

WEST BRANCH FARMER

Facts to be Remembered in Pruning.

There are important differences in the mode of growth and bearing of the various cultivated fruit trees, subjected to pruning and training, that every cultivator should study carefully.

Beans should not be planted early, for they can not stand frost or cold weather.

Every garden should have a good Asparagus bed, and a supply of Rhubarb plants. The asparagus requires but little attention.

THE PROPER SOIL FOR POTATOES. Many have thought wet ground best for potatoes—at least to secure a large crop without reference to quality.

What can be done on one acre of ground. The editor of the Maine Cultivator published, a few days ago, his management of one acre of ground, from which he gathered the following results:

The Apple, Pear, and Quince are all similar in their mode of bearing. The fruit buds are usually produced on spurs or short stout shoots along the sides of the branches of two or more years' growth.

The Peach, Apricot, and Nectarine bear their fruits almost exclusively on shoots of the previous year; the fruit buds forming during the first season's growth.

The Plum and Cherry are quite similar in their modes of bearing. The shoots of last year, 1849, will during 1850, become furnished with fruit buds that will produce fruit in 1851.

The Strawberry and Currant produce their fruit like the Cherry and Plum. The fruit buds forming on shoots the second year, and bearing the fruit the third and afterwards.

The Grape Vine and Raspberry are similar in mode of bearing and differ from all the others. The fruit is produced on shoots of the current year's growth, starting from wood of the previous year.

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Foreign News.

England.

The Parliament has re-assembled. The political news on the surface is unusually quiet.

The vessel, Earl Balcarras, from Bombay brought 5,336 bales of cotton, as a portion of her cargo, consigned to order.

Ireland.

At the quays at Limerick there are twelve vessels, capable of accommodating two thousand persons, taking in passengers for the United States.

The usual cries of poverty and disease are still heard from various quarters of the country.

Many of the emigrants leaving for the United States are people of considerable means.

France.

A frightful loss of life occurred at Angier on Monday by the breaking down of a suspension bridge over the Louvre, by which over 300 men of the 11th regiment of light infantry were drowned.

Greece.

The Greek question has been adjusted.

Italy.

The Pope has returned to Rome and was well received.

At the entrance of the Pope into Rome, there was no pomp and public display beyond the necessary guard and staff.

A large French fleet and an American squadron are at Naples.

Austria.

The insurrection in Croatia is at an end.

The Protestant movement is progressing in Bohemia and Saxony.

India and China.

In India evidence of inquietude continues to exist.

The expedition sent by Sir Cadin Campbell, against the Hill tribes has been defeated with the loss of over 100 men.

Turkey.

A letter from Constantinople of the 6th, states that diplomatic relations have been resumed by the Porte and Austria.

Mr. Marsh, the minister from the United States, had been received by the Sultan in a very flattering manner.

The Sultan has added a Christian battalion to each of his regiments.

Sardinia.

In Sardinia all ecclesiastical privileges have been abolished.

The Papal nuncio has consequently demanded and received passports, and has left Turin.

Denmark.

The probability of a peaceful termination of the Schleswig quarrel is daily growing more remote.

Letters from Smyrna state that a dreadful earthquake occurred there at half past 3 A. M. on Wednesday, the 31st ult.

Discovery of a White Woman.

The following letter from Mr. Gillroy, the naturalist, on board of Her Majesty's ship Rattlesnake, and dated Cape York, October 16, 1849, will be read with interest:

"When the vessel arrived at Port Essington, news came that a white woman was alongside, brought off from the shore.

"I had been told the blacks had opened fire upon us from a mortar battery on Albany Island, or that one of them had brought off a correct solution of the quadrature of the circle made out in the native language, I would as soon have believed it—yet it was true.

