

NO CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Republican Party Completely at a Loss.

Two Efforts to Sound a Keynote Have Been Conspicuously Unsuccessful—Appeal for Offices Seems to Be All That is Left.

The St. Louis Republic wonders upon what issue the Republicans will appeal to the country this year.

That is a puzzle at this stage of the game. The truth is, the Republicans are waiting in the hope that events will create an issue.

Never in the history of the country was a party so at sea with respect to a campaign issue as the Republicans are now.

They can't plead hard times, because the country is prosperous. They can't attack the federal reserve system. Their own congressmen supported it. They can't plead a tariff law that smashed industry, for industry is reveling in prosperity. They can't plead military unpreparedness, for they turned the country over to the Democratic party in a state of deplorable unpreparedness, and the Democratic administration is repairing their neglect.

As for the European war, they can't plead that the administration has been reckless, for it has kept the country at peace; nor can they plead that it has been unmindful of the national honor, for it has been dealing with European controversies in a sane, dignified way that promises full recognition of all our rights without resort to bloodshed.

If the Mexican question has been a source of anxiety and dissatisfaction, the Republicans are at least as much responsible as the Democrats are.

Mr. Root tried to sound a keynote in New York, but he offended the German-American Republicans throughout the country; the Kansas convention attempted to sound a keynote, but they displeased the large number of Republicans who are opposed to national prohibition.

There seems no possible way to adopt a platform that will not alienate the multiplied thousands of former Republicans.

The truth of the matter is, the Republicans may as well declare: "We point with pride to our patriotic willingness to serve the people, and view with alarm the increasing number of offices that are held by Democrats."

The only issue upon which they can agree is the offices.—Houston Post.

Bad Bosses Becoming Good.

Now that the colonel has made up with Elihu Root, who, more than any other man, helped to deprive him of the Republican nomination in 1912, the day of the grand reconciliation with Penrose, Barnes et al., looms brightly in the near future. For be it remembered that in the Roosevelt theory of politics a boss is bad only when he opposes the wishes of the president. When Penrose supported him in 1904 and rolled up an unprecedented majority in Pennsylvania no words were too warm to express the gratitude of the White House. And so it is in 1912. Theodore Roosevelt, it may be remarked, is also unchanged. Fortunately the people have taken his measure in the intervening twelve years, and they can better estimate the sincerity of his politics now.—Philadelphia Record.

Republicans for Wilson.

Every straw vote for president among Republicans in the West reveals at a considerable distance from the bottom the name of Woodrow Wilson. If the choice were between Mr. Wilson and any one of the Republicans, there is reason to believe that the vote for the Democrat would be very much larger. We have in this situation an epitome of the problem that confronts the opposition to the administration. First, there is the difficulty of uniting upon any one candidate. Secondly, is the certainty that there are plenty of Woodrow Wilson Republicans.

Foolish Criticism.

The administration's critics have found an opportunity to assail the president because there is only a single-track railroad to bring up the supplies for General Funston's troops. A fully competent president would have arranged to have Villa accessible from a four-track system, with concrete automobile roads and plenty of facilities for pursuit.

Unsavoury Phrase.

Reported in Washington that Theodore Roosevelt is in a fair way to run off with the Republican presidential nomination regardless of the wishes or protestations of the "Old Guard" leaders. Why regardless of? Better say because of. Mere mention of "Old Guard" drives a lot of voters to the tall timbers.

Where the Colonel Stands.

Our neighbor the Sun is manifesting a good deal of impertinent curiosity to know if the colonel would regard war with Mexico as "a just war," or war with Germany as "a just war." There is a uniform rule which the Sun can apply for itself if it is so minded. Any war in which the colonel involved the country would be "a just war." Any war in which the country became involved without the active assistance and encouragement of the colonel would be an unjust war.—New York World.

GOOD GREEN MANURING CROP

Big Value of Sweet Clover Is to Turn Under to Improve Soil—Foliage Has Bitter Taste.

(By C. B. HUTCHISON, Missouri College of Agriculture.)

The chief value of sweet clover for Missouri conditions is as a green manuring crop. Being a legume, it has the power of gathering nitrogen out of the air and storing it in the soil by means of the bacteria which live upon its roots. Since it makes such a heavy growth and does well on thin lands, it makes a good crop to turn under to improve the soil.

