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SMUT IN THE OATS

Cheap and Sure Remedy Tested and Proved by A Franklin County Farmer.

For years there has been great complaint among the farmers as to the small yield in the oats crop and the poor quality of very much of it. A result is, that less acreage is sown than formerly and many farmers sow but little. To bring the oats crop to its former condition would add many dollars to their income. The loss in quantity and the deterioration in quality is caused by smut says the Valley Spirit and in Franklin county varies from five to sixty per cent.

Hon. S. M. Wherry, of near Shippensburg, has given this disease to the oats careful attention. He contributed an article some time since to the Shippensburg Chronicle from which we make some excerpts for the benefit of our readers. He says of the experiments of those interested in the smut on the oats: "One of the curious results of the investigation was that the loss proved uniformly much greater than the farmer supposed until he made the actual test." For instance, a well known farmer in Cumberland felt sure his loss was not two per cent. An actual count in numerous parts of his field showed a loss of one head out of four, or 25 per cent. A Franklin county farmer was discouraged by the belief that his loss was 25 per cent. An actual count showed a loss of 65 per cent. But taking the average of reports made, the loss of these two counties exceeds 20 per cent., or one-fifth of the crop.

Statistics show that Cumberland and Franklin counties each year sow sixty thousand acres in oats. The average yield per acre is placed at 25 bushels. This makes an aggregate yield for the two counties of 1,500,000 bushels. If, as I believe, the loss from smut last year was 25 per cent., the actual loss for the two counties would be 420,000 bushels, which, at 25 cents a bushel, would entail a loss on the farmers of \$105,000. This is a heavy tax upon an industry already taxed almost to death, and whoever can find a preventive for smut in oats, of easy and economical application and certain in its results, will be a public benefactor. My correspondence has bought me a flood of literature on the subject. Three points seem to be well established:

(1.) The oat smut is not in the soil.

(2.) It grows from a seed adhering to the oat grain when it is planted.

(3.) Like other noxious weeds, it grows much more luxuriantly some seasons than others, and is, consequently, more damaging.

The only preventive, therefore, is to remove or destroy the seed of the smut adhering to the grain of the oats before it is sowed."

Methods:
A careful cleaning through a grist-mill smut machine will remove some of it.

Drilling in with the oats unleached hardwood ashes or certain mineral potash salts (with care) will, under certain conditions of moisture, prove beneficial but this method is to uncertain to be relied on.

Soak the seed oats in a sack, in water with a temperature of 130 degrees until it is warmed throughout. Then dip in water kept at 135 degrees for fifteen minutes. Then spread out to dry and turn frequently. This treatment requires a thermometer.

Soak the seed oats for two hours or more in a solution of potassium sulphide, 1 1/2 pounds to 25 gallons of water.

Or, soak the seed for two hours or more in a solution of formalin, 1 pound to 50 gallons of water. Formalin is a poison and great care should be exercised in using it to keep the treated seed from fowls and animals, and to keep

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BASEBALL.

Mercersburg vs. McConnellsburg.

A game of ball was played on the grounds of the Athletic Association at this place last Thursday between the Mercersburg team and our home team. The Mercersburg boys are all good fellows and stand in well with our boys, and we were good to them. Two of our players were not in the team; and yet, if in the last inning, we had scored 33 runs, we would have beaten them. But we didn't. The Mercersburg team was late reaching the grounds and our boys had become weak standing around in the sun so long waiting for them. The score stood—
Mercersburg..... 2 3 0 0 6 8 4 2 2—33
McConnellsburg 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1— 2

Last Saturday forenoon the Ayr township team and the McConnellsburg Juniors played a scrub game of seven innings on the grounds in this place. The score stood 10-5 in favor of McConnellsburg.

Dudley vs. McConnellsburg.

A baseball game that attracted a large number of the lovers of the sport was played in this place last Saturday afternoon between the Dudley team and our home team. The Dudley team is composed of crack players and it is said of thirteen games played this season before reaching McConnellsburg, they had won every one.

