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"Money Crops in Place of Cotton"—Outline of Crops Other Than The Money Staple.

The extension department of the A. & M. College has issued a pamphlet entitled "Money Crops in Place of Cotton." The booklet is sent out by Mr. Ouseley, through a number of practical agriculturists have contributed good articles.

It is the purpose of this publication to call the attention of Texas farmers to practical money crops and sources of revenue which may be substituted in part for cotton. There is no intention to exclude cotton, though under conditions now prevailing (October 1914, with the European war promising to be continued for many months) cotton offers no hope of profit except with a greatly reduced output in 1915 and successful financing to hold a large part of the present crop. The presumption is that cotton will constitute some part of the State's production in 1915, and the effort of the extension service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College is to offer the advice of both scientific and practical men, based upon experience and demonstration, in plans for partial substitution.

The particular purpose is to make suggestions for their present emergency and to propose crops and varieties that will not require new investment or expensive equipment. With most farmers the question now is, "What they would like to do if they could inaugurate plans of ideal money farming, but what they can do under the temporary financial embarrassment of the present cotton situation."

The study is divided for this study into sections and each section is treated as a separate unit, for what may be done in one section may not be done in another. For further information and suggestion a schedule of apportioned acreage in diversified agriculture is submitted for a farm of fifty acres in each of the four main divisions of Texas—east, west, north and south.

These several suggestions and schedules do not include all money crops and sources of revenue possible in Texas; in many communities farmers are practicing diversified farming, and in many sections there are money crops other than cotton. In such cases no advice is needed at this time. The effort here is to emphasize crops about which cotton farmers generally are not informed in detail, except such crops are grown incidentally on small farms.

The following items are suggested and authors are adapted to West

Illage Crops.

As for corn, Sumner or any other in the heaviest soil is recommended in preference to corn and other crops. Plant 60 or after April 1st. In cultivated rows 3 1/2 feet apart, using 15 to 2000 pounds per acre. Fertilize with an equal mixture of cotton seed meal and acid phosphate at the rate of 150 pounds per acre.

Corn Sorghum for Feed and Seed. Plant in the fall, cultivate to kill down weeds and to absorb the plant down side or festeria after April 1st in rows 42 inches in the row. Cultivate well and the same manner as for corn.

Plant Sorghum for Seed and Forage. Prepare land as for grain sorghum; after April 1st in rows 3 1/2 feet apart in the row. Cultivate well and the same manner as for corn.

Plant Corn. Preparation of land and planting should be done as for grain sorghum.

FORMER NEW YORK POLICEMAN IN SNYDER

John W. Vaughan, a former police lieutenant in New York City is stopping over in Snyder for a few days on his way to San Francisco. He served on the police force in New York for 21 years and has personal knowledge of much more of the municipal doings there than we have ever read about.

He was in the service along with Lieutenant Becker and knows the history of Becker and the others who have been in the lime light. From what he tells of New York politics and police matters, it looks like graft grabbing has been the principal occupation of quite a number of officials and prominent citizens.

Mr. Vaughan says Becker had accumulated a fortune and he told him long ago that he would get into trouble. Becker has now spent that fortune in trying to free himself and it looks like he will have to go to the electric chair.

Mr. Vaughan says his official duties have thrown him in contact with all sorts of people and he has had enough of it. He wants to spend the rest of his life with decent people. He carries his Bible, and Sunday School books along in his travels and everywhere he stops for a short stay he goes to church, Sunday school and prayer meeting.

Much Cotton Being Haid.

It is estimated that not more than 40 per cent of the cotton ginned in Scurry County has been sold. The prospects are that by January, the price will be much higher than now and with 12,000 or 15,000 bales to sell next spring, business conditions ought to flush.

The farmers will not have to pay out any of their money for feed and loss of it than usual will have to be for bacon.

Taking these important conditions in view it looks now like West Texas ought to feel proud of herself.

Going to Supreme Court.

Judge J. F. Cunningham was here Saturday from Abilene. He is one of the attorneys for Mrs. Minnie Latham sentenced for the murder of J. Y. Stewart. He stated that he is preparing the papers in his motion for a rehearing. He says this is their last card.

Uniform stands produce uniform brush.

Plan for Diversifying an Average Farm of 50 Acres in West Texas.

