The Centre Democrat.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

AGRICULTURAL.

NEWS, FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

THE TEST OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE IS THE INTELLIGENCE AND PROSPERITY OF THE FARMER.

Every farmer in his annual experience discovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the DEMOCRAT, *Bellefonte, Penn'a," that other farmers may have the benefit of it. Let communications be timely, and be sure that they are brief and well pointed.*

LANCASTER county is afflicted with a new hog disease. The first symptoms are red ears, followed by a bluish tinge, after which they refuse to eat, although seeming very hungry. Thus they linger until they die. They get nearly black before they die.

WE call the special attention of farmers to the article in another column under the head of "How shall we sell Hogs?" But few even of those who feed and kill large numbers of hogs annually, have a correct idea of the difference between live and dressed weight.

THE *Husbandman*, than which there is no more ably edited paper of its class in the country, takes pains in its issue of last week, to speak in terms of approbation of our State Board of Agriculture. Coming from this source praise is a compliment which, we are glad to believe, is well-deserved.

ONE hundred millions of dollars is a large sum, but that is what we pay out annually for sugar brought from abroad. Recent experiments with beets, sorghum and the common stalk encourage the hope that at least a goodly portion of the sweets represented by this immense sum may be produced at home.

GOOD seed of all kinds is scarce, and in demand at remunerative prices. Farmers who have good varieties of any kind of seeds on hand should let the fact be known. It would pay them, and be a kindness to their brother farmers who may be in want of just what they have to offer. An advertisement in the agricultural page of the DEMOCRAT would doubtless prove a good investment.

IT is time now to look over your store of garden seeds, see what you have, make a list of what you need, and send to some of the established and reliable seed growers for them. Neglect of this until the planting season comes may prevent you from enjoying some of the most desirable table supplies during the coming year. We remember that in our early experience in gardening, we were caught once or twice by delay in this matter.

AT a recent meeting of the Elmira Farmer's Club, the practice of burning horses' feet in fitting the shoe was discussed at some length, and received severe and unanimous condemnation. We are glad to notice such practical matters occupying the attention of farmer's clubs, and equally glad that in this, as in most other cases, the judgment of this particular club is eminently correct. The continuance of this abominable and useless practice must be held responsible for many of the ailings of horses' feet. One of the parties to the discussion proposed the following practical test: "If a man will hold his thumb-nail to a hot iron and burn off the projecting end, he will find as the nail grows out, the extremity will be brittle and very liable to break in slivers. The same effect is had in burning the hoof, it becomes brittle and splinters break off."

Extracts and Comments.

Give hens constant access to lime in some form. Hens must have the raw material in order to manufacture shells; they cannot make them out of nothing.—*Exchange.*

Old mortar or pounded oyster shells are good forms in which to give it, and either are easily obtained by most fowl raisers.

"A subscriber" writes that cider can be preserved by adding a half pound of white mustard to each barrel of cider.—*Farm Journal.*

We don't believe it, and advise against it, even if true. The proper way to preserve cider is in the apples, and when you need it in the winter, use one of the small hand presses, and make it fresh and sweet. The habitual use of hard cider, whether "preserved" with mustard seed or anything else, will make a man's temper and conduct as "hard" as the cider.

The poultry crop of Kent county, Delaware, is worth as much as the corn crop. The same condition applies to many other counties in the United States.—*Exchange.*

Well then, Kent county is to be envied. The profits on poultry, if well managed, are a good deal more than on corn.

Lancaster County Tobacco Items.

Collated from the New Era.

Saturday, 10th instant, was undoubtedly the biggest tobacco day of the season. From all the data we can gather on the subject, fully one million five hundred thousand pounds were received, Saturday being the great "receiving" day of most of the wholesale dealers in leaf tobacco. It is estimated—and we believe correctly—that not less than 600 wagons, of all descriptions, visited the city on Saturday, some of which were obliged to remain in this city until to-day—Monday—in order to unload, or else returned to their country homes, returning to-day by a long, and oftentimes, a circuitous route.

The amount of cash paid out on Saturday at our banks, for tobacco delivered that day, was $200,000.

One tobacco firm in our city have purchased $400,000 worth of tobacco, of which but one-fourth has yet been delivered, the business of the firm being so arranged that but a certain quantity will be taken each "receiving day" and thus prevent crowding in the warehouse.

We give another batch of recent sales from all parts of the county. The buyers are still busily at work and in nearly all cases they and our farmers have little trouble in coming to terms. We are glad that the crop is moving off so rapidly. It will make room for the next one.

