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After the deep plowing and the sub-surface packing, the next important step is to keep the upper two inches of the surface soil constantly loose and dry. This forms a soil mulch or dust blanket. For what purpose? To cut off the moist earth below from the effects of the air. Water cannot pass through loose dry soil by capillary attraction; therefore, the dust blanket protects the moisture in the rootbed from evaporation, and saves all the natural rainfall for the use of the plants.

HOW TO APPLY THE CAMPBELL METHOD. Seven or eight inch plowing is done best with a sixteen or eighteen inch sulky plow. Good even plowing is important. Be sure you have the depth. Measure it; don't guess at it. Follow as close to the plow as possible with the subsurface packer. Make it your rule to pack all your land the same day it is plowed.

The soil mulch, or dust blanket is best obtained by the use of a spring tooth harrow or cultivator, with the points of the teeth directly forward, not perpendicular or slanting back, but with the points directed forward and downward so as to cut under the surface soil.

Small grain and flax must be drilled and cultivated. The drills of such crops should be from eighteen to twenty-two inches apart. Tools are in the market for doing this work.

WHEN SHOULD THE WORK BE DONE? Plow as early as possible whether it be spring or fall.

Fall plowing is preferable, and should be done as soon as possible after the crop is removed. The packer should follow as close to the plow as possible. The packer leaves the soil firm at the bottom and loose at the top. This is as it should be. But an ordinary harrow will desolve and settle down this surface mulch and make it firm. This must not be allowed to remain, or the moisture will soon all escape by evaporation. Especially is this true if the weather after the harrow be hot or dry; therefore after every rain, no matter how light the rain may be, go over your plowed ground with a harrow to restore the mulch, or dust blanket. A fine spring tooth har-

### THE CAMPBELL METHOD OF SOIL CULTURE.

ITS THEORY. The Campbell method is based on the theory that the amount of water in the soil is largely governed by the mechanical condition of the top seven or eight inches. The proper mechanical condition is attained by merely working the soil. In the arid belt, proper working of the ground will give a good crop in seasons of total failure by common tillage, and a mammoth crop when the old method gives a small yield.

Water is the most important factor in plant growth. We and our forefathers have always thought we must depend upon timely rain to regulate the water in the soil. Most farmers still think that, even with plenty of rain in the spring their crops are at the mercy of the June and July droughts. This is an ancient error. A simple and inexpensive change of methods in the working of the soil will keep in the ground, for use of crops in summer, the rains and snows of all the rest of the year. This is an established fact.

The Campbell method consists of a complete re-arrangement and pulverizing of the top seven or eight inches of soil, and turning it as nearly bottom upward as possible. The plant food in the soil is found at the end of each season very largely concentrated in the top four inches. This plant food must be plowed down in the bottom of the furrow seven or eight inches deep. From this depth it will be placed by the action of the moisture just where the little feeders of the plant roots want it. Immediately after plowing, the lower four inches of the furrow-slice must be packed as tight as possible for four important reasons:

First. To completely obliterate all cavities. Where the furrow slices loose, the air circulates under the plants, and the ground dries out. It must not be permitted to do this. It is ruinous to the crop.

Second. To cause moisture to gather from six to eight inches from the surface. Why? Because the stubble and manure and other vegetable matter is there and water is necessary to rot it and fit it for the food of the crops. Unless this is done the plants are robbed of their most valuable food.

Third. To get the right conditions for rapid root growth in the early part of the season. For this a fine, firm, moist soil must be had. The lower part of the furrow-slice is the root bed, and must be kept in just the right condition if we are to get rapid and vigorous growth.

Fourth. By firming the root-bed we get more moisture. More than this; the pores in the ground are made so small that the water creeps through the soil readily by the force called "capillary attraction." By increased capillary attraction moisture is drawn more rapidly and from a greater distance. This gives the plant food and drink at critical times, when the water is hot, when the hot winds blow, and when the evaporation from the leaves is the greatest. Your crop never suffers at such times if there is plenty of water for the roots. But a shortage of water at that point may ruin your whole crop in a day.

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row is the best, as it leaves the mulch looser and more perfect.

One or two cultivations should be given fall plowing before it freezes up whether it rains or not. The moisture thus saved in the fall is a reserve to be drawn upon the next season, and moisture is money to the western farmer. Never neglect to cultivate after every rain. Remember that three important conditions must exist to obtain the best possible results:

First—Good depth of plowing, to increase the moisture reservoir.

Second—A thoroughly firmed and well firmed sub-surface, to form a perfect root-bed; much depends upon this.

Third—A constant and perfect soil mulch, to prevent the evaporation of the moisture.

