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Boll Weevil Helps.

The prediction that the boll weevil would not be an unmixed curse but rather a blessing in disguise is regarded as vindicated by a correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune who writes as follows:

"The United States Department of Agriculture has reported the yield of corn in this State during the past season to have averaged the phenomenal rate of more than 20 bushels to the acre. A planter in Bossier Parish made \$1,200 on sixteen acres planted in peanuts. Even at 15 cents per pound, cotton would not have netted more on 50 acres, or three times as much land planted. In DeSoto Parish more money was made on hogs than would have been the case had the same acreage been devoted to cotton. Hogs at \$8 per 100 pounds have proven a better speculation than cotton at ruling prices. The better class of planters are not entirely disregarding cotton, as they realize that some must be planted, but they are planting those things that insure a revenue in the event that crop or price should fail when cotton is made the exclusive product of the farm."

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Buy Cowpeas Now.

If you have not saved your own seed, do not wait till sowing time when the price has gone up, but buy early. Do not imagine that you can not afford to sow peas because the price is high. You can not afford to neglect them. Cowpeas and crimson clover are the team that will bring prosperity to the Southern farms if properly used and fed. If you can not feed beeves, you can at least feed hogs, and there is no better place for the hogs than a cowpea field, and no better way in which to make the peas of value to your soil. At present prices, the feeding of hogs promises to be the most profitable industry on the farm.

Forced to Leave Home.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. There's a better way. Let Dr. King's New Discovery cure you at home. "It cured me of lung trouble," writes W. R. Nelson, of Calamine, Ark., "when all else failed and I gained 47 pounds in weight. Its surely the King of all cough and lung cures." Thousands owe their lives and health to it. Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, laryngitis, asthma, croup—all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at all drug stores.

Ship Subsidy.

The farmers want no jobbery, no subsidies, no special privileges, no boasting of the loot which any Congressman has secured for his district. Their doctrine is the doctrine of Emerson: "Give no bounties; make equal laws, secure life and property, and you need not give alms." Take away your artificial restriction forbidding the purchase of ships and shipbuilding materials in the cheapest market, and you will not need to go into the public treasury for a ship subsidy. Grant that a merchant marine is highly desirable from the standpoint of national interest; so is it highly desirable that the fertility of American soils be maintained by the planting of more leguminous crops—more cowpeas, and alfalfa, and all that. Shall we then tax all other classes in order to give bounties and subsidies to encourage farmers to raise these crops? One plan is not more unrighteous than the other.

PLANT A PEANUT PATCH THIS YEAR

A Good Money Crop, a Good Hay Crop, One of the Best Plants for Pork-Making and a Great Soil Improver---Details of Planting and Cultivation.

The area devoted to peanuts in the United States in 1899 was 516,658 acres, and 11,964,957 bushels were produced. Statistics show that for the decade preceding the year of the above estimate there was an increase in the area devoted to peanuts of 153 per cent, and an increase in production of 233.5 per cent.

It has been learned that the peanut can be grown successfully in all of the Southern States, and as the boll weevil advances, thousands of acres of cotton land will certainly be devoted to growing peanuts. Any loamy soil that can be put into a mellow, friable condition to a depth of 6 or 7 inches will grow peanuts. However, only the light gray soils can ever produce the nut that is in greatest demand commercially. Large nuts with bright colored hulls bring the highest price. The dark, clayey soils, or soils with a large content of iron, have a tendency to discolor the hulls, thereby injuring the sale. It is sometimes the case that the heavy loam soils produce a heavier nut, and the difference in weight counteracts the difference in price. It is true that the light sandy soils of the coastal plain, by the application of lime and some fertilizer, will yield more money per acre in peanuts than any other crop we can grow.

VARIETIES AND SEED SELECTION.

There are quite a number of varieties of peanuts known, chief among which are the Virginia Bunch and Running or Flat, the N. C. Bunch and Flat, the Spanish and Jumbo Flat. The Bunch and Spanish have upright vines and bear the peas in a bunch around the top root. All the others have a trailing vine and bear the fruit over a wider area under the latter branches. The bunch varieties are somewhat larger and more uniform in size, causing them to sell for a little more than the flat.

