

HORTICULTURISTS ADJOURN.

DISCUSSING SOME VERY INTERESTING FRUIT TOPICS.

The Able Lecture of Prof. Meehan—Debating the Question Whether Horticulture Should be Made a Public School Study—Final Adjournment.

As we went to press on Thursday the society had not discussed Thursday's horticultural questions, the substance of which is given below.

Why are high, billy grounds, open to exposure, favorable to orchards? Asperity of soil, however, is not the cause. The temperature was never so low as in the valley, and the buds were not likely to be killed. J. E. Tamm, agrees with Hiller, except as to the more alkali; he favored the south-east slope, because the color of the fruit was better. Mr. Davis agreed with Mr. Jameson, Dr. Fink favored the northern exposure; even if the fruit was not so highly colored, there was more certainty in its ripening.

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Mr. J. Hopley did not cover his plants at all. Dr. Fink covered all his plants with horse manure, two inches deep. He set his plants in the ground in the first part of the season.

What new varieties of strawberries are worthy of trial? Mr. Satterthwaite said that the strawberry was the most important fruit in the garden.

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These facts should induce us to persevere in floral pursuits. Even in traveling among the Indians he had found that he could do better in the field than in the greenhouse.

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ANTHONY E. ROBERTS DEAD.

THE ONLY SURVIVING LANCASTER EX-CONGRESSMAN PASSES AWAY.

The Story of a Busy Political Life—Sheriff, E. S. Mahan and Congressman—How He Dated Hon. Isaac E. Heister Twice.

Quickly following the death of John Strohm who, up to the time of his decease, was the oldest ex-congressman in the United States, comes the death of Anthony E. Roberts, ex-member of Congress from Lancaster county, who leaves the present member, Hon. A. Herr Smith, the only living man who ever represented Lancaster county in the Federal Congress.

Anthony E. Roberts was born in Chester county, four miles northwest of Downingtown, near the site of the old Warwick farms, with the direction of which his father was connected, Oct. 20, 1823.

He was educated in the common schools, and attended the Lancaster academy, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa chapter.

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STATE LEGISLATION.

A FLOOD OF BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY AT HARRISBURG.

An Equitable Apportionment Proposition Submitted by a Democratic Member—Further Regulation of State Banks Proposed—Bills Introduced.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 23.—In the House today there were objections to dispensing with the printing of the journal, which contains the titles of 146 bills, when Brooks, of Butler, made a motion to suspend the rules, to show, he said, who the men were who yesterday were absent from their seats.

The New Orleans appropriation bill was favorably reported and read the first time. A bill was favorably reported establishing a mode of entering suits against the state.

Among the bills introduced were the following: To amend the act relating to the suppression of gift enterprises to store keepers to secure patronage; providing penalty of from \$100 to \$1,000, and imprisonment of from 3 to 6 months for maintaining opium joints; making it a misdemeanor for any merchant or trader to furnish company to keep fraudulent accounts or destroy or mutilate the firm books.

Mr. Eckles, Dem., an old member from Cumberland, presented appropriation bills dividing the state into congressional, senatorial and representative districts, allowing the Republicans 17 and the Democrats 11 congressional districts, and the Democrats 28 senatorial districts and the Democrats 22, according to the vote 1881. The number of representatives is fixed at 204, an increase of 10.

One of the bills introduced requires all other than national banks within sixty days after the passage of this act, to report to the auditor general and semi-annually thereafter; the auditor general is authorized to appoint examiners to inquire into the condition of banks where he has reason to believe a bank is not doing its duty.

Another bill preventing treating to intoxicating drink, imposing a penalty of \$25. Prosser offered a resolution, which was adopted, granting the use of the hall on Wednesday evening next to Captain Pearce, to deliver addresses on fish culture.

William Wool, of Philadelphia, was elected a trustee of the Pennsylvania museum and school of industrial art, to succeed L. Clark, who declined a reelection.

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COLUMBIAN NEWS-LETTER.

A Case of Dreadful Distress Discovered—A Supposed Incendiarist.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE OF INVESTIGATOR. CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 23.—A deplorable scene was presented to the ladies of the Columbia relief association when they called upon Mrs. James Devine, who had been reported to them as in want.

Another high-handed outrage was attempted on the Shawnee bridge, on Fourth street, last evening. As a lady and child, residing in Kitchentown, were passing over the bridge, they were assaulted by an unknown man.

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