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ANOTHER WEEK.

A LOCAL CONTRIBUTOR'S SNAKE STORY.

Discovery of a Lead Mine in Our Village.

MR. E. N. HARRISON LOSES A THUMB.

Field and Fence Fires--Close Call for Mr. Blain.

IN MEMORY OF SETH T. ROBINSON.

Meeting of the Grand River Valley Horticultural Society.

ARE FIXING UP THE ISLAND PARK.

Arrests, Picnics, a Wedding, and 3' mother Things.

A SNAKE STORY.

On the afternoon of August 11, when the train men of the L. & H. railroad took the locomotive across the river to turn around, the engine was run upon the turn table. Brake-man McLane started to go to the other end when he stepped over something he supposed was an old piece of black fire hose. He looked again and there under his feet lay a snake fully fifteen feet long and at least five inches in diameter. Engineer Moffat saw him jump, and looking out from the engine could get a good view of the reptile; and he will swear that the snake was large enough to swallow a good sized dog. This is probably the same snake that was seen several years ago three or four miles south. Both men declare the snake was so large that they would not attempt to kill him if they had guns, as one false move would certainly result in death to the hunters, the snake being so large it could easily crush a man in its coils. The people in the neighborhood are talking of getting up an army of hunters as they are now afraid to venture out of doors alone. There is a boiling spring near by which will be left to his snakeship hereafter.—[A contributor.

A LEAD MINE.

W. R. Huston, who lives on what is known as the Walker farm, in the western part of the village, has been boring for a well. At a depth of twenty-seven feet the drill struck what proved to be a vein of lead. The drill passed through three feet of the ore, and at the present depth of thirty-five feet there is still plenty of the mineral. Mr. Huston will investigate the find more completely and determine whether the lead exists in sufficient quantity to pay to work. The outcome will be awaited with considerable interest.

UNFORTUNATE.

Last Saturday afternoon, while engaged in using a rip saw at the cutter factory, E. N. Harrison had the misfortune to completely sever the thumb from his right hand. His sympathizing employers and fellow workmen promptly raised a purse of \$50 for the sufferer, and Dr. McDannell dressed the hand and made him as comfortable as possible.

RUNNING FIRES.

The long continued dry weather has dried up everything, meadows and all, until a spark was sufficient to start a blaze anywhere. There have been fence and meadow fires along all the railroads, and in many places it has taken hard fighting to save crops and buildings, while from the northern peninsula come reports of burning towns. The nearest approach to a

serious conflagration in this vicinity was at the home of N. D. Blain, last week, when fire caught in the grass in some accountable manner and put that gentleman's possessions in imminent peril. It took hard fighting to save the property. Charles McCarty has had some experience, too. His farm borders on the D., G. H. & M. railroad, and sparks from the engine started a fire which burned over twenty-seven acres of meadows, 100 rods of fence and 300 fence posts. The railroad folks promise to make it right.

OBITUARY.

Seth T. Robinson, of whose death we made brief mention in our last issue, was born at Scipio, N. Y., in 1829, and was named after Seth Thomas of clock renown.

He came with his parents, and forty-two other Robinsons to Grand River in 1835. Their conveyance from Buffalo to Grand Haven being a small sail vessel. In 1837 his father with his family settled on the farm where Seth died, and where he has lived most of his life.

He was for several years in the employ of the government as Indian interpreter, being perfectly familiar with their dialect, having of necessity learned it in his boyhood days, as others than Indian playmates were scarce. While acting in that capacity he was stationed at Pentwater, Michigan.

Seth was a very zealous and active member of Ionia commandery, K. T., Hooker chapter No. 73, R. A. M. and Lowell lodge No. 90, F. and A. M.

He leaves a wife and son. At a special meeting August 11, 1893, Lowell lodge No. 90, F. and A. M., adopted the following:

MEMORIAL.

Died at his home in Vergennes August 9, 1893, Seth T. Robinson, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Death has again invaded our ranks and Brother Robinson has been called before the Supreme Grand Master. His life closes only to open on a newer and higher one, where in a purer lodge our brother will find eternal truth and rest. His life was pure and upright; his conduct such as to receive the respect of the community and the affection and esteem of his brethren, and his death takes from our lodge one who was always at his post.

