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ESSENTIALS FOR ALFALFA GROWING

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Alfalfa growing in its main essentials is but little different from the growing of all other clover plants. In a country where grown but a few years the treatment as for all new crops must necessarily be with more care. For this reason those who are trying to grow this most valuable hay crop in the corn belt states must study the local conditions carefully and adopt the most practical methods. The study of soil chemistry and bacteriology have not been appreciated by the corn belt farmer in the growing of corn as much as they will be and should be in the production of a successful alfalfa hay crop.

A well drained, sweet soil, inoculated with the proper nitrogen gathering bacteria are the essentials for success in alfalfa growing. Most commonly neglected by the beginner, it may have a good seed bed prepared at the proper time and good seed planted at the right season together with good after care, but if the first three essentials mentioned are neglected the beginner in a majority of cases will fail and join the ranks of those who say alfalfa will not grow on their farms.

By a well drained soil we mean one either naturally or artificially drained in such a way there is no free water standing longer than a few days after a heavy rainfall in the surface four foot of soil. A heavy clay soil of great depth must have artificial drainage through the use of drain tile but a

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A FALSE ALARM.

"Oh, quickly, quickly tell the chief that East Grove is afire. The flames are spreading rapidly, each moment climbing higher." Excitement filled the depot-man as these wild words he said to Mistress Telephone Exchange, with ear piece on her head. Then ting-a-ling and ting-a-ling, then more ting-a-ling, the phone bell in the fire chief's room began its busy ring. The chief drew on his overalls and donned his helmet, too, and pinned his star upon his chest, as all fire chiefs should do. "Hello, hello," he straightway cried, "why do you ring so strong? You've roused me from my little bed, I hope there's nothing wrong." "East Grove is burning up, they say," the depot-man, he knows. The fire is raging down the track and every minute grows." "Well, well," replied the fire chief, "just give me line One-Three, by then I'll have sufficient time to step outside and see." The morn was bright. The grass was green. The eastern sky was red. The sun was slowly peeping up and sent its rays ahead. A smile spread o'er the fire chief's face and to himself he said, "I'll bet they thought it was a fire because the morn is red." Then tinkle-tinkle went the phone and "haha" laughed the chief, the depot-man was on the wire, here are his words in brief: "Too bad they get you up at all; there is no fire in sight. It looked like a fire though, to me, the east was awful bright." Then merrily out laughed the chief, the phone girl she laughed, too, and so, too, did the depot-man—and maybe so will you.

S. Y. D.

DEATH OF OLD SETTLER ROSWELL O. CURTISS

Passes Peacefully Away—Moved to Downers Grove in 1836. Roswell O. Curtiss, for seventy-seven years a resident of Downers Grove, died last Monday at the home of Charles Caldwell from the ailments incident to extreme age. He was 83 years old and had recently returned from a visit to the home of his daughter in New Orleans.

In the early days of the village there was not a man, woman or child in the neighborhood who did not know R. O. Curtiss. Of late he had spent much time in the Southern city. For sixty years he was a faithful member of the Baptist church of this village. He was born in Royalton, Vt., Oct. 18, 1829, and came to Downers Grove with his parents in 1836. He was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia Lyman of Chicago, March 1, 1855. Two daughters, Mrs. Hartie Deming of New Orleans and Mrs. Carrie Thielk of Downers Grove survive him.

Rev. Babcock, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated at the funeral services Tuesday afternoon from the Caldwell home. Interment was in the Main street cemetery.



All aboard! Chautauqua!

Mrs. Louis E. Jones was hostess at a luncheon given by her at the Belmont Golf club on Wednesday last. Forty guests were present.

All reports thus far received from Chautauqua field indicate the most successful of any year.

Mrs. Edwin Dietz and daughter Dorothy were guests at the Stranble home on Fairmount avenue on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Martha McNaught of Wilmette is visiting her many friends in the Grove.

The place, corner Washington and Fifth streets. The subject, "Chautauqua."

Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell (nee Grace) Elich of Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting at the home of J. V. Biel and family on Maple avenue.

Samuel Johnstone has been quite ill, but is better.

Mrs. Nellie Gaylord of Hyde Park was in Downers Grove over Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Conger of Hinsdale was at the Grove on Sunday last.

It is reported that the Chicagoans who are visiting in Downers Grove are having a good time.

Mrs. Walter Weeks of Berwyn spent a few days in Downers Grove last week.

Charles H. Wells, son of Dr. Wells is in the hospital at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. W. Wells, on Maple avenue.

