

PHARM NOTES.

It is very hard to keep currant bushes thrifty and productive when anywhere from six to ten or a dozen sprouts are allowed to grow in each bush.

The horn fly, unknown to cattle breeders until within a few years, is now widely spread, and its attacks need to be counteracted in every locality.

Walnut trees require about 20 years before they can be considered ready for use in market. The practice of those who have gone into the business of growing walnut trees is to plant the trees about 30 feet apart, gradually cutting out alternate trees as they reach the proper stage of growth.

An emulsion which has been overlooked compared with its advantages is that made of soap, kerosene and crude carbolic acid. The crude acid is very cheap compared with the refined article, and those who have tried it report that the kerosene emulsion is greatly improved by the addition of the crude acid.

No domestic animal is so badly misused as the cow. As a rule, stables are low, damp and dark, and if not so, they are so open and cold as to require a pick and crow-bar to clean out the frozen manure.

Goodness knows there are enough poor cows in the country—those which with the best of care and keep would not pay to own; but where there is one of this class, four or five are more unprofitable to the owner, which, if sensibly kept, fed and watered, would pay a fair profit instead of running the owner in debt.

The subject of orniculture is receiving considerable attention at the farmers institutes and the variety of questions asked imply a growing interest in this important subject.

Grape growing in the eastern section, although especially adapted for the purpose, has not received the attention in the past that it ought to have, and we often have inquiries like the following: "What are the best varieties of grapes for this section?" Our answer is: Concord, Worden, Delaware, Moores Early, Jansville, Agawath, Brighton, Magara. "When do you trim your vines?"

No, we want the soil to be tilled the direct rays of the sun. We advocate mulching for all other fruits, but the only mulching we want for grapes is the "dust blanket" formed by frequent shallow cultivation.

North or east, in the opposite direction from the prevailing winds during the growing season.

Three or four inches of earth. Some use straw, but it is objectionable we think for several reasons; the mice are apt to work among it and it might thaw out too early in the spring.

What time in the spring do you uncover the vines? We can't set any date. The buds begin to swell from the 1st to the middle of May, but if left too late you are liable to break the buds off in taking them up.

Are there any grapes in the middle states that do not require winter protection? None that are worth growing.

How about the so-called wine grape? Perfect humbug.

Is there a strawberry plant that does not put out any runners but has a bushy top like a potato plant? Emphatically, no! If an agent tells you he has a strawberry plant that does not run, you had better make him run as fast as he can.

Is the Bismark apple a success? No, better leave that and all other novelties for the experiment stations to try, and if they don't succeed, the average man has no business with it.

How about the Malinda apple? Very fine apple, good keeper; similar to Tallman Sweet, but very difficult to grow from root grafts; does better top-worked on some other hardy stock. I have no doubt that there will be thousands of trees sold for Malinda that are spurious. Grown from root grafts it is a very crooked, homely tree, and branches out close to the ground. These are just a few of the questions that are asked at every institute.

Dr. Swallow's Sermon "Nearness to God."

Talks at Legislators.—He Believes in Mixing Religion With Politics.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, who has been prominently before the people of this State for some time past, preached a sermon at the Twenty-ninth street Methodist church, Philadelphia, on Sunday evening, May 2nd. Dr. Swallow is editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, which paper for some months has been charging the state administration with corrupt practices in manipulating the public funds for private ends through the public building board at Harrisburg.

The speaker's text for his sermon was found in Acts XVII, 27, the theme was "Nearness to God." He showed this to result from God's chosen nearness to his intelligent creatures. The thought was enforced and illustrated from lessons found in Nature, in Providence and in the Kingdom of Grace. Under the second thought he dwelt on man's disposition to forget God in prosperity and fly to him in adversity.

Referring to the nation he said: "In the year of our inflated prosperity, succeeding the war, a prosperity more apparent than real, because of the destructive forces which had been in operation for five years of war and during fifty years of slavery, we assumed that we were rich and independent 'having of nothing,' when, in fact, we were like the Laodicean Church, 'and knew not that we were wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.'" It has taken us thirty years to find out our true status as a nation before God.

While there are glorious exceptions to the rule, the average politician has not found it out yet. He goes right on misappropriating the people's money and abusing their confidence as though he had succeeded by shutting the all-and-every-where-seeing eye of the Almighty, by use of the same duplicity employed in shutting the eye of the average taxpayer.

