

Democratic Watchman

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FARM NOTES.

—Green grass as a mulch rots too quickly.
—The poor farm will grow taxes if nothing else.
—Weed out the star boarders from your cow herd.
—Young man, wash the buggy before the mud dries.
—Bush lima beans should be set two feet apart in the rows.
—Good grade draft horses are still in demand. Raise a few.
—In harvest time a scythe in the hand is worth two in a tree.
—Mow the weeds by the highway and scatter blue grass seed.
—A good habit to get—cleaning out the hen house twice a week.
—Try to keep seed out of the ground until it has been made fit.
—Don't be unreasonable. The neglected flock will not remember you.
Farm folks need the smile just as much as the crops need the sunshine.
—Don't waste the summer's profits by shiftless winter care and feeding.
—It is easier to raise a good horse than to pick one up when wanted. Remember that.
—The late peas should be planted deeper, so they will stand the dry spells better.
—Even crows save more for the farmer each year than they destroy in a life time, long as they live.
—Salt-peter water—one ounce of salt-peter to a gallon of water—is a good spray for rust on bean vines and bushes.
—The ground should never be allowed to become baked, as in this condition a great deal of moisture is lost, unnecessarily.
—The small stomach of a horse indicates the impropriety of long fasting. Feed three times a day at all times of the year.
—Cultivation is a moisture conservator, but if the ground is dry don't run the cultivator teeth deep; keep the top soil stirred only.
—The chief causes of bone spavin are working a colt too young, fast driving over slippery roads and jerking and stopping the colt too quickly.
—A hog fed on sour milk, decayed vegetables and other offal is not fit for food, and there should be a punishment to fit the crime of such feeding.
—One pound of formalin to 30 gallons of water is recommended for treating seed potatoes for scabs. Soak the potatoes in this for about an hour and a half.
—The few scattering trees in the fence corners are frequently veritable breeding places for insect pests. They should be given just as much attention as the trees in the orchard.
—A large majority of gardeners and farmers never properly estimate the advantage of thinning their crops. If strictly adhered to the yield would be greatly increased and the quality greatly improved.
—Ensilage corn and red clover are two of the surest and best crops that the dairy farmer of Pennsylvania can grow. Let those who grow alfalfa who can, but corn and red clover will probably long remain the staple crops.
—The sheep-killing dog should be placed on the same footing as one afflicted with hydrophobia. Nobody asks any questions regarding what should be done with a rabid animal, yet a sheep thief does ten times more damage than a mad dog.
—Never allow old wood of raspberries or blackberries to lie around. Burn every bit of it. When the new wood is 18 inches high, pinch off to allow lateral growth in the raspberries, but let the blackberries grow to three feet before doing this.
—Spraying grain fields with a solution of sulphate of iron as a means of killing mustard is an idea which is gaining great prominence in the grain-raising region of the northwest. It seems to be a pretty well-established fact that the scheme is practical.
—The strawberry bed should be on an elevated plot of land, so drainage will be perfect. If it is not, ditch it out so water will not stand on the plants after a rain. While the plants need an abundance of moisture, they will perish if there is an excessive supply of water.
—It is claimed that plaster and salt, two parts of the former to one part of the latter, dropped on the hills of corn- or potato in the form of kaolin—will have a good effect in keeping away cut worms, and besides will fertilize the corn. A very small amount is all that is required.
—Brood mares should be fed liberally, but not to excess. They should have the best quality of well-cured hay, oats and bran. Monthly hay that has been heated in the mow or hale, musty oats and bran that has soured will not supply the proper nutriment for producing stake winners.
—There is no danger of getting the soil too rich for strawberries. Soil that will raise good potatoes will raise good strawberries. Chip dirt or well-rotted manure, with a little commercial potash and rock phosphate applied with the manure a year before the plants are set, make good fertilizers.
—The fruit grower who makes apples, peaches, pears and plums his specialty may also add poultry to his business, as the birds can occupy the same ground with the trees. The orchard provides shade for poultry in summer, while the fowls greatly assist in the destruction of many insects that infest the orchard.
—If you have a small amount of cream do not skim so closely and add some milk. Put in a little starter and warm it by putting the cream on in warm water, constantly stirring until the proper temperature is obtained, when it will quickly ripen.
A little buttermilk saved from a previous churning is a good starter.
You will need to take extra pains to have your milk clean and free from odors now. But you can do it by taking care to wipe the udders off clean, and by bedding the cows, and carrying them every day. Don't miss any of these things.

