SENATE PASSES MCNARY-HAUGEN SURPLUS CONTROL MEASURE

MICHIGAN LEARNING **HOW TO PRODUCE** HER ALFALFA SEED

H. C. Rather Says Opportunity Is Here And Rewards Are Good

CROP ASS'N WILL HELP

Offers Growers' Inspection, Certification Service, Seed Grades

By H. C. RATHER Secretary of the Michigan Crop

Improvement Association The production of 572 bushels o. Grimm and Hardigan alfalfa seed in Michigan during 1927, all of which met the certification requirements of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, is a good indication that this state is at least getting a toe hold on the alfalfa seed production in-

It is very unlikely that this 572 bushels of certified seed represents more than one-eighth of the total alfaifa seed production in Michigan An estimate of the production of during 1927 is reasonably conservative, and this quantity of seed will take care of the planting of twentyseven to thirty thousand acres of al beginning to make a little impression on Michigan alfalfa acreage.

Our Seed In Demand Michigan grown alfalfa seed is desirable in this state when it is of good quality and purity. Apparorous here than it is in arid states ing to socialization of farm real es-Michigan State College, is proving to College. roday, and reports from other states will approach a total equal to the

Association is offering an inspection he asserted. that seed purchasers may have full said, and farm real estate has fallen ers the progress of all." protection as to the genuineness,

The Ass'n Grades The alfalfa seed of these varieties which is certified by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association is divided into three grades. Extra No. 1 alfalfa seed, certified under a Blue tag, must have a purity of 99.50 per cent; grade No. 1, sold under a Red Scarcity Makes Our Feeders Fifteen Experimental Planttag, must have a purity at least 99 per cent; while sample grade No. 11, sold under a Yellow tag, is certified as to varietal genuineness and origin and conforms to the Michigan seed

designated as Yellow tag because it Elevator Exchange. contained a little over one per cent the analysis of a fifty gram sample, and it was recommended by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association as being a highly desirable ciation as being a highly desirable feeders for corn imported from Illiconstant for the Michigan Potato Exchange is selecting 15 farmers, each of whom is a member of one of its local exchanges. It will exchange with foundation seed. Some Yellow tag needs for corn important seed is so designated because it con-

The Inspection Work

All of the inspection work on alfalfa seed in Michigan is done by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association of the farmers are interested. Michigan Crop Improvement Association under the direction of the Farm Crops Department of the Michigan WALKER ADVISES State College. The crop is inspected in the field when it is in the seedling stage, whenever possible, and also when it is in bloom, in order that the characteristic blossom of the variety may be determined. At the time that the seed is threshed an Service, 221 North Cedar street vantage: provement Association inspector, or die them separately. special permission may be granted to have it cleaned locally under the

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Weighing 'Em Up in 1928



4,500 to 5,000 bushels of desirable alfalfa seed produced in this state State Is Half-way To Socialized Farm Land

falfa. Thus, the home grown seed is M. S. C. Research Expert Tells to a figure 20 per cent less on the Of Findings In Rural Economics

That Michigan has crossed the ently, natural selection is more rig- half-way mark on the road leadof similar temperature. In six of tate, is indicated by investigation the state alfalfa tests, Michigan com- of college and federal agricultural mon alfalfa seed outyielded the com- experts, according to R. Wayne Newmon from the drier states in the ton, research association in economgan alfalfa, the variety bred at the address Farmers' Week at State in the face of the fact that earnings comfort that a young couple would northwest, in every instance. Hardi- ics at Michigan State college, in an

Michigan's best forage producer | If the situation continues, taxes ndicate a like experience with this amount farmers would pay in rents

Grimm and Hardigan varieties of al. erage of 54 per cent of the net re- ing with the remark that the pres. stability? Maybe I'm old fashioned falfa, in order that growers may have turns to landlords during the eight ent system. "saps our strength at but I truly believe the home acquired Presbyterian church, Wednesday. a wider market for their seed and years, 1919 to 1926, inclusive, he the most vulnerable points and hind-step by step, always within the in-

quent for taxes, and one-third of inated. Michigan farm sales are due to

that the bulk of state and local tax- a model home (We'd all like one es, which are on property, are based I'm sure) and it would be fully on the capital value of the property equipped with every convenience and are the chief factors in creating ac- desire when starting housekeeping, tual value

purity and desirability of the Michigan seed which they buy. **CORN SHOWS WHAT** BORER COULD DO

Pay Out Million Per Month

Importance of European corn borlaw in all respects, but is below the er control in the livestock industry purity or grade standards for Red tag of the state is shown by the fact that seed. However, this Yellow tag or since last November, Michigan feedsample grade seed may not necessar-ily be inferior in planting value to \$1,000,000 monthly for corn importeven the best grade, the Extra No. 1.
One lot of Hardigan alfalfa was

E. Osmer, manager of the Michigan

"The corn crop was short in Michiinert matter. Thus it fell below the gan last fall," Mr. Osmer said. "A Michigan Potato Growers Exchange, 99 per cent purity for No. 1 seed. year ago in February, only 40 cars the Michigan State College and the Were purchased through the Ex-This particular lot of seed, however, were purchased through the Ex- Michigan Farm Bureau Supply Sershowed absolutely no weed seed on change, while this year 140 cars

tains a light mixture of red, alsike preventing the spread of the core of table stock. The Supply or sweet clover. While these mixborer. The establishment of the pest
tures do not depreciate the planting
in the great corn producing states

Service is contributing the propvery poor prospects in the soft winvery poor prospects. Illinois, Indiana,
therefore, the only thing for the value of this seed, they do bring its will mean an increased price for State College. Potato men at the purity below the required 99 per cent of the higher corn and will result in greater feeding costs. If the borer is not concare of the crop. Test plots of ortrolled, the effect will be felt not only by feeders of livestock, but also

J. F. Walker, secretary of the Ohio Wool Growers Association, which inspector of the Association seals it handles the Ohio-Michigan-Indiana in the dirt. It may then be shipped wool pool, gives us these hints in preto the Michigan Farm Bureau Seed paring wool for the pool to best ad-

1. Trim off the dirty tags and Lansing, for cleaning under the su-pervision of the Michigan Crop Im-

same supervision. The re-cleaned to the sack. When this is overdone. seed is again sealed by the Association inspector and official analysis is made, and all seed meeting the sack.

COLLEGE, BUREAU, **POTATO EXCHANGE** TO AID GROWERS

ings To Yield Valuable Information

in the right amounts, and correct the radio program prepared for this managing of the potato crop from special evening's entertainment. cultural, spraying and other standpoints will be worked out this sea- make a farm home attractive today. on by about 15 co-operative associa- A friend of ours very much in need tion farmers, working with the

those farmers certified potato seed 13, 1928. "The state is vitally interested in in return for a given quantity poses of comparison.

Exchange, Farm Bureau Supply Service and the College with these farmers in 15 different localities is expected to bring out some information that will prove of considerable value to the potato industry. The results will be published.