To the bereaved widow and family we extend our sympathy. May they have strength to bear their great affliction and be comforted with the thought that "He doeth all things well."

S. P. HICKS,
C. G. STONE,
CHARLES ALTHEN,
Committee.

HORTICULTURAL MEETING.

The Grand River Horticultural society will hold a session on the Island, Tuesday, August 22. Subject for discussion "peaches." Fruit growers, and all other persons interested, are invited to attend. A basket picnic will be included in the program. Come prepared.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Fred Winegar was arrested on a charge of assault and battery made by John Roth, and was fined by Justice Hicks \$10 including costs. Fred is wrathful and vows vengeance, and the end is not yet.

HARVEST PICNIC.

The Union Harvest picnic will be held at Saranac, Wednesday, August 23. Everybody invited. Governor Rich and James Scully will address the meeting. No gate fees will be taken.

OUR ISLAND RESORT

must be fixed up. People don't half appreciate the natural beauties of the island picnic ground in this village. If you haven't been there in several years just walk down and refresh your memories. Let past differences be forgotten, and with shoulders to the wheel, let our good, public-spirited citizens see that something is done each year to add artificial adornment to nature's gift. In view of past and coming picnic parties and public gatherings, something has already been done. A new speaker's stand has been erected and about thirty benches made, and picnic tables will soon follow. It is suggested that a bridge be built between islands No. 1 and 2; and one enterprising citizen advocates the building of a permanent stone dam below the islands to back up an additional eighteen inches of water, which would make fine boating, and make the locality a resort indeed. Amen! Let the good work proceed. Brother McCarty will please lead in action.

MATRIMONIAL.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, near Elmdale, on Wednesday evening, August 9, by the Rev. E. H. Shanks, Miss Lizzie Murphy to Christian Wieland. A few friends and relatives were present. Some valuable gifts were bestowed upon the happy couple, and a bountiful repast served.

AN ARREST.

On Tuesday of this week, Charles Blakeslee, agent for the Kent County Humane society, arrested Thomas Leece for over-driving and whipping his horse. Taken before Justice Hicks, Leece pleaded guilty and was fined \$9 90 including costs. Agent Blakeslee says that abuse of animals in this section must stop.

AT THE ISLAND.

The Eastern Star ladies had a picnic on the Island yesterday, the Women's Relief Corps follow suit on Saturday, serving tea and coffee to which all are invited. The Grand River Horticultural meeting Tuesday, and the Freeport Sunday school picnic Wednesday completes the bill for the present.



Get a Souvenir of Lowell.
Lowell fair Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Mrs. A. Peck has returned from her trip north.

County Clerk Eddy was in town over Sunday.

B. E. Quick was over from Freeport Saturday.

D. E. Murray has a new advertisement this week.

Mrs. John Taylor has received a paralytic stroke.

C. Gunn and wife went to Allegan for a visit Monday.

Rob Forsyth, of Grand Rapids, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Elnora Kinsie and son are visiting at Petoskey.

Mrs. F. B. Clark is spending a few days at Grand Rapids.

George Parker has sold one of his Kentucky saddle horses.

Mrs. R. B. Boylan is making a two-weeks visit at Portland.

W. H. Clark and wife were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Forest fires are worrying the people of northern Ionia county.

Arthur Rush and family visited with John Andrews Sunday.

MORE HOME NEWS LAST PAGE.

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LOWELL, MICH.

THERE are eighteen cases of cholera in New York hospital, but all of the patients are improving in condition.

EASTERN factories, closed some time since, are resuming operations on full time and regular pay roll. This is significant of a return to more prosperous times.

CONGRESSMAN CHIPMAN, of Detroit, is dead. He was one of few men who took a leading position in Congress from the first of his service. He will be missed.

YELLOW fever is in America again, and has claimed its first victim in the person of an army surgeon, who had been stationed at Brunswick, Georgia, to guard against the scourge.

THE man who drew his money out of the bank and hid it in an old sock was very much surprised when the sock was stolen; but he knows more than he did before. The bank is still doing business.

THE Grand Rapids & Indiana, Chicago & West Michigan, and Michigan Central railroads are cutting down their train service to save expense, claiming that the traffic does not warrant running so many trains.

