Pegtooth Harrow to Level Ground—Seed Should Be Put in Moist Soil.

By J. G. HANEY, Agricultural Extension Department, International Harvester Co. of New Jersey.

The preparation of a seed bed is essential mainly as a means of storing moisture. When the rainfall is under twenty inches, the land should be plowed ten inches deep and summer-fallowed or, if the soil would drift from such treatment a thin planting of corn may be grown on the land to prevent drifting. If it is not necessary to consider storing moisture it is preferable to precede the alfalfa by a cultivated crop such as corn, potato, or beans. If possible the land should be manured.

### A Firm Seed Bed Essential.

Alfalfa requires a firm seed bed. For this reason it is not advisable to plow the land immediately before seeding, as it is almost impossible to get the soil sufficiently firm again.

In western Kansas, herds of cattle are rounded up and driven over the fields to pack the soil after plowing it. In order to get the land leveled up and in shape to seed, it is necessary to plow just before seeding, this plowing should be as shallow as possible, and packer, roller, and harrow used to make it solid again. Before seeding, the surface of the field should be provided with perfect drainage by the use of leveler, grader, and plow. Ditches may be made broad with sloping banks, so as not to interfere with seeding or mowing. Alfalfa will not grow where water stands and freezes over it in winter or gets stagnant in summer.

If good surface drainage is provided so that the crowns of the plants have plenty of air and the soil is sweet, there need be very little concern as to how deep it is to the water table. In regions of plentiful rainfall it is advisable to plant alfalfa on land having good natural drainage.

The land seeded to alfalfa will not need to be prepared again for six to ten years, hence, three or four times as much work can well be put on it in preparation for alfalfa. A satisfactory preparation made on the I H C farm at Grand Forks, N. D., in 1913, was as follows:

The land was in wheat in 1912 (should have been fall plowed but we did not get the farm until March), was manured during the winter, double-disked as early as possible, plowed as soon as dry enough (about the middle of May), and plow followed by Campbell sub-surface packer and harrow. Wild oats started so the land was double-disked ten days later, and no rain fell, a frog-foot roller was used. A land leveler was then run both ways as the field was full of dead furrows and bare furrows from previous forty years' plowing. The land leveler was followed by the peg-tooth harrow.

About ten days later another fine crop of weeds was double-disked and the harrow used later. The middle of June the field was harrowed and rolled again with a frog-foot roller, just previous to seeding with the grain drill. The single disk drill loosened up the surface sufficiently for a soil mulch. Except in a few dead furrows which were filled with loose, dry dirt, the seed was put in moist soil about one inch from surface. Regardless of the fact that there was not a rain of one-half inch at any one time previous to July 1st, and the rainfall for the season was as follows: April, 1.08 in.; May, 1.52 in.; June, 1.21 in.; July, 2.86 in., we have a good, thrifty stand of alfalfa. The field is even and in fine condition and should continue to yield for ten years, though we will doubtless not leave it down that long.

### ALFALFA MAKES MORE WHEAT.

Pasturing Too Late in Fall Killed Stand—Five Bushels More Wheat on Alfalfa Land.

By JOHNSON & WROOLIE, Milton, N. D.

Would say we had about one-half an acre in alfalfa six years ago and the first year we had as fine a stand as could be expected, as we had quite a lot of rain. The second year was a very dry year and the alfalfa did not do very well. We cut it twice but got very little hay. We let the stock run on it in the fall and that killed it all out completely. Could not see a plant come up in the spring.

Have had wheat on the same place ever since and even today we can tell very plainly on the stand of wheat where the alfalfa place is. Would judge we have been getting from three to five bushels more on the alfalfa place.

### Argentine Soup.

Soak one-half pint of split peas for two hours. Boil in plenty of water for two hours with two bay leaves and 12 seeds of dried red pepper. An hour before serving add one quart of good strong stock or three-quarters of a pint of cold roast meat gravy. One-half hour before serving add one pint of canned tomatoes. Strain through a colander, season with salt to taste. Allow soup to boil again before serving. This soup may be varied by using different fresh and dried vegetables.

