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THE FARM.

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FERTILIZER WITH CLOVER.—E. L. Beck, Hollersburg, Ind., asks whether clover, peas, etc., are of much value used as a manure before they mature. "Is it the clover roots or stems that does the fertilizing?" Prof. I. P. Roberts told us at an institute in New York last winter of growing oats on a piece of land the summer before. Then they sowed after the oats, on separate pieces, crimson and mammoth and common red clover. Three months and four days from sowing the crimson clover was found by analysis to have gathered 155 pounds of nitrogen per acre, the mammoth clover 145, the common red 103—if I got the figures correct, and I was very careful to try. This was in the tops and roots both. Surely if clover can collect such an amount of nitrogen in about three months from sowing, it may be of great value even where we cannot let the crop mature. Wise men think that if crimson clover makes a good fall growth and dies during the winter it has still been of considerable value to them. And still for general farm purposes, where red clover is grown, I think it usually wisest to so arrange, if one can, that the crop can mature; that is, grow two full seasons. The clover gets nitrogen from the air by means of the little seeds, as some call them, or the roots. It uses this nitrogen the whole plant, root and top. Both are valuable as a fertilizer. And the clover pumps up fertility from the subsoil to grow root and top also. When the plant is young the tops are most important. It hasn't made much root growth. As I remember, Professor Roberts found in the tops and in the roots, Bat crimson clover has a fibrous root. Red clover on our land, after two years' growth, I think will show fully \$16 worth of plant food per acre, at market prices, in the roots, or about the same as is found in two tons of clover hay.

MOON'S PHASES.

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EDITORIAL.

THE FINES WERE REMITTED.

The Department of Agriculture took a very sensible view of the recent prosecutions of merchants in this county for violations of the pure food law. The law is interpreted to be a corrective for abuses and not a means of persecuting innocent offenders. As the merchants had bought their goods with no intention to violate the provisions of the act, and were selling in good faith what they supposed to be pure articles, the fines were remitted. This action is wise and just, and will probably have the desired effect, in making the merchants exercise greater care as to the quality of their goods. They should in all cases have a written guarantee for their own protection in the future. This caution emanates from the Secretary himself and those who are wise and disposed to obey the law and at the same time protect themselves will heed its salutary warning. Neither is there any hardship in it for the wholesale dealer, for he can, in cases where he is not the manufacturer afford himself a like protection by requiring the same kind of guarantee. The consumer will in the end be benefited, for he will know that the goods are pure, and if he finds they are not it will be a simple matter to find out the why.

ATTEND THE PRIMARIES.

The Republican primaries for the election of delegates to the county convention will be held to-morrow, Saturday Aug. 28th. There should be a full attendance in every township, and men elected who will advocate a careful and prudent course in the convention. It is by particular attention to the foundations that the building becomes safe, and so with the party. There should be unanimity of sentiment, which insures harmony of action, to bring about the best results, and to put the party in line for the coming campaigns which is of greater importance, than the triumph of clique or faction. The Republicans of this county and district have obtained solid advantages which should be made permanent, and every honorable means taken to demonstrate to the people and voters that the party is worthy of support because it conserves the best interests of the taxpayers. The old questions which divided the two great parties are disappearing. The prosperity which

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Work of the New Capitol Commission Moves Slowly.

NO DESIGN YET AGREED UPON.

There Are Several Objections to the Plan Approved by the Experts, and a New Scheme for Obtaining Designs May Be Devised Upon.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Aug. 14.—The selection of a design and plan for the new capitol building has not been the easy thing that the commission charged with the erection of the new building imagined when they were appointed. All sorts of questions have arisen, and until these are settled no definite understanding as to the plan will be reached. The original idea was to force the work so that the new building would be ready for the next session of the legislature. This now seems to be impossible owing to the uncertainty regarding the plan. At the outset the commission authorized the creation of a board of experts consisting of three distinguished architects who examined the 20 designs submitted by architects from all parts of the country, and under the terms of the competition recommended to the committee eight plans in the order of merit. Up to this time no public announcement of the plan approved by the experts has been made, but in some mysterious way a picture of the design and the ground floor plan of the drawing which the experts regard as the best of the eight has been published. Of course, this design is still subject to the approval of the commissioners, and it is not known what it will be selected.

One of the objections urged against it is that the chambers in the senate and house will not have the outside light and air, and that they will be surrounded by committees and other rooms and corridors, so that the interior chambers will be uncomfortable and unsanitary. The contemplated plan embraces the colonial renaissance style of architecture, and many of the features of the old capitol. For the present the name of the architect whose plan is regarded as the best by the experts is unknown. When the plans were submitted each was numbered, and the experts are continuing to do the same.

The corresponding number was placed in the custody of Judge Simonson, of this city. Until the commission has taken final action nobody will know which one of the 20 architects has been successful.

The Experts' Preferred Plan.

In the plan approved by the experts ample provision has been made for both official and public uses. Your elevators are to be suitably placed, one for each house and two for the public. Both senate and house chambers occupy the main floor. They may be lighted from above, if desired. The basement story is nearly or quite above ground, and well lighted. Beneath the basement, of course, door, is a small room for storing stones, rooms on

the right of the main entrance is the public reception room of the senate. On the opposite side of the corridor is a similar reception room for the house. There are two reception rooms for ladies. Three galleries are provided for each house—one for the press, another for the public and a reserve gallery. There is also provision for a restaurant and cafe, with kitchen, storeroom, pantries, etc. The restaurant will be convenient to the public corridor, and have suitable outside entrance.

Under the program directing the construction of the building, the commissioners agreed to award the entire contract to the author of one of the designs selected by the board of experts, and further agreed to no other suspect, consider nor adopt any of the designs not thus selected and presented to them by the board of experts. Whether the commission can reject the report of the experts under this provision of the program remains to be seen. There is a story to the effect that the commissioners are not pleased with the report of the experts, and that there is a disposition to reject the report and start on a new scheme for obtaining a design. All the members of the commission for the capitol are beyond the appropriation made by the legislature, and the probability is that all the plans will be turned down for this reason, although a majority of the commissioners believe that the appropriation of \$500,000 is insufficient for the erection of such a state house as Pennsylvania ought to have. They argue that when the fee of the architects is deducted, with the items of preliminary cost, the actual balance for building purposes will not be more than \$400,000, and that not even the skeleton of a building can be erected for this sum. The legislature gave almost as much to two large educational institutions for two years as was appropriated for the construction of the capitol. At the outset Governor Hastings favored a larger appropriation, but when the crusade against extravagance and profligacy in the expenditure of public funds was inaugurated the governor changed front and sent a message to the legislature, in which he stated that the new building could be erected for \$500,000. This message had much to do with fixing the amount of the appropriation, as the legislature understood that any larger sum would be voted by the government.

Colonel Frank J. Magee, of Wrightsville, is in temporary charge of the Soldiers' Orphans' Industrial school at Scotland. Until the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel J. M. Clark, as superintendent, has been filled Colonel Magee will be in charge. It is reported that Captain George W. Shulmer will be elected superintendent, but nothing will be done until the next meeting of the commission.

Nothing has been heard lately of the proposed return of Supreme Court Judge Willard, of Scranton. It was understood that he would resign so that the Republican state convention could fill the vacancy this year.

A reunion of the Keystone Zouaves will be held in this city on Sept. 15. It

will be very largely attended, and will embrace many interesting features.

This regiment comprised companies from Lawrence, Mercer, Blair, York, Bedford, Westmoreland, Luzerne and Beaver counties. John M. Fawer was the first colonel.

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