The score was—
Dudley..... 0 4 0 0 3 0 0 1—8
McConnellsburg 0 0 1 0 2 0 2 x—14

The Dudley team is composed of a set of lively boys, and they left a very favorable impression upon our people.

New Grenada vs. Sixmile Run.

A hotly contested game of ball was played last Saturday at New Grenada between the home team of the latter place and Sixmile Run. The features of the game were the pitching of Prosser for the visitors and the fielding of Cunningham for the locals.

McDonough made a two-base hit and Schaefer fanned 4 times—a phenomenal feat.

The score—
Sixmile Run..... 2 0 1 2 1 0 0 3 2—11
New Grenada..... 5 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 2—10

Struck out—by Prosser, 8; by Chisholm, 4; by Fleck, 4; by Schaefer, 2. Wild throw—Schaefer, 1; Chisholm, 1; Fleck, 2. Sacrifice hit, Chisholm.

Fort Littleton.

Mr. D. K. Wilt and wife, of Bedford came last Saturday to visit Mr. Wilt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wilt of this place. They were accompanied by Mr. Wilt's niece, Miss Emma Bare, who had been spending a few weeks in Bedford for her health.

Prof. A. C. Gordon, of Allegheny, and M. C., of Indiana, are visiting their mother, Harry Gordon, of Johnstown, is home resting while his sprained ankle heals.

Wm. Wilds' little daughter Edith was badly scalded about the face and body by pulling a tub over. She is not out of danger yet.

The game of baseball played here last Saturday by the Clear Ridge and Fort Littleton teams resulted in a tie—neither side being ahead when the game closed. Who said, "Skunks for sale?"

Mr. Geo. Parson is on the sick list.

The Misses Cromer, who have been visiting at Pitcairn a few weeks, returned Saturday.

Misses Carrie and Frank Fields are visiting friends here.

S. R. Fraker is having the cellar dug for his new house in South End.

There will be a harvest home picnic in the Trout park, followed by a festival in the afternoon and evening. Proceeds for the benefit of the Sunday school. There will be addresses by the pastor, superintendent and others, interspersed with music. All are invited to come and bring their diners and enjoy themselves.

Tonoloway Baptist Church.

One of the oldest church buildings in this county is the Tonoloway Primitive Baptist church about two miles north of Hancock.

The following sketch is from the pen of the pastor, Elder T. N. Alderton, and published in Zion's Advocate, April 1901.

"I find the church was organized in 1765. Its first pastor was Eld. Powell, who served the church from its organization to his death in 1805. He was in the constitution of the church. His name is the only one given in the record of members in the first organization, but the records are somewhat broken, and at times imperfectly kept.

"The church prospered, and up to the time of Eld. Powell's death one hundred and sixteen had joined. They joined the Philadelphia Association at first, and the Association helped them some in their infancy as a church with money and books. The latter were to be passed around as helps to establish the members in the doctrine and practice of the church, which was organized on the Philadelphia Confession of Faith. The records show that she required her members to be governed by it, yet she maintained her independence, as we find she protested against certain things in the constitution of the Association, and instructed her messengers to demand the repeal of the objectionable part, and when the doctrine of a general atonement and other Arminian measures were introduced in the Association, the Tonoloway church raised an order forbidding it to be preached in her pulpit, and affirming that Christ died for the elect only, and that they would all be saved. She gently reproved her members for affiliating in the worship of God with those of different doctrine and practice and encouraging, by their presence or otherwise, those who preached contrary to her articles of faith and the Bible. After reproving her members for a wrong course, she would encourage and require them to attend the regular meetings of their own church as a safe-guard against being led into errors.

"They never allowed a stranger to preach in their pulpit without an investigation into his standing, and only after it was decided by vote was he allowed to preach, and even then he was only on trial, and some were sustained and some dropped. Domestic missions were introduced, and obtained some consideration by some of the members, but were afterwards rejected by the church as unscriptural. Yet the church records show that they looked after the support of the ministry in general, and of their pastor in particular. They owned about 43 acres of land and a rather inferior building at first, where they met for worship and which they were continually repairing. They helped their pastor to buy a home of his own. To raise funds for this purpose they appointed a man to stand at the door and solicit money of the congregation as they went out; also raised some by subscription. Sometimes they were ahead and would put out their money to interest, but more frequently they were behind and making frequent appeals (by order of the church) to members and friends of the cause.

