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PROF. J. D. TINSLEY TALKS TO QUAY COUNTY FARMERS

Meeting at Court House Thursday
Night Well Attended.

Valuable Information Contained
in the Discourse

Prof. J. D. Tinsley soil physicist of the agricultural college in Mesilla, spoke to the farmers of Quay county at the court house Thursday night and certainly gave them much valuable information. His subject was, "How to Farm, What to Raise and What to Do With the Crops."

The meeting was under the auspices of the Commercial club and was presided over by Col. T. W. Heman. Among the many important things discussed the Professor urged that deep plowing before seeding and deep seeding is an absolute necessity, and that shallow cultivation should follow. His speech was in part as follows:

"The government records do not indicate that there is or has been any marked change in climate through the semi-arid region. They do indicate that there are alternating wet and dry periods and that in the past there have been other periods about as wet as this through which we are now passing.

It is not probable that the Salton Sea has exercised any influence on our rainfall. The average rainfall in this vicinity for a long period of years is probably about 16 to 18 inches and for the last few years it has been considerably above this. Fifteen inches should produce good crops if the soil is properly prepared.

The sandy land will probably not have to be plowed as deeply as the heavier land, as it is naturally in a loose condition. The heavy land should be plowed deep and then thoroughly pulverized. The disc harrow is the best tool for pulverizing. The land should not be left turned up rough as it is left by the breaking plow, but should be pulverized as soon as possible. The harrow should follow not more than a day behind the plow, and the best plan is to harrow down before noon what was

plowed in the morning and in the evening what was plowed after dinner. Rough land dries out rapidly while the pulverized surface holds the moisture. The surface should be kept fine and loose, forming a mulch. Planting should be rather deep so as to get the seed down in the moisture below the mulch.

Turkish Red is the best winter wheat and should be planted early

food from the farm as possible, and this can be attained by feeding as much of the crops to stock as possible. There are great possibilities in fattening range cattle and lambs here, and of hog raising.

Dairying should receive careful attention, for this district could produce a large proportion of the butter used in New Mexico.

The territory can never become wealthy so long as its agricultural possibilities are poorly developed, and such large amounts of money have to be sent out of the territory to purchase agricultural products that should be raised at home."

Prof. Tinsley made a trip into the country Thursday, examining the



Wash Room, Wool Scouring Plant.

in the fall, probably September 1st to 15th. Durum or Maccaroni wheat is best for a spring wheat and should be planted in March or early in April.

Winter and spring wheat is an important crop for this locality.

Kherson and Texas Red rust proof oats are good varieties.

Other good grains are 60-day barley and rye. Russian and German millets are good. The best variety of Indian corn will have to be found by experiment, but Kansas yellow dent is a promising variety. Sorghum, Kaffir corn and milo maize will be very important. Mexican beans are a valuable and important crop. The Canadian field pea is worth a thorough trial, for if it does well it will be a valuable seed, especially for fattening cattle, sheep and hogs. The Whippoorwill pea would also be very valuable as a feed.

The disposal of the crops is as important as growing them.

Wheat and oats should make good money crops. The ideal condition is to remove as little plant

soil and photographing it in different conditions. We did not have an opportunity to talk to him concerning his trip, but D. J. Aber, who accompanied him, was seen and spoke of the trip as follows:

"It was Prof. Tinsley's pleasure to go into the country for the purpose of meeting with the farmers and observing the methods of farming as practiced by them.

"The day was a pleasant one of sunshine and warm breezes.

"He selected me as an old-timer to pilot him around obstacles and across bogs and to show him the way back. Being out for business as well as pleasure, we dug dirt, kicked up the soil and took a few snap shots of the best and the worst that came under our observation.

"The old-timer was supposed to know all the people and introduce the Professor. The only insignia of his professorship displayed was the gold-rimmed spectacles which were very becoming to him. His genialty always won, and his logic and lore were reserved for the

classic audience that was to greet him in the evening at the court house.

"The old timer was not aware of the fact that he was being pumped, so adroitly was the handle worked, as they jollied along discussing the nature of the soil on this side and on that side, and the manner in which it was being tilled, and the method best suited to its cultivation, and the best kind of crop to plant, and the labor it will require, and the harvest it will produce.

"However, the information may have been obtained is nothing here nor there. The address at the court house in the evening extended to every aspect of farming, promoted enthusiasm in the minds of all present, and was a loss to all who were absent.

"A committee consisting of J. E. Wright, D. J. Aber, Fred Walther, W. F. Kelsay, J. M. Stradley and Deyampart, was appointed to organize a Farmers' Institute in Quay county.

"We all feel that Prof. Tinsley's trip to Quay county will be of great and lasting benefit to everybody, and our people should certainly heed his sayings and profit by the information he has given in the production of this year's crops."

Albert Wilborn, agent and one of the incorporators of the Salano Townsite company, came in from that city yesterday and reports that homeseekers are coming in rapidly and that the new town is building very rapidly. Twenty-five people went up Thursday, most of them going to improve homes which they located in that vicinity some time ago. Dr. Perry W. Cate and his family, including several sons and daughters, went through today from Charleston, Tenn. He was among the first to locate in the new town.

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a social tea at the residence of Mrs. L. Sherwood, Thursday, May 9th, from 6 to 7 p. m., and from 9 to 11 p. m. Everybody is invited. Refreshments 10c. It

Mrs. Bina Forester and two sons are here from Dawson visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alvey. Mrs. Forester and Mrs. Alvey are sisters.

Hon. E. E. Studley, a member of the thirty-seventh House of the Assembly, and one of the famous "seventeen," was here yesterday on legal business.