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Somebody wants those very things which have become of no use to you. Why not try to find that somebody by putting a want advertisement in THIS NEWSPAPER?

**SAYS FEE SYSTEM IS DISGRACEFUL**

Representative J. F. Woodward Astonished to Find It Prevails in Ten Counties

**WILL ATTEMPT TO STOP IT**

Under This Plan a Sheriff or Warden Who is in Charge of a County Prison is Allowed a Certain Amount for Feeding Prisoners.

—Harrisburg.  
"The fee system is a disgraceful form of graft and should be abolished entirely and immediately," said Representative James F. Woodward, chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

"I had been under the impression," he said, "that the fee system had been eliminated long ago in Pennsylvania, and I was amazed to find that it still prevails in ten counties of this Commonwealth. I shall do all in my power to have it done away with."

Under the "fee" system a Sheriff, or warden who is in charge of a county prison is allowed a certain amount by the county for feeding the prisoners. The average daily amount allowed for each inmate of the Pennsylvania jails which retain the fee system is thirty-three cents. But the amount actually spent by the Sheriff or warden in no case, it is alleged, exceeds ten cents a day, and is usually much less, running as low as six cents. The quantity or quality of food to sustain a human being for twenty-four hours that can be bought for six cents can be readily imagined. Prisoners are complaining that they are being starved. Some who have been interviewed have lost heavily in weight as a result of the system.

The fee system permits the Sheriff to have as his own the difference between the thirty-three cents a day and the amount he actually spends for the prisoners' food. Thus Sheriffs get rich at the expense of their wards. It is estimated by the Pennsylvania Prison Society that the ten sheriffs or wardens of the "fee" system prisons in Pennsylvania reap a harvest of \$41,000 annually from feeding their prisoners. They receive other fees and are compelled by law to recognize the feeding of their prisoners as one of their means of "livelihood." The county generally provides them with specious quarters in the jails, where they live with their families.

The ten counties retaining the "fee" system are Bucks, York, Erie, Lycoming, Washington, Blair, Franklin, Lawrence, Mercer and Northumberland.

Representative Woodward did not restrain his indignation that the "fee" system should still be in vogue in Pennsylvania.

"I do not favor high-class hotel menus for county prisons. I think, so long as prisoners are given wholesome food and enough of it to keep them in health, that they are getting all they deserve. But I am absolutely opposed to a system by which sheriffs or wardens take advantage of them and make a living by taking part of the money the county appropriates to feed the prisoners. It is contemptible. If the county thinks well enough of prisoners to give thirty-three cents a day for their keep, then they should get thirty-three cents' worth of food. Personally, I am sure that the abolition of the fee system and the purchasing of food by contract would result in a saving to the county and an improvement in the fare of the prisoner.

Chairman Woodward is opposed, however, to the Heas bill by which it is proposed to establish six industrial prison farms in this State. He was opposed to the saddling of any more institutions upon the State. He is in favor, however, of any measures looking toward the employment of prisoners in county jails. Mr. Woodward's position with regard to the expenditure of State money to build prison farms will very likely be upheld. It is expected that a bill abolishing the "fee" system in county prisons and certain other forms of abuse will be introduced into the Legislature at an early date.

**Gretna May Get \$160,000.**  
Plans whereby an appropriation of \$160,000 made for the encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania last year, but used because of the Guardsmen being called into Federal service, can be reappropriated to make Mt. Gretna one of the finest camps in the country will be worked out by Governor Brumbaugh and chairman of the Legislative Appropriation Committee.

**Democrats Demand Report.**  
Democrats in the Legislature demand a report from the Economy and Efficiency Commission upon the need for and the services of the 208 attaches of the Senate and House representatives who are drawing in salaries a total of \$35,652.57 a month. It is charged that there is little or no necessity for the employment of most of these men, and that in the case of some of them they do not even come to Harrisburg except when the time rolls around to collect their "pay" from the State Treasurer.

**PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS**

Mr. Pickering, Bucks, introduced a bill in the House providing that the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings shall act with the State of New Jersey in acquiring and maintaining toll bridges across the Delaware.

Plans for energetic presentation of the local option issue to the voters of the State were made at the annual meeting of the Local Option Committee of Pennsylvania.

The Public Service Commission handed down a decision that the rule of the Pennsylvania Railroad to have a new tariff for coal apply only to shippers loading from tipples was discriminatory against those loading cars from wagons.

A jury before Judge Barrat, in Court of Common Pleas, at Philadelphia, rendered a verdict of \$7,500 for Annie J. Sgier and \$3,500 for Martin J. Sgier, her husband, in their suit against the Reading Railway Company to recover damage for injuries received by Mrs. Sgier.

More than 600 miners employed by the Northwestern Mining & Exchange Company at Du Bois, who were on strike since last week, have returned to work.