THE Sebawing coal miners have quit work rather than submit to a reduction of wages. Foolish men. It is not half a loaf, better than no bread? With the land full of idle men what can they gain? What the laboring men of today need is wisdom.

THE unemployed laborers of Denver are aroused. The city has projected new public improvements in order to furnish employment for the idle men; but the contractor imported 500 Italian laborers to do the work. The outraged men rightly declare that they will fight the imposition to the last; that they may as well be shot as starve. America for Americans is now the watchword and it must be enforced through a thousand contractors rot in untimely graves.

THERE has been a severe and long-continued drought in Europe and hay commands an extremely high price, as high as \$50 per ton being asked and received. The horses of Europe's great standing armies must be fed, and they are looking to America for their supply. Already European agents are on our soil, arranging for export. Fortunately this country has an abundant supply, and our farmers may expect a good price for all the hay they can spare.

NEWS comes from Kansas that the inmates of the state industrial school for girls have been subjected to inhuman treatment at the hands of the keepers. The girls have been kept on short rations, had their hands tied behind their backs for weeks at a time, been shut up in dungeons, and stripped naked and beaten with iron fetters and rubber canes. Poor old God-forsaken Kansas has no reputation to save; but if she wants the crows to light within her limits semi-occasionally, let her mete out just punishment to these nasty offenders against decency.

THE report that President Cleveland was seriously ill proved to be a canard. It served the purpose, however, of pointing out some people who, no matter what their political faith is, are not patriotic citizens. It is reported that some people who live

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not a thousand miles from Lowell said they hoped the report of the President's illness was true, and further they hoped he would die. Such a sentiment is a disgrace to the man or woman who uttered it, and a disgrace to the town they live in. The LEDGER asks such people to remember the times when the assassin's hand was directed against the lives of our beloved presidents, Lincoln and Garfield. The writer was but a babe when Lincoln fell; but he well remembers the thrill of horror and indignation that ran through the nation when Garfield was shot. There were no republicans or democrats then, but all were American citizens and sorrow was universal. Why? Because the campaign was over. The democrat did not live who was ashamed that he voted for the heroic Hancock, and would cheerfully have gone down to defeat with such a leader time and again; but when Garfield became president, it was of a PEOPLE and not of a party. And today the man who can read the utterances of our brave president, and wish him dead, is unworthy of the title of an American citizen; and the LEDGER is not afraid to tell him so. Shame on you! Go hide your face!

BEFORE us lies a fac simile copy of the Detroit Gazette, dated July 25, 1817, "published by Sheldon & Reed in Aitwater, at a few rods above the public wharf." It is a four page paper with four columns to the page. The publisher advertised books, stationary and school books for sale. Oliver Williams advertises his Globe tavern. One peculiarity of the advertisements is that whiskey is made very prominent. Larned & Watson, for instance, advertising 30 barrels of whiskey and 50 barrels of flour. The proportion suggests that early Detroiters were not confirmed prohibitionists. Nearly all the merchants advertised whiskey, and all the boats arriving at the "port of Detroit" were stocked with whiskey, or as the Gazette reported it, "with dry goods, whiskey and clothing." We notice the following story:

One day a sailor observed a landlord rigidly requiring the deposit of the money before he would deliver the liquor. Not appalled by this precautionary measure, although he was perfectly "sober," Jack walked carelessly to the bar, when the following dialogue ensued:
Jack—Landlord, have you got any crackers?
Landlord—Yes, sir.
"Well, let's have a cracker worth." The landlord's caution was lulled into security by the sailors not asking for liquor, and he delivered the crackers without first requiring the money. Jack—(Looking at and turning the crackers in his hand)—"Now that I've got 'em I don't think I can eat 'em. Landlord, won't you give me something else for these crackers?"
"Yes, sir."
"How much whiskey will you give me for 'em?"
"A gill."
"It's a bargain, here, take the crackers."
The landlord gave Jack the whiskey, which he drank, and walked towards the door.
Stop, sir, you haven't paid me for the whiskey!"
"Didn't I give you the crackers for it?"
"Very well, but you didn't pay me for the crackers."
"Why, haven't ye got your crackers back again, you landlubber, and what more do you want?"

