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HESSIAN FLY AS A CROP DESTROYER.

Timely Information Concerning the Hessian Fly Which is Liable to Destroy Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Worth of Wheat in This State This Fall and Next Summer, is Given by State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg.

The attention of farmers is called to the fact that the month of September is the proper time to look after practical measures for the control of the Hessian fly. This pest, although very small, is powerful in its influence. The female fly lays numerous small white eggs on the leaves of the volunteer or early sown grain, and as these eggs hatch the small white maggots or larvae crawl down between the sheath of the leaf and the base of the stalk. They stunt the growth of the wheat plant and make it look bluish-green in color. In fact these persons who believe that the Hessian fly makes the infested plant look yellow, or die and turn brown, are mistaken. Those plants that are attacked by this pest have a darker bluish-green color than those that are not so attacked. They may look very healthy, excepting for the fact that they make no growth.

Some persons have suggested pasturing the infested fields with cattle, or with sheep so that the tramping of the animals would crush the larvae. It has also been suggested to roll the fields with a roller, but neither of these suggestions is worth much toward destroying the pest. One cannot spray for the Hessian fly after it is beneath the sheath of the leaf, because it is there protected. One cannot crush it by rolling or tramping, because what would do this successfully would also crush the plant and grind it to pieces. In short, there is no method of attacking the larvae of the Hessian fly after it is once in the plant. Therefore, the best possible means of avoiding its damage must be in measures that will prevent its appearance in the wheat. The primary and most valuable means of all is to sow the wheat late. In the southern part of this State it should not be sown before the 25th of September. For each full degree of latitude northward it may be sown two days earlier, and for each five hundred feet of elevation it can be sown a day earlier in addition. Thus one can figure out the earliest possible date at which it is safe to sow to avoid damage by the Hessian fly, in accordance with the latitude and altitude. In general, and especially during this warm season, farmers should avoid sowing everywhere in this State this year until toward the end of the last full week in September.

There is another brood of the Hessian fly next summer, but the proper date of sowing is for the control of the fall brood, and at this time of the year no better means of its control is known than late sowing.

Many Requests For State Hunting Grounds

Daily requests for the privilege of camping on state land during hunting season are being received by the State Department of Forestry from every county in the Commonwealth, the greater percentage of these requests are accompanied by inquiries about the abundance of game in the various localities where state forest reservations exist. All of these letters are being handled as speedily as possible.

Last year more than 800 permits were issued for temporary camps, besides the more than 200 permanent camp sites which have been leased. Assuming that each camp harbored five persons, this would show more than 5,000 men and women accommodated on the state lands, while other data of the Forestry Department show that 20,000 hunters enjoyed themselves on the forestry reservations without camping over night.

Reports of state foresters bear out reports from other quarters that game is abundant, and forecast an exceptionally good hunting season, unless the fire season should be severe. Special precautions against fire are being taken and Forestry Commissioner Conklin hopes to keep this menace at a minimum.

State Dept. Listing Farms For Sale.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is now preparing a bulletin giving list of farms in Pennsylvania that are for sale. Anyone having a farm for sale, who is willing to dispose of it at a reasonable price, may receive aid by writing to the Secretary of Agriculture at once for a descriptive application blank, or report the same to G. L. Goodhart, crop correspondent for Potter township.

Sale of Cows at Spring Mills.

W. O. Gramley will sell two car loads of grade Holstein cows at Spring Mills, Saturday, October 2nd, the sale starting at 12:30 o'clock. One-half of the cows are fresh and the remainder will be in ten days. Among the lot are three thoroughbred heifers one and one-half years old. See poster.

The Pink Label appears this week.

Letter from Arkansas.

James J. Gramley, a native of Brush Valley and who now holds a position as bookkeeper for Pfeiffer Brothers, poultrymen, in Lancaster, Illinois, writes of a visit among relatives in Arkansas, as follows:

I came down here on the 3rd to visit my brother, Rev. A. J. Gramley, who is a Methodist minister. He lives just outside the city limits. He married a good Presbyterian lady a year ago who has considerable property and they are very comfortable.

Mena is situated in the Ozark mountains, about 1600 feet above sea level. It has a population of about 4,000 with many beautiful homes, fine business blocks, churches and school houses, hotels and restaurants, and a very pretty park in the center of the city. It is a summer resort, though many people are here in the winter.

