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**FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.**

**THE COW PEA AS A FERTILIZER AND FORAGE CROP.**

More Profitable at Present Than Wheat—Destroying the White Grub—Ball Power—Before Calving—Pork Pointers and Household Helps.

**The Cow Pea.**

That farmer who makes a study of his business will very readily perceive the value of legumes in his crop rotations; not only to obtain the highest results from a present financial standpoint, but to best preserve or improve the natural fertility of the soil.

Nitrogen is undoubtedly the most valuable ingredient taken from the soil, and the most costly one to replace, where commercial fertilizers are used for reaching that end. To the farmers of the West the question of purchasing nitrogen has hardly presented itself, they finding it more profitable to obtain this element by growing the legumes. The clover has long held first rank among these, and has been found not only to largely increase the fertility of the fields but to produce large quantities of provender, besides yielding abundant pasturage.

The cow pea is the legume that has held the highest favor in the South for many years, and is gradually extending its domain northward. In South Missouri it is being extensively grown on fruit lands, and either eaten down by hogs or else plowed under when it reaches its greatest luxuriance. In many respects the pea is held to be superior to the clover. In growth it is more rapid, and doubtless adds in one season more nitrogen to the soil than a crop of clover, while as forage for stock, especially hogs, it is found to be most excellent.

At present the seeds are hard to obtain and cost \$1 or \$1.50 per bushel. They may be bought in Memphis and perhaps St. Louis and Kansas City; it is probably best to have your local seedsmen order them for you, writes D. W. May of the Missouri agricultural college, in Colman's Rural World. Avoid weevily peas. It is claimed by many that the weevil attacks only the starchy matters and never injures the embryo, however this may be, careful experiments have proven that weevily peas more often fail to sprout, while those that do sprout are found to be less thrifty than those vines grown from good seed.

There are three main objects in the culture of the cow pea, it may be grown for plant food or manure, for forage and for a money crop. As a manurial crop it is either sown broadcast or harrowed in, or else sown in corn after the last plowing. The method of sowing will determine the amount of seed per acre, it varying from one to four bushels or sixty pounds to the bushel. When alone it is best to sow as early as possible in the spring, waiting until the ground is warm and danger of hard frosts is past. Some growers prefer to wait until the first, or even as late as the middle of June in order to avoid the ravages of the pea bug, prevalent in some sections. In this locality, however, I think it undesirable to wait this late, especially if the crop is to be harvested. When sown in corn the object is manure or forage and the sowing is necessarily late. As a manure the crop should be plowed under just before coming into bloom, as it has been found to hold at that time the highest amount of nitrogen. If desired, potash and phosphoric acid may be added in a commercial form; and these, together with the nitrogen found in the pea vine, will add the three great requisites to the soil.

In diversified farming it is more profitable, especially on the fertile lands of the West, where other objects than the enrichment of the land may be looked for—to pasture the pea crop before plowing it in. It makes a splendid food for the hog in particular. Care should be taken in turning cattle and horses in upon the crop, as death may follow over eating. They should not be turned in hungry, but should be fed, watered, and salted before; they may then be left in as long as desired. Swine are very fond of the pea and there is nothing, perhaps, superior for laying on fat. It is best to turn them in when the pods are fully developed and the pea soft. This treatment not only lays on a large amount of meat in the stock, but the refuse roots and manure add very materially to the fertility of the soil. Sown in corn it adds very much to the value of the stalk field, as well as to the enrichment of the soil; while the soil itself is protected from the washings of late rains. This method of sowing yields from three to fifteen bushels of seed per acre.

Owing to the low price of wheat and the lessening of the yield caused by continued croppings, the growing of cow peas offers two very prominent inducements. At the price now received for the latter the profits must surely surpass those of wheat crops; the yield of peas sown broadcast being from fifteen to forty bushels per acre, on our rich Missouri land probably ranging nearer the latter figure. Again nothing will add more to the richness, and therefore value of our lands, than the growing of this valuable legume. The cultivation is easier than the cultivation of corn and the harvesting may, by proper methods, become more cheaply done.

It is already manifest that this plant is to reach a much more prominent place on our farms, and the discerning man who takes up its cultivation before its products are cheapened will acquire the greater

profit. It is he, who learns that when a product has reached a state of over production, it is to his best interests to grow another upon which he may realize the best results from his labor.

