

FARM NOTES.

PEACHES.—The many sudden changes of temperature experienced this winter are likely to seriously affect the fruit prospects.

—Dead branches should be cut from trees as soon as noticed. If left on more dead ones appear each year until the tree is wholly dead.

—Young stock fed on an exclusive diet will not develop fully, either in feathers or bones. If you want to feed but one kind of grain to young, or old stock, let it be wheat, as that combines all the necessary properties for development, and for egg production.

—Strong colonial bees sometimes become suddenly depleted in number, with not enough left to keep up the necessary warmth to hatch the eggs.

BLACKBERRIES.—The pruning of the laterals is often overdone (to make the lines look well), and so we get more wood than flowers. Leave the laterals quite long—fifteen to twenty inches—and cut out the small canes, unless you want to plant another line.

—Manure for the bearing trees, and they all need it every year. If you have not given the annual coat, it may be applied at the first opportunity; a little snow will not be in the way, and labor, horses and carts are more readily secured now than later.

—Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney produce a rich milk, suitable for creamery uses, as the cream rises rapidly. Again, no other milk breeds are so valuable as those named for the farm dairy.

—Some years ago our attention was called to the following cheap paint for fences and farm buildings. It is very serviceable considering its cheapness, and now that every farmer must make the cheap grain gas as possible, it is worth the notice of any who wish to freshen up their premises.

The proportions should be based upon about a gallon of the milk, as this will make a convenient quantity to mix when one person is to apply it. If too much is prepared, the cement will set and harden before it is used.

As many of our readers are engaged in pig-raising, I should like to tell them how we manage to make that branch of farming pay, at the present low price of pork.

The past fall we fattened and in December killed eight hogs. Dressing weight 2,214 lbs. After making a tour of the meat markets and learning that 4c. was the highest price being paid and at least two of them informed me that the head must be removed to get even that price, I decided again to act the part of retailer instead of wholesaler, and the result follows:

A model two-story smoke house suitable for eight hams, may be constructed with twelve 10-inch matched boards 8 feet long. A frame of 2 by 4 scantling 30 inches square for top and bottom of house is about all else that is required.

Sovereign and Warfare.

The Grand Master Workman Writes of Revolution as Remedy for Industrial Ills.

DENVER, COL., Feb. 15.—J. R. Sovereign, grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, has written a letter to the Industrial Advocate, with private Dalzell's exhortation for war with a foreign nation as his text.

He deprecates private Dalzell's talk as being in a tone which might tend dangerously to fan the sentiment into an open flame but asserts that should revolution come, he will not be "among the cowards now on the side of the plutocratic classes."

His letter is dated at Sulphur Springs, Ark., on Feb. 5, and is in part as follows: "Private Dalzell seems to overlook the fact that, as the result of the recent election 1,000,000 voters of this country lost faith in the ballot; that the Iron Brotherhood and Industrial Army, both secret revolutionary societies, are now being rapidly organized in every part of the country."

Foreign troops were landed at New York during the Christopher Columbus naval review, but to this function foreign navies had been officially invited. It is the custom when commanders of American warships desire to land men for drills on foreign shores to apply to the local authorities who, in turn, procure the necessary permit from the central authority.

ATHENS, February 16.—The first definite news of a Greek victory in Crete received by the United States, was the receipt of the intelligence. The Greeks, it is said, attacked Fort Aghai, taking 400 Musselmans prisoners. Among the number are 100 Turkish troops, the remainder of the prisoners being Moslems who had fled to the fort.

Details of the engagements are lacking. One report states that no fighting occurred, the garrison surrendering unconditionally from the Greek commander. As no mention of any losses is made in any of the dispatches, it is surmised that this report is true. Notwithstanding the reports that the powers would take concerted action to prevent Greece from taking further hostile action in Crete warlike preparations are being made with all possible dispatch.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 21.—Rumors have prevailed all day here that something stirring occurred in Havana yesterday, though it cannot be confirmed as yet in any way. The story is that General Lee is weary of his work and is ready and anxious to resign if the administration will not back him up in his latest case—that of freeing all American political suspects now in rank Spanish dungeons, or at least securing them a speedy civil trial, such as they are entitled to.

THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING. Governor Hastings Has Something to Say About It. HARRISBURG, Feb. 16.—In an interview to-night Governor Hastings gave his views regarding the proposed new capitol building and also gave out an opinion of attorney general McCormick, on the question of creating a state debt for the purpose.

General Lee then cabled Secretary Olney that the administration must uphold him in his demand for the instant release of all Americans unjustly imprisoned as political suspects, or give speedy civil trial, or this demand to be enforced with the presence of American warships. If not, then he would resign.

PHILADELPHIA Trying to Get the Capitol. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—A number of citizens met in the municipal office to-day to consider a plan by which the state legislature may be induced to submit the question of moving the state capitol from Harrisburg to Philadelphia to a vote of the people.

ARMOR PLATE FOR RUSSIA. BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 19.—Twenty-four car loads of armor plate for Russia's new battleship, Rosteslay, left the ordnance works of the Bethlehem Iron company to-day. The plate was consigned to the Russian government at Sebastopol, and was shipped via New York city. The shipment weighed 525 tons, and was the largest ever made from America to a foreign port.

Ready to Parade.

A Request to Allow British Forces to Land to March on Washington's Birthday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The navy department has received a telegraphic application from Mayor Carlsson, of San Diego, for permission for the British cruiser Comus, now at that port, to land its forces to take part in the great land parade on Washington's birthday.

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Congressional Forecast.

Only Nine More Working Days Remaining for the Fifty-Fourth Congress—Arbitration Treaty Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Only nine more working days remain in the Fifty-fourth congress and the condition of the appropriation bills will compel the senate to make up for the time lost in a futile effort to ratify the arbitration treaty, which now appears to have been shelved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Notices were posted at the Johnson works Saturday morning announcing that the switch works, which have been closed down since Saturday, Feb. 13th, will resume operations next Wednesday morning and the men have been ordered to report for duty at that time. Over 1,000 men will be affected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A report current with members of the cabinet is that President-elect McKinley has instructed his secretary, John Addison Porter, to see that President Cleveland is provided with an escort after he leaves the White House (to which he will return with the newly installed president after the latter has taken the oath of office at the capitol.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Governor Bushnell furnished the following statement to the United Associated Press this evening: "It had been my intention to make no announcement in relation to the action I would take in the matter of an appointment to fill the prospective vacancy in the Ohio representation in the United States senate until the vacancy actually existed. But on the account of the manifest interest of the people and their desire to know what will be done, I deem it best now to make the following statement: When Senator Sherman resigns to enter the cabinet of President McKinley, I will appoint to succeed him Hon. Marcus A. Hanna, of Cuyahoga county, to serve until his successor is chosen by the seventy-third general assembly of the state. I trust this action will meet with the approval of the people."

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Mr. Bryan to Talk.

He is Booked For a Speech in New York Next Friday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—William Jennings Bryan is booked for a speech here next Friday at Carnegie hall. The subject of his discourse will be "Money", and its object will be to boom the Bimetallist league which has been formed. The association intends to elect the president of the United States in 1900 on the platform on which Mr. Bryan ran last year.

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