

Democratic Watchman

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Farm Notes.

Some plants seem to store the substances for the production of fruit next year in their roots, thus enabling them to start off early in growth in the spring; or they produce an abundance of roots while the growing season remains and become well established for work on the first approach of warmer weather after winter is over. At this season of the year rain may come at any time, and as there is yet a long period for growth, the fertilizers may give good results after the dry season has passed, wheat, clover, rye and grass being benefited. The best fertilizer for fruit trees in the fall is potash, and especially on young trees that have not commenced bearing. Experienced fruit-growers prefer to apply ground bone in the fall, but soluble phosphates are preferred for spring. As the potash salts and the nitrate are soluble it will be an advantage to use them somewhat sparingly in the fall and more liberally in the spring. Broadcast all fertilizers, and apply in quantity according to the fertility of the soil.

COMBINE FERTILIZERS WITH MANURE.
The use of both manure and fertilizers will always give good results, and soils treated with both will be improved, but disappointment is met with at all seasons when there is not sufficient water to dissolve them. If the corn crop has suffered from lack of rain it is better to cut off the fodder as soon as assured that the grain will not fill out, and seed the land to rye, or crimson clover, than to delay, as both crops will utilize any fertilizer left over by the corn; or the corn land may be plowed and seeded to wheat, in which case there will be but little waste of fertilizer, and ground bone may also be added where the soils are deficient in phosphates. The object here is to suggest that wheat fertilizers have been used liberally this year it is better to seed to some crop this fall than to allow the land to be idle until spring. The cow peas is grown on every farm in the South. When a piece of land becomes unworkable it is broadcasted to cow peas, which are then plowed under when the seed pods are forming. They thrive well and ripen their seed in New Jersey, and will, no doubt, do equally as well in Pennsylvania. However, as they can be plowed under at any stage of growth they are never out of place. They will grow on all kinds of land, from the most fertile soils.

If the old strawberry beds are so full of weeds that they cannot be pulled out cut them down, as it will do no harm to mow the strawberries with the weeds. In the winter the rows may be covered with straw, leaves or dried weeds, and burned, which will not injure the strawberry plants, and leave the rows clean, as well as destroying weed seeds that may be on the surface of the ground. All old beds should be burned over in winter. The lawn may receive some attention for its renewal now. Mow it and scratch it over with a sharp rake. Then sow a mixture of one pound blue grass, three pounds white clover and one pound timothy seed on one-fourth of an acre. It is best to use plenty of seed rather than too little. Sow the seed before the middle of September, and the rains will carry it down, as well as allow sufficient time for the young grass to make headway before winter.

Potato tops take a large share of potash from the soil, and the tops should, therefore, be added to the manure heap. Anything that the stock will not eat will do good service as manure. When material is added to the manure heap it is then being saved for some purpose the succeeding year, and will feed the soil, thus enabling it to increase its yield when the next harvest arrives.

Nervousness and viciousness are engendered in the ill-treated cow, and are transmitted to her offspring. The more docile the cow the more are her energies likely to be devoted to the dairyman's interests. We can not be too watchful over irresponsible help, who hesitates not to beat, hurry or frighten the cows.

Warmth, moisture and similar conditions always favor the activity of both the ripening and decaying forces in fruit; fruit left on the tree begins to decay immediately. The whole art of preserving is in separating it from the tree and placing it under condition where these forces cease to act.

Cattle being short, there is an opportunity to make up the deficit in meat by raising more hogs. It is also reported that the number of hogs this year is not up to the average. As there will be a large supply of corn this season, the hog should fill an important place on the farm next year.

Keep a careful lookout for the bugs which infest melons and squash, and destroy them, which is not difficult if the vines are looked over once a day early in the morning. It may be added that the potato beetle should not be spared because the crop is safe. The best way to preserve eggs is to use no solutions or packing material, but place them on racks, or in open slatted boxes, and turn them half over three times a week, keeping them in a cool, place and using eggs only from hens not with males.

To dry a mare up in her milk, says a writer, feed her straw for a few days, or a little hay, and rub soft soap on her udder. Give her a reduced amount of water. Milk the udder out only partially each day.

A sheep grower says that when lambs are tormented with ticks they will drop down, on the ground and try to bite their flanks and bellies in the most frantic fashion.

Can Shoot Down People.

An Opinion Given by Attorney General Crane in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Prize Fighting Case

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 27.—Attorney General Crane this morning handed down his opinion in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fighting case in reply to an interrogatory of Sheriff Caball, of Dallas county, as to whether he had legal right to shoot down people while attempting to suppress the fight. The attorney general's reply is to the effect that prize fighters, referees, etc., constitute an unlawful assemblage and the statutes of the State made special provisions for the disbandment of such unlawful assemblages; that the Sheriff is empowered to summon a posse or even the militia to his aid and in case the fighters will not cease their unlawful conduct then the statutes specifically provided that homicide is justifiable, when absolutely necessary to suppress riot or unlawful gathering.

The Attorney General concludes his opinion by saying that, while he does not believe it necessary, still, if it is necessary, the statutes provide that the Sheriff can use firearms in disbanding any unlawful assemblage.

Clinton County's Democratic Ticket.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Aug. 27.—The Democratic county convention held in this city this afternoon passed off smoothly. Ex-Senator S. R. Peal was elected chairman. The candidates named for county offices are as follows: Associate Judge, A. M. Dehaas; District Attorney, E. P. Geary; County Surveyor, J. L. Eckle; Coroner, Dr. J. R. McCloskey; John F. Marshall was elected county chairman, and T. C. Hipple, P. Kane and I. W. Gleason as delegates to the State Convention. C. S. McCormick, a leader of the Clinton county bar, was endorsed for judge of the superior court.

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I want to settle the question as to my stand on the currency question. I am for a gold standard; do you hear? Hardin made one of his old-time speeches, calling on every Democrat to stand by the party and to support a man who would not betray his principles.

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 27.—Messrs. McCreary, Blackburn and Buckner, the three Senatorial candidates, mounted the stump to-day and made ringing speeches, but no two were alike on the money question. Blackburn went to Flemingsburg and delivered one of his characteristic silver speeches, in which he declared for "Judas Iscariot's money and the metal Christ used." Congressman McCreary spoke to a large crowd at Princeton, and scored Hardin for his free silver ideas. At Glasgow Gen. Buckner made a straightforward sound money speech.

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