

# Democratic Watchman

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## May Take Chance with Frosted Silage Corn.

Centre county farmers who have hesitated about cutting green corn for silage this fall are justified in waiting until the crop is more mature, even to the extent that the crop might freeze before they start filling the silo, according to word received by the county agent from S. I. Bechtel, ensilage specialist at The Pennsylvania State College.

But it is only the average farmer with but one large or perhaps two small silos, where it will not take long to do the filling, who can afford to take chances on corn maturing before severe frosts. Farmers who cut an unusually large amount of corn for silage are filling their silos with green corn.

Four or five days after frosting are all that should be allowed for the crop to stand before ensilaging. Immediate cutting and filling is best, and if the corn has dried much, water should be added while filling the silo to assist in the fermentation process necessary for the preservation of the silage. Freezing bursts the plant cells and much of the plant nutriment is lost, to say nothing of the brittle leaves lost by wind and in handling in the field. Satisfactory silage has been secured from frosted corn, and the crop may mature to a considerable extent before a severe frost comes.

## County Farmers Could Save Much in Milk Losses.

Farmers in Centre county can prevent the loss of many pounds of milk if they will give the milk utensils, and particularly the milk cans, a little more attention. Many cans are washed at the plant, and where this is the custom, the producer should see that the cans are inverted on racks where they will air and drain immediately after they are returned to the farm. A wet can harbors bacteria. A clean, dry can that has been well aired, will aid materially in securing a satisfactory product at the plant, State College dairy extension specialists assert.

A can rack is simple to build and can be constructed in most cases with only a little time. Two by four, or if they are not available, boards may be used for the bottom of the rack. They should be so arranged that the cans when inverted will allow for plenty of air circulation. A board at the back to prevent the cans from tipping over is all that is necessary.

## United States of Europe Advocated.

Definite action to propagate the idea of a United States of Europe—under which Europe would become a nation of States, with a central capital—is being taken by many important labor groups and organizations throughout Europe.

They argue that the idea is a practical measure of world politics, and will do much to end the present unrest now permeating the European continent.

The International Transport Workers Congress, held at Hamburg recently considered a resolution put forward by French delegates in support of the movement while the annual conference of the Social Democratic Federation held at London passed resolutions in its favor.

The United States of Europe was one of the demands put forward at the International Peace demonstration held throughout the world September 21, while it is possible that the question will be brought before the next meeting of the labor and socialist international.

## Apple Growers Must Observe Packing Law.

Apple growers and packers are warned by officials of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that they must observe the provisions of the State Apple Packing Law this year. This law provides that the face of the fruit in all closed packages of apples shall be a fair representation of the balance of the contents of the package. It further provides that the name and address of the packer, the variety of apple, and the minimum size of the fruit in the package shall be stamped on the outside. These provisions are compulsory on all closed packages of fruit.

The use of the new standard grades for apples is entirely optional with the packer but fruit marked according to these standard grades must comply with the requirements of the particular grade name with which the package is labeled.

## Makes First Shipment of 1925 License Plates.

The automobile division of the State Highway Department last week shipped its first consignment of 1925 automobile license tags to early applicants. The lot consisted of 150 sets of tags for passenger cars and 40 sets for commercial vehicles.

The 1925 tags are blue, the numerals being gold. They are the reverse of the 1924 tags.

Although securing of license tags has been simplified, inasmuch as the Highway Department mails applications to owners on which the blanks have already been filled out, about 40 per cent. of the applications so far received for 1925 have lacked the signature of the applicant.

Those Pennsylvania motorists who have been decorating their windshields and rear windows with bathing girl stickers, both of the perfect thirty-six and the irregular fifty-four type, will not be molested by representatives of the State Highway Department so long as the stickers do not interfere with the driver's line of vision. Massachusetts and New York have barred the stickers, and motorists from Pennsylvania who travel through those States had better do a little window cleaning.

## Indian Tribe Said to Use "Language" of Birds

A tribe of Indians whose members communicate among themselves only by whistling, and who can talk to birds in the same manner, has been found in the Siskiyou mountains in northern California. The discovery was reported to A. I. Kroeber, curator of anthropological museum of the University of California, by J. R. Saxon of the United States forest service.

