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A New Forage Plant

Government Experiments With Alfilaria Seed With Marked Success.

In connection with the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture, the Forest Service has been carrying on a series of experiments relative to the reseeding of over grazed areas upon the National Forests in the west.

Among other important forage plants selected for experimental work is the common alfilaria (*Erodium cicutarium*) of the southwestern desert country. This splendid forage plant grows all over the deserts of southern California, Arizona and New Mexico and furnishes one of the best plants for fattening live stock, especially sheep, known to the stockmen. It grows in the early spring when green feed is most desirable and in a few weeks will cover the desert with a rich green blanket until it looks almost like an alfalfa field. The plant generally reaches a maximum height of from eight to ten inches inside of six weeks and in six weeks more has all died down and blown away leaving the ground as bare as a floor. The seeds of this plant have been carried from California, in the wool of migrating sheep, into the adjoining states, but while it will grow at high altitudes, it does not reach any great height above an elevation of 3,000 feet. The first obstacle the Government experts ran against was the impossibility of obtaining seed in the open markets that would germinate. The seed commands a high price and is hard to obtain but of samples purchased from various seed houses the germinating power was never higher than thirteen per cent and the average of several samples was about eight per cent.

In order to determine, if possible, where the fault lay, in the non-germinating power of the seeds purchased, the Forest Service sent one of its plant experts, Arthur W. Sampson, into the field in southern California where alfilaria was known to be most abundant, with orders to gather seed of this plant and make a careful study of the conditions governing its growth.

This has been done and it is very evident that if the seed can be gathered at the proper time and under proper conditions, it will have a high germinating power. Samples of the seed gathered by Mr. Sampson showed a germination of over ninety-one per cent which is certainly high enough to be satisfactory to any purchaser. Mr. Sampson has been able to outline a method of gathering this seed by which one man can gather a very large amount with very little trouble. Enough of the seed can be easily secured with a high germinative power with which to make experimental plantings on several of the National Forests where this

plant would make an admirable addition to the local forage supply. Alfilaria, under normal conditions, seems to be best in a soil composed mostly of decomposed granite, but it is believed it will flourish in most light sandy soils where there is sufficient moisture in the early spring to start the growth. Now that the Forest Service has shown how to gather the seeds there is no doubt but that the local seed men will avail themselves of the experiment and that in future the grade of seed men will be of a much better germinative strength.

Brief Local Happenings

John Clarence of Union was in the city Friday attending the hearing for a new trial in his case.

Mrs. Joseph Fitzgerald went over to Louisville Saturday to visit relatives and friends during the celebration.

Will Robertson departed for Louisville Friday on business and to incidentally do a little celebrating on the side.

Mrs. Pratt of Corning, Iowa, returned to her home Friday after a visit near the city with the family of A. E. Todd.

Mrs. G. H. Edwards departed for her home at Ashland Friday after a few days visit in the city with her sister Mrs. E. N. Harmon.

Miss Carrie Sherwood was a passenger Friday for Louisville where she went to celebrate and visit with the family of Will Hoover.

Martin Fredrich and daughter were passengers on the special Saturday morning for Louisville where they went to enjoy the celebration.

Louis Keezar and wife left on the afternoon train for Cedar Creek Friday. From there they drove over to Louisville to assist in the celebration there.

W. H. Heil drove in from his home at Pleasant View Friday to attend to business in the county seat. Mr. Heil has one of the best herds of red polled stock in the county.

M. M. Beal returned from Kansas City Friday where he had been in the hospital for treatment. Beal says he feels fine and is ready for work again which will be good news to his many friends.

Claud Seivers was in town for an overnight visit with his parents Saturday, coming down from Omaha where he has been with his wife who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Hannah Black, who has charge of the General Delivery window at the postoffice, left for Omaha last week where she entered a hospital to be nursed through an attack of typhoid fever. Miss Black has been boarding and she did not wish to put her friends to any inconvenience.

W. H. Seybert and family and Mrs. A. F. Seybert and family boarded the special at Cullom and swelled the crowd going to Louisville to attend the celebration. At Cedar Creek the special picked up a large delegation headed by James Hesselrow the Rural Mail Carrier, and rear-guarded by John F. Wolff the general merchandise dealer.

John Novotney arrived in Platts-mouth Friday from Chickasha, Ind. Te ritory, for a few days visit with relatives and friends. He states all Cass County people there are doing well and that he and his brother Frank are well pleased with the country. Crops there are much ahead of here, all corn being long since laid by and small grain harvested.

Miss Laura Meisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Meisinger, who recently retired from farm life and took up their residence in Platts-mouth, departed on the afternoon train Friday for Louisville where she will visit over the Fourth with the family of her sister Mrs. John F. Hennings. From there she will go to Elmwood for a visit her sister Mrs. Geo. Stoehr.

