Farmers' Discussions.

The Still Pond Club at Mr. E. B. Pennington's —Ladies Want to Know "if Difficulties Give Way to Diligence" — The Men Want to Know "if Men Make Times or Times Make Men."

STILL POND, March, 26, '96.

The Farmers' Club met today at the residence of Mr. E. B. Pennington, several visitors being with us for the first time. The questions discussed were not confined as closely to agricultural subjects as they have been of late. Unfortunately the club adjourned in time for most of the folks to get started for home before the severe blow and heavy shower came up thus catching them on the road, and judging from outside appearances making them feel as uncomfortable as a Methodist congregation under a red-hot prohibition sermon from the pastor whom they have just asked to come back for another term. The morning was devoted to inspecting Mr. Pennington's crops and building and testing the merits of an asparagus plow introduced by Mr. Frank Cochran. The asparagus growers present were much pleased with it and declared that it did the work in a very complete manner. It certainly was a very fine implement for the purpose and I would like to describe it in detail but Mr. Cochran failed to see me before he left and of course Messrs. Editors, we cannot give free advertising to everything that comes along so I withhold the name of it. After the club was called to order the minutes were read and approved. No reports from committees. The host begged to be excused from making an address on the ground that the club would not be entertained by anything he would be able to say as he was no speech maker. He was therefore allowed to sit down.

Questions being in order it was asked "how to tell the grain of winter oats from the ordinary spring variety." This apparently simple question was a poser. Not a man present could point out any difference. I judge very few of those present had ever tried it as there seemed to be some surprise that there was not something by which they could be distinguished. The only thing the seed buyer had to go by was that the winter variety was generally a little darker in color and somewhat heavier than the ordinary variety.

The next question was "how to grow a crop of potatoes on a timothy sod." This created a lengthy discussion. All admitted that while it would have been better to have broken the sod last fall, yet several thought that a good crop could be raised if the ground could be put in proper order and the seed planted early enough. The principal object should be to get the sod well cut up with a Randall harrow then apply about 300 pounds of potato fertilizer over the land after which the rows should be run out and from 4 to 600 pounds more fertilizer sown in the furrow. Take all the teeth from a common cultivator except the back one, run it along the furrow drop the seed and cover. The only difficulty would be in the event of a plentiful supply of cut worms, Mr. E. B. P. said he must use the roller and in his opinion this would give as good a chance for a crop as on any other ground.

The next question came from the ladies, they wanted to know if "difficulties gave way to dilligence." This was discussed pro and con, and the general opinion seemed to be that the great majority of them would. The secretary asked if real or imaginary difficulties were meant, as he had observed that some of the real ones gave way just as the aforesaid dilligence got unto them and hurt him, sometimes sevenfold sometimes thirty and sometimes all over.

The next question was "do times make men or do men make times." This gave all who had read their history a chance and they did not pass over it. Messrs. Edson and Nelson made some eloquent remarks on the subject. Several of the ladies also took part in the discussion and made some very logical conclusions. The balance of opinion seemed to be that times produced men.

It was then asked if we were to have any additional temperance legislation at this session. Some of the members were confident that the amendments to the county law would go through, but nothing beyond that was looked for. Several of those present took the opportunity to severely criticise Mr. Bruce for implying that only those who voted the prohibition ticket in Baltimore city desired any further temperance legislation, and had that gentleman been present he no doubt would have had his views broadened and perhaps his assertion shrunk to the proper size, but it looked to me like another case of oats. They looked so very much alike that he thought they were all one kind, all he had to go by were the labels.

Several domestic questions were disposed of and as a storm threatening the regular question was postponed until the next meeting and the club adjourned to meet at Mr. F. R. Jarrell's on the last Thursday in April. ANNIE ROONEY.

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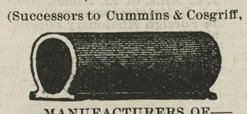
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All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.

Persons making application for transfer of property will be required to comply with the following section of the Code, Article 81.

SEC. 19. They shall also interrogate said person on oath in reference to any acquisition or investment made by him and not already assessed, and the amount of all such acquisitions and investments shall be added to the assessable property, and if he refuses to answer, no allowance or deduction shall be made on his assessment.

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