The value of sweet clover as a pasture or hay crop is much disputed. Some farmers regard it as practically worthless and consider it a weed, while others apparently have had good success with feeding it. Its foliage has a bitter taste due to the cumarin it contains and its stems have a tendency to become woody as they mature. If not allowed to become too rank before pasturing, or if cut for hay before the first bloom buds appear, these two objectionable features may be avoided to a considerable extent and very good feed obtained. It has been found, too, that stock will learn to eat it, and after being fed or pastured on it do not object to the bitter taste, as at first. Since it is a biennial, sweet clover may take the place of red clover in the rotation on those lands where the latter does not thrive well, but on the best lands it cannot compete with either red clover or alfalfa for hay.

The fact that the bacteria in the nodules on its roots are capable of inoculating alfalfa has led to the idea that it is a valuable crop to occupy the land immediately before seeding alfalfa. This may sometimes be done, but usually lands that have never grown sweet clover need inoculation for it as well as for alfalfa. It has been found necessary to inoculate the soil on the experiment station field at Columbia for sweet clover, and even with this precaution considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting a stand. It is evident, then, that it is frequently more difficult to obtain a good stand than one might expect from a general survey of the habits and characteristic of the plant.

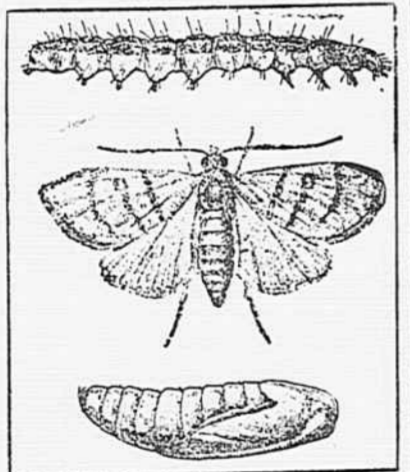
MOST PROFITABLE OF CROPS

Sweet Potato of Great Value as Food for Human Beings and Animals; Has Industrial Value.

Whether it is to be used as a food for the table, as a feed crop for animals or a producer of starch, the sweet potato is probably one of the most profitable crops the South Carolina farmer can grow.

The best method of planting sweet potatoes is with cuttings from vines. If slip beds were not set out early enough this year for plants to be sufficiently large for good vine cuttings at this time, or if no slips were grown, it is advisable to buy cuttings from a neighbor. Planting slips is more expensive than vine cuttings. Besides, the fungi which produce rots are less likely to be carried on a vine cutting than on slips pulled directly from the old potatoes. Thus potatoes grown from vine cuttings will probably be free from rot than those grown from slips.

A fertilizer suggested for sweet potatoes is 500 pounds kanit, 300 pounds



Sweet Potato Leaf Roller.

cotton seed meal and 200 pounds of 16 per cent phosphate. This should be applied at the rate of 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre.

Frequent shallow cultivation is important in sweet potato growing, as in the culture of many other crops.—Clemson College Bulletin.

POULTRY NOTES

(By H. L. KEMPSTER, Missouri College of Agriculture.)

As the chicks grow they need more room. It does not pay to let them crowd.

Beware of musty, moldy, sour or decayed food. It is sure to cause trouble.

Tough grass is of no value as a green food. Better sow some quick-growing crop.

Feed hoppers greatly reduce the work. If they are kept filled, the chicks will never go hungry.

Grut and oyster shell should be included in the ration for both young and old. To neglect this would be poor economy.

Young stock will do better if not compelled to pick their living with the old. There will also be less trouble from lice.

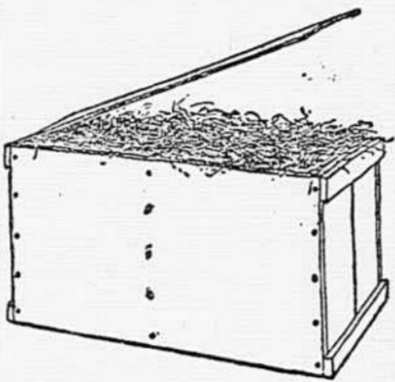
Shade is one of the most important essentials during the hot months. Get the chicks into the orchard and cornfield. It is not too late to plant sunflowers.

