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WINTER COVERING.

Splendid Article From Johnston Farmer Urging Planting of Legumes For Winter Cover Crops.

As the time has arrived for sowing winter covering crops and legumes, we deem it expedient to make public our observations, experience and knowledge of the great necessity of having a growing crop on the land during the winter, to prevent leaching and deterioration of the soil.

Many Southern farms are less productive every year due principally to lack of rotation, or cropping and entire dependence on commercial fertilizers, and general depreciation of the vocation. How many farmers do we find in love with the business? How many farm because they can't get at anything else, hence it is a necessity? How many farmers rotate their crops thoroughly, allowing the land to replenish its chemical constituency instead of growing the same plant year after year to exhaust that particular ingredient in the soil that produces the plant and its fruit?

We find many planting twenty-five to forty acres to the plow, when as a matter of fact fifteen acres properly fertilized and cultivated is a full crop.

How many buy commercial fertilizers regardless of quality or quantity?

We see farmers year after year using from two to four hundred pounds of guano containing a high per cent of phosphoric acid on old depleted soil with scarcely any humus except a few last year's cotton stalks, making under favorable circumstances from three to five hundred pounds seed cotton per acre. Does he work? We would say so, harder than any other class of people, but without system or judgment. Complains all the time, and if there is an ambitious son or daughter, circumstances force them to hunt some other occupation as soon as they reach maturity.

We now reach the gist of our subject, winter covering and leguminous crops. A neighbor of ours

learned from an officer sent out by the agricultural department, at Washington, D. C., that one bushel of rye sown as a winter covering plowed under in April is worth to land as much as a ton of standard guano. While we deem this statement extravagant we feel safe in stating that one bushel of rye sown in September or October and turned under in April, is worth five dollars standard or any other fertilizer saying nothing of the lasting benefits. Any grain is better than nothing. Every acre you expect to cultivate another year should have a green covering during the winter.

As to winter legumes we know nothing better than hairy vetch and crimson clover for this section. There are other vetches and clover which do well in soil with lime in it. We have made success with a combination of wheat, oats and hairy vetch which if planted will give a farmer an abundance of food for his stock. One bushel of oats, half bushel of wheat and fifteen pounds of vetch will produce a great quantity of hay that is almost a complete ration. This forms a winter covering crop, food in abundance for horses and cattle, and humus and nitrogen for your soil.

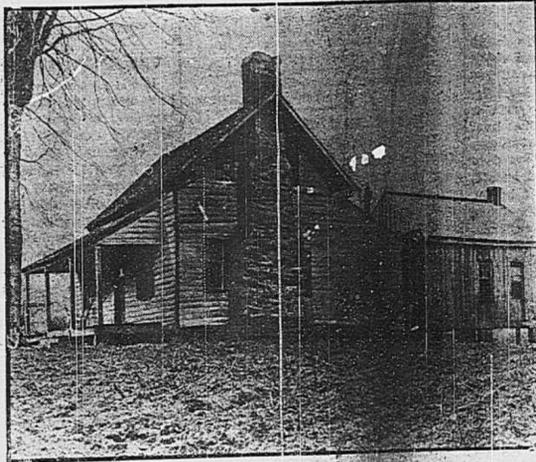
The South spends millions every year for nitrogen—the atmosphere is four fifths nitrogen which can be utilized by allowing these legumes to do the work, storing away this important plant food enriching your soil by nature's plan, doubling the value of your guano, thriving the yield of the soil. This process goes on while you sleep, during rain or sunshine, or while you are doing nothing. The farmers' slogan should be sow wheat, oats and vetch on your best land, rye and crimson clover on thin soil.

For summer plant peas, soja beans, velvet beans and pinders. For the first year about ten pounds of seed, clover or vetch, is sufficient and should the result not be satisfactory don't become discouraged as the soil will have to become inoculated before complete success.

HAY SEED.

Johnston, S. C.

Enter The Advertiser's Wheat and Oats Contest.



Tutt House, Old Land Mark Recently Torn Down. Mr. W. S. Adams' New Residence Erected Upon Site.

Sold For a Song.

Torke—Your daughter's musical education must have cost a lot of money?

De Porke—Yes, it did, but I've got it all back.

Torke—Indeed!

De Porke—Yes. I'd been trying to buy the house next door for years and they wouldn't sell. But since she's come home they've sold it to me for half-price.

Long Headed Woman.

A clever young woman, as resourceful as she was pretty, married a young man of rather gay habits. Yet from the start all went well. The husband soon became the village model of domesticity.

"Jim," said a girl friend to the bride, "no longer spends his evenings at the club, does he?"

"Oh, no said the other, laughing, "I soon broke Jim of that."

"How did you do it?" asked the girl.

"Every night he went out," the matron explained, "I'd put two arm-chairs side by side before the parlor radiator, and then I'd hold a match to a cigar till the room got a faint odor of smoke."

ate Girl.

