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### The Maintenance of Fertility.

THE alluvial soils of Louisiana are the accumulation here of ages of the erosion of the lands far up in the West and to the Rocky Mountains, and the lands there. Here we have learned that our lands, although of extraordinary fertility in the beginning, will gradually lose a part of that fertility and to get the best results the tillers of the soil must conserve as best they can what natural fertility the soil now possesses and supplement that with as such artificial fertilization as shall restore any lost fertility. Nebraska is one of the typical states in the great plain that lies between the Alleghany Mountains and the Rockies, known as the Mississippi Valley. The Missouri River separates the state from Iowa, lying on its east side, and the state has various water courses leading into the Missouri. From the erosion of the lands of Nebraska and of such lands as these our own country here has been built up and we prize highly the alluvial soil thus brought to us during the ages past.

That the soil is excellent is demonstrated by the fact that Nebraska has about eight million acres of it in corn and produces nearly two hundred million bushels of that cereal, or four times as much as Louisiana. Illinois is the banner state in corn production, Iowa coming next, with Missouri, Indiana and Nebraska following in the order given. They are all states of this great plain and the erosion of their soils has given us the wonderful country that we now

A complaint now comes from Nebraska that the soil of that state is losing its great fertility and the inquiry has arisen as to why this loss is occurring? Nebraska is a comparatively new state and its soils have been in cultivation scarcely sufficiently long to have become impoverished, and yet complaints are now making in that direction, which has led to an investigation of the matter by the University of Nebraska. Under the auspices of this University, Prof. F. J. Alway has made a study of the matter from the Nebraska point of view and published it in bulletin No. 111 of the State Agricultural Experiment Station. It is found that the soils of Nebraska give an analysis from which they would be rated very fertile and likely to long maintain their capacity if kept in good physical condition and if supplied with nitrogen and organic matter. These two items, or elements, in the soil fertility seem to be the ones that are becoming exhausted. Nebraska is exposed to severe winds and it is thought that the organic matter in the top soil may be lost largely by being blown away and the nitrogen of the soil will be exhausted by repeated cropping without growing thereon any laguminous crops,

The loss of fertility of the lands does not seem to be one of diminished phosphoric acid, potash, or lime, but it is caused by the loss of nitrogen and humus in the older fields, this loss being directly due to the washing or blowing away of the surface soil. Prof. Alway urges upon the farmers of that state that in order to prevent erosion by water and by wind, the burning of stalks and straw should be avoided and all barnyard manure should be returned to the land. These precautions being taken, then the cultivated fields should be rotated with leguminous plants, such as clover or alfalfa, with which culture he believes that the soils of Nebraska, now depreciating, will be restored to their original fertility. Our experience here with the soils that we have borrowed in a large part from Nebraska would lead us to the same conclusions.

On the other hand, we have such aggressive insect life in the way of cotton boll weevils, cane borers and other forms, that we are led to burn off our lands to defend ourselves against these destructive insects. Somewhere between the two methods doubtless lies our proper line

#### The Lafayette Truck Growers' Association.

THE Acadians of Lafayette parish are not to be outdone in the matter of intensive agriculture by the Italians and others of the river parishes, or by the red necked natives and yankees of the Tangipahoa country, or even by the webfooted tillers of the soil in the parish of Plaquemines. They have organized the Lafayette Truck Growers' Association and are determined to learn what they can do in their parish to the best advantage and to offer their produce of such quality, in such packages and in such quantities as buyers may desire it and to thus bring buyers right into their own market. The parish of Iberia has already set the pace and its truck growing organization is already at work.

The French people are the best gardeners in the world. The laws of France for the division of property have resulted in cutting the whole country up into one vast series of gardens.

These small holdings have led necessarily to a high degree of cultivation in order to secure an adequate support for those interested and the natural tendency of such culture is also to produce competitive results. After the France-German War, when five milliards of francs, or a thousand millions of dollars, were demanded and got by Germany as an indemnity from the French people, it was found that the farmers of France had the money and they promptly took the bonds which paid the indemnity.

We shall have no war in Louisiana we shall hope, for centuries to come, but we believe that the farmers of the Attakapas parishes, once famous for their ownership of thousands of horses, cattle and sheep, and now famous for their vast development of the rice industry and later again for their great attention to cane. farming, will be heard from as among the most conspicuous in the production of the garden products peculiar to our state, either in their quality or in the earliness of their production, for the supply of the ninety millions of people in the other states, who are willing and anxious to buy such.