The Fleet at San Francisco.

With San Francisco on tiptoe to greet them, the Atlantic battleship fleet, with Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in command, entered San Francisco bay through the Golden Gate, making the greatest naval spectacle ever seen on the Pacific coast, an event to which the people of California have looked forward ever since the battleships left Hampton Roads on their long cruise on Dec. 1 last.

Conservative estimates are that half a million persons witnessed the entrance of the fleet from the various hills of San Francisco, not to mention hundreds of thousands who viewed it from the Oakland, Berkeley and Marin county shores. Admiral Evans has relinquished command of the fleet to Admiral Thomas, and is returning to Washington.

A Sensational Suicide.

While suffering from temporary insanity, Mrs. Elizabeth McPhilly, of Wayne, Pa., committed suicide on an open lot near the home of her sister in Philadelphia by cutting her throat with a butcher knife under tragic circumstances.

She was visiting her sister, and while scantily clad left the house and was followed by her brother-in-law, who heard her get out of bed. As he approached her on the lot the woman drew the knife across her throat.

Then she ran on again, followed by the brother-in-law, but after going about 100 yards, Mrs. McPhilly dropped dead.

Boy Laid Low By Rooster.

Charles, the three-year-old son of Lincoln Horn, of Donaldson, Pa., was attacked by a game rooster and so badly injured that he lies in a critical condition.

Little Charles was taken into the chicken yard by an older brother, while the latter fed the fowls.

The game bird attacked the boy with his wings and beak and knocked him down, inflicting a deep scalp wound, and then the rooster repeatedly plunged his spurs through the child's cheeks and temples, so that the little one's life is despaired of.

Jersey Delegates to Chicago Free.

The New Jersey Republican state convention, which was held at Trenton to select delegates to attend the national convention at Chicago, named a delegation that is unopposed, the convention also voted down resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Secretary Taft for president and favoring the re-nomination of President Roosevelt.

A resolution favoring former Governor Franklin Murphy for vice president was adopted without opposition.

The delegates-at-large are as follows: Governor Fort, Frank O. Briggs, John Kean and David Baird.

Baby Weighs Only 1 3/4 Lbs. at Birth.

Dr. A. J. Colborn, of Conneville, Pa., has furnished an affidavit with the story of the smallest baby that was ever born alive and healthy in Western Pennsylvania, a one-and-three-quarter-pound girl, which arrived Sunday at the home of George Hertzog, at Morrell, Pa. The baby is the second born to Mr. and Mrs. Hertzog. The first was a boy weighing two and one-half pounds at birth. Now, at the age of twenty-two months, it is as lusty as the ordinary child. Its newly arrived sister is fully developed, and although not at all lusty, will live.

Girl's Life Worth \$1500.

Fifteen hundred dollars is the price of a girl's life, as set by a jury in the Cumberland county court at Millville, N. J. In April of 1907 a huge brick stack fell at the glass works of the T. C. Wheaton company and killed Lydia Thurston, Lena Doughty and Sylvia Gallagher. Their parents brought damage suits. Witnesses testified that the stack leaned eight or nine inches and rocked in the wind. The jury deliberated a short time and awarded \$1500 in each case.

Tried to Cremate Wife.