Land, which is sandy with some flint, sells at from \$10 to \$50 per acre. Cotton has been the principal crop, though owing to the low price of cotton last year, there is less cotton raised this year and corn is raised instead. Winter oats is another crop raised here many of the farmers having already seeded their oats. During the winter they pasture it.

A Growing Menace.

The following is an after primary editorial reprinted from the Altoona Tribune. The Tribune editor is himself a strong advocate of temperance and has long practiced his preaching. Mr. Schwartz, a Methodist of the first rank, presents his subject in such a way that it will aid Centre county voters in forming their conclusions when entering the booth in November.

"The contest for judge of the courts in several counties of this state during the pre-primary period has been the most unpleasant feature of the year's political agitation. The legislature of Pennsylvania must either grant local option at its next session or create a license granting board in each county, thus taking away from the courts their existing authority over the license question.

"During the campaign which closed Tuesday fierce battles raged over the nomination for judge in Centre, Huntingdon, Jefferson and many other counties. The legal ability of the candidates for judge was not taken into consideration by the combatants. The all-absorbing question was: 'What will this man do with the applications for license in the event of his nomination and election?'

"We fear that in some instances the man who should be the judge of his district for the ensuing ten years was beaten by a far less competent rival. In a contest for the office of judge a certain sense of decorum obliges the worthy candidate to observe a becoming reticence not only concerning his personal qualifications but also about his probable action when a certain sort of case comes before him. But the other fellow has no such scruples.

"Granting a license or refusing to grant it is a judicial act. The court is supposed to be governed by the evidence under the law, just as it is in any other case coming before it. A decision cannot be rendered until the evidence has been heard. Hence the candidate for judge who definitely announces in his advertisements that he will grant licenses or refuse to grant licenses except in strict accordance with law demonstrates his unfitness for the place.

"Because of this fact the courts should have nothing whatever to do with the vexatious license problem. A special excise board should have the whole matter in charge. Unless this is done we are certain to witness the progressive degeneration of our courts. Lawyers are merely men. Some of them are very weak men. They are strongly tempted to cater to what is believed to be public sentiment and to definitely utter pledges that demonstrate the unjudicial character of their minds.

"It is well to remember that our courts are called upon to consider many other matters besides this problem of considering and granting or refusing applications for license. Matter of vital importance to suitors and frequently to the community come before the court every year. It should not be possible to handicap a good judge, one whose entire life record shows that he will do the right thing and therefore the lawful thing, by asking him to make promises he cannot make because he would regard them a flagrant violation of his judicial oath. It is not only a deadly insult to him but also a serious injury to the county, a degradation of its courts to the participation of an excited hour. Such a condition cannot long exist without permanently injuring our courts by placing at their heads men of inferior calibre."

The county commissioners are at work making the official count of the votes cast at last week's primaries.

A NIGGER IN THE COAL BIN

Pretty School-ma'am Finds Big Black Fellow When She Goes for Coal Early Friday Morning at Manor Hill.

To come upon a big burly negro at a place where her cries would fall to upon human ears because of the remoteness of the nearest farm house, was the unpleasant experience of Miss Mary Neff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Neff, of Tusseyville.

Miss Neff is the school teacher of the Manor Hill school in Potter township and on Friday morning started for her school at seven o'clock, an hour earlier than usual, because she desired to study her lessons on the teacher training course. As is the case with the teachers in the district schools she is the janitor as well as teacher and among her duties that of making the fire is one. Accordingly she started for the coal house where her eyes fell upon a dinner pail lying on the ground outside. This failed to arouse her suspicions, however, for she thought that that one of her scholars had left the pail on the ground the day before. The owner, however, was only a short distance off, and upon opening the door to the coal house she saw him—a big black fellow, as black as the hard anthracite coal she was after. He had cleaned out a corner of the bin and placed a number of murlin cement sacks which he found there, on the floor of the bin, spent the night there. Miss Neff was too frightened, she says, to emit a cry, and the negro apparently was in the same predicament for he merely stared at his early visitor in a blank manner. Miss Neff didn't wait for a "Good morning" but made post haste to her boarding place—the home of Alvin Stump—the nearest to the school house and several hundred yards distant, where she told of her discovery. The nigger in the coal bin beat a hasty retreat and was seen taking the road toward Centre Hall.