Membership Gives Him Free Claim Service

Among the shipping claims collected recently by the State Farm Bureau Traffic department was one for \$12.29 loss on stock, collected for E. R. Byington, Shiawassee County Farm Bureau member of Corunna. The 30 per cent service charge to a non-member in this instance would have been \$3.69.

is made, and all seed meeting the proper requirements is then tagged according to its grade by the Michionly safe seed to use.

LOOKING AT SOME PROGRAMS FROM A and Seed FARM VIEWPOINT Sample

Mrs. Wagar Believes That The Farm Problem Is Often Soft-Pedaled

CITES "BETTER HOMES"

Farmer Needs Adjustment Of Inequalities In Labor Values

By MRS, EDITH M. WAGAR 'Why haven't you been pushing Better Homes Week? was the ques tion put to me the other day by an intimate friend. My reply was, "The Farm Bureau better homes campaign covers 365 days in the year; in fact our whole program of work centers around our slogan-'A better stand ard of living on the farm and an adequate farm income to pay the

Nevertheless, we are interested in every movement that tends to bring more comfort to the home, but we sometimes feel that too many of these special days and weeks tend to distract our people from the big issue that confronts the farm family today -that is, how to get the wherewit to make homes better.

I listened with much interest the other evening to a man expound the merits of the Better Homes move ment and I wondered just how much More than one-fifth of the rural the needs of the farmer had entered land area of Michigan is now delin-into the scheme when the idea original

How deep had the National Chair mortgage forclosures or other evi- man, for instance, gone into the The greatest evil in the Michigan lined his program of work. We were ax system, according to Newton, is told that there would be on exhibit

"The adoption of a system of taxa- My thoughts took a backward turn tion which will guarantee to each and I wondered if having the latest if they allowed their farms to revert citizen a tax that is proportional of everything provided in a mass as The Michigan Crop Improvement to the state and rented them back, to his ability to pay, is an objective present day prospective home makers which should appeal to both industry seem to require and demand, was and certification service on the Farm taxes have consumed an av- and agriculture," he said, continu- really conducive to happiness and or all time.

cent of the farmers of the country tive committee members were elect own homes, while in the city of New Mrs. George Loomis, Liberty; Mrs. York less than 4 per cent of its popuation have any investment in home son, Rives; Dennis Cobb, Summit wnership. In such instances a Own Roy Cuff, Sandstone. Your Own Home movement might well be inaugurated.

night called "Stay At Home Night." I wonder how much that applies to the average farm home. With the spring work in full swing about that A very interesting and important time, I imagine both the farmer and lemonstration on the importance of his wife will after their every day ertified potato seed over ordinary plan of living be found at home, aleed, the use of proper fertilizer and though perhaps too tired to listen to

> It takes more than "desires" to (Continued on page three)

By Michigan Elevator Exchange Lansing, Mich., under date of April hour day for the farmer and five

WHEAT-Michigan wheat has ad-The co-operation of the Potato son. Prices will be entirely depenmeans lower prices."

> orn is plenty high. It would be our spirit." own opinion the market is due for next three weeks.

OATS-Likewise plenty high. gan to talk about.

to the extremely light stocks on to educate their children as the boys other varieties.

Save Tag

Farmers in Michigan will invest several million dollars in seed this spring. Most of this will be put into the ground without keeping a sample for future reference.

The Michigan seed law requires every sack of seed to carry a tag giving the analysis, germination and date the test was made. This analysis tag should always be saved. When accompanied with a small sample of the seed, say a quarter of a pound, the seed file is complete for that crop.

The growing crop is the final test by which all seed is judged. If mixtures or foreign weeds are found in the field the file sample can be referred to for a re-analysis. On the other hand, on a good stand one has all the information needed to get similar seed for sowing next season.

A small sample of the seed you sow and the analysis tag may not be needed but once or twice in a lifetime. That once or twice may repay the cost of keeping such samples from year to year.

Save some seed! Save the tag!

FARMER IS URGED TO DO LESS WORK, **GET MORE LEISURE**

farmers' real condition when he out- Dr. Mumford Addresses The Annual Meeting Of Jackson County

> Jackson, April 5 .- Increased thinking, shorter hours of work and the application of science to food produc tion, were advocated by Dr. Eber Mumford of the Sociology Depart ment of Michigan State College, as offering a solution to the farm prob lems of today, when he addresse the annual meeting of the Jackson County Farm Bureau at the Firs

R. V. Tanner, Henrietta, was recome, is the home that is established elected president, and James Thom-Dr. Mumford tells us that 70 per son County Farm Bureau. Execu are in the process of owning their ed as follows: Will Warner, Concord; Fred Day, Napoleon; W. E. Ecker

Following the business session the annual Farm Bureau dinner was And during this Better Homes served by women of the church. The Week (April 22-28) will be one program in the afternoon included community singing led by Joel Revnolds, instrumental music by Charlotte and Madeline Phelps of Rives Junction, an address by M. L. Noon, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, and vocal numbers by Mrs. Fred Day. The address by Dr. Mumford followed.

In discussing the difficulties facing the farmers, Dr. Mumford said that putting more acreage to crops did not offer a solution to one of the main problems-over-production, but that the difficulty could be solved by farmers taking more time to think through their problems of organization and using science so that they could produce more food in shorter hours.

"I suppose," said Dr. Mumford 'that when a person talks an eightdays per week that there are plenty of people who will say that it is a crop and we, therefore, can look in getting the good things of life bate. for very good prices for Michigan rather than in always working.

RYE-Not enough left in Michi- industrial centers and that the old ly through misinformation. general property tax imposes an un-BEANS-The supply of Michigan just burden upon the rural districts. live, he declared.

SENATORS FAVOR EQUALIZATION FEE PRINCIPLE MORE THAN TWO TO ONE IN **FACE OF CERTAIN PRESIDENTIAL VETO**

Both Michigan Senators Vote For Bill, Which Gains Strength In Senate; Vandenberg Adds Strong Supporting Statement; News Presents Digest Of Bill

The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill for control of agricultural surpluses passed the Senate Thursday by a vote of 53 to 23, several more than the two-thirds vote required to over-ride a Presidential veto, which is regarded as certain for any kind of a surplus control measure that carries an equalization fee to make it effective.

Both Senator Couzens and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan voted for the bill. Senator Vandenberg issued a statement in support of the measure, which is published into this issue of the News.

Granting that the bill is not satisfactory in every detail, Mr. Vandenberg said, "Agriculture is not a full partner in our present prosperity and should have an opportunity to better its condition. 7 - - President Coolidge said in his last message, We must proceed by trial and rejection.' The new McNary bill is the only opportunity for this 'trial' to proceed.

To Deny Final Chance Is Unthinkable

"Nine specific presidential objections to the McNary-Haugen bill have been corrected in this new measure. Only the equalization fee remains and only as a final alternative. If other methods succeed, this last method will never be invoked. If other methods fail, it is unthinkable that the country should deny agriculture a final chance at 'trial and rejection' in a plan which it almost unanimously seeks and which it wants to operate at its own expense.

