FARMERS' COLUMN.

When Shall We Sow the Seeds of Fruit Trees.

The New York *Tribune* says: For the healthy and perfect germination of seeds, heat, moisture, air, and the exclusion of light, are all required. The seeds of apple, pear and plum trees are usually sown in November, but they will show no sighs of germination until the warmth of spring reaches them. Seeds planted too deeply do not grow. The depth of the covering should be regulated by the size of the seed. Small and delicate seeds may be sown almost on the surface, while large ones may be imbedded to the depth of four or five inches. The small seed requires but little moisture, and has but a feeble force to penetrate a covering, while the large one requires more moisture and has force enough to push its way up. When it is desired to obtain seedlings of a particular variety, free from any cross, cultivators protect the flowers while in blossom to guard against foreign impregnation, and save seeds only from the large and perfect specimens; the seeds should be plump and mature. Mr. Knight's mode of obtaining seedlings of the best varieties was to prepare stocks from some good sort that would strike from cuttings. These stocks he planted in rich, warm soil, and grafted with the kind he wanted the seed from. The first season after grafting he took them up, reduced the roots, and planted again. In this way he succeeded in making them bear fruit in two years. He allowed only two specimens to remain on each tree, and these in consequence were very large, mature, and in every way fine, and from these the seeds were taken.

In case of the plum, as disease is now so prevalent, it is generally recommended to have nothing to do with seedlings, unless grown from seed positively known to be the product of sound trees.

With butternuts, as with all forest trees, follow nature as far as possible. Plant the nuts in the fall as soon as they drop from the trees. They may be planted in the spring, if more convenient, in which case they should be packed in shallow boxes of sand during the winter. The first year's cultivation of nut-bearing trees consists in keeping the soil loose and free from weeds. A good mulch is also of advantage; indeed, an application of well rotted barnyard manure preceptibly increases the growth both of butternut and black walnut trees. When possible it is advisable to plant the butternuts in the place where the trees are desired to avoid all risk and retarding of growth which accompany transporting such trees. When local obstacles in the way of soil, undue exposure, etc., exist, the safest plan is to consult a cultivator in the district and take advantage of his experience as to best varieties, etc.

A New Food for Cattle.

"Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good." For years past there have been loud complaints of the pestilent water-weed known as *Elodea canadensis*, which it has sometimes been said is likely, eventually to choke up our water courses altogether. Now it appears that this same obnoxious weed is a valuable food for live stock. In consequence of its having been repeatedly observed that oxen ate the *Elodea canadensis* with great avidity, Dr. W. Hoffmeister recently undertook an analysis of the plant for the purpose of determining its comparative nutritive value. The results of his investigations are now published in *Fühlings Landwirthschaftliche Zeitung*. One hundred and fifty grammes of the weed yields 18 grammes of dry substance, equivalent to 88 per centum water and 12 per centum of dry matter. By Schudize's method 16.2 grammes of cellulose were obtained; the average proportion of protein was 18.46 per centum. Of the residue of an ethereal extract, 0.15 per centum was found to be insoluble of sulphate of carbon. The proportion of sugar was 23.02, and of starch 19.40 per centum. In order to estimate the substance soluble in an aqueous solution, a sample was thoroughly exhausted in cold water. The residue, when dry, reached 25.47 per centum and yielded 2.89 per centum of nitrogen, equivalent to 18.06 protein, showing that almost the whole of the albumen has passed over in solution. Judged by the proportion of nutritive matter contained in it, the weeds appear, therefore, to be about equal in value to the best hay, or to a good quality of clover, and should, consequently, be well worthy of consideration as a food for live stock, where it is met with in anything like considerable quantities.

How to Preserve Cider.

A pure, sweet cider is only obtainable from clean, sound fruit, and the fruit should therefore be carefully examined and wiped before grinding.

In the press use hair cloth or gunny in place of straw. As the cider runs from the press let it pass through a hair sieve into a large open vessel that will hold as much juice as can be expressed in one day. In one day, or something less, the pomace will rise to the top, and in a short time grow very thick. When little white bubbles break through it, draw off the liquid through a very small spigot placed about three inches from the bottom, so that the lees may be left behind. The cider must be drawn off into very clean, sweet casks, preferably, fresh liquor casks, and closely watched. The moment the white bubbles, before mentioned, are perceived rising at the bunghole, rack it again. It is usually necessary to repeat this three times. Then fill up the cask with cider in every respect like that originally contained in it, add a tumbler of warm sweet oil, and bung up tight. For very fine cider it is customary to add at this stage of the process, about half a pound of glucose (starch-sugar), or a smaller portion of white sugar. The cask should then be allowed to remain in a cool place until the cider has acquired the desired flavor. In the meantime clean barrels for its reception should be prepared as follows: Same clean strips of rags are dipped in melted sulphur, lighted and burned in the bunghole, and the bung laid loosely on the end of the rag so as to retain the sulphur vapor within the barrel then tie up half a pound of mustard seed in a coarse muslin bag, and put in a barrel, fill the barrel with cider, add about a quarter of a pound of isinglass or fine gelatine dissolved in hot water.

This is the old-fashioned way, and will keep cider in the same condition as when it went into the barrel, if kept in a cool place, for a year.

Professional cider-makers are now using calcium sulphite (sulphite of lime), instead of mustard and sulphur vapor. It is much more convenient and effectual. To use it, it is simply requisite to add one-eighth to one-quarter of an ounce of sulphate to each gallon of cider in the cask and giving the liquor a thorough shaking or rolling. After standing bunged several days to allow the sulphite to exert its full action, it may be bottled off.

