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LEEVE ASSOCIATION DOING GOOD WORK

One-Thousand Men to go to Washington to Make Demonstration Ransdell-Humphreys Bill

Memphis, Tenn.—The work of organizing a delegation of one-thousand men to go to Washington December 2, and make a demonstration for the Ransdell-Humphreys bill is progressing in the seven states most affected by the floods. Over that number of delegates have been named, but far from a thousand have given assurance that they will attend. To make the demonstration in Washington a success it is necessary for a greater number of delegates to make the trip than are now in sight. The cost of the expedition is nominal. The Illinois Central Railway and the Louisville and Nashville Railway will put on special trains from Memphis, and the fare to Washington for this occasion has been reduced on all railroads. It is the duty of the mayor of every city in the flood district to secure at least one delegate who will make the trip and represent that city. Present indications are that the levee boards will send from five to 15 men each. To make a good showing a great many more delegates must go.

Thirty-thousand acres of the richest farm land in the world depends on this measure and the measure in turn depends in a great way on the fight that is made for it in Washington December 3 when it will receive a hearing before the Rivers and Harbors committee.

Delegates who make the trip may also stay over for the Rivers and Harbors congress. Washington during the first week in December is one of the most interesting places in America. Aside from the necessity of being present at the time the Ransdell-Humphreys bill receives its initial hearing, the trip to Washington presents to the people of the flood states an opportunity to visit the nation's capital at its busiest time.

The Mississippi River Levee Association has done a tremendous work for the past four months in educating the country to the necessity of passing the measure. The governors, mayors, commercial bodies, etc., throughout the country have been lined up for the measure. It is now necessary for the people for whom this fight was made to do their part. A big delegation must go to Washington December 3 and it is the duty of every man in the seven flood states to see that a big delegation makes the trip.

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PLANT FRUIT TREES IN THE FALL

And up to the Time of Severe Weather When Ground is Frozen—Many Reasons

In the latitude of Southeast Missouri, the best time to plant all kinds of fruit trees and berry plants is in the fall and up to the time of severe weather when the ground is frozen. There are several reasons for this. One is, that general farm work is not so pushing as in the spring; another is that the weather is usually not so stormy and wet; the soil always contains plenty of moisture and is in good condition to work; the cut roots will callous during the winter, which they must have time to do before they are able to send out new roots; the soil will settle compactly around the roots through the action of the frost and rain and no vigorous growth can take place until this is done; in the fall the stock of the nurseries is full and the buyer is apt to get a better grade of trees and all the kinds that he has ordered without a substitution of varieties, a practice which some nurseries follow when they cannot furnish the kind ordered.

A final and weighty reason for fall planting is that the stock may be ordered by the cheaper rate of freight instead of express because the planter has all the fall and winter before him to get his trees and therefore is in no hurry about their arrival. If some unforeseen delay occurs, no damage will be done the trees because they are dormant and will remain so until spring. Even if after they arrive it becomes impossible to plant them out until spring, no harm will result for they may be healed out with perfect safety and in that position their roots will colous the same as if regularly planted and they will be much better protected against possible winter damage. To heel out a tree, dig a trench about a foot deep and wide enough to take in all the roots. Lay down the trees with their tops resting on the bank of soil thrown out, and their roots in the trench. Cover roots with pulverized soil and a part or all of the tops. They will thus remain in perfect condition till spring. Drive stakes down between different varieties so that they may not get mixed up. A fall planted tree will make a much better growth the next summer than a spring planted one.

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COUNTY NOTES

By County Farm Advisor

The Leemon club will hold a meeting at the school house Tuesday evening, December 2. In addition to speakers from other parts of the county, the school, under direction of the teacher, Mr. Probst, will put on an interesting program. One of the features of the meeting will be a debate. Everyone is cordially invited.

