

State of Pennsylvania

Arbor Day Proclamation.

Governor Stuart issued his Arbor Day proclamation, designating April 8 and 22 as the days. The proclamation says:

"The conservation of our natural resources has become a question of national importance. Among these resources, trees and forests hold a conspicuous place. It is the common belief that forests regulate the flow of water in our streams. The destruction of our forests has intensified the floods and freshets which rob the soil of its fertility, closing the streams with sand and silt, filling up navigable rivers and harbors. On the other hand, he who plants a tree or protects it from fire and other enemies, helps to make his State a better dwelling place, and makes a substantial gift to future generations.

"Wise legislative enactment has made it the duty of the Commonwealth's Chief Executive to name each year one or more days for the planting of trees and the dissemination of useful information in regard to their growth and economic value. Therefore, I, Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby issue this proclamation, designating Friday, April 8, and Friday, April 22, 1919, as Arbor Days throughout the Commonwealth, to be observed by the planting of trees and by other exercises that may be helpful in directing the attention of the people to the importance of conserving and restoring the forests upon the watersheds and of planting trees around their homes, upon the hill-sides and in the public parks.

"Two dates have been designated so that every section of the State may find a day for tree planting suited to its climatic conditions."

Lafayette's Honor Men.

Easton.—Commencement honors at Lafayette College were decided by the Senior Class as follows:

President, F. H. Kelley, of Reedsville; vice-president, R. E. McPherson, of New Bloomfield; secretary, R. L. Ware, of Easton; treasurer, D. W. Hall, of Greensburg; marshal, F. H. Truesdell, of Easton.

The class day officials will be as follows:

Master of Ceremonies, A. A. Blaicher, of Newark, N. J.; salutatorian, D. A. Herrick, of Kingston, N. Y.; valedictorian, A. F. Kahn, of Easton; fence presentation, J. P. Moore, of Horrell, N. Y.; class prophet, S. L. Cunningham, of Pittsburg; class poet, J. H. Dalrymple, of West Orange, N. J.; class orator, C. E. Steinhilber, of Mauch Chunk; presentation orator, J. B. Darlington, of West Chester; valedictorian, W. R. Hindman, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

What is Swankey?

Danville.—What is "swankey"? This question has been submitted to the highest tribunal in Montour County, but aside from the fact that it is a "temperance" drink with "jag" possibilities nothing has been learned concerning it.

The question has just been put squarely up to the court. The constables had just made their returns when Attorney William Kase West, of Danville, accompanied by Constable Amos Albeck, of Anthony Township, took their position before the court and Mr. West, acting as spokesman, explained that "swankey" is becoming a popular drink at rural sales and that it is dispensed freely as a "temperance" drink at some houses that have no license.

It is a question, Mr. West explained, whether "swankey" does not contain a fair percentage of alcohol and whether it does not offer a cheap drunk. Judge Evans was not long in defining the constable's duty in the premises.

"The court," he said, "doesn't know what 'swankey' is, and, consequently, whether it can be legally sold without a license or not. There is an infallible guide, however. If 'swankey' intoxicates it cannot be dispensed except under restrictions that apply to alcoholic liquors."

Philadelphia Buys Iron Plant.

The plant of the Duncannon Iron Company, at Duncannon, was sold at receiver's sale to W. G. Leiper, of Philadelphia, at \$67,000. There is a mortgage of \$37,000 on the plant. It was reported that the plant would be operated. The receivers are J. P. Lessig, Pottstown; W. L. Coover, Philadelphia, and W. A. Moore, Bellefonte.

Steel Strike Causes Suicide.

Bethlehem.—"It's all over," said Harry O. Lattig, aged 51, to his housekeeper, as she entered his room, just as he fell over dead. Lattig had a few moments before swallowed a dose of carbolic acid. He was employed at the steel works, but he was not a striker. The unsettled conditions here are said to have affected his mind.

Confesses He Stole Dynamite.

Bloomsburg.—Charles Hicks, of Centralia, arrested on the charge of stealing seven boxes of dynamite from the Continental colliery, near Centralia, confessed his guilt and has been committed to the Columbia County Jail. He has implicated two others, who will soon be arrested.

Names Allentown Aldermen.

Harrisburg.—Governor Stuart appointed M. Herbert Beary as alderman of the new Thirteenth Ward of Allentown.

Fix Dauphin County Tax.

Harrisburg.—The Dauphin County Commissioners fixed the tax rate at four and a half mills. This is the same figure that has prevailed for several years and yields enough on the increased valuation to meet all fixed charges and running expenses.

Two Miners Killed In Coal Fall.

