

Pine Seedlings Used for Making Beer.

Here's a new source of home brew—pine seedlings. Mexican coal miners near Seanoor, Somerset county, have uprooted 18,000 evergreen trees, planted by the State and carried them home for beer, according to John W. Keller, Harrisburg, chief of the extension bureau, Department of Forests and Waters.

The discovery was made by Mr. Keller while he was on an inspection tour recently through the southwestern part of the State that took him to various plantations in the vicinity of Seanoor. He visited a plantation on the property of a coal company, expecting to find a fine young stand of two-foot pines. Instead he found a barren hillside.

Amazed, he called at the office of the coal company to find out what had happened to the trees. An official of the firm said he had seen the Mexican miners, who form a large percentage of the employees at the mine, carry huge armfuls of the young trees to their home and that the workmen used them to brew beer.

Those chaps will make beer out of anything, and what's more, drink it," the official told Mr. Keller. The latter said he could take no action in the destruction of the trees because the mine has changed hands since the trees were planted and the responsibility for plantation lies only with the owner at the time of planting.

"All we can do is laugh it off," Mr. Keller said. The brew made from the pine seedlings is supposed to be similar to the spruce beer in this section in generation ago. The "hard" and "soft" were made—hard for the mountaineers and soft for Fourth of July celebrations.—Nanty-Glo Journal.

Give the Fish a Fighting Chance Says Galeton Editor.

Regardless of the fact that the city vacationist disapproves of shortening the trout season, this year again proves that the last month of trout season damages our streams more than all the rest of the season. Low, warm water, caused the trout to seek smaller spring runs, of deep holes where the water is cooler. There they congregate in large numbers and become the prey of unscrupulous "sportsmen" who take them by hook or crook.

Netting, fingering, liming, snatching, draining holes, spearing, all of these illegal methods are being used to take trout. Earlier in the season the water is too high and the fish too widely scattered to make these practices possible. Our streams will not stand this last month of fishing. Comparatively few trout are taken legally. On hot, sunny days, the trout will not rise to the fly, and the fisherman who demands that the season be left open for his vacation month, fishes all day without success. He can see the fish, but they won't bite. Then he is tempted and falls. He gets them illegally.

Close the season June 30th, or at least on July 15. Give the fish a fighting chance.—Galeton Leader-Dispatch.

Getting On in Years of Usefulness.

The sixty-ninth year of instruction at the Pennsylvania State College is to start next Wednesday, September 14, at formal exercises in charge of President Ralph D. Hetzel. The enrollment will again be at capacity, the 3700 students expected during the year including 1000 Freshmen. These freshmen arrive at State College this week-end to participate in the third annual Freshman Week program, a daily schedule of instruction in all phases of college life and study which the college has found to be a great time saver in getting new students off to a good start. There are no new academic buildings to be opened and only one major faculty change has been made. Dr. David F. McFarland, for seven years head of the department of metallurgy in the school of Mines, has been made acting-dean of that school. E. A. Holbrook, former dean, went to the University of Pittsburgh on the first of September.

First Water Power Site Was Maine Grist Mill.

America's first water power site was built on the Piscataqua River, at South Berwick, Maine, on the site of the present Berwick blanket mills, reports the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee. It was in 1620 that Ferdinando Georges obtained a grant from the English crown giving him the right to settle and develop the territory from sea to sea lying between the 40th and 48th parallels north latitude. The grant, however, required him to develop water power and accordingly, he constructed a log dam, erected a grist mill and sent the meal to England as proof that the terms of the contract were being respected. The water power site has been in continuous use ever since and lately came into public notice when the property changed hands.

Fried Rattlers for Dinner.

When the closing day of the Penna. State College nature study camp in the Seven Mountains came this summer, the dinner menu included fried rattlesnake. Students proposed the formation of an organization to be known as "The Den of Rattlers," with membership awarded to all camp members who would partake of the dish. Thirty students in the camp immediately became charter members of the Den, most of them women students of nature education and teachers of nature study in public schools. Ten different States were represented among the initiates to this unusual organization. Members of the Den likened the flavor of the meat to that of chicken.

Penn State Education Students will Spend 9 weeks in Johnstown.