Saxon said that for weeks forest rangers in the remote part of the Siskiyou had heard many uncanny whistlings over the service wires that stretch from station to station through the mountains. He went to investigate. He said the Indians conveyed to him that they had seen forest rangers using this instrument and had themselves experimented with it in their whistling language. This explained the mysterious sounds.

Saxon believes that the isolated clan of "whistling people" is an obscure offshoot of the Karok tribe of Klamath Falls Indians, says the Detroit News. Professor Kroeber says the Karoks are an unusually intelligent and industrious tribe numbering about 2,000. At a whistled command birds would flutter from the trees to a clearing to eat food scattered there by the women, according to Saxon's narrative. He described the men as shy, adding the women were like deer. "At the sound of my voice," he explained, "the women fled into the canyons."

## Boy Prisoner's Plea Ingenious, at Least

A youth in the Indiana state prison recently sent a plea to the state board of pardons, in which he said:

"I am only a boy of seventeen and don't think I ought to be required to live up to the laws that I never had opportunity to learn what they were in school and it seems as though about nine-tenths of the lawyers of Indiana do not understand them, either."

The boy's letter amused more than it impressed, because the law he was convicted of violating was the law against stealing automobiles.

Under ordinary conditions the youth would be in the Indiana state reformatory, and not in the state prison, where more hardened and older convicts are sent, but the new reformatory is not yet sufficiently completed to house many more than about half of its intended capacity of 1,250 prisoners.—Indianapolis News.

## Liner Steers Self

The Cunard liner Laconia is the first British liner to be equipped with a wonderful new invention, by means of which ships of the future will be able to travel hundreds of miles, unaided by a helmsman, without deviating from their intended course. The gyro pilot is controlled by the gyro compass. This compass passes all alterations of the ship's head to other compasses, working in conjunction with the latest wireless direction finders on the bridge and other parts of the ship. One of these repeater compasses is mounted on the gyro pilot, and immediately the ship's head changes its direction the information is passed to an electric motor, which turns the steering wheel the requisite amount to bring the ship back to her course.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## "Jury of His Peers"

Ed Pendleton, member of the Kansas legislature from Franklin county, was called as a member of the jury recently, in United States court at Leavenworth.

"I never served on a jury of any kind in all my life before," Pendleton explained to his friends, "and I wanted to know if all those jokes about how juries perform were true."

"Well, after serving on a jury," asked a friend, "how would you like to be tried by one?"

"Not for me," replied Pendleton. "I wouldn't want to be tried by a jury—not even if I were a member of it."—Kansas City Star.

## Fur Farms in Canada

Fur farming has shown a great increase in Canada during the last ten years that furs have been popular summer and winter. There are 1,009 farms devoted to breeding and raising fur-bearing animals, and of these 960 are devoted to foxes, seventeen to racoon, thirteen to mink and one to marten. The 21,433 silver foxes taken in the 1923 census of these farms are valued at \$5,372,262. As Canada became settled the wild animals retreated farther into the north and the farms sprang up with the demand from fur manufacturers.

## Famous Fishing Rod

C. E. Pope of Sagamore, says the Boston Globe, owns a four-jointed fishing rod which is said to have been owned and used by Daniel Webster in the forties. The present owner has had it for fifty-three years. The rod is of gray ash, and is in perfect condition. Among the noted men of more recent years who have handled this relic of the expounder of the Constitution were President Cleveland, Joseph Jefferson and Professor Emerson of Dartmouth college.

## Japs May Discard Kimono

Owing to the fact that the cumbersome kimonos worn by Japanese women prevented many from escaping death during the earthquake and fire in 1923, prominent Japanese women have started a movement to discard the kimono as a national dress and to begin by dressing the children in modern European clothes.