Miss Virginia Parker of Chicago is visiting her grandparents at the home of Mrs. R. W. Bond and family on Maple avenue.

Mrs. J. C. Mahoney and two daughters are visiting relatives in Iowa.

Improvements have been made in the village hall which lends a very pleasing atmosphere to its surroundings. New chairs and tables, also new linoleum. With these equipments it is indeed an improvement.

Over the time, July 26 to 27 Miss Ida Shannabrook and sister are expected to leave the first of the week for a short vacation.

Mrs. J. A. Westblade and children are spending a week in Galesburg.

Mrs. Fred Giesmann has returned from Muscatine, Iowa.

Mrs. Ed Fellerman are guests at the home of Sam Curtiss and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tingle motored to Downers Grove and visited at the home of J. C. Spray, Grove street.

Mrs. Roy Johnson is visiting at Lanont for a week.

Don't fail to bring some silver with you Sunday for the Chautauqua collection. Show the local committee that you appreciate their stand in having no admission on Sunday, by giving them a large collection.

Read about the Chautauqua on page three.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Alderson are enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Put-in-Bay, near Detroit, Mich. Beatrice and Westley accompanied them.

Mrs. Gale Walker and little grandchild Irene are visiting friends in Downers Grove.

Gwendolyn Griffiths is in Ottawa, Ill., visiting Florence and Mabel White.

Miss Frances Kolzow from Hinsdale is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. John Harthorn.

HAVE YOU DONATED?

Lee Singletary reports that he has received up to date \$75 for fixing up the road leading to the old cemetery. As it will take at least \$225 to put it in shape, it is hoped that those who have not yet subscribed anything will come forward and contribute to make this movement a success.

ALL ABOARD FOR WHEATLAND.

A merry party left Downers Grove last Sunday in "Ted" Brooks' auto truck for the Edward Lance farm, Wheatland.

The party numbered thirty-two, and from the start on the ride until the finish it was one long day of fun and frolic. They arrived at the beautiful farm of Mr. Lance about 10 o'clock, played games, and then a big dinner, such as you can only get on the farm. Sunday afternoon the whole party piled into the truck and went to Aurora for the ride.

Then back to the farm and more games, laughter and general cutting up, a light supper, and all piled on the auto and homeward bound they landed in Downers Grove about 8:30 p. m., a tired but happy bunch. The following were participants in the ride:

Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerwig, Martin White and family, William Stoner and family, Geo. Binder and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Stout, Mary Timko and children, Louis Schuetz, William Lehmann, Melvin Binder and William Heintz of Downers Grove, and the Misses Ida Rahmanof, Lottie Richmond and Shepard of Chicago.

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT.

While motorcycling last Sunday morning Thomas Proszinski had a rather serious accident and one from which he will not soon recover.

He was turning from Highland avenue west on to the Plank road at a slow rate of speed, and just as he turned the corner he became aware of the fact that a cow was standing directly across the road. Tom, of course, tried to turn out so as not to hit her, and as he turned to go down the dirt road his machine skidded out under him.

Landed with his left foot doubled under the motorcycle, and his partner on top of both of them.

His ankle bone was wrenched away in some manner. Dr. Childs was called by phone and removed the sufferer to his home, where the ankle was bandaged. Tuesday Tom and Dr. Childs went to Chicago and had an X-ray photograph taken of the injury and Dr. Childs set it Wednesday.

MENYON LUNA AMUCK WITH KNIFE.

Last Wednesday a Michigan man, calling for the railway station, Chicago, was given a beating by a local stranger, who clubbed him with a stick and his fellow workmen. As the man was being taken to the hospital, he was taken to the prison, where he is being held until he can be released.

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FACTS CONDENSED

Electrically driven wine presses are coming into use in France.

Machinery for inserting bristles in brushes has been patented by a Californian.

The Chilean government will spend more than \$250,000 for a military aviation school.

There is a prize of \$20,000 offered in France for the discovery of a cure for Asiatic cholera.

Ohio produced more than 42 per cent of the pottery made in the United States last year.

Apparatus producing smoke by chemical means has been invented for testing plumbing leaks.

The city of Munich is maintaining several automobile ambulances for sick and wounded horses.

The addition of a few drops of oil of cedar will lessen the odor of gasoline used for cleaning.

A new electrical tool for removing scale from boilers, an English invention, delivers 8,000 hammering and tearing strokes against a surface to be cleaned every minute.

Two Michigan inventors have economized with floor space by mounting the third burner of a gas range above the other two instead of having all three at the same level.

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