GREAT THINGS COMING.

New Plans by the Agricultural Department at Washington.

Farm News gives the following outline of the plans of the Agricultural department:

"If the Agricultural department in past years had carried out the original idea of the "free seeds distribution," the plan would not have been degraded into the wasteful farce it is, and the protests that have gone up all over the country against its continuance would never have been heard. The present head of the department is preparing for a sensible distribution next year, or rather he is putting in operation a plan (of which the distribution of seeds of new and rare plants is a small feature) which cannot fail to be of great benefit to the country in that most important of all things—the diversifying of its industries. Professor Wilson has commenced the investigation of agricultural conditions abroad, and in furthering the idea has adopted a policy of utilizing the services of experts who are abroad, and of enlisting the help of government appointees sent to foreign posts. According to a Washington dispatch he has consulted with several recently appointed ministers and consuls with the result that they will forward reports as to certain lines of agricultural work in the countries to which they are sent. Consul Buck, the new minister to Japan, will forward seeds of legumes, bulbs, etc., with explanatory notes, while Mr. Patterson, consul to Calcutta, will report on agricultural products in the far Southern latitudes.

"Professor Plum of Perdue university is going abroad, and, as a side issue, has been commissioned to report on the condition of dairying in the countries he visits. Other scientists will go to Australasia and to Mexico, and the latter will collect specimens and data which my be desirable from the semi-arid regions. Advantage will be taken of the visit of an expert to Central Asia and tree seeds from there are expected. Professor Hanson, of the agricultural college of South Europe, will be sent eastward to bring seeds and legumes. Special efforts will be made to obtain the latter in various places because of their power to bring nitrogen from the atmosphere into the soil.

"Secretary Wilson says it is his intention to prosecute a vigorous search of foreign high and dry altitudes for vegetation that may be introduced with success in similar altitudes in this country."

Blanching Celery.

To enjoy celery perfectly blanched, care must be exercised in the earthing up, so as not to allow any of the soil to get into the centre or heart of the plant, otherwise it may be spoiled. When this work has to be done by one man, it is a convenient way to first tie the stalks up together, not too tightly, or it may rot, but just close enough without pressure to prevent the entrance of any soil to the heart. In large gardens where several men are kept, the most expeditious way is to have three men do the work, one man on each side of the row or rows to dig up the soil and place it in position against the plants, while the third man straddles the row, and in each hand gathers together the stalks and holds them up till the other men put the soil in position. As the work progresses the soil is to be somewhat compacted with the hands. Three good handy men will do this work very quickly after a little practice. On soils containing many insects, or earth worms, or where celery is liable to rust badly from the iron in many soils coming in contact with the tender stalks, the best and most satisfactory way is to use boards, a foot or so in width, placed on edge on each side of the rows, about six inches apart, according to the size of plants. There is much difference of opinion among growers as to the best method of blanching celery to best secure that peculiar nutty flavor found in well-blanched celery, many claiming the necessity of earthing up, but we find that celery can be blanched just as well and be just as tender by the use of boards as by the earthing up process; but if boards are used, a longer time should be given to blanch. This method has the advantage of clean, rustless, and wormless stalks. For summer use the self-blanching varieties only should be used.

Prosperity Coming.

The crops this year are not larger than they have been for some years. The four largest crops of corn ever raised in the United States yielded $300,000,000 less than the four smallest crops. Not only is this anomaly true of corn, but also of potatoes and to some extent, of wheat.

The foreign demand for wheat is excellent. European countries will not give the yield that was expected, and the deficiency will be filled by American wheat, which now is twenty cents higher this year than last.

The price of potatoes is double what it was last year. Corn has advanced three cents over last year, and cattle fifty cents per 100. Wool is a third higher and sheep has advanced a fourth in value. There has been little change in the price of oats or dairy products.

The increases in price will result in putting money into the hands of farmers. This will be used to pay creditors, who will liquidate indebtedness. Thus prosperity will illuminate the whole country within a short time.—Assistant Secretary of Agriculture J. H. Brigham in an interview.

