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BARNYARD MANURE.

Dr. S. A. Knapp Writes of The Advantages of Providing Abundance of Barnyard Manure.

Farming without the use of manure is a waste of energy and results in the exhaustion of soils. The saving of farm manures is one of the most important problems of husbandry. The convenience of commercial fertilizers has caused farmers to neglect the home supply. The lack of intelligent care of this supply has frequently reduced its value to an almost negligible quantity. Commercial fertilizers have proved of great value and are destined to play even a greater part in farm economy, but their effect is greatly increased by the use of green crops or farm manure.

Commercial fertilizers are costly, their exclusive use tends to hasten depletion of the soil, and they should never be considered a substitute for green crops or barnyard manure. The small value frequently realized from the use of barnyard manure arises from the fact that it is not properly saved and handled and the manure has lost the greater part of its plant food. Barnyard manure may be regarded as just so much vegetable matter. It differs, however, from the food from which it is derived in that, having once been digested, its fertilizing elements are more available for plants.

Available plant food means plant food that is easily decomposed and soluble in water. If the manure is left exposed to the elements the water from rains easily and rapidly leaches out the soluble plant food. On the other hand, if the manure is allowed to heat, a large amount of the nitrogen is driven off into the atmosphere; so in order to get the most valuable manure both of these sources of loss must be avoided. There are several ways of accomplishing this. Probably the best plan, where it is practicable, is to haul the manure direct upon the land and plow it in—shallow on clay soils, deeper on sandy loams. Again, especially with horse manure, etc., it is good to allow the manure to remain in the stable, using plenty of litter. The animals tramp the manure down, thus excluding the air, and as it is kept dry it will keep with practically no loss. The litter used in bedding not only is itself of value as a fertilizer, but serves also to absorb all liquids and prevent their loss. If not practicable to pursue either of these methods, then a cheap shed can be provided and the manure stored in it until ready for use.

There is one precaution that must be observed when a shed is used, and especially if the droppings from horses predominate. Under these conditions the manure is apt to heat. This should be prevented by dampening it.

For this reason it is a good plan to have a leaky shed—one that will not permit the entrance of enough water to leach through, but will leak enough to keep the manure moist. In case of protracted drought there should be artificial means of watering the compost. The question may arise with the farmer whether it is more economical to go to this trouble and expense with his manure than to depend upon the commercial fertilizers. This question is soon answered in the affirmative.

Bear in mind that while the farmer may buy an equal number of pounds of plant food he can not get it in as good form, nor do the commercial fertilizers have as great an effect. They do not add vegetable matter, do not start soil fermentation and do not correct mechanical defects of the soil. A ton of well-preserved manure from a well-fed horse contains about 9.8 pounds of nitrogen, 5.2 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 9.6 pounds of potash—plant food that would cost \$2.18 bought as commercial fertilizer. This is on a basis of 15 cents a pound for nitrogen, 4-1-2 cents for phosphoric acid, and 5 cents for potash.

A horse weighing 1,000 pounds will produce about 12 tons of manure in a year, and this manure is consequently worth 73-5 cents a day, or about \$27 a year. The manure from the average cow is worth about 6-1-2 cents a day, or \$23.20 per year. These values are based on the presumption that the animals are well fed. Where the common manure heap is used for all animals and for all farm refuse, while its composition is necessarily variable, it can safely be assumed that a ton of it will contain 12 pounds of nitrogen, 5 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 6 pounds of potash. The plant fertilizers in a ton of manure are worth commercially from \$2 to

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MR. WATSON DEFENDED.

The Work of The Editor of The Jefferson Reviewed by Mr. G. D. Mims, of Clark's Hill.

Editor The Advertiser: In your issue of March 15th containing a letter of news from the West Side, we note these words, "we confidently look forward to a profitable school of instruction in missionary endeavor, counteracting to some extent the pernicious teachings of Tom Watson." Well, it is in a spirit free from personalities that I take issue with your west side correspondent, who is our life long friend and a splendid good fellow he is, but seems to be in the dark along the lines of teachings by that distinguished southerner the Hon. Thomas E. Watson. On almost every page of his writings on the subject of foreign missions he has clearly and distinctly stated that he was NOT opposed to foreign missions but approved of the work "along sane and scriptural lines, in accordance with the instructions by Christ to Paul and Peter." Can anybody find any fault with these teachings? Surely not. The kick is made against Watson, and hundreds of thousands of other good substantial men who are opposed to this thing of eternally and everlastingly begging the old and young on every occasion for more, more, more money. Some of this money is being used to publish literature to send out broadcast over the country to beg for more, more money to maintain foreign missionaries some of whom live in luxury with man and maid servants, nice summer homes and comfortable-to-the-end winter resorts, while hundreds of our own ministers are poorly paid, and hundreds of our own native American children and poor women are suffering for actual necessities of life. Do you see the inconsistency?

