

Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., May 12, 1911.

FARM NOTES.

—Some folks believe in leaving the hen entirely to herself after she has begun to set.

—Water in which the chicken droppings have been steeped makes a fine liquid manure for the garden.

—Rhode Island Reds are a comparatively new breed, but they have many friends among poultrymen and farmers.

—The trap nest is a regular detective. It tells the facts of the case, it tames the hens, it gives accurate reports, it arrests the robber hens, it gives an honest count and it exposes the fraudulent hens.

—Temperament has a commercial value in the horse-breeding industry. Farmers should breed for reliable dispositions as well as soundness and symmetrical conformation, if they wish to realize top market prices for their horses.

—Cultivate your Irish potatoes often but do not interfere with the roots and tubers. It is a mistake to presume that potatoes require a large amount of fresh soil worked up around the plants. Cultivate as near the plants as possible.

—With plenty of clover, hens will require little other feed so long as the clover lasts; but as fowls are very fond of this plant, they must be moved from place to place, if their numbers are very large, or the clover will be eaten off too soon.

—There is such a thing as skimming milk too thin and skimming it too thick. That is, there are extremes in the contents of butter fat beyond which we should not go. The most satisfactory fat content for cream will probably be found in the testing between 23 and 33 per cent. It will give better satisfaction both for butter and for milk.

—Sunflower seed contains about 16 per cent of protein and 21 per cent of fat. It is nearly four times as fattening for hens as corn, and must therefore be fed with extreme caution. A small per cent of sunflower seed during the moulting season, and in very cold weather is a good thing, but it does not do to overdo in feeding any good thing.

—Sweet potato plants require a great deal of heat and sunshine and care should be taken in planting them to look after this. The sweet potato vines should be planted in rows from 3 1/2 to 2 1/2 feet apart. The soil should be hoed to the plants in the early stages of cultivation, and this should be done regularly. If crowded the plants will not tuber well.

—Training the young orchard is more needful than pruning, and should consist mostly in shaping the trees or keeping them in form and properly balanced. Very often the side opposite the direction from which the prevailing winds come becomes heavier than the side toward the wind, and the removal of some of the branches and heading in of others becomes necessary.

A recent bulletin of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, giving the fertilizer analyses for 1910, offers good advice on the use of commercial fertilizers. Especially well stated are some things that fertilizers will not do. Commercial fertilizers cannot take the place of cultivation. Commercial fertilizers cannot compensate for lack of moisture. Commercial fertilizers do not add humus to the soil.

—Nothing is gained by setting out plants too early in the spring, as the cold will give them a setback that they may never overcome. Plants may be seasoned by exposing them to the sun during warm days and giving them plenty of ventilation at night when not too cold. Much damage done to plants which is ascribed to frost is really caused by twisting, which the plant receives from the winds. A supply of little frames to protect them should be on hand. Tomatoes, peppers and egg-plant are especially susceptible to injury by high winds.

—Experiment has shown that there is no great difference in cost of growing silage and growing roots. It has also been shown that roots are fully as good, if not better, than silage for milk production. If you think you cannot afford to put up a silo, or if the herd is too small to justify the expense, by all means grow a patch of roots for cow feed next winter. Grow them in the garden if there is room nowhere else on the farm. A few mangels, turnips or carrots for the cows. It is the practice of the best gardeners to shorten the tops of plants when they are setting them out. To prepare a wind in the same way is to make it almost certain to grow vigorously. When cutting weeds, especially after a wet time, cut close to the ground.

—In this country the nature of the soil varies considerably. A clayey soil is common; and, while it is termed heavy, it is only so in respect to the working of it. Sticking to the plow, it is heavier work for the horses which draw it. It is looked upon as stiff for the reason that it resists any endeavor to separate any portion from the mass, whether with the spade, plow or harrow.

Bulk for bulk, sand is heavier than clay, but clay is harder to work. It is softer, the tiny particles are very fine, and it more readily retains moisture. This gives it the claim of being a cold soil. Those who till a clayey soil do not want much rain—too much makes it impossible to work the land, and the crops suffer by being chilled by cold coming from too much dampness.

A sandy soil is easy to work, it being difficult to work, generally, only by continuous rains. An occasional shower of rain is welcomed, for sand does not retain the moisture and consequently has no power to resist the plow.

In dry weather, however, a sandy soil is not so satisfactory. The sun is apt to cause the plants to wither, and there is no reserve of moisture held in the soil to counteract the excessive heat. Where there is much clay, fogs are apt to hang round the surface of the ground in wet weather, but in a time of prolonged droughts dews will fall at night to moisten the plants. This makes it plain that both clays and sand soils have their advantages and disadvantages, offering suggestion that a mixture of both is of benefit to the farmer. It is this fact that makes the New Jersey soil of such value in the growing of fruits and vegetables.

