

CORN CONTEST RULES ISSUED

Progressive Grange Will Conduct Competition of Farmers

BOYS AND GIRLS INCLUDED

Prizes for Largest Amount of Shelled Corn Raised on Acre of Ground—Contestants Will Be Eligible to Cash Awards in Gold.

New Cumberland.—The rules for the corn-growing contest to be conducted by the Progressive Grange have been issued and are attracting much attention among the young farmer boys and girls living in Lower Allen township, Cumberland county, to whom this contest is open.

The contestant raising the largest amount of shelled corn on one acre of ground and complying with all the rules shall be declared the winner, the next largest yields getting prizes in their order.

For the largest acre yield the New Cumberland National Bank will pay \$10 in gold; for the second best acre Dr. J. F. Good will pay \$5 in gold; for the third best yield Buttorff & Kline will pay \$5 in gold. For the twelve next best acre yields there will be a cash prize in gold of \$2.50 each. These twelve prizes of \$2.50 each will be financed by Buttorff & Straey, Dr. S. A. Kirpatrick, S. B. Kauffman, B. F. Garver, Eby's Modern Pharmacy, Bruce Taylor, George W. Hagerman, Yinger & LeFever, F. C. Fager, Dr. H. W. Linebaugh, B. H. Ritter, Susquehanna Woollen Company, New Cumberland Knitting Company, S. C. Babbie, M. A. Hoff, S. N. Straub and W. H. Erney. Contestants must not be over 21 years of age June 1, 1913.

Pennsylvania State College, State College, and the Corn Exchange National Bank, Philadelphia, are also conducting corn-growing contests to which boys competing for the Progressive prizes are eligible.

The grange committee in charge of the contests is as follows: S. C. Babbie, B. H. Ritter, W. H. Sloat, Benjamin Eby and Dr. J. F. Good.

Undertaker Still Ordained.

East.—When informed that the Ministerium of Pennsylvania had adopted a resolution requesting the return of his ordination papers, Elmer E. Snyder, who recently resigned the pastorate of Christ Lutheran Church to engage in the undertaking business, declared that he would not return them. "I don't mind having my name stricken from the rolls of the Ministerium," he said, "but I do not propose to return my ordination papers." He added that there was a possibility of his performing ministerial acts until his successor at Christ Church is elected. Mr. Snyder intimated that the Ministerium could find plenty of instances of clergymen engaging in secular work.

Convict Now Confesses.

Sunbury.—A sensation was sprung in the Frederick Nye murder case here when it became known that the reason Nye's counsel is asking Governor Tener for a stay of execution is that David Everett confesses that he was the murderer of Mr. Murphy, the cigar store proprietor, and that Nye was only an eye-witness to the crime. At his own and the Nye trial, Everett swore that Nye had fired the fatal shots. Everett was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary. Nye was found guilty.

Railway Pays City.

Harrisburg's municipal treasury was enriched to the extent of more than \$22,000 as a result of the Harrisburg Railway Company's busy year just passed. City Treasurer O. M. Copelin got a check for \$22,196.50 from the trolley company, representing 3 per cent of the company's gross earnings for the year ending April 7, 1913. The sum is a record breaker, the nearest figure being \$21,182.05. That was paid in for the year ending April, 1912.

His Body Stopped Machinery.

Bethlehem.—An investigation to learn what had caused the turbine wheel at the Pottinos Brothers' graphite works here to stop revealed the fact that the body of Augustus Barnett, aged 23, a suicide, was jammed in the machinery. Barnett, a painter, disappeared from home, and indications are that he ended his life in the Lehigh River.

In Chute to Burial Alive.

Mahanoy City.—Caught in a rush of coal while loading cars at Park Place Colliery, John Koblack and Simon Yoback, of Park Place, were carried down a chute and buried under tons of coal. The first rush was followed by a second, and the bodies were not recovered for hours.

Herd of White Deer.

Mechanicsburg.—Boiling Springs Park has been improved for the summer season. A new band-stand has been built, and it is the intention of the managers to give a number of band concerts. The picnickers this year will have the added pleasure of a 24-foot toboggan slide for the older people and an 18-foot slide for the younger ones. New swings and a new merry-go-round have been placed. Another attraction will be a herd of white fallow deer. There is a well-equipped children's playground.

