Democratic Hatchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 16, 1900.

FARM NOTES.

-Begin plowing for spring as soon as it can be done. It matters not how wet the land is if it can be plowed, as the frost will pulverize all lumps. An advantage in early plowing is that insects will be turned to the surface and be destroyed. Cold does not destroy some insects, but when they are brought to the surface and are exposed to dampness and alternate thawing and freezing they succumb. It will be found that soils in which cutworms are numerous may be plowed early with benefit, as the worms will be greatly reduced in number by so doing and the crops be protected to that extent, for frequently the cutworms compel replanting of an entire

-Labor can be saved in plowing and the work be done well by properly laying off the plot. A square acre, plowed with a 15-inch furrow, required 84 rounds and ing much less time to do the work. The some rule applies to cultivation. The longer the rows the less time required, as there will be fewer turnings at the ends of rows. It is the turning of the plow or cultivator which causes loss of time, to say nothing of the extra work imposed on the man who is plowing or cultivating.

-My method of keeping a few winter danger of freezing, the squasnes are placed in a cupboard in the sitting room, the door being left ajar through the day and closed at night in very cold weather. It will be seen that the temperature of the room is seen that the r considerably higher than is generally recommended, often reaching 70 degrees. The Hubbard squash has been kept in this

—Usually the garden soil is full of humus, and lime may be used on it to good advantage. Lime is one of those elements of the soil which is essential to the growth of plants and trees, and when it is properly used a vast difference in the growth of the vegetation is noticeable. All farmers and horticulturists use it in many ways, but it is probably as often abused as used. The full and direct effects of lime upon plants under all conditions have not yet been fathomed, but enough knowledge concerning its general effect is possessed for one to use it intelligently on many crops. In the vegetable garden lime is invaluable. It is the best preventive and check for mildew on cucumbers and diseases of potatoes. As soon as the cucumber vines show signs of the disease, the powdered lime should be sprinkled over every part of the plants that are affected, and the operation repeated after rain so long as there are any signs of the mildew. If one watches the plants early in the spring, and applies the lime as soon as the disease manifests itself, it will never be allowed by the spring and applies the lime as soon as the disease manifests itself, it will never be allowed by the spring and washington \$48.00. lowed to make much progress, but sometimes in the case of plants being nearly dried up with the disease, the lime will give them new life and growth. give them new life and growth.

ed for their milk supply? A cow cannot work over her food nor supply milk with- street station, Philadelphia. ed for their milk supply? A cow cannot sistant general out water, and plenty of it. It takes four pounds or half a gallon of water for every pound of dry matter in the food; this means nearly 100 pounds of water for a cow receiving dry food alone. If the food contains water, as in silage or roots, of course the amount required is less.

The Geneva station found that cows in full milk require 43-5 pounds of water for every pound of milk. Thus a cow would need in her food and for drinking 92 pounds of water for every 20 pounds of milk. Now, if a cow is in a cold barn with cold food and ice water to dri k, is she going to chill herself with 100 pounds of cold water merely to keep up her milk flow? The Indiana station found that the milk fell off eight per cent. when the temperature fell from 79 degrees Fahrenheit to 38 degrees Fahrenheit. If she is so sensitive to a com-paratively small reduction in temperature, vhat may the dairyman expect when the thermometer is ten to twenty below zero? The man who can't afford to take time to weigh his milk would save the price of many scales and also prevent many dollars from getting away if he knew a little or a there has been placed in all the grocery stores a great deal more about the animals he is new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure feeding. Feed is high this year, and bran, grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most hay, corn, etc., are high-priced fuels to heat water, cows and stables with. Yet there were many tons used this winter for just that purpose, and the users were unanimously of the opinion that "dairying desn't pay". "dairying doesn't pay."

-Glanders in horses and mules are liable to occur at any time, and there have been recent reports of the disease in certain sec tions. It is ordinarily a fatal disease, only a few cases in man or beast ever having recovered. It is such a dangerous disease that treatment is too full of risk and too uncertain to be warranted. The pronounced symptoms are tubercles on membrane of the nasal passage, and, when these break down, there is a discharge of pus from one nostril and a swelling under the lower jaw This swelling is usually about the size of a walnut, is tender to the touch, and not very firmly connected.

The disease in some horses does not make rapid progress, but remains stationary, giving no evidence of being dangerous. But such cases are exceedingly dangerous and are often the cause of spreading the disease broadcast. Horses have been known to have glanders in a mild form for a long time, to keep in good order and work right along, the real trouble never being suspected. In advanced stages of the disease sores may appear on the surface of the body. These are stubborn, discharge pus and can not be healed. Farcy, which is caused by the same germ, in indicated by farcy buds -swellings on the skin, usually on the legs-which break and discharge freely The legs swell and become a mass of sores Animals that even slightly show any of these symptoms should be immediately isolated until the character of the diseas is determined. If it is glanders, kill the animal at once, and wash the stables and everything with which the horse has come in contact with a solution composed of one ounce of corrosive sublimate in two gal lons of water. Wash several times at intervals of two or three days .- Agricultural Epitomist.

---Subcribe for the WATCHMAN.

Washington's Cronology.

Year. Age. - February 22-Born in Westmore land county, Va. 1743 16 Surveyor of Lord Fairfax's land. 1751 18 Military Inspector, with rank of Major, to protect the frontiers of Virginia.

1752 20 Adjutant General. 1754 22 Lieutenant Colonel for the de fense of the colony of Virginia. 1755 23 Aide-de-camp to General Brad-Virginia forces.

dock, Commander-in-Chief of 1758 26 Resigned his commission. 1759 27 Married Mrs. Custis, member of the house of Burgesses. Member of Virginia Conventions and of first Continental Congress. 42 Commander-in-Chief of the Con-

tinental Army.
1781 49 Surrender of Yorktown. 1783 51 Peace proclaimed to the army his farewell to the army and resignation.
1787 55 President of the first Constitutional Convention. First President of the United

1793 61 President second term. 336 turns. The same area in the form of a parallelogram—2 by 80 rods—requires only 13 rounds and 22 turns, thus required by 13 rounds and 22 turns, thus required by 150 rods—requires only 150 rounds and 250 rods—requires only 150 rounds and 250 rods—required by 150 rounds and 1796 for Farewell address to American people. ies with France. 1798 66 Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States.

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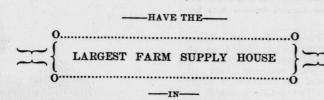
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