

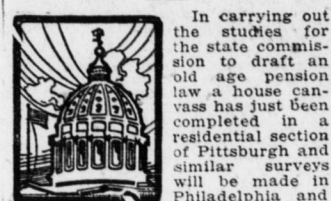
STATE'S CROPS IN GOOD SHAPE

Reports to the Capitol Tell of Favorable Conditions Over All of Pennsylvania

Crops of Pennsylvania, with exception of potatoes, are declared by the bulletin of the State Department of Agriculture to be in fair shape and to "give every indication of another bountiful harvest."

OLD AGE SURVEY IN THE CITIES

Work Advanced by the State Commission Which Develops Interesting Facts



In carrying out the studies for the state commission to draft an old age pension law a house canvass has just been completed in a residential section of Pittsburgh and similar surveys will be made in Philadelphia and

year, will disappear this week. Removal of the huge glass houses has been completed and the boiler and office buildings are now being demolished to make room for park improvements.

Big Movements Due. — Arrangements for the movement of the 10,000 white men called to go to Camp Lee next week for general military training contemplate the movement of the men from 282 districts in special trains on five days. It will be one of the greatest mobilizations of drafted men since the draft began in the state and is a forerunner of what is coming later in the year. On August 26, next Monday, there will be 2,811 men sent; 2,813 on Tuesday, the 27th; 1,663 on Wednesday, the 28th; 1,603 on Thursday, the 29th, and 1,119 on Friday, the 30th.

Much Buckwheat. — Practically every county shows an increase in the acreage devoted to buckwheat this year, states a bulletin on agricultural conditions issued by the Department of Agriculture, which also notes a report of early frosts in Potter county. Spring wheat, which was tried in some counties of Pennsylvania this year when the winter wheat failed, is declared to be making a good showing. The state's average yield of hay per acre is given as 1.35 tons with York county at the top with an average yield of 1.55 tons. Only three counties, Branch, Forest and Washington, show the potato crop up to the average condition. In Berks it is 72 per cent, and in Lehigh 83 per cent. The tobacco acreage has been increased ten per cent, and the condition of the crop is 96 per cent. of an average. Only 77 per cent. of the young turkeys raised in average years are reported on the farms this season. Reports of yields of 100 bushels to the acre of oats have been recorded from Chester county. Cumberland county wheat that has been threshed is reported as running light to the acre.

Weather conditions since the breaking up of winter have been ideal for wheat and the indications are that the yield per acre will be approximately 16.75 bushels. Very little damage was done by the Hessian fly this year and practically no damage while the grain was in shock. The wheat was generally thin on the ground but the heads were large and well filled. Reports say that the kernels are large and the quality good. The indications are at the present time that the total yield will be 22,797,000 bushels.

The prospect for rye is estimated at 85 per cent. compared with an average. The average yield of rye per acre in this state is 17.5 bushels. On this basis the average yield per acre this year will reach sixteen and five-eighths bushels and the total yield of 4,445,000 bushels.

Outlook for oats is good and a splendid crop promised in every section of the state. It is estimated that the average yield per acre will be 34 bushels and the total yield 38,384,800 bushels.

Drought has prevailed all over the state during July and has injured the corn. The corn area is estimated at 1,664,576 acres which is probably the largest acreage ever planted to corn in this state. The condition is 87 per cent. of an average, crop which indicates a yield of 34.6 bushels per acre and a total production of 57,594,000 bushels. The total crop last year was estimated at 45,280,885 bushels.

There has been an increase of five per cent. in the acreage of buckwheat. The acreage is estimated at 21,125 acres. The condition is August 1 is 92 per cent. compared with an average which indicates a yield of 18 bushels per acre and a total production of 5,593,400 bushels.

The condition of potatoes on August 1 is 80 per cent. which is a decline of seventeen points during the month of July. While the dry weather has injured all the growing crops its effect has been more marked on the potatoes than any other crop. Then, the blight, aphid and bugs too have had their detrimental effect. Eighty per cent. of an average crop indicates 67 bushels per acre and a total crop of 21,000,000 compared with 20,000,000 last year.

Area planted to tobacco is estimated at 41,149 acres which is ten per cent. larger than last year. The condition is 96 per cent. The present indications are that the yield will average 1.372 pounds per acre and the total production 56,444,000 pounds. The crop last year was estimated at 51,061,000 pounds.

The acreage of all crops has been increased this year. Notwithstanding the fact that help is scarce the farmers are patriotic and are doing their best to increase the production of food.

The average price of cherries per quart was four cents higher than last year, raspberries six cents and blackberries five cents.