The first corn and live stock show ever held at Pocahontas the 14-15 of November, was a success in every particular except the weather. The hall was filled with farm products and fancy work, and on Saturday more than 150 animals competed for the prizes in the different rings. Notwithstanding the rain which fell practically all day, there was a good crowd present. In the afternoon Prof. L. R. Johnson of the agricultural department of the Normal, made a talk on fruit growing which was well received.

The opinion is general that good seed corn will command a premium next spring. Several of Cape county's most prominent corn growers have already booked orders for considerable quantities of seed. A few inquiries have also come in from lower counties. Right now is none too early to begin planning for next year's crop and get good seed, either at home or from a reliable grower.

While as yet it is too early to say with certainty that alfalfa sowed this fall will be a success next year, yet the condition of a majority of the fields look promising. Early sowing, latter part of August and first of September shows up best. These fields have made the best growth and are in better condition to withstand the winter.

The Cane Creek farm club will hold a meeting Thursday evening, December 4. Mr. J. Kelly Wright, Mr. B. P. Smoot and Miss Bell, all institute lecturers for the State Board of Agriculture will be the speakers. These people are exceptionally good talkers; they have something to tell and tell it in a pleasing manner. In addition there will be music. Cane Creek always has good audiences, but this is expected to be a record breaker.

Mr. Wm. Hitt of Pocahontas reports a fine stand and good growth on a field of alfalfa sowed August 25. A portion of the field that was not mowed has not made as much growth as the mowed portion. Mr. Hitt applied ground limestone to the field and is intending to apply limestone to some land that will sow to clover next spring.

It is the intention of the Scott County farm Bureau during the Farmers' week, December 7-12, to present an interesting series of lectures on Home Economics and household science. Speakers have been obtained from the State Department of Agriculture and also the State Normal of Cape Girardeau, who will give an interesting series on these important subjects. It is hoped that the ladies of Southeast Missouri will take advantage of this splendid opportunity and attend these lectures and also bring their daughters with them.—Sikeston Standard.

New Ten Commandments

The city of San Antonio, Tex., has adopted a decalogue of health. The ten commandments are as follows:

I. Remember thy garbage can to keep it covered, every time thou shalt fill it, and then shall the scavenger empty it, lest thy garbage become a menace in the nostrils of thy neighbors.

II. Thou shalt cut the weeds on thy vacant lot, lest it become a hiding place for old tin cans, papers and divers sorts of trash.

III. Thou shalt plant many trees, for the sun shall smite thee if thou sittest not in the shade; thou shalt also plant flowers and shrubs, that thy habitation may be lovely in the eyes of men.

IV. Thou shalt clean out the habitation of thy horse and thy cow frequently, lest the stable fly flourish and spread infantile paralysis and other death-dealing diseases.

V. Thou shalt starve the fly in the spring, that thy children, even unto the third and fourth generation, shall not smite him later.

VI. Thou shalt build a sidewalk upon the ground before thy house that thy man servant, the stranger and the book agent bog not in the mud thereof.

VII. Thou shalt not harm thy neighbor's garden; thou, nor thy cat, nor thy dog, nor thy hen that is without thy gate.

VIII. Look not thou upon the milk when it cometh from an unclean dairy, for the doctor will not hold you guiltless of the infant's sickness therefrom.

IX. Verily verily, thou shalt clean thy house thoroughly, wisely and often, that germs breeding dust shall not accumulate to afflict thee and thy husband and thy child, and the stranger that liveth in the next block.

X. Verily, thou shalt vote for men who have the health of the city at heart and will pass laws providing for the city's sanitation, to insure the health and thy children's health and the health of the stranger thou knowest not; for verily if the stranger within the city's boundaries is afflicted with grievous disease, because of thy carelessness, the flies and other vermin will visit thee, and his affliction shall become thy children's and thine own. But if thou wilt do thy duty and clean thy premises, then thou shalt live long and happily in thy city.—Ex.