The middle place between sand and clay is loam. Land that is neither too heavy nor too stony, too cold nor too hot, can be worked during the major part of the year at moderate expense and secure early crops.

He'd Have Revenge.

Juggins—Who was it that said if he could make the songs of the people he wouldn't care who made the laws? Muggins—Don't know. But if he's the chap who's making the songs of the people nowadays I'd just like to have the making of the laws a little while. That's all.—Red Hen.

An Authority.

Peter McArthur was once talking with a friend when he quoted another man as a financial authority. His friend disputed the right of the person quoted to be considered an expert. Mr. McArthur insisted that the man had a right to speak like an oracle. "What is your definition of an authority?" asked his friend. "My idea of an authority," retorted Mr. McArthur, "is a person who bluffs beyond my limit."

Severs Critics.

Allice—I like Tom immensely, and he's very much the gentleman, but he does like to talk about himself! Grace—Yes, dear, your knight hath a thousand 's.—Puck.

Not Wholly Educated.

She—So you have an educated dog? Do you let him go to the postoffice for your mail? He—No. I am afraid he might take it to my wife first.—Paris Rile.

Put Them Aside.

Grief for things past that cannot be remedied and care for things to come that cannot be prevented may easily hurt but can never benefit one.

Mrs. R. P. Monfort, of Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio, writes: "I have received the Medical Adviser, and very much pleased I am with it. I think it quite a prize to get such a book for so small a sum. I do not think a crisp five dollar bill could tempt me to part with it. My husband said to me yesterday, 'That book is worth five dollars to you.' Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the paper-covered book, or 31 stamps for the cloth binding to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y."

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The following are the prices charged for announcements in this column: Sheriff \$8.00, Prothonotary \$8.00, Treasurer \$8.00, Register \$6.00, Recorder \$6.00. All other offices \$3.00. Announcement will not be made for any candidate unwilling to pledge himself to abide by the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the Primaries.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce that D. J. Gingerich, of Huston township, will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce A. B. Lee, of Potter township, as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

TREASURER.

We are requested to announce that J. Mitchell Cunningham, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that John D. Miller, of Walker township, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30, 1911.

We are authorized to announce the name of James Schofield, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the general primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that Frank W. Grebe, of Philipsburg, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911.

PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce that D. R. Foreman, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for Prothonotary of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce that J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., will be a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce that John M. Keichline, Esq., of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce that John R. Lemon, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce that John L. Dunlap will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce John H. Runkle, of Potter township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that William H. Noll Jr., of Spring township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held on Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are requested to announce that William A. Stover, of Penn township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters, as expressed at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce D. A. Grove, of College township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as shown at the primaries Sept. 30th, 1911.

RECORDER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Recorder, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held Sept. 30th, 1911. EDWARD C. MCKINLEY, of Boggs township.

We are authorized to announce that W. Francis Spear, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for the nomination for Recorder by the Democratic party; subject to the primaries on Sept. 30th, 1911.

We are authorized to announce that D. A. Dietrich, of Walker township, will be a candidate for Recorder of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county, as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1911.

REGISTRAR.

We are requested to announce that J. Frank Smith, of Centre Hill, will be a candidate for Registrar subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the polls at the primaries to be held on the 30th day of Sept. 1911.

AUDITOR.

We are authorized to announce that W. A. Collins, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters, as expressed at the primaries, Sept. 30th, 1911.

MOTHER'S DAY HAS ITS FOURTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE ON MAY 14TH.

Sunday was chosen by Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, as the best day of the week for every man, woman and child of America to join in reviving mother memories and in renewing mother associates, because her hope was to make Mother's Day as much as possible an occasion of religious observance. The second Sunday in May was selected because flowers, a necessary factor in such a celebration, are at that time universally available.

A white flower, having an emblematic significance obviously in keeping with mother recollections, is prescribed for everybody to wear this year on May 14th; the white carnation is the precise flower mentioned in the pamphlets of the Mothers Day Federation as official. Any one who associates a particular flower with his mother, who knows what flower she regarded as her favorite, is urged, if he wishes, to wear it in preference to any other. Indeed, both the kind of flower and the color designated as official by the promoters of the mother celebration were fixed upon only on general grounds of taste and convenience. The essence of the federation's request is that everybody on May 14th of the present year wear a flower of some kind. To wear a flower on that day is to be made a member of the federation.

Churches of all creeds, Sunday schools, Christian associations and all societies that have Sunday meetings are requested to give the day formal place in their services. Public schools are asked to have Mother's day exercises on the most convenient school day near May 14. Business concerns are asked to notice the event by the distribution of white flowers. The giving of a flower for some one else to wear is one of the recommendations which Miss Jarvis makes to us all. As to ways of observing the day outside of religious secular exercises, the

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