## Significant Words on First American Coin

After the American colonies had achieved independence, the provision of a coinage became their own sovereign right. The devices for the first coin struck by authority of congress were prescribed by a committee of congress in the following terms: ". . . On one side of which piece . . . thirteen circles linked together, a small circle in the middle, with the words United States around it; and in the center 'We Are One.' On the other side of the same piece the following device, viz. a dial with the hours expressed on the face of it; a meridian sun above, on one side of which is to be the word 'Eugio,' and on the other the year '1787'; below the dial the words, 'Mind Your Own Business.'" The types of this piece are very similar to those of the dollar pattern of the proposed continental currency, which bears date of 1776, and which were probably designed by an artist, who on the earlier piece placed the signature E. G. Felt. The types are interesting as a commentary on the state of mind of the times. The political hope, for it could be only a hope still at that time, of an inseparable union, expressed in the obverse type, was probably not less prevalent than the caution so graphically set forth by the other that "Time is Flying," so "Mind Your Business" affairs. This terse expression of practical sense, because so much in the spirit of Poor Richard, has won for the coin the name of "Franklin cent," but Franklin probably had nothing to do with the designing of it.

## Early New Englanders Fond of Their Beans

In the absence of positive information on the subject of the origin of Boston baked beans and their place on New England breakfast menus this conjecture is offered: In the early days of the Plymouth colony people did their baking in brick ovens. These ovens were heated on Saturday and enough baking for the week was done at that time. As the oven cooled off the temperature was just right for beans, which need long, slow cooking, so they were thus ready to be eaten on Saturday night and were probably put back into the oven to keep hot and these were eaten for breakfast on Sunday morning. Many New England people repeat them and eat them for breakfast each morning until they are gone, and some people who bake them on Wednesday continue to serve them for breakfast until the Saturday beans are baked. In northern New England beans have been baked from time immemorial in a hole in the ground, the hole having first been lined with stones and the stones made very hot with a fire built in the hole. In lumber camps the beans are usually put in to bake the night before they are to be served for breakfast.

## Truth Prevailed

The criminal lawyer believed in being absolutely frank with his clients, and accordingly when a man came to him charged with stealing a pig he said:

"Now, I will be perfectly open with you. If I take your case you must in the first place tell me honestly: Did you or did you not steal this pig?"

"Well, yes, sir, I did," the man admitted; "but I have a big family and no money, and I was in need of meat for them."

"That's all right," replied the lawyer. "You bring me half that pig and I'll take on your case."

When the case came into the court the lawyer addressed the jury thus: "This man did not get any more of the pig than I did."

The verdict was "Not guilty."

## Inventor Unknown

The history of the monkey-wrench is obscure. Even the origin of the term "monkey" in the name is unknown. It is commonly believed, however, that a London blacksmith named Moncke (pronounced "Mun-ke") made some of the first wrenches with movable jaws adjustable by a screw. Such wrenches were called Moncke wrenches. Owing to ignorance of the origin and spelling of the name it was easily corrupted into "monkey." But this story is not supported by any definite information. The United States patent office says it can find no record of a patent having been granted by the British government to Moncke for such a wrench.—Pathfinder Magazine.

## Works of Art in Copper

Copper ornaments that were made between 6,500 and 9,000 years ago are dug up near Ur, city of ancient Babylonia. Made thousands of years before King Tut was born, these copper ornaments are among the earliest works of art. They express the infancy of the creative spirit. The Babylonian copper objects represent men and oxen. In addition to being art, they were intended as a history of accomplishment—main motive of which is vanity.—Farm and Fireside.

## Honey Once Main Sweet

It is only within the last few centuries that sugar has become known, and within the last generation or so that refined sugars have become so low in price that they may be commonly used in the poorest families. Formerly honey was the principal sweet, and it was one of the items sent as a propitiatory offering by Jacob to his unrecognized son, the chief ruler of Egypt 3,000 years before the first sugar refinery was built.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Harry Tressler, et ux, to Wilbur R. Dunkle, tract in Walker township; \$800.

Ella F. Saner to Ralph W. Kern, tract in College township; \$2,000.

Anna D. Deff to Daniel U. Boyer, tract in Bellefonte; \$205.52.

C. A. Van Valin, et ux, to George W. Bullock, tract in Unionville; \$1,600.

J. W. Henszey, et ux, to J. D. Keller, et ux, tract in State College; \$1.

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Homer J. Young, et ux, to John C. Barnes, tract in Spring township; \$800.

