

The Farmer.

From the American Agriculturist. Causes of Decay in Timber—Season for Felling.

Considering the magnitude of the interests involved in the preservation of timber, it is surely a disgrace to us of the present day, that doubts should be as strong as ever concerning the true causes of its decay.

In the first place, it is presumed that no one will dispute the fact that ancient timber lasted longer than modern. That being granted, we have only to ascertain what can have caused the difference.

As ancient practice is not sufficiently recorded, we can only look to the nature of the timber itself, in order to learn the causes which hasten its decay.

If, then, mere dryness is sufficient to arrest the decay of ancient timber, how much more effectual must be its action upon vegetable substances in which a natural tendency to rot is infinitely less inherent.

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is dried to a great degree; the free water lying in its cavities is gone; and the whole fabric acquires a hardness it did not know before.

In this point of view, timber which is intended to be durable should be felled late in the autumn or in mid-winter.

The Potato Rot. The Bradford Argus copies the remarks of the Bellefonte Whig and of the Lewisburg Chronicle in reference to this disease, and adds the following remarks:

The cause of the potato rot is as important, as it is difficult to ascertain. In our opinion, the wet weather is not the cause. The first symptom of rot is universally in the dying of the tops.

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THE CHRONICLE.

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Lewisburg, Pa. Wednesday Morning, Nov. 20.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Executors, Administrators, Public Officers, City and County Merchants, Manufacturers, Mechanics, Business Men—all who wish to procure or to dispose of anything—would do well to give notice of the same through the "Lewisburg Chronicle."

TO CORRESPONDENTS. "Lines to Schryestylskratene," translated exclusively, entirely, and tactfully for the Lewisburg Chronicle, from the Kamtschatka "Cretin," we respectfully decline.

More Fires. On Friday morning last, about 5 o'clock, the frame stable on the premises of Col. Eli Slifer, in this place, was discovered to be on fire.

On the same morning, at about the same hour, a barn on the Isle of Que, near Selingsgrove, belonging to Mr. John Hartman, Jr., was entirely consumed.

In both cases it is suspected that the fires were caused by incendiaries. Considerable damage is said to have been done to timber by the fire on the mountains last week in Buffalo and White Deer townships.

We are satisfied that the people of Old Union (the borough of Lewisburg perhaps excepted) feel inclined to sustain the fugitive slave bill.

An ill advised exception, Mr. Times. That bill is certainly and decidedly unpopular here in some of its features, but nullification is not the order of the day with us.

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State Geological Survey.

One thing that ought to, and probably will, be urged home upon the attention of the Legislature at its coming session, is the publication of the Final Report of Prof. H. D. Rogers' Geological Survey of the State.

This survey was a work of vast labor and difficulty, but has been accomplished in a manner that, when its results are fully laid before the public, will be found of immense value to the people of the Commonwealth.

It is now several years since the survey was completed, and the final report, maps, illustrations, &c., have long been ready for the printer, but have thus far been kept back for want of an appropriation by the Legislature to cover the expense of publication.

These explorations, although conducted with the utmost economy, have cost the State some seventy thousand dollars, yet the people can derive no benefit from this expenditure until its detailed results have been made public.

This gentleman is not of "Gen. Washington's family," except by a very remote relationship—descent from a common ancestor. He is a lawyer of mature years, and brilliant talents; and a Virginian by birth and education.

ROLAND CURTIS, Esq., died in Bellefonte, Centre county, 10th inst., in his 84th year. Mr. C. was a native of Ireland, but educated in Paris.

THE old stage office Hotel (Bassler's) in Selingsgrove has lately been refurnished and greatly improved by Geo. Gundrum, Esq., by whom it will be hereafter conducted.

GEORGE W. HAMMERSLY (Printer), is appointed Post Master at Lancaster, vice Mrs. Mary Dickson, in whose name the office has been kept for about 25 years.

News & Notions.

The planet Venus may be seen with the naked eye during any clear afternoon for the next three weeks. It is distinctly visible as early as two o'clock, and increases in brilliancy till sunset.

