#### FARM NOTES.

-Currant bushes should be sprayed with white hellebore in order to destroy the currant worm. As helleboro is a poison some growers object to it. It is claimed that if wood ashes are dusted over the bushes, first spraying with cold water, the worms will destroyed. It is at least a harmless remedy and is worthy a test trial by those having current bushes.

-The Canadian experimental farm authorities have issued a report by Professor Frank T. Shutt, chemist at the farm, upon the character and causes of soft pork. Softness in pork is a serious defect, and so the question is of great importance to the Canadian bacon industry. Prof. Shutt sum-marizes the result of his experiments as

First .- That of all the grain rations employed that consisting of equal parts of oats, peas and barley gave the firmest pork. It may further be added that the fat was deposited evenly and not too thickly and that this ration gave a very thrifty growth. Second.—That no difference could be observed in the firmness of the pork from the preceding ration whether fed soaked or

Third.-That when half the grain ration consists of cornmeal the resulting pork shows an increased percentage of olein-in other words, a tendency to softness.

Fourth. -That in this ration (half cornmeal, haif oats, peas and barley in equal parts) the feeding of it boiled gave a slightly higher olein content, but this is only apparent when the average from the four pens is taken in consideration.

Fifth.-That, considering the effect of feeding the ration of oats, peas and barley during the first period to a live weight of a hundred pounds and cornmeal during the finishing period, compared with the reverse of this plan—that is, corn first, followed with oats, peas and barley—we may conclude that the former gives a firmer pork.

Sixth .-- That in both methods mentioned in the preceding paragraph no marked difference was to be observed from the ration fed dry or previously soaked, though taking an average of the two groups on each ration the "dry" feed gave a somewhat higher olein content.

Seventh .- As when cornmeal formed half was somewhat softer than from that of any population of this great Republic. of the rations already discussed. We con-

Eighth.—That beans produce a soft and inferior pork. The growth of the pigs so fed was poor and miserable and the deposition of the fat meager.

Ninth .- That cornmeal fed exclusively as the grain ration, either dry or previously soaked, results in an extremely soft fat, the percentage of olein being considerably higher than from any other ration tested. The pork was of an inferior quality. Here also we noted the miserable growth of the anias the grain ration, either dry or previously pork was of an inferior quality. Here also we noted the miserable growth of the animals, the ration in no sense being an eco-

persons for such a purpose. The safest in two causes, lashed together, up the river to the mouth of the Bald Eagle Creek, and leaves of pyrethrum (insect powder) with thence up the Creek to his early home. 100 gallons of water and sprinkle from a

-White breeds of fowls are very popular with some because of being more easily bred true to color. The white Wyandottes and white Plymouth Rocks are popular white breeds, and to the inexperienced cannot be distinguished from each other. The former has the rose comb and the latter the single comb. They also differ somewhat in shape, and both breeds are what may be "medium" in size. They are excellent layers, and also have yellow legs, which places them in the list of desirable market fowls. Breeds with white plumage are more easily dressed for market than other kinds as the pin feathers do not disfigure the carcasses.

# Bellwood Man was Strangled.

As Mr. Glasgow was Adjusting the Machinery,

Jacob J. Glasgow, a well known contractor of Bellwood, was found dead in the saw mill on the farm of his father, James P. Glasgow, one mile west of Bellwood. Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Glasgow had been working in the mill during the afternoon, adjusting the machin-ery preparatory to putting in a lath mill, about 6 o'clock, his sister went to call him for supper. Not finding him and getting no response to her calls, she returned to the house. The hired man was then sent out to look for him, and, upon going into the basement of the mill, was horror stricken to find Mr. Glasgow suspended from the ceiling by the neck in the belt-

The mill is operated by water power and, as he was adjusting the machinery he was caught by a belt around the neck and carried to a wheel at the ceiling or upper floor, in which position he was The accident must have occurred several hours before, as the body was cold when found. Dr. Wilsor, of Bellwood, who made an examination of the body, prononneed death to due strangulation. Beyond a few abrasions about the neck

and face, the body was not mutilated. Jacob T. Glasgow was one of Bellwood's most prominent citizens and business men. He was a fine mechanic and had been engaged in contracting for a number of years. He was 49 years old and his wife having died about a year ago, he had resided most of the time since then with his parents on the farm.