The markets are quite interesting. Here are some of the prices: Flour, per barrel, \$14.12; pork, \$26; lard, per cwt., \$20; beef, per cwt., \$6; butter, per pound, 31 cents; fowl, per pair, \$1; wheat, \$2; oats, \$1; potatoes, \$1.25; whiskey, per gallon, \$1. Two columns

of the paper were printed in French. In speaking of the founding of a public library at Detroit the Gazette says: "We now have the pleasure of seeing a valuable collection of books safely transported to this remote place and deposited for the use of the public."
Ah, well, the world has grown since 1817 and Detroit has grown with it; her newspapers today are among the first in the world, and whiskey is no longer the main article of commerce and consumption.
It is evident that the repeal of the Sherman law must be promptly followed by a reform of the tariff. Commerce and business have been shaken by the McKinley tariff, and these shackles must be taken off at once. That the price of the necessities of life have never been cheaper is quite true; but what is the use of cheap prices when the people have no money? You might offer a good dinner to a starving man for only 10 cents; but if he has not 10 cents the price of the dinner might as well be \$10 so far as he is concerned. Repeal the Sherman law first, because the people demand it; but then give us tariff reform so that trade may be freed from the McKinley shackles and the people may take advantage of the financial change for the better. The hundreds of thousands of unemployed workmen in all parts of the country are unanswerable arguments in favor of tariff reform.—[Texas Siftings.]

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Mrs. Solomon Lee, of Grand Rapids, is visiting her son, Lev Lee, and family.

Phil Dixon and Emerson Fers attended the dance at Alton last week Friday night.

J. W. Walker and wife, of Lowell, visited their daughter, Mrs. Leta Bailey, Sunday.

We had a jingle, size-ozole rain that done a world of good a week ago Saturday.

Orlando Odell and Clair Findley went to Chicago last week to the Columbian exposition.

The whistle of the steam thrasher is heard in every direction. Farmers ought not to thresh when everything is so dry, they might get a barn burned.

Wesley Jones and wife, of Stanton, visited relatives and friends here last Saturday and Sunday.

The condition of Mrs. White's barn was much improved by a few men at a bee last Saturday.

Miss Frances Lavender went last week to Traverse City, where she has a position in the asylum.

Ernest Godfrey and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. G's mother Mrs. Hastings, of West Lowell.

Mrs. Styles and cousin, Mrs. Clemens, visited Mrs. S's mother at McDords two days of last week.

Bert Campbell went to Grand Rapids Wednesday with a load of potatoes and found ready sale at 50 cents per bushel.

The farewell party at Daga's hall was a grand success there being 143 numbers sold.

The party at Alton was also well attended. Jeff Godfrey, of Belding, visited his father last Sunday.

His sister, Mrs. Sherman, returning home with him after a two weeks visit with friends at Stanton and Belding.

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RIVER ROAD RIVAL. Charles Holmes, of Ovid, visited at Ed Story's Tuesday.

There will be school meeting September 4 in district No. 2.

L. A. Carter and wife called on Mrs. Mary Wolf Sunday.

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HOME NEWS.

