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AGRICULTURAL. NEWS, FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

THE TEST OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE IS THE INTELLI-GENCE AND PROSPERITY OF THE FARMER.

Every farmer in his annual experience ascovers something of value. Write it and send it to the "Agricultural Editor of the

WE quote to-day from the Springfield Republican, a most interesting shoulders, recently made by Wyatt Eaarticle upon the root pruning of corn, ton, and will be about the size of the which was prepared for that paper by original picture. It is to be offered in Dr. E. S. Sturtevant, one of the most skilled and successful cultivators of the country. It is now too late to test the correctness of the doctors's good results claimed by Dr. S. for root pruning will be sure to command

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. This little item is meant specially for the knife divide at each joint. A little next week or two. Those who have county. You can make this fair a grand success, without the aid of the est. Let each boy and girl make arrangements now to take something. Don't wait for father or mother to make the move. You are the younger and more active. Get their permission, and then go ahead with your preparations. But be sure to be there with something to exhibit.

In cutting clover seed it is far betthe mower. If carefully handled the reaper will deposite the gavels in neat these can be easily and conveniently pitched on the wagon without any in. termediate handling. In mowing the ple over the swaths after they are cut, and the horse rake must be brought into requisition before it can be loadand best seed is shelled out and left corn.

Notices of the details of our comsuccess no one questions; how this bushels. shall be accomplished is a very different matter. We believe that the offienergetic as any the society has ever had, and that they are doing and will continue to do all that lies in their co-operation, not only of the farmers, but of all the citizens of the county. Every member of the society, whether he be a farmer or not, and every enterprising citizen of the county, whether he be a member of the society or not, should consider the success of the coming fair a personal matter, and make some effort to promote it. While we recognize the great value and importance of our mines and furnaces and factories, we maintain that the agricultural interests of the county are of first importance, and that whatever tends to enlarge and promote these, tends most to enlarge and the most good and the least harm. promote the material prosperity of all its citizens. That our fairs can be made very attractive, and entirely successful as exponents of the agricultural wealth and enterprise of the county has been abundantly proven. Let each citizen resolve that this shall be the case this year, and that he will do his part to accomplish it, and we shall have such an exhibition as will NEARLY half a Century old, from leave all previous ones in the background, and testify to all parts of the state of the agricultural prominence to which we are sure we are entitled.

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### Imcreasing the Yield of Corn.

theory upon the growing crop, and in all probability the unfavorable season would have prevented a fair test to cultivate with the object of increaat any rate, but the certainty of a sing the crop. A thorough, deep cultivation, close to the hills, just preshort crop and consequent high pri- vious to the appearance of the tassel, ces, will bring its great importance into unusual prominence, and any method of culture which promises the good results claimed by Dr. S. for of growth, so that the juices shall about the quality of the product. have time for elaboration, and thus the direction of the vigor shall become changed from leaf growth to awakened the buyers, and the county

boys and girls on the farms of Centre care will enable the experimenter to them are realizing excellent prices; dissect from the five lower joints, in 25 cents for wrappers and 25 cents many varieties, a small embryo ear through are freely paid, and choice of corn. Let a small magnifying lots bring still more; 8 and 10 cents old folks, if you set about it in earn- glass be applied, and these small ears are paid for seconds and 3 to 5 for will be seen to be covered with ker- fillers. nels feady for fertilization when a little more growth is attained. It will also be noticed that the upper of these ears is the largest, and that their size diminishes as they are ta rimenters have shown that, with the ken from the nodes lower down. In same care in all other respects, a crop the ordinary course of growth the up- may be increased from one-tenth to per ear attains its ripeness for the one-half, by using the best seed adaptollen the first, and this while the ed to the soil and climate. ter to use the reaping machine than the mower. If carefully handled the pollen has now fallen, and not receive to believe in the use of good seeds, rows, and when the proper time comes Now by root-pruning, or other agency which at this period shall check money, which have been employed in extension of leaf, we delay the growth improving the various breeds of our bearing stock, and give opportunity slow one, and many meet with modehorses and machine necessarily tram. for the lower ears to catch up. I rate success. These men study the have known a judicious system of qualities of both parents, and their root-pruning as practiced on experi-mental plats, to treble the corn yield, seems to them good reasons for and in the case of single hills I have every step they take in breeding ed. In this way much of the largest forced one seed to bear 23 ears of

Of course, if the soil is too infertile improve our cereals. to bear more than a small crop, there derlie the breeding of plants as well is no gain in stimulating the plant to as the breeding of animals. The reing county fair will be found from time to time in our local columns, but we desire to say a word or two more.