**Ball Power.**

There are many good reasons why bulls should be worked more than they are, and no good reason that we are aware of why they should not be, except that they are sometimes unruly and hard to manage. When working in a treadmill, however, this objection is of little consequence, and if a little tact is used in feeding his majesty with a few oats after his work is done, he will soon become reconciled to the drudgery and take to it kindly.

The bull has advantage of the horse for this kind of work in that he is not likely to be in demand for other work and can be depended upon when wanted.

The improved conveniences of the modern dairy farm demand the use of a cheap power of some sort for running the separator, the churn, pumping water and sawing wood and cutting fodder, which can be done whenever the wind blows and occasion demands. But a power that can be depended upon for moderate work daily, without regard to wind, and that shall be less expensive and troublesome than steam, is in demand on many dairy farms, and the bull seems admirably qualified to fill this want.

There can be no question that moderate daily exercise is a good thing for the bull; it makes him more vigorous and sure as a sire, more tractable and less dangerous to handle, and greatly diminishes the risk of his suddenly becoming treacherous. The testimony of many farmers who have tried it is unanimous on these points.

**Destroying the White Grub.**

The white grub is the especial enemy of strawberry growers, because the two-year-old clover sod, which it is generally advised to plow under for making a strawberry bed, is usually filled with these pests. The best way to get rid of the grubs is to turn a lot of young, active hogs into the patch, fencing it in so as to confine their rooting to the spot that is to be plowed. Feed the hogs some milk and wheat middlings, and then let them root for the white grubs. They will clear the patch sooner than it can be done in any other way and at less cost. We think, too, that the rooting helps to keep hogs healthy, and if they are fed as advised their droppings mixed with the up-turned soil will help to enrich it.—American Cultivator.

**Those who will start to feed wheat meal to their hogs will never stop it again till they die.**

The medium sized hog of good quality is more profitable than the very large hog.

If your swine pen smells badly, and it will if it is a permanent one, use lime and plaster about it plentifully. A foul pen may generate disease.

Regular feeding of swine is important. If the hog is not fed for an hour or two after its regular time it will eat too ravenously to the injury of the digestion.

The pig that is not vigorous cannot grow. Good health must be insured. Good pasture and plenty of it will make the pig healthy, unless it is diseased to start with.

It has been demonstrated by practical experiments that it costs less to produce lean meat than to produce fat, which means that when a variety of food is given there will be a greater gain in weight, with a fair proportion of lean meat, than when the animal is provided with corn exclusively.

A pig fed on bulky green food will develop a larger stomach than one fed on concentrated food like corn; and when you come to fatten it this enlarged capacity will enable the animal to eat and digest more corn and thus far, on flesh more quickly than the other, and be a profitable hog to grow for market.

**Household Helps.**

A sponge bath of cold or tepid water should be followed by friction with towel or head.

The line, as soon as its duty is ended, should be reeled up and placed in a bag until next time.

Pillow slips should be ironed lengthwise instead of crosswise if one wishes to iron wrinkles out instead of in.

Clothes when brought in should be separated and folded at once; if allowed to lie together many wrinkles accumulate.

Dish towels and common towels can be ironed just as well in half the time if folded together once as if ironed singly.

A pair of white gloves or mittens are a comfort to hands taken from hot soaps to hang clothes in zero weather; also a close-fitting jacket and hood to keep one from catching cold.

Sheets folded across, bringing the wide and narrow ends together, then folded again, then ironed across both sides are finished quickly, and look as well as if more time was spent on them.

Ink stains on silver can be removed by mixing a little chloride of lime to a paste with water and covering the spots with it. They will quickly disappear, and the paste should be washed off and the article wiped dry.

When oiled walnut furniture begins to grow dingy it can be made to look as fresh as new by roasting linseed, or even olive oil, may be used, but pure, good kerosene oil is much the best. Rub it well in with a soft woolen rag, and polish with clean, dry flannel.

**WRECKED BY INCENDIARIES.**

The Great World's Fair Agricultural Building Ruined.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The handsome Agricultural building at the world's fair grounds was almost completely ruined by an incendiary fire this morning and for a time other great structures were in danger.