Lowell fair Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.
 The Long Lake campmeeting drew a Sunday crowd of 8,000 persons.
 Mrs. Edna Griffith, of Grand Rapids, is visiting Mrs. C. W. Parks.
 R. D. Bancroft returned from a visit to the World's fair Saturday.
 George and Sherman Avery and wives spent Sunday at Island Lake.
 Charles McCarty has enlarged his storeroom; getting ready for peaches.
 Mrs. M. E. Dwight, of Grand Rapids, is the guest of Mrs. S. P. Hicks.
 Agnes Wiley, has returned to Grand Rapids after her vacation here.
 George H. Morrison, of Grand Rapids, visited at Will Pullen's Sunday.
 The Lowell & Hastings took out fifteen people to the World's fair Tuesday.
 Mrs. Phillip McQuay, of Grand Rapids, is visiting at Mrs. John Taylor's.
 John McCall was summoned to Grand Rapids by the illness of his wife.
 Elmer Howk, of Belding, visited his mother, Mrs. H. Dansen, last week.
 Belding has decided by ballot that it wants fire protection and wants it badly.
 W. R. Huston's new residence will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.
 Mrs. Ermine Johnson from Chicago is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. G. Taylor.
 Birth, in Lowell, Wednesday, August 16, to Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Shanks.
 Miss Kate Perry, Mrs. M. B. Jones and Mrs. Henchie have returned from Chicago.
 The Freeport Congregational Sunday school gives a picnic on the Island August 23.
 Miss Anna Munsell, of Enfield, Mass., is making her aunt, Mrs. S. P. Hicks, a visit.
 The harvest dance is eclipsing the financial stringency in Ionia county just at present.
 Mrs. Chapman's Sunday school class held a picnic on the Island Tuesday afternoon.
 Mrs. Mary Pickard entertained her friend, Mrs. R. P. Waters, from the country, recently.
 Byron Weatherwax, of Aberdeen, Washington, is visiting Dr. E. B. Malcomb this week.
 Mr. Lamb, of Detroit, superintendent of the telephone company, was in town last Thursday.
 Rob Childs, Fred Clark, Will Crowfoot and Joe Quick are camping out on Wabus' lake.
 The Ionia district fair will distribute \$450 in bicycle prizes at the races September 28 and 29.
 A number of the boys from Lowell took in the harvest party at Duga's hall Monday evening.
 New postmasters: F. E. Campau, Alaska, Kent county; H. H. Jordan, Orange, Ionia county.
 The Ionia races will draw some of the speediest nags in the Grand Rapids and Lansing races.
 Miss Flora Ford and Agnes Perry are visiting the family of Albert Morgan at Grand Rapids.
 Miss Julia Church gave a party on Thursday, to which several of Lowell's little folks were invited.
 Village Marshal Edmunds says that taxes are being paid much more rapidly this year than last.
 J. S. Hooker and wife, Mrs. Osborn and Roy W. Hooker spent last Sunday at Cascade Springs.
 E. Hunt left for Wakonda, South Dakota, on Monday. He will see the World's fair on the way.
 Miss Agnes Perry gave a party last Friday evening in honor of her friend, Nellie Aldrich, of Hastings.
 J. C. Post commenced proceedings in chancery for divorce from his wife; cause not given to the public.
 The Lowell Baptist Sunday school picnic to Grand Rapids Wednesday was attended by 110 persons.
 C. C. Winegar and wife spent Sunday with their old time friends G. W. Crosby and wife in Vergennes.
 Mrs. Jane Inks enjoyed a pleasant visit with her friends, C. W. Crosby and wife, in Vergennes, last week.
 Miss Ella Wiley has been spending a couple of days on the farm, and Vern is correspondingly lonesome.
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Pullen, Miss Nettie Pullen and Miss Lynn Crawford visited in Grand Rapids last week.
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Master Albert Jones is spending a few days with friends in the country, while his mother is at the fair in Chicago.
 Races at Ionia, August 22-24. One thousand dollars in purses. One and one-third fares for round trip via D., G. H. & M.
 It is expected that a large crowd will take in the Ottawa Beach excursion via the L. & H. and D., L. & N. next Sunday.
 The Freeport base ball club stand first in the county now, having defeated the champions, the Irving team, last Saturday.
 H. Nash calls the attention of farmers to his Superior grain drill and the Little Giant bean puller, which are having a great run.
 Parks' Mantel Shelf company is meeting with good success in placing agents to dispose of their goods, and also in taking orders.
 Miss Elsie Bosworth, sister of Mrs. O. G. Hale, has returned from a three months visit with her sisters living south of Grand Rapids.
 The grand lodge, I. O. G. T., holds its annual session at Hackley Park, Muskegon, August 29-31. Reduced rates on the D., G. H. & M.
 S. P. Hicks, C. G. Stone, Dr. M. C. Greene, C. W. Wisner and Jesse Thompson and others took in the Island Lake excursion last Sunday.
 A. M. Herington and Wm. Moore and wives, of Freeport, with Miss Augusta Hinkley, were in town Tuesday, on their way to the World's fair.
 Miss Hattie Blakeslee has diphtheria notwithstanding that all precautions were taken against the return of the disease at the time the quarantine was raised.
 The Kent County Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its annual picnic at North Park Thursday. An address was given by M. H. Walker.
 Dr. J. W. Allen, the Cherokee Indian man, will be at the Farmers' Hotel today and next week, where he will be prepared to treat chronic diseases. See bills.
 W. F. Coons, marble worker, got a piece of steel in his eye and went to Grand Rapids to have it removed. He will not return; Kisor & Ayres having secured a new man.
 Kisor & Ayres will set up some fine cemetery work for George Hoppaugh, of Smyrna; Hale and Webster, of Alaska; Alonzo Wood, of Hastings, and Mrs. Drake, of Alaska.
 The employees of the Capital Wagon works of Ionia have accepted a proposition to continue work and accept such a percentage of their wages as the company can raise in cash.
 The local committees made elaborate preparations for the soldier's reunion held at Sparta August 16-18. Colonel Smiley and the Rev. Washington Gardner were the speakers.
 The L. & H. will run an excursion Sunday, August 20, to Ottawa Beach, leaving Lowell 9:30 a. m. returning leave the beach at 6:45 p. m., for \$1 for round trip; half fare for children.
 A party of young people, including Norton Henry, Flossie and Ethelyn McDannell, Toll Lee, Henry Lee, Bess Chapman, Roy Eaton and Stella Ranney spent Tuesday at Morrison lake.
 Thirteen persons attended the Island Lake excursion last Sunday, and although it is said to be an unlucky number, everybody reports to have had a good time and no accidents.
 While Justice Hicks was away from home last Sunday his horse broke out of the pasture and ran away. Mrs. Hicks was leading him back when the animal stepped on her foot crippling her quite badly.
 The D., G. H. & M. company will run an excursion by rail to Grand Haven and steamer from Grand Haven to Chicago on Monday, August 21, good for ten days, fare from Lowell and Ada only \$4.50. See bills.
 George H. Hann, of Ovid, committed suicide by taking strychnine. He and his wife frequently quarreled. He said before he died that he had taken the poison with suicidal intent. He was forty years old, very poor and out of work.
 Alto lodge I. O. O. F. gave a picnic at Campau lake last Friday, and brothers B. C. Smith, John Broadbent, R. Childs, A. Covert, J. C. Ball and Ed Hotchkiss, of Lowell lodge, drove over and participated in the festivities.
 Miss Lucy B. Richmond, who arrived here from California some four weeks ago on a visit to her grand parents, has not yet received her trunk, for which she still holds a check. She feels much aggrieved