Measure Gains Strength

Some interesting developments featured passage of the bill. This year the vote was 53 to 23 as against 47 to 39 the last trip through the Senate, showing a substantial gain in strength. The Senate does not consider the equalization fee a subsidy for Thursday the Senate rejected 64 to 5 Senator Brookhart's substitute measure for a direct subsidy up to six hundred million dollars to meet losses in marketing agricultural surpluses. The Senate also refused to eliminate the equalization fee, by a vote of 46 to 31. The bill now goes to the House, where it is expected to pass with a large majority. It will come up for consideration after the House has disposed of the flood control legislation.

Notwithstanding the apparent majority in Congress, reflecting the temper of the agricultural interests, the Administration has let it be known that any bill carrying an equalization fee will be considered objectionable, which may be interpreted as a veto threat. Last week the President summoned Senator McNary, one of the authors of the bill. Afterward Mr. Mc-Nary said that the equalization fee would remain and that there would be no further major changes.

Senator Vandenberg's Digest of McNary Bill

Sen. A. H. Vandenberg's complete "A bill to establish a Federal vote, follows:

al bill is far from satisfactory in foreign commerce." every detail, I have supported it for the following reasons:

the people owning one-fifth of the the Senate. property enjoy but one-tenth of the national income, something is radically wrong. Such impairment of business and employment generally.

Trial vs Debate

'trial' to proceed. It sets up a feder- Act. The speaker touched upon the Only if they fail will there be fur- such loans. about a 3c to 5c decline during the present tax system so far as it af-ther experiment. In this event we fects our schools. He stated that reach the famous 'equalization fee'

Equalization Fee Needed "4-The 'equalization fee' means the Act. beans is the lightest in many years, so far as the maintaining of public in fact, only that the farmer himself From time to time the Farm and prices are the highest in many schools is concerned. The rural dis- pays for his own ultimate experiment Board, on request of leading co-op years; one balances the other. Due tricts cannot raise enough money in surplus marketing. When a farm associations or on its own motion hand no serious declines are in pros- and girls of our cities are being edu- clared emergency-after all other al- mand with respect to various compect for the next 60 days. Due to cated and there is no reason why ternatives have failed-those raising modities. (Continued on page four)

Statement on the Bill Passed by the Senate

statement on the McNary-Haugen Farm Board to aid in the orderly legislation, issued after the Senate marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus in agricul-"Although the McNary agricultur- tural commodities in interstate and

It provides for a Federal Farm Board of 12, one member from each "1-No one denies that agricul- of the 12 Federal Land Bank disture is not a full partner in Ameritricts, to be appointed by the Presican prosperity. When one-third of dent, with the advice and consent of

This board shall keep itself advised of crop prices, prospects, supply and demand at home and abroad the buying power of one-third of the and the probabilities of surplus and people is one of the handicaps to shall so advise American producers. Commodity Advisory Council

The Board is empowered to create "2-There never can be advance an Advisory Council of seven for each warranty that any legislature form- commodity that may require price ula for farm relief will succeed. stabilization, such as wheat, cotton. President Coolidge said in his last etc. Such Councilmen shall be reprevanced to the highest price in sever- Bolshevism, but it is not. We real- message: 'We must proceed by trial sentative producers of the commodity al years. This has come because of ize that it is impossible to control and rejection. The need is that the and the Council's business shall be 'trial' should begin on the best avai!- to assist the Farm Board in handling able basis so that we may build on its particular commodity, in conand Ohio do not expect to raise half farmers to do is to spend more time experience rather than on futile de-nection with the amount and collection of the equalization fee, advising "3-The new McNary bill is the producers, development of programs dinary seed will be planted for pur- wheat all through the coming sea- thereby producing a surplus which only opportunity for this process of of breeding, planting, etc., under the

dent on weather for the next few "Labor has bought more by pro- al farm board significantly compar- The Federal Farm Board is auweeks. Bids to the farmer today ducing less and the farmer has able to the federal reserve bank thorized to make loans out of the are very good and it would be our bought less by producing more. We board as a primary focus. It requir- revolving fund, to be provided, to coidea to take advantage of existing must get together in more meetings es a serial trial of all the generally operatives to assist the co-ops in conditions and sell any old wheat such as this today. We will get new approved ideas for crop surplus con- marketing in an orderly manner any left at the very good bid now being ideas and inspiration from meeting trol before it permits any innovation. commodity and to control any surwith our neignbors and can go home The president's own ideas of co-op- plus. Provision is made for the terms CORN-It seems to us as though and enter our work with better erative marketing, financed by gov- of such loans and their repayment ernment loans, take precedence. with interest and the total limit of

Powers of the Board

The Farm Board is empowered to wealth is accumulating in our great which has suffered a bad name large- provide necessary clearing houses, terminal markets under co-operative control to carry out its duties under

commodity shows a surplus in a de-shall investigate the supply and de-

the extremely high prices, buyers, this should be so as statistics show this commodity, in effect, assess a Should it find a national, seasonal

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STATE FARM BUREAU'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

LEGISLATION

Passage of the Capper-French Truth-in-Fabric bill; completion and operation of the U. S. Muscle Shoals Nitrates plant and manufacture of fertilizer; opposition to any form of sales tax or of consump-tion tax; retention of federal income tax; Passage of Gooding-Ketcham Seed Stain-ing hill.

TAXATION Relief for sorely burdened farm property by enactment of:

(a) Two cent gasoline tax for highway funds. (b) State Income Tax in place of State's general property levy.

(c) Law forbidding any more tax exempt

(d) Equalization of assessment of farm and city property in accordance with sales values of same.

(Farm Bureau Investigations brought equalization in Calhoun, Ingham, Washtenaw, Monroe and Kalamazoo counties, saving farmer taxpayers \$67,350 excess taxes annually.)

TRANSPORTATION Immediate application of Michigan Zone Rate decision to save farmer shippers in 69 counties \$500,000 annually.

MARKETING

Extension of sound co-operative market-ing program now well under way in Mich-igan.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Adequate protection for farmers against loss by fire, theft, collision, property damage and public liability furnished at reasonable rates. EFFECTIVE OCT. 20,

THE INSANITY PLEA

The public is fast getting tired of the practise of criminals to set up pleas of insanity in an effort to escape the consequences of their acts. Will Rogers has analyzed their formula as being crazy enough to commit the crime, dumb enough to get caught, smart enough to hire an alienist to prove temporary insanity, but still too erazy to be punished.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau at its 10th annual meeting adopted the following resolution, aimed at the doubtful policy of the State hiring alienists to prove the defendant is sane and the defense hiring another set of alienists to show that he is or was insane. The Farm Bureau said:

"We are in favor of legislation eliminating the hiring of alienists to determine the sanity of defendants in murder trials and are in favor of replacing this system by the appointment of a medical commission to make this determination after the guilt or innocense of the defendant has been determined by a jury."