#### Satsuma Oranges.

WHEN satsuma oranges were first introduced they excited high expectations. These expectations have not been realized and satsuma oranges are not considered as one of the favorite oranges, although they are of the mandarin class introduced from Japan. The U.S. Departmentment of Agriculture has been taking cognizance of this fact lately and has issued a bulletin, No. 46, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, in which the reasons are given for the failure of this orange to give satisfaction in very many instances. It is said that the satsuma orange is worthless unless grafted or budded on the trifoliate orange stock. Sour orange or sweet orange have been generally used as stocks by growers of citrus fruits in the South, but during recent years the hardy trifoliate orange of China and Japan has come into prominence as a stock. It is adapted apparently to our Lower Coast lands, but is not adapted to light, sandy soils, and hence may not do as well in Florida. Grafted on the trifoliate stock the satsuma succeeds admirably and it is now a serious mistake to use the other stocks for growing satsuma oranges. Mr. Swingle, the author of the bulletin referred to, says that it is no exaggeration to say that he who plants a satsuma orange tree grafted on sour stock might better bury a five dollar bill and burn the tree, which, if planted, will linger along for years, only to be finally dug up as worthless. Our readers who are interested would do well to write to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Mr. Swingle's buttetin.

#### We Eat Too Much,

As the great Edison has done so much for the modern world in his inventions for the utilization of light and sound, his views on other matters are accepted as of considerable value and it is stated of him that he says that he became convinced long ago that mortals sleep too much and that they eat much more than they should. He claims to have proved his beliefs by personal experiments and said that his power to work and endure fatigue has increased to an amazing degree.

Edison's conclusions are confirmed by medical science, which declares that practically seven-eights of our illness is due to over eating. It is claimed by some that our feeding habits do not compare so far as quantity is concerned, with those a century or two ago and not even with those of a generation or two ago. Yet it is found that most persons eat too much and more than is necessary to enable them to carry on their work without fatigue. It is a notable fact that in burning fuel oil under boilers as much as one-quarter of the steam produced by the burning oil has been consumed in atomizing it, thus leaving but three-quarters of the heat produced by the oil for other useful effects. Just so in our human mechanism any quantity of food taken in excess of that necessary for its highest effectiveness creates a positive loss in our effectiveness as industrial or intellectual machines. Part of the energy is required to care of and dispose of the excess of food we may consume, leaving a diminished quantity for use in our daily employment.

#### Lightning Rods.

WE believe that Benjamin Franklin was the father of the lightning rod and any way, the father of the American lightning rod. His success with his famous kite in drawing from the heavens the lightning down to the earth- is the story of our school boy days with which all are familiar. As the lowest orders of men early began to appreciate the power of lightning, it is very natural that when any protective device is thought to free one from such danger that the device should become popular.

Lightning rods were such devices and lightning rod peddlers for fifty years have enjoyed, or endured, a worse reputation than even the noted vendors of books. After all these years of varying judgment in favor of lightning rods and against them, Dr. Elihu Thomas in a recent discussion of the discoveries made by Franklin, says that he regrets that there seems to be a growing belief in the uselessness of lightning rods and perhaps in the incidental danger of having such rods. He attributes much of this unpopularity to the dishonest lightning rod men who have so frequently made worthless installations. His view of the matter, however, as a scientific man and expressed in an address delivered by him before the Palmer physical laboratory at Princeton, published in a recent issue of SCIENCE, is to the effect that the Franklin rod when properly installed, does secure prac- Delicious refreshments were served vs. Joseph Weaver, a suit to compet

more, the best vindication of to lightning rods is found in the friends. reliance placed by the trained provision of an easy path for the electricity of lightning to reach

the ground. It would seem that with the ignorant a little learning is sometimes a dangerous thing and that with the rest of us sometimes much learning makes us disposed to throw aside those school pupils, Miss Stella Marshall is things that are intrinsically good. on the sick list. For various causes we have been Mr. R. S. Leroy left for the Crescent predisposed against lightning City Monday. rods and regretted to see after Mr. G. N. Thomas from Baton Rouge the erection of the Court House was a visitor to our town Sunday. under the old regime that our Mrs. Peter Gauthier, one of the old-Police Jury was led into an in- est inhabitants of this place is dangervestment in lightning rods for ously iil, her recovery being doubtful, the Court House's protection. Little Ruth and Ruby Dennis return-We still have serious doubts as ed to their home at Port Eads last week to whether the Court House has to resume their school studies after been protected thereby, but Dr. Elihu Thomas comes to the front and holds that if lightning rods are well and properly placed and do secure practical immunity day, Jan. 14. from lightning strokes.

#### PARISH NEWS.

#### Nairn.

The many friends of Miss M. E. Mongrue are glad to hear that she has recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. Jos. O'Brien spent several days at his home here last week.