A New York girl, having tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide on five different occasions, at last went and got married, being bound, it seems, to get into trouble.—Rochester Herald.

The Young Idea.

The following are some gems culled from the examination papers of one of our public schools:

Sodom and Gomorrah are the two largest cities in the world.

"The office of the gastric juice is situated in the stomach.

"Queen Elizabeth was one of the queens of England. She was famous for her fondness for chivalry and cavalry and other wild games."

"Isthmus is a place across which to build a canal."

"A mountain range is a very large cook stove."

"Drick is the curse of mankind, and has a marked influence on the doctors' conclusions in cases of sickness."

"The chief exports of Russia are apples and immigrants."

"The onion sets at B. Timmons."

CAPITAL OF WEST-SIDE.

Parkville Good Cotton Market, Church Refuses to Accept Rev. White's Resignation, Negro Killed by Accident.

Rev. Mr. White preached a fine sermon in our Baptist church yesterday from the words, "Blessed are the pure in heart," upon which he laid the straight edge of God's word, declaring the "whole counsel of God."

After the sermon the church went into conference and by a very large majority refused to accept Mr. White's resignation. He informed the deacons that he would give the church an answer in two weeks.

The good price of cotton causes the farmers to wear broad smiles. Messrs. Garrett Talbert, W. M. Robertson and Nixon Dorn are all buying cotton, giving the full market price, and are getting to be experts. Hurrah for Parkville as a cotton market!

Our local camp W. O. W. met last Tuesday night and new members were made of the following young gentlemen of our town: D. A. Bell, Claud Parks, Luther Stone, A. A. Wilson and Robert Price.

Mrs. John H. Burekhalter, widow of the late Dr. John H. Burekhalter of Columbia, with her two interesting children, has been visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. C. C. Burekhalter, and sisters. We are glad to welcome them not alone on account of their own worth, but on account of the Doctor who left a very fragrant memory in this community where he first commenced the practice of his profession.

A shocking accident occurred yesterday on the plantation of Mr. W. P. Parks, when Rachel Holmes a girl of 16 or 18 years, lost her life by a gun shot wound, taking effect in the right temple at close range, making a hole you could almost put your fist in. The same old story of "the gun not loaded" is the excuse for the homicide.

Coroner Brunson was notified and the facts brought out at the inquest seemed to show that she and Beaugard White were playing when he jerked down the gun asking the girl if it was loaded and being assured that it was not, leveled it at her, blowing her brains out.

The coroner's jury, Hon. T. G. Talbert foreman, brought out a verdict, in effect, of accidental homicide.

The beautiful and accomplished teacher of the Clark's Hill school, Miss Ragsdale, spent Saturday night with her former college mate, Miss Martha Dorn, and worshipped with us yesterday at the Baptist church. Our young people, we trust, gave her a good time, and made a favorable impression upon her, to that extent, at least, that she may be persuaded to come again.

At our Woodman initiation Tuesday night, already referred to, we were glad to welcome the following visiting Woodmen: Messrs. Wideman, Bodie, Garnett, McAllister and Timmerman, of Plum Branch, and Sov. Clarence Stone, of Red Hill.

Mr. R. N. Edmonds, who has recently built him a new house, has added to home conveniences by the erection of a new barn.

Mr. D. M. Mackaye, of the Twin City, worshipped with us yesterday and last night at the Baptist church.

The colored people, with Geo. Bussey at their head, have organized an Odd Fellow's Lodge at their church in the suburbs of our town.

Married, at the residence of Judge John Brunson, by Mr. Nixon Dorn, N. P., Mr. James T. Beasley to Miss Mattie Crawford, of Modoc. The widowers have started the marriage ball, and you may soon hear from other prominent ones in our town.

Mr. Charlie Whatley, and Mr. Charles Strom, of fair Rehoboth, paid our town a visit to-day.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Norwood Harmon is quite sick at the Doughty Sanitarium in North Augusta.

Mr. B. F. Cotton who married Miss Minta Moultrie and who for the last year has been living in Connecticut has returned home and resides in Parkville. Miss Carrie, their only daughter, who was a stripling of a girl when they left Carolina, has developed into a beautiful and accomplished young lady. We give them a broad welcome.

Last Thursday, September, 30th, Mr. G. Wash Adams, of Plum Branch, lost his entire planing outfit with about \$5.00 worth of lumber. The engine was saved but the house containing mill was a complete loss. Mr. Adams estimates his loss at about \$800.00. It is understood that Mr. Adams will rebuild.

MORE ANON.

Full assortment of fresh fancy crackers and cakes.

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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Many Visitors Come and Go, Baptist Congregation Will Erect a New Brick Church, Farewell Picnic

Mr. Clark Couch, of Muffreesboro, Tenn., arrived on Friday after a three months visit to his home there. He has been associated for the past three years in the livery stable business with Mr. J. L. Oxner.