Now comes the New York World, which declares that it is absurd to expect a jury to arrive at a sound conclusion in the matter, and shows how New York proceeds when the plea of insanity is set up, in principle, much as the Farm Bureau recommends for Michigan:

At the Hickman trial we see a repetition of a farce which sooner or later the country will have to do something about. This is the leaving to a jury of the decision whether a defendant is sane or not. This practice, no doubt, had its origin when insanity was a simple matter that anybody could make up his mind about; when a defendant, that is, or was either a gibbering imbecile whose condition was apparent to all beholders, or was sane. But with the Thaw trial it was revealed to the legal world that there was such a thing as modern psychology; that a defendant might be sane so far as the average eye could see and still be insane to the eye of the paid alienist; that here was a defense which offered a sporting chance when any other defense was hopeless. So in the last 20 years it has been offered innumerable times, sometimes without any success, sometimes, as in the case of George Remus,

Yet how can a jury form any opinion on so technical a question as mental disease? Even if it had the benefit of sound evidence it would be as helpless as iil it tried to diagnose some physical disease. But it does not even have this. In the present case, as in most cases that are tried this way, the best it can do is make up its mind between two sets of alienists, both of them obviously biased in favor of their retaining fees. Thus it is in much the same position as it would occupy if it were asked to hear a chiropractor swear the deceased suffered from a curvature of the spine, a chiropodist swear that he suffered from bunions, and then decide whether he died from the effects of a railroad accident.

What is needed, of course, is an extension of the principle that we have recognized in New York. Here, as soon as a plea of insanity is entered, the court may halt the trial and name an expert commission which is not in the pay of either side. commission then examines the defendant. If it finds him insane, he is committed to an institution until he recovers his wits. If it finds him sane, the trial proceeds. Thus a technical question is decided by technicians, and we have a minimum of the kind of nonsense now being heard in California.

Michigan Learning to Produce Alfalfa Seed

gan Crop Improvement Association. Certification Helps Price

The certification service enables the growers to get a better price for advances to co-ops from the stabilizatection for the purchasers. During tion fund have been repaid. the past season Michigan certified Hardigan alfalfa seed of the Blue tag grade was sold out quickly at \$33.00 per bushel. Blue tag Michigan grown Grimm alfalfa retailed at \$27 .-50 per bushel. When the seed is

ity alfalfa seed will have an excellent market for his product for many years to come. He does have two production. If such weather prevails during the first blooming period, those interested in alfalfa seed proapt to run into the frosts.

No Noxious Weeds trolled. Growers attempting seed Board shall determine whether it their crop will be of very low value processing or sale of such unit, on grass have caused the greatest num- of collection. ber of rejections in the certification ment Association, yet catchfly can be person in the marketing process to controlled quite easily if it is pulled collect the fee and account therefor. out in the field. IT CANNOT BF with appropriate penalties for eva-CLEANED OUT OF THE SEED and sion. the Michigan Crop Improvement Association WILL NOT PASS any fields containing catchfly.

Quack grass is almost equally pesiferous, but special machinery can clean it out. This weed should be trol of the Farm Board. gotten under control before the field is put into alfalfa. Write R. H. Hudson or C. R. Megee of the Michigan State College for information on controlling the quack.

Michigan. Persistent effort will control weeds. Official analysis by the financing purchases of, or disposing Chief State Seed Analyst showed one of the commodity surplus (4) equalilot of Michigan certified alfalfa seed to be 99.92 per cent pure. The most ity. of the certified seed is Blue tag purity, that is, better than 99.50 per stabilization fund on any agricultural cent. Michigan's alfalfa seed indus- commodity (1) payments required try must be built on that kind of a by the marketing agreements in refoundation. Write to the Farm spect to the commodity surplus, (2) Crops Department, Michigan State salaries and expenses of such experts College, for more information on a!- as the Farm Board determine shall falfa seed growing.

Digest of McNary Bill

(Continued from page one) and that the loan provisions to co-operatives are not effective to control such surpluses because of inability or unwillingness of the co-ops, then tions handling any staple commodity the Board, after publicly declaring may with reasonable assurance make its findings, shall arrange for the payments to members at time of demarketing of the surplus through co- livery, fairly reflecting the current ops or corporations of co-ops, incor- market value of the commodity, the porated for that purpose. Such mar- Farm Board is authorized to enter keting shall continue until the judg- into an agreement for the insurance ment of the Board conditions no of such co-operative associations onger justify its continuance.

Handling the Surplus members. It shall also provide for Farm Board. all losses, costs and charges arising commodity. * Payments under the

out of the withholding, purchasing out of the withholding, purchasing and disposing of such surplus to be CULTIPACKING AIDS met out of the price stabilization fund (which is advanced from the general revolving fund), and for repayment into the stabilization fund of all profits, after costs, charges and

Crop Control If the Poard finds that its advice regarding planting or breeding of any commodity has been substantially disregarded by the producers, so that the increase is much greater handled through dealers all of the reasonable discounts on these prices a surplus marketing period, and it may terminate any existing surplus

The Equalization Fee

In order to carry out the marketdetermine when his alfalfa seed is ing and non-premium insurance going to set satisfactorily. Bright agreement in respect of any agriculclear weather apparently favors seed tural commodity without loss to the revolving fund, each marketed unit of such agricultural commodity shall, duction will do well to let their alfalfa crop come to full bloom and then watch that bloom. If more than one-half of the blossoms are forming seed pods it will be reasonably safe to take a chance on getting a seed crop. If the majority of the blossoms are and paid as a regulation of interstate and foreign commerce in the made. blossoms are stripping off, the crop should be cut for hay, and while it of the pound to apposition and the company of th

been cut for hay, but in the northern the equalization fee required and part of the state a second crop is too provide the time and it shall remain in effect and the place and manner of its collection. The equaliza-The Michigan alfalfa seed industry tion fee shall not be paid more than cannot prosper unless weeds are con- once on any commodity, and the production must have clean fields or shall be paid in the transportation. or worthless. Catchfly and quack the basis of the most effective means

Provision is made empowering the work of the Michigan Crop Improve- Board to require any designated

> Price Stabilization Funds For each commodity, the Farm Board establishes a surplus marketing arrangement, a stabilization fund will be created, under the con-

There shall be deposited to the credit of the stabilization fund (1) advances from the main revolving fund (2) profits arising out of the surplus marketing agreement on the Clean seed can be produced in particular commodity (3) repayment of advances to co-ops for withholding zation fees collected on the commod

There shall be withdrawn from the be payable from the fund, (3) payments back to the main revolving fund of the stabilization advances from the fund, together with inter-Passed by the Senate est at 4 per cent, (4) service charges payable for collection of the equalization fee.

> Price Decline Insurance In order that co-operative associa-

against price decline under terms defined by the Board. Such insur-Such marketing arrangements ance will run for 12 months, comshall provide for withholding from mencing with the delivery season. the market the portion of such sur- Such insurance may be non-premium plus delivered to the co-ops by their or premium, in the judgment of the

the co-ops purchasing and withhold- Price decline payments required to ing any part of the surplus not de- co-ops under the non-premium type livered by their members. The mar- of price decline insurance, shall be seting agreement shall provide for from the stabilization fund of the

premium type of insurance shall be are pressed back. The job of harves from a premium insurance fund for ting is more easily done with less the commodity, to be established by risk of damage to knives after a the Farm Board. Under the pre- field has been culti-packed or rol- to absentmindedness. mium type, the co-ops would buy led in the spring. price decline insurance from the Farm Board.

volving fund of not less than \$400.

