

## Peanuts a Profitable Crop.

It has been customary to think of the humble goober as of little importance. It may be necessary to revise our ideas. The Blocker-Miller company, of Honey Grove, Tex., call attention to what the peanut is doing in their part of the Lone Star State in this circular:

February 22, 1916.

Recently we sent out a circular letter regarding the peanut industry. We have received numerous replies, some asking for information, others rather disposed to ridicule the idea of farmers planting peanuts, other than in a small way for a limited demand. We are enclosing a clipping from today's Dallas News, which explains in a way what is being done in a country not so well adapted for cotton as this section, but better suited for peanuts.

In this section the acreage will be more than doubled from last year, and this at the expense of cotton.

There is no doubt but the cotton acreage will be decreased in this section this season, land formerly planted in cotton going into corn, oats and peanuts.

The yield in peanuts here the past season, ran as low as 25 bushels per acre and as high as 100 bushels. A number of farmers not knowing how to cultivate them, made the small yields. Peanut hay is worth double that of prairie hay. Besides, growing peanuts benefits the land which has been worn out in cotton. Watch out for a big acreage of peanuts. It is sure to come.

## BLOCKER-MILLER CO.

The article in the Dallas News is made up largely of an interview with R. E. Coleman, manager of the Comanche Cotton Oil company, of Comanche, Tex. Until last year the Comanche mill, with others of its type in Texas, had been a cotton seed plant exclusively. Few, if any, mill men had given thought to substituting peanuts for cotton seed.

But after the boll weevil blasted the sandy land belt of middle west Texas the supply of raw material began to decrease. The farmers were planting less cotton and more peanuts; and the cotton that was planted in 1914 in this belt yielded most meagerly, whereas peanuts were coming into every town out here, wagon load after wagon load.

Here was a mill constructed to extract oil from a certain raw product—cotton seed; that particular raw product was not available, but the farmers had abundant quantities of another raw material from which oil and cake and meal may also be made. As Mr. Coleman says, it was a plain case of necessity.

"Get busy, boys," he ordered. "We'll make the necessary changes in machinery to turn out peanut oil."

And so, after a few preliminary experiments, the Comanche mill began crushing peanuts in June of last year. During the 1915 season the mill crushed between 900 and 1,000 tons of peanuts, handling something more than 66,000 bushels. Over 60,000 gallons of peanut oil was produced and shipped out in tank cars and about 500 tons of peanut cake and peanut meal was made.

"The oil yield per ton from peanuts was 10 to 12 per cent. more than from cotton seed," said Mr. Coleman. "This is crude oil, of course. There is not more than 4 to 6 per cent. refining loss. This oil is of a very fine quality. It keeps company with the very best grades of oil produced anywhere, and outclasses cotton seed oil. I don't believe the two interests, cotton seed oil and peanut oil, will conflict at all."

"I do not believe there is the slightest chance of overproduction of peanuts; certainly not within the immediate future. The United States has been importing large quantities of peanut oil. We have just scratched the surface of the peanut possibilities in Texas. Our future is to produce here at home the peanut oil that we have been importing. From this time on, in my judgment, we are going to be a dominating factor in the peanut oil production of the world."

Peanuts were selling in Comanche at 55c a bushel when the local mill began to crush. Mr. Coleman says he entered the market at 60c and that he estimates his average price paid to farmers during the season at 65c. The quotations as this is written run from 80c to 85c.

If a farmer can average eighty bushels of peanuts to the acre and get 60 cents per bushel for his crop, the money return to him is larger than from cotton.

"The process of making peanut oil is mighty near the same as in making cotton seed oil," explained Mr. Coleman. "The separating machinery is different; some of the machinery used in cotton seed oil production lies idle when peanuts are used, and some new machinery is required. The changes, however, are not radical."

The peanuts are crushed, hull and all, and the hull forms a part of the meal and the cake. Experiments are under way in feeding the peanut cake

## Reform in Foreclosure Proceedings.

Referring again to what we have already said in connection with the desirability of reform in the law relating to the foreclosure of mortgages, we would have the State treat borrowers on farm lands just as it does defaulters in taxes.

