

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Some damage is reported to the wheat in Washington county by the rust.

The Hessian fly made its appearance in York county in wheat that was sown very late in the fall.

Pennsylvania with its banner crop of 2,044,000 bushels last year ranked thirteenth among the States in the production of peaches.

Lancaster county farmers report grass as making a wonderful growth, and many are looking for a second hay crop nearly equal to the first.

Oats has made a wonderful improvement during the month and present reports indicate a greatly improved estimate of yield over a month ago.

Reports of splendid wheat yields in all parts of the State would indicate that last year's average yield of 19 bushels to an acre would be improved upon this season.

A farmer in Crawford county writes the Department of Agriculture that he cut eleven large wagon loads of hay from a two and a half acre field that a year ago yielded but nine wagon loads.

Only Five Counties Fall Below Hay Average

The immense hay crop which has been harvested in the State shows that only five counties have failed to grow more than the average amount of hay. The percentage of an average in the State according to statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture was 106 per cent.

Some of the banner counties were: Carbon, 110 per cent.; Centre, 118; Clearfield, 114; Clinton, 112; Elk, 110; Erie, 112; Armstrong, 112; Berks, 110; Bradford, 115; Butler, 112; Lawrence, 110; Mercer, 112; Susquehanna, 113; Venango, 110, and Wyoming, 112. The counties showing below the average are Greene, 95; Juniata, 92; Montour, 96; Northampton, 98; Northumberland, 99, and Snyder, 99.

State Treasury Running Low.

Because of the prodigal methods used by recent legislatures the balance in the state treasury is now shorter than it has been for many years and requisitions for more than \$500,000, made by heads of departments of the state government, have been held up by State Treasurer Young.

The state must meet more than \$300,000 of pay roll next Tuesday and must keep intact the appropriation for emergency use by the militia. This sum before the troops were called out on strike duty at Pittsburgh and to the Mexican border was \$500,000, but there still remains \$350,000.

The disbursements last month were \$1,000,000 more than the receipts and it was stated yesterday that there had been no gain and that until money commenced to come in from state taxes strict economy must be practiced.

Millheim.

Painters are at work on the exterior of the Methodist church.

P. P. Litzell is making preparation for a concrete walk on Water Street.

Monday F. C. Ulrich made a business trip to Lock Haven.

Mrs. William Kreamer, of Lock Haven, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Anna Rishell spent the past week with H. F. McManaway and family at Bellefonte.

J. A. Shull and family, of Clearfield, are here for a few weeks at the home of the former's parents.

Miss Mildred Schriest, of Johnsbury, is spending a few weeks at the home of her uncle, George Schriest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Muser, of Bellefonte, and Byron Muser, of Sunbury, spent Sunday under the parental roof.

Miss Ferna Hoover, a trained nurse employed in the Altoona hospital, is visiting with Dr. J. R. G. Allison and family, at the hotel.

L. E. Auman purchased a small tract of land from Emanuel Weitzel, adjoining J. Spigelmeier's quarry, and is breaking ground for a new barn on same.

Wheat fields which several weeks ago presented a vivid mass of golden grain have surrendered their beauty in favor of the stubbles, and in many places the threshers are shelling out the grain.

A meeting was called on Friday evening by the officers and committeemen of the annual picnic to be held in Dr. G. E. Frank's grove, for the purpose of arranging the amusements for the day. We extend a cordial invitation to the neighboring towns and everyone far and near to come and join us on Thursday, August 10th.

Georges Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Haugh, of Hebersburg, spent Sunday at the home of H. A. Haugh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gobble visited at the Henry Moyer home near Tusseyville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerick and daughter, Irlene, spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Lingie.

The stork visited the home of J. B. Ripka on Saturday and left a ten-lb. boy. Mrs. Susan Davis is helping to care for the little stranger.

What We Know And Do Not Know About Infantile Paralysis

By SAMUEL G. DIXON, M. D.
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WITH the history of the world's workers on Poliomyelitis and the results of our own work before us we have to acknowledge that THE GERM OF THIS DISEASE HAS NOT BEEN FOUND, and further, that we do not know how the disease is communicated from one person to another.