George R. Woodington, of No. 2448 North Eighteenth street, Philadelphia, passenger engineer on the Reading Railway, was squeezed to death in the yards at South Bethlehem, between his locomotive and a car.

It was again reported that the Champ Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia, proposes building a drydock 1200 feet long on the southern end of Petty's Island, recently purchased by the shipbuilding company.

A victim of illuminating gas, Mrs. Hannah Howard, 63 years old, was found dead in her bed at Philadelphia. Bertha Howard, a granddaughter, 15 years old, was unconscious, but was resuscitated. A canary bird in a cage was also found dead.

State Game Protector Charles F. Fenstermacher, of Reading, has released a number of rabbits at White Baer and Geiger's Mills.

Detected while entering the house of Howard Wagner in Royersford, Newton Township, a negro, was arrested, after he had run as far as Linfield.

A jury of view has recommended the abandoning of Yost road in Pottstown to provide yard space for the new plant of the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company, and in opening a new road the jury allows Joseph Wells \$1000 damage.

E. S. Gehman & Son will erect a hosiery mill at Bally.

George Rohrbach, of Macungie, has trapped a pure white weasel.

Berks county has 34,757 industrial wage workers, of whom 10,540 are women.

Carpenters in the Perkiomen Valley have advanced their charges 2 1/2 cents, and will receive 39 cents an hour.

The Commercial Building, Pottstown, has been sold to Grant Council, Order of Independent Americans, for \$22,000.

Kirklyn folk will erect their own trolley shelter, at a cost of \$300.

The Ashbourne Improvement Association is developing a campaign to procure needed community betterments.

Highland Park school will get a new flagpole and a large American flag through the combined efforts of the Kirklyn Civic Association and the Highland Park Improvement Association.

School officials of Morrisville have declared war on cigarettes, and sales to any student will be followed by prosecution.

The Women's Civic Club of North Wales is developing "home gardening" on vacant lots.

Twenty-three converts of the Church of the Brethren were immersed in a creek near Myerstown.

Western Maryland brakeman John M. Hull was killed by accident in the Rutherford yards.

An average of one man a day has been maintained at the recruiting office opened in Altoona two months ago for the regular army.

In the recent sleighing period 200,000 cords of wood were handled from forests to chemical plants in McKean, Elk, Forest and Warren counties.

The Rev. M. N. George, pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Mahanoy City, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Salem Reformed Church, Lafayette, Ind.

Struck by the falling side of a steel tank car at the American Car and Foundry Company's Milton plant, Matthew Irvin received injuries from which he died.

Compensation Referee Jacob Snyder has awarded E. R. Stratford, of Mt. Union, compensation at \$10 a week for 125 weeks for burns in a Mt. Union powder explosion.

F. H. Beltz has started a cigar factory in Lederach.

Under the influence of drink, L. Clair Stewart, a heater employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, returned to his home in Juniata, drove his wife and mother-in-law out and then stood in front of a mirror and blew out his brains with a revolver.

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**THE MARKETS**

**NEW YORK.**—Wheat—No. 2 hard, \$2.06; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$2.18; No. 1 Northern Manitoba, \$2.21 f o b New York.  
Corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.22 1/4 c i f New York.  
Oats—Standard, 75 1/2 c.  
Butter—Creamery, higher than extra, 41 1/4 @ 42 1/4 c; extras (92 score), 41 @ 41 1/4 c; first, 38 @ 40 1/4 c; seconds, 35 @ 37 1/4 c.  
Eggs—Fresh-gathered, extra fine, 29 @ 29 1/2 c; extra firsts, 28 1/2 @ 28 3/4 c; firsts, 28 @ 28 1/2 c; seconds and lower grades, 26 1/2 @ 27 1/2 c; nearby henry white, fine to fancy, 32 @ 34 c; do, brown and mixed colors, 28 @ 29 c.  
Cheese—State, whole milk flats, held special, 27 1/4 @ 27 1/2 c; do, average fancy, 26 1/2 @ 27 c.  
Poultry—Alive fowls, 23 @ 24 1/2 c; chickens, 20c; turkeys, 25c; dressed chickens, 18 @ 29c; fowls, 17 1/2 @ 23 1/2 c; turkeys, 18 @ 31c.

