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Sudan Grass

For thirty-five years the farmers on the dry lands of the Southwest have been looking for a plant that could be depended on every year, dry or wet, for making good hay.

They found it in Sudan grass that has been grown on the dry lands in the Panhandle of Texas for six years.

In the driest years it has yielded a ton of hay per acre and in good years four cuttings of hay in a single season, one ton an acre at each cutting. On the dry lands of Colorado and New Mexico it has given good yields up to altitudes of 5,500 feet.

It western Oklahoma and western Kansas the returns have been as satisfactory as in Texas.

Sudan grass should be planted in rows thirty to thirty-six inches apart, dropping single seeds six to eight inches apart in the row. It should be given shallow cultivation until it shades the ground. The largest yields for the season are secured when each crop is cut as soon as the plants come in bloom. In the Texas Panhandle, this year, the second crop was ready to cut thirty-five days after the first crop was harvested. The best quality of hay is secured by cutting the plants while they are in full bloom.

It may be cut with a mower or scythe and cured in large cocks or cut with a grain binder and the bundles cured in shocks like wheat.

The serious drawback to the general planting of Sudan grass in 1915 is the high price of seed.

Last spring seed cost \$2 a pound; this fall it is being offered for \$1 a pound. In 1916 it will probably sell as low as millet seed. There were 12,000 to 15,000 acres of Sudan grass grown in the Southwest in 1914. Practically all of it was grown for seed, the yield of seed varied from 800 to 1,000 pounds an acre.

Sufficient seed was probably grown in 1914 to seed between three and four million acres. There is considerable seed in Colorado; Kansas produced all the seed her farmers need for next spring's planting. Oklahomans will probably have nearly enough home grown seed to supply her needs and there is a large surplus in Texas.

There is one danger in buying Sudan grass seed. It may be mixed with that pest of the South, Johnson grass. Pure Johnson grass seed may be furnished when that of Sudan grass is ordered. Experts can not tell the seeds apart. The only safe way is to buy Sudan grass seed grown in those districts so far north that they have no Johnson grass or buy from honest Southern growers who will guarantee that it contains no Johnson grass and whose guarantee is safe.

Squirring

"The fact" says the official organ of the republican machine, "that every man who feels he has been wronged has a right to go before the legal tribunal for hearing has no bearing on the judgment of a biased press and an antagonistic politician. He is condemned before he has a hearing."

This slightly cryptic statement appears in an editorial defending the effort to throw four members out of the legislature in order to secure a two-thirds majority to carry out the schemes of the republican ring.

For official organ of the crowd which is attempting an outrage upon the sanctity of the ballot to talk about "a biased press" is one of the humorous things which help to lighten the sombreness of the situation.

As to the "condemnation" of the contestants, this must be a bit of rare irony. The death warrant of the contestants, elected by vote of the people to sit in the state lawmaking body, was signed, sealed and filed just as soon as the returns were in.

No man of any common sense imagines for an instant that the filing of the exact number of contests necessary to make the two-thirds majority was anything but the first step in the scheme of the republican machine to defy the expressed will of the people. The leaders who on the day after election were piously recommending that such disputes "be left to the courts" are the ones who are now insolently pointing to the fact that the legislature is the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

That even the sponsors for the contemplated outrage however are uneasy is indicated by such squirming editorials as are appearing in the official bulletin of the machine. We may state that their uneasiness is well founded; and that the men who clothed in a little brief authority, ignore and trample on the rights of the people who elected them sooner or later pay the penalty. These contestants will be seceded and the duly elected men will be thrown out just as Abelino Romero was.

For the official instrument or the leaders to stall around and bluff about it is a waste of time.—Santa Fe New Mexico.

All Settled

"It is apparent," says the Senator H. B. Holt paper at Las Cruces, "that gross irregularities have been committed," or words to that effect, in the election of the four members of the legislature which are to be ejected to make room for the two-thirds republican majority. Senator Holt's official mouthpiece goes on to let it be known that these four men are to be "kicked out," as "a two-thirds majority is essential."

The various and sundry G. O. P. instruments should hold an official conference and sort of get together.

