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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—(Philadelphia and Erie Division.)—On and after December 12, 1900. ERIE MAIL leaves Philadelphia 11:55 p.m.

The Centre Democrat. BELLEFONTE, PA. AGRICULTURAL. NEWS, FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

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."

We quote to-day from the Springfield Republican, a most interesting article upon the root pruning of corn, which was prepared for that paper by Dr. E. S. Sturtevant.

In another paragraph on this page we have spoken of the duty of every one to help in making a creditable exhibition at the county fair.

In cutting clover seed it is far better to use the reaping machine than the mower. If carefully handled the reaper will deposit the gavel in neat rows.

NOTICES of the details of our coming county fair will be found from time to time in our local columns.

The importance of making the fair a success no one questions; how this shall be accomplished is a very different matter. We believe that the officers of the society are as efficient and energetic as any the society has ever had.

WHEN fattening an animal for beef let the process be as quick as possible. Any stint in feeding will make the meat tough and dry.

Book Notice.

There is hardly a literary man in America whose writings have been more widely read than those of Dr. J. G. Holland, nor one whose name is better known among the people.

Increasing the Yield of Corn. We are now approaching the critical point in the culture of our corn in New England. Now is the time to cultivate with the object of increasing the crop.

Let the inquisitive observer now take a stalk of corn, and with a sharp knife divide at each joint. A little care will enable the experimenter to dissect from the five lower joints.

Improving the Cereals. A few careful observers and experimenters have shown that, with the same care in all other respects, a crop may be increased from one-tenth to one-half, by using the best seed adapted to the soil and climate.

In the same manner we need large numbers of skilled experimenters to improve our cereals. Principles underlie the breeding of plants as well as the breeding of animals.

At the Michigan Agricultural College oats are sown early in August, between the rows of raspberries. The oats, explains Professor Beal, present a better appearance than do weeds, serve as mulch during the winter, and in the spring leave the ground quite clean.

TO THE FAIR. ANNIE L. JACK. Why, where are you going to now With William, Robert and Jim, With wife and baby all dressed in their best And old Dublin in holiday trim?

Tobacco—Short Crops and High Prices.

There has been no cessation of the long drought to which we have for weeks been unwillingly compelled to allude. The clouds refuse their accustomed moisture to the thirsty fields.

The season is now growing late and rains, even though they should come, will not benefit many of the fields. The drought and hot sun have done their work; the heavy, foxy, stunted leaves are beyond salvation.

The certainty of a short crop, which is now evident to all observers, has awakened the buyers, and the county is overrun by agents and others who are looking up the fine lots.

Study the writings of a Sturtevant, or a Blount, or a Hallett. Repeat what they have done, add thought to the work, and make additional experiments. Let an enthusiastic student, with practical tact, plant a piece of corn, or wheat, or other crop, on good soil, near his house.

As to the manurial value of different cattle foods we find that the oil cakes yield the richest manure, as they contain the largest amount of nitrogen and phosphoric acid.

THE autumn-sown grains, both wheat and rye, have deeper roots and a longer period of growth than the spring sown cereals, and are better able than the latter to supply themselves with the necessary ash constituents from the soil.

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