

A FARMER INSTITUTE. Legislative Appropriation Thereof Granted in This State. THE POSSIBLE GOOD DERIVABLE. More Than Muscle Needed in Successful Tilling of the Soil. MICHAEL STRONG ON THE MOON SIGNS

It is stated in a country journal that a Farmers' Institute will be held in Mt. Pleasant on the 13th and 14th of February, and that the Legislature has appropriated \$100 to each county holding an institute, to each county holding two \$150 and \$300 for each institute exceeding two.

A rather extended inquiry was made among farmers of this county and among men who dealt with the grain class, among lawyers and others of various professions, but no one was found who knew of the Legislature having made such provisions.

The time is not far distant when the American farmer must bump himself. A few years ago it was the custom in an American rolling mill by slowness methods would make a profit for an English manufacturer.

A certain portion of Indiana county is populated mainly by the Pennsylvania Dutch. They have for a century been regarded as a sturdy, hardy, above the average, but most of them were imbued with an undue regard for planetary influence.

After each of many farmers had detailed his experience and the effects of Luna on vegetation that had been under his observation, Michael Strong, the... MOST SUCCESSFUL FARMER in the section, was asked to give his experience. It was brief. Said he: "I do not sow in the moon's signs. I try to get my ground in good condition by the time the season to plant comes around, and I depend more on deep plowing, careful mixing of the soil and on fertilizing than I do on the moon."

Mr. Strong's lecture did much to kill superstition in that section, and crops have been better ever since. Farmers more than any other class need attention to their accumulative faculties, and though their association may lead to combats, as well as do those of manufacturers, the possible evil will be more than balanced by the knowledge gained by discussion, and perhaps if they were to try combining more than at present their effort might produce an effect in bringing about a reorganization of the industrial condition beneficial to the majority.

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OFFERED TO COLONEL MOODY. He is Considering Whether He Will Accept the Assistant Postmastership or Not—Arthur Swift Appointed Cashier—Ten Carriers to be Promoted—Other Changes. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Arthur L. Swift informed Postmaster McKean that he had concluded to accept the position of cashier in the Pittsburgh postoffice.

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Home Mission Work of the Association Explained and Aided. A special meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held last evening in the Association hall, on Seventh street, for the purpose of listening to talk concerning the work of association extension.

UP THE MONONGAHELA. Important Inspection Trip of Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Officials. The officers of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad inspected the new purchase, the McKeesport and Bellevernon Railroad, yesterday.

CHARLES BERGER DEAD. A Theory About That Gives Rise to Speculation. Charles Berger, who was found senseless in a Southside tunnel track, died yesterday at the Southside Hospital. He was not able, up to the time of his death, to make any statement. The inquest will be held tomorrow.

THE CORONER'S WORK. A Busy Day and What Was Done in It. The inquest on the body of John Bond, who died at Mercy Hospital from abscess of the brain and cerebellum, was concluded yesterday, and resulted in the conviction of Louis Wagner, who struck him in the head with a hammer, for murder.

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THE ELECTION CASES. GOUBLEY THE MAN. ALL HOPE NOT LOST. The Postoffice Will be Moved October 1, Says Mr. Pattison. MAKING THE FIRST FLOOR READY. ARCHITECT MALONE REFUSES TO TALK. There is every indication that Colonel Andrew's remark that he could complete the new postoffice building, or put it in such shape, at least, that it could be occupied by October 1, has done some good.

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OUR STOCKTAKING - DONE Grand Wind-Up of the Season. To-morrow morning we commence the clearing out of our winter stock in order to make room for the arrival of New Spring Goods which will begin to pour in rapidly in a very short time.

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