MR. WILSON'S WISH IGNORED

No Other Nation Should Fix Our Land Laws.

RIGHT OF SOVEREIGN STATE.

Disclaims Any Desire To Complicate Situation, But Ready To Oppose Foreign Dictation.

Washington.—Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, made his announced Japanese speech Friday in the House. President Wilson, after Mr. Sisson recently made a "war speech," called the Representative to the White House and asked him not to make another speech that might complicate the diplomatic negotiations with Japan or inflame the public mind. Mr. Sisson disclaimed any intention of making a "war speech," but attacked the position that the treaty-making power superseded the law-making powers of the sovereign states.

Mr. Sisson declared he took his position not "because the Japanese were involved," that he would take it toward England, France, Germany or any other nation, and that it only required "patience and cool heads for both countries to arrive at an amicable, fair and just settlement of all differences."

"If any nation," he said, "should decide that they will dictate to us our land laws, then we would be unworthy of national existence if we submitted to such dictation. Does any one claim that this is a declaration of war because I announce this truth?"

Prostitution Of Authority.

"It is no declaration of war for the United States government to decline to override the rights of a sovereign state at the dictation of a foreign power. If the United States government should deliver a state over to the mercies of a flood of aliens from any nation, then I maintain that the federal government would have prostituted its authority. Is the mere announcement of this principle a declaration of war?"

"Nothing has been further from my mind than to embarrass or to tend to render more difficult the peaceful solution of whatever differences, real or imaginary, may exist between the friendly government of Japan and our own government."

Mr. Sisson pleaded for the open door on treaty sessions of the Senate.

"If the President and Senate can make such a treaty, let us tear down every door of secrecy. Let us require the President to publish every letter and telegram bearing upon a contemplated treaty on the very moment of its dispatch. Let the cloture of the Senate be removed. Throw open the doors."

Mr. Sisson made a lengthy argument purporting to show the possibilities of corporation control of land, which would be made possible by allowing the importation of "cheap alien labor."

To Protect Farmers.

"Many of these large employers of labor," he said, "would be delighted to have the federal government through its treaty-making power let down the bars and let the alien come in. What would become of the American farmer if the great corporations of the country should buy all the best lands and cultivate them with Mongolians, Chinese, Hindu, Japanese and other cheap labor?"

"I do not want this government to be destroyed through the treaty-making power," Mr. Sisson concluded. "So gentlemen of the House, I have taken this position not because the Japanese are involved in this controversy, but I would take this position if England, Germany, France or any other nation on earth were involved."

MEUCAL ACCLAIMED PRESIDENT

New Epoch in Cuba's History—No Ball and No Banquet.

Havana.—Another precedent in the history of the Republic of Cuba was established Tuesday when General Mario Menocal, amid impressive ceremony, was inaugurated President to succeed General Jose Miguel Gomez. Without revolution or disturbance of any kind a Cuban had succeeded a Cuban as the republic's ruler. The inauguration took place in the Senate Chamber Palace, that ancient building where formerly the Spanish captains of Colonial days held sway. A parade of 4,000 regular troops in gorgeous uniforms preceded the ceremony. President Menocal was accompanied to the palace by his wife, and the "first lady" of Cuba claimed more attention than did her husband.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SCORED.

Mothers' Congress Speaker Declares They Dress Immodestly.

Boston.—The closing session of the Mothers' Congress was notable, among other things, for an address by Mrs. Orville T. Bright, of Chicago, vice-president of the congress, scoring the tendency on the part of high school girls toward immodest or questionable styles of dressing. She asked the teachers to take a strong stand against this evil.

ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR



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KILLED AT FORT U. S. GUNNERS

Nine Badly Hurt When Breech Block Blows Out.

ACCIDENT AT MOULTRIE.

Captain Hanna Said To Be Among Those Hurt—Breech Not Properly Closed, Is Report.

Charleston, S. C.—Three soldiers were killed and nine or more seriously injured at Fort Moultrie, when the breech blew off a three-inch gun which was being used for night target practice. Privates Baxter, Christiansen and Dalton were killed, the former two being cut in half and dying instantly.