Scranton.—At the Erie mine at Mayfield, Samuel Kuznek, a miner, and George Jure, a laborer, were killed by falling roof coal.

Four Claim Reward.

Norristown.—Four claimants for the \$400 reward offered by the County Commissioners for the apprehension of the murderers of George A. Johnson, the East Norristown cobbler, appeared before the commissioners. They are William Appleton, Chief of Police Norristown and Patrolman John Carrigan and Thomas Kehoe. The policemen were agreed to have the reward divided among themselves and Appleton, but Appleton held out for the entire sum, claiming he gave the first clue which led to the arrest of the six Italians, four of whom were convicted. The commissioners decided to refer the contest to the court.

Feasts Her Employees.

Mahanoy City.—Perhaps one of the largest birthday anniversary celebrations in the history of the city occurred at the Kaiser House, when Mrs. Charles D. Kaler, employer of more than any other woman in the State, banqueted her family and all her 250 workmen. It was like one big family gathering, and was typical of the friendly relationships existing between the Kaiser Company and its employees. During the evening, the employees presented the hostess a silver loving cup and 71 American beauty roses, one for each year of her active and useful life.

Stakeholder Sued.

Lancaster.—John A. Cassidy, of Philadelphia, entered both civil and criminal suits here against Ernest Maulick, of Marietta, to recover a check for \$100 and \$400 in cash. Four months ago, Cassidy alleges, he agreed with K. Kidwell to hold a big chicken fight near Frederick, Md., for \$500 a side. Maulick was stakeholder. The police raided the main and as the fight was not concluded Cassidy demanded his money which, he alleges, Maulick refuses to give over.

Drops Coal On Burglars.

Pittsburg.—Mrs. George Blakely, of Sharpsburg, has more faith in a lump of coal than in a six-shooter as a defense against burglars. While a man was trying to break into her little store over which she lived, she took a lump of coal and, raising the window noiselessly, dropped it on the head of the intruder. When the police revived the burglar he had to have a six-inch scalp wound sewed up.

Money But No Shoes.

Lancaster.—Henry W. Brandt, an eccentric recluse, who lived alone in a dilapidated cabin near Mastersonville, was found dead in bed by neighbors. Lying near him was a pitchfork, with which he had guarded his worldly possessions, amounting to \$12,000, which were kept in an iron chest under his bed. He was 72, and for years has worn neither shoes nor stockings, wrapping his feet and legs in rags. For twenty years he seldom ventured from his hovel for fear of robbers.

Goes To Jail When Sued.

Ormdrod.—Rosie Charnevitch, of Allentown, has started a breach of promise suit against Frank Raadt, asking \$5,000 heart balm. Unable to furnish bail, Raadt has been taken to jail. Raadt admitted he promised to marry Rosie, but alleges he was under the influence of liquor and says he changed his mind when he sobered up.

Accused Of Dynamiting His Home.

Hazleton.—John Grimceavage, a miner of West Hazleton, was held by Burgess Schoch on the charge of dynamiting his own house during the night. The charge started all the windows in the building and shook up a whole section of the borough. Fuses were found in the cellar. Grimceavage denies that he set the explosive off.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding.

Lancaster.—Surrounded by their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kling, of Lititz, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Kling is 77 and Mrs. Kling is 80 years old.

Pays \$77.87 For Litter Of Pigs.

Harrisburg.—At the sale of Howard Sprengle, a farmer living near New Cumberland, a record price for a sow and shoats was received. The mother and eight brought \$77.87, after spirited bidding.

Worker Stripped By Cog Wheel.

Chester.—William Science, employed at the Aberfoyle mills, was caught in the cog wheels of a dye filled machine and was being gradually drawn into its meshes when his shouts were heard by a fellow-workman, who threw off the belt. His jacket and trousers were stripped from his body.

Chester Wants Ferry To Bridgton.

Chester.—The West Third Street Business Men's Association is negotiating with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company to establish a line of ferries between this city and Bridgeport, N. J., to carry farm produce.

Lehigh Increases Police Pay.

Bethlehem.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad, according to a notice issued has given all its police officers an increase in wages from \$55 to \$60 a month.

Acquitted Oleo Men To Pay Costs.

Media.—John Good and Joseph M. Craven, Chester merchants, were acquitted of illegal sale of oleomargarine but the jury directed that they pay the costs. The defendants declared they did not sell the oleomargarine but acted as agents for the delivery of the goods for the Philadelphia Eastern Provision Company.

A 10-story building was built in New York City recently in 47 working days.

"I HAVE YOU BEATEN TO A FRAZZLE, ANDY."



—Cartoon by W. A. Rogers, in the New York Herald.