### UNCLE SAM, LUMBERMAN.

Among the other varied activities Uncle Sam finds it to his advantage to engage in the lumber business. His success in the fiscal year ended June 30 last, surpassed all previous records. Receipts from the national forests were nearly \$2,500,000, of which about one-half was for timber. Contracts negotiated for the sale of timber, some to be cut in future years, totaled \$4,000,000. The payment on these contracts, however, will be deferred in most instances until the timber is cut and sold by operators. The government's receipts are thus influenced by the state of the market, for the sale of the timber depends on demand. However, since 1906, when the forest service was placed in full charge of the national forests, the amount of timber cut has shown a steady advance. The gain in receipts from timber was checked only in 1909. The loss, however, was more than made up in 1910. Government timber will be more in demand as private sources of supply diminish. It now appears that the national forests will be depended on for an increasing amount of lumber. An aggressive conservation policy which provides for the reclamation of additional land and the reforestation of barren areas should show a considerable return in revenues from the sale of timber.

Heretofore the farmer had to contend with droughts, floods, grasshoppers, weevil, pests, bugs, and a host of other antagonists, but there has a new one appeared, and that is the lack of labor. If he escapes all the other enemies, he is done for if he encounters the last. What is the use of big crops if there is no help for them? The next thing the farmers will be doing will be turning their grass fields into pasture and raising cattle. That requires little labor. Besides, it is an easy and quiet life to grow grass and fatten steers, say the Ohio State Journal. Some of the happiest mortals are thus engaged. In a few years a man will make a whole year's living selling four or five steers, and if he sells 15 for 20, he will ride in all kinds of automobiles. There will still be another way out of the difficulty. Let the farmer hold a picnic, with chicken eggs and gooseberry pie attached, and invite his city friends, and then, while the table is being spread, all turn in and stack the hay and hoe the corn. Everybody will accept an invitation and it will be as much fun as catching a bass.

In Central park, New York city, a little plot called the "Garden of the Heart" contains 50 different varieties of flowers, ferns, and shrubs. The site to the flourishing life of widely the maintenance of a rockery and an artificial lake. School children are to be encouraged to visit the garden for the purpose of learning to distinguish the different plants. In the pavilion near by there is to be displayed a collection of 1,300 different insects that the park botanologists have come into acquaintance with while engaged in their duties incident to the protection of the flowers and plants in Central park. It would seem that systematic instruction of school children by labeling plants in the public parks would be worth more than it would cost.

The chemical expert told the house painters assembled convention that there is very little white lead in these days' reports' melancholy fact, but when he got on to laugh at the idea of paint being poisoned by white lead he took a position in which many one judgment is based on their observations would not sustain it. It is risky for anyone having to do with even impure white lead fall into careless habits and ignore sanitary precautions.

In a New York factory the other day the proprietor hounded a half-holiday for his employees, and they scampered out of the building as on fire burning so briskly that their men of escape would have been cut in a short time. Had they been informed of the fire there might have been panic and delay and consequent casualties. The proprietor was an old tact.

A police dog at saw in Philadelphia tried to seize Judge of the class by the thr. This should have disbarred him; a police dog to try and throttle a judge is a particularly bad showing.

Though the mod college graduate knows all about being, he is discreet enough to call the fact from the crude person whom he applies for a job.

Considering the of language some men use of telephone, it is a safe bet that all the shocks a telephone operator are off the switch board.

"Bolt of light penetrates gas pipe." But it doesn't penetrate the meter.

Chaf' Scotch. Irritability can be cured by a change of air. If a family could separate for a few days, many of the little annoyances could be cleared up by the happy on.

Fellow. Father (at college)—"My son, these are cigars that I can afford." "What's all right, father; take 'em; I want 'em; this is on me."—Yale.

### Athenian Banquet a Grand Success.

The Athenian banquet, the one great social function of the year was held at the Hotel Rudolph on Monday evening of this week. The wise and witty Athenians and their guests in all numbering over three score marched into the handsomely decorated dining room just before the stroke of ten.

Prof. Tave, as toastmaster occupied the seat of honor and on either side of him and before him were assembled the brave and the fair. Never was there a more brilliant assembly gathered where other similar social events have been celebrated. The decorations were in red and white and each guest found at their place besides a carnation, a tent with flag flying from the tent pole and the tent flap open, but we heard of no one trying to crawl in, instead each tent was folded carefully and carried home as a beautiful souvenir of a happy occasion.

Will Tank always delights his friends with his wit and even surprised his most ardent admirers when his speech was measured up.

Dr. Wendt proved that the solemn vintaged surgeon could also be a jolly good fellow.

Ben Summerwill whose home life is full of dears could well talk on the subject assigned him. Deer or dear hunting. Ben said that the nearest was always dearest and left the hunting for those less fortunately situated than himself.

Very fittingly our bachelor mayor, Carl Tank followed Mr. Summerwill but his always present modesty prevented him from expressing his views on deer or dear hunting so he confined himself to matters municipal.