Captain Hanna, who was standing with several other officers of the Coast Artillery, was badly lacerated in the side by a fragment from the breech block, which was blown into fragments.

Captain Hanna was in charge of Battery Lord, which would seem to settle the question of where the explosion occurred, a matter that concerning which conflicting reports were in circulation.

Privates Baxter, Christiansen and Dalton were cut in two by the flying breech block and died at once.

The right shoulder of a corporal, whose name could not be learned, was blown away and he will probably die.

It was stated by a resident of Sullivan's Island that several officers were reported wounded. He said it was difficult to learn just how many were wounded when the fragments scattered among the soldiers close by.

Hospital Steward Lamar was injured in the right arm and hand.

It was reported that the breech had not been properly closed after the insertion of a cartridge and that when the cap was exploded the breech was thrown back with terrific force.

Fort Division Headquarters.

Washington.—Fort Moultrie is the headquarters of the Charleston division of the South Atlantic Coast Artillery district, with Major A. G. Jenkins, who resides at Fort Moultrie, in command. Four companies of Coast Artillery—the Sixteenth, the Seventy-eighth, the One Hundred and Forty-fourth and the One Hundred and Forty-fifth are stationed there. The headquarters officers, in addition to Major Jenkins, are First Lieutenant E. K. Smith, adjutant; Captain J. W. C. Abbott, quartermaster; Second Lieutenant R. S. Dodson, artillery engineer and ordnance officer. The First Artillery Band is also stationed at Fort Moultrie.

DIRECTELECTION OF PRESIDENTS

Joint Resolution Would Also Make Term Of Office Six Years.

Washington.—A constitutional amendment, providing six-year terms for the President and Vice-President of the United States and specifying that they be elected by direct vote of the people was proposed in a joint resolution introduced in the House by Representative Britten, of Illinois. Under the proposed amendment, nominees for the two highest offices would be selected at a primary election and chosen through a final election, returns of which would be made to the Secretary of State, who would in turn declare the candidates receiving the largest popular vote.

NEW MUNICIPAL PLAN.

South Norwalk, Conn., Adopts System To Free City Of Debt.

South Norwalk, Conn.—An unusual transaction took place here when the city's electric works purchased \$20,000 of outstanding city bonds. This plan of buying up city bonds through the municipal plants, it is pointed out, inaugurates a new system of municipal business, and will, if continued, eventually clear the city of debt except for a sum which it will in reality owe itself.

HIS LAST WORDS TO HIS WIFE

Banker Walker Loses Heroic Fight Against Death.

NO SIGN OF FLINCHING.

Walker's Death Occurred Almost Seven Days From Time He Accidentally Swallowed a Bichloride Tablet.

Macon, Ga.—The last words of B. Sanders Walker, the heroic young banker who lost his week-old fight with death after swallowing poison by mistake, were endearingly addressed to his wife, who sat at his bedside holding his hand until the end came.

In his last minutes of consciousness, when he roused from a heavy stupor in which he had lain all day, Mr. Walker pressed his wife's hand and said faintly:

"I love you, Marie."

He never spoke again. During the night the stupor deepened and about 1 o'clock the death agony began.

Walker's death occurred almost seven days from the time he accidentally swallowed the corrosive sublimate tablet, lacking only an hour and a half. Mrs. Walker, haggard and worn as the result of the week's ordeal, is almost prostrated over the tragic fate of her husband. It has developed that Mr. Walker carried life insurance in excess of \$150,000.

Until he became unconscious for the first time Walker had steadfastly assured the physicians he was determined to live. When finally realizing that it was hopeless, he displayed remarkable composure.

After he had swallowed the deadly tablet Walker never allowed a day to pass without having his baby son perched for a while on the arm of a chair, as he rallied his wife and parents with brave talk that he "would fool the doctors," who said he couldn't get well. He had his intimate friends around him, showing the same plucky spirit to them.

JOHN D.'S PERSONAL TAX.

Poorer By \$2,905 Than Last Year, According To Report.

