

# Democratic Watchman

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## FARM NOTES.

The partitions between the stalls should be so boarded up that no cows can feed from the same manger or can lick each other.

It is stated that in Minnesota the sunflower is raised for fuel, an acre furnishing a year's supply for a family, the heads, seeds and stalks all being burned.

Dust the yellow squash bug with soot, ashes, lime or any fine dust. Dust makes life disagreeable for the pestiferous beetle and he will try to get away from it.

Put in the turnip crop now, as the rains have made the conditions very favorable. A crop of turnips will be found a very useful addition to the winter foods.

A lawn is more ornamental to a residence than shrubbery, and is easily made, but there is nothing more unsightly near a dwelling house than a lawn that is not well kept.

On all well regulated farms the manure heap receives more care than anything else produced. It is a proverb that a farmer can be judged by the manner in which he keeps his manure heap.

Dogs seldom attack sheep if one member of the flock has a bell, as sheep-killing dogs are suspicious and dislike the noise or alarm. Breeders who have tried bells report favorably of their use.

When stock animals have the free use of a pasture it will be greatly to their advantage to give them salt. It is a corrective of the injurious effects of too much young grass, and is also a substance required by them to promote digestion. A small quantity of salt once a day will be highly relished.

When land is badly infested with wire worms, cut worms, root borers, etc., plow the land, then plow again late in the fall, after frost appears, following by another plowing early in the spring. By so doing the land will be kept loose and the insects and other enemies which remain in the ground for next year will be destroyed to a large extent.

Strawberries are now throwing out runners, and the rows should be kept clean, as recent rains will aid the weeds to crowd out the runners. The ground should be loose and soft for the runners, as they will get a much better start on soft ground and grow rapidly. If runners are set out in August or early in September, it will save performing such work in the spring.

One of the most useful appliances on a farm and which costs but very little compared with the many uses to which it can be put, is the windmill. It grinds food, provides water for stock and can be used for irrigating small plots. They are now being adapted for purposes of irrigation on many large farms, two or more windmills being sufficient to fill a large reservoir and keep a constant supply of water.

The odor of the hog pen is very disagreeable in summer, and yet it can be avoided by cleanliness. The time has passed when filthy food is regarded as suitable for swine, and farmers have paid dearly for experience by loss of their herds from hog cholera. Clean the pig pen every day during the warm days of summer and throw dry dirt on the floor. Dry earth is an absorbent and its use daily makes it an easy matter to clean the pen.

Creamery butter is superior to that made on the farms because the creameries are fitted with all the latest appliances for producing butter of uniform quality. The farmer cannot compete with the creamery because he has not the facilities for so doing. Individuals, however, who make a specialty of choice butter, and who are supplied with all that assists in the lessening of labor, can usually secure better prices than is obtained for creamery butter.

One of the most valuable plants of recent introduction into this country is crimson clover, or scarlet clover. It grows on land upon which red clover cannot be made a profitable crop and it occupies the land, like rye, at a season of the year when the land is not in use. Although crimson clover has been known in the United States, and especially in the South, for about 15 years, yet it is only five or six years ago that it began to receive attention as a valuable crop for renewing the nitrogen of soils, Delaware giving it more prominence than any other State; in fact, the best seed comes from Delaware, and the farmers of that State grow crimson clover both for its seed and for plowing under. New Jersey also grows large crops and it is used for hay, while in many sections of Pennsylvania crimson clover is seeded down every fall to be turned under for corn in the spring. In Pennsylvania however, where red clover can be grown on every farm, the crimson variety will not supersede it, but there is a place on the farm for crimson clover even when red clover is a leading crop.

## SEEDING IN AUGUST.

Crimson clover is seeded down in August. It may be sown in September, but experiments show that it gives better results when the seed is put in during August, as it then has more time to become hardy before winter. It is a hardy plant, never winter killed, and springs up as early as rye, coming into blossom two or three weeks before red clover. When in blossom the field is a perfect mass of scarlet flowers, and one of the most beautiful sights to be seen. Like red clover, it derives nitrogen from the air, through the agency of its roots, which take up the ammonia and nitric acid brought down by the rains, and it is claimed also that its leaves have the property of deriving the free nitrogen from the atmosphere, which is added to the soil when the crop is plowed under. It is this characteristic, peculiar to all the leguminous plants, which makes it so valuable, as it will grow and thrive on sandy soils or land upon which red clover will not thrive.

