

CHOOSE ALFALFA SEED CAREFULLY FOR SUCCESS.

Suitable seed is an important part of alfalfa growing. While there is comparatively little variety difference, the place where the seed is produced, however, seems of vital importance in determining whether the resulting crop will be winter hardy in various parts of Pennsylvania.

"Extreme care should be exercised in the purchase of seed and the buyer should patronize only thoroughly reliable seedmen, who can guarantee the source of the seed," says J. B. R. Dickey, extension alfalfa specialist of The Pennsylvania State College, in a new free extension circular on "Alfalfa in Pennsylvania." "The undesirable seed is invariably lower in price and often of superior plumpness, purity and color. It is a great temptation to misrepresent such seed or mix it with the good. Cases have been reported where undesirable seed was shipped into localities producing good seed and re-shipped as local grown seed."

Several different kinds of alfalfa seed which are on the market are: Northwestern common, the hardy strain including Grimm, Liscomb, Baltic and Cossack, the Kansas grown seed, the Southwestern grown alfalfa, and the imported strains of Turkestan or Russian, Italian, Argentine, and Peruvian or Bolivian alfalfa seed.

Northwestern common comes from South Dakota, Idaho and Montana. The indications are that this seed is entirely satisfactory and sufficiently winter hardy in any favorable location in the southern half or two-thirds of the State below an altitude of 1,500 feet. This seed is generally fairly abundant in supply and reasonable in price.

"In the northern counties, except on especially favorable locations, such as well drained bottom soils, it is no doubt safer to sow a hardy strain of seed. A good plan in many cases has been to sow 50 per cent. Grimm and 50 per cent. Northwestern seed. This reduces the cost of seeding and if the common alfalfa survives it may make a larger crop than the Grimm. If it fails there will still be plenty of the hardy strain left to make a stand if the seeding is fairly liberal."

Kansas alfalfa seed seems entirely hardy in the southern counties but the Southwestern grown seed from States south of Kansas where winters are comparatively mild is subject to severe winter killing in all parts of the Keystone State and should be avoided. Much of the seed from the southwestern States is of excellent appearance and purity but it is safe to avoid all seed from States having mild winters.

Large quantities of alfalfa seed have been imported from Europe and South America. A small amount of seed coming from northwestern France may be satisfactory and hardy, but as the source of supply is difficult to trace, and as most of it is undesirable all should be avoided.

Deep Snows Have Weakened Game.

This, so far, has been the most severe winter on game of all kinds since the winter of 1917-'18. More feeding has been done by the game protectors, sportsmen, farmers, Boy Scouts and others interested than ever before. Special help has also been employed in a number of cases to help on feeding work.

Regardless of these efforts to feed game, practically all species of small game have been so much weakened by the severe winter weather that stray dogs, stray cats and all kinds of vermin are daily taking an enormous toll.

The officers of the Game Commission have been instructed to make a special drive to curb stray dogs at this time. More than 50,000 rabbits have been stocked and these, as well as the rabbits left over from the hunting season, must be given every possible protection.

Any sportsman who knows of dogs chasing game should report it at once to the nearest game protector, if possible, giving the name and address of the owner so that the work may be expedited.

Notwithstanding the law permits the training of dogs until March 1, a good sportsman will not allow his dog to work on game, under the present circumstances, where injury of future sport may result.

Rather Harsh!

A man is something that can see a pretty ankle three blocks away while driving a motor car in a crowded city street, but will fail to notice, in the wide, open country-side the approach of a locomotive the size of a school-house and accompanied by a flock of forty-two box cars.

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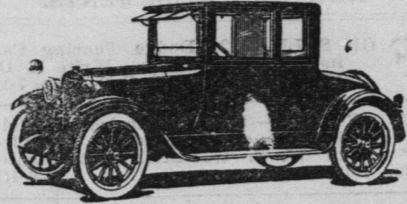
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"Stay away from that town. It's a dead one."

Do you want that to be said of your town? Of course you don't, for you wish, as a matter of local pride, if for no other reason, to have your town stand high in the estimation of the world. But are you sure that you are doing everything in your power to place your town in the position which you wish to occupy? That is the question that every person should ask himself or herself at frequent intervals.

When things are running smoothly, when times are good, and when it is fairly easy to make a good living for the wife and kiddies, it is so easy for a man to forget that these things do not come to a town as a matter of course, but are the result of the right kind of effort on the part of the citizens of the community. It is so easy for a man to grow careless and think that because this condition existed it will continue to exist without any effort on his part or that of the other residents of the community. That is why it is important for every one to stop and think seriously once in a while about what it would mean to him if the prosperity that makes life worth living for him should take wings and fly away.

Nobody Loves a Dead Town.
Nobody likes to live in a dead town. No one even likes to visit a dead town. That is why you sometimes hear that warning, "Stay away from that town. It's a dead one." The town which has the reputation of being a dead one suffers as if from a pestilence. Business men seeking new locations will have none of it. The live traveling salesman, even, will give it a wide berth. Those who live in it will get away if they can.

When a town is live and prosperous, local business is good, real estate values are high and stable, labor is in demand and wages are good, the streets are well lighted, the residents and their property are protected from robbery and fire and good schools are maintained for the education of the children. When a town is dead, there is little money in circulation, store buildings stand empty with "For Sale" signs hanging on the front door, there is little employment for the laboring man, the streets are dark, the schools are crippled.

What sort of town do you want to live in? There is only one answer to that question. You want to live in the live town and enjoy all the good things that come to the residents of such a community.

Answer Easily Found.
The only question then is as to how these prosperous conditions can be created or maintained and it is the easiest thing in the world to find the answer to that question.

If the people of a community will keep their money at home and keep it in circulation among themselves, they need have no fear of ever being compelled to live in a dead town. If the people will patronize their own business men instead of sending their dollars to the mail order houses, the prosperity of the community will take care of itself.

The local stores, to a very large extent, make every town. The taxes paid by the business men of the community are the principal support of the schools and public institutions. It is the taxes paid by the storekeepers, to a large extent, that make possible the public improvements, the fire protection, the street lighting and the many other things which make a town worth living in. The mail order house does not pay any taxes in the town from which it gets its money. It does not help to support the schools or the churches. It does not help light the streets or maintain the fire department. It is the aim of the mail order houses to drive small town merchants out of business, so that the people will be compelled to send to the cities for their merchandise and they are spending thousands of dollars every month to accomplish this purpose. If they should succeed, who would pay the taxes that are now paid by the local merchants? It's a certainty that the mail order house would not pay them.

Issue Is Clear Cut.
Every dollar spent at home helps to make the town a live one.
Every dollar sent away from home to the mail order house helps to make the town a dead one.

The issue is a clear-cut one and it squarely up to every resident of the community, whether a resident of the town itself or of the country surrounding it. The man who does not care whether he lives in a live or a dead town, if there is such a man, need waste no thought on the subject, but the man who wants to live in a live town cannot get away from it. It is up to him to make his town a live one or a dead one.

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