Invalid Poultry Keepers.

It used to be the fashion to recommend poultry keeping as just the one thing for invalids. In these later times we read things like this: "We must caution the invalid, as we would the lazy man or woman, to keep out of the poultry business. We know of no business which is so exacting in its requirements, nor which demands longer hours, nor closer application." Isn't there a middle ground somewhere? And is not the fact that those in the business engage so small an amount of help partly responsible for the long hours and the exactions? With the right kind of help and enough of it, there are many classes of invalids who need not find the business so extremely exacting. But there's the rub. Where can they get that help?

LEMUEL AMMERMAN DEAD.

Former Congressman and well-known Lawyer and Financier.

Ex-Representative Lemuel Ammerman, who was elected from the Lackawanna district and served in the Fifty-second Congress, and who was a resident of Scranton, where he was well known as financier, lawyer and politician, died suddenly of heart disease Thursday afternoon at Blossburg, Tioga County, where he was in company with his business partner of many years, ex-Lieutenant Governor L. A. Watres.

Lemuel Ammerman was born in 1846. He was a fellow law student with ex-Governor Pattison, Judge James Gay Gordon, and W. F. Harrity, of Philadelphia, in the office of the late Lewis C. Cassidy, of Philadelphia, ex-Attorney General of Pennsylvania. Besides his career in Congress, he was Scranton's City Controller in 1887, and in 1886 was appointed by Governor Pattison reporter of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decisions. He was president of the Lackawanna Valley Traction Company and Blossburg Water Company, vice president of the Spring Brook Water Supply Company, one of the biggest water supply combinations in the State; the Scranton & Pittston Traction Company, the Brookside Coal Company, and the Mansfield Water Company. He was one of the executors of the Handley $3,000,000 estate. Mr. Ammerman died worth a million dollars. He had been married three times, and leaves a widow and a son and daughter, children by his present wife.

They Disappeared.

"I was afflicted with scrofula for a number of years and tried several different kinds of medicine without relief. Finally I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to cleanse my blood and in a short time after I began taking it the scrofula sores disappeared and I am now entirely well." JOHN M. BOYD, Box 22, West Greene, Pa.

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Business Still Shows an Increase.

Finished Iron Products Stronger with Demand Outrunning Capacity of work.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

While failures were the smallest ever known in any quarter since 1892 and business payments through banks the largest by $268,000,000 ever known in September the speculators who profess anxiety about Cuba, or fever at the south, or a municipal election, still have some influence.

Helping them just now is the fact that after extraordinary purchases for replenishment of stocks from any section or town there must necessarily be for a time less buying from that quarter. Yet business is still increasing, the productive force steadily enlarges, the distribution of wages affords an increasing fund for purchases, and the foundations are laid for a larger business hereafter.

Crop reporters who have widely differed now agree in putting the yield of wheat about 580,000,000 to 590,000,000 bushels, which is nearly 200,000,000 bushels more than will be required for home use, keeping stocks as they were July 1, the lowest for seven years.

A large increase in the production of pig iron, with heavy realizing sales of lots held on speculation, has caused a decline of fifteen cents to $10.60 for Bessemer at Pittsburg, though gray forge there has advanced 25 cents, and pig iron is stronger at Chicago and eastern markets. But finished products grow stronger, with a demand outrunning the capacity of works in operation in many branches so that delays in delivery are in sheets and tin plate bars embarrassing, and in some other branches orders cannot be filled within one or two months.

For Selling Drinks That Kill.

Barkeeper Arrested, charged with Involuntary Manslaughter.

Robert Kline, of Richlandtown, Pa., was taken to Doylestown on Thursday by Constable Burgstresser on a process issued by Coroner Kunsman, charged with "unlawfully causing the death of H. Oscar Horne," a youth aged 18 years, of near that borough. The charge is virtually one of involuntary manslaughter, and is the result of the finding of the Coroner's jury in investigating the death of young Horne, who was found dead in his father's barn on Sunday morning, September 19.