TO AVOID EGG LOSSES

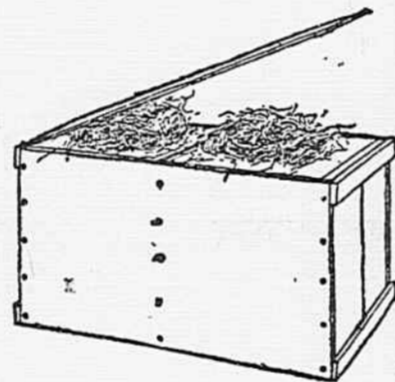
Cause of Great Trouble to Producer and Consumer.

Investigators Find That Approximately Four Per Cent Are Cracked—Much Depends on Quality of Packing Employed.

Cracked eggs are the cause of great trouble and loss to the egg industry from producer to consumer. Every time an egg is handled on the farm or elsewhere it is likely to get shell damage. Occasionally the hen cracks an egg, but that is seldom. The farmer cracks some on the farm, and by the time he has hauled them to the country store or to the shipper investigators find that approximately four per cent are cracked and one-tenth of one per cent mashed or leaking. If the country storekeeper rehandles the eggs and hauls them to the egg shipper, the number of cracked eggs is increased to about six per cent. In addition, three-tenths of one per cent are mashed eggs or leakers that must be thrown out. If, however, the country storekeeper sends the cases of eggs to a nearby shipper by local freight, the total of cracked eggs has risen at the end of the journey to approximately seven per cent, and one per cent more are mashed or leaking. The damage when eggs reach the big cities after a haul of 1,000 miles or more will depend upon the quality of the egg packing, the way the lot is placed in the car, and the way the railroad hauls the car, especially when switching. When the eggs are shipped in car lots and both shippers and carriers do their work well, transit dam-



Excelsior Buffering Properly Placed in Case Makes an Even Soft Cushion Which Prevents Eggs From Shifting.



Excelsior Buffering Improperly Used, Increases Rather Than Prevents Egg Breakage in Case and Distributes Pressure Unevenly on Top Layer.

age is kept down to as little as one per cent, including cracked, mashed and leaking eggs.

Approximately one egg in two cases gets mashed or becomes a leaker on the railroad trip. But when eggs are shipped in less than car lots, the transit damage is generally multiplied many times. The total damage from all handlings of eggs between the hen and the consumer, investigations show, is certainly not less than ten per cent, and may be even greater. The ten eggs out of 100 that are damaged consist of about eight eggs which are lowered in value by cracking and about two eggs which are a total loss.

The following rules for shippers, if practiced, will prevent cracks:

(1) Use only new, strong, standard egg cases, having five, or better, six, three-penny, cement-coated nails at each joint. See that the partition is exactly in the center.

(2) Use "medium," "three-pound," or "No. 1" fillers and flats. The "three-pound" filler gives general satisfaction. Be sure that they are new, and that the tips are not bent or softened. At least five times as many eggs break in fillers that have been used as when they are new and firm.

(3) Never fail to put excelsior, cork shavings, or the little "quarter filler" in the bottom of the case so that the eggs will have an even cushion under them; and be sure to spread excelsior evenly and plentifully over the top flat, or put in a corrugated board in place of the excelsior. The top layer has generally twice as many eggs broken in transit as has any other layer in the case.

(4) Be sure the lid is put on the case so that it fits and is on straight. In nailing the lid down see that the three-penny, cement-coated nails all take hold, and go squarely into the wood. Use six of them at each end.

GROWING CHICKS AND FOWLS

Those Not Permitted Free Range Must Have Variety of Feed or Results Will Be Poor.

While growing chicks and fowls which have free range on a farm will do well in summer on most any kind of feeding, those that have not free range and cannot balance their ration themselves, must have a variety of food or results will not prove profitable.

Notice of Final Settlement and Discharge.

To all whom these presents may concern:

Whereas J. H. Stone has made application unto this Court for Final Settlement and Discharge in re the Estate of Mrs. Leila L. Stone Deceased.

These are therefore to cite any and all Creditors and Kindred, or Parties interested to show cause before me at my office at Edgefield C. H., S. C., on the 28th day of August, A. D., 1916 at 11 o'clock a. m., why said order of discharge should not be granted.

W. T. KINNAIRD,
Judge of the Court of Probate for E. C., S. C.
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