MAD GANDER SAVES CHILD FROM DEATH BY AUTOMOBILE

Causes Machine to Upset As It Nears Baby in Road—The Crouch Redeems Itself—Fowl, a Terror For Ten Years, Inadvertently Does One Good Act and Dies.

Montville, N. J.—A bad tempered old gander, known to everybody in the village as "The Grouch," redeemed a bad reputation of ten years' standing, and at the same time lost his life, in saving Agnes Stilton, three years old, from death under the wheels of an automobile.

When the child was ready to go out into the house, leaving it in undisturbed possession of the road.

Whether the smoke house door was not buttoned tight or the gander squeezed through a crack, or flew out a window, is not known, but at any rate Agnes had not been playing long when "The Grouch" sailed into the road, raising the dust, hissing and clucking his wings, and making for her with all his might.

"Mamma!" cried the little child in terror, shielding its face with its outspread hands.

Just then a touring car, driven by Harold Grant, of East Orange, rounded the sharp turn in the road. The barn stands at the turn, cutting off the view in both directions. The road rarely is used by automobiles, and this is the reason why "The Stilton child was permitted to play there. Grant was going fast on a level stretch, and as he swept around the turn the old white gander stood up so large in his startled vision he did not see the fleeing girl beyond. The gander's neck was stretched to its full extent and the wings were spread wide apart.

That was no time to stop, and when, an instant after seeing the goose, Grant spied the little girl ahead, he let out a yell of alarm that brought all the folk out of the Stilton farmhouse on the rush. The East

Orange man involuntarily closed his eyes to avoid witnessing the tragedy he felt, as he said afterward, was sure to happen.

But it didn't. The automobile struck the gander full tilt, but the impact swerved the front wheels out of their course, and by the time "The Grouch" had come down, lifeless, from his skyrocket flight, the auto had darted diagonally across the road and was lying upside down in the ditch. Grant had instinctively let go the steering wheel at the psychological moment, and he shot over the top of a post-and-rail fence and stuck, feet up, in a pile of fertilizing material. He lost no time in withdrawing his head from the mess, and then fell on his knees and prayed—just why, he says, he doesn't know.

As for Agnes, all had happened so quickly she hadn't had time to be scared at anything but the mean old gander. She whimpered a bit when she saw how thoroughly and completely dead the gander was. Then she stood and watched her father and other persons right the automobile and set it on its way. "The Grouch" is to be stuffed and mounted.

"The bird ain't deserving of it," said Stilton, "but, bowsomever, it saved my girl's life, though it didn't mean to, and I'll do a good turn."

"The Grouch," which in its younger days was called "Peter," was for more than a decade a terror, not only to the other fowl in Farmer Abner Stilton's barnyard, but also to Mrs. Stilton and all the children in the neighborhood. It was a cantankerous bird with an evil eye, and when it got after either dog or child there was sure to be some tall running to get out of the way.

Stilton's Muscovy duck, "Sarah Jane," was the only living thing with wings that even put up a fight. When "The Grouch" and "Sarah Jane" got going everybody flocked to hear the noise and see the feathers fly. Several years ago the gander chased a tomcat up a hemlock tree by the well and kept it there until the cat was attacked and killed by a large hawk.

GIRLS ROLL OVER TO REDUCE FLESH

Muskogee Has a Club of Fourteen Members Who Meet Daily to Train Off Obesity.

Muskogee, Okla.—Society matrons and buds who are inclined to obesity have organized a "Roller Club" here. They are getting so thin their relatives and friends are alarmed. The fat is spreading, too.

Everything fat and feminine here is on the roll. They roll before breakfast, before luncheon, before dinner and before going to bed. Constant rolling over the floor may wear the nap off the carpet, but that matters little so long as it wears the fat off the roller.

The founder of the roller cult is a pretty widow who, until she rolled her superfluous flesh off, was one of the stoutest creatures west of the Mississippi. Her friends and associates noticed she was losing flesh. At first they were alarmed, fearing her health was breaking and that the loss of flesh was the outward and visible sign of early dissolution. She

laughed at the fears expressed and finally admitted she had done it all by rolling over and over on the floor.

"It is the style to be hipless now, and one might as well be dead as to be out of style," she said. "I discovered that rolling reduces flesh and removes hips, and I have been keeping it up. I hope that ultimately I shall be as willow as the willowest."

That settled it. The fat women held a meeting and organized the "Roller Club." Men who pass the day in the street dodging automobiles now pass the evenings at home dodging their rolling wives and daughters, who simply are fading away as a result of the exercise. The women vie with each other in the number of rolls made. The average is 100. The highest score is 250. Many of the women wear pajamas for rolling exercise, such garments interfering less than do skirts.