Do you see the inconsistency? subject today in ing goo aginarily in the sore ditions should n regret at much fo country growing evils. Some of these briars to our welfare are assuming gigantic proportions and there are just a few men with the backbone and grit, unshackled and unsubsidized to speak a word of force in warning to the common people of this country. And the Hon. Thomas E. Watson has spent the best of his life to the uplifting of humanity and especially the common down trodden class, and in his honest and sincere efforts to aid humanity he has been mistreated because he would not bow and scrape to the pampered scamps who wanted to use him as a tool, and when he refused to knuckle and chuckle to their schemes of plundering the unaware, they sat about to do him dirt and have been and are still laboring with might and main to the point of cultivating bias, prejudice and hatred in the minds of those who know but little of this distinguished southerner. To know him is a privilege and to be with him is a treat. I have been in his home and I know whereof I speak. He is one of the highest types of American gentleman and citizens, that it ever was my privilege to be with. Hon. Clark Howell of the Atlanta Constitution has said that Watson's intellect and literary ability was the equal of any man in the United States. And when we come to learn that the history of France and the life of Napoleon written by Thomas E. Watson, have been adopted by the schools and colleges of that country it certainly means that Watson is a man of extraordinary ability and deserves praise and applause by his people. Indeed his election to the presidency of the United States would have been but a poor compliment to his greatness and goodness, and when we hear backbitings and slanderous vituperations thrown at this noble hearted southerner, we imagine we hear the voice from Mt. Calvary. "Father forgive them they know not what they do." We are all of us entitled to the right and privilege of argument. The whole modern day tendency is toward this frank and free discussion of all subjects. Let the rising generation hear both sides of every question. Turn on the light. The same thing applies to all problems of the present day, political, religious, social and economic.

And because Mr. Watson indulges in attitudes toward beliefs opposed to ours, does not imply that he is a pernicious misguided false-her. Now mark you this! In all of Watson's foreign mission writings

ADVERTISER'S GREAT VOTING CONTEST CLOSES

APRIL 15. BIG BONUS OFFER FOR LARGEST NUMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS SENT IN FROM MAR. 29 APR. 8

Only Three More Days to Work for the Ching Dish and the Double Vote Offer. 25000 Free Votes will be Awarded to the Contestant Sending in the Largest Number of Subscriptions From March 29th to April 8th. Ten Thousand Free Votes Will be Given Each Contestant for Each Ten Dollars Worth of Subscriptions sent in During this Time.

Contestants, this is the time for you to put forth your best efforts. We are offering you more this time than we have ever offered before. Just think of it, 25,000 free votes will be given the contestant who sends in the largest number of subscriptions from March 29th to April 8th. Isn't this worth working for? Enlist the help of your friends, tell them that you must win this offer and that if they expect to help you at all, now is the time you need it. The contest has nearly reached its close and now is the time of all times that you need help. You can not afford to sit down and let this offer pass. See that you win it regardless of what it takes. This is the biggest offer we are going to make so don't hold back and think that you will get a bigger one. Ask all your friends who have promised to help you to do what they can for you now for they could not possibly help you at a time that would do as much good. In case you don't win it you will still be benefited, for you will get ten thousand free votes for every ten dollars worth of subscriptions you send in. The rest of this week will count double on each subscription, will count ten thousand on each ten dollars worth of subscriptions, and will also count on the 25,000 free vote offer. Remember when this offer is over you will only have seven days more to work. Each one has an equal chance to win this offer so you had better do your best to win. All votes coming in from

we are going to make so you can't afford to lose one hour's time between now and the 8th of April. Rules Governing Contest. Rule (1) All collections made by contestants must be turned over to the Contest Manager within one week or votes will not be allowed. Rule (2) Subscribers should take receipt for all money given to contestants. Rule (3) The Contest Managers signature must be affixed to votes before same are of any value in contest. Rule (4) Ballots cannot be bought. The Contest will be run on a square and fair basis for all. Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions, either prepaid or renewals, or by cutting the nomination coupon or free voting blank out of the paper. Rule (5) No employee of The Advertiser or a member of his or her family will be permitted to participate either as a nominator or voter in the contest. Rule (6) Candidates will not be restricted in securing subscriptions to any territory, but may secure them in any place in the United States. Rule (7) Only one nominating coupon, entitling each contestant to one thousand (1000) votes, will be allowed. Rule (8) All votes must be in The Advertiser's office by Saturday midnight of each day.

