

FARM NOTES.

Plans should now be made for the coming year. For hard working horses sugar is a great restorer. The grapevines can be trimmed now. Cut them back to two or three buds. For warts on cattle, castor oil rubbed well into the wart twice daily for a week or two is recommended. Calves need salt as much as older stock, and it is a mistake not to keep it before them at all times. The Iowa State Dairy Commission has discovered that it takes from six to twelve cents to make a pound of butter. When confined to the stable, cows should be watered at least twice a day. The water should be clean, and the chill taken from it. The Census Bureau estimates that there were 49,000,000 animals slaughtered at the various packing houses in the United States last year. The apple crop this year in Western New York has paid ample dividends on all time and money that growers have spent in spraying the orchards. Wood ashes may be applied at the rate of 25 to 50 bushels to the acre. One ton of good wood ashes will contain about 140 pounds of phosphoric acid. Fish and eggs are more palatable if eaten as soon as possible after they are caught or laid. Beef and mutton, on the other hand, improve with several days' ripening. Grooming does much to quiet the cow and gain her confidence, and experiments show that from 2 1/2 to 8 per cent. may be gained in milk and fat production by regular grooming. For fattening cattle, corn takes the lead, its equal not having been found among the other kinds of grain. In some cases corn and cobmeal have been found superior to clover. Don't place any dependence on the free Government seeds sent out by the Congressmen. The best seeds are none too good. Procure the catalogues of reliable seedsmen and order from them. The silo has certainly come to stay. No better proof of this assertion is the fact that in the older dairy districts of New England many new silos have been constructed this past season. The draft stallion should have good size and he must also have energy and fine action. The big, sluggish draft horse is not wanted in the market, and should not be bred to reproduce that type. If calves have been forced to take rough handling, when selling time comes, there will be a discount of 25 per cent. on the price given for stock that has been kept dry, well bedded and well fed. United States Secretary of Agriculture Wilson charges the farmers of this country with being soil robbers. The charge is rather sweeping, but if placed on trial a good many of them would have to plead guilty. There is no better place to cart the ashes than the cabbage plot. They should never be used on the potato patch, for the reason that the lime in the ashes is apt to assist in the production of scab on the tubers. The swamp huckleberry is not only excellent fuel, but is an admirable ornamental shrub as well. It has pretty clusters of white flowers in spring, and in autumn nothing surpasses it in the rich crimson of its foliage. New York leads all the States in potato production, yet her yield per acre last year was only one-half that of the State of Maine. If her yield per acre had equaled that of the New England State it would have exceeded 80,000,000 bushels. In trimming trees the wound made by cutting off a limb close to the trunk will soon heal over, while the wound made by cutting off the limb two or three inches from the trunk leads to decay and sometimes causes the ultimate loss of the tree itself. From the standpoint of agricultural economy it is just as blameworthy a practice to have a field lying bare and idle as the result of a poor stand of corn as it is to have the same area growing nothing but weeds. A full stand represents the maximum of economic utility and efficiency. It must not be forgotten that the fertility that lies in the manure heap comes from the soil and belongs to it. It might be said that fertility has been loaned, and should be returned. There is no better way than to cart out all the manure, especially that which is lying around the barn. Bee hives should never be faced toward the north. In a northern latitude a northern exposure in winter is almost sure to cause the loss of the colony, by the rigorous north winds blowing in at the entrances being shaded on mild, sunny days when the bees in hives facing southward fly freely. According to some experiments noted by the Department of Agriculture it was found that where cows were milked three times a day, morning, noon and evening, the milk was richest at noon and poorest in the morning; and, when milked morning and evening, the milk was slightly richer in the evening. If the cow gives bloody milk as a result of an injury to the udder, the best treatment is to let nature effect a cure. Dry the cow off and let the udder rest till the cow is fresh again, it is useless to try to treat serious injury of the interior of the udder when this organ has to be manipulated twice each day in milking. A famous veterinary surgeon declares that grass beats all drugs in creation as a cure for sick horses and mules. Horses should have a few quarters of oat grass daily, from spring until fall. The prevalent notion that it is harmful is without foundation. Grass is to horses what fresh vegetables and fruit are to the human family. Experiments prove that milking in a stable where the circulation of air carries out the dust, wiping the udder with a damp cloth, and scalding the utensils with live steam from boiling water, will not only reduce the bacterial content of the milk, but largely increase its keeping qualities as well as that of the finished product.

THAW IN ASYLUM

Slayer of White Not Guilty On Ground of Insanity.

New York, Feb. 3.—After furiously reviling his attorneys because they did not procure his instant freedom, Harry K. Thaw, who was acquitted of the murder of Stanford White, was thrust within the gloomy portals of Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane. Thaw upon his acquittal by the jury had expected to go free, but Justice Victor J. Dowling, immediately following the rendition of the verdict, announced that the testimony adduced by defense in the long trial had convinced him that the defendant could not safely be set at liberty, and he, therefore, directed his incarceration at Matteawan as a dangerous lunatic. Lawyer Dan O'Reilly said that the lawyers would get together and decide on what course to take to liberate Thaw from the asylum. "There are two courses open to us," he said. "We can secure a writ of habeas corpus and take Thaw before a jury and have his sanity questioned in that way or we can begin an action against the sheriff for illegal detention, in which case a sheriff's jury would pass upon Thaw's present condition of mind. In the event we shall have the question thrashed out before a jury at the earliest opportunity and have no doubt we will be able to convince the jury that he is sane and rational now. We shall have Thaw out of Matteawan before the summer."