000,000 from the U. S. Treasury, such fund to be administered by the Farm Board, and to be provided by the Treasurer of the United States from time to time, as deemed necessary.

All accounts of the Farm Board shall be kept in accordance with

shall be kept in accordance with government financial regulations an' shall be examined from time to time by the General Accounting Office, in such manner as the Comptroller. in such manner as the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide. Reports shall be made to

It shall be the duty of any establishment in the executive branch of the Government to co-operate in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and upon request of the Board the President shall transfer any officer or employe of the executive branch of the Government to the service of the Farm Board; any branch of the government shall be required to furnish the Farm Board with information and data pertaining to the functions of the Board that may be

contained in that establishment. For expenses of the Farm Board and its establishment prior to July 1, 1929 an appropriation of \$500,000 is asked.

The Act is entitled the Surplus Control Act.

HEAVED WHEAT, **NEW SEEDINGS**

Many Wheat Fields Have Suffered Much Winter Injury

At this season of the year it is apparent that many wheat fields have suffered winter injury and heaving due to the alternate freezing and thawing of soils well charged with water, says Prof. J. F. Cox of the Michigan State Coilege Farm Crops lepartment.

The use of the culti-packer on such fields will result in marked benefit. The culti-packer presses tha earth around the roots of the heaved wheat plants, thus saving a large precentage of plants which otherthroughout any marketing period in wise would die, and giving partially duction will do well to let their al-

Seedings of alfalfa and sweet clover made in early spring are also greatly benefited by culti-packing immediately after the seeding is

will be a little coarser than it would, had it been cut in the earlier blossoming stage, there will still be a desirable crop of hay. Growers in the southern and central part of Michigan may try this same procedure on the commodity, and from time are filled or smoothed out and rocks. the second crop when the first has to time shall publish the amount of which have worked above the soil

Absentmindedness The conversation at a recent meeting of the City Club somehow turned

One member told about a neighbor of his. "On the way down town the other morning," he replied this bird thought he'd left his watch at The proposed Act provides a re-volving fund of not less than \$400.- ter English Week we are told about home, and then he took it out to see

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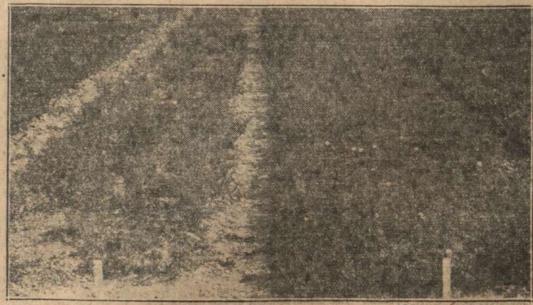
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Which Will Your Alfalfa Look Like After Three Winters?



Test plots at Michigan State College, showing at the left southern grown alfalfa seed after the third winter; at the right, hardy, northern grown Michigan adapted seed after the third winter. Plots were planted in 1922; photographed summer of 1925. The growing test is the best answer to the question of adaptation.

Insist on Michigan Adapted Alfalfa

Much southern grown alfalfa seed is blended with good northern seed and sold to northern farmers. Southern grown seed is not adapted to the rigors of this climate and is usually very susceptible to disease and winter killing. There is the real reason for many a promising alfalfa stand petering out the second and third seasons.

When you buy your alfalfa seed, insist on domestic seed that is fully adapted to Michigan. Look on the tag for the place where it was grown and the guarantee.

Michigan Farm Bureau Brand Grimm, Hardigan, certified Michigan grown Grimm, and Utah common alfalfa seeds are domestic Michigan adapted seeds and are guaranteed to the grower as such. They are of high purity and germination. You get them in sealed Farm Bureau Brand sacks, exactly as they leave our warehouse. Place your order with your nearest cooperative ass'n now.

> Michigan Farm Bureau Seed Service Lansing, Michigan

ELP FOR POORER CHOOL DISTRICTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

ourt Holds Funds Must Be Distributed On Basis Of School Population

The aid the 1925 legislature atnpted to extent to the poorer rawn by a ruling of the state sueme court

A decision by Judge Leland W. rr of the Ingham circuit court. t setting aside five per cent of the and for distribution exclusively to he poorer districts, was upheld. It was a victory for the Detroit board of education which instituted the Detroit would be deprived of \$200,000 or \$300,000 a

As a result of the supreme court which has been held up by the auditor general for two years, will be ap-damage to motor vehicles or acci portioned to all counties in direct dent insurance premiums. ratio to the number of children of

tion has laid down the tenet that the bled by the bureau census. fund, which amounts to about \$16,-

and hearts of legislators, but they of courtesy and caution." are powerless," the supreme court opinion read.

"Until 1925 the basis of apportionment was the count of school children in a district. A child in either Goebic or Wayne was favored alike. The count of children as a of five per cent of the fund in un- death, March 29. equal manner it might dispose of a larger part or all."-Newberry News.

The State Farm Bureau was heartily in sympathy with the good in- the council. He read the report by Berrien County Farm Bureau wrote thousand. Gov. Green and the State Adminisrative Board as follows:

ipnorable Fred W. Green, Governor, State of Michigan,

Lansing, Michigan.

educational assistance as provided by of death.

the Turner Bill adopted by the Michigan Legislature at its last session and we believe that it should be put into operation at the earliest possible moment in order to relieve the tax ourden which many of our poorer chool districts are endeavoring to

We trust that the Administrative Board will give this measure care- Highway Tax Changes, ful consideration.

BERRIEN CO. FARM BUREAU by J. A. Richards, Sec'y.

hoof districts of the state was with-**LIVES DURING 1927**

olding unconstitutional the 1925 Five Per Cent Increase In Accidents Over Year 1926 Is Reported

Highway accidents took a toll of 26,618 lives during 1927, the American Road Builders' association year by the diversion of five per states. The estimate made public includes serious injury to 798,700 persons and an economic loss for approximately \$1,600,000 the year totaling \$672,097,000. The economic loss does not include minor

The highway accident figures are school age rather than only to those based on an increase of 5.2 per cent counties where the number of chil- over 1926. The American Road dren is out of proportion to the as- Builders' association reported 25, sessed valuation of property and the 302 persons killed in that year, in ability of the tax payers to maintain addition to 759,500 seriously injured. The increase of 5.2 per cent wa The court held that the constitu- shown in a progress report assem-

"The unfortunate increase in high-000,000 a year, must be distributed way accidents makes imperative an on the basis of the count of school immediate adoption of uniform train children and no other. The decision fic codes, and an expansion of the evidently bars further primary school nation's road building programs, legislation in the interests of the officials of the association declared. poorer districts unless a constitution- "The human factor is the main ele al amendment is authorized by the ment contributing to these accidents but that human factor could to "That in some school districts tax- large extent be offset by adequate es are nearly if not quite confisea- motoring facilities and regulation, tory appeals strongly to the minds coupled with the individual practice

I. J. Godfrey

Michigan Farm Bureau membera throughout south eastern Michigan who were acquainted with I. J. Godfrey, secretary of the Jackson County basis is historical and of long stand- Farm Bureau ever since its organiing. If the legislature may dispose zation, will regret to learn of his

The chairman of the local coun cil in Ireland was not an educated man. He was given his account of the year's splendid work done by tentions of this bill and supported it the medical officer of health, and in the Legislature. Just recently the quoted the death rate as 12.9 per

'Mr. Chairman," asked one capital out of his lack of education, "what does 12 point mean?"