Visits Reading Parks. — J. K. Staples, director and other officials of Harrisburg's playgrounds, went to Reading early this afternoon to study the playground system of that city. An elaborate program, including a series of folk dances, has been arranged for the benefit of the local officials.

Many Envelopes. — Two and a half million envelopes are being prepared at the draft headquarters for sending to local draft boards for the mailing of questionnaires which must be done under the proposed extension of the draft law limits. This is on a basis of 1,250,000 persons to be registered. Including envelopes, circulars and blanks over 17,000,000 separate papers will be required.

Save Live Lambs. — The time is approaching when the farmers begin to dispose of their lambs. In this connection, Charles E. Patton, secretary of agriculture, advises and urges that the ewe lambs be either kept and the flock increased or sold to neighbors as the foundation of new flocks. "It is imperative that the number of lambs be increased to clothe our soldiers to say nothing of our great civilian population," says the secretary. Then, because of the scarcity of other meats mutton is a necessity. Our farmers have shown their patriotism by making every effort to produce the various grain and vegetable crops to the maximum, and with proper encouragement will boost the sheep industry in Pennsylvania which has already made a turn for the better. Let more sheep — more wool be the slogan.

Automobile Revenue. — Although new registrations of automobiles have been decreasing the last month or so it is believed that the total receipts from automobile, motor truck, motorcycle, drivers and other vehicle state licenses will reach the \$4,000,000 mark. The income from this source has been slowing up lately and there are some doubts expressed about the Capitol as to whether this year's figure will be up to the mark.

To Build Piers. — As a result of conditions in the structural market and the inability of the state to get satisfactory bids for construction of bridges it is probable that the work to be authorized this fall will largely consist of building of piers and abutments. On one large bridge no bids were received and on another one bids came in and were rejected as too high.

Conservatory Goes. — The old State Capitol Conservatory, which has stood on Capitol Hill for over thirty

years, will disappear this week. Removal of the huge glass houses has been completed and the boiler and office buildings are now being demolished to make room for park improvements.

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To Visit Fayette. — Senator William C. Spruell and Senator Edward E. Beldeman, the Republican candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, and Auditor General Charles A. Snyder will go to Uniontown on August 31 to attend the meeting of the Fayette County Republican Committee. They will travel by automobile and will be at the Lehigh county campaign opening.

Will Study Hoppers. — State farm advisers will be sent to sections of Northumberland and adjoining counties whence have come complaints about the annoyances caused by grasshoppers. These pests have not been as numerous as usual in eastern counties this fall.

Much Butter Watered. — Reports received at the State Dairy and Food Division indicate that many of the samples of butter taken by state agents in Pennsylvania are watered. Prosecutions will be started.

Petition Dismissed. — The petition to have Perry county attached to the middle district of the Supreme Court instead of the eastern district was dismissed by the court yesterday because it did not contain enough signers.

Now a "Wage Clause." — The first instance of a "wage clause" being included in a notice of a new schedule of rates occurs in a supplement filed with the Public Service Commission by the Metropolitan Edison Company, of Reading, which provides that "due to increased prices of labor and material" certain commercial lighting schedules are to be increased fifteen per cent. and that for every cent per hour increase the schedules are to be advanced one-half cent.

Another provision is that wire, etc., on consumers' properties are to be paid for by consumers, who are to agree to maintain them as required by insurance and municipal authorities. The Blue Ridge Water Supply Company of Pennsylvania, Franklin county; Mercantile Bridge Company, Westmoreland county, and Homestead and Mifflin Street Railway Company, filed notices of increases, the latter discontinuing sale of school tickets.

Coughlin Retires. — The fact that James M. Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, one of the original members of the State Board of Education and a member of the School Code Commission, has resigned, leaked out today. Mr. Coughlin tendered his resignation at the time of his retirement from active duties.

New Chairman. — Charles Brunner, of this city, has been appointed a chairman in the Public Grounds and Buildings Department.

Hearings To-day. — The various applications for crossings and continuances were held at the Public Service Commission to-day by Chairman Alney E. Exner, of the Phillips. The Conango Gas case was continued for two weeks and the Cambria county grade road case held for a conference with Highway Department officials.

Scranton Visitors. — Ex-Lieutenant Governor George W. Vairies and Mayor A. T. Connell, of Scranton, were at the Capitol to-day.

Yells For Police When Arrested For Trying to Pick Officer's Pocket

"Police, police, the black hands," from the lips of fighting five-foot Julian Sarafni between two husky six-footers this morning startled Walnut street travelers.