TREATMENT DURING GROWING SEASON. The following instructions for cultivation during the growing season apply to the growing of all crops, flax, small grain, corn and potatoes:

Get over the ground with the surface cultivator once in from four to seven days. Immediately after every rain lose no time in stirring the dust blanket with the surface cultivator. Of course, in case of a heavy rain, cultivation must be delayed until it is no longer muddy, but delay no longer, for it is immediately after a heavy rain that evaporation is the most rapid. By careful tests as high as one quart of water to the square foot has been known to leave the soil in one day following heavy rains.

Let the cultivator teeth run to the same depth throughout the season. Two inches is the proper depth.

When the weather is very hot, or when hot winds blow, cultivate as often as possible; every three or four days is none to often.

Never use the cultivator with long pointed shovels.

Stop cultivating wheat when the blossoms appear. Oats should be cultivated until well headed, unless they cover the ground so as to prevent; corn, potatoes and vegetables during their entire period of growth; flax until well along toward maturity; and all crops with judgement, bearing in mind the purpose of the cultivation—to retain moisture by stopping evaporation.

Do not disturb the roots when they have once formed. You will do this if you cultivate deeper at any subsequent cultivation than you did the first time over. Get the right depth and keep to it. The destruction of the roots is nearly as serious as the loss of moisture, in a sense the same for it lessens the supply of moisture to the plant, and there are certain times (at the forming of the head or the filling of the kernel) that a slight check in plant food would very materially decrease the yield.

Keep the dust mulch perfect. Don't let a crust form on the surface. Don't let the crust remain if it does form. Don't let the dust mulch get settled down. Keep the cultivator going.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

House bill No. 24 provides that anyone who slaughters cattle shall hang up the hides for inspection for at least seven days. The intention is to make it impossible for a "rustler" to bring in dressed beef and sell it at a price which would effectually stave off all competition. With a law making it necessary to preserve the hide of the animal slaughtered, friends of the bill believe that "rustling" might be stopped.

Speaker Gaffin has introduced a bill providing that if any person shall actively engage as a principal in any game of football everyone so offending shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than twenty dollars or more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment for from ten days to three months. If anyone shall be concerned as a backer, umpire, assistant, reporter, or looker on at a game of football he shall be liable to a fine of from five to twenty-five dollars. A clause enables officers to place persons under bonds to keep the peace who shall be caught training to enter football contests.

The labor unions of Kansas City, Kansas have had introduced into the legislature requiring the payment of wages by corporations weekly, in "lawful money of the United States," the object being to prevent the payment of wages in checks. The reasons assigned for the action are that the checks are usually given after banking hours, and the men often have to cash them at saloons, thus throwing them into temptation, and that the corporations frequently have stores where the men have to trade them out, greatly to their disadvantage.

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### EVENTS IN NEBRASKA.

Denman and Hotchkiss of Valparaiso have shipped in 4,000 head of sheep from New Mexico to be fattened in Nebraska.

John Heishmiller, northeast of Farmington, had the misfortune of losing his barn, granaries, one thousand bushels of corn, four head of horses and machinery by fire last Monday. Total loss, as his insurance had expired about thirty days.

Some one entered the vestibule of the Grand Island Episcopal church Sunday night during services and stole two good overcoats.

Coot Malloy had seventy sheep killed by wolves near Watkin's ranch, Cheyenne county, the other night. He sent them out from Alliance with a boy herder. The boy got lost in the hills and left them to their fate while he was finding himself.

Nothing daunted by the decision of Judge Baker of Omaha, Col. Alex Hogeland is going up and down the state advocating the passage of curfew ordinances.

The voting of waterworks bonds at Hastings recently having been held illegal, the council has restored to a direct levy of tax to make the necessary improvements.

An improvement company at Crawford is constructing a 250-acre water reservoir to supply the town with water and for irrigation and power purposes. It's a great scheme.

Mrs. Hood has notified the town board of DeWitt that she would like to have \$10,000 damages for injuries received by stepping in a hole where there was a missing board in the sidewalk on December 25.

The people of Nebraska are asked to join with other western states in sending a shipment of grain to the famine sufferers of India. Nebraska has an abundance and our people will no doubt be glad to make a contribution.

The treasurer of Boyd county had a distress warrant served on a man named Ed Whiting, who, to "get even," wants the commissioners to investigate the treasurer's books and compel him to display the "cash on hand."

The Norfolk factory purchased last season 8,118 wagon loads and 1,443 car loads of sugar beets, out of which it has already manufactured 31,250 barrels of sugar. The amount paid the farmers, at the rate of \$4 a ton for beets was \$145,406.