Farmers in the peanut sections are beginning to realize the fact that the old practice of planting seed from the bulk of the crop, without any care as to selection, is unprofitable. We are beginning to use considerable precaution in selecting seed peanuts. There is no crop which will yield larger returns for the time spent in taking care of the seed than the peanut. It is absolutely essential for the best results to get a stand from the first planting. Replanted plants never pay. They do not mature with those first planted, consequently, in order to save the first planted nuts, the replanted are dug before they are mature. There should be planted sufficient seed to insure a stand. One can't afford to be stingy with seed peanuts. We usually plant half a bushel of shelled peas per acre of the large varieties.

SOIL PREPARATION AND PLANTING

The land should be well broken some time before planting and harrowed several times to pulverize the soil and destroy the weed and grass seeds. When we are sure that danger of frost is past, and the land is warm, we are ready to plant. If the large varieties are to be planted, the land should be thoroughly limed and the lime harrowed in before marking off the rows. The distance between the rows should be determined largely by the variety and the fertility of the soil. The running varieties need more space than the bunch, and the more fertile soil the wider should be the rows. The average distance is about three feet. The Spanish may be planted as close together in the drills as six inches. The bulk of the crop in North Carolina and Virginia is planted between the first and tenth of May. They are usually planted on a small list, made by whatever implement is most convenient. On

light upland flat culture is more satisfactory. The rows are dragged down about level with the harrow or drag. On low lands that are not so well drained, the ridge culture is used. There are several one-horse planters on the market. The seed should not be planted more than 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep on well prepared soil. Frequently a poor stand is caused by putting the seed too deep.

CULTIVATE SHALLOW AND OFTEN.

If a crust forms on the field after planting, it should be broken by running over the land with a weeder or light harrow. One should be careful about doing this just as the young plants are coming through, as they are quite tender. After they pass this stage they are not easily damaged by cultivation until they begin to "peg down." In fact, on light, porous soil they are sometimes covered up entirely with earth to check the grass. They will come out after staying under the soil several days. However, there is danger of checking the growth of the plant by using this method on heavy soils.

Grass and weeds should be kept out during the early growth of the plants, and if this is carefully done, the danger later in the season will be slight. By the proper use of weeders and cultivators, the use of the hoe can be practically eliminated. One thing to be emphasized is the rapid use of the light implements during the early growth of the plant.

PEANUT SHOULD BE MORE GENERALLY GROWN.

The peanut being a legume (one of the very best soil renovators) gives it an important place in our place of agriculture. It can be worked in a two, three, or four-year rotation with other farm crops, and when grown in this way, does not require artificial fertilization. When the roots and vines are allowed to decay on the land, it is one of the best soil-improvers known. If fertilized at all, a home-mixed fertilizer, with analysis 1 per cent nitrogen, 4 per cent potash, and 8 per cent phosphoric acid, has been found profitable. Peanuts should never be planted successively on the same land. They demand rotation.

The average yield per acre of peanuts is entirely too small. Because they are easily grown farmers get into the habit of not doing so well as they can. The land should be well drained and pulverized. No crop can succeed on a poorly drained and cloddy soil. There are a number of farmers who have grown from 100 to 150 bushels per acre, and yet the average yield is not more than 60 bushels per acre.

The peanut should be, and could be made, one of the most profitable crops in the South. Every part of the plant can be converted into a profitable product. Millions of pounds of pork are fattened annually on the nuts that are left in the fields after harvesting all that can be saved. There is nothing better for fattening pork than peanuts. An experiment in Alabama shows that pigs make more rapid gain when fed on them than on any other ration.

The peanut vines, when properly cured, are equal to clover hay in feeding value. In the peanut States they are one of the chief forages for farm stock. The domestic use of the peanut should be encouraged in the South. Every farmer should plant a patch for his hogs. The bunch varieties can be cultivated level, and just before frost the vines mowed off and the hogs fattened on the nuts. In this case we can get a crop of the very best hay, a crop of the sweetest flavored pork, and the soil will be greatly enriched by the stubble and roots.—Prof. T. E. Browne.