He served for some time as a member of the borough council and as superintendent of the Bellwood water works. In politics he was a Democrat and was conspicuous in the conneils of his party.

-Malila's supply of beef, mutton, pork and lamb is drawn chiefly from Austraila.

The meats retail at the following prices: Sirloin steak, 55 cents a pound; mutton, 40 cents; fresh pork, 55 cents; lamb, 55 cents. Other prices are: Smoked cod, 60 cents a pound; bacon, 60 cents; ham, 65 cents; cheese, 50 cents; laid, 40 cents; turkey, 65 gents; salmon, 35 cents; mullet, 30 cents; lobsters, \$2 each; butter, \$1 a pound; grouse \$2.50 each; rabbits, 60 cents; hares, \$1.25; fowl, \$1.50; tame duck, \$1.35; condensed milk, 75 cents a pint.

# The Story of Methodism in Centre County.

One Hundred Years of Church Work--The Early Day Struggles of the Church that is Now Entertaining the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference.

At this, the third conference held in Bellefonte within a little more than a decade, the question is frequently heard: "Why has Bellefonte had three conferences in such a short time while such large cities as Altoona, Harrisburg and Williamsport have entertained it less?" It is a most natural question too, but we need not look far for a satisfactory answer. Aside from Bellefonte's noted hospitality and pleasantness as a convention place there is another and greater reason. Only two years after the Methodist Episcopal church became a separate and distinct denomination in this country the pio- harness for less money we think we ought neer circuit riders found a warm welcome among the settlers of Centre. As early as to bave it. 1787 their missions began and from that day to this the work of Methodism has progressed. And that is the primary reason that the great executive body of the church finds an atmosphere here that has been permeated with Wesleyism almost since the first white man lived in it and for that reason we take this opportunity to make you better wants. acquainted with the history of the church in Centre county, as compiled by the late John Blair Linn, historian.

to the Great Head of the Church. Using the exact language of Rev. John Wesley: 1739," we add that twenty-seven years afterward (1766), the first Methodist society was formed in New York; and withworship were responded to, and the never dying hymns of Charles and John Wesley rang up from the foot hills of the Allegheny mountains.

In the United States, in July, 1787, the answer to the question "what numbers are there in the society?" was twenty-five thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and one hundred and thirty-three preachers.
There were not then many more than sixty chapels, nearly all of them exceedingly small and plain. In this year of grace, 1902, the number of communicants belonging to the branches of this old vine is four millions, five hundred and thirty-two thousand, six hundred and fifty-eight; the number of preachers twenty-nine thousand four hundred and ninety-three, (four thousand six hundred and fifty-one more preachers now than there were actual members a century ago), and the number of churches is forty-seven thousand, three hundred and two. Just think of it! The sub-divisions of the Methodist church in the United the first period ration and the whole of the states embrace, as members and adherents, second period ration, the resulting pork undoubtedly more than one-tenth of the

Rev. John Wesley's letter announcing the appointment of Dr. Thomas Coke and clude that the longer the period during which the corn is fed as a large proportion of the ration the softer will be the pork.

the appointment of Dr. Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury, to be joint Superintentends "over our brethren in America," is dated at Bristol, England, September 10th, 1784, and in the year 1785, in the United States, the preachers who had assembled annually for Conference since the year 1773, resolved unanimously that circumstances made it expedient for them to be-

Works of the Messrs. Curtin, and there made a home and a preaching place for the pioneer circuit riders of the Methodist nomical one.

