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ABOUT ALFALFA.

Some Valuable Facts That all
Farmers Should Know

From the department of agriculture comes a valuable bulletin from the assistant agronomist or "grass expert," Jared G. Smith, and from it were condensed the following:

Alfalfa seed weighs sixty pounds to the bushel.

For a hay crop sow twenty-four to thirty pounds of seed per acre.

For a crop of seed sow fourteen to eighteen pounds per acre.

Sow clean seed.

North of the latitude of Washington, D. C., sow alfalfa in the spring as soon as the ground is warm—from the middle of April to the middle of May. Sow in drills or broadcast.

In the south and southwest and in California sow alfalfa in spring or autumn. Sow in drills. In the south sow in drills sixteen to twenty inches apart and cultivate the first season.

Do not cover the seed too deep.

Alfalfa does not obtain maturity until the third or fourth year, therefore do not sow it expecting to get the best results in less than that time. Alfalfa grows best on a deep, sandy loam, underlaid by a loose and permeable subsoil. It will not grow if there is an excess of water in the soil. The land must be well drained.

Alfalfa is a deep feeder. Plow the land thoroughly; the deeper the better.

Alfalfa thrives best in the soils containing lime, potash and magnesium. It does not grow well in soils containing an excess of iron, or where lime is wholly absent.

Cut for hay when the first flowers appear. If cut in full bloom the hay will be woody and less nutritious.

Cut for seed when the middle clusters of seed pods are a dark brown.

To make alfalfa hay cut in the forenoon and let it wilt; then rake into windrows. It should be cured in windrows and cocks, and stacked or put in barns with as little handling as possible. Great care is required in order to get it in stack before the

leaves become too dry and brittle. The leaves are the most palatable and nutritious part of the hay.

Cover the stacks with craps. This will prevent loss by molding when it rains.

In the arid regions, where irrigation is practiced, put water on the field before sowing the seed, and immediately after cutting each crop of hay.

It is not safe to pasture either cattle or sheep on alfalfa, as they are liable to bloat when it is fed green. Feed them the hay, or practice soil-ing.

There is no better or cheaper way of growing hogs than to pasture them on alfalfa. One acre will furnish pasturage for from ten to twenty hogs per season.

Horses can be pastured on alfalfa. There is no better hay for work animals, or for young, growing stock.

THE BLUFF WILL BE CALLED.

The disreputable combine effected between the christian swamper, Pharr, and the jail bird and all around crook, O'Malley, having been ignominiously repudiated by the intelligence and respectability of Louisiana the organ and followers of the combine are now engaged in a desperate game of bluff, and are declaring that their candidate has been counted out and that force will be resorted to in order to seat the defeated candidate next month. While it has been demonstrated that Foster has been elected by 27,000 majority in spite of the fact that with few exceptions the negroes voted solidly for Pharr, together with every old back number office chaser in the State, yet the combine fugelemen and tin horn tooters with one accord maintain that "the people" will be in Baton Rouge in force in order to see that Pharr is inaugurated on the 18th of May. To judge from the incendiary and bloodthirsty utterances of the blackmailing organ of the combine Demas, Wormoth, Cage, Blount, O'Malley, Puckett, and the whole brood of black-and-tan harpies who have followed the waning fortunes of the combine during the past campaign will make a decent upon the capitol at the opening of the legislature, and with shotguns in their hands they propose to shoot down the representatives of the law, to trample upon the liberties of the people and install Pharr at any cost.

It is perfectly natural that Dominick O'Malley and Henry Clay Warmoth, seeing their utter discomfiture in this campaign, would be entirely willing to work their deluded victims up to the point of attempting to override the laws of Louisiana and forcibly seating in the governor's chair a man who has been overwhelmingly repudiated by the people. These wily tricksters imagine that they have everything to gain by such an attempt, while if the effort should fail, as it surely must, the poor dupes who may become the victims of their cupidity will alone be the ones to suffer, while Warmoth and O'Malley will take care that they do not come near harm's way.

If they are calculating upon anything of this sort, however, we desire to say to them once and for all that they are reasoning entirely without their host. If those corrupt scoundrels for a moment imagine that they may with impunity work a

few ignorant and deluded people up to the point of precipitating this State into the throes of a civil war in order to carry out their infamous schemes of plunder and spoliation we serve notice upon them that they are making a fatal mistake.

The white democrats of Louisiana have elected Foster as the governor of this State, and they have no fear of their ability to inaugurate him at the proper time. They inaugurated Nichols with shotguns in their hands in 1876 and, while they prefer a peaceable and orderly inauguration of Foster in 1896, if shotguns are necessary to accomplish this they will be forthcoming; let there be no mistake on that point.

Furthermore, if an armed conflict is precipitated upon the people of this State and blood does flow and human life be lost as a result, the people will know where to locate the blame. If compelled to maintain their government at the muzzle of the shotgun and the Winchester they will deal as leniently as possible with the deluded people who have been duped, but woe be unto O'Malley and Warmoth, and the rest of the villains who hope to escape by remaining behind the scenes! We pray God that our State may be spared such a scene, but if it be forced upon us and we are driven to the necessity of meeting force with force, then let a clean sweep be made once and for all.—*Baton Rouge Advocate.*

WE CAN SPARE.

The girl who pays more attention to her dress and walk than the good she can do.

The young man who spends more time in getting the part of his hair exactly in the middle than he does to elevate the moral tone of our town.

The street corner grumbler who never tries to do anything for his city, but spends his time in finding fault with those who do.

The married woman who is far more of a society leader than a wife and mother who has a mission to perform in aiding morals and religion.

The married man who devotes more time to policy than to elevating the tone and character of his city.

The citizen who feels no responsibility for the advancement of his city, and buys most of his food and clothing abroad.

The dweller here who takes a delight in running to every purchaser or would be purchaser of real estate to inform him how much too high are the figures on the property under discussion.

The individual who can never see anything good in things made or raised at home.

The person who can always find something to say to the disparagement of another.

The home man who would rather help a stranger than one of our own citizens, no matter how worthy of deserving.

The resident who is always talking about how much better they do things elsewhere.

The town loafer who never has a job himself, doesn't want one and doesn't want anybody else to have one.—*Shreveport Judge.*

As a political factor the negro would be in it four years hence.

There are some good, honest negroes who merit the sympathy and good will of every respectable citizen but it is painfully apparent that there is a sad necessity for the elimination of the purchasable element. It is with regret that the admission must be made of the fact that there are also some white men who ought to be disfranchised for the same reason.—*Capital Item.*