The flames first started in one corner and running up the outside of the pillars gained headway in the roof and spread towards the dome in the center. Once having a start in the lofty arch, its destruction was a matter of short order. As the fire spread through the dry timbers of the roof, burning embers soon began dropping to the floor and the supports, gradually weakened, at last gave way, carrying with them connected parts of the roof, and the dome pitched in ruins to the floor. Its fall practically put an end to the firemen's work. Small patches of flame still were visible around the ragged edges of the roof, but floods of water directed against them soon drowned out all danger of a spread of the fire.

The destruction of the dome left the already partially ruined building even more unsightly and it now bears little resemblance to the ornate structure surmounted by the statue of Diana which formed a feature of the Court of Honor.

But one theory was advanced at the grounds regarding the origin of the fire—that an incendiary was again responsible for the destruction. The repeated attempts to burn the fair buildings have been ascribed to this cause.

The gilded statue of Diana was removed about six weeks ago and so escaped destruction in to-day's blaze.

**HONDURAS CONQUERED.**

The Nicaraguan Forces Capture the Capital—The War at an End.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senor Guzman, the minister of Nicaragua to the United States, has received a cablegram to the following effect:

The minister of foreign affairs of Nicaragua—the capital of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, capitulated last night. Publish this cablegram. Our victory puts an end to the war in Honduras. "So," said the minister smilingly, "Nicaragua came out victorious."

**ROUTED BY SLAVE TRADERS.**

A British Force in West Africa Falls Into an Ambush.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—British sailors and marines were ambushed by slave dealers on the west coast of Africa recently and forty wounded and the expedition driven back to the coast.

**Democratic Campaign Managers.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Charles J. Faulkner, chairman, has appointed the following senators and members who, together with the officers of the Democratic congressional committee, will constitute the executive committee of that body: Senators James K. Jones, S. M. White, John L. Mitchell, James Smith and Samuel Pasco; Representatives James P. Pigott, William McAleer, W. D. Bynum, Benton McMillin, Thomas C. McKee, Justice R. Whiting, John T. Heard, Joseph Wheeler, William A. Jones and W. S. Forman. The full committee has been called to meet on Tuesday when a plan of campaign will be discussed.

**Wing Scores Coughlin's Prosecutors.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Ex-Judge Wing began the closing argument for the defense in the Coughlin trial to-day. The court room was crowded. He viciously attacked the methods of the prosecution and referring to the incident of the former trial when Ex-State's Attorney Longenecker called Mrs. Thomas Whalen up at midnight for a severe examination, said that Whalen should have shot the official down in his tracks.

**Republican Editors Organize.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 26.—Twenty-five Republican editors, who were here attending the League convention, perfected a temporary organization of a Republican editorial association of Missouri. Thomas H. Music of the Hartville Republican, was chosen president. The next meeting will be held prior to the Republican state convention at Jefferson City.

**Princess Colonna in Favor With the 400.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—New York's "400" has welcomed the Princess Colonna, stepdaughter of Bonanza MacLay, now here as a virtual fugitive from French courts. At a reception in her honor, Mrs. Paron Stevens, Mrs. Charles Oelreichs, Mrs. Wilmerding, Mrs. Austin Corbin and Miss McAllister were among those present.

**Erastus Wiman Released on Bail.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Erastus Wiman, the club man and promoter, accused of forgery, was released from custody at noon to-day on \$25,000 bail. Charles H. Deere of Moline, Ill., depositing twenty-five \$1,000 bills in the office of the city chamberlain. Deere is the father-in-law of Wiman's son, William, who is now lying in a precarious condition at his home on Staten island.

**A Centenarian Slain in Bed.**

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—Rosa Howard, over 100 years old, was found murdered in bed near this city. The crime was committed by her niece, Mary Smith, and Orange Page, an ex-convict. Search for the murderers was conducted quietly and news comes of the arrest of the South woman near Rocky Mountain and Page on an adjoining farm.

**Man and Wife Foundly Slain.**

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—Richard Priora, negro employed on the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern railroad, last night shot and instantly killed Christian Ehler, a merchant, in his home at White Oak Run, this county, and also fatally wounded his wife. Their son, aged about 17 years, escaped by jumping from a window.