The yield of Mr. Artman is an extraordinary one, yielding 2,500 pounds to the acre, and so also is the price.

Emanuel E. Miller raised three acres, the wrappers of which he sold at 28 cents, price of seconds and fillers not known, but the crop realized $1,700.

[illegible] Esq., of Manheim, Lancaster county, raised and packed thereon sixteen tons of ice, solid, one foot and a half distance from the outside all around. As soon as the weather moderated I put up my studding, put on a shingle roof and boarded up the sides with common inch boards—wide ones, but put on in the same manner as siding; left a large hole open at each end under the roof for free circulation at the top, filled in the vacant space all around with sawdust, and the same depth above it—and the whole was complete and ice never kept better. I have used this house every year since without change and with the same results. I have put in enough one year to last two years, and it kept over well. So there is no theory about the matter, and almost any man can do likewise on a larger or smaller way, only a large bulk of ice will keep better than a small quantity. But giving an air-tight foundation with a cover to protect from sun and rain, a good circulation of air above, and a substantial enclosing of at least a foot of sawdust, and you have the *luxury* of ice cheaply and surely, all the year round, if you want it.

Mr. Albert S. Miller delivered at a packing house, in the borough of Manheim, the tobacco crop grown by him on considerably less than two acres of ground. He set out 10,000 plants, on land owned by Henry A. Bealer, from which he realized 4,231 pounds of good tobacco, or slightly less than half a pound per plant, and at the rate of 2,539 pounds to the acre. The amount of money received for the lot was $896.86, or at the rate of $538.12 per acre.

Another large tobacco yield in pounds as well as in money comes to us from Manheim, where Messrs. Bealor and Miller sold the product of 1¾ acres at 3, 10 and 25 cents. The weight of the tobacco was 4,232 pounds, realizing the lucky growers $885.45.

Wm. Ortman, of Washington borough, has sold his crop of tobacco, consisting of 15,000 stalks, to Joseph Mayers' Sons for 25 cents round, amounting to $1,920.25. The stalks were grown on three acres. This is considered the largest yield and best tobacco and sale in the county.

Meeting of Board of Agriculture.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture commenced at Harrisburg yesterday at 2 o'clock P. M. The programme issued by the Secretary contains the following subjects for essays and discussion:

Wheat—the best variety from the miller's standpoint; the most economical farm fence; how can a farmer most economically maintain or increase the fertility of his farm? Is stock raising profitable in Pennsylvania? Farm fences and ways over the farm from a legal standpoint; the adornment of farm houses; are investments in land for renting profitable? What is the most profitable crop to succeed corn? Why is the apple not as extensively grown in Pennsylvania as in some other States? In addition there will be discussions upon any subject that may be introduced by members of the Board. The meeting will be held in the office of the Board, and an invitation is extended to all persons interested.

REGULARITY in feeding cattle can not be too strictly enjoined upon the farmer. Economy in feeding is one of the chief sources of profit in stock raising, and experience shows that a given quantity of food will keep an animal in much better condition if given at regular intervals than when fed out haphazard, without system or order.

How Shall We Sell Hogs?

The *Michigan Farmer* reproduces the following, which is of vast importance to farmers: "A question of financial importance to farmers is asked of each other almost daily, and seems not to be satisfactorily answered. It is regarding the shrinkage of hogs, in dressing, to decide what should be the difference in the price between live and dressed hogs to give the same returns to the farmer. To satisfy ourselves on this point, and to be able to answer others positively, we this week selected twenty pigs, farrowed the last year in May, from five litters, all cross-bred Suffolk and Poland-China. They had nothing but thin grazing after being weaned, till the corn was large enough to feed, since when they have been fed well, and, though not large, were well fattened. We give below the exact weight alive and dressed:

No.	Live wt.	Dres'd wt.	No.	Live wt.	Dres'd wt.
1	172	143	12	170	145
2	151	128	13	148	118
3	155	130	14	153	128
4	126	104	15	164	138
5	135	116	16	148	121
6	163	136	17	133	115
7	130	108	18	168	139
8	136	114	19	132	114
9	153	128	20	113	90
10	148	128			
11	131	112	Total	2,935	2,447

"Shrinkage 488 pounds, or a trifle over one-seventh. We were offered $4 per hundred for a lot on foot, which would have amounted to $117.40. We sold for $5.10 dressed amounting to $125.02, leaving $7.62 in favor of dressing at these prices, and the rough lard was sufficient to pay for butchering. This class of pigs are said to shrink much more than the larger and older hogs. Farmers can look this over at their leisure and decide how they will sell.

