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OUR TOWN UNFORTUNATE.

For some weeks rumors of the existence of scarlet fever in town have prevailed and not only resident families but many city guests have been anxious over the outcome of the situation. The fact is that some three or more weeks ago a family from the city, in which there had recently been scarlet fever, came here and took rooms in a prominent house. Soon after, one of the children fell ill. The physician who was called could not fully diagnose the case and before the disease had sufficiently developed to determine its character, in fact early the next morning, the father, probably surmising the real trouble, with the plea that he wished to consult his family physician, took his family back to his home. This, as subsequent events have proven, was no doubt a case of the fever. Since then several cases have developed and the doubt of immunity among the guests and the uncertainty as to who may have been exposed created a feeling of unrest and fear. Of course, the real situation has been aggravated by exaggerated and wholly unfounded rumors, but as there seemed no possible way to allay the anxieties of his guests, Mr. Bournique, the Bluff House proprietor, determined Wednesday to close his house for a season and so announced to his guests. The house in the meantime will be thoroughly fumigated and disinfected in every part and every means known to science will be called in requisition to completely stamp out every germ of the disease. August 15 the house will reopen with the firm belief that there will be absolutely no danger whatever in it of any contagion. This state of affairs is peculiarly unfortunate for our town and the loss to our citizens will be considerable while the annoyance and inconvenience to summer guests is greatly to be deplored. It is a situation which no human foresight could divert or energy avoid. Every possible precaution against the spread of the disease has been promptly taken and the majority of people here fear no danger as is shown by the number who wish to remain in town and who have sought accommodations at other houses. That the danger, if it existed to any extent, is now past, there is no serious doubt.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS.

Though the act of 1899 relating to supervisors making contracts for taking away the loose stones from the main traveled highways at least once a month from April to October says they "shall annually" do so, the condition of some of the roads would indicate that this has been neglected this year, or those having the contract have not fulfilled it. The provision is a wise one and a little care and almost trifling expense would remove the loose stones and make the roads much better and more comfortable to drive or wheel over. The repeated rains this season no doubt have added to the labor, but this is all the more reason why the law should be faithfully obeyed.

The strike among the steel workers has been arranged. There was nothing in it beyond the attempt of Shaffer to compel the corporations to employ none but union men, which would have resulted, had he been successful, in forcing all laborers into the ranks of the union. The strike, not being based on any sound principle, failed to secure sympathy among the laborers themselves and so really came to naught.

Tomorrow the democrats will determine who shall be their candidates for the several county offices. The campaign during the past few weeks has waxed warm and somebody is bound to be quite disappointed over the result. The loser may console himself with the fact that there are always a few liars in the county and they are apt to be liveliest about this season of the year.

The college professor who is kept coked up during the year in the classroom where his utterances would be likely to be sharply criticized, occasionally breaks out in vacation when he is up before a bunch who look upon him with considerable awe. One from Chicago has lately asserted that in his opinion church hymns are doggerel. He is more an object of pity than of censure, because he is not making a fool of himself; he simply is one, and for that there is no known remedy.

CRIMSON CLOVER & MORTGAGE LIFTER.

Thousands of acres of land in the United States lie bare each fall and winter that might be profitably growing crimson clover. By growing 15 pounds of good seed to the acre in standing corn during August and harrowing well, a good stand can usually be secured. The value of the growing clover is much more than the mere intrinsic worth of the crop. As soon as the corn is removed in the fall the clover makes its start at growing, and is ready to take care of the nitrate as they are created in the soil. It should be remembered also that the clover roots attack and use the minerals of the soil much below the penetration of the roots of ordinary grain crops. This remote fertility is carried upward for root and top development, and, therefore, within the province of the less venturesome roots of the grains, after the clover has decayed. Besides this good performance of the clover, its well-known ability for securing and storing the free nitrogen of the air in itself sufficient to cause it to be much more extensively grown.

Clover binds the soil and keeps it from blowing and washing. Manure can be put on the clover during the fall and winter. The manure stimulates a more vigorous growth and a better crop naturally results. Last spring I had a large acreage of this clover and used it for soiling, ensilage, hay and for plowing down. I have now fine crops growing where it occupied the land through the winter and early spring.

I have grown it successfully for about ten years, and am always careful to get good seed and have it well covered after sowing. Many experiments with it are failures on account of too shallow covering and consequently insufficient moisture to keep it growing. I have made practical demonstrations of its utility for the purposes I have enumerated, but its most universal use is, I think, as a green manure, in adding humus.

Succulent Feed for Autumn.

J. H. SKINNER, IND. EXPR. STA.

The scarcity of pasturage on account of confined dry weather is the cause of many inquiries as to what will furnish succulent food during the fall months. This far-seeing farmer and stockman has long before this having a field of second growth clover, or by planting corn, sorghum, rape, soy beans, cowpeas, or some other such crop earlier in the season when the soil contained plenty of moisture. Their soiling crops are now in a condition to withstand ordinary drouth and will be ready for use by the time the oats and field peas are gone.

Those who have not given the matter attention before this find the pastures getting dry and brown and are face to face with a difficult question, that of providing succulent food for their stock during the fall months. Where corn is grown to any extent, it is doubtless the best succulent food to supplement the pasture. If the soil contains enough moisture to germinate the seed, a piece of stubble can be thoroughly disked, rolled and harrowed and sowed to soy beans or cowpeas, which will make a good growth for pasture during the fall. These crops have been found to resist the drouth very well and make good pasture for livestock. Rye may be sown also. This will furnish splendid fall pasture if we have sufficient moisture in the soil, or rain enough to germinate the seed and keep it growing until it gets a start. Should sufficient rain fall, plant Stowell's evergreen corn, and this will make an abundance of green feed before frost comes.

A good fence must be horse high, bull strong and pig tight. Provoked, "Did little Jim enjoy that children's party?" "I guess so. He wasn't hungry until the next afternoon at four o'clock."—Puck.

"I wonder if there really is any honor among thieves?" "Certainly not. Thieves are just as bad as other people."—Philadelphia Press.

What Happened. The Bachelor—I was at a dinner once at which there were 12 at table. She—Did anything happen? The Bachelor—Yes; two of them were married within a year.—Puck.

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