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

Boiler in Rolling Mill Blew Up, Injuring Twelve Others.

Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 4.—Seven men were killed and more than a dozen were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the rolling mill of Van Allen & Company, at Northumberland, two miles north of here. The dead are: Grant Reeder, Edward Kreps, William Brouse, Samuel Sarvis, Duval Clark, John Scholvin and Thomas Jones. The seriously injured are: William Morgan, badly cut and bruised; Harry Smith, injured about the head and scalded; Daniel Sanders, injured internally, will probably die, and Wesley Reichenbach, badly scalded and bruised. The rolling mill had been shut down for three months and was to have resumed work Monday. All the boilers and machinery had been overhauled during the suspension. The men were preparing to begin work, when from some cause not yet ascertained one of a number of boilers blew up. The whole building in which the boilers were located was wrecked, and the dead men were found under the ruins. Those killed were well-known citizens and are survived by large families. The loss to the plant is estimated at \$75,000.

LEWIS GUILTY OF MURDER

Slayer of Little Mary Newlin Convicted in First Degree.

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 3.—With the same composure and sort of disinterested demeanor that has marked his attitude and behavior during his trial for the atrocious murder of little Mary Newlin, his step-daughter, the young Franklin township farmer, Irwin A. Lewis, heard the jury render the verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. His almost immobile face slightly flushed, and his hands tightly clenched, and he was escorted by Deputy Sheriff Garrett back to his cell. There was no motion for a new trial, and Judge Hemphill promptly discharged the jurors.

WOUND IN HEART SEWED UP

Remarkable Operation Performed in Hospital at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 4.—One of the most difficult operations ever performed on a patient in this city took place at the Emergency hospital, when the physicians took five stitches in the heart of Richard Denton, a negro, who was stabbed Saturday night. Denton's heart was severed almost in half, and it was necessary to lay open the breast. The physicians are watching with interest the outcome of the operation. When taken to the hospital Denton was unconscious. He was placed upon the operating table, and within an hour his breast had been opened and the heart slightly raised and sewed up.

Ballot Box Stuffers Sent to Jail.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 1.—Judge Staples, of Stroudsburg, specially presiding in Luzerne county, sentenced Anthony Carron, James Caffrey, Dominick Callahan, William Connolly and William Monahan to a term of fifteen months in the eastern penitentiary for conspiracy in connection with last November's election. They are members of the Preston-Hanover township election board and returned 225 votes for the leading Republican candidate and none for the Democratic.

Farm Boy a Future Financier.

Woodbury, N. J., Feb. 3.—Charles Budd, a young farmer boy, who had been working at League Island navy yard, but was laid off, took what ready money he had, went into Maryland, bought 1400 bushels of corn at fifty-three cents a bushel, including the freight to this city, where he readily sold it at fifty-seven cents, netting a cool \$70 in a few hours.

Buy Goats to Clear Farms.

Alloway, N. J., Feb. 3.—Farmers in this section have solved the problem of clearing their land of briars and rough undergrowth by purchasing Angora goats. The goats prefer this kind of fodder to grass and the pelts and meat of the young animals bring good prices.

The Passing of "Ouida."

An exceptional personage was Louise de la Ramee, called Ouida, the aged writer of romance who recently died at Florence in dire poverty. A sensationalist of an extreme type, as such books as "Strathmore," "Chandos," and even "Moths" attest, Ouida lacked entirely the quality which generally dominates the sensationalist, hunger for public applause. She need not have died poor, for the world would not have so utterly neglected her, if she had not consistently despised the world, and refused to be of it, or to accept its favors. She had the pride and aloofness of an old aristocrat. She refused help in extreme necessity, and would not even accept medical assistance when she was too poor to pay for it. Of her literary feeling she spoke with cruel frankness to a physician who offered his services in vain: "My sole motive for writing always has been the pleasure of seeing myself in print." But she cruelly blunt phrase expresses a great deal more than mere vanity. Sir Thomas Browne, and his great admirer of a later age, Charles Lamb, who "wrote for antiquity," might have felt thus about their work and its public acceptance, though they would have expressed the feeling less harshly. It is difficult to comprehend how the writer of "Under Two Flags," "Triolet," and "Moths," books eagerly devoured by multitudes, could have felt so.

There was unquestionably heroism and deep paths in the passing of Ouida. Her death will reawaken an interest in her books, of the profits of which she never received a large share. For a long while appreciation of their genuine literary merit has been growing, the shock caused by their frequent defiance of prudery, not to say decency, having subsided. She was a facile writer, with extraordinary descriptive powers, and a comprehension of humanity which was not broad to be sure, and not softened by charity, but was deep and true. She was both ironical and sentimental, and her sentiment was not always wholesome. In literature as in life she was a law unto herself, and the last word about her is that she and her books are not to be easily classified.—New York Times.

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