

CENTRE FARMER.

BELLEFONTE, PA., OCTOBER, 1876.

OUR AMUSEMENT DEPARTMENT.

"All work and no play makes JACK a dull boy," and while it is true that the work of carefully studying the good stock, machinery, and samples of crops which will be exhibited at the Fair, will consume a large portion of the time of those who attend, it is equally certain that all will want to be amused and entertained for at least a portion of the time. Mr. FRANK P. BLAIR has taken charge of this Department of our exhibition, and is industriously working it up. He assures us that the rifle match gives promise of great success, and we confidently look for some first-class shooting.

The successful walking match of last year, and the great interest manifested in it, warrant Mr. B. in making special efforts in that direction, and we have no doubt that the splendid efforts made by Messrs. SCHROYER and GUYER will be eclipsed. The distance to be walked has been reduced from five miles to three.

Bass Ball is receiving a due proportion of Mr. BLAIR'S attention, and matches in this National game will be played upon both Wednesday and Thursday.

Persons desiring particular information as to any of the above are invited to enquire of Mr. BLAIR, at his Jewelry store, where he will be pleased to meet all interested.

ADDRESS AT THE FAIR.

The average "Agricultural Address" is by no means as interesting or instructive as it might or should be, and for this reason has of late years been excluded from the programme of our Society. We have the good fortune this year to be able to command the services of Hon. CLINTON LLOYD, of Williamsport, late Assistant Clerk of the National House of Representatives, who expects to be with us, and deliver the annual address at 2 p. m., on Thursday. Although Mr. LLOYD is a lawyer of wide spread reputation and one of the most brilliant orators in the State, he is also a practical farmer, and "knows whereof he speaks." His sense of the ludicrous is of the keenest, and his humor of that spontaneous sort that bubbles over on every possible occasion. Remember the time, and do not fail to hear him, and you will never again think it impossible to make an agricultural address instructive, interesting and amusing.

THE BALLOON ASCENSION.

A letter received by Secretary GEPHART, from Prof. WISE, assures us that the Balloon ascensions promised by Miss IHLING for Wednesday and Thursday will be entirely successful, if the weather permits. Prof. WISE will come with Miss IHLING, and personally superintend all the arrangements. They expect to arrive here on Saturday evening of this week, or Monday of next, in order to have time to make the arrangements for inflating the balloon and getting it out to the grounds as complete as possible.

Miss IHLING expects to ascend on Wednesday, and alighting within a few miles of Bellefonte return in time to make the ascent on Thursday.

HAY.—Bids will be received by Secretary Gephart, until Saturday evening, for delivering hay on the fair grounds, for use of the stock on exhibition.

THE EXHIBIT OF INDIAN CORN.

Prof. Manly Miles, of Illinois, to whom we recently referred as having worked up for the Centennial models of our earliest plows, has also made himself useful in another way, namely, in illustrating the geographical ranges of various kinds of corn over the United States. He has collected from many counties in the several States, what would be regarded as the most popular varieties grown in those places; and it is singular to note that there is no mere fancy in the selection of varieties, but that a remarkable law of selection pervades the whole distribution.

Starting with Canada and the most northern regions where corn is grown, we find that the eight-rowed Flint corn is the great breed. It makes no difference what the variety of corn may be, it will be of this grand section or division. There are, indeed, numberless varieties grown, but all are of some one form of flint corn or another. Thus it goes from Canada, through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York. In the southern part of this State we find for the first time here and there cases of partiality for the sixteen-rowed gourdseed varieties. Through Pennsylvania and the western States to the southern line, this class in numerous forms prevails, and then gradually comes in white corn, which prevails more and more as we approach the gulf. Prof. Miles has all the kinds sent him from the various parts placed in order on a sheet, and the whole makes one of the most interesting "maps" we have ever seen.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

BLACK WALNUTS.—There is no difficulty in causing black walnuts to germinate, if they are not allowed to dry in the least degree. If the seed is to be transported some distance, the nuts should remain in the "hull," or epicarp, till they are planted. The sooner this is performed the better, as walnuts taken directly from the tree, the hulls merely mashed, and sown in shallow trenches where they are to grow, rarely fail to germinate the next Spring. The white walnuts grow much more readily, and are not so impatient of dryness as their darker, thicker-shelled relative, hence less care is necessary in preparing them for sprouting. At all events, sow them both as soon as ripe, where they are to remain for at least two years.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

A SPADING machine has been invented which does its work by a number of forks, of two times each, worked by cams. The movement is something like that of Bullard's hay-tedder. The soil is left in about the same condition as when dug over by hand. A strip three feet wide is dug over eight inches deep as fast as a pair of horses can walk, but the *Country Gentleman* says the work was too much for two horses, and three were needed to finish the job. Even at this rate the ground was well fitted as when plowed and harrowed, necessitating going over the land twice.

COST OF RAISING CORN.—A writer to the Farmers' Union, from Iowa, says that the stirring of the ground, planting and harvesting there, will make corn cost seventeen cents per bushel, on the average crop of fifty bushels per acre. If the corn is fed to a good breed of hogs, with one acre of blue grass pasture to ten hogs, it will net forty-two and a half cents per bushel, counting pork at \$3.25 per hundred.

ANOTHER point of economy is to look for seed of the same kind as you sow; and not to hope to buy one kind with another kind. Friendship buys friendship; justice, justice; military merit, military success. Good husbandry finds wife, children and household. The good merchant, large gains, ships, stocks and money. The good poet, fame and literary credit; but not either, the other.—*Emerson.*

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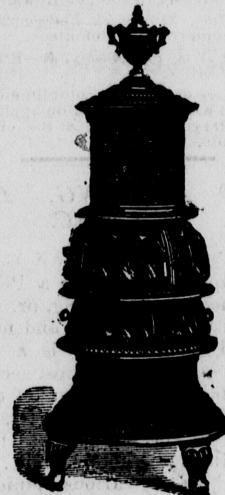
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