Senior students in the school of education at the Penna. State College will spend nine weeks in observation and teaching at the Johnstown high school during the coming year. Two groups will be in Johnstown during the first term, the first, a section of 47 students, beginning their work September 12, and the second, of 44 students, taking the places of the first group on November 12. During these nine weeks periods the students will live in Johnstown and will be supervised in their work by a member of the College faculty.

After the preliminary observation work they will gradually take over the functions of the teacher, assuming full responsibility for all classroom work and also supervise extra-curricular activities. Following their stay in Johnstown they will return to the college for an intensive professional course during the remainder of the term.

The arrangements for this special work were made possible through the cooperation of the Johnstown school board, Sam. J. Slawson, superintendent of schools, and James Killius, principal of the high school and vocational director. The Johnstown high school is modern in every respect and particularly fitted for successful operation of the system, according to the directors of the College school of education.

Dog Training Starts Aug. 20th.

Owners of hunting dogs are anxiously awaiting the training season. The Game Code provides that training of dogs shall begin August 20, the hours being from one hour before sunrise to 10 p. m., "when accompanied by and under control of their owner or handler." Dogs may be thus trained until the last day of February, Sundays excepted, and provided the dog owners or handler does not carry a gun. "Under control" is hereby defined to mean within call "except when acting upon a trail or track of legal game," the Code says.

Dog owners are requested to be particularly careful this training season, because of the large number of young rabbits noted in practically every section of the country. Quail are becoming more numerous in this immediate locality and owners of bird dogs are enthusiastic over the outlook for the 1927 training season. The quail are comparatively tame, but the birds serve well for the pointer who needs a little exercise prior to the grouse season.

Texas Farmers Now Own Largest Number of Cars.

Corn-belt States which for a number of years held the motor supremacy of the country are now struggling with the South for these laurels. Texas in 1926 heads the list of States having the most cars on farms, while Iowa is in fourth place. The figures are 285,276 and 220,000 respectively. While Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas were crowding the top rungs in respect to the number of cars in proportion to population, here the South and Far West are coming to the forefront. Iowa ranks second in this rating with California taking first honors and Florida coming into third place. Nebraska and Kansas rank sixth and seventh. The shift in the position of the corn-belt States is not due to lack of progress, because the numerical increases in registration have continued. Other States, however, which did not get started as early, are now rushing to the fore.

Garbage Can a Filthy, Unnecessary Nuisance.

With the best municipal garbage collection, the garbage can is still a filthy, ugly nuisance. Think of it—for no more than the cost of a good radio you can rid yourself of those daily trips and banish the dangerous basement rubbish pile in the bargain. Nothing to wear out—an incinerator lasts as long as the building. No upkeep cost—no gas, coal or other fuel required.

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Why Game Is Wild

With the modern equipment a hunter takes into the wilds, he may not get any big game but you can bet he'll get all the big radio stations.—American Magazine.

Lessons Learned and Used

He has the best chance of success who applies what yesterday's experience taught him to the doings of today.—Boston Transcript.

But He Changed His Mind

When I have one foot in the grave I will tell the truth about women, tell it, jump into my coffin, pull the lid down.—Tolstol.

Listener Always Popular

Always listen patiently to the opinion of others; the chances are you will derive no benefit therefrom, but it will please them.

Old Time Hard Luck

"Alas!" sighed Alexander, "the world conquered and not a chance to get into the movies."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Few in the Latter Group

There are all kinds of people in the world including those who really enjoy after-dinner speeches.—Roanoke Times.

FARM NOTES.

—The production of grain for the cash market in 1927 is likely to prove much less profitable than the selling of it through good live stock.

—Remove Old Berry Canes.—Cut the old wood out of the raspberry plantings and thus get rid of a source of disease for the new canes.

—Sugar-cured Pork is Best.—Sugar cure or sweet pickle gives a superior flavor to pork over the plain salt cure. The sugar counteracts the astringent properties of the salt, making the flavor sweeter and the meat more juicy.

—Keep Books on Gardening.—Some gardeners are able to estimate fairly closely the costs of growing different crops, but very few have definite information on selling costs. This phase of the industry desires closer attention. Many gardeners are paying too dearly for the marketing of their vegetables.