The State Wrecker, the local machine incubus, has been piously requesting the dear public to suspend judgment and has inveighed against condemning anyone before a hearing is had. On the other hand Senator Holt's official organ has arraigned, tried, convicted and sentenced the duly elected obstacles to republican control on the ground that a two-thirds majority is essential. Before any hearing has been held it tells us that "it is apparent" that "gross irregularities" have been committed.

It must be so, for the bunch needs the two-thirds majority. Nothing further is needed to demonstrate, prove and absolutely cinch the fact that the whole job is a frame-up—which no intelligent observer has doubted for a minute since the Honorable Modesto Ortiz, Senator Holt's distinguished republican contemporary in Bernalillo county, fired the opening gun.—Santa Fe—New Mexican.

Notice Democratic Primary

There will be a meeting of the Democrats of Precinct No. 1 at the courthouse in Clayton, N. M., on Thursday evening, January 7th, 1915, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Justice of the Peace and Constable of said precinct. All Democrats are urged to be present.

HUGH J. COLLINS,
Precinct Chairman.

Xmas With "Uncle Charley"

One of the most enjoyable house parties ever known in the country was given during the Christmas holidays by "Uncle Charley" Bushnell at his home at Reenham. Those who enjoyed "Uncle Charley's" hospitality were Mrs. M. A. Wilburg, Mrs. Paz Valverde, Misses Rose Bushnell, Lucia Gonzales, and May Lamphier; Messrs. Harry Wilburg, Paz Valverde, John L. Simmons, Len W. Slack, Otto Menger, Valentin Miera. The guests every minute. When they arrived Wednesday evening before Christmas a quail supper was awaiting them. Christmas Eve the young people gave a concert Christmas day the big turkey dinner, followed by a real English plum pudding, the kind only "Uncle Charley" can make; in the evening a beautiful Christmas tree loaded with gifts was the main event, followed by an impromptu dance; Saturday morning a quail hunt, and a very interesting and unusual badger fight in the afternoon. Sunday was a quiet day, but some of the guests enjoyed a burro ride. Monday morning the guests departed for their homes in Clayton, delecting "Uncle Charley" the most entertaining host in the West.

Baptist Services

for Sunday, January 3, 1915.
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship
Sermon, "In Memory of Me."
6:45 p. m. Young People's Union
Devotional meeting—With Jesus in the Wilderness.
7:45 p. m. Evening worship, sermon by the pastor.
Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
All are cordially welcome.

J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

The Mohammedan World

The present European war found the Mohammedan world with a population estimated at 201,000,000, of whom 90,500,000 were under British, 35,000,000 under Russian and French rule, and 41,500,000 under other western governments chiefly the Dutch. Of the remaining 34,000,000, about 18,000,000 were subjects of the Ottoman empire. A recent writer says: "Great Britain and her allies rule over a preponderant majority of the world's Moslems (126,000,000 out of 201,000,000). The leaders of the great mass have loyally espoused the cause of their western rulers; hundreds of thousands of Moslems are fighting in the ranks of the allied armies, and so far it seems likely that the mass of these populations will follow, actively or passively, the lead that has been given.

On the whole they have been well treated. They experience greater justice and better protection than under former governors; their material prosperity has increased; they enjoy full religious freedom; and they stand to lose rather than to gain by a change of western rulers.

Give the Boy a Chance

The world's record for corn-raising belongs to Walter L. Deenson, an Alabama boy, when in his early teens. Last year the boy raised 232 bushels of corn on a single acre of land, which is the highest yield per acre ever recorded. A remarkable record was made by an ordinary boy

and on ordinary land. He became interested in corn raising and studied into the matter of the kind and proper use of fertilizers and good cultivation.

As a result of putting his knowledge to practical use, he has raised 232 bushels of corn on one acre of land, thereby winning the championship of the world. What Walter L. Deenson has done serves to show what a common everyday out-and-out boy can do if he is given the chance. There are thousands of ambitious boys on the rich farms of this state who never know what it is to be encouraged to take an interest in agriculture or stockraising. If these boys were given a small plot of ground and some seed—corn for example—to plant and cultivate, a circus would not be able to turn their thoughts very far away from the "enchanted spot" where a wonderful harvest will be theirs to reap. A boy may not be able to raise 232 bushels of corn on an acre of his father's land, but he can do well enough to make his efforts worth while. What boy is this county is going after that world's championship record next year?

