FARM NOTES.

—The ideal soil for celery is reclaimed peat bogs or muck lands. These are com-posed almost entirely of vegetable matter.

-A good grafting wax is made of four pounds rosin, one pound of tallow and one pound of beeswax. Melt all together over a slow fire, and when melted pour into a vessel of cold water and pull as if with shoemaker's wax. When wanted for use soften with warm water.

—I hope that a good man; of my friends will try Barletta, White Queen and possi-bly White Portugal, says a writer in Practical Farmer, for sowing in open ground dur ing August or early in September, the seedlings to be left outdoors during the winter to make early green onions for bunching. I have even the Yellow Dutch thus started and wintered do well and give a big crop of very early bunching onions.

-Dig away the earth around the peac trees to the depth of one foot and look care fully for borers. Then swab the trunk a foot below and above ground with thick whitewash, returning the soil to the tree and banking up six inches, or a foot above the level of the ground, leaving the tree in that condition until spring. As the moth lays her eggs near the level of the ground she will begin where the earth is banked up, and when the embankment is removed the work of destroying the borers will be easier. Whitewash may be beneficially used on all parts of the tree.

—A disease known as apple tree canker has, during the past two or three years, been attracting the attention of students of plant diseases. The canker usually presents the following characteristics: It attacks limbs of one to three or more inches in diameter; the diseased part may be from a few inches to two or more feet in extent, is usually more or less swollen and its sur face is covered with roughened or cracked bark darker in color than normal. The disease is believed to be caused by fungus. The best means of prevention are said to be to avoid as much as possible all injury to the bark, to prune properly and to paint wounds with an antiseptic solution.

Frequent dividends on the farm should be the object of every farmer. It has long been a maxim that "harvest comes but once a year," which is true where certain crops are specialties, but the fact is that there is no occupation that will give as frequent dividends on the investment as farming if judicious management is used. farming is made to include everything that can be produced on a farm, there is not a week in the year that returns will fail to come in. Beginning with the early spring the vegetables will be dividend producers, to be followed by fruit and field crops. Even in winter the cows will contribute every day with milk, from which butter may be sold, while the well-filled egg basket can be marketed nearly every day in the year. The sheep send early lambs to the stall, followed by mutton and wool, and from the swine early shoats and late porks are obtained. In fact at the present day, with improved implements, "harvest time" is every season of the year, and the divi-

-At the Hatch experiment station of Massachusetts asparagus rust made its appearance last season during the summer and early fall. It does not occur so early or so severely on clay soils as on lighter soils. The uredo spore stage occurs in the latter part of August on beds of clay soil.

Facts observed during several seasons suggest a possible remedy for the rust, at least in the starting of young plants. The young plants rust much more easily than the old ones. There is evidence that dew plays an important part in asparagus rust infection. Plants grown under trees or in any place where they were shade with some covering scarcely showed the rust, whereas those plants just outside the covering of limbs might be badly infected.

If plants can be started under cheescloth covers before setting them into permanent beds, it is thought that it would be an advantage and that the covering of cheese-cloth would be as effective as the tree covering inkeeping off the dew, rendering them less susceptible to rust.

Favorable results in spraying were obtained by the application of paris green to a young bed. In this instance a large bed was treated twice for beetles.

During the summer, about Aug. 18th, the uredo stage of the rust commenc somewhat on the plants, and at this time one-half the bed was treated with paris green early in the morning, when the plant was covered with dew. This treatment seemed to arrest the outbreak of the rust to quite a remarkable extent.

This method of treating is a very cheap one, as paris green is not expensive and the ease with which it cam be put on makes the application far less expensive than spraying with certain other fungicides.