The Way to Win

'Strike' while the iron is hot.
'Pause' and the iron is cold.
If you strike to late on a hard-ened plate
The weld will never hold.
'Seek' and success will follow;
'Wait' and it passes by.
Be quick to grasp, then hold it fast
And trust for a better try.

History repeats itself. Harper's Weekly has brought to light the fact that our pure food law labels are old antique. In 900 B. C., the ancient Hebrews made the wholesale grocers and wine dealers of their day put such seals and labels on their wine and oil jars. They stated when the wine was deposited in the cellars and where the wine came from. On the oil jars the label read "A jar of pure oil," with the name of the district producing it. Seventy-five of these records were found. They show that even in the days of King Ahab the government protected the stomachs of its citizens.

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INSECTS GET

\$30,000,000.00

Orchard and Nursery Inspection Will Help to Reduce This Large Amount

That Missouri farmers are setting aside \$30,000,000 annually to feed insects is the estimate of Leonard Haseman, chief orchard and nursery inspector at the University of Missouri. Mr. Haseman hopes through the co-operation of the farmers of the state, together with the aid of the orchard and nursery inspection law passed at the last session of the legislature, to materially reduce this amount.

A campaign of education in combating orchard insect pests is part of Mr. Haseman's plans. Demonstration spraying work will be carried on in those sections where information is needed; lectures will be given, and printed reports distributed.

During the winter months the San Jose Scale will receive much attention. Mr. Haseman desires the co-operation of all farmers, fruit growers, nurserymen and florists in the state.

Some Snake Story

A. J. and T. J. Barks of Tilman, on Thursday the 9th at 2 p. m., were on Lost Hill north of Paradise or Messier, Mo., while at the top they saw a very large black snake which ran away. Looking about they saw six large cotton mouth snakes were shot with rifles. Further investigation revealed three large rattlers all in a bunch which they also killed. Then making a further hunt, revealed seven more rattlers, making ten rattlers and six cotton mouths killed. The rattlers had from four to fifteen rattles respectively. They were from four to six feet in length, three small and seven large. The boys thrust a long stick under a tree root in the bluff that they thought the snakes emerged from and found quite a cave. After the first shot the woods seemed to be alive with snakes. They are going back some sunny afternoon to finish up this snake tale which is a true one. H. A. Bollinger said he put Doc and T. J. onto the snake hunt as he had seen so many rattlers near the same place last year about this time, and that he deemed it unwise to undertake to finish the job after he had killed some with a pole. The rattlers heads began to stick up about a foot all around him and he left them to enjoy their home sweet home. Lost hill is in the northeast part of Stoddard county, Mo.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

TO POPULARIZE

DEBATING

The State University Offers Free Package Libraries to Every High School

To popularize debating in Missouri is the newest problem taken up by the extension division of the University of Missouri.

Charles H. Williams, secretary of university extension, has made arrangements to supply material in package libraries, containing books, references and clippings on selected subjects. The high school receiving a package library pays no charge but transportation. Each library may be kept two weeks.

An inter-high school debating contest will be held at the University of Missouri in May, 1914. Any high school accredited by the University may send representatives. The winner of the debate will receive a scholarship of \$125. A scholarship of the same amount will be given for the best essay submitted.

Already more than forty applications have been received for package libraries.

STOCK JUDGING TEAM COMPETE AT CHICAGO

University of Missouri Will Send Men to The Live Stock Exposition

The stock judging team of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri is again preparing to compete at the International Live Stock Judging contest to be held at the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago, November 29th to December 6th.

Missouri has already won first place three times, second place three times, and third place twice. Missouri teams have also won trophies to the value of \$1,000, and scholarships amounting to \$2500. One man on each of seven of Missouri's teams has made the highest individual score at seven contests.

Seven men will leave this week for a visit to large dairy farms in order to study the different breeds of cattle. The men are being coached by Prof. E. A. Trowbridge and Prof. Howard Hackedorn.

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