Mrs. C. F. Pechman, state secretary of the L. T. L., went to Columbia on Friday to attend the annual convention of the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. E. H. McElhenney, of Ellenton, S. C., who is pleasantly remembered as Miss Beulah Reames, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Asbell.

Mrs. Lena Lewis, who has recently moved to Charleston, is quite ill, suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

A number of young people had a farewell picnic of the season on Friday afternoon at Slide Hill.

Miss Louella Norris has returned from a month's visit to her aunt, Mrs. Wood Lowman, at Timmons-ville, S. C.

Mrs. A. C. Mitchell, of Batesburg, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Strother.

Dr. W. L. Scigler and family have moved to Eureka. The family of Dr. M. Q. Norris will occupy the residence recently vacated by them.

Mrs. Lou Carter, of Aiken, is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. H. White.

Mrs. Henry Luman, of Georgetown, spent several days of last week at the home of Mrs. J. M. Turner.

Mrs. T. R. Hoyt, who has been in the Augusta hospital for several weeks, returned on Saturday much improved.

Miss Lucile Mobley has resumed her duties as book keeper at the depot after the summer vacation.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rachel Simmons, occurred the marriage of Miss Rose Simmons to Mr. G. C. Lowe. The marriage was a quiet affair, only the relatives being present. Miss Simmons is a sister of Mr. Manning Simmons, and was a visitor here during the summer.

Mrs. A. S. Wetz has returned from a month's visit to her sons, Mr. Leroy Wertz, who is secretary at the Belton Mills, and Mr. Wilbur Wertz who teaches at Cowpens, S. C.

Miss Lizzie White, who is assistant superintendent of the Augusta Hospital will spend next week here with her aunt, Mrs. Georgia Turner.

Mrs. W. J. Hatcher has gone to Darlington to assist in conducting a missionary institute which lasts about a week. She will visit several other points in this interest before returning.

For some time, since the large increase of the Sunday school at the Baptist church, the need of classrooms, and a large auditorium have been felt, and it is now the purpose of the members to have a new church within the coming year. The building will be a brick one with modern improvements.

Miss Earline Allen, of Edgefield, began on Monday, to teach the school situated near Mr. L. B. Lott's.

Very Interesting Letter From Ropers.

Do you think it is laziness, business or indifference, that keeps you from ever hearing from us through the columns of The Advertiser? It must be a combination of the three for I find it necessary to lay them all aside this morning, that I may tell you how nicely we Ropers people are doing.

The young people of Republican church met last third Sunday morning and organized a B. Y. P. U. Rev. Mr. Mealing met with us and made a good talk, showing the good results that can be obtained from such a Union. By having this B. Y. P. U. we hope to gain these results, and trust that many young Christians may be drawn closer to Christ and be made more active servants of God. Officers were elected and devotional and membership committees appointed. We hope to have all the young people around here to join with us. Our meetings will be held on second Sunday mornings.

On last Saturday morning the following men were ordained as deacons of Republican church: Messrs. S. Williams, W. J. Lanham, J. M. Miller and H. W. McKie. Mr. T. M. Adams had also been elected and was to have been ordained at the same time the others were, but, to our regret, found it impossible to leave his work at Dr. Prescott's.

Rev. J. P. Mealing preached a good and helpful sermon. Then Rev. P. B. Lanham made a short talk in which he showed these young men, clearly, their duties to themselves, to their fellowmen, to the Church and to God. The three ministers, Revs. Mealing, Littlejohn and Lanham, were assisted in the ordination by two of our deacons, Messrs. E. Mealing and D. E. Lanham.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lanham had the pleasure of having Mr. J. T. Littlejohn and his two little boys in their home Saturday night. We are so glad to know that Mrs. Littlejohn is doing nicely.

Mr. J. B. Timmerman has been away from home most of the time during the last three weeks, working on a new telephone line, which he is running from Ropers to Augusta.

Miss Myra Shaw has been spending some time in North Augusta with her cousin, Miss Anna Kate Butler.

Miss Mattie and Mr. Ben Lanham have left to resume their studies at the S. C. C. I. and at Clemson College.

Mr. R. A. Timmerman has bought the home place of Mr. J. M. McKie. He hopes to build real soon.

Mrs. J. F. Atkins and Miss Sallie Mae Miller spent last Sunday in Trenton with relatives.

Miss Emmie Lanham who has been teaching in Williston about four weeks writes that she is very much pleased.

The school commenced here two weeks ago. It is being taught by Miss Louise Young of Union.

Miss Anita Atkinson is visiting her sister in Greenville. Miss Mattie and Joe will leave this week for Greenville, where they will be with their sister and attend school.

Miss Ida Miller from Colliers is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wallace Miller.

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