A note concerning coal ashes, ashes and charcoal. The writer says that he has always used coal ashes for making sidewalks and supposed them good for nothing else. "I tried what you recommended on a small part of our garden, forking them into my clay soil, and I also placed coal ashes, as you recommended, about young trees. I must confess that I am reaping great benefit, but I cannot understand where the benefit comes from." The ben-efit is in the fact that coal ashes make your soil more porous, and therefore more capa-ble of receiving and retaining moisture and fertilizing elements from the atmosphere. A well aerated soil is all the time becom-A well aerated soil is all the time becoming a well enriched soil. You know very well that a hard compacted clay is little better than a solid stone for your plants and trees. The principle is just the same as that of aerating with a cultivator. The business of mulching, cultivating and light principle the soil is all one. The mulch that ening the soil is all one. The mulch that you put around your trees should occasionally be forked in, and renewed with fresh mulch, removing at the same time all weeds Do this once a year at least. For trees in a garden this is better than plowing, be cause it does not tear the roots, nor break the little fibres that are feeding the trees. The same care should be taken in the vineyard. If I had a few vines I would not plow them at all, but would mulch them heavily with coal ashes and with fertilizing material. Then I would fork them carefully and keep them clean. Charcoal is valuable in just the same way. The wood ash connected with this sort of material is a fertilizer. Remember that all sorts of insects that work around the base of trees find it very difficult to do any mischief when brought in contact with coal ashes or with the coal refuse from a coal-yard. Downing recommended this thirty or forty years ago, and better advice cannot be given-New York Tribune Farmer.

QUAY'S BLACKJACK PARTY.

ndependent Citizens Assailed by Rioters. Toughs for Honest Men a Unit For Pattison and Guthrie.

More than 200 men, some of them armed with revolvers, knives and blackjacks, claiming to be regularly elected delegates from different parts of the state, captured the Union party state convention by forcing the doors of Musical Fund Hall yesterday, and, amidst the utmost disorder, went through the form of nominating Samuel W. Pennypacker for governor, William M. Brown for lieutenant governor and Isaac B. Brown for secretary of internal affairs.

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During the interval that elapsed between the forcing of the front door of the hall and the breaking down of the barriers that were raised to prevent entrance to the convention room, on the second floor, three men are known to have been injured—Andrew MacAllister, who was struck a blow on the head with a blackjack; Louis J. Minnick, who was stabbed in the leg with a dirk knife, and an unknown man, who had a knife thrust through his wrist.

As soon as the attacking party had entered the convention hall they took possession of the front seats. State Chairman Riter ordered those not delegates to retire to the rear of the room, but his roords are the rear of the room, but his words were greeted with jeers. He finally had the call for the convention read, and as Secretary Mapes was about to read off the temporary roll a motion was made that William R.

a motion was made that William R. Knight be made temporary chairman, and he was lifted bodily by his friends, between two policemen, on to the platform, and the control of the convention then passed into the hands of Pennypacker's supporters.

Knight and State Chairman Riter held their places and attempted to address their respective followers. When one would open his mouth the other side would jeer. But Knight's voice was stronger, and he did not heed the interruptions. He followed the schedule he had prepared for himself, despite the interruptions, and announced the new had prepared for himself, despite the interruptions, and announced the nomination of the three Republican candidates for state offices, regardless of the turmoil. When his side was through with its work he sat down, with the determination of forcing the other side to leave the hall without having taken action.

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Finally State Chairman Riter was compelled to adjourn the convention to Parlor C, Continental Hotel, where Robert E. Pattison was nominated for governor, George W. Guthrie for lieutenant governor and Lewis W. Emery, an independent Republican, for secretary of internal affairs, and a platform was adouted. was adopted.

An Object Lesson of Machine Methods

Editorially the Ledger says: "The violent and shameful methods

by placemen and minions of the Quay-Ashbridge machine, and carried out its plot with the connivance of the police.

"That such infamous means should be resorted to is evidence of the dread which this movement has inspired in the Quay camp. This lawless nomination of the Quay candidates by a criminal mob emphasizes their identification with the powers of evil that set law and decency at defiance, make elections a mockery, and wantonly insult the decency of the state and the city. It is a fresh notice to the people of Pennsylvania of the criminal power from which they are called upon to emancipate themselves, not in the name of any party or faction, but in the name of the commonwealth of law and liberty."

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A Disgrace to the City.

