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Local Affairs.

"Scientific Farming."

O. O. W. TO H. W. W. AND G. W. B.

I like to be "called out," in a friendly spirit, and am glad of the opportunity to tell more fully what I mean by "scientific farming."

I was born and bred a farmer and I shall never forget the long weary years of my youth, when all the work was done by hand, and a day of labor was "from sun to sun." I was very anxious then to get away from the farm; I sigh now and wish I had one to go back to.

There is in one of Mollere's plays an amusing character who expresses great surprise on being told that he had been speaking prose for more than 40 years. Now, of course in so far as G. W. B. has been successful as a farmer, there is no doubt that he has been doing "scientific farming" for more than 40 years. Farming is really successful only so far as it is scientific. The man who took \$700 or \$800 from one acre of ground in farm produce must have been a scientific farmer whether he was conscious of it or not.

What is science? It is knowledge and understanding of the laws of nature. Science is based upon facts proved by experience. Scientific farming is the application of known and verified principles to the cultivation and management of a farm.

Let us be more particular and quote from the Great Century dictionary: "2. Knowledge gained by systematic observation, experiment and reasoning; knowledge co-ordinated, arranged, and systematized." "4. Art derived from precepts or based on principles; skill resulting from training; special, exceptional, or preeminent skill." Science is the knowledge of facts and the principles embodied in them; and art is the skill with which the principles of science are applied to produce results; in raising potatoes or in the building of ships or in making cotton cloth.

Again, from the Century dictionary: "The theory of agriculture is a science comprehending in its scope the nature and properties of soils, the different sorts of plants and seeds fitted for them, the composition and qualities of manures, and the rotation of crops, and involving a knowledge of chemistry, geology and kindred sciences. Practical agriculture, or husbandry, is an art comprehending all the labors of the field and of the farm yard, such as preparing the land for the reception of the seed or plants, sowing and planting, rearing and gathering the crops, care of fruit trees and domestic animals, disposition of products, etc."

I used the words in their general sense as including everything that enters into the problem of successful agriculture: Climate, soils, fertilizing, irrigation, the use of machinery, the storage and preservation of crops until wanted for use, or while waiting for the demands of the market; and even the disposition of products so as to insure a reasonable profit. Co-operation in buying and selling, and the making of good roads to shorten the distance to markets should be included. Science means knowledge, skill, economy, success and happiness. It is opposed to that which is merely traditional, heresy, haphazard, and in part at least, a failure. Science is really good common sense working hand in hand with nature. You don't plant beans in a bog, nor raise corn in the shade. There are wheat lands, potato soils, grass grounds and a time and place for all that grows. It is not scientific to set apple trees and never prune, cultivate nor fertilize them and still expect fine fruit. It is little use to grow and gather a large crop of apples and dump them into a bin to rot because they will not sell at once. G. W. B. knows how to preserve them until they are wanted at a good price, and so far at least, he is "scientific." (This is heresy.)

It is not scientific to farm work by hand so that corn and potatoes cost more than they will bring. The cost of production must be reduced by the use of machinery until it will pay to raise them for market.

Yes, the farmer needs lots of faith, and a love of nature, with a hearty good will to work. He must learn to toe the mark and be cheerful. Some farmers grumble loud enough to stunt the growth of cabbage. Tramps and details can wait. (O. O. Wright.)

Mrs. Andrew Falls, who dislocated her shoulder recently, is able to be about again.

Mrs. Horace Barnum is entertaining relatives from Pennsylvania.

Arthur Reynolds is at home from Williston seminary, Easthampton, Mass., having been obliged to leave school on account of illness.

Mrs. Toussay Platt of Hopewell district,

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRUSH.

Editor Byington of the Norwalk Gazette writes from Washington: Chester H. Brush, of Danbury, who will reside in this city for the next four years as Recorder of the General Land Office, was a postoffice inspector under President Harrison, and made a good record. He is between 35 and 40 years of age, and well connected with several old Connecticut families. Prof. Brush of Yale is a near relative. The entire Connecticut delegation indorsed his application. Mr. Brush takes the place which has been held under the last administration by Lucius Q. C. Lamar, son of the late Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, formerly Secretary of the Interior and at the time of his death a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Lamar was permitted at his own request to take an \$1800 clerkship under the classified service, where he will be no longer subject to political upheavals.—[Danbury News.] Mr. Brush is a son-in-law of Robert A. Clark of Hawleyville.

MRS. MARTHA WARD STILLSON.

Martha Ward Stillson, the widow of the late William Stillson, died on Thursday afternoon last at about 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. Stillson is survived by four sons, George, Abel, John and Frank. A sister, Mrs. Huldah Peck, and a brother, Mr. Ward of Oxford, also survive. The funeral was attended on Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. George T. Linsley officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. William and C. B. Johnson, Lester Coleman and Will Northrop.

A theater party from Hawleyville, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. James, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Anas Camp, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Drew, Claude Blackman and George Baker visited Danbury, last week Wednesday night, and attended the performance of "The Sowing of the Wind," at the Danbury Opera House.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Blackman and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Drew were among those who enjoyed the turkey dinner given by Myrtle Lodge, Daughter of Rebekah, in Danbury, last week Monday night.

Daniel Reardon, who had his toes cut off at Botsford is has since been at the Bridgeport hospital, comes home occasionally for a stay of a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Platt welcomed a 10 pound boy to their home in Hopewell district on Monday of last week.

Theron E. Platt is disposing of quite a quantity of seed potatoes this far this spring. With 125 varieties on hand backed up with his large experience in potato culture, farmers are pretty sure to get the right kind of seed.

Mrs. May Huff is spending a few days at Burr Hawley's in Stephy.

Mrs. Susan Short of Bethel passed Sunday as a guest of her brother, John H. Blackman.

Reuben H. Smith, who has for some time been the editor of The Religious Herald, has become the proprietor of the paper, buying out D. B. Moseley. Mr. Moseley and his father, the late D. B. Moseley, have been connected with the paper for years. With the enthusiasm and earnestness which will follow with the new management, it is safe to say the paper will take a prominent place among the religious journals of the state. Mr. Smith's friends in this section will cordially wish him success in the undertaking.

Lawrence Mitchell is a happy father, a 12-pound boy having arrived in his home on Thursday last.

Mrs. William Fairchild of Taunton district has been suffering with a severe cold, but is better.

Dwight Sharpe of Monroe has taken a position with John H. Blackman, Newtown's well known teamster.

Master Charles Jonas passed Sunday with his father at Torrington.

The high bridge over the railroad near Botsford is in the hands of the workmen, who are putting in new timbers and plank.

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