No Debt at Re-Dedication of Church.

Last Sunday St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Rebersburg was re-dedicated. Though the weather was somewhat unfavorable yet the audiences were good, and the services inspiring and uplifting. Rev. John A. Singmaster preached two excellent sermons, and was assisted by Rev. A. Stauter and Kessler. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Metzger, set apart the church for holy use, as found in the Lutheran church ritual. The manner in which the people met the indebtedness incurred through the rebuilding was gratifying to the pastor. The total expenses of repairs amounted to \$1924. A little more than \$1200 had been previously subscribed and the remaining indebtedness was fully met by subscription and cash on the day of re-dedication.

The repairs consisted of new pulpit furniture, new pews, and carpet. The whole interior of the Church—above and below—painted, and floor raised.

The congregation feels much encouraged in the marked success that crowned their efforts.

Campaign Against Contaminated Mattresses

An extended campaign to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases from the sale of contaminated mattresses is to be instituted in all sections of Pennsylvania by inspectors of the State Department of Labor and Industry.

Labor Commissioner John Price Jackson has issued instructions to the corps of inspectors to enforce rigidly in factories, cleaning establishments wholesale and retail stores, the provisions of the acts of legislature that place under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor and Industry the manufacture and renovator, sale or re-sale of all mattresses.

Complaints have been received that manufacturers in various parts of the state are using in the manufacture of cheaper grade mattresses, material which has not been sterilized and other material that is specifically forbidden. A re-sale of a mattress that has been used by a person having any infectious or contagious disease is forbidden and a re-sale of any mattress that has not been sterilized or disinfected is unlawful. The inspectors, so far as possible, will keep a check on the re-sale of all mattresses in bulk from hotels or lodging houses.

From the Millheim Journal.

Bricklayers on Monday afternoon started to build up the front and rear walls of the new moving picture theatre building.

One day last week a deal was consummated by which John W. Zrzyby, of near Farmers Mill, gains possession of the large farm he has tenanted for nearly eight years. The farm contains 215 acres of very fertile land and has two good dwelling houses, a large barn and all the necessary outbuildings. W. F. Smith of Millheim, who sold the farm to Mr. Zrzyby, realizes the sum of \$12,000.

DEATHS.

Mrs. A. A. Alexander died at her home, two miles west of Coburn, Saturday morning, after an illness which extended throughout the entire summer season. Her age was thirty-seven years and five months. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in the Paradise church and interment was made in the Union cemetery at Millheim, Rev. J. C. Price and Rev. W. H. Brown, of the Evangelical church, officiating. Mrs. Alexander before marriage was Katie Ellen Wingard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wingard, who survives her with three children; namely, Irene, Bertha and Benjamin C., all of Coburn. Also two brothers and one sister, namely, Wallace and Newton Wingard, of Penn township, and Mr. Allen Aumar, of Fiedler.

Arthur R. Rothrock, a well known resident of Pleasant Gap, and for many years a farmer of Spring township, died at his home in that place Monday afternoon of last week, following a lingering illness of a complication of disease. He was born on the old homestead at Nigh Bank, a son of Henry and Mary Rothrock, and at the time of his death was forty-nine years, two months and twenty-seven days old. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. McLouth, at Niagara Falls, July 4, 1898. She is left with one daughter, Lila May, at home. Mr. Rothrock retired from the farm last spring and has since conducted an extensive bakery business in Pleasant Gap. His mother is also left, with three brothers: George, Alexander and James Rothrock.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Pleasant Gap Thursday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Yocum and Rev. McKechney. Burial was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

After an illness of but one day with diphtheria, Earl Gilmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Briar, of Spring Mills, died early Saturday morning. Owing to the nature of the disease a private burial was held in the afternoon of the same day. The boy's age was five years, one month and eighteen days. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers.

Barn Struck by Lightning.

Tuesday morning of last week, at two o'clock, during a severe electrical storm, lightning struck the barn owned by W. A. Ferre of Oak Hall, and rented by Orrie Houtz, burning it to the ground. Mr. Houtz succeeded in getting the horse, hogs and chickens to a place of safety in time, but a buggy and a few other articles were consumed, entailing a loss of \$30 to Mr. Houtz and \$150 to Mr. Ferre, the latter loss covered by insurance. The tenant house was also struck during the storm, the bolt striking the roof and passing down alongside of the house, tearing off a weatherboard, burning a hole through the wall into a bedroom, and splintering a screen door in its descent to the ground.