Mr. W. O. Bourgeois of New Orleans was the guest of the Dustmann's for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Lyons were in Buras for the day Sunday.

Messrs. W. H. Chauvin and W. H. Dustmann were business visitors to New Orleans last week.

Mr. O. S. Livaudais was the guest of Mr. H. P. Lyons for several days last

Dr. H. L. Ballowe made a professional visit to our town last week.

Miss Mary Dustmann has returned to New Orieans to resume her studies at Mrs Blake's school.

parior at Arnolie's place and may be seen at this place Saturday and Suiday of each week.

Capt, C. G. Louderbough's many friends are glad to hear that he is recovering from his recent timess.

Schools in this locality held appropriate exercises on January 8, in commemoration of mag day.

Mr. B. F. Louderbough spent Sunday with ms brother in the city.

The manager of the factory and his wife arrived last week.

#### Quaratine.

Mr. Paul Jacomine accompanied Miss Lucy Biaise to her home where she will spend a tew days with relatives and Irienus, returning to Quarantine Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Snow of that

Mr. Paul Jacomine spent New Year Day with friends at Phot Town.

#### Residence Burned.

The residence of John Clement Buras at Venice, La. together with its entire contents was destroyed on New Year's eve by fire caused by a defective flue.

#### Time Extended.

This Parish is located in the Second Census District of Louisiana, and Walter Y. Kemper, Franklin, La., is Supervisor. Owing to a delay in the delivery of the blank forms to be furnished applicants, Mr. Kemper has been plication blanks filled out. All parties desiring to make application for positions as Census Enumerators should notify the Supervisor at once, in order that they may be furnished with the blank forms which are to be filled and returned prior to Jan. 31.

One of the most sorrowful calamities which occurred in our vicinity was the burning of the beautiful home of Mr. John C. Buras on New Year Eve. The save the house, but, owing to the intense breeze nothing could be done. The wind the intense breeze nothing could be done. The wind the intense breeze nothing could be done. The wind the intense breeze nothing could be done. neighbors were appraised of the bad The disappearance of this old land mark | Pipes. will leave a void in the community.

Mr. Moore, the competent son of Judge I. D. Moore of New Orleans arrived from the Crescent City Tuesday Plaquemines parish near the mouth of night for the purpose of superintend- the river. The work is being done by ing the work at Baptiste Collette. Mr. the State Board of Engineers after an Moore was a visitor at Mrs. J. Bernard,s on Thursday night.

gelo, which took place at the residence their own direction. of the groom at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The couple were attended by Miss Angelina Gartouchies as maid of honor and Theodore Buras as best man. The bride wore a white princess gown with a veil of illusion. The parlor was artistically decorated with a profusion of plants, tall ferns and numerous garlands of moss with white and red cut flowers. Judge E. Fellon officiated.

tical immunity from lightning and dancing was kept up until a late le were the recipients of congratula-Franklin's judgment in regard tions and presents from their numerous

Quite an enjoyable eachre party was electrical engineer upon the held at the home of Mrs. J. Bernard

> Mrs. W. J. Kimber of Neptune paid quite an agreeable visit to this place last week.

Misses Nellie and Alberta Blaise had the pleasure of entertaining Messrs. Jones and Hartly of Burrwood last

We are sorry to state that one of our

quite an extended visit at this place.

#### Home Place.

On account of the extremely cold weather that prevailed on Jan. 7, there were very few pupils present so Flag made of the proper material they | Day exercises were postponed to Fri-

Mr. John Perez was the week end guest of Miss Birdie Giordano. Mr. Walter Richards spent Sunday

here the guest of Miss Agnes Lyons. Dr. H. L. Ballowe was the guest of Mr. F. Giordano on Sunday.

Mr. F. Giordano was a business visitor to Pointe-a-ia-Hache Wednesday. Mr. Jack Ballay went to the City last week for a few days stay.

Mr. Gustave Ballay visited friends in Buras Sunday.

Mr. E. Giordano Jr. of Ironton spent Wednesday evening here the guest of his cousin F. Giordano.

Mr. Sidney Bergeron, a popular drummer from New Orleans who is sight seeing our heautiful country in a buggy spent last Wednesday evening here.

