Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - FEB. 29, 1896.

CALENDAR FOR LENT.

February 19th—Ash Wednesday.
" 23rd—First Sunday in Lent.
" 24th—St. Matthias.
" 26th— } Ember Days.
" 28th— }
" 29th— }
March 1st—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 8th—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 15th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 22nd—Fifth (Passion) in Lent.
" 25th—Annunciation B. V. M.
" 28th—Sixth (Palm) Sunday in Lent.
" 30th—Monday before Easter.
" 31st—Tuesday before Easter.
April 1st—Wednesday before Easter.
" 2nd—Maundy Thursday.
" 3rd—Good Friday.
" 4th—Easter Even.
" 5th—Easter Day.

FARMER'S = = = = INSTITUTE.

A Discussion Before the Cecil Farmer's Club that Interests Kent Farmers as Well.

The following account of the discussion before the last meeting of the Cecil Farmer's Club is from the Cecil Whig of Saturday. It is of practical value to Kent County farmers and peach growers. Why not request Prof. Robinson to visit our Still Pond club? No more intelligent agricultural organization can be found in the State, and an address from this distinguished agricultural professor would be of special value and general interest just now.

The meeting of the Cecil Club was held at "Woodlawn," and after various preliminaries, Mr. Jos. Coudon suggested in lieu of the essay, Prof. James Robinson be asked to address the club on the subject of "Farmer's Institutes," and what progress was being made at Annapolis towards their establishment.

Prof. Robinson said that peach cultivation in Western Maryland has already advanced the value of land from $5 to $150 an acre, and that this interest had largely suggested the bill now before the Legislature for the State organization of Farmer's Intitutes. With the development of the peach interest in Western Maryland, had appeared an insect pest —the San Jose Scale—well known in California. Another bill before the Legislature provides, that the Governor appoint a corps of gentlemen, who will be under the direction of the Experimental Station of the Agricultural College, to stamp out this pest. Prof. Robinson detailed at length how the San Jose Scale affects the peach and other fruits, and the beneficial effects of the use of hot whale oil soap suds spray. He explained why cold spray was not efficacious. The scale was propagated very much like the oyster propagates itself, by laying the egg under a shell and propagating by colonization.

The Professor thought that the organization of State Farmer's Institutes was a grand conception, looking to affording the farmer the largest measure of practical information in his business, and a familiarity with the latest mechanical appliances necessary for that business. What the Maryland farmer now needs is the very information these institutes afford. He illustrated this necessity by the work of the modern creamery. The farmers in Maryland are largely dealing with exhausted lands and hence need the accession of practical information as to how these exhausted lands can be profitably restored. Specialization on the farm, the diary, the fruit growing, promise profit, but the farmer needs and must have proper information how to develop these specialties in agriculture. Along this line of specialties, he spoke of his recent observation of the results of cold storage in fruit made on a recent visit to Philadelphia, where a Western Maryland farmer has shipped to that city for storage a surplus of apples on which he had realized a profit of $600. He thought this method of cold storage for farm products, a movement to secure which was now being made by counties adjacent to Baltimore, promised great results to Maryland farmers, in affording them a profitable market for their products.

Speaking of Farmer's Institutes, he related his experience at an institute held last summer at the Black Barren Springs. Two bills are now pending before the Maryland Legislature looking to the organization of State Institutes, the purpose being to hold annually two institutes in each county of the State. The proposition to organize these institutes originated with the Vansville Club of Prince George's county, Md. They caught the idea of their advantage in attending an institute in Pennsylvania. Another bill before the Legislature proposes the organization of a State Board of Agriculture, and provides an appropriation annually of $4,000 while the bill first spoken of provides for their establishment at $5,000 per annum.

Speaking of the necessity of cultivating fruit, an apple orchard for instance, he would seek to supply it with more potash than he would his corn, which needs phosphoric acid. The professor illustrated plant growth as suggested in the seed of plants. Each seed contains the embro plant, nature supplying the food for the infant plant. The province of intelligent agriculture is to furnish the proper proportions of plant food as the growth of the plant proceeds. The results are as certain as the result of a sum in mathematics, because nature's laws are unalterable, and are universal in their application.