Much of the poverty of these last years; poverty in labor, in money, in the necessities of life, in moral development, in true manhood, in high character, in consecutive effort and magnificent achievement; we say much of this poverty is the result of a low estimate of the potential force of faith, as a prime factor in the maintenance of individual and national character.

Prior to hard times, thousands of persons have paid a dollar a piece for the privilege of hearing the most accomplished blasphemer of the centuries ridicule, faith and mouth the name of the world's Redeemer in derisive rhetoric. Suddenly there came upon us as a nation great fears. Banks failed, business became stagnant, manufactures stood aghast, and few knew the cause. Some said it was owing to the fears of laws likely to be enacted by an incoming administration; others, to laws which had been enacted by an outgoing administration.

But all soon came to realize that it was the result of a lack of confidence, and confidence is only another name for faith. Four hundred millions were drawn out of the banks in twenty days, and went into hiding, individuals, corporations, banks, business, manufactures, commerce, had no faith in each other, and to all human appearance, little faith in God.

When Garfield stood uncovered amid the swaying, seething crowd of Wall street, who were gnashing their teeth over the assassination of the martyred Lincoln, and with uplifted hand waved the wild people into silence by that single sentence, "God is not dead; God still lives." He uttered a truth that had been ringing down the corridors of the ages; a revelation of the living God; back to which we must come, no matter how far we have strayed, or failing to return must miserably perish.

Faith in husbandry, in wife, in childhood, in paternal wisdom, in social purity, in private and public virtue, as the chief corner-stone of national greatness. Faith in home, in the marts of trade, amid the whirl of wheels and caprices of commercial ventures; yes, faith everywhere, resultant from faith in the everywhere, God, must now as ever be the substance, the very "substance of things hoped for."

"Without faith it is impossible to please God," and just as impossible to push to completion varied enterprises of men.

Our faith in God sets the gauge for our fellows, and he who strives to weaken either the former or to destroy the latter, except for the purpose of overthrowing vicious leadership, personating virtue, is a public enemy.

A consciousness of a nearness to God prompts us to love what He loved, and hate what He hated for none can love good and not hate evil. Hate is the shadow cast by love. To be a good hater—not of men but of their sins—is as Godlike as to be a good lover. He who interprets, "to the pure all things are pure," so as to call black white, and evil good, and vice virtue, whether seen in a tramp, an alderman, a legislator, a governor, a president, or a king, has reached that point in moral legend where, being himself froward, "God deals with him frowardly." In his endeavors to be an extreme optimist, he has reached a condition of character only less to be pitied than that of the extreme pessimist.

Nearness to God, therefore, will characterize the individual on Monday as well as on Sunday; as a tradesman as well as Sunday school teacher; as a voter as truly as an elder or an exhorter, or a church trustee. It will be enmity between him and that which "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," like unto that enmity found in Him whose heel the prophetic promise said should bruise the serpent's head.

sive formula in "get there Eli!" and no matter how you get there. By fraud, gambling, working the growler, duplicity, bribery, crimes against the ballots, praying good Lord to-day and good devil to-morrow; working the Sunday school teacher and the saloon keeper, the brewer and the bishop, the elder, the deacon, class leader, and the brothel keeper and bootlegger, all in the same political team. Yes! Yes! Yes! Anyway; only get there.

Striking down with the bludgeon of packed juries, private citizens who dare complain of the robberies under forms of law being committed by public officials. Yes! Yes! For the party power must have the right of eminent domain, though its juggernaut cart runs its crushing wheels over the dismantled homes, the dismembered bodies, the bleeding hearts and broken hopes of the taxpayers who make government possible.

Shall we accept without a protest the dictum of our own State boss that moral questions have no standing in political issues? Or, of him of Iowa, menaced by the golden rule and ten commandments, and therefore Sunday school politics must be relegated to the rear? Or, of him of New York that "politics and religion shall not sail in the same craft, so long as he reads the deck and commands the crew." Or, of him of Kansas, that religious men shall attend to their religion, since politicians are competent to steer the ship of state? For one, I answer no! An everlasting no! And eternal shame to the sons of Belial who dare affirm the monstrous doctrine.

