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FARM NOTES.

Manure should never be used on lawns unless the manure has been heated and well decomposed, fertilizers being better. If unfertilized manure is used the lawn will soon be filled with weeds, crab grass, or undesirable grass of some kind which may spring up in the seeds carried in the manure. The use of manure is beneficial or injurious according to the substances which have been added to the heap from time to time, but when the heap has undergone fermentation the seeds therein will have been destroyed. Fertilizers are cleaner than manures on the lawn, are easily applied, and are free from seeds. Well-rotted manure, however, makes an excellent covering on the lawn for winter protection.

Farmers complain that they cannot compete with the creamery in making butter because the creamery is better supplied with dairy appliances. The farmer, however, can have better milk than the creamery, as he secures his supply from a herd of cows of his own breeding or selection, while the creamery must depend on the entire community for its milk. It is the care of the milk at the stable before sending to the creamery that gives an advantage, and this is controlled by the farmer when he makes butter which is to be choice. The cow, her breeding, and her food, with cleanliness, are the main factors in making good butter.

No farm should be a poor farm after it has been occupied for five years, unless the soil is of such a character as to make the farm incapable of improvement. When a farmer is not gaining something in his soil he is losing money, no matter how much he sells, as it will be but a few years before the revenue of the farm will cease. With the aid of clover a farm can be made better every year, and also gotten into first-class condition if fertilizers are used in connection with clover.

The profits in dairying depend, first, on the kind of cow with which next to no one can compete. If there is any profit at all it is from those cows that are well bred and well fed. If the demand for good butter and cheese continues and other farm products rule at a low figure, we must devote more time to dairy matters. It is no easy job to pick up a herd of good cows at random. The safest plan is to get a few good ones, and then buy a registered bull and breed up.

When the sheep's feet seem to be tender apply a mixture of pure lard or vaseline with one-tenth part acetate of copper which will ground with it. This will cure whatever poison may affect the feet through the effects of impure matter in the land. Decaying matter of any kind, especially if it is wet, will quickly rot the sole of the feet and cause lameness, which if neglected may have serious results.

There is danger to seed corn every year when the winter is severely cold, unless the corn is perfectly dry. The ears selected for seed should be placed where they will dry before the winter sets in. A room containing a stove may be used for drying a large quantity, and also to protect against frost on very cold days. It is a severe frost in spring should corn be planted and fail to germinate, hence it pays to give the seed some attention now.

When little pigs begin to eat they sometimes have scours. To prevent this the food should be cooked. They will get beyond the dam stage. No sow having pigs should be given slop that is sour or filthy. Clean, wholesome food, not too concentrated, and not too much at a time, is better than feeding a surplus of any and all kinds, that serve no purpose than to do harm or to be wasted.

If oats are not ground they may be profitably fed in the straw. The horse will chew oats and straw together more thoroughly than he will the oat grain alone and the grain may be given in larger quantities than would be safe if eaten by itself. Oat straw is mainly carbonaceous, but it is commonly much less hard than the straw of wheat, rye or barley and is better for feeding to stock.

Judge Wellhouse, the great apple grower of Kansas, says red clover in his orchards when they come into bearing and rolls this down twice a season with a large roller on which are several knives of a stock cutter. The clover stand is kept up by yearly reseed, and the fertility of the land is well cared for, so far as nitrogen and good physical condition go.

The object in pruning grapes is to get a well-formed vine and a large yield of the best fruit. Two-thirds of the year's growth should be cut away. If not severely pruned more fruit will be grown than can be matured. We must remember that grapes grow upon the new wood only, and that this year's branches bear next year's fruit. Let the vines be trimmed in the autumn.

It is very difficult to keep soils fertile if they contain a large proportion of sand. If they are kept under cultivation this difficulty increases as the sand both blows and washes away when exposed to winds. For this reason many owners of sandy fields keep them seeded with grass or clover as much as possible, only plowing them when the seeding runs out.

As long as the trees are left without care in the orchard just so much time will be lost in bringing them into full bearing. Trees cannot be gotten into profit in a year, like an animal, and the sooner they begin to bear the less loss of land, time and capital.

It is claimed that great as is our annual wheat crop it does not exceed the production of poultry and eggs. This is due to the fact that millions of dollars' worth of poultry and eggs are produced in the suburbs of towns and villages, as well as on the farms.