"Another question which we have been asked many times is, how much less will a hog weigh after he is stuck than alive? We have heard intelligent men claim that there was no perceptible difference. We weighed the first two before scalding, and the loss was 8 and 7½ pounds respectively."

That Ice-House.

From Cor. of Practical Farmer.

Fourteen years ago, about this time of the year, in an open spell of weather, I determined to build an ice-house 12x16 feet in size. I got four foundation timbers together on a somewhat elevated spot of ground, to keep water from flowing under, and put in four joints ready to lay on a floor. That night the weather changed to very cold, and before I could go on with my work the ice was ready for sawing and packing. I immediately tramped between the joist, solid with sawdust, laid on some floor boards loosely [illegible] and packed the same trick by the third, and so on, till all but the last have received sharp pushing. If two are contented to drink together, the first that finishes will hold up his head and streams of water will run from his mouth upon his companion. All this is inconvenience and consequent injury may be avoided by beginning at the head to untie, or, as I have practiced thus far this winter, letting out one at a time, and waiting till it is done drinking before untying the next. Before I have cleaned its stall and carded the next, it will have drank to sufficiency and quietly walked away. I find the cattle drink more regularly, and I think somewhat more, while good order reigns in the yard.

TAKING 100 for the average crop, the following table presents a comparison of the crop of 1879 with that of 1878, in the principal wheat-raising countries of the world:

	1878.	1879.
Austro-Hungary	109	78
Germany	104	85
France	80	78
Italy	102	82
England	105	76
Russia	100	79
Roumania	112	90
United States	118	108

THAT cows may be too fat to give a full flow of milk, and hens too fat to lay, is a current opinion among farmers in some sections, which is an absurdity, it seems to me; the fact being that the cow or hen gets fat on account of non-production, not that the yield of milk or eggs is lessened by the accumulation of flesh. Cows take on flesh when supplied with rich food beyond their capacity to convert it into milk. Certain articles of food have a tendency to produce milk, while the fat-forming qualities of others are predominant; yet were a cow allowed so small a ration of any kind that she would decrease in weight, the production of milk would not be increased thereby; but, on the contrary, a diminished yield would be the result. There is a limit to the profitable conversion of food into milk; also a limit to the capacity of cows to secrete milk; but if, by high feeding with careful attention to details, we can get the same returns in four years that would otherwise require five, we are the gainers. It seems incredible that any thinking man could believe that a "cow would yield more milk when thin in flesh than when fat."—M. B. P. in *Rural New Yorker.*

CAYENNE pepper, mustard or ginger, can, with great benefit, be added to the food of fowls, to increase their vigor and to stimulate egg production. This apparently artificial diet will be seen to be natural if we remember that wild birds of the gallinaceous species get access to very many highly spiced berries and buds—articles that give the "game flavor" to their flesh.

Help the Boys.

From the Farmer's Review.

In your planning this winter we take it for granted that every farmer who reads the *Review* is already planning for the work of next season, set apart some plat of ground for the boys "to have and to hold" as their own for the season. Sit down some evening and have a cheerful, confidential talk with them. Ascertain what crops they would prefer to cultivate and experiment with, determine what variety of seed is best, and discuss methods of treatment—when to plow and plant, how many times to cultivate, and go through with all the details from seed time to harvest. Calculate as nearly as possible, the amount of time they will have to devote to their little plantation, and then, when the time comes, grant them all the time agreed upon without a word. Furnish them with the best of tools, and implements, both for their own work and for that which they are to do for you, and aid them in all possible ways. In this manner they will become fitted for landowners, and successful farmers. This love for experimental farming, will continue through life, and they will accomplish a work of great value for the generation in which they live, and for the generations that are to come after them. Discuss with them also the probable conditions of the market during the next twelve months, for after all it will be the money results that they will be most interested in, and which will influence them most in the future. To have money to invest, next year, in an animal, a wagon, an implement, a suit of clothes, or something else of value and utility, or to put out at interest, is a matter of grave moment to them. What the boys of the farm need is recognition and encouragement. As a rule, those boys help their fathers most whose fathers most help them.

Manner of Stabling Cattle.

Correspondence of Country Gentleman.