A lady of Cincinnati has just been awarded \$3,000 damages for slander against her. On the 8th inst., there were 12 inches of snow near Romney, Va.

On the continent of Europe some gentlemen retain the old fashion of wearing ear rings. Cashmere shawls take a long time to make. A shawl is often in the frame more than a year.

At the late dates the work of planking the principal streets of San Francisco was being prosecuted with great energy. Jacob Hill, a colored resident of Fairview township, in York county, Pa., died at his residence near Piletown, on Thursday last, in the one hundred and eleventh year of his age.

The reputed wife of Mr. Grow, of Eaton Md., hung herself on Sunday, after breakfast, supposed to be in consequence of a refusal of marriage.

The Hon. J. C. Fremont and lady, with their attending friends, passed through Cruces, on the Istmas, on the 24th ult., in good health, on their way to California.

In Overton county, Tenn., the census taker found a lady, named Stevens, whose age was one hundred and twenty years. She was a married woman at the time of Braddock's defeat. Her youngest son is a smart lad of 70.

The Hollidaysburg Standard says, "We want our patrons to pay what they owe us." A reasonable want, surely. The Washington National Monument is now seventy-six feet high.

Williamsport, Pa., is improving rapidly. Nice little place.—[Phila. Sun. DEAR! DEAR!—It is the general belief "down South" that the noble, high spirited Southerner was never intended to be united with the cold, calculating Yankee.

In two weeks from Monday last, Congress meets. One of the Sierra Leone Agents of the English Church Mission Society, Rev. Mr. Koble, has discovered a written language in the interior of West Africa—the Vylanguage. Mr. Koble says the language has about 100 letters or characters, which bear no resemblance to any others known.

The census of St. Augustine, Fla., shows a population of 1936, a decrease of 523 since 1840. The Comptroller General of South Carolina gives the white population at 280,385 and the slaves at 358,714.

Father Mathew has given the pledge to 10,120 persons in St. Louis. The dwelling house of widow Lewis, at St. Clair, was broken open on Friday night and robbed of her money and other valuable articles. She is but illly able to bear the loss.

Thomas S. Allison, Esq., editor of the Somerset, (N. J.) Messenger, entered on Thursday on the duties of the office of Secretary of State. Of one hundred new journals founded in Paris after the revolution in February, ninety-six have already ceased to exist.

Bishop Hughes has been lecturing in New York on the "Decline of Protestantism," and Dr. Dowling on the "Downfall of Popery." The board of Canal Commissioners have concluded a sale of the Columbia railroad bridge over the Schuylkill, together with the road leading from the foot of the inclined plane into the city, the collector's office and car depot, for \$243,700.

There are eleven newspapers now published in California. Mr. Barnum has despatched an agent to Havana to engage the Tacca Theatre for Jenny Lind. The cold weather is coming on, and the nightingale is disposed to seek a milder climate.

A new election is ordered to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Mr. Harmsworth, late a Member of Congress from Louisiana. Horace Mann, who the "National Whig" leaders threw overboard in Massachusetts, is by the people re-elected to Congress from J. Q. Adams' old district.

They try "Union" and "Secession" tickets in many of their local contests in some of the Southern States. "Union" always comes out ahead. A fellow in New York city named Graham, ran for an office and was beaten. In revenge, he assaulted and beat an editor opposed to him. In this act, he has shown (besides his own folly) that the people were right in refusing to call a man to vindicate the laws, who himself outraged the laws.

There are now 60 U. S. Senators. New York, Nov. 15.—Miss Jenny Lind will sing in Philadelphia, on the evenings of Wednesday, 27th; Friday, 29th; and Saturday, 30th inst. Montrose, Nov. 15.—Two accidents occurred on the Leggett's Gap Railroad yesterday, by premature discharges in the operation of blasting some rocks. Three men were killed and several others severely wounded.

The trustees of the McLean Asylum at Boston have received a donation of twenty thousand dollars from the Hon. William Appleton. It is known to many among us, that Mr. Appleton has long been a director of the institution, and has always taken a lively interest in its management. An English paper has been started at Shanghai, under the title of the North China Herald.