Hundreds of farmers do not know how many tools and implements they have purchased since owning their farms, nor have they a place for them. If they will enter these items in a book they will prevent loss and know at all times what they have on hand.

There is no more important work on the fruit farm, or garden than winter protection, and there is no work more generally neglected. Let it be done thoroughly, after frosts have come, and before winter sets in.

The first lessons on farming to the young should be in the country schools, where reading books will interest the children and lay the foundation for better knowledge of agriculture.

—Read the WATCHMAN.

Ministers in Politics.

Ordained to Preach the Gospel Not Politics—The Kind of Money We Have Will Not be a Passport for Heaven.

FOR THE WATCHMAN.

Bellefonte, Oct. 19th, 1896.—On Sabbath morning, the 18th, at 10:30, in the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte, I had the pleasure of hearing a most excellent, and learned discourse by the Rev. L. Y. Graham, D. D. of Phila., Pa. from Ephes. 3: 9, 10 He presented the most beautiful truths that choice language could construct, in some of them, he carried the redeemed ones in exquisite ways across the Heavenly waters of the ethereal Jordan, safely landing them, in the eternal home of the New Jerusalem. His hearers were transported to Elysian fields of delight, almost ready to pass over the triumphal shore, and all were ready to raise the applaudit. His finish, "well done thou good and faithful servant, thou art a faithful ambassador."

I was attending the Synod of Pennsylvania for several days in session in Bellefonte.

At 7:30 in the evening I again took my seat in the church to hear Rev. R. S. Holmes, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa. He took his text from Rev. 3: 8, "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." From this passage he thought he was divined to instruct his saints on financial and political economy. Who ordained him to this work, God only knows. He had not wandered far from the fold, if he had ever been in it, until it was evident that he knew nothing about the remedy for the financial distress of our country, and hence was dishonoring the cause, that he should have faithfully represented. He assumingly thought, that he was giving us the sincere milk of the coconut, when he defiantly asserted, that what the people wanted, was "not more dollars, but more opportunities; that the hand," was made for "work," and that it needed "more of it." From the appearance of his own hands, I do not think that it would be hard for him to count the callous places upon them, a glove would fit his hand better than an implement.

He urged us to "improve our talent" rigorously, that God had given us them for that purpose, that our abilities should be exercised in art, in science and mathematics to their fullest extent. Does he think that this can be done without money and time?

Should he not know that it takes years of profound study and a large amount of money, to successfully accomplish anything worthy of notice in these matters; that but few succeed out of the many that strive. Men of the highest order of genius have spent their whole life in investigation, and arduous labor, and died in poverty. Others have accomplished great results, and given pro bono publico, their valuable inventions to men of sharp, avaricious, unfair and unscrupulous tendencies for a mere song, because they could not help themselves financially.

A very large class of men, are found in these circumstances, and because they cannot help themselves. They are to be called failures. Another class, called farmers, mechanics, and laboring men, are over-burdened with tax and interest upon their little homes. The old man, wife and children are almost naked and without food, trying to save every cent to pay the last installment upon their long and hard earned home; and just as taxes raise higher and the price of their farm products or wages are lower, a successful business man (called these days) who made his money, in sharp dealing in stocks and trusts, comes around and has it legally sold for the little bit of back interest, etc., and thus it goes.

The poor family is left out in the world homeless and comfortless, without a sympathizing tear or friend. See a man who has been living in high life and never has earned an "honest dollar," embezzle or steal a hundred thousand or two, from the widows and orphans, out of some savings bank, or other institution of deposit, and behold the wall of the land going up for Rachel and her weeping children, and how freely purses and pardons are granted.

The shepherd who undertook to teach us is a bad door keeper, and what a glorious thing it is for us, that Christ is the door keeper, and has said that "no man can shut it" or how many would be shut out as "street loungers" or "corner loafers" or "failures," because they have been robbed of their birthright. And oh, how many might have passed through, because of their successful business adventures and ability to reap where they had not sown.

What would St. Paul, Timothy and the rest of the Apostles think of this modern reformer, preparing the saints for a Heavenly rest, through the door of the monetary system of the United States. "O tempora! O mores!"

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