—As soon as the early cabbages begin to make headway they will be attacked by the white butterfly. Some growers use paris green as a remedy, but it is a dangerous article in the hands of inexperienced in the methodist is since the pioneer era as the popular creed in Half-moon Valley. Peter Gray, Sr., came into that valley from the neighborhood of Hagerstown, in 1788. For the first few years the people attended worship at Warriors-mark, some twelve miles distant,

The "home-makers" of that day were too watering pot. It kills every worm with busy to keep records; but it is uncon-which it comes in contact. busy to keep records; but it is uncon-tradicted tradition that the first class was formed there as soon as Mr. Antes had a roof on his cabin. The first mill was erected in the summer of 1787, and preaching was held there regularly, on the arrival of a preacher, until the year 1806, when the

first chapel was erected at that place. And who was Philip Autes? The earnest, self-sacrificing, pious pioneer, who laid the foundation of the Methodist Episcopal church in Central Pennsylvania! Here comes in a story of the priceless value of the legacy of a pious ancestry. He was a grandson of Henry Antes, well-known in the annals of Pennsylvania church history as the "pious German Reformed layman of Frederick township."

Philip Antes was born at Falckner Swamp, now Frederick township (Mont-gomery county), the hive of the German Reformed church in Pennsylvania, August He was Caught by a Beit Around the Neck and Carried to a Wheel at the Upper Floor, in Which Position He was Found.

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Reformed condition in Tensey and Section in Tensey 1776, where he built a fort and erected a mill. His name is prominent in the history of the West Branch Volley, and he was Sheriff of Northumberland county in 1782. But the pious benediction of the "old layman" when Henry was born, "the dear Saviour preserve him to eternal life," and his missionary spirit seems to have in after years fluttered down upon the grandchild of Philip.

Philip Antes was married Feb. 21st, 1780,

in what is now Dauphin county to Susanna Williams, who proved a noble helpmate to the pioneer Methodist. Four children were born to them before their removal to Bald Eagle, of whom the eldest, Frederick, lived and died on the farm near Eagle (Curtin's) Works. Four children were born in Bald Eagle Valley; of the latter, Susan, widow of John Patton, seuior, and mother of General John Patton, reached Susan, widow of John Patton, senior, and mother of General John Patton, reached her ninety-second year, with mind and memory unimpaired. Of the Antes family, it can with truth be said, withere was a heart in them that they would fear God and keep all His commandments, always that it might be well with them and their

children forever. The coming of Philip Antes into Bald Eagle Valley was followed forth with by the organization of a class, or society. There were Methodists in the valley before he came. Richard Johnston came in 1784, Rachael Gunsalus and Christopher Helford their families, formed the nucleus of the first Methodist Episcopal church in Bald Eagle Valley. Colonel John Holt, who came into the valley before the Revolution, belonged to the Church of England, but

joined the Society of Antes. The territory of 1787 was within the Little York and Juniata circuit, and Rev. David Combs was the circuit rider of that year. In 1788, Huntingdon became the name of the circuit, with Rev. Samuel Breeze and Rev. Daniel Combs as preachers. In 1789 Rev. Michael Leard and Rev. Thomas Workman were the preachers. The number of members increasing from 59 to 189 in one year, with in the circuit. In 1790, Huntingdon circuit was supplied by Rev. John Rowen. Thus, until 1791, the circuit riders penetrated our territory from the South.
According to Captain A. H. McHenry's
Summary History of the Methodist Episco-

The growth and spread of the Methodist pal church in the West Branch Valley, at Episcopal church is wonderful, and should the Conference held in Baltimore, May 6th, want than you are likely to find in seed be contemplated with devout thankfulness 1791, a new circuit called Northumberland was formed, and Richard Parriott and harnessmaker entitled to all of your trade? Lewis Browning were appointed preachers You never think, when your harness breaks "The first Methodist society came together in England in the latter end of the year formation until 1806, extended from Wilkesbarre down the North Branch to North- not take care of the harnessmaker at home, umberland, and thence up the West Branch | who is obliged to do your repair work? and Bald Eagle Creek to about four miles | Practice what you have taught-protect in the half century its primitive forms of above Milesburg, then back the same dis-worship were responded to, and the never tance up Spring Creek, thence to Penns speci Valley, near and south of Potter's Fort, thence by the old Horse Path to Buffalo Valley and Northumberland. Each preacher went around the circuit in four weeks, preaching every day, except when the distance was too great, as from Penns to Buffalo Valley.