"What does it mean?" replied the chairman, looking severely at his We are heartily in accord with the have died and nine are at the point

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Attention! **Wool Growers**

The Michigan Farm Bureau Wool Pool will market wool co-operatively in 1928 with the Ohio Wool Growers Ass'n, under the plan so successful since 1924.

1. Wool will be accepted for the pool on contract only. Write for a contract now and make pooling arrangements.

The wool pool sales charge, which includes grading, marketing, insurance and warehousing, is guaranteed at 2 % cents per pound. Freight is extra.

3. An additional handing charge of ¼ cent per pound will be made Farm Bureau members and 1 cent per pound to non-Farm Bureau members to reimburse the Michigan Farm Bureau for expenses incurred in organizing the pool and assembling the

4. Liberal cash advances, if requested, will be made as before, on the arrival of wools at the Columbus The pool will charge the same rate of interest it has to pay for money.

5. Wool will be loaded at points where it can be assembled most conveniently. Instructions will be furnished from the State office. Sacks will be furnished marketing members. Don't ship any wool without instructions.

6. Contract blank and full information may be obtained by writing the Michigan Farm Bureau Wool Pool, Lansing, Mich.

Use This Coupon

Michigan Farm Bureau Wool Pool LANSING, MICHIGAN.

Please send me a 1928 Wool Marketing Contract. You to furnish sacks for shipping wool at your direction.

Don't delay filling out and returning this application

What Members Say,

The Michigan Farm Bureau News is Glad to Hear From Members on Matters of Interest

Zone Markets, Asked Michigan State Farm Bureau News,

ansing, Michigan. Gentlemen:

Knowing you are anxious to ave a continual Forum among your Michigan Farm Bureau News Bureau members, may I mention a Lansing, Mich. ew issues I should like to see ma- Dear Editor:

erialized.

Second, a stationary \$5 license for the life of a car. In regard to the farm relief

neasure, would it ever be possible to take under consideration the esablishment of a zoning system similar to that employed by our U. S. Government in its "Parcel Post," by which move by our Government put the express companies with their normous overhead as a monopoly The next step required would be to establish a suitable number of enor-These markets could be served tive of best results.

o the public at first cost, at the will c. Other commodities on a similar pile. asis. The function of the zoning

fore least expensive market, for him.

CHARLES VOGT.

Penney Takes Kindly

First, a higher gas tax to take every two weeks and sure enjoy principles. are of new roads and road improve- reading it. We see that the Farm more can be done.

GEORGE PENNEY. Midland, Mich.

For Long Term Plates

Michigan Farm Bureau News Lansing, Michigan.

I believe the 3c gax tax should nous markets, for instance, at Chi- continue for at least another year as St. Louis, Cincinnati, Detroit, to frequent changes are not produc-

A longer term for license plates is of automobile trucks or freight-per desirable; but "permanent" is too example—apples per bushel in crates long. It would tend to fill the highould be delivered to Chicago at 2c ways already crowded in many places lb. to be retailed in Chicago at with old cars fit only for the junk

Yours very respectfully, would be merely to have the farmer Paw Paw, Mich. M. H. PUGSLEY. enabled to send to the nearest, there- Van Buren County.

nights this venerable bard can be

heard playing the Toreador's Song

from "Carmen", or the Song of the

Indian Prince from "Sadko" in the

parks and streets near the opera

house; and his picturesque figure

inevitably blends with one's memor-

ies of Moscow winter .- W. H. C., in

From Farm Viewpoint

of some papering and painting se

cured a man (interior decorator,

should say) to do the work for her

and her experience is one that should

be studied by both the Better Homes

committee and the farmer himself.

his head save his heels, for he made

And still there are folks so

How can we have the better things

Until some of these differences are

so tired of hearing so many people

They're full of advice,-most of

We don't need their pity; we de

could enjoy the same footing they

a few years or until they could get

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Looking at Programs

Winter Moscow

Winter is far and away Moscow's est and most characteristic season The spring is late and uncertain; the utumn is bleak and rainy; summer s apt to be a time of dusty street. and uneven temperatures. Moscow has more than its share of nipping frosts; the thermometer often registers 10 and 20 degrees below zero. while 30 degrees and even higher igures are not unknown. But the This man worked eight hours a day winter days have a crisp, exhilarating for one dollar per hour and he showang about them; it seldom feels as ed no early training either in letting

cold as the mercury indicates. These cold, clear Russian days and no special effort to rush to the next nights have their cheerful sounds job. Now taking our home market and sights and associations. The for raising the price to pay him, our streets take on a permanent covering friend must sell 32 dozen of eggs or of congealed snow and ice. Instead 5 bushels of wheat or 13 bushels of of the 10,000 or more droshkies, or oats, or 300 lbs. of milk or 51 his opponents, thinking to make little cabs, which drive about the bushels of potatoes or a hundred streets in the summer, there appear pound pig to pay him for one day's an equal number of sleighs with work, jingling bells, driven by the same dense as to say there's no farm probquestioner. "It means that out of typical bearded peasants, muffled up lem today, every thousand inhabitants twelve in heavy sheepskin coats that seem. How can to render them immune against any of life when there is this wide differ-Jegree of frost.

Quantities of snowflakes find their vay into the crevices of the statues adjusted and until our farm folks of Pushkin and Gogol on the main wake up to their greatest need-real ous melon-shaped domes and the less zation-these great national home frequent spires of the Moscow campaigns will be for the barber and churches shine out with burnished the decorator and butcher rather radiance against the general white than for us farm folks. I'm getting

The Soviet capital is not a city talk for the farmer today-many of of luxuries; but winter is the time whom would no more think of living to enjoy one of its most appetizing on the farm under present condition products: the rich, thick whipped than I would of living in the slums cream which some gourmands con- of New York. ume by whole glasses along with their cocoa or chocolate in the cafes them tell us to work more; many exin the central part of the city. The tend their pity that we don't know eaviar which comes from far-off enough to choose good things; we've Astrakhan and which in its luscious lacked training in higher appreciafresh form is only to be had in Rus- tions, etc. sia, also seems more tempting in the bracing winter days than at any oth- test their advice. If the farm folks

Skiing and skating take first rank were on just previous to the war for among the winter sports of Moscow, The Russians have always enjoyed their heads above water, they could a reputation as expert skaters; and the frozen ponds of the city on winter evenings are crowded with devotees of this sport, some of whom merely go through the simplest movements while others are able to cut complicated figures on the ice. And on any holiday one may see throngs of young people going out to test their skiing prowess on the low, sloping hills in the neighborhood of

