

while in 393 cases the alfalfa seed was sown without that of any other crop. The use of the nurse crop was largely confined to extreme eastern Nebraska and the irrigated land of the west. Many persons who used a nurse crop say that they would not do so again. It has been recommended to use a light seeding of small grain, sown earlier or with the alfalfa, to prevent damage by severe winds. When sown in this way the nurse crop is mown when eight or ten inches high, to prevent it smothering the alfalfa.

In 55 cases the seed was put in with a drill, and in 447 cases it was sown broadcast. This is at least an indication that if a drill is not available a satisfactory stand can be obtained by broadcasting and harrowing in, provided the other conditions are favorable.

There were 138 reports of less than twenty pounds of seed per acre being used, and 336 reports of twenty pounds or more being sown. The evidence seems to be in favor of the use of at least twenty pounds of seed per acre.

Of the persons replying to the inquiries, 221 have stands of alfalfa that yield more than four tons of cured hay per acre each season, while 157 do not get as much as four tons of hay per acre.

Of persons having practiced disking alfalfa in the spring or at other times, 138 report that beneficial results have been obtained, while seven report that disking has been ineffective or injurious. By disking alfalfa is meant going over it in the spring with a disk harrow before growth starts, or during summer immediately after cutting for hay. It is customary to set the disks at a slight angle. This cuts the crown root and stirs the soil. Some of the correspondents prefer harrowing to disking. Where positive objection was made to disking, it was based on the claim that it caused the crowns to become diseased. The great bulk of the evidence was, however, in favor of disking.

Of the persons who have manured alfalfa, either by plowing in the manure immediately before seeding or by spreading it on the field after a stand had been obtained, 110 obtained beneficial results, and 13 found it to be ineffective or injurious. Objections are based on the claim that plowing in manure causes the soil to dry out, but objections to spreading manure on alfalfa are rather indefinite in their nature, except that on low land it makes the growth too rank, and the alfalfa falls down. Many of those who advocate its use specify that the manure should be rotted and fine. One man

suggests harrowing after spreading, to fine it. The reports of beneficial results from plowing under manure come largely from the eastern portion of the state, but the use of fine manure applied as a top dressing has proven beneficial in all parts.

GRATEFUL OFFERING.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a globe from Russia. That is as near as we can come to hitting our unknown friend. Hidden somewhere among the unholy looking hieroglyphics on the thing are no doubt his name and address; but it is beyond us to screw them out of the mess. He may be calling us an Inkum, and we are none the wiser or worse off. The globe is very pretty. It is made of paper, and will fold flat or expand into a globe; and besides the geography it seems to contain a Russian calendar, such as you have heard about, and then it runs off into the most murderous looking gibberish, with the letters all wrong side up and inside out. We will venture to say that the Russian authorities would not allow any such suspicious document to enter their sacred domains through the mails. We are gratified to observe that the Russians agree with us as to the general distribution of land and water on the globe, but we have our opinion of any nation that spells America AMEPNKA, with the N written backwards at that.

MORAL TRICKS.

How far is a man responsible for what he supposes other people will suppose he means by what he says? This starts out like a conundrum, or like the solemn oath of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. But really, is a man less blameworthy for letting another deceive himself than for misleading him directly?

A business man wrote to a correspondent, in regard to a young man for whom he wanted to get a situation, "he is the average in ability and zeal." The recipient noticed the queer reading of this sentence and said to himself, "he has left out a word. He meant to say 'above' the average. His typewriter dropped the 'above.'" That was what the writer had intended him to think. Yet his statement was literally correct. The young man was only of average ability—not a bit above it—and that is faint praise.

Now did he intentionally deceive his friend?

Mr. Bryan's experience in a barn will probably be regarded as valuable training if he accepts a nomination for governor. He will make a great impression upon the rural voters by going around with hay in his hair, and a series of photographs showing him asleep in the mow.—Beatrice (Neb.) Express.



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Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of said deceased will meet the executrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Otoe County, Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 4th day of June, 1902, on the 4th day of August, 1902, on the 4th day of October, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance.

And the executrix is hereby ordered to post a copy of this notice at the following places in said county, to-wit:

One at the court house in Nebraska City, one at office of National Starch Company, one at Merchants National Bank, one at Otoe County National Bank, and file due proof of the same with the County Judge, on or before the first day of hearing above given.

Six months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, and one year for the executrix to settle said estate, from the 3rd day of April, 1902.

This notice will be published in The Conservative for four weeks successively, prior to the 4th day of June, 1902.

Dated at Nebraska City, Neb., April 3rd, 1902.

WM. HAYWARD,
County Judge.

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