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Pennsylvania Wheat Crop.

THE OUTLOOK FOR A SPLENDID HARVEST... THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FARMERS IN ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

The April statement of the condition of the crops has been completed at the Agricultural Department.

Lehigh—Wheat looks pale in some localities and badly winter killed. Rye appears remarkably well.

Camden—Winter wheat and rye in good condition.

Delaware—Wheat and rye at present are in unusually healthy appearance.

Indiana—Wheat and rye promises unusually well. The most trying time on our winter grain is from the 20th of March to the 20th of April.

Perry—Plenty of wheat on the ground, but short. We are having weather now that may make a short crop.

Wyoming—Wheat and rye wintered good.

Clearfield—Wheat and rye looking well as far as the snow will let us judge.

Clinton—Early sown fine; late wheat and rye some backward and much injured by the winter.

Union—Wheat and rye about two-thirds of a crop.

Cambria—Winter wheat twenty-five per cent. better than last year.

Bradford—Wheat and rye in promising condition.

Cumberland—Comparative condition of wheat and rye good.

Westmoreland—Winter wheat and rye look good. Blades brown, but roots appear uninjured.

Adams—Wheat is short, though healthy; some late.

Berks—Early sown winter grain suffered from Hessian fly; late sown healthy and promising.

Snyder—Great deal of winter wheat destroyed by the fly; what remains looks well. Rye about an average.

Fulton—Wheat and rye stand well and with a favorable spring may have good crops, although somewhat later.

Sullivan—Wheat and rye never better.

Chester—Wheat and rye in average condition.

York—Wheat and rye good, with fine prospects.

Tioga—Wheat and rye looking first-rate.

Somerset—Wheat and rye in good condition.

Luzerne—Good. Five per cent above the average.

Montgomery—The comparative condition of both good.

Monroe—Wheat and rye never looked better.

Junata—Condition of wheat, 90.

Wayne—Not looking so well as last year.

Mifflin—Early; some wheat in good condition. Late does not look so well, but with favorable weather may make a good crop.

Mechanic—Injured by freezing.

Forest—Winter wheat and rye in excellent condition.

Dauphin—Winter grain in fair average condition.

Butler—Everything is backward; winter grain heavy, looks encouraging.

Blair—In about average condition.

Armstrong—Look well; above average.

Cambria—Wheat looking good; rye same.

Warren—Very good.

Mercer—Good; much above the average.

Northumberland—Winter grain looks remarkably good.

§ Erie—Wheat and rye come out of the snow very fine.

Beaver—Never had a better appearance than this spring.

Montour—Wheat and rye a full average.

Lancaster—Looks well over the whole county.

Crawford—Wheat and rye in the very best condition.

Cow Physiognomy.

Phrenologists and physiognomists usually confine their studies to the human species, but here is something out of the customary line of character reading, taken from the Galaxy, and we commend it to the notice of all who have cows, or in fact domestic animals of any kind; for the study of their peculiar individual characteristics will do the student no harm, while it may do him much good.

Every farmer knows what a variety of individualities a herd of cows present when you have come to know them all, not only in form and color, but in manners and disposition.

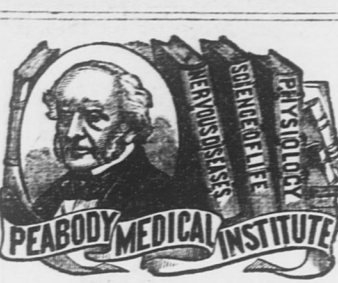
Some are timid and awkward and the butts of the whole herd. Some remind you of deer. Some have an expression in the face like certain persons you have known.

A petted and well-fed cow has a benevolent and gracious look; an ill used and poorly-fed one a pitiful and forlorn look. Some cows have a masculine or ox expression; others are extremely feminine. The latter are the ones for milk. Some cows will kick like a horse; some jump fences like a deer. Every herd has its ringleader, its unruly spirit—one that puts all the mischief and leads the rest through the fence into the grain or into the orchard.

This one is usually quite different from the "Boss of the yard." The latter is generally the most peaceful and law-abiding cow in the lot, and the least bullying and quarrelsome. But she is not to be trifled with; her will is law; the whole herd give way before her, and those that have yielded their allegiance without crossing.

I remember such a one among my father's milkers when I was a boy—a slender, horned, deep-shouldered, large uddered, dew-lapped old cow that we always put first in the long stable, so that she could not have a cow on each side of her to forage upon; for the mistresses yielded to no less in the stanchions than in the yard. She always had the first place everywhere. She had her choice of standing room in the milking yard, and when she wanted to lie down there, or in the fields, the best and softest spot was hers. When the herd were foddered from the stack or barn, or fed with pumpkins in the fall, she was always first served. Her demeanor was quiet, but impressive. She never bullied nor gored her mates, but literally bullied them with the breath of her nostrils. If any new-cow or ambitious young cow, however, chafed under her supremacy, she was ever ready to make good her claims. And with what spirit she would fight when openly challenged! She was a whirlwind of pluck and valor, and not after one defeat or two defeats would she yield the championship. The boss cow, when over-come, seem to brood over her disgrace, and day after day will meet her rival in fierce combat.

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