**The Pope Tries the Water Cure.**

ROME, Feb. 26.—The people held a consultation Tuesday with Father Knoppig, the Bavarian water cure priest, and Wednesday consented to make his first trial of the treatment.

**THE BUSINESS SITUATION.**

IT IS GOOD, BAD AND INDIFFERENT.

**WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO TURN UP**

Prices Are Again Greatly Depressed, Lower Figures Than Ever Having Been Made in Wheat, Silver and Some Manufacturing Products—The Money Market Continues Glutted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "A waiting condition of business is one in which weekly fluctuations mean nothing. Business of all kinds is hesitating until more can be determined about the future, and meanwhile orders which will keep hands at work for a time are given and accepted, this week increasing as to some, others decreasing, without affording reasonable indications of the future. Prices are again greatly depressed, lower figures than ever having been made in wheat, silver and some manufactured products, and neither cotton, wool nor raw iron have advanced. The glutted money markets continue to show that the volume of business is still inadequate to employ the circulation available, and the withdrawal of about \$60,000,000 from the New York market by the sale of government bonds does not cause the expected strengthening of rates. With gradually decreasing shipments of merchandise to other countries foreign exchange rates and some exports of gold are expected. "Prices of commodities now average about 1 1/2 per cent higher than a month ago, and, excepting this year, have never been as low on the whole as now."

**Clearing House Returns.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's shows the total clearings at the cities mentioned for the past week with increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week of last year.

Cities	Clearings	Inc	Dec
Kansas City	\$ 7,714,000	.....	29.7
Omaha	5,529,675	.....	49.7
Denver	2,229,970	.....	49.2
St. Joseph	1,222,977	.....	29.2
Lincoln	320,347	.....	28.2
Wichita	815,819	.....	.....
Topeka	587,275	18.5	.....

**POPULISTS HEARD FROM.**

The National Central Committee Meets in St. Louis and Prolongates an Address.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 26.—The national central committee of the Populist party, which has been in secret session here the past two days, Chairman H. E. Taubeneck presiding, concluded its work yesterday and issued an address as the result of its deliberation, in which the following characteristic language occurs:

"We denounce the issue of bonds in time of peace as an act of treason and usurpation unequalled in the history of civilized government.

"They propose to down the entire of a plundered people with a shambles over the tariff so that capitalists, corporations, national banks, rings, trusts, watered stock, the demoralization of silver and the opposition of the usurers may be lost sight of. They propose to sacrifice our homes, wives and children on the altar of Mammon; to destroy the multitude in order to secure corruption funds from the millionaires."

**ORATORICAL CONTEST.**

Southern Kansas College of Winfield Wins First Place—A Disgraceful Row.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 26.—The Southern Kansas college, of Winfield won first place at the eleventh annual contest of the Interecollegiate oratorical association held at the Grand opera house in Topeka last night. The second place was won by the state normal school of Emporia, the state university of Lawrence took third place; the fourth place was given to the Ottawa university. It was probably the most exciting contest in the history of the association.

A disgraceful row, however, occurred on the stage at the close of the program while the audience was waiting for the decision of the judges. Some of the state university boys stole a banner from Ottawa labeled "Hurrah for the Winner," and wrapping the university red around it rushed with it to the front of the stage. This angered the Washburn boys and there was a conflict. The Baker boys joined forces with the Washburns and several blows were exchanged and three or four students were knocked down. The stage was crowded with ladies and gentlemen, and there was great excitement. Chief of Police Lindsay quelled the row with a squad of police.

**Joined the Black Crook.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 26.—Lottie Bowes, the 16-year-old daughter of C. C. Bowes, a prominent citizen of Topeka, ran away yesterday with the Black Crook company, going to Wichita. Her absence was soon discovered and the chief of police at Wichita was instructed to arrest her upon arrival in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Bowes followed on an early train. The Bowes family is a very estimable one, and Miss Lottie's escapade has created a sensation. The people denounce the action of Manager Springer in giving the girl a place in his company.

**Reward for Lynchers.**

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 26.—The lodge of the United Order of Anti-Monopoly at Lucas, Kan., has requested Governor Leavelle to offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the persons who lynched Green Burton, William Gray and John Gray at Lucas in January. The lodge urged that it be in favor of law and order, and, therefore, calls upon the governor to act. Nothing has yet been done in the matter.