

INSECT PESTS ARE NUMEROUS

State Afflicted by a Number of Enterprising and Destructive Bugs Now

While the wheat, corn, oats and buckwheat crops of Pennsylvania escaped this year with only occasional adverse weather conditions to contend with, the food-producing trees, shrubs and plants and some of the useful and ornamental trees of the state were afflicted with ten kinds of insect pests, including the ever-present cherry-blight.

The cereals did not suffer generally so that there is a fair total to each crop, but potatoes, which had reached the record-breaking production of 30,652,269 bushels in 1917, fell off close to 6,000,000 bushels, largely because of pests.

Three species of pests attacked the potatoes, although in some way the great Lehigh county belt, the mainstay of the Keystone State's potato crop, was not so severely affected as the other sections.

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The San Jose scale has developed a new outbreak of frightfulness among orchards on the northern tier and state inspectors are working against it and a spraying campaign in full swing.

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BIG GAME KILLS BEING TABULATED

Belief That The Showing This Year Will Be One of the Best Ever Made

While it may be several weeks until the kill of deer and bear and smaller game for the season of 1918 is known the opinion of officials of the State Game Commission, based upon the reports sent in by the game protectors, is that there has been an exceptionally good hunting season.

The closing days of the deer season came with a storm of sleet which rendered many of the heavy snowfall and great cold that marked the outgoing of the deer season a year ago when parties were caught in camps and hunting had to be abandoned.

Summed up, the hunting this year has been enjoyed by almost as many men as last year, and in spite of the heavy cost of the game, the service and the Game Commission men look for a registration of 300,000 hunters.

The only open season now except on wild water fowl, is on the coon which may be killed until the very end of the year. Everything else is closed up now.

It is the general opinion of men who have been at the office of the State Commission that but few changes will be asked in the game code of 1917.

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DR. HARRIS SAYS DRY TIME SURE

Head of the Dry Federation Declares That the Amendment Will Be Ratified

Pennsylvania will not only ratify the prohibition amendment, in the opinion of the Rev. Dr. John Royce Harris, state superintendent of the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania, but he declared that more than the thirty-six states required to change the federal constitution from wet to dry will be secured just as soon as the various legislatures have their sessions.

"It is a fact safely to be stated," said Dr. Harris, "that there is slight change of the failure of ratification throughout the nation, no matter what Pennsylvania may do. Figuring with Pennsylvania out, which we do not in the slightest contemplate, the lowest number which may confidently be expected to take this action is forty-two, the number required being thirty-six."

"Already fifteen states have ratified; twenty-two more have adopted state prohibition, making thirty-seven, or one more than the number required for ratification. On top of this, five states have elected legislatures pledged to ratification, making the forty-two, aside from Pennsylvania. Late news indicates that California may also ratify."

"The fifteen states which have ratified are: Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia."

"The twenty-two having adopted state prohibition which is harder to put through than national, are: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming."

"The five which elected ratification legislatures are: Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Vermont and Wisconsin. Pennsylvania belongs in this list, but is purposely omitted because some claim its legislature is not so certain as the others. The only states left in question, even if Pennsylvania be included are: California, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania."

"In view of these facts, we must add Pennsylvania to the list. We do not want this great state to stay with any disgraceful minority which depresses a perpetuation of the harmful liquor traffic, and when the time comes, I am quite sure that the slogan of our fight 'Pennsylvania, Too' will be realized."

period by the federal food administration. Evidence at the hearing showed that Simonetti ordered a carload of potatoes on November 15 from J. R. Boggs and Company, of St. Paul, and between the time of shipment and their arrival here, the price of potatoes fell somewhat. The potatoes were then sold to J. W. Heshore, a produce dealer of this city. Investigations after his purchase showed that the potato bags were slightly wet when received, but that they dried quickly when the car doors were opened and that the potatoes were of a high grade. Simonetti had inspected but two bags, it is alleged.

LICENSE REVOKED Because he refused to accept an interstate shipment of potatoes, claiming they were in bad shape and not up to contract, H. R. Simonetti, of this city, had his wholesale license revoked for an indefinite period by the federal food administration.

Store Hours 9 to 5.30 Saturday 9 to 9 P. M. Winter School Shoes For Rough and Ready Service

The vigorous weather of winter will be upon us shortly and every youngster will need to be protected from cold and dampness.

Boys' black oil grain school shoes, with heavy box toes and solid leather oak tanned standard fastened soles.

Sizes 9 to 13 1/2 at.....\$3.50 Sizes 1 to 5 1/2 at.....\$4.00

Boys' gunmetal calf shoes with solid leather stitched soles.