The favorite headgear of the Muscovite in winter is the tall Astrakhan cap, so-called because it is made out of black wool, grown on the Kirghiz steppes, in the region of the Lower Volga and the Caspian sea. Among the younger women a leather head covering, shaped like an aviator's cap and called "the Lindbergh" is very much in style during the pres-

ent season Snow and frost are all-prevailing during the Moscow winter. Snow falls frequently and in plentiful quantities. In the outlying parts of the city one can easily flounder in huge drifts, and the occupation of hurling snow and ice off the roofs of the houses provides employment for a considerable number of ablebodied citizens and occasional excitement for the casual passerby. The double-paned windows of the tramcars freeze up so tightly that it is always something of a guess to know where to get off, although some passengers by assiduously blowing on the frosted panes, provide valuable little loopholes for

themselves and others. If one were looking for the genius of the Russian winter one could perhaps find him in an old musician with a flowing white beard who repeats the melodies of the night's opera on his flute. On the coldest

ment for this comfort. I listened with much disgust the

other evening to a supposedly farm with what we get handed out to us. wax was made only of shellac, colleader preaching co-operation farmers, telling his listeners the must bring their neighbors into the fold and he bemoaned the fact that he farm organizations did not co operate; yet he advised his audienc to write their Congressman to stil ppose the McNary-Haugen measure To Farm Bureau News in face of the fact that it had been reported out favorably by the Agri cultural Committee 15 to 6, and also that seven out of nine of those same We receive the Farm Bureau News farm organizations had endorsed its

How can anyone be so two-faced Bureau is sure doing things for the on co-operation and openly refuse to good of the farmers, and hope still co-operate just because some of his colleagues are personally interested n something else? How much dependence can an organized group put into such leadership if they do any thinking for themselves? If I were to extend any advice at all, it would be But Not Permanent to the laymen of an organization that as soon as any leader showed any disposition to let personal am bition enter into his work it is high time to drop him. If our public of ficials put party preference ahead of

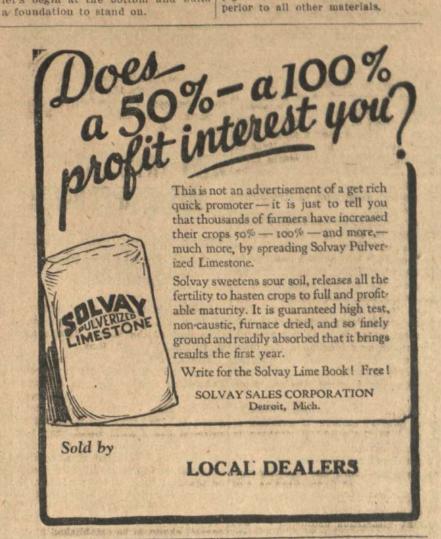
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soon prove to the world that they the needs and desires of their conhave sense enough to have comforts stituents they are not worthy of repof life and could really use average resenting those constituents. And a sealing wax, being mixed with intelligence in choosing the equip- until we farm folks realize the importance of working for corrective legislation we'll have to be satisfied

> let's begin at the bottom and build pigment, and this has been found sua foundation to stand on.

Common beeswax was first used as

earthy materials to give it consistency. The Venetians brought the Indian The Indian sealing wax to Europe. Let's work for better homes, but ored with vermilion or some other perior to all other materials.



Could These Things Happen To You?

The following stories are taken from the records of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and show why more than 10,000 Michigan farm families have decided not to begin the new year with any worry as to what might happen to their cars, or their life savings or their personal futures if they should have an automobile accident on the highways or elsewhere:

A policy holder put his car in a park-ing place for hire in Detroit. The car was stolen. In a few days it was recovered, partially stripped. The parking ground refused to make good. paid the policy holder's expenses to Detroit and return, restored the car to its former condition; later recovered by legal process from the parking ground and was able to pay the policy holder for some things not covered in the policy. If the car had not been found within 60 days, the policy holder would have recovered the full insured value of the ear.

A policy holder up north used an electric heater to warm his engine, a practice quite common there. caught fire. This policy holder is being protected, and the damage was considerable. Another policy holder undertook to warm his motor with a gasoline torch, and got into trouble. His loss is being cared for.

No. 3 Another policy holder was very thank-

ful to recall he had a State Farm Mu-tual policy covering collision when his car was sideswiped by another car and driven against a tree. The company paid \$420 to repair his car. No. 4

An Indiana policy holder got into trouble at Manistee, Mich. His car was promptly attached, holding him there. He appealed to our Lansing office at State Farm Bureau headquarters, which arranged his release by telephone and sent him on his way rejoicing. care of our policy holders anywhere in the United States or Canada,

No. 5
Another policy holder is resting easy under our liability protection. He had an accident and three suits against him for large sums were the result. He can go on about his business without further anxiety for we are bound to defend the suits and stand the loss, if any, without further cost to him, up to the limit of the policy.

There are hundred of other cases. The State Farm Mutual has adjusted thousands of losses throughout the country the past year, several hundred of them in Michigan. If you drive without insurance, you are betting everything you have that you won't have an accident. It may cost you the savings of a life time. Why not let us carry at farm rates your risk on fire, theft, public liability, property damage to others and your own possible collision loss?

We have farmer agents and adjusters everywhere, affording genuine protection at remarkably low rates to those who can qualify. For further information, write our Lansing office.

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MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU SEED SERVICE Lansing, Michigan

CLEANING BLASTS KILL 800 WOMEN IN SINGLE YEAR

Electric Spark Generated By with loose smut. The hot water Friction of Clothes Is Blamed

The use of gasoline, benzine or naphtha by housewives or others in cleaning clothing has great dangers.

Grim proof of this is to be found in the fact that during a single year almost 800 women lost their lives in the United States when static electricity, induced by friction, caused the WHO OWNS THE the United States when static elecignition of the clothing that was being cleaned, according to fire insurance records.

As a result of an explosion recently in the laundry of a home in the the housewife had poured gasoline in a washing machine to clean window curtains, the father, mother and a two and a half year old child were killed, two other children and two surrounded by a blackened wet mass of ruins of brick, mortar and charred timber, is all that remains of a com

or gas flame in the basement or anyof the gasoline; the other that static electricity created by the friction of the curtains in the machine was responsible for the disaster.

As the explosion occurred in a tightly enclosed basement room, extensive structural damage was done by the initial concussion, the front part of the house being blown into the street. According to the statements of people in nearby houses, the building was practically demolished by the explosion before the ensuing fire had gained any great headway. The explosion was sufficiently violent to do material damage to dwellings on both sides of the one in which the tragedy occurred.

All of which serves to emphasize the fact, that too great care cannot be exercised in the handling of gasoline. This for the reason that a gallon of the fluid has substantially the power of eighty-three pounds of dynamite, when mixed with air. No only this, but a gallon of gasoline will give off 130 times its bulk in vapor, and when vaporized will convert 1,500 times its volume of air into an explosive.

CORN IS AIDED BY SEED TREATMEN

Inexpensive Dusting Checks Disease, Increases Yields

The United State Department of Agriculture has just issued Circular No. 34 in which are given the results If it obtained by treating seed corn with three different chemical dusts.