It is the usual custom, I have noticed, for farmers to tie their cattle in the barn by placing the largest or strongest at the head of the stable or farthest from the door; the next one that "beats" second, and so on, every creature being stronger than any tied below it. This plan is good as far as tying up is concerned, but what is the result when the cattle are let out? The weakest is untied first, of course, which goes to the water and begins to drink, but the second is close behind and with a hook and a toss drives the first away, only to be served the same trick by the third, and so on, till all but the last have received sharp pushing. If two are contented to drink together, the first that finishes will hold up his head and streams of water will run from his mouth upon his companion. All this is inconvenience and consequent injury may be avoided by beginning at the head to untie, or, as I have practiced thus far this winter, letting out one at a time, and waiting till it is done drinking before untying the next. Before I have cleaned its stall and carded the next, it will have drank to sufficiency and quietly walked away. I find the cattle drink more regularly, and I think somewhat more, while good order reigns in the yard.

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Leaves Snow Shoe 2.42 P. M., arrives in Bellefonte 4.12 P. M.
Leaves Bellefonte 4.55 P. M., arrives at Snow Shoe 6.27 P. M.

DANIEL RHOADS,
General Superintendent.

BALD EAGLE VALLEY RAILROAD.—Time-Table, December 31, 1877:

Exp. Mail. A. M.	Mail. P. M.	WESTWARD.		EASTWARD.	Exp. Mail. P. M.	Mail. A. M.
7 55	6 32	Arrive at	Tyrone	Leave	7 08	8 30
7 50	6 25	Leave	East Tyrone	Leave	7 15	8 37
7 46	6 21	"	Vail	"	7 19	8 41
7 42	6 17	"	Bald Eagle	"	7 23	8 47
7 29	6 03	"	Hannah	"	7 36	9 02
7 22	5 55	"	Port Matilda	"	7 44	9 11
7 14	5 47	"	Martha	"	7 52	9 20
7 05	5 38	"	Julian	"	8 01	9 30
6 56	5 27	"	Unionville	"	8 11	9 42
6 47	5 18	"	Snow Shoe In	"	8 21	9 51
6 43	5 15	"	Milesburg	"	8 24	9 55
6 35	5 05	"	Bellefonte	"	8 32	10 03
6 25	4 55	"	Milesburg	"	8 45	10 15
6 15	4 45	"	Curtin	"	8 55	10 25
6 08	4 40	"	Mount Eagle	"	9 00	10 30
6 00	4 31	"	Howard	"	9 08	10 40
5 50	4 20	"	Eagleville	"	9 18	10 52
5 46	4 15	"	Beech Creek	"	9 22	10 57
5 33	4 03	"	Mill Hall	"	9 34	11 10
5 29	4 00	"	Flemington	"	9 37	11 14
5 25	3 55	"	Lock Haven	"	9 42	11 18

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—(Philadelphia and Erie Division.)—On and after December 12, 1877:

WESTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves Philadelphia	11 55 p m
" " Harrisburg	4 25 a m
" " Williamsport	8 35 a m
" " Lock Haven	9 40 a m
" " Renovo	10 55 a m
" arrives at Erie	7 35 p m
NIAGARA EXPRESS leaves Philadelphia	7 20 a m
" " Harrisburg	10 50 a m
" " Williamsport	2 20 p m
" arrives at Renovo	4 40 p m
Passengers by this train arrive in Bellefonte at	4 55 p m
FAST LINE leaves Philadelphia	11 45 a m
" " Harrisburg	3 55 p m
" " Williamsport	7 30 p m
" arrives at Lock Haven	8 40 p m

EASTWARD.

PACIFIC EXPRESS leaves Lock Haven	6 40 a m
" " Williamsport	7 55 a m
" arrives at Harrisburg	11 55 a m
" " Philadelphia	5 45 p m
DAY EXPRESS leaves Renovo	10 10 a m
" " Lock Haven	11 20 a m
" " Williamsport	12 40 a m
" arrives at Harrisburg	4 10 p m
" " Philadelphia	7 20 p m
ERIE MAIL leaves Renovo	8 35 p m
" " Lock Haven	9 45 p m
" " Williamsport	11 05 p m
" arrives at Harrisburg	2 45 a m
" " Philadelphia	7 00 a m
FAST LINE leaves Williamsport	12 35 a m
" arrives at Harrisburg	3 58 a m
" " Philadelphia	7 35 a m

Erie Mail West, Niagara Express West, Lock Haven Accommodation West, and Day Express East, make close connections at Northumberland with L. & B. R. R. trains for Wilkesbarre and Scranton.

Erie Mail West, Niagara Express West, and Erie Express West, and Lock Haven Accommodation West, make close connection at Williamsport with N. C. R. W. trains north.

Erie Mail West, Niagara Express West, and Day Express East, make close connection at Lock Haven With B. E. V. R. R. trains.

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