Sizes 9 to 13 1/2 at.....\$2.00 Sizes 1 to 5 1/2 at.....\$2.50

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Leather Purses at \$1.25 to \$15.00 of Seal Cordova and Morocco

Leather strap purses, in black and colors..\$1.25 and \$1.75 Seal, crepe seal, pin seal, hair seal and morocco purses, \$2.00, \$3.50, \$5.00 to \$12.75

Flat purses with top handles, in black and colors, \$2.25 to \$8.00

Vichette purses, with back strap.....59c to \$7.00 Flat purses of cordova leather with top handles.....\$13.50

Genuine pin seal flat bags with top handles \$7.00 to \$11.00 Large flat purse with bag.....\$15.00

Vichette purses with top handles.....\$2.25 to \$4.50

Combs and Hair Ornaments Casque combs, mounted with rhinestones and colored stones, \$2.50 to \$5.50

Imitation platinum hair ornaments, set with rhinestones, \$2.25 to \$7.00

Fancy hair pins, with gold inlay and colored stones, \$3.50 to \$5.00

Crescent shape combs with pearl mountings.....\$2.50 to \$5.00

Side and back combs with rhinestones, \$1.00 to \$1.25 Plain side and back combs.....25c and 50c

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart Street Floor.

Thousands of Dainty Gift Handkerchiefs For Women

Plenty of every style, in fine linen, exquisite crepe de chine and sheer cottons, including a wealth of plain and fancy effects. Christmas assortments are unsurpassed in their variety and beauty. Ready for a busy week—for everybody's handkerchiefs.

Dainty silk crepe de chine fancies in delicate tints, 17c and 25c Fancy silk crepe de chine handkerchiefs.....35c and 65c

Hand embroidered Irish handkerchiefs, plain and colors, 35c Fancy Swiss handkerchiefs, three in box.....75c and \$1.00

Colored embroidered edge handkerchiefs, six in box.....\$1.50 Embroidered and hemstitched handkerchiefs, three in box.....85c

Two-tone novelty handkerchiefs.....25c Fine hand embroidered handkerchiefs.....35c

Neat styles by the hundreds at.....10c, 12 1/2c, 15c and 17c Initial linen handkerchiefs for men and women.....25c and 35c

Women's grass bleach linen handkerchiefs.....20c

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

Gloves Are Ever Welcome Gifts

Few women have ever had too many gloves. And when one has a choice of white ones for dress, of colored or black ones for street wear or washable and other leathers, or other varieties which our Glove Section continues to offer, the time-honored gift of gloves may be resorted to again this Christmas with even more assurance of its acceptance.

Black kid gloves with white embroidery and white kid gloves with black embroidery.....\$3.25 Black kid gloves with white stitching, white kid gloves with black stitching.....\$2.75

Black kid gloves, pique seams, \$2.50 Chamoisette gloves, white and colored, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, \$2.25

Washable capeskin gloves, in white, tan and grey, \$2.00 and \$2.25 Double silk gloves, black and colors.....\$1.50 and \$1.75

CHILDREN'S GLOVES Woolen gloves and mittens, 25c to \$1.50 Chamoisette gloves in grey, colored, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, \$2.25

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

Gift Slippers For the Whole Family Our preparations were made on so large a scale that you will find our immense Christmas Slipper assortments as complete as they were early in the gift-buying season.

ROMEOS AND EVERETS FOR MEN Men's leather Romeos.....\$2.00 to \$4.00

Men's leather Everets.....\$1.25 to \$3.50 Men's velvet Everets.....\$1.25

Men's felt comfy slippers.....\$1.50 to \$2.50 Men's Indian moccasins.....\$2.50 to \$3.00

Men's half cloth slippers.....\$2.00 Men's slumber slippers.....\$1.00

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS Boys' Everet slippers.....\$1.25

Boys' Indian moccasins.....\$2.00 Boys' felt slippers.....\$1.25

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Gifts to a Man: House Robes, Gloves

Blanket Bath Robes in distinctive Jacquard patterns with border.....\$3.95 to \$14.50

Novelty Plaid Wool Robes.....\$16.50 Heavy Blanket Robes.....\$5.50 and \$7.50

Plaid Robes.....\$5.50 Our "Specials" Robes at.....\$3.95 and \$4.25

HOUSE COATS House Coats in blue and oxford mixed fabrics of fine quality.....\$5.95

Double-faced House Coats, cord edge; oxford, tan, navy, green, mixed fabrics.....\$7.95

Double-faced Cloth House Coats in Cambridge grey, tan and green mixtures.....\$9.50 and \$10.50

Silk Matelasse House Coats, rich two-tone colorings.....\$16.50

Gloves of First Quality Fownes, Adler, Dent, "Udegraf" and "Northrup" Dress and Street Gloves.