Rule (9) Votes once issued can not be transferred to another contestant. Rule (10) Contestants in contest must agree to accept all rules and conditions in the contest. Rule (11) The right is reserved to reject the name of any contestant for cause, also to alter these rules should the occasion demand. Rule (12) Any question that may arise between the contestants will be decided by the contest manager and his decision will be final. Rule (13) Under no condition will the nominators name be divulged. The manager will be always ready to call and explain anything regarding the contest. Rule (14) Contestants may hold their votes until they wish to cast them. Until they are cast your standing will not be published. Rule (15) If any party stops his or her paper and transfers it to another member of the family of the same address it will not count as a new subscription.

Scale of Votes.	
New.	
1 year	2,000 Votes.
2 "	5,000 "
3 "	8,000 "
4 "	11,000 "
5 "	15,000 "

Renewal - 3000

are made. In the name of God from what other source can any man learn what is being done along that line. Now let me make a standing proposition. To any man or woman who is at this day skeptical, bias or prejudiced against T. E. Watson, subscribe for the two publications, the weekly Jeffersonian and the monthly magazine and read carefully every page of both, and at the end of the subscription if you will state positively that you have not been intellectually benefited to the extent of the amount of the subscription, call on me and I will refund to you what you have paid for the two. I am not seeking free advertising for these periodicals, my sole aim is to give credit where credit is due and show as far as possible that this high toned brilliant gentlemen of whom the whole country should be proud has been unduly assailed. Very truly, G. D. Mims.

Marriage of Miss Mealing and Mr. Montgomery of North Augusta.

The Augusta Herald of Friday last contained the following account of the Mealing-Montgomery wedding: The marriage of Miss Mary Ella Mealing and Mr. Algernon J. Montgomery was a beautiful event of last evening which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Mealing, in North Augusta, the ceremony which occurred at eight o'clock, being performed by the Rev. J. P. Mealing of Curryton, S. C., the paternal grandfather of the bride. No formal cards of invitation had been sent out, on account of the mourning of the bride's family, and the occasion was extremely quiet.

The handsome old home of the Mealings which crowns the Carolina heights was ablaze with lights and looked like some fairy palace in the dusk of the spring evening. The entire house was thrown open and lavishly decorated with a profusion of smylax which festooned windows and doorways and formed verdant bowers in all the pretty and spacious old rooms. In the front parlor, banked against the broad French windows, was reared an altar of palms, ferns and glimmering candles. Promptly on the hour the wedding march, from the skilled fingers of Mr. Tom Perrin, announced the entrance of the bridal party. Little Miss Catherine Mealing, a small sister of the bride and little Miss Cleo Montgomery, a small sister

roses, which formed an aisle through which the bride and groom entered together, passing to the altar where the ceremony was impressively performed. The bride was very charming in her wedding gown of white duchess satin fashioned after a graceful princess pattern with tulle effect, and finished with exquisite lilacs about the throat, sleeves and tunic. Caught to the bright sunny brown hair was an enveloping mist of tulle which fell to the hem of the slight train. The veil was caught to the hair with a coronet of orange blossoms and were the same that had been worn by the bride's mother, nee Miss Mattie Butler, upon her marriage to Dr. Mealing twenty-seven years ago. Her flowers were bride roses and ferns.

After the ceremony a buffet supper was served, while Miss Clarissa Mealing and Miss Stevens served punch all during the evening. Despite the fact that no cards had been sent out there were a large number of beautiful and elegant gifts sent the popular young couple, among the gifts being a beautiful cottage home built and furnished for them by the parents of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery will be with Dr. and Mrs. Mealing until this home is completed. Mrs. Montgomery is an exceptionally lovable young woman, whose gentle manners and sweet consideration for others has greatly endeared her to all who know her. Mr. Montgomery is one of Augusta's young dry goods men and is associated with the firm of Van Kamp, Vaughn and Gerald.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Dr. and Mrs. Jennings, of Columbia; Mr. P. W. Fortson, of Fortson, Ga.; Misses Addie and Beatrice Stevens, of Edgefield, S. C.

County Equalization Board.

