

FARM NOTES.

-Do not feed the dairy calf on fattening materials.

-A cow that is heated or worried will not give her milk freely.

-Cherry culture is the cheapest of all fruit culture. Plant good trees and let them alone.

-Do not look for a fine crop of fruit from any tree that lost its leaves prematurely last fall.

-Butter, to keep well, must have nearly or quite all the buttermilk washed or worked out of it.

-One of the best washes for fruit trees is a lime whitewash to which a small quantity of carbolic acid has been added.

-Frequent and thorough stirring of the cream while ripening will prevent the white specks so frequently seen in butter.

-Failure to provide good drainage so that the roots are too wet and setting the trees too deep when planting are two leading causes of root rot among fruit trees.

-One of the cheapest and best ways of fighting insect pests in the orchard is by giving a good flock of poultry the run of it. Their natural instinct is to pick up every bug, insect and worm they see.

-B. H. Black, of Lock Haven says a certain and sure way of destroying the cabbage worm is to put a tablespoonful of ammonia into a gallon of water and sprinkle the cabbage plants with the mixture. Mr. Black says he has used this remedy for a number of years and it never fails to destroy the pest.

-There is profit in sheep whether wool is profitable or not. The sheep is now valuable because it is capable of producing large carcasses and extra size early lambs, as well as for enriching the soil. The mutton breeds of sheep also produce wool, 10 pound fleeces not being extraordinary, but it is through the extra size and quality of the mutton and lambs that the farmer makes his profit. He has now, in the sale of the tariff, and as the mutton breeds gradually supersede the little Merinos less will be heard of wool and its tariff. Only on the great sheep plains of Montana, California and Texas, where large herds are owned by capitalists in the East and attended by Chinese shepherds, is the wool question discussed from a tariff standpoint. The markets of the country do not have such mutton on the stalls as should be found on the stalls, and in no country does the sheep pay so well as in England, yet the English farmer barely notices the wool product, giving it but little consideration.

-There have been several methods of using arsenic as an insecticide, but according to Denver Field and Farm Professor Van Deman has recommended white arsenic boiled in soda and water at the most approved. It does away with the constant stirring required by Paris green preparations. The cost is about half that of Paris green, and the killing power is far greater—some say four times as great. It stays in suspension almost indefinitely. Procure one pound of white arsenic and four pounds of lumps soda. Put these in one gallon of water and boil five minutes. The danger of being poisoned by the fumes. This is equal to two pounds of the best Paris green. Pour this liquid into a stone ware jug, cork securely and plainly label it, or it can be put into glass bottles, recorking one pint equal to one-fourth pound Paris green, or in that proportion. One of these bottles can be emptied into the proper amount of water to do the poisoning as it is needed. A pint will do for 50 gallons of water, or it can be put into Bordeaux mixture in the same proportion.

-In an apary of 60 colonies or more, it frequently happens that several swarms issue simultaneously and, of course, always cluster together in one huge mass. If the queens are at large with the bees, the cluster will necessarily be divided as one swarm and the queens will kill each other until only one survives. To prevent this loss, a weak or so before swarming time I slip a queen trap on the hive entrance of each populous colony. Just a word about attaching the queen trap. The directions which accompany the trap are to fasten it to the hive with two nails. Now it is not the best thing for the beekeeper or his neighbors to hammer on a bee hive that is boiling over with bees, so I invented the contrivance which consists of two small pieces of flat iron, bent at right angles and fastened to the trap with two screws. To affix the trap to the hive, slip the fasteners under the alighting board. No matter how many bees are clustered all over the trap it can be removed in an instant without even a jar. When a swarm issues, the queen remains in the trap, confined in an apartment by herself. I then remove the old hive and place an empty one in its stead, also removing the queen trap with the queen and then sit in the shade and watch results. Invariably the swarm will return in 10 to 20 minutes and enter the empty hive for the bees mark the location and come back to their old stand after they have missed their queen. I then release the queen and let her run in with the swarm. I have had three queenless swarms hanging in one cluster, but when they broke cluster they returned to their respective hives. I have also had them return and cluster all on one hive. Of course such a mass of bees could not all enter, so I would take a dustpan and brush and divide them. I could not get the right bees and queens together, but that seemed to make little difference. I have tested quite a few swarm catchers, but have found none to give such thorough satisfaction as this simple device which any beekeeper can make. Find a suitable crocheted stick and remove the bark, make a ring about 20 inches in diameter out of stout wire (teleggraph wire is about right), next take a piece of burlap and sew into bag shape, then sew the wire ring into the mouth of the bag and fasten it into the crocheted stick so it will swivel, and the device is ready for use. It is well to have on hand one or two poles of different lengths and two short straps with which to unite them.