J. T. Hansen was especially happy in telling how to Please the Public because he has been successfully doing that for many years as all present could testify.

In all it was a merry exchange of joke and jest and if the morning of another day began before the hour of parting all felt it came too soon. We regret that we can not go more into details but space forbids. It is history now, a page to turn back to with pleasure by all who were there. But we must mention the menu, and the service, which was worthy the genial, hospitable Mac and his corps of capable assistants. "It could not have been better" is the verdict of all. More could not be said.

In the face of the facts it is amazing to read the falsehood put out by the Pierre committee and the reactionary press. Senator LaFollette in his magazine says:

"Burke stands for about everything in government and legislation that the great body of republicans in South Dakota are against.

"Burke stood faithfully by, day and night, and in that desperate crisis of Cannon and Cannonism, recorded himself on every one of fifteen roll calls always with unswerving fidelity for Cannon and Cannonism and the system."

Senator Bristow says:

"Senator Crawford has been a good senator and has devoted a great deal of time to his work in the interest of the general public. While I have more radical views on some subjects than he, yet on the whole he has supported loyally Progressive legislation.

### A. Tobiasen Sells His Business.

Because my health must be my first consideration, I have sold my business to Alvin Isakson and Melvin Juel who will conduct the same at the same store I have occupied since my return to Canton.

These young gentlemen are too well known in Lincoln County to need words of praise from me. Mr. Isakson is well acquainted with the business having been in my employ three years and Mr. Juel will soon measure up to him. To my friends and former patrons I commend these young men, asking for them the liberal patronage always accorded me because I know they will serve you well.

I wish particularly to thank all who have helped me make my business a success. Strong friendships have been formed through my dealings with you which will always remain pleasant memories. I trust that quitting the business world will be only for a short time but health is man's best friend and mine just now demands a life outside the confines of a store. For this and no other reason am I selling out.

Andrew Tobiasen.

Ed Wilkinson has traded his farm for one near Tea and is moving there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Coon came down from Sioux Falls to attend the Athenian banquet.

The aged mother of Mr S. F. Thornton died on Wednesday night. The funeral will be held Saturday. Obituary next week.

Alvin Isakson and Melvin Juel will leave for eastern markets Friday to purchase the latest up to date goods for their new store.

Special meeting of Silver Star Lodge A. F. & A. M., Friday evening, Feb. 27th. Work in the E. P. and F. C. degrees. All are requested to be present. A. E. Jennings, Sec.

Mrs. R. P. Willis will accept a few more piano pupils in her music class. Mrs. Willis is a former pupil of the eminent Chicago pianist, Emil Liebling, and other reputable teachers. Phone 279.

Mr. and Mrs. "Beaver" Lewis are guests at the Rudolph where they expect to make headquarters until they leave for Alaska. "Beaver" has lecture dates for nearly every night until he leaves for the northland.

Hon. H. C. Preston a member of the Tax Commission will speak with Hon. Peter Norbeck at the meeting next Monday evening and Gov. E. M. Byrne will be in Canton for an address Saturday, March 7th. Everybody should hear these men.

Mrs. Elmer Seubert returned to Sioux Falls Thursday. She came down to attend the Athenian banquet but old home ties prolonged her stay. There is always a homesickness at the Wendt home after Zoe has been there and gone again.

Henry Peterson of Canton and Miss Clara Hugmore of Madison, were married at Madison on Feb. 25th and will make their home near Canton. The happy couple were given a royal welcome and the parents of the groom have invited relatives to join with them in a grand wedding dinner which will be served in their honor on next Monday.

Mr. John DeVries and Miss Tena DeBier came over from Rock Valley, Iowa, procured a marriage license and proceeded to the M. E. Parsonage where they were united in the bonds of holy wedlock by Rev. Thurston, Mrs. F. A. E. Goodroad and Mrs. A. W. Thurston being witnesses to the ceremony. They will begin house-keeping on a farm about three miles south of Inwood.

Take your shoe repairing to the Wear-U-Well Shoe Store, satisfaction guaranteed. Miller Block. H. E. Baker, Manager.

### At the M. E. Church.

Owing to the severe weather last Sabbath members were not received into the church as had been planned but next Sabbath members will be received both at the morning service and at Sabbath School. The theme at the morning service will be: "Our Solution of the Race Problem." In the evening it will be: "The Unruly Member." A chorus choir will sing in the evening. Everybody is cordially invited to these services.

There will be services at the Jones school house five miles west of town at 3 o'clock P. M. Everybody in the community is invited to this service and to the Sabbath School which convenes at 2 P. M. every Sabbath.

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