A meeting of the county equalization board was held in the office of the auditor Saturday for the purpose of receiving reports from the township boards. Mr. R. A. Cochran who has served for a number of years was unanimously re-elected chairman, which also means that he will represent Edgefield county on the state equalization board. The following members of the county board were present: Blocker, M B Byrd; Collier, D T Mathis; Collins, J H Bussey; Elmwood, J H Cogburn; Edgefield, J L Mims; Hibler, W E Sheppard; Johnston, P N Lott; Meriwether, H F Cooper; Moss, L R Brunson; Pickens, J B Tompkins; Plum Branch, C E Sanders; Shaw, P B

it appears that not only a larger percent of the individual taxpayers made returns but property has been assessed at a little higher valuation than usual. In other words, it seems that the only change made in the reports or returns of the township boards was that of reducing the assessment of Beaver Dam Mills. The township board returned this property at 60 per cent of the capital stock, being the same basis on which the banks pay, but the county board reduced it to 50 per cent.

Successful Essays.

In the contest for the two best essays on the "Effects of cigarettes on the nervous system," the prize of \$5.00 was awarded to Miss Lucile Hammond of the Colliers school, which has already been sent to Miss Hammond and the essay published in last week's paper. The second prize of \$2.50 was won by Newton Dorset, the son of Rev. W. S. Dorset, of Johnston. The other subject was "The relation between alcohol and crime." The award of \$5.00 was won by Miss Helen Lewis of Johnston, and the essay is published in this issue. The prize was awarded Miss Lewis at the Johnston school, when a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Dr. Dorset presented the \$5.00 to Miss Lewis. Mr. Monroe had the honor of presenting the prize to Newton Dorset. Both of the essays were read to the school. The second prize on "The relation between alcohol and crime" was won by Miss Fannie Cromer of Modoc.

It happened in a crowded street car. The noted Rabbi Hirsch had arisen to give his seat to a young woman, but before she could take it a burly young fellow slid into it. The rabbi looked very meaningfully at him, and, after an uncomfortable silence, the young fellow blurted out: "Well, what are you glaring at me for? want to eat me? Eh?" "No," calmly replied the rabbi, "I am forbidden to eat you—I am a Jew."

A prospective client asked William M. Everts once what he would charge for managing a certain law case. "Well," said Mr. Everts, "I will take your case on a contingent fee." "And what is a contingent fee?" "Well," said Mr. Everts, mellifluously, "a contingent fee to a lawyer means this: If I don't win your suit I get nothing. If I do win it you get nothing—see?"—E. X.

PRIZE ESSAY.

Miss Helen Lewis of Johnston Wins \$5.00 Offered by County W. C. T. U. Convincing Arguments.

Often is heard the saying that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," thus implying the responsibility of mothers, and in the use of alcoholic remedies many mothers are not without condemnation. Is it not an exception to find a family medicine closet, without the ubiquitous bottle of spirits, a constant menace and temptation, which is regarded as the universal cure-all for every complaint, however trivial? May some "arrest of thought" help to realize the insidious, deceptive nature of this dangerous agent, which creates a yearning for unnatural stimulation and leads to excessive use as a beverage. They will then understand that advanced medical science and God's word agree "that whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." It has been said after careful investigation, that 90 per cent of homes in this country use alcohol with more or less freedom as a medicine. The drug habit is alarming and the blind faith in the absolutely reckless use of powerful and dangerous drugs such as morphia, cocaine, alcohol, and other nerve poisons, shows the ignorance and tendency of the times. Mothers should teach their families to request their doctors to prescribe no alcoholics for them. All the medicine closets should be purged of all this that destroys the home, the dearest place on earth, and at last destroys the soul. All mothers should know that alcohol retards the physical and mental development, it leads quickly to fa-

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JOHNSTON LETTER.

U. D. C. to Erect Monument. New Century Club Entered by Mrs. Epes. Church Completed.

At the last business meeting of the Mary Ann Buie chapter, D. of C., it was decided to erect a monument to the memory of the Confederate dead of this community. The design selected is a beautiful and appropriate one and stands 32 feet with a 10 foot base, and, in all probability will be placed on Main street. For several years it has been the aim of the chapter to erect a memorial hall to these gallant heroes, and it has worked to this end. As a result, it is financially strong to the amount of about \$1,200.00. Conditions were presented which made the erection of the monument an easier matter than the hall and the chapter decided in favor of the former.

Mr. John Bomar, of Spartanburg, representing a marble yard, of that place, was present, and received the contract, to cost \$1,700.00. He has placed several monuments for the D. of C. throughout the state, and comes highly recommended.

The new century club was entertained on Tuesday last by Mrs. Peter Epes. The subject for discussion was Sweden, and after an interesting hour, all were given an opportunity to display their knowledge of Swedish art, in a drawing contest of the animals. Mrs. C. F. Pechman won the first prize, and Mrs. J. L. Walker the booby, which was a box of animal crackers. A salad course was served at the close. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. R. Mobley, and the subject for the afternoon will be Norway. Previously, the subjects have been taken in lesson

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