INVENTS A POCKET WIRELESS.

German Priest Exhibits Apparatus to Scientific Body

Berlin.—A wireless pocket telegraph apparatus was exhibited by the inventor, Professor Cerebotani, the priest in charge of the Munich parish, during a scientific lecture before an audience of persons engaged in the various branches of scientific investigation.

The instrument consists of a wooden base, with the letters of the alphabet thereupon arranged in a circle. A small metal indicator swings on a pivot in the center, so adjusted as to respond to the wireless dot and dash currents and spell out

the message. The apparatus is very simple. It is somewhat larger than the ordinary car case.

Professor Cerebotani, who is noted as an anatomist, stated that a French journalist had attributed to him erroneously the invention of a wireless pocket telegraph instrument some time ago. He wrote to the journal denying the invention. However, his letter was not published, and accordingly nothing remained for him in the way of vindication except to invent the apparatus described, which he proceeded to do.

Wear Wire Rats, Ladies—

"If You Don't You'll Get Bald." Boston.—The piling of false hair, which doesn't allow the air to get at the scalp, is the great cause for the increase of baldness among women," said Dr. C. J. White, dermatologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital, lecturing at the Harvard Medical School on the care of the skin in health and disease.

"Wear wire rats and puffs," said Dr. White. "They look just as well, and are more economical and more healthful."

Assailant of Lillis and Latter Shun

Court, But Case is Continued. Kansas City, Mo.—When the case of John P. Cudaby, the millionaire packer, charged with attacking Jere F. Lillis, was called in the Municipal Court here, neither Cudaby nor Lillis appeared.

"This case won't be prosecuted, will it?" Judge Kyle inquired. "I don't believe so," replied the City Attorney. "Let's dismiss it, then," the Judge suggested. But the City Attorney insisted that the case be continued.

Poultry for Profit

INCUBATOR AND BROODER.

Are you using one? I do not mean by this question, have you one, for I take it for granted that any person who makes any pretensions of raising chicks has an incubator. But, are you using it, or is it stored away until summer?

If so, get it out, and get it busy. Now, right now, is the time to have it running full capacity.

If you have none, buy one at once, but whatever you do, get the best you can buy.

There are a number of splendid machines and also those that are cheaper and very little account.

You can waste more time and money fooling with a poor machine than they are worth.

Every one has his favorites, same as I have, but that does not signify they are the only good machines made. Do not follow every person's advice in operating the incubator. Follow the instructions with each machine. I do not presume to say an incubator can do it all; the operator must see that the eggs are from vigorous stock to insure fertility; that they are not too old to hatch.

If this has been done the incubator will do its part. The incubator has many advantages over the hen. It is always ready for business.

It requires lamp filling, lighting, and a few minutes' attention morning and evening. How much time would you devote to a sufficient number of hens to cover the same amount of eggs?

There is much written about incubators and so little about brooders. You can hear so many who operate incubators, say, "I have no trouble to hatch chicks but I am not very successful in raising them."

Why this trouble? I firmly believe the greatest trouble is in not brooding properly. I have used a number of different makes of brooders.

I have learned this much about brooder chicks. They must have sufficient heat under the hover, and plenty of fresh air outside.

The question of fresh air I believe is the solution of raising chicks in brooders. Do not overlook the brooder.

An incubator without a good brooder is as useless as a seeder without seed.—B. A. Hastings in the Farmers' Home Journal.

INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS

The most profitable breed of water fowl or other poultry is the Indian Runner ducks, a native of India were exported to England where now they are a great favorite with the poultry breeders. After a few years trial in the United States, they have become such favorites with breeders that the supply of eggs and stock are not equal to the demand. Many parties last season could not get stock or eggs for hatching and the demand for eggs this spring will be greater than ever.

They are not large, generally called Leghorn of duck family, but they produce the eggs, even in zero weather. They are easily confined in pens; a 24 inch will hold them. Require water only for drinking purposes. They are great foragers and if allowed to range will gather a large part of their feed. A feed at evening will always bring them home ready to be shut in pen till after laying time next morning after which they may be given range of farm for the day. Some breeders report as high as 250 eggs for each fowl for the year. They are easily raised and require no more feed than our pens of Orpingtons or Rocks.

We have bred them for seven years and have only praise for them. By culling and selection last year we got eggs every month in the year. Anyone wanting to raise poultry for profit would do well to make a start with the Indian Runner ducks.—G. Frank Yates in the Farmers' Home Journal.

HAWKS DESTROYING QUAIL.