There is no medicine or specific that will prevent it or cure it. DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD! Avoid patent medicines—they do harm. Call in your family physician if you get sick; he will not tell you he has a remedy that is a sure cure, and any one who does, lies. Long attentive treatment under a good doctor of medicine, and helped if possible by a good nurse, will in many cases bring the child back to health.

There is not as much paralysis as commonly believed. The reports of the outbreak in New York seem to establish this. On the 13th of July New York reported 1,600 cases of Poliomyelitis, but only 403 of paralysis. Until we know more about that which produces the disease and how it is communicated from one person to another we, with our present knowledge, STRENUOUSLY RECOMMEND the following precautions:

All excepting the doctor and the one nursing the person sick of the disease must keep out of the room set aside for the patient. If possible keep children out of the neighborhood in which the disease prevails.

Keep all insects out of houses, particularly flies. GUARD FOOD STUFFS FROM FLIES. Flies may carry the disease.

Feed children on cooked food as much as possible.

See that the outside of bread or biscuits is kept clean and away from flies. Wagons, trucks, etc., carrying bread should not be kept in horse stables.

Screen your houses and baby coaches or cribs or beds when the house is not fully screened.

The Department has literature on this subject which you can get upon written request.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS IN CONSTANT WARFARE TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM DISEASE. TO ACCOMPLISH THE BEST RESULTS WE MUST NOT ONLY HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR PEOPLE BUT INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC CO-OPERATION.

July 29, 1916.

Most Enforce Dog Laws.

Many complaints of the killing of sheep and other domestic animals by dogs which run at large, have reached the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the State Game Commission. The non-enforcement of the laws for the assessment, licensing and killing of dogs by some counties has also been brought to the attention of the State officials, and the Attorney General's Department at the request of Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton and Secretary of the Game Commission, Dr. Joseph Kalbfus has issued a pamphlet on the laws relating to the subject.

Deputy Attorney General, Horace W. Davis, says:

"This Department has, in the past several months, received frequent communications from you in reference to the various General and Special Acts of Assembly relating to the taxation of dogs and the protection of sheep and certain other domestic animals. From your communications, it appears that some counties claim to be governed by the Special statutes, while others claim that the provisions of the General law are inconsistent, partly unconstitutional, and as a whole unintelligible, and that based upon such claims, the local officers are neglecting or refusing to collect the dog tax or to enforce any of the provisions of the General Law.

"You have also reported to us instances where, without giving any reasons, the local officers are doing nothing to destroy dogs upon which tax is not paid.

"As the only proper solution of this matter, this department has prepared a compilation and consolidation of the present General Acts relating to this subject, which will be furnished you for distribution to those interested. In making this compilation, numerous portions of the present law have been omitted as having been either directly or implied repealed or being invalid by reason of their unconstitutionality, or for other reasons.

"The result has been the production of an intelligible system, the provisions of which are valid, subsisting and constitutional.

"I have also to advise you that the law, as set forth, supersedes all Special Acts claimed to be in force in any counties of the State."

Extension of Rural Mail Service.

Under the present administration the rural mail services has been very much extended, serving fully two and one-half million patrons more than before Barless became postmaster general. This was done by extending the service in ten thousand localities.

For twenty years there had been no readjustment of a vast amount of rural service. It was allowed to remain ex-

actly as experimentally established. Consequently all sorts of special privilege had crept in and was found existing, such as double daily service to favored localities, unnecessary retraces to one family and not to all, duplication of travel by two or more carriers over a single highway, only one of whom performed service thereon, and many other similar forms of waste and extravagance.

The introduction of any measure so nearly allied to the people and whose growth has been so surprisingly rapid must naturally be attended with more or less imperfection, which only practical inquiry into operation could fully disclose. If this practical inquiry, carefully made, developed irregularities which needed correction and the application of the just and equitable rules of proper administration, temporarily inconvenienced some and perhaps gave rise to criticism in others, it was but an incident to all reformatory processes and could be expected to disappear when the wider benefits sought and the greater advantages to be obtained made the object and the purpose clear and justified the wisdom of the action taken. For instance, if, by the change of conveyance and the rearrangement of routes, more and better service could be given, should it not be done? Whenever and wherever such changes have been made it has been found possible to extend service to additional patrons heretofore denied this accommodation—from 500 to 1,000 in number. Surely the slight delay it might occasion to one or several patrons should meet with little or no objection when it was shown that this had been the means of obliging many others with at least a single delivery who previously had none whatever.