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Corinth Locals.

Quite a heavy rain fell here last Monday evening which will detain farm work to some extent.

School is progressing nicely, although attendance is somewhat small owing to some sickness in the community.

Mrs. J. W. Hemphill has been quite sick for the past few days.

Mr. J. R. Cupp and son, Willie, of Winnfield, were visitors here last Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dawson of Winnfield was buried here last week.

Mr. C. Hand was called to Atlanta last week by the death of his brother, he having drowned while fishing.

Miss Rosa Dawson, of Grant parish, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Long, this week.

Rev. Mr. Smith will preach here next Saturday and Sunday.
DOTTER.

Rheumatism.

More than nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles, due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism. In such cases no internal treatment is required. The free application of Chamberlain's Liniment is all that is needed and it is certain to give quick relief. Give it a trial and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain and soreness. The medicines usually given internally for rheumatism are poisonous or very strong medicines. They are worse than useless in cases of chronic and muscular rheumatism. For sale by all druggists.

Tortoises Consumed in England.

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Grant Parish Good Roads Meetings

Public meetings will be held and addresses made at the following places in Grant Parish in aid of the good roads movement.

Hon. J. F. Harbert, President of the State Farmers' Union, will address the people of Grant Parish, at all the places named. Governor Sanders will address the meetings at Montgomery, Verda, Dry Prong and Pollock, and Messrs. J. B. Roberts, J. A. Williams, Clair H. McCain and Joel M. Durham, attorneys of Colfax, will address the people at the various meetings, advocating the Good Roads Movement.

The meetings will be held at the following places on the dates named:

- Tuesday, April 12th, at Colfax, 11 a. m., at Court House. Same day at Summerfield, 3 p. m. at Tabernacle.
- Wednesday, April 13th, at Aloba, 11 a. m., School House. Thursday, April 14th, at Iatt or Williana, Liberty Chapel Church, at 11 a. m.
- Friday, April 15th, at Georgetown, 11 a. m. at Church. Saturday, April 16th, Prospect School House, 11 a. m.
- Monday, April 18th, at Montgomery at 10:30 a. m., at the School House. Verda at School House at 3 p. m. Governor Sanders and Hon. J. F. Harbert at both.
- Tuesday, April 19th, at Dry Prong 10:30 a. m. At Pollock 3 p. m. Governor Sanders and Hon. J. F. Harbert at both.

Do not fail to come to these meetings and ask all the questions you desire to ask, as the speakers are merely desirous to see our country advance along progressive lines, and believe that good roads are necessary to the prosperity of our Southland.

Ricksha in an Automobile Role.

While a careless ricksha coolie was going along the Nanking road on the wrong side this morning a tram car collided with it, with the result that the occupant of the ricksha was thrown out, the ricksha being damaged and one of the tram lamps smashed.—Shanghai Mercury.

One Conductor who was Cured.

Mr. Wilford Adams is his name, and he writes about it: "Some time ago I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism. I used two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy with good effect, and the third bottle put me on my feet and I resumed work as conductor on the Lexington, Ky., Street Railway. It gave me more relief than any medicine I had ever used, and it will do all you claim in cases of rheumatism." Foley's Kidney Remedy cures rheumatism by eliminating the uric acid from the blood. For sale by all druggists.

Left Over.

Barbara, aged four, had always been allowed to make small cakes out of the scraps of dough left from the morning's baking, so one morning after being sent to gather eggs, she came running in with a very tiny one and exclaimed, "Oh, mamma! see this little egg, it must be that's all the dough the hen had left."—Delineator.

The Sound Sleep of Good Health.

The restorative power of sound sleep cannot be over estimated and any ailment that prevents it is a menace to health. J. L. Southers, Eau Claire, Wis., says: "For a long time I have been unable to sleep soundly nights, because of pains across my back and soreness of my kidneys. My appetite was very poor and my general condition was much run down. I have been taking Foley's Kidney Pills but a short time and now sleep as sound as a rock. I eat and enjoy my meals, and my general condition is greatly improved. I can honestly recommend Foley's Kidney Pills as I know they have cured me." For sale by all druggists.

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