#### The Penalty For Not Having a Hunting License.

On Tuesday last Game Wardens Gersdorf T. Smith and Gabe Sintes, swore out an affidavit before the 29th Judicial District Court against violating section 13, act 227 of 1908 rel- defendent to accept title; judgement one Joseph Ponte of Algiers for Dr. Wacker has opened a dental ative to hunting without a license. Po- was given plaintiff as prayed for. lite after being caught by the game. The matter of the State vs. John FORSALE-Fifty barrels of Create priors at produce the license next day at the cased guilty. Upon the accused promtime he quickly proceeded to the tax c ildren the court deterred imposing John L Bures, Ruses, La. collectors office and purchased a license, sentence upon the accused. Mrs. A. J. Buras, who was seriously after erasing date to show that license was naid prior to arrest, he proceeded with his license to the commission's and frightened and the fear of arrest i.h. The two men, who were brotherscaused him such a shock that he died i -law, had been on had terms for over on last Mondy night in Algiers, and all two years due to demestic troubles. It for the want of a hunting license.

#### Pointe-a-la-Hache.

Gunn of Gadsden, Ala, to Mr. Frank C. mann cutting wood. He began abusing Mevers Jr., is announced for Feb. 2.

Mrs. Robt. Hingle of New Orleans is the guest of Judge and Mrs. R. Emmet

Levee Board held a meeting here Mon- ran into his house and securing a dcu-

Court was held here on Thursday.

her sister Mrs. Sidney B. Mevers.

State Engineer J. W. Monget and W. P. Villere were in our town this week for the purpose of cross sectioning the back levee.

erowd that was here attending the dif- shoe fits she takes it back because it is ferent board meetings and court.

Mr. Sam Wiley was a business visitor in our town on Friday.

Mr. Dave Pipes, ex-representative tense breeze nothing could be done. a visit to his brother, Dr. Wm. H.

#### Baptiste Collette Levee. Work was begun Friday, Jan. 7, on

the Baptiste Collette Gap levee, in unsuccessful attempt to have it done by contract. The contract was adver-One of the most enjoyable events of tised several times but all bids were the season was the marriage of Miss found to be too high and the State En-Louise Gartouchies to Mr. Albert An- gineers decided to do the work under

held last Tuesday, at which two decisions were handed down.

In the matter of Ostrica Oyster Co. Ltd. vs. John Barbier et als; judgement was rendered in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$325.

## tical immunity from lightning hour. There were a number of guests danger. He states that further bresent from out of town, and the coup-

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### Homicide in Boothville.

A family quarrel of long standing office, where the fraud was at once de- cuminated last Wednesday evening in work and cooking. Salary \$15 to \$25 per month tected and an affidavit ordered made the shooting and killing of Harry Met- Address M. Parch, Olga, La. against Polite. From what can be learn- ziger by Willie Fieldmarr, both of ed, the negro became so much worried Boothville in the lower end of the par- NOTICE OF MEETINGS. A regular meeting of the Board of Commission a mears, according to the story of Henry ers for the Buras Levce District, will be held at Smith, the only eye witness, that Met-Burns, La., Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1910. ziger entered Fieldmann's yard lite The wedding of Miss Jennie Ward Wednesday evening and found Field-Fieldmann's wife and then directed his attention towards Fieldmann who in turn remonstrated with Metziger for Found.-Back of Home Place in the prairie thus acting. As Fieldmann dropped Two skiffs, printed white, capacity of about 2 his ax, Metziger grabbed it and made barrels of oysters each. The Plaquemines Parish East Bank for his opponent with it. Fieldmann Arthur A. Lee of Daisy P. O., La. caught the ble barrel shot gun in which he had one load of buckshot, ran to the window skiff described below during the storm. Made of and fired at his man as he was about to cypress, 20 ft long, 7 ft, beam, 6 ft, across, stern Quite a large crowd of business visit- enter the door with the ax in his hands. ors were in our town this week, among The entire load of buckshot entered whom were Hon. Roselius Perez, Aaron Metziger's right breast and he ran to-Davis, Attys. John Dymond Jr. N. H. ward the front of the house exclaiming Nunez, Jas. Wilkinson, Messrs. Marc "You dirty ---- you got me. I Cognevich, J. B. Fasterling, Frank didn't know you had a gur. He fell Giordano, Dr. H. L. Ballowe, John Ar-near the front gate where he died in a for the term of one year at the Court Houre at near the front gate where he died in a for the term of one year at the Court Houre at nolie, Jos. Bernard and Hon, Theodore short while. Metziger was an ex-soldier and had married Fieldmann's sis-Miss J. Ward Gunn of New Orleans ter, who with one child survives him. Public ferries, to-witter, who with one child survives him. time limit for the return to him of ap- is spending some time at the home of Fieldmann, who is a native of this par- 'este, Pointe-a-la-liache, City Prise, Ostrice. after the shooting and placed in jail under a charge of murder. He

> place this week owing to the large worn saying, but with a woman if the Gasoline erowd that was here attending the dif-(too big. - Farm Journal.

claims to have acted in self defense and

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