The State does not try to take unfair advantage of people who default in the payment of taxes on real estate, and why should it allow a creditor to take unfair advantage of the poor debtor who is unable to take care of a mortgage when it is due?

The law with reference to defaulting taxpayers is eminently fair. It provides that the real estate involved, or so much of it as may be necessary, shall be put up by the sheriff and sold to the highest bidder, who is required to comply with his bid at once; but the sheriff cannot make title until six months afterward. If in the meantime, the owner of the distressed property, or any heir thereto, or mortgage holder thereon, comes forward with a request to redeem the title, he may do so upon payment of the amount paid by the successful bidder, and 8 per cent. on the successful bidder's money during the time the same has been in the hands of the sheriff.

Under this arrangement, no man is deprived of his property without a fair show, and there is no good reason why the law should not take equal care of the mortgage debtor.

Let the law be changed or reformed so as to provide (as is done in North Carolina) that if within 30 days after a piece of mortgaged property has been knocked down to the highest bidder, some one else comes forward with a bona fide, properly guaranteed advance of 10 per cent. on the previous bid, the property may go on the block again.

So far as we know, there has been no disposition in South Carolina to compare our procedure in connection with the foreclosure of mortgages with the methods of the pawnbroker; but as a matter of fact there is no improvement on the methods of the pawnbroker.

This whole matter requires attention, and we hope it will be taken up and ventilated by people who will be able to secure for it the consideration its importance deserves.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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and meal to cattle, and, as far as they have gone, it is indicated this feed is satisfactory. And in thinking of peanut meal and cake as stock feed, it is well to remember that the farmer who grew the crop made peanut hay, a feed of thoroughly demonstrated excellence.

The peanut oil is used principally in the manufacture of butterine at this time; it is also used as salad oil, cooking oil, substitute for olive oil, in canning sardines, etc., and the lower grades of peanut oil are used for making soap.

In addition to the oil mill business, there are now between fifteen and twenty peanut shelling plants in Texas. They hull the peanuts and ship them to manufacturers who turn out candy, peanut butter and salted peanuts.

The food value of peanuts is about 25 per cent. hulls and 75 per cent. meats. Peanut cake, which is the peanut kernel after most of the oil has been extracted, and peanut meal, which is the ground cake, make, according to John C. Burns, professor of animal husbandry at the A. & M. college, "a very concentrated feed, especially rich in crude protein and fully equal to high-grade cotton seed meal in feeding value. In fact, the quantities of food nutrients in the two feeds are practically the same." In this statement, however, Prof. Burns had reference to peanut cake and meal made from pure nuts, and not including the peanut hulls, which have no feed value.

Comanche county has diversified generally during the last year, in addition to raising peanuts and hogs. The poultry business, dairying, fruit and potatoes have developed with particular rapidity.

"This will never be an all-cotton country again," said D. F. Eaton, county demonstration agent. "Formerly we depended on all cotton. The boll weevil ruined cotton, our only crop, and it hit us hard. But it taught us the lesson. We have a variety of crops now, and always will, henceforth. Then if one crop fails we have others to fall back upon."—Home and Farm.

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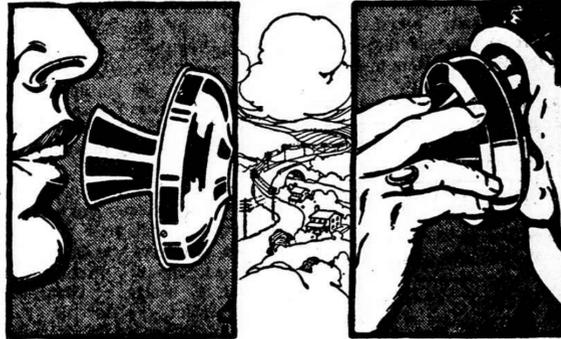
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