Of these early pioneer preachers, speaking in reference to biographical records, after a somewhat extended research, nothing but "the shadow of a name" remains. They were young in itinerancy, the oldest, Samuel Breeze, admitted on trial in 1783; David Combs, in 1787; Daniel Combs the same year; Michael Leard in 1786, Thomas Workman in 1789, John Rowen in 1788,

and Richard Parriott in 1790. In Potter township the pioneer Methodists were: Robert Pennington, John Frederick Ream and Henry Benn. Robert Pennington came into Penns Valley from Maryland in 1786; Henry Benn and J. Ream from Eastern Pennsylvania in 1787. Soon afterward a class was formed and Robert Pennington's house became a station upon the circuit. The tradition of the Antes family is, that Robert Pennington, when in deep despondency about his soul's salvation visited Philip Antes, and that the issue of that visit was "the Sun of Righteousness with healing on His wings" dispersed his gloom, and he went on his way rejoicing

Among the early members of the Pennington class were Jeremiah Sankey and mas Sankey-the latter the grandfather of Ira P. Sankey, the melody of whose sacred music now encircles the globe.

In the territory of now Patton township the first settlers were members of the Methodist Society; they came also from Maryland; fireside and altar were synonym with them, and Methodism has prevailed hood of Hagerstown, in 1788. For the first few years the people attended worship at Warriors-mark, some twelve miles distant, month, sometimes oftener, in his house, for nearly thirty years, until his death in 1817. Tradition fixes the date of the formation

of the Gray class in 1790. It was no doubt earlier, for the patriarch, when he emigrated, brought with him his four sons and two sons-in-laws, John Gearhart and David Runk, both heads of families. At Mr. Gray's cabin the preacher coming in the evening, would stay all night, content with a bundle of straw for a bed on the floor; not because his host slighted him in accommodations, but of dire necessity; a bundle of straw and a blanket composed what could be afforded.

For all this God prospered Peter Gray. It was but a few years until the circuit rider's weary limbs reposed in the well furnished "prophet chamber," and broad fertile acres surrounded the home of this pioneer Methodist. Prosperity has attended his children, and his children's children to the third, fourth, fifth and sixth generation. The Gray family is represented in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church by preachers of great ability and culture; it was represented in the medical profession by the lamented Dr. John Pur-due Gray, of Utica, N. Y., who stood in the very front rank of the profession as a scientist, and was, and is represented at the bar by lawyers of undoubted integrity, and in all the honorable pursuits of life by men and women who have never disgraced their

The pioneer of Methodism in Ferguson township was Captain George Meek, who had been a Revolutionary soldier and set-tled within the present boundaries of Ferguson township a century ago. He left four sons, Robert, David, William and John, each of whom left many descendants who were and are members of the church. The central portion of the map of Ferguson township is thickly dotted with their names, and their enduring monuments is Meek's Methodist Episcopal church and Meek's school house, planted in the centre of the township, which will carry the name of these life-long Methodists down to the latest generation. In the ministry the name was represented by Rev. John B. Meek, the recollection of whose ability and great zeal has not yet faded from the memory of many of my hearers, and by his son, Rev. John Minor Meek, also deceased. This church was also represented in the ministry by Rev. Robert P. Campbell, who united with the Society at Meek's church, Feb. 9th, 1886, and who died January 21st,

As stated, the Northumberland circuit extended four miles above Milesburg, and the house of George Sensor was the preaching place. He is represented in the church by a grandson, Rev. George G. Seusor. After Mr. Sensor's time, meetings were held at Joseph Alexander's, on the farm adjoining Mr. Sensor's, near Unionville. Abraham Parson's house, three miles above, also became a preaching place. John Hutton, who lived at the foot of the Allegheny, was a class leader and meetings were held at his bome.

The preaching place called for four miles up Spring Creek was no doubt on Logan's Branch of Spring Creek, in the neighborhood of the Old Forge, on Robert Valentine's farm. The McCartney's, an old Methodist family of the last century lived near there, and prior to 1793 James Kin-

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