Milroy Man a Suicide.

Using a 44-calibre Winchester rifle, Andrew F. McClintic of Milroy, tore a gaping hole under his jaw while lying in bed Sunday morning, death resulting that night. The man had been melancholy for some time over the fear that a growth on his neck would develop into cancer.

Deceased was aged fifty-eight years and was a brother of the late Mr. McClintic of Farmers Mills. He was one of Milroy's most prominent business men and was identified with the Odd Fellow and Masonic fraternities. His wife survives him.

Will Install I. O. O. F. Officers.

The newly elected officers of Centre Hall Lodge, No. 895, I. O. O. F., will be installed on Saturday evening. District Deputy Grand Master Edward Owen, of Bellefonte, will be the installing officer. A good attendance of the members is requested.

A Daughter is Born.

A bright little daughter came to bring sunshine into the home of Prof. and Mrs. William Heckman, on Friday evening. It is the first child and naturally the genial principal of the borough schools is smiling a trifle more radiantly than under ordinary circumstances. Congratulations.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Malinda Rice, at Bellefonte, of cancer of the stomach, aged sixty-three years.

Miss Florence Lucas of Runville died at the Bellefonte hospital Monday of last week as a result of burns sustained a few days previous. Her age was twenty-five years.

Coal bins are being filled for the long winter just ahead.

NEWS OF 1882.

Notes Taken From Files of The Centre Reporter of Thirty-three Years Ago.

January 12th.—Dr. and M. M. Musser have bought John Ziegler's woods, near Aaronsburg, and Frank Weaver has bought a tract of 30 acres of Jacob Neidigh, in Pine Creek hollow; these parties are going into the lumber business.

One night last week a pony of Jerry Miller's got out of the stable. While running it fell on the frozen ground and cut a gash in the right shoulder several inches in length.

The hotel property at Woodward was purchased by Charles Hosterman, for \$2,000, which includes some lots.

Married.—On 8th inst., by Rev. W. E. Fischer, George Ishler and Myra C. Colyer, both of Tusseyville. On Dec. 22nd, by Rev. Fischer, James Smith of near Centre Hall and Maggie E. Carson of Centre Hill.

Died.—On Saturday night, 7th, at Old Fort, Mrs. Rebecca M., widow of David Brisbin, aged 65 years.

Anti-Suffrage Woman to Speak.

Under the auspices of the local anti-suffrage organization, Mrs. O. D. Oliphant of Clinton, N. J., will speak in the court house, Tuesday evening of next week. No admission charged and no collection lifted. Mrs. Oliphant is one of the best platform speakers the "antis" have on their list.

Tuberculosis Week in December.

Plans for a national Medical Examination day, a Children's Health Crusade day and a Tuberculosis Sunday, all to be held in Tuberculosis week, December 6 to 12, were announced last week by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Medical examination is set for Wednesday, December 8, and will be the first effort on a national scale to urge an annual physical examination for everyone. Plans for the day include an appeal to induce everyone, sick and well, to see a doctor and learn whether they are in good physical condition. The scheme includes also the inauguration on the part of factories, stores and offices of an annual physical examination for all employees. Thousands of anti-tuberculosis associations all over the country are expected to cooperate in furnishing free examination for those not able to pay a physician.

Children's Health Crusade day on Friday, December 10, is planned to interest and instruct school children in healthful living. Special exercises will be held at which lectures, essays and playlets will be given on the subject of health. This will also be the occasion for launching the Red Cross Christmas seal sale in the schools.

The culmination of the campaign will be the sixth annual celebration of Tuberculosis Sunday. Last year on Tuberculosis day over 100,000 churches gave attention to the subject of tuberculosis by sermons, talks and announcements. The governors of all of the states will be asked to issue proclamations, calling attention to the importance of increasing the knowledge of the public on how to avoid consumption. Clubs, lodges and societies will also be asked to consider the subject at a meeting either on Tuberculosis Sunday or some other day of Tuberculosis week.

Swabb Child Victim of Whooping Cough.

Friday afternoon, Naomi Pauline, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Swabb, who tenant the A. B. Lee farm near Penns Cave Station, died of a short illness of whooping cough and cholera infantum. The age of the little one was eight months and ten days. Funeral services were held Sunday morning in the United Evangelical church at Tusseyville and burial in the cemetery at that place, Rev. F. H. Foss officiating.