Seven hundred years before the Man of Calvary began his career, inspiration winged to earth the glorious heraldry that "the government shall be upon His shoulders." And until it is placed there let faint hearts to the rear. Let men of faith, of hope, of courage, of eternal loyalty to God, to the front and with vigor do and sword of the spirit flashing in the white light of the sun of righteousness riding cloudless in his meridian splendor let the tramp! tramp! tramp! of his invincible squadrons be heard till he sits upon the throne clothed in the garments from Bozra, the emblems of this regal glory.

Low Rates to Washington, D. C.

Special Ten-Day Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The list of the Pennsylvania company's Spring excursions to Washington will leave Pittsburgh May 20th, 1897.

Round-trip good within ten days, and permitting a stopover in Baltimore in either direction within limit, will be sold at rates quoted below, good for use going on special train, or on Train No. 4, leaving Pittsburgh at 8.10 p. m., returning on any regular train except the Pennsylvania limited. Special train of parlor cars and day coaches will be run on the following schedule:

Table with 3 columns: Train leaves, Rate, and Time. Rows include Altoona, Bellefonte, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Osceola, Tyrone, and Washington.

Passengers from branch points desiring to take the special train will use the following trains: Southwest Branch, Train No. 101, to Greensburg; Indiana Branch, Indiana Accommodation No. 84, to Blairsville; Western Division, Train No. 2, to Blairsville; Martinsburg and Hollidaysburg, Accommodation Train No. 412, to Altoona; and from Bedford, Train No. 4, to Huntingdon.

Pullman sleeping cars will be run through on night train leaving Pittsburgh at 8.10 p. m.

About the Mosquito.

A Few Truths About Our Summer Visitor From New Jersey.

There are four truths respecting the mosquito which modern science has established:

First—A mosquito cannot live in air free from malarial poison. Untainted air has the same effect on him as a healthy community on a doctor. It deprives him of patients, and he must go to less favored localities to practice his profession.

Second—The lymph, which flows through an automatic valve when it inserts its proboscis, contains a modified germ of the malarial fever, and, according to the well-settled law of inoculation, the instruction of the weak germ renders harmless a subsequent attack by the strong germ.

Third—The mosquito never swallows human blood. It cannot. The lymph that its body becomes discolored and swells, while probing, is caused by the discoloration of the lymph in contact with the blood and the muscular effort of inserting the probe.

Fourth—A mosquito will never insert its lancet in a person not susceptible to an attack of malaria. This also proves, not only its unerring instinct, but that its never-wounds unnecessarily. Its thrusts are those of a skilled and humane surgeon, and even more unselfish, for hope of a fee never quickens him, nor does the malediction of his patient deter him in the fulfillment of his duty.

Remember, then, that the presence of a mosquito is an infallible sign that malaria is in the air, and that you are exposed to it, and when you hear that well-known but solemn note of warning, do not treat him as a foe but as a friend.

A new game bill which has passed the lower house of the Pennsylvania legislature limits the amount of game to be killed by one person in one day to 10 woodcocks, 10 pheasants, 15 quail and 2 wild turkeys. But two deer may be killed in a season by one person. The opening season for woodcock is in July, and also October 15 to December 15; rabbits, same; pheasants, October 15; squirrels, same. No game can be killed for shipment outside the State. No insectivorous birds can be killed for millinery purposes, but only for scientific purposes.

The publishers of the Avoca Herald recently sued a delinquent subscriber and recovered judgment for seven years' subscription with costs amounting to \$24. The paper had been ordered stopped and had been returned from the postoffice as refused, but the subscriber had not paid up arrears and his name was continued on the books and the paper mailed to his address. The decision of the court was that a subscriber could be held for subscription until all arrears had been paid.

Considered Them Unwise.

The Governor Vetoes Bills Relating to Election and Debts.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 8th.—The Governor has vetoed two house bills, one providing for suitable places for holding elections and the other authorizing and empowering courts of common pleas to direct and decree the sale of real estate of insolvent debtors by their assignees for the payment of debt and the discharge of such sales of the right of dower by which such real estate is, or may be, charged or encumbered. With respect to the first bill, the Governor says it is general in its terms, and applies to every county in the commonwealth. It gives to the county commissioners the right of eminent domain, and empowers them, in cases where they are unable to secure suitable rooms or ground to enter upon and occupy sufficient ground for such purposes upon giving bond. Provision is made for the appointment of viewers. The Governor says that no right of appeal is given from the report of the viewers nor from the judgment of the court. He is of the opinion that this legislation would be unwise, particularly as it affects the large cities and towns of the State, and would open the door to unnecessary expenditures.