The Press, a Pennypacker supporter, is impelled to make this comment: "The Knight convention showed its "The Knight convention showed its unorganized, unintelligent character by nominating the entire Republican ticket on the Union Party platform of last year. Nothing could be more incongruous, inconsistent and incompatible. It ous, inconsistent and incompatible. It is absolutely ridiculous and is explainable only on the theory that no one in the convention remembered what the Union platform was when they unanimously adopted it. One of its planks favors fusion with the Democrats, so we have the spectacle of Judge Pennypacker and William M. and Isaac B. Brown running on a platform which favors fusion with the Democratic state organization."

Desperation of the Bosses. The Record editorially says:

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"The proceedings of the Union state convention in this city yesterday bear their own comment. The hall in which the delegates were to assemble was stormed by a crowd of city roughs, who made all regular procedure impossible. They thrust aside the duly constituted offcials of the state organization and defiantly indorsed Pennypacker and the two Browns. The regular delegates were driven to an adjourned session in other quarters. This brute force method of making nominations in Philadelphia gave the Union delegates in attendance from other parts of the state a practical illustration of the way elections are carried in this city and of the sort of men and methods employed for the purpose.

According to careful estimates of the actual desire of the delegates entitled to seats in the Union convention those favoring the indorsement of Pattison outnumbered the rest about three to one. The brutal and partially successful attempt to defeat the object for which the convention was assembled will react against the desperate leadership that inspired it. Of course, the nob that broke into Musical Fund Hall and went through the motions of organized proceeding will have no standing in court."

"A Wretched Piece of Buildozing."

"A Wretched Piece of Bulldozing." This is the heading of the Evening Bulletin, an earnest supporter of Pennypacker, which indignantly says:

"The violent proceedings in Musical Fund Hall for the capture of the Union party convention were a disgrace to all who were concerned in them, either as instigators or participants. The nomination which was given to Judge Pennypacker by the mob of bulldozers was a mere travesty of convention forms. Indeed, the whole movement was such a mockery of decency and fair play that it can be regarded by the public only with contempt and disgust. Such a nomination can bring neither strength nor credit to Judge Pennypacker, and when tendered to him he ought to repudiate it as the product of a lawless piece of chicanery and rowdyism. It is not clear that there was much political horse sense or gumption behind this raid on the remains of the Union party, for its chief effect will now be to give the Democratic Unionists more of a standing in public senses. Pennypacker, which indignantly says:

timent than they possibly could nave had if they had been left quietly alone."

Even the Bosses Ashamed of It. The North American editorially ob-

"The desperate folly of the machine culminated in the riot of thieves and thugs in the Union party's convention hall and forced the convention to endorse the Democratic ticket. No other result was possible. Many important delegations entered the convention to oppose any nominations, but after the riotous invasion by Quay's gang the vote to nominate the Democratic candidates was unanimous. The effect of the outrage committed by the Quayites will be disastrous to the machine ticket. It is doubtful if anything which has been done or may be done or said during the campaign will drive so many votes away from the machine. The assault upon the convention was so brutally idiotic that even the machine organs cannot find excuses for it, and Quay and Penrose, who inspired it, now denounce and repudiate it. They see that the consequences do not depend entirely upon the action of the Union party, but will be felt in the revulsion of voters from the machine regardless of the status of the Union ticket." serves:

The fraudulent assessment in Phila delphia has already been shown up and a great number of bogus names will be stricken off by order of the court. The ringsters will not be permitted to do as they please this year. An honest ballot in that city will mean the election of the Democratic reform ticket.

After killing every measure asked for by the miners in the last legislature, Quay and Penrose are pretending sympathy for the distressed strikers. This won't deceive the men, and at the polls in November they will settle with the boss tools of the coal monopolists.

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"Freedom of political action, the security of citizenship, must summon all true men to their defense, irrespective of party name. The organization that seeks to maintain itself by crime and violence is condemned in the sight of all honest people, and its candidates must suffer condemnation with it. The gang that drove the Union convention from Musical Fund Hall was organized by placemen and minions of the Quay-Ashbridge machine, and carried out its plot with the convivance of the police.

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