Mr. August Hoffman and wife arrived in the city Saturday morning and accompanied Miss Alice Kvech, who is a sister of Mrs. Hoffman, as far as Omaha, where the young lady expected to catch a train for her home at Wilber, Neb. Miss Kvech had been visiting the Hoffmans at the home of T. E. Todd for several days, and declares she had a most enjoyable time.

National Apple Show

Spokane will Give Big Prizes for Apples in December.

Spokane, Wash., July 3.—Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., has accepted the Presidency of the National Apple Show, Inc., which will award \$35,000 in prizes and trophies at its second annual exhibition in Spokane, Dec. 6 to 11. He succeeds Louis W. Hill, president of Great Northern Railway Co., who was head of the organization last year.

The primary purposes of the exposition are to educate the growers and handlers to the fact that the apple is a staple product; that the markets at home and abroad are constantly increasing; that prizes for clean fruit of color, size and flavor are advancing; that the demand was never greater than at present, and that over-production is entirely out of question during this century. It is also designed to establish a standard, with the view toward a greater development of the apple industry.

The competitions in the various classes, ranging from \$1,000 for the best car of apples to \$5 for the best single fruit, will be handled free and open to all, the plan being to have a sufficiently wide variety to make a world's exposition, in which every exhibitor will have a chance in the awards. Pomologists of national reputation will be judges of the exhibits.

"It will be the purpose of the officials of the National Apple Show to arrange for the co-operation of the growers and handlers of the continent and the entire world at the coming exposition," said Ren. H. Rice, secretary of the organization, "each for its own good and all for the good of the whole, toward the betterment of the apple industry, which, experts say, is destined to become the leader in wealth-production of the Northwest."

State Board Of Agriculture

A Splendid Article on the Finishing of Corn Cultivation.

Just a closing word on laying by the corn. Most of the fields are now being cultivated for the last time, and Nebraska corn is indeed promising. The question which concerns a good farmer is "How can I improve the yield of my corn field?"

When we carefully figure up the time we have spent in bringing the soil to a proper tilth and the corn to its present conditions will it pay us to add just a little more labor if we can further increase the yield? We think it will, and therefore wish to urge that the field be gone over with a single horse, five-tooth cultivator, which will destroy the young weeds level the ground and conserve the moisture for the corn itself. This should be done twice at least, the first time commencing about July 15 and the second time during the first week in August. Should a heavy rain occur near the times stated, follow with cultivation as quickly as you can get on the ground.

Doubtless you will say this is too much work when we are busy in grain and hay fields, but it will easily pay an expenditure of \$3.00 per day. This is not theory but is gathered from actual experience, for it was the plan followed by a boy at Gretna who raised 102 bushels on a single acre last year while his father's field adjoining, cultivated in the usual old-fashioned manner went only 35 bushels to the acre.

Two years ago in competition for the prize offered in the acre corn contest by the State Board of Agriculture, Harry Olderog, of Gretna, raised 118 bushels and 30 pounds from a single acre and finished up his cultivation in this manner. With such facts confronting you, can you afford to miss your opportunity?

Back From South.

A. S. Will arrived home Monday from his trip to Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas. Mr. Will was looking for large tracts of good grazing land as he is largely interested in cattle raising and his western holdings are becoming valuable for farm lands which will necessitate finding cheaper range for the profitable raising of his herds.

He has travelled extensively all over the southwest and returns satisfied that part of the country is well worth the time and expense of investigation.

Burdens Lifted.

From Platts-mouth Backs—Relief Proved by Lapse of Time.

Backache is a heavy burden; Nervousness wears one out; Rheumatic pain; urinary ills; All are kidney burdens—Daily effects of kidney weakness. No use to cure the symptoms. Relief is but temporary if the cause remains.

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James Robertson, wife and daughters were among the large number of Platts-mouth people going to Louisville to see Platts-mouth's crack base ball team have their colors trailed in the dust, though it was anybody's game till the last half of the ninth inning.

Diamonds. Investigate prices at Crabbill's.

Wreck on The Burlington

Fast Freight Collides with Switch Engine in Local Yards.

A very serious wreck took place in the north end of the local Burlington switch yards late Thursday night and though no lives were lost, Fireman Earl R. Blish, of the local switching crew had his left foot so badly injured that amputation was necessary, and the leg was taken off at a point about four inches above the ankle.