-To have a swarm whose queen is at large with the bees bring the swarm catcher right up under the cluster and give it a sharp jerk upward, and the cluster will drop from the limb right into the mouth of the catcher. Carry to the hive and invert the bag, or, rather, turn it inside out and the bees will drop in front of the hive and run into it, and the living is done, says a writer who describes the foregoing devices in *The Farm Journal*.

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departure from our time honored and approved system of voluntary organization. We denounce it as un-American, undemocratic and unprincipled and as a subversion of the ancient and fixed principles of a free people.

Private monopolies are indefensible and intolerable. They destroy competition, control the price of all material, and of the finished products, thus robbing both producer and consumer. They lessen the employment of labor and arrest its advance. They deprive individual energy and small capital of their opportunity for betterment.

They are the most efficient means yet devised for appropriating the fruits of industry to the benefit of the few at the expense of the many and unless their insatiable greed is checked all wealth will be aggregated in a few hands and the republic destroyed. The dishonest paltering with the trust evil by the Republican party in state and national platforms is conclusive proof of the truth of the charge that trusts are the legitimate product of Republican policies that they are fostered by Republican laws and that they are protected by the Republican administration in return for campaign subscriptions and political support.

We pledge the Democratic party to an unswerving warfare in nation, state and city against private monopoly in every form. Existing laws against trusts must be enforced and more stringent ones must be enacted providing for publicity as to the affairs of corporations engaged in interstate commerce and requiring all corporations to show, before doing business outside of the state, a fair and open record of their water in their stock, and that they have not attempted and are not attempting to monopolize any branch of business or the production of any article of merchandise, and the whole control of interstate commerce and all modes of interstate communication shall be exercised by the enactment of comprehensive laws upon the subject of trusts. Tariff laws should be amended by putting the products of trusts upon the free list to prevent monopoly under the plea of protection.

The failure of the present Republican administration with an absolute control over all the branches of the national government to enact any legislation designed to prevent or curtail the absorbing power of trusts and illegal combinations, to enforce the anti-trust laws already on the statute books prove the insincerity of the high sounding phrases of the Republican platform. Corporations should be protected in all their rights and their legitimate interests should be respected, but any attempt by corporations to interfere with the public affairs of the people or to control the sovereignty which creates them, should be forbidden until such penalties as will make such attempts impossible.

We condemn the Dingley tariff law as a trust breeding measure, skillfully devised to give the few favored while the many burdens which they should not bear.

We favor such an enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce law as will enable the commission to protect individuals and communities from discriminations and the public from unjust and unfair transportation rates.

Chicago Platform Reaffirmed. We reaffirm and endorse the principles of the national Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1898 and we reiterate the demand of that platform for an American financial system made by the American people for themselves, which shall restore and maintain a bimetallic price level, and as part of such system the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited volume of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

We denounce the currency bill enacted at the last session of congress as a step forward in the Republican policy which aims to discredit the sovereign right of the national government to issue all money, whether coin or paper, and to bestow upon national banks the power to issue and control the volume of paper money for their own benefit. A permanent national bank currency, secured by the government bonds, must be placed upon the market and if the bank currency is to increase with the population and business the debt must also increase. The Republican currency scheme is therefore a scheme for fastening upon the taxpayers a perpetual and growing debt for the benefit of the banks.

We are opposed to this private corporation paper circulated as money but without tender qualities, and demand the retirement of the national bank notes as fast as this government paper and silver certificates can be substituted for them. We favor an amendment to the federal constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and we favor direct legislation wherever practicable. We are opposed to government by injunction; we denounce the blacklist and favor arbitration as a means of settling disputes between corporations and their employes.

In the interest of American labor and the uplifting of the workingman, as the corner stone of the prosperity of our country, we favor liberal pensions to the American laborer who has sacrificed his life for his country and who has increased the prosperity of our country at home and to our commerce abroad.

We are proud of the courage and fidelity of the American soldiers and sailors in our wars, we favor liberal pensions to them and their dependents and we reiterate the position taken in the Chicago platform in 1892, that the fact of enlistment and service shall be deemed conclusive evidence against disease and disability benefits.

We favor the immediate construction, ownership and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States, and we denounce the insincerity of the plank in the late Republican platform for an isthmian canal in view of the failure of the Republican majority to pass the bill pending in congress.

