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Calendar table for February 1907 showing days of the week and dates.

MOON'S PHASES table showing moon phases for the month of February.

Planting and Trimming of Fruit Trees

BY SALUEL D. IRWIN. Paper read before the Farmers' Institute held in Tionesta February 1st and 2d, 1907.

Man-kind from the most remote antiquity have gradually improved the fruit bearing trees, and by close observation studied their habits, and the kind of soil to which each particular tree is best adapted.

Soil should be considered, and after this the management and culture becomes of the highest importance. Man, in many ways, changes the face of the earth; so also he may improve or injure a tree for productiveness.

Trees may be propagated in various ways,—from the seed, or by cuttings, slips or suckers, or by budding or grafting.

Cuttings are short pieces cut in the spring from shoots of the last year. These cuttings should have six joints or buds, and three of these should be under ground when planted.

Slips differ from cuttings in this particular: They are not cut but pulled from the body of the tree or limbs. You take a shoot of last year's growth and pull it downwards and thus slip it off; then trim the ragged bark off and shorten the shoot so as to have six buds left, then plant it in the same way you do cuttings.

Suckers are in general poor things, whether in the forest or fruit garden. They are the shoots that come up from the roots, at a distance from the stem of the tree. The vice of a tree that is raised from suckers is that they run to wood more than trees do that are raised in any other way.

Budding and grafting is another mode, but is too technical to consider here. Both of these systems are understood and much practiced all over the country.

"The tree of deepest root is found," as the poet says. And now besides this, remember to put the surface or rich top earth to one side, to be put in next to the roots, and the poorer earth towards the top of the ground.

Muzette. Wm. Dotterer and Lawrence Zaendel returned to their studies at the Clarion Normal Monday.

Miss Lillie Waterson is on the sick list. Ira Shoup spent Monday with his parents at this place.

Mrs. C. Eikenburg and daughter, Ida, were business visitors in Marienville last Wednesday.

Warren Briggs and family have gone to President, where they expect to make their future home.

Chas. Dotterer passed through our town Saturday on his way to Clarion, where he will visit friends and relatives for a few days.

Mr. Emery and Mr. Shaw, of Bradford, and Mr. Shaw, of Tidouate, who are interested in the Guitonville gas field, spent Tuesday night in our town.

Where this splendid fruit originated is not known. It is mentioned in the Bible and is therefore supposed to be a native of Palestine. Today in Canaan, and all the surrounding country, it is almost unknown and is a worthless fruit.

Cherry trees should be prevented from growing tall by pinching of the top buds when they are small. They are not likely to run wild like the trees of the rose variety, the apple, pear and quince.

Peach trees can be treated in much the same way as the apple, but generally instead of trimming out limbs, trim in.

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Neighborhood Notes.

Governor Stuart has reappointed N. B. Critchfield of Somerset county as secretary of agriculture for the full term of four years.

In an effort to break up truancy from public schools of Big Run, the directors had Thomas Jamison of that place, whose children have been remiss in attendance at school, hauled before "Squire Geo. Tyson last week and fined in the sum of \$4.35.

The car barn of the Warren Street Railroad Company and the Warren & Jamestown Traction Company was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, entailing a loss of \$65,000, partly insured.

Joseph Osterfeld, of Lucinia, Pa., was brought to the hospital last evening, suffering from an aggravated attack of appendicitis, which required immediate attention and Dr. Evan O. Kane operated on him last evening.

The Government engineers have torn out the centre portion of the dam at Springdale, above Pittsburg, and have filled the cavity made by the floods with about thirty feet of rock.

The proposition for the consolidation of the boroughs of Punxsutawney and Clayville, Jefferson county, into one borough which was submitted to the electorate of the two towns recently, carried handsomely.

Axel Sanberg, aged about 12 years, whose parents live about a mile from Youngsville, Warren county, dropped dead going from school to his home, on Thursday morning.

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Pensions For All Soldiers' Widows. York, Pa., Feb. 26.—Congressman Lufcan stated he intends to frame a bill which will provide for pensions of \$12 a month for widows of all old soldiers irrespective of the cause of the soldier's death or the income of the widow.

Caught Fire From Blazing Turpentine. Alliance, O., Feb. 26.—Miss Alice Martin, aged 21, was fatally burned when her clothing caught fire from blazing turpentine, burning her arms and body from neck to waist to a blister.

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Says Prayers; Does Murder.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 26.—Adam Kachaminky, a foreign miner at Slope No. 9, between St. Benedict and Spangler, Cambria county, quarreled with his "buddy," Frank Perincki. Sunday night Perincki went to bed first. He was asleep when Kachaminky arrived and prepared to retire. The hearing boss in the next room heard Kachaminky say his prayers. Then there were two shots. Perincki had a bullet in his back and will recover. Kachaminky shot himself through the heart, dying instantly.

Kills Invader of Home. York, Pa., Feb. 26.—Samuel Weaver was shot and killed Sunday morning by Solomon Snyder at the latter's home. Snyder works at night. His suspicions having been aroused, it is alleged, he laid off Saturday night, and shortly after midnight appeared unexpectedly at his home. He found Weaver there. Three bullets entered Weaver's head and neck. Snyder surrendered and was locked up.

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