Thus they struggled on until 1828, when the present house of worship was proposed, to be built of brick, 40 by 60, without galleries. This house was finished in 1830, and is still in a good state of preservation. They ordained one Ruling Elder, but I can't find what use they made of him, and perhaps they didn't find any use for him, as that was the first and last one ordained.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shimer of this place are happy over the arrival of a baby boy, Monday night.

Petty Thieving.

A number of our citizens have recently been annoyed by petty thieving. G. N. Hoke had a tree laden with choice plums which was completely stripped of the fruit a few nights ago, and the tree badly broken. Mrs. Cleverger lost a lot of nice young chickens. Palmer Mann had pulled his onions, and left them in the garden over night to dry. Next morning these were gone. Senator Alexander's peaches are being taken as fast as they ripen, and J. G. Reiser has been deprived of some nice fries and peach pot pie through the work of the same gang.

Now, the editor of the News is not so much alarmed; for he has but one chicken, and that one is blind of one eye and is suffering from a severe attack of cholera; but he wants to say confidentially to the thieves that the officers are on their track, and one of these fine days some persons will be playing checkers with their noses through the iron bars up at fort Sheets.

Teachers Elected.

Examinations were held last week in the townships of Bethel and Thompson and the following teachers elected:

Bethel—Alpine, Alberta Remsburg; Gordon's, Letitia Peck; Warfordsburg, J. Frank Daniels; Black Oak, Wm. W. Peck; Chapel, Lillian Fisher; Franklin Mills, Ollie Hess, and Mount Airy, John Hendershot.

Thompson—Westview, Ella Shives; Oakley, Bessie Sharp; Independence, Austin Peck; Center, H. W. Wink; Ditch Run, John Keefer; Boardyard, S. L. Simpson, and Bald Eagle Ollie Zimmerman.

Saluvia.

George Minick and two sons, William and Charles, of Everett, were visiting Mr. Minick's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Minick Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Austin were visiting friends at Needmore, the last of the week.

Mrs. Rowland, and daughter, Miss Sarah, of Houtzdale, who had been spending a few weeks very pleasantly at the home of Mrs. Rowland's niece Mrs. E. R. Austin, left for their home Saturday. They will spend the week with friends at Hancock and Cumberland, enroute.

Miss Florence Evans, of New Jersey, is the guest of Dr. H. S. Wishart, of Harrisonville.

William Strait lost one of his work horses last week from enlargement of the heart. This is the fourth horse Mr. Strait has lost in the past year; and it is very discouraging to a young man just starting farming.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold a table picnic in the grove at the Green Hill, Presbyterian church, Saturday, August 17. The friends of the school are invited to come and assist in making it a success.

T. J. Palmer, is suffering from an attack of kidney trouble. He is in a very critical condition at this writing.

Miss Laura Palmer, who had been attending normal school at Needmore, was called to her home Saturday, on account of the dangerous illness of her father T. J. Palmer.

Miss Maggie Strait, who has been employed at Yellow Creek is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strait, of Harrisonville.

Rev. and Mrs. Pittenger, who had been spending a few weeks at their home in Adams county, returned to Harrisonville, last week. They have not entirely recovered from their recent illness.

Frank Daniels, was elected teacher of the Warfordsburg school last week. Frank is one of our most promising young men, and we feel that the patrons of that school will have no cause to regret the choice of their directors.

"Another Old Stone Church"—A Correction.

In the article which appeared in last week's issue of THE NEWS, under the above caption, an error of omission occurred. It consists of but one word, and that a very small one. But its omission changes the entire meaning of a sentence. In second column, first page, a little below the middle is found the clause; "and that it was a union church." It should read: and that it was not a union church.

Chambers-Covalt.

