

HINTS FOR THE FAIR SEASON.

BY AGRICULTURIST.

With September the fair season is inaugurated; but a few hints about the fair to be pertinent. The primary significance of the word is a holiday, from the Latin feria, and its observance among farmers should be general.

But if we glance over the country, as far as our acquaintance extends, we shall find not a few who never attended the agricultural exhibitions of their town, county or State.

The reasons are various. One doesn't believe in them, and stays at home, preferring to forego what pleasure and instruction there may be, to paying "the quarter," or whatever the amount required to enter.

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Temperance.

Gov. St. John spoke in Scranton

the other evening on the prohibition question. In the course of his remarks he said: "The law doesn't require a dry goods merchant to take out a license and get twelve reputable citizens to swear that he bears a good moral character."

Now, said the speaker, "suppose you were before you here to-night a boy twenty-one years old. He is his own master in the eye of the law; he has always attended to his church and Sunday-school; his future promised to be bright, because he has started on the right road. I go to the judge of this county and pay him twenty three dollars license fee, which allows me to do what I like with my head, and you see a miserable drunkard, old and in the world. That transformation I have wrought through magic."

Thomas A. Edison said to a Chicago reporter recently: "I am now building a 42-ton locomotive, with 6-foot drivers to be used on the underground road in England. The wheels of the locomotive are provided with an insulated center, to prevent the current from running along the axle. One rail of the track is charged with negative and the other with positive electricity."

Dr. Wellman reports the cutest and sweetest love story we have heard from real life. Yesterday, as he was waiting at Parker, Dak. for the train a country lass came in with her fellow in the farm wagon, locked in each other's arms. The young man lived in Iowa, and was on the eve of starting home. The train was ready and on to the platform went his car.

The Democratic party just now is some what like the United States Army—it is over officered. It has as the slang goes, "too many colonels," and there is danger that it may have too few high privates on election day.

In Ohio the Hoople people, the Pendletons, people have, as a Cincinnati correspondent reports from Cincinnati, fallen to obtaining each other in style and with such vigor as to furnish help but amusement and interest to the republicans, who are not quarreling at this time.

The young man broke off the habit at once, and at the end of the year again presented himself. "Do you smoke?" asked the great man. "Yes, now and then."

"Do you drink?" inquired the millionaire. "Occasionally."

"Do you chew?" inquired the millionaire. "Occasionally."

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