"The woman had been wrecked three or four years ago in Torres Straits, when, with her husband, (the skipper of the craft,) all but herself were drowned; but one of the blacks in a canoe, which was out trolling, approaching the wreck, carried her out through the surf, supporting her with one arm and swimming with the other. She happened to be the only survivor. They took her to an island, which we conjecture to be one of the Prince of Wales' group. She knew of our visit last year to Cape York; and a few days ago news came that the same large war canoes of the white men, with the small one, had arrived. She prevailed on her friends to take her across to the main, which they did, accompanying her in four large canoes. She had great difficulty in inducing them to do so, as they supposed she wished to escape; but she told them that after seeing her white countrymen and shaking hands with them, she would return. Of course she won't. I very much admired her answer when Capt. Stanley asked whether, of her own free will, (for he would do nothing by compulsion,) she wished to return to Sydney, where her parents were when she left. She said—'I am a Christian; the remainder of the sentence she could not express, her feelings choked her, and her tongue refused its office. She had forgotten much of her own language, and had frequent recourse to that of the blacks when wishing to explain herself. Poor woman; she is not more than 20, (19 or 20 she says,) and though not prettily, has a soft, feminine, and very pleasing expression, and though living with naked

savages for several years, she had not lost the natural feelings of womanly modesty, and appeared to feel acutely her situation, dressed only in a shirt, in the midst of her own countrymen. It is almost unnecessary to mention that every kindness and considerate attention had been shown her, and that she goes with us to Sidney. She told the three blacks (one her rescuer from drowning, another an old friend of ours last year) that of her own free will she wished to leave them. They were liberally rewarded with axes, knives, &c., and are now sleeping on board."

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Lewisburg, Pa.

Wednesday Morning, May 8.

Mr. H. W. Crozier, of Lewisburg, has undertaken the general agency of Dr. Frost's popular "History of the Mexican War," advertised in another column.

Mr. Crozier is also authorized to receive subscriptions for the Lewisburg Chronicle.

Absence, and professional business, have prevented the Editor from using his pen for the Chronicle as usual this week.

Court at New Berlin, next week and week after, which will relieve our paper of two columns advertisements.

We do not recall any business of general importance transacted by Congress or the State Legislature, the past week.

The Summer Session of the University at Lewisburg opens on Thursday of next week.

A valuable Farm is advertised this week, with New Goods of all kinds wanted by our citizens—Books, Coal, &c. &c.

On Saturday morning last, the barn of Mr. David Heintz, of Kelly township, was found to have been opened, and a horse stolen. We do not learn that the horse or thief have been recovered.

We heartily endorse the statements of "A Traveler" in another column. We had occasion within a week past to test the benefits of the arrangements made by Mr. STERNER and Mr. PORTER, and we think our citizens owe it to themselves to give them a liberal and steady patronage when going from town as well as returning—which is all they need to fully sustain their commendable efforts to remove difficulties which have hitherto been sorely felt by citizens and strangers.

[Correspondence of the Chronicle.] RALSTON, Locomotive Co., Pa., May 8, 1850.

Mr. Editor: Supposing it would be agreeable to you to bear from the "jumping off place," which ultimately we flatter ourselves we have at last attained, we have ventured to forward you a sheet from this region.

Ralston is situated in a winding, level valley, but a few hundred yards in width, but which furnishes the only means of communication, free from mountainous roads, between Williamsport and Southern New York. On either side of this plain, there are successive ranges of mountains, rolling higher and higher, like huge waves of the sea, until they become lost in the dusky horizon.

I have not examined the last census with the view of ascertaining its population, but if I dare be so presumptuous I would estimate the number at twenty-five souls, all told—men, women and children, (which latter, by the way, are most numerous, Ralston having become proverbial for its trout and babies.)

There are here two hotels, one of which is kept by our accommodating host, CONTEY, whose "entertainment for man and horse," bed and board, is unsurpassed in this part of the country. His rooms are convenient and well ventilated; his table is furnished with the best, and that in abundance; whilst recent improvements have given him ample accommodations for "beasts"—I mean quadrupeds, for bipedal animals to whom this cognomen is applied are not sheltered. "Mine host" is an accommodating, cheerful and liberal personage, and merits as he receives the patronage of most who visit Ralston.

One item contributing to the celebrity of Ralston, is the fact of its being the temporary terminus of the Williamsport & Elmira Railroad, and owing to the arrangements of the stage and R.R. companies travelers are detained here over night. Another item is the abundance of trout in the Lycoming and its tributaries flowing in the vicinity of the town. An expert angler may, at favorable times, capture from fifty to sixty dozen of these fish in the course of a short excursion, and it is owing to these facilities for trout-fishing that the place is frequented by numbers from the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, &c.

The harvest of the sportsman during the proper season is fully satisfactory in the number of bears, deer, ducks, pheasants, pigeons, &c., which may be captured, and occasionally a wolf or wild-cat may be taken. Some of the latter have been killed in rather objectionable proximity to our hotel.