Cleveland, O.—John D. Rockefeller is rapidly losing his wealth, according to the report of John T. Fisher, tax assessor for Cleveland Heights, where the Forest Hill estate of the oil magnate is situated. The figures show that a year ago Mr. Rockefeller returned his personal property as worth \$7,190. This year, alas! he is poorer by \$2,905, his return being but \$4,285. The figures show that Mr. Rockefeller has nine horses worth \$55 each; 10 head of cattle worth \$40 each, and furniture valued at \$3,300.

PEACE DELEGATES LEAVE.

Centenary Planners Traveled Extensively During 15-Day Stay.

New York.—The British, Australian and Belgian delegates who sailed for Europe Wednesday after a 15-day visit to this country and Canada planning the celebration of the centenary of peace between English-speaking peoples, were given an excellent opportunity to experience at first hand America's reputed dash and swiftness. In the 15 days they traveled 4,000 miles and were guests at 55 formal breakfasts, luncheons and dinners. This is an average of three and two-third formal meals and 266 2-3 miles a day.

ACCIDENT ON WAR CRAFT.

Two Men Killed and One Injured Aboard Torpedo Boat Stewart.

San Diego, Cal.—While racing 30 knots in a full speed trial across the maneuvering waters 20 miles from port a high pressure cylinder-head blew out of the port engine on the torpedo boat destroyer Stewart and in a flash the engine-room was filled with a cloud of scalding steam. Two men were killed outright and another so seriously injured that he probably will die.

DANIELS GOES UP IN THE AIR

Takes a Trip in a Flying Boat at Annapolis.

HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT.

Head Of the Department Reaches An Altitude Of About 500 Feet and Floats Around For Eight Minutes.

Annapolis, Md.—Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, regards as the most interesting incident of his first official visit to the Naval Academy a flight which he took in a Curtis flying boat under the pilotage of Lieut. John H. Towers, the chief of the United States naval aviation camp here. The trip occupied about eight minutes, during which several miles were covered and an altitude of about 500 feet reached. The trip was made with the full consent of Mrs. Daniels, who was present, and whose permission was asked before the embarkation. Incidentally, the Secretary said that a few days ago he had taken a trip in a submarine, so that his experience as a navigator covers all the possibilities of locomotion recognized in the service which he heads.

The Secretary made the trip to the aviation camp, which is just across the Severn from the Academy. With him were Mrs. Daniels, Superintendent Gibbons, of the Academy; the Secretary's aid, Lieutenant Commander Palmer, and a few other officers. Mr. Daniels said that he had recently refused an invitation to take a flight with another aviator because he wished his first experience to be with an air pilot of his own service. He was warned to wear his overcoat, which he did, and also to stuff his ears with cotton.

After spinning along the surface for about 500 yards the machine was directed into the air, and after ascending to about 500 feet, a turn was made and the craft was directed up the Severn River. Passing the party at the station, Secretary Daniels waved his hand to Mrs. Daniels and the other members of the party. The machine passed in full view of the crowd at the baseball game, it not being known, however, that the Secretary was a passenger.

After the descent Secretary Daniels expressed himself as delighted with his experience. He said that his overcoat had come in handy after reaching 500 feet in the air. Secretary Daniels said after the flight that the only hindrance to his complete enjoyment was the fact that he could not talk much. He had been warned of this, he said, by a congressman, and had retorted that it would be a good thing for all congressmen to go up in aeroplanes.

AMPUTATES HIS OWN FOOT.

Isaac Bassett Shows Himself To Be a Man Of Nerve.

Penn Yan, N. Y.—Isaac Bassett, of this county, is a man of nerve. Fearing he would die from gangrene, which originated in his large toe, Bassett amputated the diseased member last week with his pocket knife. This, however, did not arrest the process of the disease, so he cut off his foot with the same surgical instrument. Bassett is 75 years old. He lives in the extreme western part of the county, many miles from a physician.

LABOR LEADERS LOSE.

Refused Writ Of Error To Take Appeal To Supreme Court.

Washington.—The District Court of Appeals refused a writ of error by which attorneys for Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the labor leaders, wanted to carry an appeal from their conviction for contempt of court in the Bucks Stove and Range case to the Supreme Court of the United States. Attorneys for the three men will now ask the highest court to order the decision brought up for review.