—Show Healthy Cattle Only.—Showing at both local and State fairs offers an excellent method of advertising and helps in establishing a market for surplus cattle. All animals to be exhibited should be tuberculin-tested and in good health. Selection should be made on type and condition, while vigor and good size for their age also should be considered in choosing the younger entries.

—Stop Sticking Smut.—Sticking smut is the most destructive disease of wheat in Pennsylvania. This smut destroyed more than a bushel of wheat per acre on the average in 1926 and 1927. Good wheat mixed with smutty grain is discounted 5 to 30 cents a bushel by grain buyers, and often they refuse badly smutted wheat at any price. Treating the seed wheat with copper carbonate dust will prevent stinking smut. Ask your county agent for details.

—The life and value of farm implements can be greatly increased if they be kept well painted. First clean them well, using a scraper and wire brush to remove rust. If dirty, wash with water and, after drying, clean all metal parts with gasoline to remove grease. Use any good metal paint, which the local hardware man can supply, for metal parts, and a special prepared paint for the wood surfaces. If one coat isn't enough, apply two, letting 24 hours elapse between coats.

Wagons, racks, plows, disks and similar implements profit by such treatment.

—A good way to break colts, if you have plenty of time, is to begin by putting the halter on the colt and then turning it loose. After it becomes accustomed to the halter, then put on the bridle and turn loose. The next step is to put on full harness and allow the colt to walk around loose in the barnlot for a while. No halter lead strap or hitch rein should be allowed to dangle to the ground from halter or bridle while on the colt's head.

The colt can soon be driven around singly with two lines, and before long it can be hitched with another horse—a gentle one—and both be driven around the lot. Soon the two can be hitched to a wagon and driven around together. Before you know it, the colt will be broken. —Flies are so great an annoyance to dairy cows during the summer that milk production often is materially decreased. However, a good fly spray applied correctly will not only quiet the cows but will also sober the temper of the milker.

A good spray for this purpose can be made from the following ingredients: 4 1/2 quarts coal tar dip; 4 1/2 quarts fish oil; 3 quarts coal oil; 3 quarts whale oil; 1 1/2 quarts oil of tar. Dissolve three pounds of laundry soap in water and add the ingredients of the spray and bring the whole up to a 30-gallon quantity with lukewarm water. This spray will keep flies off the cows and prevent the hair coats from becoming harsh.

The cows should be sprayed twice a day, in the morning after milking and in the afternoon when in the barn for silage or other green feed. With a portable two-wheeled half-barrel cart having a spray pump and nozzle, two men can spray 40 cows twice a day for ten days at a cost of 1 cent per cow per day.

—Although stockmen know that a horse's teeth tell his age, they do not generally know that the teeth of a cow give similar information. That is true even if the cow has no teeth in her upper jaw.

At the time the calf is born it has two temporary teeth and by the time it is one month old all of the eight incisors are visible. As the animal nears two years of age the temporary incisors commence to be replaced by two permanent teeth. When it has attained two years of age these two incisors will be fully developed.

When from two and one-half to three years old the permanent first intermediates are cut and these are full sized by the time the animal is three years old. At three and one-half years the second intermediates appear and become fully developed at the time the animal is four years old. The fourth pair of incisor teeth, known as the corner teeth, are replaced at four and one-half years. All the permanent teeth are then in wear when the animal is five years old.

The first pair of incisors or pinchers become leveled during the time the animal is between five and six years old. Both pairs of intermediates become particularly leveled during this period and the corner commences to show wear.

From seven to eight years the pinchers become noticeably worn; from eight to nine, the middle pairs; and by ten years old, all the animal's teeth appear to be noticeably worn. After the animal is six years old the arch in the contour of the teeth commences to become less marked. It may be found that the teeth are arranged in an almost straight line by the advent of the animal's twelfth year. From the sixth to the twelfth year the teeth become triangular in cross section, distinctly separated, and show progressive wearing to stubs.

Look for a Later Frost.

William Westcott one of Indian Hill's oldest residents tells us that he looks for a late frost this year. For many years he has observed the weather and finds that when August is a

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