As to the other bill, the executive says it is clearly not competent for the law making power to thus deprive the owners of encumbrances of their securities upon property without notice. He deems the legislation unwise and unjust to wives.

Liquor in the State House.

Members of Grace Church May Oust the Legislature.

HARRISBURG, May 8.—It is stated that there is dissatisfaction among members of Grace church, where the Legislature is now meeting, and statements have been made that there is a likelihood of the edifice being taken from the State. The alleged grounds on which the move is contemplated are that liquor is taken into the building and freely drunk in the committee rooms. This has reached the ears of some of the worshippers at Grace church and a number are said to be highly incensed.

A committee of the trustees of the church, it is reported, will be appointed to wait on the speaker of the house and the president of the senate and ask them to prevent liquor from coming into the building. If they do not prevent it, then the committee will ask them to move.

Monday evening a meeting of the board to build a new capitol will be held, when the preliminary arrangements will be completed and made public. The board is determined to begin work as soon as possible, but the circumstances, they say are such that speed is impossible. Just as soon, however, as the architect is selected there will be a lively pushing of the work.

Dress Uniforms of the N. G. P.

Governor Hastings Favors Them and Will Try to Secure Them.

HARRISBURG, May 8.—A dress uniform is favored by Governor Hastings for the members of the National Guard. He was instrumental in having passed a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a dress uniform during the Beaver administration, but the failure of the revenue bill at the same session spoiled the plans for a dress uniform. The comparison with the well-dressed troops of other states on big parades is causing discontent among Pennsylvania militiamen, as they use their service uniforms on all occasions.

Bushnell Will Oppose Hanna.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, has announced himself as a candidate to succeed Mark Hanna. This stand has awakened Senator Hanna to the gravity of the situation and he is writing to each of the Republican party leaders in Ohio. His letter intimates that open war will be declared by the administration against Senator Foraker. The latter's friends are stirring also.

We believe if the unemployed of this town, who are heads of families, would express such a desire, they could secure the use of probably an acre of vacant ground each, on which they could raise enough garden produce, such as potatoes, beans, peas, corn, beets, onions, etc., to keep them over next winter. This is a plan now in operation in various cities and towns in the United States, and besides being successful is highly commended. It furnishes honest employment for idle hours besides giving the workers something to live on.

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Mrs. Christiana Foster is a matron of Mattoon, who has recently been restored to the ranks of health after many years of suffering. She gave her statement to a reporter in such concise shape that we print it:

"My name is Christiana Foster, I am fifty years of age and a housekeeper. I have lived in Illinois ever since I was twelve years old. During the latter years of my life I have been much afflicted with stomach trouble, blood disorders and nervousness, and these were greatly aggravated about two years ago, when I became subject to most disagreeable hot flashes, (or perhaps I should say 'flushes')."

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Death From Lock-Jaw.

Mrs. Susan Dearthoff, widow of Joseph Dearthoff, the late president of the Dillsburg national bank, who died two months ago, died at her home in Dillsburg last Friday, aged about 55 years. Mrs. Dearthoff's death was very sudden and sad in the extreme. Sometime during the week she ran a splinter under the nail of one of her fingers; the splinter was removed but lock-jaw set in, terminating in death.

"John," said a Somerville mother to her 3-year-old boy, "how do you ever manage to wear such big holes in the knees of your stockings?" "I don't know, mamma," John answered thoughtfully; "maybe I do it when I say my prayers."

Our Big Country.

The distance across the United States is found to be 2,625.2 geographical miles from the lighthouse six miles north of Cape May, N. J., to the lighthouse six miles south of Punta Arenas, following the thirty-ninth parallel of latitude as closely as possible. This is conceded to be about the mean breadth of the country. A glance at the map will show that the United States is much wider toward the north and much narrower toward the Gulf coast, but the thirty-ninth parallel is about as fair an average as can be drawn. The measurements were made by triangulation—that is, by taking observations from fixed landmarks and verifying them by astronomical tests. The distance across the continent thus obtained is 140 feet longer than that reported by Bessels in 1856, and ninety-eight feet longer than that reported by Professor Clark in 1866.

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