

Practical Suggestions From a Practical Farmer.

Editor of The Tribune—If you will allow me a small space in your paper, I would like to give you a few thoughts on corn raising.

There are men who will argue that the cheapest and best way to raise corn is with the lister. Some think otherwise, while there may be some that do not think at all.

I would like to give a few figures that may suggest a few thoughts to the farmer who thinks and is willing to reason from a fair standpoint.

In a row 80 rods long there are 15849 inches. Suppose the farmer listing corn will set his drill to drop a grain every 16 inches and under fair conditions every grain grows he will have 990 stalks to the row. Every practical farmer knows that the above is plenty close under the best con-

The farmer using a planter 3 ft 8 in., will put a hill of corn every 44 inches or 360 hills to the row averaging 3 grains to the hill which is a fair estimate and not too thick under fair conditions will produce 1080 stalks to the row or 90 stalks more than the drilled row. Let 9 rows 80 rods long equal one acre. The planter will have 810 more stalks to the acre than the drill and there will be a better chance for the corn not to be too thick than with the drill, corn being the nature of bunch grass three stalks in a hill will grow stronger and produce larger ears than one standing alone. If anyone doubts this statement let him notice corn growing for a few seasons.

The planter having 810 stalks more to the acre will have at least 8 bushels more corn to the acre than the drill. The gain on 25 acres in any medium season will pay for the best planter on the market. I have demonstrated this to be true to my own satisfaction on my own farm.

In my farming I have learned three essential things necessary to raise a crop:

1st—A well prepared seed bed.
2nd—Good seed of strong germinating power.

3rd—The proper machine sure to put the seed as desired.

Failing in the above three points my crop will prove short, rain and sunshine will not help me. Why is it that some farmers have a good 90 per cent stand and others only 70 and some less.

The Government report shows that the average of corn for 1904 was 7,955,559 bu. yeild average per acre 32.8 bu. I have no statistics at hand showing the average stand for 1904 but basing it on 1903 it will be about 65 per cent. 30 per cent of this stand failed to show for some cause unknown to me. I wish to say to

my brother farmers—don't condemn me harshly until you have thought over it and can furnish the proof by practical experience and observation.—Uncle Gideon

Bank Election.

Humboldt, Neb., Jan. 10.—The stockholders of the First National bank held their annual meeting yesterday and selected the following directors for the coming year: H. C. Kleckner, Wm. Campbell, Frank Snethen, J. S. Snethen, Thomas F. Brown, J. K. Liggett, F. R. Butterfield. All except the first two named are residents of this city; they live at Auburn. The board of directors selected officers as follows: Frank Snethen, president; J. S. Snethen, vice president; J. K. Liggett, cashier; F. R. Butterfield, assistant cashier.

Accident at Humboldt.

W. H. Lonke, engineer at the Cooper & Linn electric light plant at Humboldt was the victim of a peculiar accident Saturday, being struck in the face by a piece of machinery, sustaining severe bruises about the face and head. He was rendered unconscious by the blow, but was restored by medical aid, which revealed no dangerous injuries. He was forced to take a short vacation, however.

Humboldt Club Entertain.

The "Alpha" club of Humboldt on Friday evening held its annual banquet and reception to gentlemen friends and husbands of the members, the affair taking place at the Bohemian hall.

Mrs. Rebecca Wilson of this city president of the state federation of woman's clubs, was a guest and gave an interesting address between the courses at the banquet. When the supper was over the members escorted their guests to the spacious home of Mrs. J. C. Segrist, where an interesting program was rendered by the club ladies. The first part was quite unique and interesting, being a reading by Mrs. O. A. Cooper, the characters of the story being represented by members in costume during the progress of the reading. In the first half of the pantomime the characters were historical as follows: "Queen Elizabeth," Mrs. M. E. Linn; "Helen of Troy," Mrs. Della Shirley; "Ithigenia," Mrs. R. L. Hoff; "Cleopatra" Mrs. Josephine Brunn; "Fair Rosamond," Miss Ena Cooper; "Queen Elinor," Mrs. L. Howell; "Jewish Maiden," Miss Neva Norton; "The Morning Daughter," Mrs. C. H. Wilson; "Joan of Arc," Miss Dollye Mann. In the second part the reading was from Shakespeare and the characters represented were from his books as follows: "Ophelia," Miss Jennie Fellers; "Desdemona," Mrs. M. L. Wilson; "Portia," Mrs. C. M. Linn; "Lady Macbeth," Mrs.

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Kate Dorland; "Catherine," Mrs. E. A. Latchfield, "Juliet," Mrs. C. K. Cooper. In these scenes the representations were made in pantomime, the figures being garbed after the fashion of the time when the original lived, some of the costumes being very beautiful and the likenesses faithful. The entertainment wound up with a short musical program as follows: Vocal solo, "Dreams," Miss Ena Cooper; baritone solo, "Asleep in the Deep," Carry Cooper; vocal duet, "Maying," Mrs. Howell and Miss Ena Cooper; vocal solo, "Forever and Forever" Miss Josephine Brunn; quartet "Italia, Italia, Beloved," Mrs. Hoff, Mrs. Shirley, Mr. Litchfield and Mr. Howe.

Richardson County Man Invents Corn Husker.

Alfred Shellenbarger, a resident of this county has recently patented a corn husking machine of his own invention which is attracting considerable attention from the farmers who have seen it tested in the fields during the season just passed. To operate this machine three men are required, one on the husker which is pulled by three horses, one on the wagon which is to receive the corn from the husker and one on the wagon to and from the crib. One wagon and the husker are driven through the field side by side and it is estimated that with it over eight acres a day can be gathered. The machine can be used as an attachment to a corn binder or can be constructed as an entirely separate machine. Such a machine must be very strong to withstand the great strain of corn harvesting and so is made of steel and malleable iron. In harvesting the machine straddles a row of corn, the power being ap-

plied to one set of independent drive gears by one drive wheel. One gear operates the snapping rolls and the other drives the husking rolls and elevator chains. As the machine is drawn toward each hill of corn the conveyor chains first engage the stalks and force them into the rolls where the bent and broken stalks are straightened out before they pass through the snapping rolls. As the stalks pass between these rolls the ears are snapped off and then carried rearward and dropped onto the shucking rolls, where the shucks are taken from the ears. The ear then passes down the elevator and then is elevated into the wagon. The husking rollers work on the principle of a washing machine wringer and their iron teeth catch and tear off the husks.

Mr. Shellenbarger expects to begin the manufacture of the machine and place it on market in time for next fall's harvest.

C. F. Reavis is in Omaha this week on business.

Mrs. Ogden and child of Rulo were in this city Tuesday.

Isabelle Hossack is visiting with her sister Mrs. Pearl Sloan at Verdon.

Emmet Satterwhite made a business trip to Humboldt Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kimmel, Mrs. Ed Kimmel and Ed Ruegge left Tuesday afternoon on the M. P. for a three months visit with friends in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Farmers or anybody else contemplating having a sale will do well to see us for the sale bills. Besides getting the bills at the lowest possible price you can get a free notice of the sale in the paper. Let us do your work.