Plan for farmer who owns and lives on his farm:

- 25 acres grain sorghum,
- 15 acres fall oats,
- 5 acres cotton,
- 5 acres Sudan grass,
- 2 acres peanuts,
- 1 acre cowpeas,
- 1 acre sweet and Irish potatoes,
- 1 acre home garden.

50 acres.

Number of animals which should be kept on such farm:

- 2 work animals, preferably mares,
- 5 milk cows,
- 5 sows,
- 10 to 20 pigs,
- 100 young laying hens.

For Tenant Farmer—

- 20 acres grain sorghum,
- 10 acres fall oats,
- 10 acres cotton,
- 5 acres Sudan grass,
- 1 acre sweet and Irish potatoes,
- 1 acre home garden,
- 2 acres peanuts,
- 1 acre cowpeas.

50 acres.

Number of animals which should be kept on such farm:

- 2 work animals, preferably mares,
- 1 or more milk cows,
- 2 sows,
- 10 to 20 pigs,
- 100 young laying hens.

The home garden is forcibly stressed. A dry cow, the poultry yard and the hog lot are factors that cannot be ignored.

The experience of many people has proven that a farmer can take 50 acres and give attention to growing feed stuff, poultry, hogs and dairy products than he can make raising cotton.

AMERICAN TROOPS LEAVE VERA CRUZ

American Protection Withdraws and Mexican Factions Left to Work Out Own Destiny.

Washington, Nov. 23—American troops, numbering 6,000, which have held Vera Cruz since last April, today evacuated the city and sailed for home. Dispatches early today from Major General Funston said his farthest outpost had been withdrawn at 9 o'clock and at 10 o'clock guarding the railroads at the approaches to the city were withdrawn and at 11 o'clock embarkation began. They sailed about noon.

Funston reported constitutionalist troops under General Aguilar were taking possession of the city.

Occupation of the Mexican port in reprisal for Huerta's insult to the flag at Tampico has cost the United States more than a score of lives, some in battle and some from disease and, according to some estimates, as much as \$10,000,000, but Mexico will be asked to pay no indemnity.

Administration officials want that fact to stand out as an added evidence of the disinterested friendship of the United States, for her Southern neighbor.

General Funston had instructions to turn the city over to none of the Mexican factions and thereby avoid that which may be construed as a recognition of one of them. His orders were to bring his troops away and leave the city to whichever faction takes possession.

Lockhart-Fenton.

On last Sunday, November 22 at 1 o'clock p. m., at the home of the bride's parents, near Snyder, Rev. L. S. Knight officiated at the marriage of Miss Nellie Fenton of this community and Mr. L. H. Lockhart, of Nueces County.

Miss Nellie is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fenton and is one of the noblest young women of Scurry county. A devoted Christian character. She is a member of the Baptist church and a faithful worker in all departments of church activity. She will be sadly missed from the ranks of Christian workers in her church and community, for she has long been one upon whom all could depend.

Mr. Lockhart is a former citizen of Scurry county, but now resides in Nueces county, to which place he moved a few years ago.

He is a gentleman of high Christian standing. They both have hosts of friends who unite in extending congratulations, yet in feelings of sadness see them go away.

They left Monday evening for their South Texas home. May God's richest blessings attend them.

—A true friend and brother,
L. S. Knight.

Case Affirmed.

The case of Leo Hasberry, which was tried in the district court of Jones county several months ago, resulting in a verdict of cattle theft and assessing a penalty of two years in the penitentiary, has been affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. Hasberry was indicted last April by the Grand Jury in the District Court of Kent County and the case was transferred to Jones county on a change of venue. The alleged stolen cows was the property of the O. O. Ranch. Hasberry is the first Kent County citizen to receive a penitentiary sentence in several years.—Girard Reporter.

FRANK CASE KEPT FROM U. S. COURT

Washington, November 23—Justice Lamar today refused a writ of error to bring to the supreme court for review the conviction of Leo M. Frank, for the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl in Atlanta, Ga., in 1913.

Frank is under sentence of death. His attorneys applied to Justice Lamar for the writ on the ground that a right under the Federal constitution had been denied him when the jury verdict was returned during his absence from the court room.

FERGUSON MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Names of Those Who Get State Positions Announced by Governor-Elect.