Fifty-Second Wedding Anniversary

Christmas day, the fifty-second anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Edmondson entertained twenty eight of their descendants constituting the "Edmondson Tribe" of Union county. If all the children and grand-children of the five old couple had been present the total would have been fifty-three, one more than one a year for the period of their married life. Many felicitations were received upon the happy event, and The News adds its wish that they will live to enjoy many more anniversaries, and to see the "Tribe" still further increase.

Coroner's Verdict

Monday, December 28th, a coroner's jury composed of the following gentlemen: W. A. Henderson, G. S. Yates, Tom Wolford, J. R. Kerlin, Antonio S. Garcia, W. C. Barnhart, was empaneled and after listening to the evidence rendered the following verdicts in the Wilson and Brown murder and suicide cases:

In the case of the death of George Wilson: Verdict that George Wilson came to his death as the result of pistol shot wounds inflicted by Roy W. Brown.

In the case of the death of Roy W. Brown: Verdict that Roy W. Brown came to his death as the result of gun shot wounds inflicted by himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Lowenstein of Nara Visa, spent several days in the city this week visiting relatives. They left for home Friday accompanied by Messrs. Morris and Simon Herzstein.

T. J. Brooks and Mrs. Brooks returned Friday from Shattuck, Oklahoma, where they spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

New Mill

Dr. Charlton and S. O. Penick have been busy this week erecting a building near the light plant in which they will install grain milling machinery. The machinery is already on the ground, and the mill soon be ready for business. This is a needed improvement and will prove of untold benefit to farmers and ranchmen in this section.

Real Estate Loans

Washington, Dec. 30.—Comptroller of the Currency Williams tonight notified national banks that the federal reserve board had drawn a regulation interpreting the provision in the act governing loans by them on real estate. The regulation follows:

"The maximum amount of loans which a national bank may make on real estate under the terms of Section 24 of the federal reserve act shall be limited to an amount not in excess of one-third its time deposits at the time of making the loan, and not in excess of one-third of its average time deposits during the preceding calendar year, provided however, that if one-third of such time deposits as of the date of making the loan, or one third of the average time deposits for the preceding calendar year, shall have amounted to less than one-fourth of the capital and surplus of the bank as of the date of the loan, then, in that event the bank shall have authority to make loans upon real estate under the terms of the act to the extent of one-fourth of the bank's capital and surplus as of the date of making the loan."

Speaker's Program

Washington, Dec. 30.—Speaker Clark discussed the legislative situation with President Wilson today and told him he expected the administration program would be finished without an extra session of congress. The speaker told the President the rules committee planned to bring in a special rule for consideration of the proposed amendment for woman suffrage on January 12 and he expected a vote the same day.

Speaker Clark said he had not discussed with the President the recent published reports that he would be a candidate for the presidency in 1916. He declared he was not a candidate.

Methodist Notes

For Sunday, December 27th.
10 a. m. Sunday school. 11 a. m. Morning Worship and sermon by the Pastor, subject: "God in Christ." Mr. Hosfeld will play at this service. 3:00 p. m. Presiding Service at Apache Valley School House by the Pastor, 7:00 p. m. Young People's Meeting. Subject: "A Christian Attitude Toward the New Year." Leader, Chas. Tanner. 7:45 p. m. Evening Worship. Subject of Sermon: "Selah." Children's Choir at this service.

Ray Spotts Dum, Minister.

Lost—One plain gold band ring. Was lost December 20th at corner of Hilgers & Barnhart store. Has "H to D" engraved inside. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

Announcement

I announce myself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 1, and will appreciate the support of the voters.
(Adv.) L. W. Kingdom

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I announce myself as a candidate for Constable of Precinct No. 1, and will appreciate the support of all voters.
(Adv.) T. J. Crumley

W. A. Shirley of the Cimarron country, who in the city Wednesday and Thursday looking after business.