HENRY M. FLAGLER DEAD.

Efforts To Keep Demise Secret—Had Spectacular Career.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—Henry M. Flagler, Standard Oil magnate and builder of the Florida East Coast Railway, died at his home here as the result of a fall down stairs several months ago. For several hours after his death an effort was made to withhold the fact. Flagler who was 83 years old, had been ill for months. His death has been expected hourly for the last eight weeks and the announcement was no surprise.

NEW BALKAN WAR CLOUD.

Servians and Greeks Ordered To Rejoin Their Regiments.

Geneva, Switzerland.—In view of a possible conflict against Serbia and Greece, a number of Bulgarian university student volunteers recently liberated from the army and including several officers, were ordered to rejoin their regiments. La Reue states that the Greek students belonging to the recruit class of 1914 living in Switzerland have been ordered to return to Greece to join the army.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Cherries will be scarce in many Berks county localities.

David Thomas, of Mahanoy City, has been named as an inspector of State roads.

The Catawauqua School Board has filled the vacancy in the high school principalship by the election of Gus E. Oswald, of Tamaqua.

F. H. Clement & Co., of Philadelphia, have received a \$250,000 contract to build a big extension to the Bethlehem Steel Company's pumping station.

Since the recent disastrous fire at Hackleberne, near Mauch Chunk, the citizens have taken steps to organize a fire company.

In an altercation which arose over a woman J. T. Ziegler, of Middleport, was attacked and stabbed by J. M. Moser.

Ground has been broken in Williamsport preparatory to the erection of a new high school building, which will cost a quarter of a million dollars.

Turned loose to graze, a horse belonging to Martin Cavizel, of Revere, fell into a well near the barn and was drowned.

The Quakers of Newtown gave their time-honored testimony against war, and quoted passages of Scripture to sustain their position.

At a meeting of Marshallton Grange there was lively discussion of question, "Is the telephone a luxury or necessity for the farmer?"

Former Recorder Burroughs Michener of Buckingham has been appointed a road inspector by the Highway Department.

Farmers of Solebury township have organized to build a telephone line to connect with the Buckingham exchange.

For exceeding the speed limits on the streets of West Chester, Seibert Seal, chauffeur of T. Larry Eyre, was fined \$5.

The Rev. George W. Styer, pastor of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Downingtown, has resigned to accept a call to a similar church at Gordon, Pa.

Frank Nothstein, of Weisport, has resigned as superintendent of Bowman's silk mill at Bowmanstown, and accepted a more lucrative position at Allentown.

A jury in Montgomery County Civil Court awarded to Ellis Ramsey \$125 damages for loss of his wife's services while suffering injuries by being tossed from the seat of a rapidly moving Reading Transit Company car when it struck a curve, and Mrs. Ramsey, the injured, was awarded \$75.

Dr. H. H. Oids, of Erie, wants the State Railroad Commission to tell him if it is a breach of the law for a transportation company to carry a doctor on a freight train to answer an emergency call. He was refused permission to ride in this manner from Erie to Corry.

On May 19, 1804, David Hennenberger, a pioneer organ builder of the Moravians, died in York. From the time he came to Leitz, in 1765, until his death he built organs for many Pennsylvania churches. While tuning an organ which he had built in the Lutheran Church in York he was stricken with paralysis and died a few days later. At his funeral services the last organ which he had built was played for the first time.

George Neff, of Rote, who is employed in the mines of the Lock Haven Fire Brick Company, at Scotocae, angled for trout in Scotocae Creek. His catch amounted to 30 fine specimens, but he landed an alligator that was an unusually large specimen. According to those noted for truth and veracity, this reptile measure 2 feet in length and was very active. When Mr. Neff landed the gator it made several vicious attempts to strike him, but he killed it with a stone.

Pittsburgh public school teachers must hereafter present health certificates.

Two bath houses have been completed by the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company at Shamokin, and are open for the use of the employees. The structures are equipped with modern bath accessories, and the men employed in the collieries will no longer have an excuse for returning home from work with faces blackened by coal dirt and hands soiled with grease and grime.