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1901, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Joseph H. Covalt in Thompson township. The contracting parties were Mr. George G. Chambers and Miss Ella B. Covalt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Beall, of Berkeley Springs, assisted by Rev. Alvah Haugh, of Romney. The bride and groom are among Fulton county's very best young people; and we are informed that they expect in a short time to go to Wisconsin, where the groom will accept a lucrative position.

The New Factory Law.

The new factory inspection act passed by the last legislature and approved by Governor Stone, widens the scope of the law and extends the jurisdiction of the inspectors. Section six provides that seats must be furnished for girls and women in all factories and mercantile establishments, the latter class of business places now coming under the law. Section thirteen makes it obligatory upon the inspector and the deputies to inspect hotels, hospitals, schools, places of amusement, etc., which are required to have fire escapes. It would be well for those concerned to post themselves upon the requirements of the act.

Home Again.

Mr. D. B. Mumma spent last Saturday in town. He has just recently returned from a three months' outing among friends, and says the trip was most pleasant.

He stopped at Jeannette to see his son Walter who has a nice position in a planing mill and making good money. At Wilkingsburg he saw his son Lawson, who is working at the carpenter trade. He and N. H. Peck, formerly of Belfast township, have been working together all summer. They each get 30 cents an hour. Mr. Mumma's son Frank is in the Westinghouse works, and has steady employment at good wages.

At Chicago, he visited his daughter and her husband, Mr. W. H. Horton who has a position as draughtsman in Swift's large packing house. In that city he also saw John, Mont, and Scott Dawney, John Lathero, Jim Austin and others. John and Mont Dawney are on the police force—John a lieutenant at \$125 a month. Scott is in the street railway service, and James Austin with the Pullman car company. The Fulton county people in Chicago are all doing well, and Mr. Mumma's visit among them was very enjoyable.

No part of his visit was more pleasant than the time he spent with his old friend Benjamin Cleverger down at Deerfield, Indiana. Mr. Cleverger left Fulton county and settled in Indiana about 45 years ago. He owns a splendid farm, on which is a big brick house finished inside entirely with walnut and cherry.

Mr. Mumma thinks those people who spend their entire lives at home trying to hoard up money to spoil somebody else, never know what they are missing.

A grove meeting will be held at Gem, commencing Saturday evening August 31, and continue ten days. It will be conducted by Rev. A. R. Garland and Rev. A. W. May of Bedford county, and Rev. A. G. B. Powers of Virginia.

Shoulder Dislocated.

Mr. John Cowan an elderly resident of Tod township had the misfortune to fall Thursday afternoon and knock his arm out of place at the shoulder and fracture the head of the humerus—the bone that extends from the elbow to the shoulder. Doctors Dalbey and Mosser were called and gave the injured member the necessary surgical attention.

Fell Down Stairs.

Last Saturday night Mrs. Alice Smith, of this place met with rather a serious accident. Her son James, who had been out until after the rest of the family had retired, came to the back door and knocked for admission. His mother, who was asleep upstairs, was aroused and started to go down and open the door. In some way, whether not rightly awake or otherwise, she made a misstep at the head of the stairway and fell, landing at the foot of fourteen steps. The noise brought to her the other members of the family, who found her unconscious. Doctors Mosser and Dalbey were summoned at once, and they found her left arm broken in two places—both above and below the elbow; the elbow knocked out of place, and a cut in her scalp of three inches in length.

Mrs. Harriet Robinson.

Mrs. Harriet Robinson wife of David Robinson died at her home in Burdett Cabins, Sunday Aug. 11, 1901, aged 72 years and 4 days: For forty years she was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and although afflicted for a long time she bore her suffering with christian fortitude. She is survived by her husband, three sons and three daughters. Funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. Seibert.

Clear Ridge.

Many of our people are attending camp meeting.

John Swisher, of Waynesboro, is visiting friends at this place.

Miss Clo Chesnut is visiting her sister Mrs. Howard Denisar. James Deavor and wife of Woodvale, spent Sunday with John Woodcock.

Richard Miller and wife, of Robertsdale, have come home to attend camp meeting.

Miss Belle Kerlin and Mr. John Woodcock are on the sick list.