40 Cows Average \$89.50.

W. O. Gramley of Spring Mills held a sale of fine Holstein cows Wednesday of last week that was well attended. Forty cows sold for an average price of \$89.50. Owing to a delay in shipping the cows failed to reach Spring Mills until late in the afternoon of the day of sale, making it necessary to sell them direct from the sale. Because of this fact Mr. Gramley lost several hundred dollars on the sale.

Child Victim of Whooping Cough.

Again has a home been invaded by the death angel and a bright little child taken as a result of whooping cough, a disease that has been exacting a heavy toll the past few months in and about Pleasant Gap. Thursday of last week Wallace Paul Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Noll of Giltown, died at the age of four months and fourteen days. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday, immediately following in the cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

October is right around the corner. Ed. L. Bartholomew of Altoona spent Thursday with relatives in Centre Hall.

Messrs. B. D. Brisbin and F. V. Goodhart are doing jury service at the county capital this week.

Rev. and Mrs. B. R. Jones attended the district Sabbath-school convention at Pine Grove Mills, Thursday.

Mrs. Orris McCormick of Spring Mills is taking care of Mrs. William Heckman during the latter's illness.

Ralph Lee of Harrisburg returned to his home on Saturday after spending a short time at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Goodhart, at Centre Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tassergsen of Corry and Mrs. Harry Garret of Bellefonte spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Colyer.

Harry Igen of Farmers Mills and B. F. Hackenberg of Spring Mills joined the army of auto owners last week, each having purchased a Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington and two daughters spent Sunday at the home of the former's father, Frank Pennington, at Centre Furnace.

An auto party composed of Messrs. Richard Brooks, J. J. Arney, P. H. Meyer, G. H. Emerick and Henry Gingerich attended the Allentown fair last week.

Miss Isabel Rowe left on Saturday for South Bethlehem where she has accepted the position of primary school teacher in that booming city. The school has a ten months' term.

Miss Mary Dinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Dinger, of this place, left on Friday morning for Clearfield where she will enter the Clearfield hospital and take the three-year course in nurse training.

The mortality during the epidemic of whooping cough among children in and about Pleasant Gap has been so high that the quarantine law is being enforced. For the past month the death rate has averaged a child a week.

Mrs. J. W. Evans of White, Minnesota, was recently operated on at the Rochester (Minnesota) hospital for a goiter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Goodhart of Centre Hall, and news to that was to the effect that she is doing nicely.

Julian A. Fleming returned on Friday from New York state where he spent four weeks visiting relatives and the scenes of his youth. Mr. Fleming attended several county fairs during his absence and also visited the town of West Franklin where he went to school when a boy.

Mrs. Ed. L. Bartholomew and daughter, after spending several months at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Kennedy, returned to her home in Altoona. Accompanying them were Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew and daughters Margaret and Elizabeth, who returned home on Sunday.

While on his way to State College in company with several others to visit his son Harvey, a student in the institution at that place, Frank C. Bowman of Williamsport was stricken with heart disease in the automobile in which he was traveling and died upon reaching the home of a physician in Lock Haven. He was seventy-two years of age.

The Pennsylvania State College opened the year with record breaking attendance. There are 3,500 registered in all courses, which is an increase of 550 over last year. The freshman class has been limited to 600 owing to lack of building accommodations, more than 200 applicants having been rejected. Fifty-six new teachers have been added to the faculty.

Charles J. Witmer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Witmer, of Bellefonte, was so badly injured in a fall from a box car Tuesday night of last week that he died in the Greensburg hospital the next morning. Witmer was a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad running between Altoona and Pitscurn and fell from the car when in the dark he failed to see that it was not equipped with the ladder. The unfortunate man was thirty years of age. Burial was made at Bellefonte on Friday.

Mrs. W. V. Godshall and daughter, who spent several months the past summer with friends and relatives near Millheim and in this place, are now located in their new home in Moundsville, West Virginia, where Prof. Godshall is principal of the high school in that place. A card from Mrs. Godshall says, "The girls both go to high school and Mr. Godshall is pleased with his position. There are 800 pupils in the high school. We find things differ in every state; the houses here are all heated with gas."