If it were possible to eliminate all diseased seed by careful selection and laboratory germination tests the treating of seed corn would be unnecessary. Since this is not the case, increased yields of from one to eight bushels per acre have been obtained from treated seed.

Another factor influencing the advantages of seed treatment is unfavorable weather, which is discussed in the bulletin as follows:

"When corn planting is followed by a period of unfavorable weather the benefits from seed treatment are more pronounced than when the weather following planting is favorable. Seed treatment with a satpossible early planting with a great- its tender gleam down on the young er degree of safety from loss of seed handsome couple who sat strangely ing is desirable to obtain the larg- Finally: est possible yields of well-matured corn, this advantage of seed treatment is of great practical impor- into his; then rising swiftly, she

tance. The actual cost of treating seed corn is approximately three cents per In his palm lay a nickle. acre. This is a cheap insurance against a cold wet spell immediately after corn is planted. A week or ten days delay in planting often means soft corn in Michigan.

First Silver Dollar silver dollar was commenced in 1793, tence. And, besides, lose the box.

Copper Dusting Doesn't MAMMOTH POWER Finish Loose Smut

Copper carbonate dusting, which as proved convenient and effective flag smut and stinking smut is not effective when the grain is infected treatment is required to penetrate the grain and kill the fungus inside the kernel. Directions for the hot water treatment as well as other methods of disinfection are printed in ington, D. C.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER?

U. S. Should Pay Flood Control Costs

In Washington, D. C., committees servant maids were seriously injured. of both the House of Representa-A great gaping hole in the ground, tives and of the Senate debate and study flood control plans.

The Administration declares itself And the American Farm Bureau fortable three story twelve room Federation stands firm on its posi-It develops that the father brought Meeting last December when delehome several gallons of gasoline to gates, not only from the states which while the Croton dam, also in this ity so to rule; and this bill expressbe used in the washing machine in suffered the drastic flood of last county, has a 50-foot head and a cally permits this test without impaircleaning curtains. There was no fire Spring, but from all over the nation, pacity of 13,000 horsepower. gathered and established a specific where near where the washing ma- program declaring that levees should chine was located in the basement of be the first time of defense; that dithe home. Two theories are advanc- version channels be established to ed as to the cause of the fire and re- give more flowage capacity in the sultant disastrous explosion - one lower regions of the Mississippi; that that an electric spark from the wash- paralel channels be established above ing machine motor ignited the fumes the diversion channels; that surveys of tributary streams be made; that reservoirs should be established; that reforestation be encouraged; and then the Farm Bureau ended its floor control policy by specifically stating "And all expenses of the abov plan to be borne by the Federal

This position of the Farm Bureau s being attacked. And it seems very fitting and appropriate at this time to again quote that poem written by to again quote that poem written by Douglas Malloch that appeared in the "American Lumberman" last spring. \$6.00: Fire Dried, splendid type, high germination. E. R. York, Three Rivers, Mississippi weeked out hypothesis. 4-14P Mississippi washed out hundreds of housands of acres of farm lands and prought death and destruction to a ast inland territory. Here is the vay poetical Douglas Malloch stated he Farm Bureau policy:

"WHO OWNS THE RIVER "

The river belongs to the nation,
The levee, they say, to the state;
The government runs navigation
The commonwealth, though, pays the

Now, here is the problem that's heavy— Please, which is 'the right or the wrong? When the water runs over the levee, To whom does the river belong?

'It's the government's river in summer When the stage of the water is low But in the spring when it gets on a hummer

And starts o'er the levee to flow;
When the river gets suddenly dippy
The state must dig down in its till
And push back the old Mississippi
Away from the farm and the mill.

"I know very little of lawing,
I've made little study of courts,
I've done little geeing and hawing
Through verdicts, opinions, reports:
Why need there be anything more said
When the river starts levees to climb?
If the government owns the aforesaid
It must own it all of the time.

'If the bull you are leading should bellow And jump over somebody's fence. There isn't much doubt you're the fellow Expected to bear the expense: If it follows a Sunday school teacher And chases the maid up a tree, You're the owner the same of the creature

Undoubtedy all will agree.

"If it's your Mississippi in dry time,
It's yours, Uncle Sam, when it's wet.
If it's your Mississippi in fly time,
In flood time it's your river yet,
There's no other way you can make it,
And so, when I give the alarm,
Come get your darned river and take it,
Away from my timber and farm!"
(Douglas Malloch in "American
Lumberman.")

Article in the Bureau Farmer

He Traveled

For hours they had been together isfactory dust disinfectant makes on her frent porch. The moon cast and labor. Inasmuch as early plant- far apart. He sighed. She sighed.

"I wish I had money, dear," he said, "I'd travel." Impulsively, she slipped her hand

sped into the house. Aghast, he looked at his hand.

This contribution came in unsolicited: "Pack my box with five dozen jugs of liquor," is said to be the shortest sentence containing all the letters in the alphabet. If the Sheriff's force of this county catches you with such a box you will change your The colnage of the United States mind about the shortness of the sen-

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> er and will be the largest hydro- lage. Grand Rapids Press. electric development in the state.

The company has appropriated \$25,000,000 for the constuction of Senator Vandenberg's the new dam, which will be known as the Ox-Bow dam and for the addition and improvements to the oth-

tion as stated at the Ninth Annual kegon river has a head of 38 feet zation fee' is unconstitutional, the

The Ox-Bow project will have a apacity 11 times that of the Rogas high as the Croton dam and 3 measure. Only the 'equalization agriculture affecting the whole tone times the height of the Rogers dam. fee' remains, and only as a final al- of American prosperity is entitled to three or four years to complete the the last method ,will never be in portunity.' structure. While the exact site has voked. If other methods fail it is not yet been definitely selected of- unthinkable that the country should ficials of the company have approxideny agriculture a final chance at were doing the sights of the town. mately decided upon a site in Good- 'trial and rejection' in a plan which Soon they came to a show, where Newaygo, Mar. 10 The Consumers will township. The proposed con- it almost unanimously seeks and a ticket announced, "Children half Power Co. will start work this spring struction will result in the employ- which it wants to operate at its own on a \$12,000,000 power dam on Mus- ment of 500 men for a three-year pe- expense. Some recourse is necessary kegon river on the Mecosta-Newaygo riod and Morley will be made the or the day will come when America Farmers' Bulletin 1540-F, obtainable county line, according to recent an construction headquarters for the will go hungry. upon application to the United States nouncements. The new project will company. The dam will be approxi. The process of 'trial and rejection' Department of Agriculture, Wash- have a capacity of 35,000 horsepow- mately six miles west of that vil-

Statement on the Bill

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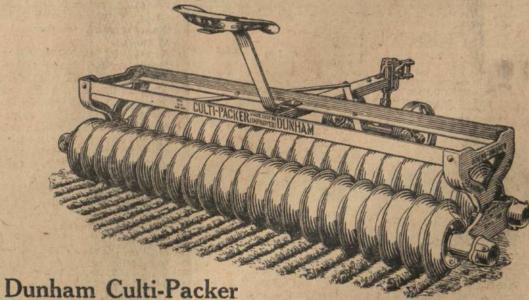
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