Temple, Texas, Nov. 21—Governor-elect James E. Ferguson tonight announced the following appointments of those who will serve with him during the time that he is in the governor's chair:

Private Secretary, John L. Wroe, of Houston.

Secretary of State, John G. McKay, of Temple.

Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, Charles M. Campbell, Temple.

Tax Commissioner A. P. Bagby, Jr. of Hallettsville.

Adjutant General, Henry Hutchens, of Austin.

State Revenue Agent, E. B. House of San Saba county.

State Purchasing Agent, Geo. Leavy, of Hunt county.

Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, Will W. Wood of Rockport.

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Capt. J. A. Owens of Galveston.

Board of Pardons Advisors, Senator W. P. Sebastian, of Breckenridge and Judge Wm. Blakeslee, of Austin.

Dairy and Pure Food Commissioner, Bob Hoffman, of Denton.

Inspector of Masonry, W. R. Hendrickson, of Runnels county.

Commissioner, Wallace English, of Cooke county, who will be reappointed when his recent term expires and A. R. Andrews of Terrell.

State Printer, W. J. Stephens, editor of the Halm Bulletin.

Livestock Sanitary Commission, Willis Johnson, of San Angelo; Harvey Avery of Amarillo and E. Cavanaugh, of Denton county.

Dave H. Cunningham, of Comanche will be recommended to the Board for appointment of chief inspector.

C. B. Walters, of San Antonio, active for Ferguson, during the campaign, was tendered a \$2,000.00 position in one of the departments.

McClay, Secretary of State, announced Leo Brooks of Anson, as chief clerk and P. H. Hargson, of Llano County as chief book keeper.

The other appointments will be announced in a few days. The above is only a part of the appointments made by Mr. Ferguson, but they are the most important. The remainder being merely those holding minor positions.

WARNING OF DANGER

Turkey Shows Cause for Firing on American Cruiser Tennessee.

Washington, Nov. 21—Turkey has voluntarily explained to the United States government through Ambassador Morgenthau that the shots fired toward the launch of the American cruiser Tennessee last Monday were intended merely as the customary warning that the port of Smyrna was mined and closed to navigation.

Although the explanation is informal and the United States government still is waiting reply to formal representations which Ambassador Morgenthau was instructed to make to the Turkish foreign office, it was generally admitted at the White House, state and navy departments that all danger of serious complications over the incident had been removed.

Another New Lawyer.

Our young friend Phillip Tongue, son of Judge Arthur Yancey, went to Amarillo about two weeks ago to take an examination before the Board of Legal Examiners for license to practice law. Later he received his report showing that he made a good grade and his license has been granted.

Phillip is now a full fledged lawyer and starts into the profession with splendid promise. He is an intelligent, energetic, affable young man, of excellent moral character.

The Signal extends congratulations and predicts for Phillip a successful career. He has formed a partnership with his father.

STOCK TRADE IS RESUMED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Nov. 23—The Chicago stock exchange today resumed trading where it stopped, July 30, when with other big trading centers, the exchange closed because of the European war. It is the first of the broad official markets throughout the world to resume operations.

Business began with the closing figures of July 30 as a basis for transaction.

In the first ten minutes 100 shares of various stocks changed hands. A representative crowd of brokers was on hand and smiles and congratulations passed.

Although the exchange has been closed since July 30, stock deals have been transacted by the members since August 14 through the medium of trading committees which authorized transfers of stocks at figures higher than the July 30 prices.

Methodist Missionary Auxiliary

The Methodist Missionary Auxiliary met with Mrs. Fred V. Clark Monday. Sewing and fancy work were the chief occupations, interspersed with conversation and the progress we are making with our work. We feel that we are doing fine. We are being strengthened by new members coming in. Our watchword is "Every Methodist Lady a Member of the Auxiliary."

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Ernest Grimes. It will be an open meeting. We want a general rally. Everyone who can should bring some small article to be finished in the afternoon, for the Bazaar. We have been selling so much of our work that we feel that this will be a good way to bring it up. Come with all kinds of work and bring somebody with you.

All enjoyed the sandwiches and coffee with whipped cream at Mrs. Clark's and doubtless we will have something just as good. Come and see.

Supt. of Publicity.

B. F. Hayes Died in Snyder.

Last Saturday morning a man named Ben F. Hayes came to Snyder over the Santa Fe and it was noted at once that his physical condition was extremely bad. It was learned that he had come from Grayson county and was aiming to go to his brother, H. C. Hayes, at his about 14 miles northwest of Snyder.