We condemn the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a surrender of American rights and interests, not to be tolerated by an American people. We denounce the failure of the Republican party to carry out its pledges to grant statehood to the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and we propose that the territories be immediately admitted to statehood and home rule during their condition as territories, and that the form of government for Alaska and Porto Rico.

We favor an intelligent system of improving the arid lands of the west, storing the waters for purposes of irrigation and the reclamation of the territories.

We favor the continuance and strict enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law and its application to the same classes of all Asiatic races.

We approve the wholesome doctrine and earnestly protest against the Republican departure which has introduced into the Republican platform the policy of European and the intrigue and land grabbing of the United States, which has already stiffed the nation's voice, while liberty is being strangled at home.

Sympathy For The Boers. Believing in the principles of self government and rejecting as did our forefathers the claim of monarchy, we view with indignation the purpose of England to overwhelm with force the South African republics. Speaking as we do for the entire American nation except for Republican office holders and for all free men everywhere, we extend our sympathies to the heroic Boers in their equal struggle to maintain their liberty and independence.

We denounce the large appropriations of recent Republican congresses, which have kept taxes high and which threaten the ruin of the country by the accumulation of a surplus upon the taxpayers as the shipping subsidy bill, which under the false pretense of promoting American shipping, would put unearned millions into the pockets of favorite contributors to the Republican campaign fund. We favor the reduction and speedy repeal of the war taxes and a return to the time honored Democratic policy of strict economy in governmental expenditures.

Believing that our most cherished institutions are in great peril, that the very existence of our constitutional republic is at stake, and that the decision now to be rendered will determine whether or not our children are to enjoy those blessed privileges of free government which have made the United States great, prosperous and honored, we earnestly ask for the foregoing declaration of principles the hearty support of the liberty loving American people, regardless of previous party affiliations.

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An Insurance Agent and Farmer Said to Have Killed Men and Women to Secure an Estate.

Charles F. Dale, insurance agent, who owns a farm of several hundred acres in Noble township, Indiana, in a suit filed in the circuit court at Rushville, on Tuesday, is charged with murdering his wife, Mrs. Laura Dale, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frazee, and brother-in-law, Edward Frazee.

Dale's alleged motive for the alleged crimes was to secure a portion of the Frazee estate.

The plaintiffs in the action, which is a formal suit to quit title are John H. Frazee county commissioner, and his two sisters, Mrs. Lewis Clark and Mrs. Elmer Hughes. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frazee and Mrs. Laura Dale was his sister.

The plaintiffs aver that Dale married their sister December 25th, 1895, and soon afterward conceived the idea of disposing of some of the Frazee family. Edward Frazee died in March 1896, Mrs. Frazee in May following and Mr. Frazee a month afterward. The three deaths aroused suspicion at the time, but no action was taken by the coroner, although his attention was called to them.

After Ben Frazee's death his estate was partitioned, 440 acres going to his daughter Laura Dale. Mrs. Dale died in March, 1897, rather mysteriously.

It is charged that Charles F. Dale, by the aid of poisonous drugs and gases, killed the four persons above named and in this manner secured his wife's portion of the Frazee land by inheritance. The plaintiffs asked that because of Dale's alleged murderous acts his claims to the ownership to the Frazee land be set aside, and that the title to the land be vested in the plaintiffs. Dale deeded the land to his brother, O. M. Dale, the transfer being made in Chicago, May 30th, last.

The suit against Dale has caused a profound sensation.

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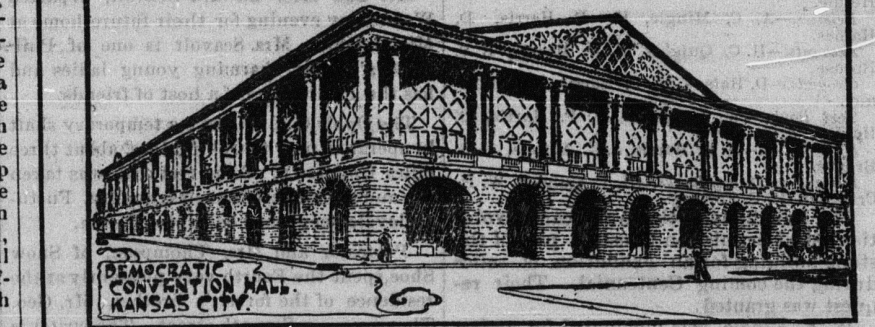
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