If you are not acquainted with the beauties of trout-fishing this would be the place for your initiation, and you must not be discouraged if in the pursuit of these delicious creatures you might chance to have your feet not very gently relieved from the duty of supporting the body by a slimy rock, although you might suppose that the answer to the prayer contained in a fishy poem—

"Give grant you strength, O gentle trout, To pull theascal in," was realized in your case.

It has been remarked that the romantic and sublime associations at Ralston are favorable to the inspiration of poetic fire. Perhaps some of the bards connected with your valuable print would derive advantage from a visit to the "Rock Run Hotel."

J. W., Jr.

For the Lewisburg Chronicle.

A Want, supplied.

Mr. Editor: Hitherto, it has been almost impossible for any one who wished to visit Lewisburg, on pleasure or business, to get to or from the Canal, without much trouble, expense, or inconvenience. This has been a standing reproach against your Borough, of which Milton and Williamsport have rightly availed themselves, not only in money, but in a good name for enterprise and hospitality. I am happy to learn, by experience, that this reproach is about to be removed. I now find an omnibus ready to convey passengers from town to the Cross-Cut, at 9 every evening, (except Sundays) in time for the dozen Packet; and at 4 1/2 in the morning, it takes over passengers in time for the up Packet, and also conveys passengers to town. The passengers are delivered at any part of the town for 25 cts. only. Nor is this the only convenience. Your old friend Mr. Wm. Porter, has taken the Warehouse and Dwelling at the Crosscut, where he is prepared to entertain passengers who may have occasion to wait, with lodging and food, in comfortable style and at reasonable charges. As the packet becomes more punctual, fewer delays will occur. As it is, all coming up or going down may be sure of good treatment by Mr. Porter at his house or store, and of safe carriage to and from town by Mr. Sterner, at little trouble or expense. These facts should be made known for the public good; and those gentlemen should be supported and encouraged and rewarded for their laudable efforts.

A TRAVELER.

Dreadful Steamboat Disaster—Loss of Life.

The steamer Belle of the West, on her way from Cincinnati to St. Louis, with a large number of passengers, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 23d ult., one mile below Warsaw, Ky., and it is supposed that over one hundred persons perished! An eye witness thus describes the appalling scene:

"The fire was discovered about 12 o'clock in the hold, and she was immediately run ashore. She was then made fast by the stage planks run out. Up to this moment the flames had not burst forth. The after-hatch was then raised for the purpose of getting water into the hold, but so rapid was the rush of flames, that all efforts to quell them were of no avail, and the entire boat became a blazing ruin. The total number of passengers is estimated at four hundred, among whom were two companies of California emigrants, and about thirty families removing westward. It is ascertained from the register that over sixty souls perished, and probably as many more have been lost whose names were not enrolled. Such was the progress of the fire, that before the passengers could get out of the after-cabin and the forward part of the boat was cut off, and all either were compelled to jump overboard or perish in the flames. At the time the deck fell in a lady and gentleman, with a child in his arms, were standing between the chimneys. A large number of horses and cattle were burnt to death. The scene, taken altogether, is represented as having been the most awful ever witnessed on the western waters."

[A large number of the passengers were from Pennsylvania. It was feared that two families from Lewisburg were among the lost, but it is since concluded, from an examination of the list, that they were not on board that boat.]

Another Steamboat Disaster.

On the 21st of April, the steamboat Anthony Wayne stopped at Sandusky, with 10 steers and 20 cabin passengers. She took from the train 34 passengers, which, including her crew of 20, made in all 84 souls on board. On Sunday morning, when nearly opposite Vermilion, both boilers blew up, making a complete wreck of the boat, and hurrying from thirty-five to forty human souls into eternity.

The case of Mr. Archer Brackney, one of the passengers on board the steamer, at the time of the explosion, is of thrilling interest. He was on his way from Lafayette, La., to Philadelphia, with the remains of his wife and child, recently deceased. Both of the corpses were enclosed in one box. When explosion took place he succeeded in dragging his two living children from their rooms, and with them plunged into the water. After swimming around for a short time he came in contact with the box containing his wife and child.

keeping himself and children from drowning, although every wave would roll his frail support and plunge them in the water, until at last his little boy, two years old, was drowned in his arms. After becoming satisfied that his boy was dead, he reluctantly parted with the body, and turned his attention to the rescue of the remaining child, who was clinging around his neck, crying, "Papa, we shall drown!" He finally succeeded in gaining the floating part of the wreck, with his little daughter, and both were saved.