The rise of the Nile this year is reported to be below the average, and it is feared that the next year's crops will suffer from it.

News & Notions.

TEXAS has by a decided majority accepted the Ten Millions offered by the United States for her cession to it of claimed territory. One of her journals states that this "fat take" will pay off her debt, and give her a sum over, the interest of which will relieve her of a State Tax.—Happy nation—that Texas!

A Convention of very wrath Southerners is again in session at Nashville, Tenn., composed of Delegates from five or six States. Virginia has one representative there. Judge Sharkey, the former President, does not attend. The cool majority of the South are undoubtedly satisfied with the laws of the late session of Congress—and when the hot headed ultraists have blown off their extra steam, they will doubtless feel better, and allow the Union to stand.

Washington Hunt has 248 majority as Governor of New York. The remainder of the Democratic State Ticket is elected by from 1000 to 7000 majority. The Democrats have 2 majority on joint ballot in the New Jersey Legislature.

In Delaware, the Democrats elect Governor and Congressman by 30 and 200 majority, and have a majority in the Legislature, whereby they may gain a U. S. Senator. In Michigan, the Whigs gain two Members of Congress, if not three.

In Wisconsin, the Free Soilers elect two Congressmen, the Democrats one. The Whigs gain 1 Congressman in Illinois, and largely in the Legislature. The prospect is that in Massachusetts the coalition of Democrats and Free Soilers will continue united and elect a Governor from one section and a U. S. Senator from the other. Webster's course seems to have prostrated the Whig party there.

Lewisburg Market. Corrected this Day. Wheat 90c65 Rye 50 Corn 40 Oats 30 Flaxseed 100 Dried Apples 100 Butter 124 Eggs 10 Tallow 10 Lard 7 Ham 12 Bacon 6

MARRIED: In Lewisburg, 19th inst., by Rev. P. B. MARR, MONTGOMERY BELL and Miss CATARINE BASLER, both of Juniata.

DECEASED: In Sunbury, 7th inst., Mrs. MARGARET MARKLEY, aged about 80 years. In Carrollton, La., on the 28th ult., Mr. EDWARD LYON, formerly of Sunbury, aged about 92 years.

WANTED, immediately. A BOY of from 16 to 18 years of age, as an apprentice to learn the trade of a MILLER. One who can speak both English and German, preferred. JOHN BROWN. Brown's Mill, Lewisburg, Nov. 20, 1850.

"The Old Head Quarters!" THE FRIES' TANNERY. THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he carries on the Tanning and Currying Business in full force, as usual, at the old established head quarters in the Borough of Lewisburg, on St. George's street, near the River, where he keeps a constant and full supply of LEATHER of all kinds and the best quality, which are offered CHEAP for CASH or in EXCHANGE for HIDES and BARK.

100 Cords of BARK wanted. H. W. FRIES, 6m Lewisburg, Nov. 20, 1850.

NOTICE—EXTRA. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late Firm of Dr. Thornton & Baker, are hereby notified to call on the subscriber and settle their accounts on or before FRIDAY the 20th day of DECEMBER next. I may be found at my Drug Store. JOSIAH BAKER Lewisburg, Nov. 20, 1850. 1m

Brandreth's Pills Are sold at 25 cts per Box (with full directions) BY J. HAYES & CO., Lewisburg, and by every Agent only in every Town in the Union. Each Agent has a Certificate of Agency. Examine the box of pills always and compare it with the fac-simile labels on the Certificate. As there is a counterfeit of the new label out, this is a matter of much importance, as there is a decided difference between the appearance of the true label and those of the counterfeit. The counterfeit is done on stone; the genuine are done on steel; the appearance of the printing on the counterfeit is ragged and blurry; the genuine label is the very gift of nature, both in printing, paper, and general execution.

Be very careful and go to the Agent when you want Brandreth's Pills: then you are sure of the genuine article. When you purchase otherwise, inquire of the seller whether he knows the pills he offers you are the genuine Brandreth's! Every man knows whether the article he offers is true or false. Beware of cheats!