The sulphite of lime (which should not be mistaken for the sulphate of lime) is a commercial article, costing about forty cents a pound by the barrel. It will preserve the sweetness of the cider perfectly, but unless care is taken not to add too much of it, it will impart a slight sulphurous taste to the cider. The bottles and corks used should be perfectly clean, and the corks wired down.

A little cinnamon, wintergreen, or sassafras, etc., is often added to sweet cider in the bottle, together with a drachm or so of bicarbonate of soda at the moment of driving the stopper. This helps to neutralize free acids, and renders the liquor effervescent when unstoppered; but if used in excess, it may prejudicially affect the taste.—*Scientific American.*

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

ADVICE GIVEN BY THE REV. DR. BELLOWS TO HIS CONGREGATION.

The Rev. H. W. Bellows preached on Sunday in All Souls' Church, in New York, a sermon on "The Illumination of Conscience," from the texts, "Those who, by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil;" "And not rather (as we be slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say) let us do evil that good may come, whose condemnation is just." In the course of the sermon he made the following references to current politics:

He is no true patriot who dares to insult God and conscience by the blasphemous boast "my country, right or wrong." Look, too at the pleas made by an average conscience in regard to the duty of citizens in a time of close and uncertain elections, involving disputed issues alleged to be of critical importance. I can very well believe that honest men of both or many parties think the issues now before the American people of great and even critical national importance. Many are alarmed, and not without reason, at the threatening loss of state and local rights; at the alleged overawing of voters at the polls. Others are alarmed, and not without reason, at the possible loss at the polls, with ballot boxes stuffed and rightful voters intimidated, of all the costly gains of the war, and even with the possible repudiation of debts or the re-watering of the currency. There are serious issues before us which should make all wise men of all parties prize and use their opportunities as voters; study the issues of and cast their ballots according to their best judgment and the highest conscience. It is a time for both and all parties to lay out their utmost strength, and waste no votes and spare no labor. Faction and eccentricity and impracticable independence are unwise and dangerous.

But there are limits to useful and becoming acquiescence in party policy which are prescribed by the precept that we shall not do evil that good may come. If a party, call it what you will, and on whichever side of our national issues it may be, and however important their triumph may be, proceeds to gain its end by overriding morality or corrupt bargaining, or by sacrificing or demanding the sacrifice of conscientious scruples on the part of those who honor the general principles of the party, or by nominating candidates purely for availableness and not for competency, character, integrity—then it is the higher duty of those who feel that truth virtue and conscience are always the supreme interest of the country and before any success of party measure, to stand by their consciences; to vote by their consciences, to adhere to the right and the true.

Machinery is indispensable in party government. But they are not the foes to machinery who when some ill-contrived machine is seen to be involving and wrecking interests more sacred than its own ends, refuse to feed the fires that turn that particular kind of machinery they refuse to serve or to use. The world so far as it is worth saving, society so far as it is safe and hopeful, is run by a different sort of machinery than that which controls primary meetings and district caucuses and party conventions. There is such a thing as moral machinery. It was that sort of machinery that abolished slavery after political machinery had failed for a century nearly to loosen its malignant power a hair. It was that sort of machinery that maintained and fought out the war for the Union. There are times when the dams and the stream are more important than the spindles and the mill wheels, when public sentiments need more attention than public measures and much more than party platforms and nominations. Yes, machinery by all means, but not bad and low and disgusting machinery, not machinery that makes it necessary to vote for candidates convicted of abuses and peculation by legislative committees of an unpartisan character. Would it be nothing if thirty thousand independent voters of either party, by striking off from either ticket names that stand for dubious, dark and selfish aims made that difference between their vote and the maximum vote attained by men for whom it is no strain on conscience to vote heartily?

I believe with all my heart that no issue at any time can be so serious in this country as the issue whether party manœuvres can compel us to vote against our consciences and convictions of high policy, to ensure the success of a party with whose general aims we are in sympathy, be it Democratic or Republican. I do not care to save any policy at the cost of any principle. Right ends by right means; good, by good ways. This is the Christian policy. I counsel all who believe in the imperative voice of duty to vote only for men they believe honest, competent and faithful and to trust God that by such a course they are taking the surest way of saving their country and their own souls.

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The 4th of November,

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One person for Jury Commissioner of the County of Carbon.

One person for Surveyor of Carbon county.

I also make known and give notice that the freemen of the several townships and boroughs of this county will hold their election at the places hereinafter designated:

BANKS TOWNSHIP—Audenried District: At the school house in Audenried.

Beaver Meadow District:—At the school house in Leviston.

East Mauch Chunk Borough:—At the public house of Christopher Curran.

East Penn township:—At the public house of Penrose George.

Franklin Township:—At the public house of Edward Baber.

Kidder, North District:—At the school house in Bridgeport.

Kidder, South District:—At the public house of Paul Eckhard.

Lansford Borough;—At the public house of George Evans.

Lausanne Township:—At the female school house of Buck Mountain.

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I also make known and give notice, as in and by the 13th Section of the aforesaid Act I am directed, that "every person except Justices of the Peace who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust under the Government of the United States or of the State, of any city or incorporated district, whether confirmed officer or otherwise, subordinate officer or agent, who is, or shall be employed under the Legislative, Judiciary or Executive Department of the State or the United States, or of any city or incorporated district, and also that every member of Congress and the State Legislature, and of the select and common council of any city, commissioner of any incorporated district, is by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time the office or appointment of judge, inspector or clerk of any election of this Commonwealth, and that no inspector or judge, or any other officer of any such election shall be eligible in any office than to be voted for.

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