**BALTIMORE.**—Wheat—Steamer No. 2 red, spot, \$1.81 1/2, and steamer No. 2 red Western at \$1.85 1/2.  
Corn—Spot mixed corn, \$1.15 1/2 nominal; March, \$1.15 1/2 nominal; April, \$1.15 1/2 nominal.  
Oats—Standard white, 75c; No. 3 white, 74 @ 74 1/2 c.  
Rye—No. 2 Western, \$1.67; No. 3 do, \$1.63 @ 1.64; No. 4 do, \$1.62 @ 1.63; bag lots, as to quality and condition, \$1.30 @ 1.50.  
Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$18.50; No. 2 do, \$17 @ 17.50; No. 3 do, \$14 @ 16; light clover mixed, \$16.50 @ 17; No. 1 do, do, \$16; No. 2 do, do, \$13 @ 15; No. 1 clover, \$15 @ 15.50; No. 2 do, \$13 @ 14.50; No. 3 do, \$8 @ 10.  
Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$14 @ 14.50; No. 2 do, do, \$13 @ 13.50; No. 1 tangled do, \$10 @ 11; No. 2 do, do, \$9.50 @ 10; No. 1 wheat, \$8.50 @ 9; No. 2 wheat, \$8 @ 8.50; No. 1 oat, \$9.50; No. 2 do, \$8.50 @ 9.  
Butter—Creamery, fancy, 41 @ 42c; do, choice, 39 @ 40; do, good, 37 @ 38; do, prints, 42 @ 43; do, blocks, 40 @ 42; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 27 @ 28; Ohio rolls, 26 @ 27; West Virginia rolls, 24 @ 27; storepacked, 26; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 27 @ 28.  
Cheese—We quote, jobbing lots, per lb: Flats, 28 1/2 c; dairy, 29.  
Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, 25 @ 26c; Western, 25 @ 26; West Virginia, 25; Southern, 24; duck eggs, nearby, 36.  
Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, 4 lbs and over, 23 @ 24c; do, do, small to medium, 23 @ 24; do, do, white leg-horns, 22 @ 23; old roosters, 13 @ 14; winter, 2 lbs and under, 26 @ 28; young, large, smooth, fat, 23 @ 25; do, poor, rough and stagg, 20 @ 21. Ducks—Young, Pekings, 3 1/2 lbs and over, 22 @ 23; do, puddle, do, do, 21 @ 22; do, muscovy, do, do, do, 21 @ 22; smaller, do, 20. Turkeys—Hens, 25c; young gobblers, 26; old toms, 24; poor and crooked breast, 20 @ 21. Pigeons—Young, per pair, 35c; old, 35. Guinea fowl, as to size, each, 35 @ 45.  
Dressed Hogs—Choice light weights, 15 1/2 c; do, medium weights, 14 1/2 @ 15; do, heavy weights, 13 1/2 @ 14; do, stags and sows, 12; boars and rough stock, 11.

**CHICAGO.**—Hogs—Bulk, \$14.55 @ 14.85; light, \$14 @ 14.80; mixed, \$14.25 @ 14.90; heavy, \$14.30 @ 14.90; rough, \$14.30 @ 14.45; pigs, \$10.75 @ 13.20.  
Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$9 @ 12.65; stockers and feeders, \$6.80 @ 9.75; cows and heifers, \$5.80 @ 10.75; calves, \$9.75 @ 13.00.  
Sheep—Wethers, \$11 @ 12.50; ewes, \$8.75 @ 12.25; lambs, \$12.35 @ 14.85.  
**PITTSBURGH.**—Cattle—Choice, \$10.50 @ 11.25; prime, \$11.35 @ 11.75.  
Sheep—Prime wethers, \$11.50 @ 12; culls and common, \$5 @ 6.50; lambs, \$11 @ 15; veal calves, \$14 @ 15.50.  
Hogs—Prime heavies, \$15 @ 15.10; mediums, \$14.90 @ 15; heavy Yorkers, \$14.50 @ 14.80; light Yorkers, \$13.50 @ 13.75; pigs, \$12 @ 12.25; roughs, \$13 @ 13.75.

**TOLD IN SHORT ORDER.**

The Czar of Russia is a timber merchant.  
If milk be used to soften shoe polish it will improve the gloss.  
The normal population of Paris is about 115 to the acre to 50 in London.  
Motor-driven windlasses have been designed for raising circus tent poles.  
A California inventor has patented a pan that can be attached to any broom to catch its sweepings.  
A recently patented baggage carrier for automobiles is intended to be fastened over the hood of a car.  
Vacuum cleaners have been designed especially for cleaning school blackboards.  
Seventy per cent of the world's cork supply is said to be produced in Spain and Portugal.  
After the United States, Germany and France are the largest producers of iron ore among the nations.  
Leather waste is an important ingredient of the best grade of wall paper.  
Out of a total world production in 1915 of 150,000 tons of rubber, Brazil contributed 35,000 tons, or about 23 per cent.

**Live Stock**

**KANSAS CITY.**—Hogs—Bulk, \$14.35 @ 14.75; heavy, \$14.70 @ 14.80; packers and butchers', \$14.25 @ 14.70; light, \$14 @ 14.40; pigs, \$10 @ 12.75.  
Cattle—Prime fed steers, \$11.50 @ 12.25; dressed beef steers, \$10.50 @