

FARM NOTES.

Grapes should be allowed to ripen thoroughly before being picked. Pears and apples ripen after picking, but grapes will not mature if picked too soon.

All attempts to save blighted pear trees will be useless unless the diseased limbs are removed, and the knife or other tools used for such purpose should be disinfected every time a limb or branch is cut.

Save all the old fruit cans and remove the tops. They can be used for many purposes, such as potting strawberry runners, for early plants in the spring or for covering plants.

Geraniums and other plants that are sometimes potted but which have been put outside during the summer, should be taken up next month and put in pots.

Dealers who buy hogs prefer them to weigh not over 200 pounds. The fall pigs pay well if they are sold when about 150 pounds weight, but fall pigs should not be farrowed later than September, as they are liable to be retarded by a severe winter unless well sheltered.

Farmers who have tried to grow chestnut trees from seed complain that in most cases the result is a failure. The chestnut tree grows readily from seed, but great care must be exercised not to permit the nuts to become dry. Use only nuts that are sound, and select the best, planting them as soon as they are taken from the trees, or else keep them in moist sand until ready to plant.

The old system of cream raising was to set the milk in shallow pans, let it stand forty-eight hours and never get very cold. The exact opposite of this is the Swedish system introduced in this country twenty-two years ago, and now in pretty general use.

When home mixing of fertilizers is not a matter of difficulty. A tight barn floor, platform scales, a shovel and hoe, comprise the whole necessary outfit.

Flies and mosquitoes deprive the cattle and horses of rest, and every stable should have wire mesh over the windows. The matter of ventilation of the stable is a serious problem to farmers.

One way of preserving fodder in good shape for feeding is to put both ears and fodder into the silo (Professor C. D. Smith, Bulletin 154, Michigan Experiment Station).

The multitude of this power, the wide variety of subject matter on which it operates, and the highly delicate duties attending its exercise, render it only the more tempting to official avarice.

During the fall and winter the soil loses portions of its plant food, due to leaching by rains and melting snows, as well as by chemical action of the constituent elements, which are changed from a soluble to an insoluble condition.

The wisdom of this evident intent to keep state issues separate finds ample illustration in the present situation and condition of the state politics of Pennsylvania.

A Great Meeting of Democrats.

Mr. Jenks and the Other Candidates of the Democracy Officially Noted of their Nominations. The Acceptance Speeches, Bitter and Bold Arrangement of the Boss Rule and Official Extravagance.

The meeting of the committee appointed by the Altoona convention to give formal notice of their nomination, to the candidates chosen by that convention was held at the Bedford Springs hotel on the 17th inst.

Gold and silver Democratic leaders, many formerly conspicuous in the Harrisley, anti-Harrisley and all other factions intermingled. Enthusiasm prevailed. And assurances of hard and hopeful work for the ticket were given by every section of the State.

T. C. DeWitt, of Towanda, spoke for the candidates of to-day sat in the great hall-room of the Springs hotel and heard the nominee notified and accept. Unison was personified. Everything indicates that the party is as thoroughly harmonized as it is possible to harmonize any great political party.

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Mr. Jenks followed by Hon. Wm. H. Egan, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, who made a very strong speech in which he said:

The platform upon which we were nominated, at the Altoona convention, declares "that the paramount issue in the campaign on which we have entered are clean politics," and pledges the party to "wage unceasing warfare against the vicious system of political profligacy and corruption that pervades our entire system of State and municipal affairs."

"Good government, honestly and economically administered in the interest of the whole people of our State, rather than the one absorbing issue before the people in the campaign. Shall the people rule their own affairs in their own way or permit some unscrupulous political boss to usurp their rights and power to govern themselves?"

WHAT DEMOCRACY ASKS. The Democratic party asks every honest and conservative voter to closely scrutinize and most thoroughly examine into the extravagances of the Republican management of the internal affairs of our Commonwealth before he casts his vote at the next November election, so that he may be enabled intelligently to vote upon live issues involved in the contest, and for a better and more frugal government of our domestic concerns.

Other speeches were made by W. J. Brennan, of Pittsburg; B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg; Frank I. Gosser, of Allegheny; Woods Carr, of Lafayette, and Joseph Howley, of Pittsburg.

One of the oldest coins of Europe will shortly disappear. The Austrian "kruzeer" was withdrawn from commercial circulation on June 30th, in accordance with the convention establishing a copper currency of equal value for all parts of the Empire.

The Japanese have a custom of celebrating the blossoming of fruit trees by a general holiday.

As a positive guarantee of my reliability, I refer to any mercantile or commercial agency. As the object of offering these prizes is to attract attention to my popular family magazine, each person answering must enclose with their answer five (5) recent stamps (or other equally valuable articles) to be used in the purchase of the magazine.

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designed to serve such purpose, they were either unintelligible or in violation of the provisions of the constitution, so that the burden should be cast on the chief executive or the courts to declare them void?

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Why did the late Legislature appropriate funds for the payment of supplies to the State in sums vastly in excess of the admitted cost of such supplies? Why have of millions of dollars of the common school funds of the State been withheld from the schools for long periods of time, while the teachers have gone unpaid or the local officials have been driven to the expedient of loans?

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