The wreck was caused by an east bound extra freight heading into the local switch engine No. 3001; which is known as "Big Dick" on account of its monstrous size. It had been at work in the yards, and the crew knowing the extra was about due, had coupled on to a box car and were trying to get located where they could get behind the extra and help it over the hill. Big Dick was about ready to sidetrack but before it could get in the clear the extra rounded the curve near the pump house and coming at an estimated rate of forty miles an hour struck the local engine in the rear. Both engines were badly damaged, and three box cars were demolished, their contents consisting of every kind of merchandise, being scattered over the tracks. One Cudahy refrigerator car was partly derailed but stayed on its trucks and was sent out Saturday morning on an east bound freight.

The wreck blocked the main line and the wrecker was ordered and arrived about 4 o'clock. The work was rushed and the line was clear for No. 6 which left for the east at 8:10.

Fireman Blish is resting very easily at the Perkins House where he was taken after the operation, which was performed by Dr. Stewart Livingston. Of course there is the usual speculation in regard to who was responsible for the accident, some stating that the switching train should have been in the clear, while others hold that the engineer of the extra should have come into the yards with the train under complete control. However investigation will fix the blame and we refrain from comment.

Eddie Todd and wife drove in from the farm near Oreapolis and expected to start for the grand celebration at Louisville bright and early but local freight No. 29 was three hours late and they were compelled to wait until 10:30 when the special departed.

LOUISVILLE

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

Mr. Chas. Fetzger is very sick.

Miss Hazel Williams spent Sunday in Omaha.

Miss Lillian Bell of Ashland, is a guest of Mrs. M. N. Drake.

Miss Daisy McNealy visited with relatives in Omaha this week.

The Misses Bosselman of Omaha Sundayed with Miss Grace Ahl.

Mrs. Edith Kealar and children celebrated with relatives in Louisville.

Miss Hazel Jones of Lincoln, visited over the Fourth with her parents.

Mrs. J. B. Daff, of Cedar Creek, visited relatives over Sunday in Louisville.

Miss Frances Case of So. Omaha was a guest of the Suitors over Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Wright of Lorton, Nebr., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Lutz.

Chas. Richey, wife and daughter, Catherine were in Omaha Wednesday.

C. E. Metzger of Cedar Creek, celebrated the Fourth in Louisville Saturday.

Miss Fannie Hoyt of Springfield visited her sister, Alice Twiss, over the Fourth.

Miss Rena Tohl of Murdock, was a guest of Mrs. H. E. Pankonin over Sunday.

Chas. Gerloch and family of Manley, attended the celebration at Louisville Saturday.

Mrs. Lulu McMathews of Omaha visited her sister, Mrs. M. N. Drake, Saturday.

Edd Todd and wife of Platts-mouth, were guests of C. G. Mayfield and family Saturday.

Miss Lenora Taugeman of Gretna, was a guest of Miss Olga Rogers over the Fourth.

Emmons Richey of Platts-mouth drove to Louisville Saturday with his new automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eddy of Milford,

John McNurlin and wife were visitors in Louisville over Sunday with the family of Cam Seybert.

Mrs. S. I. Maines departed Thursday for her home at Watson, Mo., after a few days visit in the city with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. York.

Major Hall and two sons were Platts-mouth visitors Friday. Mr. Hall re-

cently contracted to deliver his new crop of wheat to Mynard at \$1.00 per bushel.

James Masters and Miss Effie Worth were passengers on the excursion to Omaha Sunday.

Alvin Huff returned last Wednesday from Sidney, Nebr., where he had been teaching school.

Mrs. Wm. Keil of Platts-mouth was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lena Seybert, over Sunday.

Wm. Childers, wife and daughter, Alice, went to Lincoln Sunday evening for a few days' visit.

The base ball game Saturday between Platts-mouth and Louisville scored 6 to 7 in favor of Louisville.

Misses Lotta Koop and Bessie Gada-way are home from the state normal at Peru, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Givens of Cedar Creek, were guests of James Dugan and family over the Fourth.

Wm. Robertson of Platts-mouth was in Louisville Friday and Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McNurlin and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seybert of Platts-mouth, were guests of O. M. Seybert and family over the Fourth.

Geo. Rau of Utica, Nebr., passed through town Friday enroute to his home after a visit with his brother, W. J., cashier of the Manley State Bank.

Mrs. Wm. Kuntzman of Surprise, Nebr., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Ahl. Monday Mesdames Ahl and Kuntzman visited their mother, Mrs. J. Walradt, at Greenwood.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor was operated on at the hospital in Omaha Thursday. The child has been sick for several weeks. The operation was successful and the child will be able to return home soon.

Geo. Hild and wife were in the city Friday. Geo. stated that lightning struck and somewhat damaged a large barn which is being built on his brother, Philip's farm. The carpenters had just returned to the house on account of the storm and thus escaped injury.

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