The testimony showed that Horne, with several young companions, had been drinking heavily the night before at a hotel in Richlandtown, where the defendant tended bar, and the post-mortem showed he had died of acute alcoholism. Judge Yerkes held Kline in the sum of $2000 to appear at the December term of Court.

Among the Iron Mills.

Report From the Various Centres of Industrial Activity.

With many of the iron mills reporting a better demand, with a number of concerns passing from the receivers' to their owners' hands, and with long idle plants being put in operation, prospects in iron and steel seem brighter.

Top Mill Furnace, of the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company, at Wheeling, W. Va., which has been out of blast for some time, is soon to be put in operation.

The Alburtis Furnace, of the Thomas Iron Company, at Alburtis, Pa., is shortly to resume operations.

No. 2 Henry Clay Furnace, of Eckert & Bro., at Reading, Pa., has been blown in.

The Dayton Coal and Iron Company, Limited, of Dayton, Tenn., is so rushed with work that it is making preparations to put in blast its No. 2 furnace.

Hannah Furnace, of the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, at Youngstown, O., has been put in operation, after a long idleness.

The Birmingham Rolling Mills, of the Birmingham Rolling Mill Company, at Birmingham, Ala., have been put in operation after an idleness of three years. About 1500 hands are now employed.

The Star Iron and Steel Works, of Lindsay & McCutcheon, at Allegheny, Pa., have been put in full operation.

The open hearth department at the plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton, Pa., is in active operation.

The entire plant of the Pennsylvania Bolt and Nut Company, at Lebanon, Pa., is being operated night and day.

It is stated that the Old Dominion Nail Works, of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works Company, at Richmond, Va., are working full time.

The plant of the Alabama Rolling Mill Company, at Gate City, Ala., is running full time in all departments.

The entire puddling department at the Crescent Iron Works, of the Whitaker Iron Company, at Wheeling, W. Va., is now in operation.

The tinplate plant of the Elwood Tinplate Company, at Elwood, Ind., is running full time, with good prospects for a continuance.

It is stated that the Indiana Iron Company, at Muncie, Ind., has leased the old Darnall iron mill, which has been idle for three years. The starting of this plant will give employment to a large number of additional men.

Work has been resumed at the Hollidaysburg Iron Works, of the Hollidaysburg Iron and Nail Company, at Hollidaysburg, Pa. These works have been idle for a long time.

The puddling department at the National Rolling Mills, of the National Tube Works Company, at McKeesport, Pa., has resumed operations after an idleness of about five months.

The Great Western Tinplate Company, of Joliet, Ill., has its tinplate plant running triple time.

The plant of the Valentine Iron Company, at Bellefonte, Pa., which has been idle for several weeks, is expected to resume work shortly.

The Coleman-Shields Company, of Niles, O., is soon to put in operation its plant.

Fads in Medicine.

There are fads in medicine as in everything else and a "new thing" frequently sells for a short time simply because it is new. But in medicine, as in nothing else, the people demand and will be satisfied only with positive, absolute merit. The fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla has stood its ground against all competition, and its sales have never wavered but have remained steadily at the top, demonstrates, beyond any doubt, the intrinsic virtues of this medicine. The new things have come and gone but Hood's Sarsaparilla rests upon the solid foundation of absolute merit and its power to cure, and its sales continue to be the largest in the world.

HE WON $500,000.

Remarkable Claim Against a Favored Son in a Will Case.

A contest has arisen over the will of Thomas R. Morgan of Canton, O., whose estate is placed at something over $1,000,000. Three sons were made beneficiaries to the extent of one-twenty fourth each of the estate. Another son was given ten-twenty-fourths.

It is charged by the three sons and other heirs that the favored son used some hypnotic influence over Mr. Morgan, which induced him to give him more than his legal share. It is known that the son favored has frequently exercised mesmeric power over the others, and the contestants of the will set up the claim that such power was used on the decedent.