While in a jealous rage, John Cushman, of Kulpmont, near Shamokin, Pa., thrust his wife in to a dough tray and after stuffing some paper around her, is alleged to have ignited it. She was frightfully burned, and physicians fear she cannot recover. Cushman was arrested, along with John Cardish, who is accused of helping Cushman in his attempt to cremate the woman.

Fined \$1300 For Selling Oleo.

John J. Lenderman, head of the Dundee Creamery company, of Pittsburgh, and N. E. Burns, his agent, were fined \$100 and costs at Pottsville, Pa., on each of thirteen indictments for illegal sale of oleo in Schuylkill county. The men had been engaged in the business extensively, and over a ton of oleo was confiscated in the western part of Schuylkill county.

President Returns From Virginia.

President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and John Burroughs, who have been spending several days at Pine Knot, Mrs. Roosevelt's country place, near Charlottesville, Va., returned to Washington Sunday night. The president expressed himself as greatly pleased with his outing. He wore a "rough rider" campaign hat, and appeared to be refreshed by his stay at Pine Knot.

Boy Shoots Himself.

Otto Voorhees, a nine-year-old farm hand, killed himself at Mercersville, N. J. The boy shot himself in the head. It is said he had been drinking, and this is the only known cause for the deed.

Swarthmore to Quit Football.

At a meeting of the student body of Swarthmore college announcement was made by President Swain that on the recommendation of the faculty committee on athletics it had been determined to abandon football and basket ball intercollegiate games for a period of not less than one year.

Locked Children in Burning Home.

Jim Kennedy, a well-known negro of Montgomery, Ala., locked up his seven children in his house and then set the house on fire. Five of the seven were burned to death. Two were rescued by neighbors. Kennedy is in jail.

Catches Baby on the Fly.

Truman First, a two-year-old child, fell from a balcony on the third floor of his home at Harrisburg, Pa. His mother, who was walking beneath, caught him and the child was unharmed.

Bishop Brent Succeeds Satterlee.

Bishop Charles N. Brent, Episcopal bishop of the Philippines, was elected bishop of the diocese of Washington, to succeed the late Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee.

Farming in Texas is Now Thing of Profit.

Agricultural training in the public schools has become the popular shibboleth in Texas in the past two years. In political conventions and mass meetings the Texans have gone on record in no uncertain fashion in favor of the newest movement in education. As rapidly as possible a system of agricultural training is being developed in the public schools. In many Texas towns school gardens have been established to make the training practical and effective. Already the success of these school gardens is demonstrated and the next step—that of establishing school farms on a large scale—is under consideration and will inevitably come.

San Antonio has taken the lead in this work and has already the most extensive and effective school gardens in the State. Fresh impetus has just been given this branch of popular education by the gift of two plant laboratories surrounded by an acre of ground by George W. Brackenkridge, a capitalist and philanthropist of this city. This land lies in the city limits and is available for training of advanced students.

This is the preliminary step toward establishing a school farm a little later.

Large gifts of land and money have also been made by citizens here to establish an agricultural training school for dependent and delinquent children. It will be known as the Southwest Texas Juvenile Training School, and will be operated in connection with the juvenile courts established by the last Legislature. A charter for this institution has been applied for and its establishment is only a matter of organization and detail.

It is but natural that such an educational movement should develop in Texas, which is primarily an agricultural State. Of the 167,000,000 acres of land in Texas it is estimated that nearly 100,000,000 acres are arable; of these less than 14,000,000 are in cultivation. Already in the breaking up of the old cattle ranches an immense agricultural development has begun in this State, and the growing scarcity of cheap and profitable lands will inevitably carry it to still greater proportions. Consequently agricultural training of a scientific character is the most urgent need of the rising generation.

Farmers in Southwest Texas have learned to combine in marketing their products. By means of truck growers' and fruit growers' associations they are reaping immensely greater profits. For example, the Southern Texas Truck Growers' Association in 1907 increased their receipts for the onion crop over 100 per cent, on a crop that filled 742 cars, or four carloads less than that of the preceding year.

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