The importance of making the fair a transfer of the face of th

AT the Michigan Agricultural Col-

lege 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 these beans and peas, malt dust and bran, Clover hay yields a rich-

Pigs are the best stock to have access to the orchard. They will do

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 Dobblu in holiday trim? You never need ask, neighbor Plod,

That this is the farmer's gala day-We are off to the county fair. To sur rain! Well, some folks can play While others are forced to work; I have some late outs to harvest yet, And can not afford to shirk.

True, your life is hard, neighbor Plod, Since the boys have all gone away; Had Tom stayed at home when the oats we They'd have BEEN in the barn to day.

They'd have BEEN IN the coars.

This a pity for boys and girls,
When the city's alluring din
Can charm them away from the dear old home
For the gold they are hoping to win.
There's health, peace and wealth on the farm
And with ours no life can compare;
But young folks and old folks need holiday whiles,
But young folks and old folks need holiday whiles,
So you see we are off—to thefair.

—Eural New Yorker

Tobacco-Short Crops and High Prices.

From the Lancaster New Era.

There has been no cessation of the long drought to which we have for weeks been unwillingly compelled to allude. The clouds refuse their acens. tomed moisture to the thirsty fields, and the result has been a very al and most peculiar state of affairs. The really good fields in Lancaster county will not be one in ten, on the average. Most of these have been cut and housed in an unusually clean condition, and give promise of turning out a most desirable article. The remaining nine-tenths may be classed all the way from medium to very poor tobacco, the latter quality predominating very largely. In some portions of the county, notably the southern, there is much excellent tobacco, while in many others, generally famous for their excellent product, the erop is sure to prove a failure This is accounted for by the fact that the former were more favored with rain, which prevented the plants from stunting and allowed of the usual leaf

The season is now growing late and rains, even though they should come, will not benefit many of the fields. The drouth and hot sun have done their work; the heavy, foxy, stunted time, while the plant is in the vigor with former years, to say nothing

the formation and increased development of the kernels and ears.

Let the inquisitive observer now acres have already been purchased, take a stalk of corn, and with a sharp and many more will be during the

Improving the Cereals.

By W. J. Beal, Professor of Botany, Michigan Agricultural College  $\mathfrak e$ A few careful observers and expepollen is falling from the tassels. seeds are worth much more than the When the second little ear has attainaverage farmer is likely to be willing ing the fruitful adjunct, the ear ceas- and generally thinks he uses no othgrowth and gradually withers. er. Very few persons appreciate the of the upper ear and of the pollen- domestic animals. The process is a

In the same manner we need large numbers of skilled experimenters to ushels.

One consideration takes this in- Study the writings of a Sturtevant, struction from the censure of being or a Blount, or a Hallett. Repeat merely theoretical. This is written what they have done, add thought to cers of the society are as efficient and at a season when any doubting farm- the work, and make additional exer can easily verify the statements, periments. Let an enthusiastic stuboth by examining the stalks now dent, with practical tact, plant a growing, and by measuring off two piece of corn, or wheat, or other continue to do all that lies in their power to promote its welfare; but the most excellent judgment and untiring two plats will indicate clearly the day. Let him carefully observe the zeal upon the part of officers cannot achieve a successful fair unless se
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taining an average crop of 75 to 80 ear. Select parents which suit, see conded and backed up by the earnest bushels on large areas, where a few that they are crossed, and select the years ago I was satisfied with a crop of 50 bushels per acre for a small the soil and cultivation. Here is a area. Mr. Bowditch, by very severe grand field for experiment-one but root-pruning, averaged last year on little worked, and one ready to rea field of 17 acres, to which no hand ward skill and patience with a bounlabor had been applied, 100 bushels tiful harvest.—American Agriculturist for September

> 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, with a considerable amount of potash. Next er manure than oats, wheat, barley or corn, while meadow hay stands be-fore the cereal grains. The various grains and the roots, like turnips, carrots and Swedes, contain about the same proportion of nitrogen in their dry substance; the roots, however, supply much more potash. Potatoes stand below other roots in manurial value. Straw takes the lowest place as a manure-yielding food, beans and pea straw being more valuable for this purpose than the straw of the cereals.

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.

THE best way to deal with sorrel is to plough it under, and then make a more valuable crop grow in its place.