Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., April 25, 1890.

## Farm Notes.

In building a silo, build it just strong enough to bear the weight and pressure. Anything further is useless expense.

Before beginning to fatten an animal first promote its growth so as to have the frame to put the fat upon.

Old sod land, when plowed, should always be limed. Lime assists the sod to decompose, destroys many insects, and adds plant food to the soil.

M. F. Varney cautions against spraying fruit trees until the blossoms have fallen or you may kill your best friend, the honey-bee.

Too much harrowing of the soil is seldom indulged in, yet the free use of the harrow will do more to increase the crops than any other kind of work.

If the time spent in grumbling about the depredations of insect pest was devoted to the study of entomology the results would be more satisfactory.

Salt is an excellent fertilizer for some crops, as it aids lime in decomposing organic matter in the soil, and supplies sodium wherever it may be required.

Good grades of stock are always in demand in the markets. When prices are down the farmer should endeavor to gain something by increasing the weight and quality.

The grass is now furnishing good grazing, and the cost of milk and butter may be reduced, but the ground grain should not be lessened to the cows that are giving large yields of milk.

Clover and a feed of bran at night is better than too much grain or clover exclusively. Bran for pigs, calves and growing stock of all kinds provides phosphates, and largely aids in developing bone.

It is claimed that Japan buckwheat has a larger kernel, ripens earlier and endures drought better than the wellknown silver-hull varieties. It should be given a trial by those interested during the summer.

The Turner raspberry is one of the earliest and most reliable of red berries. Every farmer should have this and the Cuthbert, as the one follows the other in time of ripening.

The seed bed should be in perfect condition, which means mellowed deep, all manure thoroughly incorporated with the soil, harrowed and planked until all clods are reduced fine.

Numerous experiments have shown that a cow calving in September or October will give more milk and make more butter in the course of a year than will one calving in April or May.

A correspondent of the Massachusetts *Ploughman* says that a quart of vinegar in half a pail of water, if thoroughly sprinkled over the interior of a henhouse, will free it from lice, when whitewashing and other remedies have failed.

With corn at 20 to 23 cents per bushel we do not think there is nourishment enough in the cobs to make it pay to have them ground when the cost of grinding is 5 cents per bushel, unless there was a lack of coarse fodder at hand and it was desirable to use the corn, cob and all, rather than feed clear corn meal.

The horseshoe of the present should be improved. There needs to be something which will save the hoof from an undue wear and breakage, while at the same time permitting of elasticity of movement when the weight of the body is alternately borne upon and taken from it.

The hybridizing of beans is done simply by planting the kinds near each other. They mix readily without any care; in fact, it requires much care to grow pure bean seed that has not been mixed with some other variety grown in the neighborhood.

All seeds, so far as possible, should be sown by drills, of which there are several excellent makes. The advantages of regularity of depth, even distribution and saving of seed, are matters of great importance, to say nothing of the amount of ground that can be sown in a day, which is a great saving of time.

In the barn or under a good shed every damp day and night, and in the sunshine whenever it is fair, is the place for sheep in cold weather, says the *Northwestern Agriculturist*. But they must have plenty of fresh air and clean room. The occasional use of a little deodorizer, like carbolic acid, is a good thing in the sheep pen.

Stable and yard manure is considered by many a complete manure, and, as such, indispensable for market gardening; but it has been demonstrated that on some soils a combination of stable manure and commercial fertilizers have and do invariably produce the best, earliest, and consequently the most profitable crops.

Do not transplant tomato plants until the weather is warm and danger of frost over. Cool nights will cause them to be stunted, which retards their growth to such an extent that plants from seeds sown in summer will overtake them. It is a mistake often made to transplant early. As long as the early plants are growing well in the hot-bed they can be transplanted at any time. One or two cold nights may cause a loss of time and labor to transplanted plants.

Alfalfa can be grown in this State. The most important point is fresh seed, which should not be over one year old. When young it is easily killed out by weeds, but when established it will produce crops for years. It thrives well on light land, endures drought and yields largely; but wet land is not appropriate to it. It should be given a trial on small plots by farmers, in order to observe its growth, before sowing fields of it.

## Brutal Outrage.

*A Female School Teacher Assaulted By Three Tramps.*

ELLSWORTH, Kan., April 13.—Miss Myrtle Hill, teacher of a country school about eight miles from here, on the Union Pacific Railway, was assaulted yesterday morning in a most brutal manner by one white and two colored men. The assault occurred at a lonely spot on the road. She was thrown to the ground and fearfully maltreated. Her assailants filled her mouth with acid so as to prevent her outcries, assaulted and then robbed her.

During the struggle with her assailants three of her ribs were broken. When discovered she was in an unconscious condition, and it is feared she may die. A search for the party was made as soon as the news of the assault became generally known. Hundreds of men are now searching for the tramps, and if they are found they will be lynched.

## A Great Record.

Philadelphia Evening Hearld.

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——Looking outward and upward is a more practical method of finding one's pathway than looking downward and inward. The pilot in mid-ocean does better, as a pilot, by keeping his eye on the sun or the stars, as he stands at the helm, than he would by fixing his sight on the sea before his vessel's bow, or by turning his eyes into the vessel's hold. Only as a man has thoughts of God and heaven can he comprehend his true relations to earth and to his fellow-man. A recognition of abstract truth is, in fact, essential to an understanding of truth in the concrete. Therefore it is, as Philips Brooks says, that "there has been no great teacher of mankind in whose nature have not met the mystic and the moralist, the seeker after most transcendent truth and the enforcer of most practical duty."

——In Boston, of Course.—"I'm going to get married," said he, as he placed a hand as large as a Dutch cheese upon the counter, "and I want a wedding cake." "It is customary, now a days," said the pretty bakery girl, "to have the materials of the cake harmonize with the calling of the bridegroom. For a musician, now, we have an oat cake; for a man who has no calling and lives upon his friends, the sponge cake; for a newspaper paragrapher, the spice cake, and so on. What is your calling, please?" "I'm a pugilist." "Then you want a pound cake."

——Luther J. Kaufman, of Lancaster, addressed a farmers' institute at Reading on last Saturday evening upon the great depression in agriculture in Pennsylvania He stated that the mortgages on the farms in Berks county amounted to $9,000,000 and in Lancaster county to $25,000,000. For one county to have mortgages to the amount of $25,000,000 resting on its farms is enough to depress agriculture. Twenty-five millions of dollars would buy almost all the real estate in Centre county.

——Mr. Hammersley, the wealthy New York widow, who created a sensation when she married the penniless and worthless Duke of Marlborough, is already short of cash and is back asking the trustees of the Hammersley estate to increase her allowance to $100,000 a year. It costs considerable to live with an English Duke.

——The last venture in the use of human hair is a fan valued at $250, says Harper's Bazar. Deft fingers must have fashioned this unique curiosity, for what appears to be costly lace, fringing the sticks, is really human hair; baby curls, like unto fairy thistle down, we doubt not, yielding to the gentle wooing of summer's softest breezes.

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