Officers were right in the job, but they held him when he started to cry for help. Julian had made a mistake and endeavored to pick the pocket of one of them, it is said.

For three days, the story told before Alderman Householder, says, Julian, woman number 2882 of Bates and Rodgers Construction Company, working at the New Cumberland Ordnance Depot, had been following Officer Scott, a Pennsylvania Railroad officer. This morning Officer Scott encountered Durman Shoop, constable of Susquehanna township, and related the facts. Then they proceeded to lay the trap for Julian.

A slight purchase was made as Julian drew closer. Scott drew a bill from his bill fold, and even while paying for his purchase the hand of Julian wild in his pocket. But instead of being enriched by the \$100 in bills within the fold, Julian soon had a pair of handcuffs firmly encircling his wrists.

Julian, believing himself in the hands of a mad man, and in his mad chase he started to fight severely on his right thumb. Screaming like mad, he was dragged to the Alderman's office. Before the Alderman, however, he soon quieted down when told to do so, and told that he had been picked by Constable Shoop, but could not give his street address. He is now in the Dauphin county jail.

Russ Revolutionists Split; Uproar Among Soviets in Congress

London, Aug. 21.—A final breach between the two revolutionary parties in Russia was manifested from the opening of the fifth congress of All Russian Soviets at Moscow early in July, according to belated Reuter dispatches. Uproarious scenes and recrimination marked the meeting. An assertion that a majority of the people in the provinces were opposed to Soviet rule was made by Maria Spiridonova of the Social Revolutionists of the Left.

In a report on foreign relations, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin announced that the commissaries had demanded the withdrawal of British, French and American warships from the Murman coast and had dispatched Soviet troops thither as a reply to the British landing there.

"The Live Store"

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Thursday Store Closes at Noon Thursday

Not many "Holidays" are left this season in which store employes can go away for an afternoon of enjoyment and rest. You can scarcely believe how much benefit individuals get out of this Half Day off, and it's all because YOU and YOUR Friends are generous and kind enough to make that little extra effort to do your buying on THURSDAY MORNING. Our Semi-Annual

Mark-Down Sale

Where Everything in Our Entire Stock Is Reduced, Except Collars

Has been going good every minute since it started but this Sale will end one of these days and then the opportunity will be lost to those of you who have not taken advantage of the savings that were yours "to get" by coming HERE, where there was plenty of everything that would be useful in the months to come, when higher prices will be taking all your spare money—If you want to have a few dollars "put by" for a "rainy day," don't hesitate when that chance is within your reach.

Remember you're buying the best merchandise that's obtainable at prices away under the present market value. It's just like finding money to be offered merchandise of such real worth during times like these, so if you would like to have more money you can profit by spending and saving at Doutrichs greatest semi-annual "cash" clearance sale.

Store Closes At Noon Tomorrow

Sweaters in the August Sale

They are a very useful garment. This is a big month in the Sweater Department—look at these tempting prices. All "Silk," "Fibre" and Wool Sweaters included.

Table listing sweater prices: All \$5.00 Sweaters \$3.89, All \$6.50 Sweaters \$4.95, All \$7.50 Sweaters \$5.95, All \$8.50 Sweaters \$6.95, All \$10.50 Sweaters \$8.95, All \$12.50 Sweaters \$9.75, All \$14.50 Sweaters \$11.75, All \$19.75 Sweaters \$14.75

Shirts of Every Description

Table listing shirt prices: All \$1.00 Shirts 79c, All \$1.50 Shirts \$1.19, All \$2.00 Shirts \$1.59, All \$2.50 Shirts \$1.89, All \$3.50 Shirts \$2.89, All \$5.00 "Silk" Shirts \$3.89, All \$5.85 "Silk" Shirts \$4.89, All \$6.85 "Silk" Shirts \$5.89, All \$7.85 "Silk" Shirts \$6.89, All \$8.85 "Silk" Shirts \$7.89

Underwear

Table listing underwear prices: All 95c Underwear, 79c, All \$1.25 Underwear, 99c, All \$1.75 Underwear, \$1.39, All \$2.00 Underwear, \$1.59, All \$2.25 Underwear, \$1.89

Suits

Table listing suit prices: All \$20.00 Suits \$15.75, All \$25.00 Suits \$19.75, All \$30.00 Suits \$23.75, All \$35.00 Suits \$27.75, All \$40.00 Suits \$32.75

Hosiery

Table listing hosiery prices: All 20c Hosiery, 14c, All 25c Hosiery, 19c, All 35c Hosiery, 29c, All 50c Hosiery, 39c, All 75c Hosiery, 59c

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