Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa. December 19, 1890.

Farm Notes.

A Michigan farmer says he makes sheep pay with wool at 35 cents per pound and mutton at 5 cents per pound.

The apple orchard was a good investment this season, the short crop causing prices to be much above the average of former years.

Cabbages may be preserved nicely by placing them, heads down, in straw, and covering the straw with earth, hilling sufficiently to turn water.

A head of cabbage in the poultry yard will be found very acceptable to the hens, as only a few days will elapse before nothing but the stalk will be left.

Horseradish is better if dug late in the fall and stored like other roots. Those who grow it for market find the best sale for it in February and March, before any can be dug from open ground.

Sheep are very fond of good, clean, bright straw, but they will not eat straw readily if it is damaged. Straw alone, however, is not suitable, but if allowed other food the sheep will utilize straw as a part of their diet.

Pure cream brings a higher price than skimmed milk, yet the skimmed milk is the more valuable as food, it containing all the nitrogen and mineral matter, the cream containing the heat-producing element—carbon.

If a calculation or estimate could be made of the amount of filth that is added to the milk of all the cows in this country, in one year, by not keeping the cows clean and by not using water on the hands before milking, it would pile up by tons.

The cellar, or other place in which fruit or roots are stored, should be kept at a temperature of about 40 degrees above zero, if possible, which temperature is not low enough to permit of freezing and keeps the crops cool enough to prevent rapid decay.

Rake up all the debris around the grape vines and burn the leaves and other material collected. Scatter air-slaked lime liberally on the ground around the vines. In the spring turn the soil under and use more lime. In this manner the ravages of the rot can be greatly mitigated.

The winter is the time for farmers to meet and discuss matters pertaining to farming. Many good hints, some of them very valuable, may be gained or imparted at such meetings, and no better way of spending the time can be devised if the weather is too severe to permit of other work.

Nuts pay well when made a crop, so it is stated by those who have grown them, not excepting walnuts and hickory nuts. Peanuts cannot be grown successfully except on light soil and in a climate that permits of plenty of time for the nuts to fill out. Lime is an excellent fertilizer for peanuts.

When you succeed in securing a good cow, or notice one in your neighbor's herd, aim to secure calves from her, sired by a bull of some preferred breed. But, above all, first investigate the breeding of the cow, how she was produced, and from which family she derived her meritorious qualities.

The black knot is the scourge of the cherry and plum, but it can be prevented by vigilance. Cut away any of the limbs that show signs of the disease, and spray the tree with kerosene emulsion or the Bourdeaux misture. The disease will spread to every tree in the orchard if allowed to go unchecked.

From the reports of nearly all the farmers' conventions they ascribe all the ills that befall the sheep industry to one source—dogs. While the economists are pointing out the advantages and disadvantages in the way of wool growing the farmer thinks that his real and only enemy is the dog, and that with suitable laws against dogs sheep will pay.

Scurvy legs (or scabby legs) will appear now more so than in the summer, but it is easily cured and prevented. Fowls with scabby legs are very unsightly, and should be treated at once. Simply apply melted lard on the legs once a week, for four or five weeks, and the scab will disappear, it being the work of a minute parasite, which is destroyed by oil of any kind.—*Farm and Fireside.*

The shaping of a tree should be done when it is young. The practice of allowing useless limbs to grow, only to be sawed or chopped off when the tree is large, is a mistake, as every undesirable limb grown deprives the other limbs of so much food and nourishment. Begin with the first year and train the tree to the shape desired, leaving only such branches as will be retained later on.

From 12 to 16 per cent. of sugar can be obtained from beets, and as much as 4000 pounds of sugar from an acre of beets may be obtained, but much depends on the amount of beets grown and the kind of fertilizer used. The farmers receive about $3 per ton, or about $50 per acre for the beets, according to quality. Sugar does not deprive the soil of any of its fertilizing elements and hence, when the best pulp is fed to stock the nitrogenous and mineral elements are returned to the soil.

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"Why, lightning struck the barn in the alley not a hundred feet away."

"Oh, dear," said one of the women, "but I knew it. One of my arms has been numb ever since."

"And it affected my foot," said another.

"And set my heart to palpitating."

"And my elbow has felt queer ever since."

Every one in the room remembered to have been shocked, and every one was thankful over the narrow escape.

By and by a boy, who had been thinking deeply, gushed out:

"Why, there is no barn in the alley!"

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