The sick man had formerly lived at Hamilton, but for several months had been at the Tingo Springs, seeking relief from stomach trouble. He was about 35 years old. On reaching Snyder he was taken to the turntable room in the basement of the court house, to wait for his brother to take him out to his home.

Mr. Hayes, the brother and two or three neighbors nursed him, but he had grown so seriously sick that he could not be moved.

The brother and friends and some of the Snyder people nursed him through Saturday night and he died about 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Stokes and prepared for burial. The funeral took place Sunday evening, conducted by Rev. J. E. Stephens.

Mr. H. C. Hayes says he thinks his brother was in pretty good condition when he started to Snyder, but the trip proved too much for him.

Fisher County Sheriff Here.

Sheriff B. F. House, of Fisher County was here Sunday from Roby to get Sheriff Verrell's aid in locating a party whom he wanted. The two officers spent Sunday night at Hermaligh and it is understood that the party was located.

A Daily College Paper.

One of the most highly appreciated publications coming to the Signal is the Daily Texas, published at Austin by the students of the State University. The matter is well edited, considering that a new editor is on the tripod each day—however, there is a numerically strong staff of writers and the spice of variety adds interest to the reading matter.

C. R. Lockhart returned Monday from the Baptist convention at Abilene.

TEMPERANCE CONTEST LAST SUNDAY

Snyder Sunday School Exercises Anticipates W. C. T. U.—Presbyterian School Takes Banner

Quite a large congregation assembled Sunday afternoon in the Methodist church to witness the Temperance exercises under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. It was a contest of Sunday Schools for the banner.

The Christian Sunday School had captured this banner twice. The spirit of contest was in the preparation and presentation of appropriate program exercises.

The Presbyterian, Christian and the Methodist schools took part in the work.

The Presbyterian school, led by Mrs. Buchanan was first on the program. Their program was highly pleasing to the audience.

Following is the program:
Song—The Coming Day.
Reading: The Song of the Corn.
—Charles Keiser.
Temperance Acrostic—By Beren Girls.

Reading.
Reading—Little Dréps—Lorena Keiser.

Song—Sparkling and Bright.
Reading—A Little Girl's Declaration—Edith Grantham.

Dialogue—Why and Because—By nine girls.
Reading—The Price of a Drink—Evelyn Andrews.

Reading—The Two Vagabonds—Ruth Buchanan.

Song—Give us a Stained Flag.
Next came the Christian School led by Mrs. Brown and they presented a splendid program, highly pleasing to the people, the arrangement of which was as follows:

Bally Cry.
Who Wants the Boy that Drinks—14 little boys.

Reading—The Drunkard's Wife.
Ten Little Temperance Folks.
Making the Temperance Velt.
Song—Grandpa's story.
Medley.

The Methodist School was next, led by Mrs. C. B. Alexander and Supt. McFarb.

They had an interesting exercise in the following order:
The Vagabond—Hobbie Floywood.
Song of Whiskey—His Children.
What We Should Drink—Janice Pickle.

At the conclusion the committee of judges—Mr. Curry, Mrs. Harris and Mr. McQuinn, retired and rendered a verdict awarding the banner to the Presbyterian School.

Visited Old Kentucky Home.

Mr. E. H. Baggh returned last week from a visit of about four months in Kentucky. His time was spent in the vicinity of his boyhood home in Todd, Warren, and Christian counties. He had been away from there 25 years. He says that country has made good material progress. People are in good shape. Tobacco is the money crop and the price is low and people are complaining of hard times.

He met several people whom he knew when he lived there. He enjoyed his visit but he still likes Texas. He said there was a night riders raid while he was there in a neighboring county.

Had Appendix Removed.

Dr. Leslie and Billie Davis went to Post City Tuesday. Billie has been suffering with appendicitis and went to the Sanitarium to submit to an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cox returned Monday from Abilene.

Mr. J. F. Chambers, of Waco is the guest this week of the Hardy family. He and the signal editor started into this newspaper work 15 years ago in the office of the Enterprise at Waxahachie. Later they established the Daily News at Killebuck which they conducted for twelve years. Mr. Chambers is now associated with a large printing house in Waco.