## CATCH CROPS.

While the proper way to grow the crimson clover is to seed it on a piece of land ready prepared for that purpose, yet some farmers find it profitable to grow it as a "catch crop," that is, after the corn has received its last working the crimson clover seed is broadcasted over the cornfield, no harrowing being required, as it is seldom that the seed fails to germinate if given any chance at all, and it is also grown on wheat and oats stubble land that has been scratched over with a harrow; but it is better to plow such lands and seed the clover properly. On every vacant place the seed may be sown, as it will at least do no harm to the land, to have a half crop, for every pound of the clover that can be turned under in the spring is a gain of nitrogen and reduces the amount that would otherwise be expended for fertilizer.

## Republicans in Despair.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Reports coming here from Western states heretofore pretty safely Republican in presidential years and regarded up to the present as certain to go for McKinley this year show that the Republicans are not merely frightened at the outlook, but have gotten over their fright and settled down in despair to the conviction that Bryan will carry them. This seems to be the case in both Nebraska and Michigan. For instance: "Certainly Nebraska will give her electoral vote to Bryan if there is a fusion between the Democrats and Populists," said a Nebraska Republican to-day.

The man who said that just came from the state, is a close observer and takes an active interest in politics. "Of course, you mustn't quote me as saying this, but it is a fact nevertheless, and it is useless for Republicans to deny it or try to conceal it. Bryan will carry the state if the Populists endorse him, and there is no doubt they will."

As to Michigan, the evidence is even stronger, as it comes from a man who for the last six weeks has been in correspondence with Republican county chairman and Republican political workers in all parts of the state. This man was in Washington to-day and admitted to friends that the rank and file of the Michigan Republicans were so permeated with silver sentiment that in his judgment nothing could prevent the state from going for Bryan in November.

## Silver is Gaining Ground.

Elkin, the Coming Chairman, Expresses His Views on Politics.

HARRISBURG, July 14.—Deputy Attorney-General Elkin announced informally to-day that he would be appointed chairman of the Republican State committee. Speaking of the campaign, Mr. Elkin said he observed that the silver movement was gaining some ground in Pennsylvania, but he felt sure that McKinley would carry the State by a great majority, and would be elected.

Andior-General Mylin, who was permanent chairman of the last State convention, has received Senator Quay's resignation as State chairman. The candidates and permanent Chairman Mylin will, according to the rules, select Mr. Elkin as Quay's successor.

## Will you Sell Your Birthright?

"The Republicans will have a campaign fund of \$20,000,000 to send out speakers and distribute literature and organize in every doubtful State," says the Washington Post. Whence will this fund come to defray the expenses and fasten the shackles of the gold monopoly upon them? The usurers and gold gamblers of London and New York will advance it. Who will repay it? The very people whom it buys, for the usurers will squeeze it out of them again with 1,000 per cent. interest.

Western Christian Advocate (Methodist Episcopal Cincinnati) Mr. Bryan is as spotless as Major McKinley, and like him in generous social impulses. He is a Presbyterian. He is western through and through. Thirty-five a man must be to be eligible to the presidency. He is thirty-six. Wherever heard and on whatever subject, he edifies and charms his hearers. Many a young man will rush to his standard whom an older candidate could not have influenced. And many another, it is to be hoped, though he may not follow him politically, will imitate his example in "neither smoking, chewing, swearing, nor drinking, and using pure language."

## Books, Magazines, Etc.

Colonel John J. Garnett, of the Confederate States Artillery, has contributed to the "Lee of Virginia" series now running in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, a paper on "The Seven Days Campaign near Richmond." It appears in the June number, and describes the second battle of Manassas, the first invasion of Maryland, and the battle of Antietam. The article is handsomely illustrated with battle scenes and portraits of General Lee, Stonewall Jackson, General Johnston and others. In the same number of the Popular Monthly is an interesting article about Sarah Bernhardt, "the Genius of Tragedy," by W. de Wagetoff, with a number of portraits of the great actress in her various characters. Then there is a description of "The Ladies of the Harem," telling of their life, amusements, etc., and beautiful pictures. Other features are: An account of a visit to Dalmatia, by Robert Howard Russell; "In the Grand Canon of the Colorado," by Edith Sessions Tupper; "In the Land of St. Francis," by Marie D. Walsh; an entertaining article on pistols and their early history and use, by John Paul Hancock; and the first installment of a new department for young people, containing a serial story by Horatio Alger, Jr., and a short bicycle story by Henry E. Haycock. Besides all this there are some excellent stories and poems.

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