Tan dress and street gloves, embroidered back, \$1.50 and \$3.00

Silk-lined grey suede gloves, self-embroidered back.....\$1.50

Grey Mocha street gloves and dress gloves, with spear back and two-tone silk corded back, \$3.65 and \$3.95

Adler's military wool khaki street gloves, snap button clasp.....\$1.50

Automobile gloves, wool and lambskin lined, \$2.95 to \$3.85

Fabric gloves, kid fitting, in grey and black embroidered backs.....\$4.15 and \$4.25

Khaki military wool gloves with wrist strap, \$1.65 and \$2.00

Lined kid gloves.....\$4.65 to \$3.95

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

New Gift Baskets

Our Decorative Flower Section in the Millinery Department announces the arrival of beautiful French flower baskets in many attractive shapes and fancy jars which we will fill with any variety of decorative flowers, including greens or sell separately.

Flowers, 5c, 10c and 15c. Baskets, 50c to \$5.00.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart Second Floor.

Gift Couch Covers, Tapestry Runners and Rich Curtains of Silk No more charming gift thought can be imagined than that which is expressed in hangings for the room of some dear friend. The Drapery Section on the Third Floor is filled with timely hints, not too expensive.

Roman stripe couch covers in green and brown, blue and brown and mixed colors; each.....\$2.00

Heavier couch covers in stripe or oriental patterns, \$3.00 and \$5.00

Heavy tapestry couch covers in brown and green floral effects.....\$7.00

Table Runners, Pillows and Tapestry Tapestry table runners in many styles and patterns, with plain edge or finished with a touch of velour and gold braid, \$3.00 to \$10.00

Tapestry pillows, in square or oblong shapes, with velour gold braid trimming.....\$4.50 to \$7.00

Fancy round pillows in satin and velour with center of tapestry edged with gold braid.....\$5.50 and \$6.00

Tapestry for pillows, table runners and upholstery purposes, in rich color combinations; 50 inches wide.....\$1.75 to \$4.50

New patterns in fl. net curtains, 2 1/2 yards long, with narrow lace edge; pair.....\$2.00 to \$4.00

Green and brown tapestry curtains, in fancy patterns, 2 1/2 yards long; pair.....\$4.50 to \$6.00

Heavy silk curtains for doorways, in beautiful colorings of pure blue and brown, tan and green and brown and brown pair.....\$28.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Third Floor.

Smart New House Frocks There's a touch of cleanliness about them that will appeal to those who have a gift to buy for some woman of the household.

Choose at \$2.95 to \$4.95. Children's booties of red and blue felt, \$1.50 and \$1.75

Children's felt slippers.....\$1.25 and \$1.50 Children's Indian moccasins.....\$1.25 and \$1.75

WOMEN'S BOUDOIR SLIPPERS Flowered rep cloth boudoir slippers with silk pom pom to match; fiber soles.....\$1.25

Kidskin boudoir slippers with silk pom pom; leather turn soles and low heels; in black, brown, blue and pink.....\$1.75

Tan oose leather Indian moccasins, with soft leather soles and spring heels.....\$2.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor, Rear.

Christmas Books For Our Wounded Soldiers Those maimed and broken boys of ours, for whom we can do so little this Christmas season that they have made so happy for us, are asking for books. They want—they need the latest and best fiction, and wholesome light reading matter of all kinds, to divert and amuse them and to help make them well again.

So let's make it a book Christmas for them! Give them good books—the kind you like to read yourself! Send the books to them through the Library War Service of the American Library Association, whose libraries and librarians are found wherever our soldiers and sailors are.

Give books to your home friends and intimates on Christmas Day and ask them to read them and pass them on to the wounded. Give all the books you can! "The more the merrier"—the "merrier" Christmas for you and the "merrier" and happier Christmas for "our boys."

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Street Floor.

STOP! THAT COLD WITH LANE'S TABLETS Pleasant to take and guaranteed. Remember it.

DROWSY, LANGUID, COPY WITH COLD? Dr. King's New Discovery restores the alertness of yesterday.

The Poisons of Constipation are gently but positively expelled from the suffering system by Dr. King's New Life Pills.

Sixtieth Auto Stolen Since First of Year Two automobiles stolen on Saturday evening raised the total of stolen cars in 1918 to 60.

Princess Watahwaso to Appear at Church The Princess Watahwaso, a real, honest-to-goodness Indian princess, will appear with assisting artists at Stevens Memorial Methodist church to-night in concert.

Returns Home Harry Matter, who has been sergeant-major at the Camp Stanley officers training school, has been mustered out of the United States Army.

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