In the nature of things, the great desire of the people to obtain a benefit which the Government could provide and the willing ness of the Government to give it and give it rapidly, conditions would develop which demanded both attention and consideration. If, therefore, it became evident in operation that, by careful inquiry more could be accomplished than was being rendered, it was clearly the duty of those in control to investigate conditions with a view to possible betterment. "It is the greatest good to the greatest number" must ever be the motto of the wise and successful administration, and officials can only hope to win public approval when such motto governs their administrative acts.

At the close of business June 30, 1915, the service in operation from 18,813 post offices throughout the country, 48,577 first routes. Up to and including June 30, 1915, 23,080 post offices were discontinued on account of the establishment of rural delivery, representing a saving to the postal service of \$1,413,000 per annum and also a saving of \$3,482,000 on account of the discontinuance of star-route service,

DIRTY BREAD.

Little Talks on Health & Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., L. L. D., Commissioner of Health.

Even should the process of making and baking of bread be sanitary, the loaves are often far from being clean when they reach the consumer. It is frequently loaded into containers for the delivery wagon by hands that have just swept the stable, curried and harnessed the horse.

Enroute the driver may divide his time between the dexterous handling of the dirty reins or the smoking of a pipe or cigarette. The contents of his wagon he delivers from house to house and from shop to shop with hands besmeared with dirt from the stable, horse, harness and mud or dust from the road.

If he cannot carry enough bread in his germ laden hands he takes a loaf under each arm. The bread that is delivered to the corner grocer may pass through two or three sets of hands before it reaches the children's mouths.

If a servant were to stick a finger in a dish that was being served you would vehemently protest but ten times the carelessness in the handling of your family's bread supply is passed without thought. If you have any doubts as to the accuracy of the observations noted above, make some of your own and imagine the danger of the transmission of disease.

No other food is more subject to contamination from handling than the "staff of life."

Three Days of Horse Racing.

Harness racing will be resumed in Central Pennsylvania this month and will be continued until the last of September. It indicates that there is a desire by horse lovers to enjoy the "sport of kings" and that the automobile has not yet supplanted the thoroughbred. Its revival will tend to increase the interest in "preparation in the breeding of horses."

Racing will be inaugurated on the Coal, Iron and Oil Circuit and the inaugural meet will be held in Altoona, August 9, 10, and 11 with purses aggregating \$3,300 hung up. The program will be one of eleven events stretched over the three days. It is expected that the field of entries will number 100 or more horses, including some of the best travelers over the twice-around tracks in the eastern country. The meet will be held under the auspices of the Blair County Road Drivers' Association, which has just completed improvements to the track costing several thousand dollars. One of the innovations is a sprinkler system, the pipe line of which forms part of the inside fence of the track. New stables, fences and entrances with improvements to the club house have just been completed.

The program follows: Wednesday, August 9—2:30 pace or 2:25 trot, 2:14 pace or 2:10 trot, 2:30 trot. Thursday, August 10—2:19 trot, 2:23 pace, 2:17 pace or 2:13 trot. Friday, August 11—2:20 pace or 2:15 trot, free-for-all, 2:16 trot, 2:11 pace. All purses \$300.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Martha Kerstetter et al to Sales Hassinger, tract of land in Penn Twp. \$50.

Annie E. Miller, et al to A. L. Auman et al, tract of land in Haines Twp. \$40.

Adam J. Gutshell et ux to A. L. Auman et al, tract of land in Haines Twp. \$100.

W. D. Z-rby et ux to A. L. Auman, tract of land in Penn Twp. \$25.

Ernest P. Bierly to W. R. Bierly, tract of land in Miles Twp. \$100.

Ervin E. Zettler et ux to Arab W. Zettler, tract of land in Spring Twp. \$50.

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