CITY INTELLIGENCE

1 For Additional City Intelligence see Fifth Page. MRETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL SOof the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society held last evening, a large audience was present. The

principal essay read was by Mr. A. S. Fuller, of New York, the subject, "Grape Culture."

As Mr. Fuller is the author of one of our standard works on the management of the vine, considerable interest was manifested to hear his view. his views on the present occasion.

After a brief reference to the history of the vine in America, he passed to the subject of the

LOCATION OF VINEYARD.

The essayist believed speculative or theoretical knowledge was capable of deciding whether any particular locality was favorable or otherwise. Success or failure depended on such problematical influences that only actual experience could certainly decide the reference. problematical influences that only actual experience could certainly decide the value of any particular spot for grape growing. From the diffusion of the grape all over the United States in a wild state, he concluded that there was no location where difficulties were experienced that could not be made successful by careful attention. Hill sides the experience of all nations had proved to be as a rule more favorable than plains. Cold currents, or situations so warm as to create extra cuttings, were unfa-

He considered another debatable topic. He had seen grapes doing well in almost every kind of soil in the Union, and also failures in all, but on the whole preferred a light, gravelly or calcareous one. It was not necessary to loosen the soil three or four feet, as often re-cemmended, but it was best to make it twelve or eighteen inches deep.

FERTILIZING.

Excessive manuring was a great evil. If the soil was rich enough to make shoots six to ten seet a year, it needs no manuring. Vines which make from fifteen to twenty feet per year sellom keep healthy, especially if such naturally strong growers as Delaware. It was, therefore, dangerous for a novice to follow any directions of others as to fertilizing his particular soil. It were better for him to use his own independent. were better for him to use his own judgment, no matter how immature it might be, until a little experience on that location had been When fertilization was resorted to, he preferred a compost of two parts "muck" to one part barn-yard manure, inverting the proportions for very heavy soils, always using a handful of bone-dust when planting each vine. CULTIVATION.

He advised keeping the surface clean, and never, under any circumstances, growing anything else among the vines,

PROPAGATING. Raisers of new kinds sacrifice the quality of their young plants by forcing them in strong heat, in order to get the greatest quantity in the shortest time. Unless a vine have at least six inches of ripe or brown wood, it should be considered worthless for practical purposes. Cut-tings of everything but Delaware and Norton's Virginia grow readily in the open air. All cut-tings should be made in the fall, as soon as the wood is ripe, using pieces with two or three eyes as cuttings, burying them in the ground during the winter, and plant early in spring, in deep rich soil.

PLANTING.

The essayist recommended shortening long roots to one foot or eighteen inches from the main stem. There are two systems—one, planting as shallow as possible; the other, the old Roman plan of setting eighteen inches deep and never allowing surface roots to grow. He preserved the shallow plan.

PRUNING AND TRAINING. He thought light pruning tended to overbearing in the grape. He would prime severely to counteract this evil. No experienced ymeyardist ever recommended taking off leaves in summer. Six by eight feet was the best distance, and in some instances four by eight would do we're the close pruning he recommended would be

In training he "preferred the horizontal in system, and spur pruning, because it can be educed to an exact science, or the nearest to it of any system now made known." It is not the given space, but by it grapes, for quality cannot be excelled. The Taylor, Clinton, and other system that will give the greate weight on a very strong growing kinds, did not, however, bear well when close pruned. The ian system, with longer spurs, was better, and if still more truit was wanted, use the bow system of Mr. Husmann. Improper pruning, or no pruning at all, by inducing overbearing, was the cause of innumerable failures. Those who bought vines for "immediate bearing" usually had their wish. They had an immediate and only—a first and the last crop. A great error is to leave too long canes on young and weak vines. The lower buds do not then push at all, and only a few bunches are gathered from sickly shoots at

PROFITS OF GRAPE CULTURE, Mr. Fuller said much injury had been done by reckless statements of enormous profits which no one, or at best but few, by extraor-dinary good fortune, could ever realize. These who had vines to sell were not the ones to question as to the profits of grape culture. They had not the experience of fruit raisers, who had not the experience of fruit raisers, who alone could give the facts. The plant raisers could give the figures. Hundreds were unsuccessful, yet some had made from one to two thousand dollars per acre, clear profit. The trouble usually was, people undertook too much; five acres was enough for one man to be employed in for one year. Thousands of dollars were spent in preparing the ground, and having and planting vines. buying and planting vines, but none, or little, on buying the brains to care for them after-With regard to the SELECTION OF VARIETIES.

only local experience could be safely followed. The Concord was the only grape that had been tound to do well in any place where a grape would do at all. Others, like Hartford Prollic, eraella, Creveling, Iona, Adirondac, Rogers' Hybrids, etc., were fine grapes if, after trying them, they were found to do well. For an amateur he would name besides Concord, as a certainty, the following for trial:-Delaware, Creveling, Catawba, Adirondac, Israelia-after finding out those which suit the location, plant largely of them. Your neighbor's experience

my save your own experiments.