Prof. Robinson continued his remarks upon plant life and parasites. The latter attack the weak part of the plant, all of which are subject to parasitic attacks. The tendency of the peach is to go to the terminal bud. Hence most fruit is found at the top of the tree, while the weakened lower sections produce little fruit and become the object of parasitic attack. He spoke of the tomato and potato as the subjects of insect attack. Scab in potatoes was not produced by stable manure, but the use of manure facilitated the condition of parasitic attack.

In speaking of the use of lime, he said that one of its great uses was the decomposition of the potash elements of the soil. He thought that a proper application of lime would benefit any land. He regarded from 25 to 30 bushels of unslacked lime the proper quantity per acre. He thought the excessive use of it an injury to land. In England the same fact became an axiom, that much liming enriched the father but impoverished the son. The best time to use lime, was when you turn under any rich vegetable matter. You have the mechanical effect of it, then the chemical effect of it, and lastly the nitrification of the soil. One point he made was the importance of thorough rolling or compression of the soil. Should a drouth follow a light rolling of vegetable matter turned under, the crop would suffer very greatly, because the moisture from below does not reach the surface where the crop is growing, capillary attraction being broken or disturbed by the loose condition of the soil.

The Professor closed his "talk" by a brief reference to phosphoric rock for the securing of phosphoric acid so important as a fertilizer, and the value of barnyard manure as fertilizer.

LITTLE RUTH CLEVELAND.

"I Wish My Papa Was a Policeman," Said She the Other Day.

Some one writing from Washington to the New York Journal says: Little Ruth Cleveland is a national character. She is now five years of age and begins to understand the distinction she enjoys as a daughter of the President. Childhood's estimate of greatness was charmingly illustrated by Ruth to-day.

One of the policemen, whose duty it is to guard the private portion of the grounds in the rear of the White House is a stalwart specimen of manhood. He is habitually careful as to his attire, and his buttons always shine with a brilliant luster. To-day the weather being balmy and spring-like this policeman took his little daughter with him that she might enjoy the well guarded flowers and the clean walks of the private grounds during his two hours of duty.

The little girl is not quite six years old. While the policeman was pointing out the beauty of the grounds to his daughter, Misses Ruth and Esther Cleveland, under the escort of their respective nurses, left the mansion for a healthful run in the fresh air. Ruth ran ahead of her nurse, and upon discovering a girl of her own age, started up and surveyed her from head to foot. After looking the little girl over Ruth straightened herself up, and with an air of importance said:

"My papa is President: who is your papa?"

The policeman's daughter defiantly replied: "My papa is a policeman," and she looked up at her father.

Ruth glanced at the burly form, ornamented with the bright brass buttons, and hanging her head in an abashed manner replied:

"I wish my papa was a policeman."

A Thirty-Dollar Dream.

Here is a "strange, true tale," with the scene in Georgia near the lively town of Covington. A few years ago a negro woman living near Covington lost a son by death. A week or so ago the woman had a dream, in which the son appeared to her and told her that if she would go to a certain corner of tho house and dig she would find a flat rock, underneath which she would find a lot of silver money. She awoke and was so much wrought up over the vision that she aroused some of the family and went at once to the designated spot and began to dig. Soon the flat rock was reached and removed with trembling hands and high expectation. A small box was revealed. This was taken out and opened and to the wonder and astonishment of all present it contained 30 silver dollars.

THE suspension bridge at Niagra Falls is to be replaced with a steel arch bridge wholly contained within itself, which is to consist of a main arch span 840 feet long and two shore spans, that on the American side to be 190 feet long and on the Canadian side 210 feet. The arch span will consist of an open parabolic rib 26 feet in depth, with a rise of 105 feet at the center. The roadway will be 46 feet in the clear.

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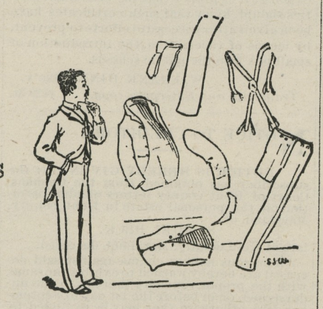

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