Gold and Graves.

The N. O. Crescent says: A gentleman who has just returned from California, having been absent from the States about fourteen months, states that when he reached California, curiosity led him to visit a graveyard, where he found only eleven graves; nine months from that time he followed the last remains of a friend to the same graveyard, and during the time intervening between the two visits there had been no less than fourteen hundred persons interred in the same yard.

Declinations.

The late Harrisburg Democratic papers contain cards of Judge Laporte, (Surveyor General) and John N. Purviance, Esq., (Auditor General) in which those gentlemen both decline a nomination to the office now respectively fill. Hon. Morris Longstreth also declines a re-nomination for Governor.

News & Notions.

A Milwaukee paper states that the California Fever rages so violently there that a house and lot can be bought for twenty-five cents, and a wife and a lot of babies thrown into the bargain.

There is at present residing in Southampton, England, an old man named Ward, the last survivor of Capt. Cook's companions, over ninety years of age, and is in possession of all his faculties. He was present at Capt. Cook's death and himself received a spear wound from one of the Islanders.

The New Orleans Crescent, of the 12th inst., says that over 8,000 bags of Rio coffee have been sold in that market, within a day or two, at 8c. per pound.

A sleigh manufactured of gutta percha, convertible at pleasure into a boat, is to be sent out with the English Arctic expedition on the first of May.

A Yankee, listening to Mr. Foot, while indulging in "Senatorial high-fluting," remarked that they made a great mistake when they crossed the t in that chap's name.

An Irish Doctor advertises that persons afflicted with deafness might hear all in a house in Liffey street; where also blind persons might see him daily, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The first man who pegged a shoe in this or any other country, is said to be now living at Hopkinton, Mass. His name is Joseph Walker.

The Cockituate water has been in full use in Boston for ten months, and the loss by fire in the city for that period have been \$70,000, or about half what they were for the corresponding ten months of 1847-8, or 1846-7.

Sixteen hundred and fifty California wagons had passed through Iowa city up to the 20th April.

A branch railway has been constructed at New York from the Long Island road, to the Cypress Hill Cemetery. Two trains a day are to be run for the accommodation of funerals and visitors.

A man named Cagbill, on trial at Richmond, for forgery, has been pronounced insane, and sent to hospital, until he is sufficiently restored to be put on trial.

The raft of pine lumber and shingles from the Allegheny, which arrived at Cincinnati lately, reached more than three miles in extent.

The labors of Father Mathew at New Orleans, in the cause of temperance, have been crowned with signal success. Upwards of 6,000 have already taken the total abstinence pledge there.

In the upper part of New Hampshire the snow has been about five feet deep all winter, and they have good sleighing there now. It has been an excellent season for the lumber men.

Prof. Agassiz, the New York Post infers from his late marriage in Boston, believes, in the unity of the sexes, if he does not in the unity of the race.

The number of deaths in St. Louis, in the week ending on the 22d ult., were 53, two of which were by cholera.

In some parts of Chester county, Pa., the small pox and varioloid are prevailing.

The Legislature of Massachusetts has amended and passed the act of 1849, for the preservation of birds. One of the amendments prohibits the killing of 'robins and larks' at any season of the year.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—A young lady in Philadelphia died on Monday last from an illness occasioned by pricking a fever blister upon her lip with a pin. The lady exhibited after death all the appearance of those who die from the effects of poison contracted from the bite of venomous reptiles.

Lewisburg Market.

Corrected this Day.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Flaxseed, Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Tallow, and Lard.

Rev. T. S. LATIMER of Northampton will preach in the Christian Church, Sunday evening next, at early candle-lighting.

DIED.

In Lewisburg, 24 inst. widow PRISCILLA SANDS, aged about 53 years.

"Why do we mourn departing friends?" In Lewisburg on the 5th inst., MARY, widow of the late John Martin, aged 69 years.

At her residence, Duncaen's Island, Dun Co., 23d ult., Mrs. REBECCA H. DUNCAEN, aged 64 years. Her disease was pneumonia.

To Blacksmiths.

BITUMINOUS COAL, from the West Branch and from Hollidaysburg, for sale at the Shop of the subscriber, near the Hayscales on Third St.

ALEXR. AMMONS, Lewisburg, May 7, 1850

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