Morgan and President McKinley were intimate friends. The president was about to make public appointment to a Consulate for which Mr. Morgan had been chosen when death suddenly came.

SPANIARDS BADLY DEFEATED.

Admit a Loss of Fifty Men in a Mountain Battle.

Havana, Oct. 7.—Colonel Rotger has been engaged with an insurgent force at Carmen, this province. The enemy, the Spaniards say, occupied high positions in the interior of the mountains in that vicinity, and in this manner they explained the fact that Colonel Rotger lost 19 soldiers killed and that he, two of his officers, an army physician and the man who guided the troops, in addition to 26 soldiers, were wounded, showing, the Spaniards admit, a loss of nearly 50 men killed and wounded. As against this, the Spanish officials only claim the insurgents left one captain and one private killed.

FILIBUSTER'S CARGO CAPTURED.

According to the bulletins issued to-day from the headquarters of the Spaniards a Government force has ambushed and captured a boat having on board 207 boxes of ammunition and has also seized 249 boxes of ammunition, which the troops found ashore. Both of these lots of ammudition, it is stated, belonged to an expedition which landed at the mouth of the River Arimao, in the district of Cienfuegos, province of Santa Clara, recently.

The mission of Hood's Sarsaparilla is to cure disease, and thousands of testimonials prove it fulfills its mission well.

COST OVER $115,000.

Expense of the Hazleton Strike—An Inspector Resigns.

The officials of the National Guard, through the governor and adjutant general, have drawn warrants on the state treasury to the amount of $115,000 for the payment of expenses incident to the calling out of the Third brigade and Philadelphia City Troop for the suppression of disturbances in the Hazleton coal regions. The $115,000 represents the cost of pay of the troops and partly quartermaster stores, subsistence and transportation, and $60, the price of a flag purchased for use on the ground occupied.

Major W. S. Millar, of Scranton, has resigned from the position of inspector of the Third brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania, which he has held for over two years.

It Is Not Lawful.

There is a point in the new compulsory education law that many people may not have considered. It is a violation of the provisions of the law to employ any minor who cannot read or write the English language unless he has attended an evening or day school for a period of sixteen weeks during the preceding year.

BREWERS ORGANIZE A GIGANTIC TRUST.

The preliminary steps to the organization of a great combination of Pennsylvania breweries, with the title of the Central Pennsylvania brewing company and an enormous capital, was taken at a meeting held in Philadelphia on Friday.

The firms concerned therein are Casey D. Kelley, E. Robinson & Son, M. Robinson & Son, the Lackawanna brewing company and the Michael Hand brewing company, all of Scranton; the Reichard & Weaver brewing company, of Wilkes-Barre; the Hazleton brewing company, of Hazleton; the Hughes brewing company and the Hughes & Glennon brewing company, of Pittston; the Hartung brewing company, of Honesdale; the Krautex brewing company, of Carbondale, and the Dixon brewing company, of Dixon. The capital will be $10,000,000.

To-day's meeting was attended only by the attorneys who arranged the legal details of the consolidation and looked over the titles to the plants and properties of the various breweries, all of which, according to the plan, are to be transferred to the general company. Another meeting will be held later when the brewers will be present to sign the contracts and give official approval to the plan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Parson Edwards, late of Madison township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Parson Edwards, late of Madison township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

ADALINE C. EDWARDS,
Administratrix,
Jerseytown, Pa.

Quick, Atty.
10-7-6t.

ORDER OF COURT FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

Now, Sept. 2nd, 1897. Emergencies having arisen requiring a traverse jury in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and also for a SPECIAL SESSION of the several Courts of Quarter Sessions of the peace, general jail delivery, Court of Oyer and Terminer, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas in and for Columbia County.

It is ordered that such special session or term of several Courts shall be held at Bloomsburg, in said county, commencing on Tuesday, the 26th day of October, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall continue for a period, or term, of two weeks, and that a venire issue for the summoning of forty-eight traverse jurors, to serve in the said Court of Oyer and Terminer and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for and during said special term of two weeks as aforesaid.

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