I have noticed several articles on the quail and quail hunters in your paper, and they have attracted my attention to the loss of quail due to hawks. During this season when the ground is covered with snow the hawk's principal diet is quail. While driving along a road near a hedge recently, I noticed a hawk in hot pursuit of a quail, but the quail flew into the hedge and escaped. Two days later I passed the same way and again saw the hawk waiting for its prey. I killed it, and upon examination found that it had been feeding on quail.

Upon another occasion I shot a hawk and investigation showed that it had just eaten four quails. This goes to show that a covey of quails will not last long when there are hawks around.

I think there is no species of hawks, except the sparrow hawk, that do not destroy quail, as well as other small birds, especially during the winter season. Some people think the sparrow hawk, as the name implies, lives principally on sparrows, but this is not the case. Its name is taken from the size of the bird, which is the smallest of its species. The sparrow hawk should be rigidly protected, as I have never yet seen it attack birds of any kind, but it does destroy numbers of mice and worms and insects.

The benefits derived from the hawk family, except the sparrow hawk, does not compare with the damage they do. Therefore I am in favor of a state bounty on hawks.—E. B. in the Indiana Farmer.

FATTENING POULTRY.

Poultry fatten much more quickly and with less feed when confined to a small area than when running at large. It is little use to try to fatten a bird that has not attained its growth or very nearly. It will grow but not fatten.

About three weeks before wanted for market confine the birds to fattened in a small rather dark place, either coop or pen. See that they are free from lice and keep their quarters comfortably clean. Supply them with plenty of grit and with charcoal to keep their digestion good. Feed a mash of corn meal and beef scraps, all they will eat, but do not leave it by them, as it is likely to sour and cause indigestion. Give them whole corn also, to break the monotony occasionally, and a small feed of raw meat or green bone twice a week to keep them vigorous and the appetite from getting cloyed. They should have plenty of fresh water at all times.—Weekly Sun.

GREEN FOOD.

Fowls must have green food at all times, winter as well as summer. In the middle South blue-grass generally furnishes green food in winter, and other grasses may serve farther South. In the North where snow sheets off the pasturage, cabbage and beets are good substitute; also clover, hay and alfalfa may be cut fine and fed in the mash. The hay may be fed dry, but not so successfully. Experiments have shown the great importance of green food in egg production. A liberal supply, it is said, will bring two dozen more eggs to the hen each year than if the supply is scant.—Farmers' Home Journal.

THREAT OF ROUP.

Go into the poultry house after the birds have gone to roost and listen. If you hear any of the fowls making a rattling noise when they breathe, you can make up your mind that they have caught cold and it behooves you to get busy. A cold is a forerunner of roup, and should be checked in the incipient stage. Have a bottle of some good roup cure always at hand for emergency cases.—Farmers' Home Journal.

NOTES.

Scaled out all drinking vessels frequently.

Sell at once every hen that does not pay for her keep by laying eggs.

Select your eggs for hatching from the best layers and hardest hens.

Ashes help to keep away lice. Scatter them all over roosts and houses.

Hang blankets over the poultry house windows on extreme cold nights.

The hen cannot manufacture eggs when she is feeding lice with her life blood.

Change the litter in the scratching shed occasionally, and the fowls will work better and be healthier.

An active breed is less liable to become overfat than the larger sized, sluggish fowls, hence should be treated accordingly.

If farmers would keep strict accounts with their fowls they would be surprised at the profit derived in proportion to the capital invested.

Artificial heat should not be used continuously during the winter but at times a lantern hung in the house at night will prevent frosted combs.

Proper feeding and housing are important factors in winter egg production. Even the best hens will not produce eggs in winter unless properly housed and cared for.

Shiftless hens housed in cold, draughty, ramshackle houses, and allowed to wade in the slush and snow, never pay the owner a profit, nor even pay for their feed.

Bears in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania game laws bring the open season for killing bears to a close with the year, and the state game commissioner says that the hunting season of 1909 will go on record as one of the best in the history of the state. "Bears were plentiful," he says, "and I think that fully four hundred have been shot. In almost every one of the mountainous counties they were reported abundant, and hunters secured some fine specimens. I do not think the closing of the season with the year works a hardship on anyone. It gives the bears a chance, and as the season for other game is now closed, too, the wild creatures will not be disturbed."—Utica Press.

Source of Teak Supply.

The world's supply of teak comes from Siam, India and Java. Teakwood is not attacked by the "white ant," which is so destructive to other woods in the tropics, and teak is thus largely used in Siam for the building of the better class of wooden houses.

The New York Equal Suffrage Society, of which Mrs. Clarence Mackay is the president and leading spirit, has reduced its annual dues from \$5 to \$3.