Charles Mason and Part Sherlock of Brushy got into a dispute over a game of cards and Sherlock slapped Mason in the face. It cost him \$13 to get square with the justice of the peace, who stood up for the peace and dignity of the state.

C. P. Martin came into town Monday afternoon on horse back. He made the trip home—that is part of it, afoot. The air being unpleasantly chilly, says the Wallace Tug, he concluded to walk, leading the horse. The animal didn't make satisfactory progress and Mr. Martin gave the bridle rein a slight jerk. The horse reared, fell backward and broke its neck.

Carl Hagan has commenced suit in the Pawnee county district court against Sarah A. King for \$3,080 as damages for breach of promise to marry him. The plaintiff affirms that he put up a time or two for her wedding tressoussant but that she stood him off several times on getting married and heally said, "I'll never marry you, never, so there." He says she worked him and he wants pay accordingly, and he ought to have it.

The Valentine Democrat in speaking of the Rosebud reservation says: "The government has been drilling this well for about two years and the drills are now down about 2,410 feet and still going. Pipe used is six inches in diameter and five men are employed. Indications for striking a good flow of water were never better and the men are full of spirits in consequence. The water which comes up in the buckets let down is so hot a man cannot hold his hand in it.

The county superintendent of Hall county has broken the record by petitioning the board of supervisors to reduce his salary from \$1,100 to \$1,200 per year, the latter figure being the lowest sum permitted by law to be paid in counties the size of Hall. If the gentleman is really enjoying more prosperity than he knows what to do with he might petition the legislature to exempt his county from the operation of such an infamous law.—St. Paul Republican.

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## A MAN

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### Legal Notices.

**PUBLICATION NOTICE.**  
Frank B. Sharon, Annie E. Sharon, Law E. Darrow, and T. H. Smith and Company, a firm composed of Frederick Smith, Luppe Luppen, Edith Vidar, and Dietrich C. Smith, defendants, will take notice that John H. Jewett, as executor of the last will and testament of Cyrus W. Dixon deceased, plaintiff, has filed his petition in the District Court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against the above named defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed November 1st, 1893, by the said Cyrus W. Dixon, one deceased, of whose last will and testament the plaintiff is the duly appointed, qualified and acting executor, upon the following described real estate situated in Lincoln county, Nebraska, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section thirty-four, in township thirteen north, in range thirty-four west, of the 6th P. M., to secure the payment of their principal note for \$200.00 due November 1st, 1894, and ten interest notes for \$25.00 each, due respectively the first days of May and November, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, all of said notes bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum after maturity. There is now due the plaintiff upon said notes and mortgages, including the amount paid for taxes on said premises, the sum of \$1,000.00, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, on said notes from the maturity thereof, and on the amount of taxes paid by plaintiff, from the date of payment thereof and plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy said amount, with interest and costs of suit.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1897.  
Dated December 24th, 1896.  
JOHN H. JEWETT, Executor.  
Plaintiff.  
By W. S. MORLAN, His Attorney.

**NOTICE—TIMBER CULTURE.**  
C. S. Land Office, North Platte, Neb., December 19th, 1896.

Complaint having been entered at this office by James C. Crow against certain defendants for failure to comply with law as to Timber-Culture Entry No. 19672 dated December 10th, 1896, upon the northeast quarter of section 28, township 12 N., range 30 W., in Lincoln county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 8th day of February, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

JOHN F. HINMAN, Register.  
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**NOTICE.**  
U. S. Land Office, North Platte, Neb., January 19th, 1897.

Complaint having been entered at this office by William J. Martin against Hans P. Nelson for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 19622, dated September 12th, 1890, upon the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and lots 3 and 4, section 6, township 10 north, range 34 west, in Lincoln county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at North Platte, Neb., before Register and Receiver, on the 23rd day of February, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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### STATEMENT

Of the Condition of the  
**MUTUAL**  
Building and Loan Association,  
of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 31st day of December, 1896.

ASSETS.	
First Mortgage Loans	\$112,200 00
Loans secured by stock of this Assoc.	2 000 00
Real Estate	1,000 00
Expenses and taxes paid	2,500 00
Cash with treasurer	155 97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,807 15</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid up	\$ 50,750 00
Profits retained	31,540 86
Interest received	27,247 00
Fines collected	977 90
Entry fees	321 75
Transfer fees	32 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,807 15</b>

I Samuel Gooson, secretary of the above named Association do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said Association is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1897.  
WESLEY T. WILCOX, Notary Public.  
THOS. C. PATTERSON, J. H. BOYER, JOHN SORENSON, Directors.

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