Christine Rine, et al, et ux, to James Reed, tract in Bellefonte; \$2,000.

J. P. Eisenhuth, et ux, to Frank V. Kerstetter, tract in Haines township; \$600.

Moshannon National Bank committee to Caroline Batcheler, tract in Philipsburg; \$5,150.

James M. McMullen to Maude McMullen, tract in Boggs township; \$1.

J. D. Keller, et ux, to Arthur P. Stevens, tract in State College; \$1,080.

Arthur P. Stevens to Gertrude Stevens, tract in Ferguson township; \$1,000.

John L. Holmes, et al, to Harold S. Nerven, et ux, tract in State College; \$8,000.

George C. Waite, et ux, to Joseph Christon, et ux, tract in Worth township; \$1.

Spring Creek Cemetery, Inc., to George A. Brian, tract in College township; \$30.

John G. Markes, et ux, to Guslav E. Cohen, tract in State College; \$5,400.

Mary E. Houser to W. H. Baird, tract in Spring township; \$400.

Margaret L. Smith to Catherine G. Smith, tract in Centre Hall; \$1.

Margaret L. Smith to Clyde A. Smith, et al, tract in Centre Hall; \$1.

Mary J. Odenkirk to J. William Bradford, tract in Centre Hall; \$3,100.

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## Marriage Licenses.

Howard E. Hopkins, Scranton, and Catharine A. Harpster, State College.

William E. Nearhoof and Irene Fleck, Philipsburg.

George H. Seibert and Ida J. Walker, Pleasant Gap.

Marion Pletcher, Howard, and Esther R. Glenn, Mt. Eagle.

Lee L. Lucas, Lock Haven, and Ethel E. Gunsallus, Hublersburg.

Miller Craft, Philipsburg, and Mary A. Daugherty, Clearfield.

Ezekiel B. Confer, Scranton, and M. Isabelle Barnhart, Curtin.

Charles L. Sweitzer, Commodore, Pa., and Martha L. Davidson, Windgate.

## Played Wrong Machine.

He had dropped a nickel in the slot of a telephone pay station and stood patiently waiting. He was full to the brim. He read the instructions and then took down the receiver. "Number?" asked central. "Five centsch." "What do you want?" "Spearmint."

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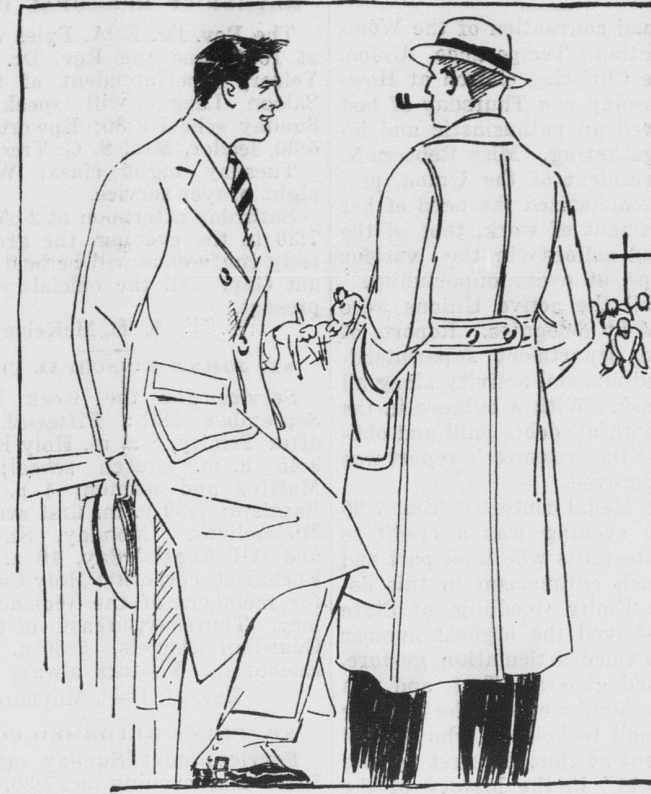
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