

Huge Commercial Orchard

sixty-acre fruit farm with the com-plete equipment of a commercial orplete equipment of a commercial orchard is planned for the department
of horticulture at the Pennsylvania
State College. The new orchard, supplementing the present experimental
tracts, is to be established to enable
students in the various horticultural
courses to obtain practical instruction
in modern methods of fruit growing.
According to the plans of Dr. S. W.
Fletcher, head of the Horticultural department, the State College orchard
will be planted to apple, peach, pear,
plum and other tree fruits. Small
fruits, strawberries, raspberries and
grapes will also be planted. A large
packing house is to be part of the
equipment.

GLEE CLUB TO MAKE RECORDS e Edison Phonograph Company to ng selections for several records. C.

You can cure that cold in a day. Take-CASCARA QUININE

C. Robinson, Penn State's musical di-Planned at State College records while they are in New York City for the annual Intercollegiate rector, will have his club sing for the State College, Pa., Feb. 20. — A Clee Club Contest, March 3.

Country Church Conference Launched at State College

State College, Pa., Feb. 20. — To learn how to develop their country churches into potent community centers, ministers from all parts of this State will hold a ten-day conference at the Pennsylvania State College next summer. Preliminary plans for the gathering were made here by twenty preachers who responded to the invitation sent out by Dr. Edwin R. Sparks, the college president.

The conference will meet from July 10 to 20, running in conjunction with the summer session for teachers. Subjects helpful to the ministers in their aims will be studied as follows: Religious education, rural sociology, rural school problems, technical agriculture, and organized play. Much interest was expressed by the church leaders in the possibilities of organized play.

PLAYFUL CAT NEARLY CAUSES DEATH OF WOMAN English Lecturer To

Atlantic City, Feb. 20.—A playful cat, pawing a rubber gas tube in the home of Mrs. Frank Herbert, while the family slept, yesterday, turned on the valve of a gas stove. The cat was still at play when members of the household, smelling the fumes, broke into Mrs. Herbert's room and found her unconscious. Ambulance surgeons revived her.

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Reading, Pa., Feb. 20.—Alvin D.
Schwartz, 31, single, was shot, possibly fatally, in the abdomen while handling a rifle in his room in an apartment house here. He said he did not know the weapon was loaded and had stood it up against a chair. It was accidentally knocked down and the charge struck Schwartz, who was about to go to a shooting match.

USE OF STATE **CONVICTS IN ROAD BUILDING GROWS**

Show Trend From Prison Shop Emplyment to Construction of Public Works

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18:—A steady decrease since 1885 in the propertion of convicts in the United States employed for miscellaneous work under lease and centract and a marked increase in the proportion employed for the benefit of the State on highways and other public works are shown in statistics just published by the effice of Public Reads and Rural Engineering of the United States De-partment of Agriculture. These statispartment of Agriculture. These statisties are included in Department Bulletin 414, a professional paper, which reports one of the first exhaustive studies made in this country covering the administrative, engineering, economie, disciplinary and health conditions in convict road camps. Representatives of the United States Public Health Service co-operated with the specialists of the Department of Agriculture in making the studies. The systems adopted by the several States are made for the achievement of greater efficiency in operation of the convict camps and conduct of the road work.

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The systems of convict labor are classified in the report as lease, contract and plece price systems, under which the labor of convicts is for the benefit of private individuals or corporations, often in the manufacture of commodities; the public account system, under which the convict-made goods are sold by the State; the Stateuse system, under which goods are manufactured only for use in State institutions, and the public works and ways system, under which the labor of the convicts is devoted to public structure and roads. The latter system has grown in popularity, it is pointed out, because it makes use of the convict labor with a minimum of competition with free labor, contributes fairly lasting benefits to the whole community, affords healthful and even somewhat reformative employment to the convicts, and reduces congestion in penal institutions. The most satisfactory use of the system, in the opinion of the department's road specialists, is under State rather than county administration. Since 1885, the report shows, the percentage of convicts in a large number of representative institutions working under the public account, State-use and public works and ways systems, has increased from 33 to 86 per cent., while the proportion engaged in road work alone has increased from 1.3 per cent. to nearly 18 per cent.

Convicts should not be indiscriminately put to work on roads, it is pointed out. Only those who are physically and by former mode of life, statistics cited in the report show, about three-fourths of the average male prison population is better fitted for out-door labor than for shop work. In practice, when all considerations are taken into account, it has been found that from twenty-five to fifty per cent. of the male inmates of prisons are available for road work.

Speak on Conditions In Geological Ages

Joseph McCabe, of London, England, will give a descriptive lecture to-night in the Technical High school auditorium, under the auspices of the Harrisburg Natural History Society. He will tell of the conditions of life in the past geological ages, describing the early fish, vast coal forests, the rise and fall of the great reptile age and the various causes that work in the advancement of birds and higher animals.

Mr. McCabe is one of England's most popular scientific lecturers now making a tour of the United States. He is the author of thirty works and the translator of twelve others. He is a fluent speaker and his success is attributed to his ability to present scientific subjects in a simple language.

Court Places Value of \$25 on Bank Directorship

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 20. — A Cumberland county jury in court to-day placed a value of \$25 on a bank directorship, awarding this sum to E. M. Biddle, Jr., a local attorney who brought suit against the Carlisle Deposit Bank for damages on the claim that he had been kept from the directors. posit Bank for damages on the claim that he had been kept from the directorship of that institution by reason of the failure of the president Frank C. Bosler, to make out a certificate of stock transfer. Biddle filed quo warranto proceedings and mandamus, this latter action being heard yesterday with Judge W. Rush Gillan, of Chambersburg, specially presiding. Judge Gillan in his charge stated that under the evidence only nominal damages could be given and the \$25 verdict was given.

Greek Poor Are Living on Herbs and Grass

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Greek legation, in a statement here says famine is resulting from the Entente blockade of the coast of Greece and the poor classes are living on herbs and grass. It also is declared that despite compliance with the ultimatum of the Allies, there has been no relaxation of blockade measures.

20 YEARS FOR SLAYING RIVAL Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 20.—Thomas Thompson, 20 years old, of New York, convicted of the second degree murder of Homer Reynolds, of New Berlin, at Milton on October 21 last, was sentenced by Judge Cummings to serve twenty years in the Eastern Penitentiary. Thompson shot Reynolds from behind without a word of warning, At his trial no defense was offered, Judge Cummings severely chided the jury for not bringing in a first degree verdiet. The Judge yesterday declared that but for a miscarriage of justice Thompson would have been visited with the death penalty.

Both Reynolds and Thompson were paying attentions to Mrs. Carrie Coup.

THIEVES TRADE TIRES FOR GAS York, Pa., Feb. 20.—Two automobile thieves were arrested here last evening. When their gasoline became exhausted they replenished their supply by trading two tires for ten gallons. They confessed they stole the car from William Campbell, of Newark, N. J.

HURT WITH RAILROAD CAP Linglestown, Pa., Feb. 20. — A son of Milton Allen found a railroad cap and tried to break it with a hammer. The explosion which followed badly injured several of his fingers.

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