

Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 23, 1896.

FARM NOTES.

In all soils is an abundance of certain plant foods, though there may be a deficiency of some kinds; yet this abundance, like gold in the earth, must be mined and brought to the surface. It is useless until made available, and to obtain it is an object which should always be kept in view.

The soil may be well supplied with nearly all kinds of plant food, but it is impoverished in proportion, as any one substance may be lacking, just as a chain is strong only in proportion to the strength of its weakest link.

A hedge is both useful and ornamental, and also adds value to the farm. In starting a hedge it should be protected by a fence until the plants have become of sufficient height to turn stock.

If manure is intended to be used in the orchard let it be applied to old trees instead of around the younger ones. Many old orchards can be renewed by careful pruning and heavy manuring, and it is an advantage to use an old orchard if possible, as it takes many years to bring up a young orchard to the bearing capacity of one that is established.

Among the fruits that are seldom seen on farms may be mentioned the quince. Quinces bring good prices in market, and they are never plentiful. In some cities it is difficult to obtain them.

The roads would be much better if wide tires were used on all wagons, and do not cut up the roads, but rather serve to pack the gravel. The State of Pennsylvania has a law exempting from certain taxes those who use wide tires, and as metal wheels are largely coming into use it is probable that in the future nearly all wagons will have wide tires.

Ticks not only keep sheep poor but enfeeble them. Experience has shown that late dipping of sheep in the fall, which destroys ticks, not only improves the condition of the flock but the gain in growth of fleece is very marked.

It is not an advantage to keep calves in the same inclosure with adult cattle. The calf prefers food of a different kind from that required by cows, as it is making growth of bone and muscle, and the adults intimidate the young animals and deprive them of food.

Peaches can be cut back very low, which makes them stocky, but such trees, when two or three years old, are not as easily cultivated as trees that are higher. The low trees stand heavy winds better, however, and shade the ground around the trunks from the sun.

How to make grafting wax: Take one part tallow, two parts beeswax and four parts resin. Melt thoroughly and pour into cold water. When cool enough work like molasses candy—using a little tallow on the hands to keep the wax from sticking.

As soon as the rot is observed in the egg plant, writes an authority, "dust the spot with air-slacked lime, and in a day or two the rot will have dried up; the spot disappears, and the fruit will mature in good condition."

Bees vanish everything in the hive toward fall. All sealed combs are varnished to prevent moisture from entering the pores of capping, and diluting the honey, which causes fermentation by the heat in the hive.

When salt is kept where the cows can help themselves there is no danger of their eating too much. It is only when it is kept from them some time that there is any risk of their doing so.

Michigan has a new turnip disease. It dries up the leaf. It is a fungus, which accompanies wet, muggy weather. The remedy, or preventive, is to burn all the affected tops.

In No Danger.

Bishop McGovern Says Bimetallism Would Help the Country.

Bishop Thomas McGovern, who presides over the Roman Catholic diocese of Harrisburg, is a strong free silver man and a great admirer of William J. Bryan. He was asked on Tuesday by a Patriot reporter to give his opinion of the interview given out by Archbishop Ireland Sunday night at St. Paul.

"As for the silver men, while they make claims which are apparently correct, they can't spend any. Who is taking these large delegations to Canton? Somebody must pay the expenses. The very element for McKinley that has money are the bankers and brokers and they are spending it."

"I do not think so; it is impossible. If we should have anarchy and disorder it will not come from the Bryan people. If the bankers and brokers choose to precipitate a panic I do not know what the consequences will be. The moneyed men of the country can burn the ship if they want to and all go down together, but they are not so foolish as to do such a thing as that."

"I could not say what would happen in the event of a panic. When it comes to starvation we don't know what follows. To my mind when the insurance men and others who control the money talk of disasters following the free silver victory they talk as though they are not able to pay their debts. In the event of a panic ten per cent. of the banks would go down, as would all saving fund institutions, because they would not be able to get money to pay the claims against them."

"You are still of the opinion that Bryan will be elected?" "Certainly not. I base my assertion, not only on what I have read, but from personal observation. In my travels I meet silver men wherever I go. In fact, I meet none who don't favor the free coinage of silver. The free coinage element is strong in the Harrisburg diocese. Silver has always been the poor man's money and the gold money of the rich man. Since the 'crime of '73' wages have been steadily coming down. In 1873 railroad men got \$2 a day up and laborers got \$1.50. Now the railroad man is content to get \$1.25 a day and the laborer 90 cents."

Will Higher Prices Benefit Labor?

Advocates for a gold standard claim that higher prices for products will not benefit labor, because expenses would be increased. Let us see how railroad employees would be affected under such a condition. Railroads have three problems to solve. They must get money to pay taxation, running expenses and interest on bonds. All of these must be paid before the stockholder receives a dividend.

Taxation can be reduced but little. Interest charges cannot be reduced at all. To reduce operating expenses is the only way to do this; that is, diminish the amount paid to employees. By discharging some, reducing salaries of others, and working less hours, the pay roll is made smaller.

A reduction in revenues has forced the road to economize. This diminution of revenue has been brought about in two ways. When the prices of farm products fell below a certain point, shipments stop unless freight rates are lowered. The expense to the road cannot be lessened except by a reduction of its pay roll.

The low price of products furnishes the producer less money, consequently he must economize. He cannot buy so large a quantity of the manufactured products, and the road has less freight to haul to the farming districts, therefore a less number of employees to operate its lines is required. Labor, in both of these cases, has been the sufferer.

Now let the opposite condition prevail. Higher prices for products not only allows the road to raise its freight rates, but production, itself, is stimulated, giving the road a larger volume of business. The employees are put on full time. Salaries are put to the old point and more men employed. The pay roll can be increased and the road still make a profit, because not only has the business from the farming districts increased, but the farmer having more money is able to buy more manufactured articles, which increases business toward the farming district.

would be benefited by increased sales of their products is obvious, as the one would sell more goods, the other get steady employment and increased wages, and of the three parties affected, labor would receive the largest portion.—"Snap Shots at Facts in Finance."

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