Mrs. Cornelius was a caller on Dr. Davis on Monday, on the account of an aching tooth.

G. J. Anderson, Charley Brown and Elmer Helman, who have been working in Pittsburg came home Wednesday to attend camp.

Harry Huston and his sister Millie were callers on friends in Hustontown last Friday evening.

Barb Stevens caught a fish in his mill race, that weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

Our base ball team will play the Fairplay ball team on next Friday afternoon, on the Clear Ridge grounds, and will play the Maddensville team on Saturday afternoon on the Maddensville grounds.

Harry Wible purchased a new horse last week.

Here's One for the Anglers.

A Mt. Carmel D. L. fisherman has invented an ingenious method of fishing, to-wit: Secure a glass jar (an ordinary half gallon fruit jar will answer) and fill it with water. Put in a dozen minnows. Then tie a piece of parchment over the mouth of the jar, stick it full of pin-holes, and lower in the river where you want to fish. Game fish will be attracted by the minnows and will fairly swarm about the jar. They will stay there and in a day or two become very hungry. Then drop your hook, baited with a minnow, among them and you can catch every fish around the jar as fast as you can pull them out.

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PERSONAL.

Dr West is spending this week in Harrisburg.

Wesley Hill of Bethel township was in town last Thursday.

Miss Lida Peck of Gem spent Tuesday at McConnellsburg.

Squire J. L. Garland of Siding Hill was in town Monday.

Z. B. Barnett of Waterfall spent last Friday at McConnellsburg.

Rev. Lewis Chambers called at the News office a few minutes Monday.

Jeff Harris of Ayr township dropped in to see us a few minutes Monday.

Dr. D. A. Hill of Fort Littleton was an agreeable caller at the News office Tuesday.

Prof and Mrs. D. C. Stunkard, of Bedford, came to McConnellsburg Tuesday evening.

Corra Peck spent several days during the past week with relatives at Gem and vicinity.

Ex-Commissioner A. M. Corbin of Taylor called to see us a few minutes while in town Tuesday.

J. W. Fraker of Fort Littleton was among the number who came in for the Republican convention Tuesday.

Miss Florence Evans of Jobstown N. J. is visiting the family of Dr. and Mrs. Wishart at Harrisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mellott, of Belfast, and Dr. and Mrs. Jud Palmer, of Chicago, spent Tuesday in town.

Master Paul Marshall, of Shippensburg, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reiser.

Prof. M. C. Gordon, of Indiana, came Tuesday morning from Ft. Littleton with Dr. Hill and spent the day in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Bowden, of Altoona, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Dalbey from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Abram Runyan of this place is spending this week with her daughter Mrs. Harry Dawney at Hustontown.

Mr. Clarence Colledge one of the Fulton county boys who has a nice position in Pittsburg is visiting friends here.

Captain Skinner came over to Big Cove Tannery last Saturday, and returned to Scotland Monday via McConnellsburg.

George L. Mumma of Taylor township left last Thursday for Jeannette, Pa., where he will have employment in a planing mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sloman of Philadelphia two very pleasant elderly people spent the past week at the Washington House.

Mrs. Fred Shoemaker and son Master Nixon, of Chambersburg, have been the guests of Mrs. M. B. Trout, of this place for several days.

Hon and Mrs. W. Scott Alexander and their daughter, Maria Dickson, left Wednesday noon for a two weeks outing at Atlantic City.

Miss Bess Trout has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. McClain, of Wells Valley, several days during the past week attending the camp meeting.

Miss Kate Eitemiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eitemiller, of McKeesport, and Jacob Comer, of the same place, are visiting the latter's parents in this place.

Mrs. Catharine Corwell, of Chambersburg, and daughter, Mrs. George S. Grim, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Comer of this place.

Master Grover C. Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Peck of Belfast township, had the misfortune to cut his left foot seriously last Thursday afternoon while attempting to cut tinnothy with a cradle.

Harry E. Goldsmith, Windber's Twentieth Century tailor, spent from Saturday evening until Monday morning with friends in this place. On Monday he, accompanied by his wife and son Robert who have been here a couple of weeks, went to Everett.