That grapes can be grown to an immense profit, by "some," is now a fixed fact. The fault with our people is they think some things can be done by "others" as well as by "some," and so they can if, with their money and enterprise, they will add a little pains-taking experience.

DEATH OF A PHILADELPHIA INVENTOR. By the news of the steamship Java, which arrived at Halifax yesterday, is announced the death of Mr. Jacob Snider, a well-known. Philadelphia citizen. When a poor lad be entered the liquor establishment of Mr. John Vaughan, and by his ir custry and integrity finally succeeded to atta business, establishing himself as a merchant, for many years in Walnut street, and atterwards removing above above Front, and atterwards, removing above Third street. Some years ago he went abroad to England, and devoted himself to the improvement of firearms. He invented a breech-loading rife, which possessed such valuable features that it was adopted by the British Government for the army, but the inventor was never offered but a comparative pittance for this great service, which he refused to accept as an equivalent. The latter years of his life were spent to poverty, and on the 20th instant he died.

THE GIPSIES AGAIN.—Some months ago public attention was directed to the existence of a band of gipsies in West Philadelphia. On Sunday last they again appeared, and settled near Christ Church Hospital. They built themselves houses of brush and leaves, and ranged their wagous and horses. The consequence was the disappearance of chickens and turkeys from the neighborhood. The neighbors became enraged, and the gipsies have been notified to vacate by the police.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE LECTURES .- The FRANKLIN INSTITUTE LEGIURES.—The first lecture of the Franklin Institute Winter Course was delivered last evening by Professor Henry Morton, and was largely attended. The subject was, "Electricity and its Luminous Effects," and the Professor treated of the present theory of electricity, and the various means for developing the love-first, by friction; for developing the force—first, by friction; second, by induction; and third, by galvanic induction. Various experiments were made; some of them with the new Holtz machine, the most powerful instrument ever invented; others by the Ruhmkorff coil, capable from its power of producing a fatal effect with a single spark. Luminous phenomena, most brilliant in ancear-Luminous phenomena, most brilliant in appearauce, were developed with both of these ma-chines, and called forth very lively manifesta-tions of pleasure from the audience.

YESTERDAY'S LIST OF ACCIDENTS.—
Jonathan Longbotem, thirty-one years old, residing in Hamilton street, west of Nineteenth, while sawing stone yesterday, at Whitney & Co.'s works, had an arm fractured.

Richard Larcombe, thirty years old, residing at No. 940 Passyunk road, had one of his hands crushed by a steam engine yesterday.

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John Bryns, thirty-five years old, residing at
No. 106 Carpenter street, had a leg fractured
yesterday, by a shook of staves falling on it at a
cooper-shop in Otsego street, near Washington

William Sulivan, fifty years old, residing in Ledger place, while working at one of the wharves on the Deiaware, fell and broke an arm. All the above were admitted into the

ESTIMATE OF THE TAX RATE FOR 1867 .-The Committee on Finance of Councils have not yet received the estimates for 1867 from all the epartments, and therefore cannot determine the rate of tax for 1867. Some of the commit-tee are anxions to reduce the present amount to \$3.50 on the \$100; but others contend that nothing less than the present rate will do, because of extraordinary appropriations made during 1866, which will cause a deficiency of about \$1,000,000, which includes \$600,000 to be paid the State for back taxes. The probability is that the committee will agree to report to Councils the rate of \$4 on the \$100.

SLIGHT FIRE.—This morning, at half-past one o'clock, a fire broke out in a stable belonging to Thomas McManus, in Marriott's lane, above Sixth street. Officer Gillis being promptly on the spot, in connection with a citizen, succeeded in extinguishing it before much damage was done. The aring was the work of an incen-

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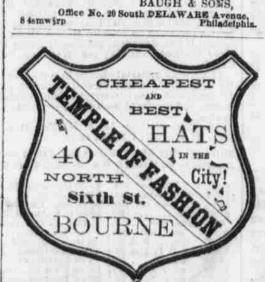
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