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How many of our highway overseers have complied with the following, section 1419 of Howell's Annotated statute: "Every overseer shall cause the noxious weeds within the limits of the highway within his district to be cut down and destroyed twice in each year, once before the first day of July, and again before the first day of September, and the requisite labor shall be considered highway work. An overseer who shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties required by this section shall be liable to the penalty of \$25."

William Wright, a lineman employed by the Michigan Telephone and Telegraph Construction company, was seriously injured at Saranac Saturday afternoon. He and others were engaged in unloading a car of poles, when it became necessary to remove a pile of ties. While doing this Wright slipped and struck on the sharp edge of a tie, badly injuring himself, sustaining a rupture. He was placed on a cot by Dr. Conley, of Saranac, and taken to his home in Gd Rapids, where Dr. Catlin attended him. Dr. Catlin says his injury is a painful and serious one, but not necessarily dangerous.

Rye in the Corn Field.

There is one plant, says an exchange, that, if generally adopted by the dairymen, would add measurably to the pasturage of the farm, and at the same time be a benefit to the soil itself, and this is the practice of sowing rye in the corn either at the last working or as soon as the corn is cut up. In the spring, long before the pastures are "fit" for turning the stock upon them, the rye feed is a wealth of feed and excellent. By this plan there is no winter washing of the land, which is, as a rule, equal in exhaustion to a growing crop, and by the middle of May this rye sod can be turned under for corn and is next to clover sod in value. For several years the writer has as nearly as possible carried out this plan and finds that, with what manure and clover sod comes in rotation, his fields are getting better all the time. Two ways present themselves to put in the rye; sowing broadcast and cultivating in with a light cultivator, setting teeth as shallow as good work will allow, so as to disturb the corn roots as little as possible; and the other is to cut up the corn, having the shocks regular, and then sowing one and a half bushels of rye on broadcast and harrowing it in with a cut-away harrow or disc, the loosening up of the ground covering the seed effectually without plowing. There is nothing equal to keeping the land at work, filling the soil with a mass of roots to decay and furnish food for the following crop, and, if it can be done between crops, as this plan with rye offers, a great gain has been made not only in the supply of food to the stock, but feeding the land as well.

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