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THE COCKLE-BUR.

One of the Greatest Pests Encountered by Wool Growers.

Is it on your farm—the cockle-bur or clot-bur as it is commonly known? Its botanical name is "Nanctum spinosum," and its chief business is to grow in rich damp soil and get into the wool when the sheep come around. And then there is trouble, for there is no such thing as getting the burs out of the wool. Manufacturers have not been able to find a machine that will take them out; and hence, when you come to sell wool with cockle-bur in it, you find it practically valueless.

The sheep industry is, or ought to be, one of the most profitable of Fulton county industries. No kind of live stock grows into money in so short a time, and none that require a less outlay of feed and capital. Much of the land in this county is peculiarly adapted to sheep raising; and, if farmers make good money keeping a flock of thirty to fifty, why would it not be better to let go of some of the other things you are trying to handle, and keep double—or many times the number you do keep?

Mr. J. Walker Johnston, of Ayr township, informs us that from a flock of fifty-two ewes, he, in one season, sold three hundred dollars worth of wool and lambs; and, of course, had not lowered his capital stock. That is more money than some of the farmers realize from their entire grain crop.

As we have said, the cockle-bur is one of the worst enemies encountered by the wool raiser, and as the pest is found in many parts of this county, concerted action on the part of the farmers and the public generally would soon eradicate the weed from our borders.

Consulting Prof. H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist in the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg, Mr. Surface said that it could easily be destroyed by simply pulling it out of root, which is easily done just when the little burs shape on the twigs, and said measures ought to be taken to eradicate it effectually from the soil of Pennsylvania.

It is the duty, morally at least, for the several road supervisors to see to it that the highways are kept clean of the bur, as well as of all other noxious weeds; and then let each farmer consider himself a committee of one to see to it that his own farm is kept clean. By this plan it would be but a short time when the country would be rid, not only of the bur, but the Canada thistle, and all the rest of them.

Anthony Lynch.

Ex-Jury Commissioner Anthony Lynch, died at his home in Union township on Friday, the 10th inst., aged 58 years, 11 months and 13 days.

Mr. Lynch has been in feeble health for several months. Fourteen months ago he fell and broke his leg. Complications set in and hastened his death. He was born in Ethel township and belonged to a family noted for their industry, who were among the first settlers of the county. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Doneen, who survives him, also two daughters: Florence, wife of Albert Schetrompf, of Buck Valley and Ruth, at home; and two sons, Luther K. and Cecil. Anthony Lynch was a worthy citizen, good natured and gentlemanly, and always ready to lend a helping hand in time of need.

SUNNYSIDE.

People are busy hauling lumber.

Blanche Truax is visiting relatives in Brush Creek Valley.

Basil Clark is dangerously ill at this writing.

George H. Schenck and daughter Nora of Brush Creek, made a business trip to Sideling Hill.

You can have the NEWS on whole year for a dollar.

Saved the Team.

Burgess Shaffner, who not only looks after the interests of the people within the limits of his own bailiwick, but is ever ready to do a neighborly act for any one else, saved Squire G. W. Wagner from having a smash up one day last week. Mr. Wagner's team was hitched to a big load of lumber and let stand for a minute at the Court House, while the driver stepped aside to attend to a little business. During his momentary absence, the team started down the hill toward Water street—slowly at first, but the heavy sled pushing on them, urged them into a trot—faster and faster until the horses had to get down to a dead run to keep from being run over by the sled.

Things were beginning to look serious, and there is just no telling what might have happened if there had been women or children in the way of that team; but just at the right moment the lithe and athletic form of the Burgess appeared on the Public Square. Something had to be done and done quickly, and without stopping to solve any of the hound and fox problems in Brooks' Mental, he bent forward and gave the flying team chase.

Quickly the space between the Burgess and the team grew shorter, and at the right moment one mighty leap was made, and the Burgess stood on the load of lumber, the lines were in his hand, the horses were drawn back on their haunches with a powerful jerk, and just in time to save them from plunging across the sidewalk and landing lumber, horses, sled and Burgess into the creek at Sipes corner in one inextricable heap, they were guided safely around Dickson's corner and brought to a standstill opposite Johnston's store.

"Don't mention it" was his only answer to the profuse thanks offered by the driver, and he modestly went back to his office—and the thought of being a hero will never enter his mind until he sees this in the "News."

BURNT CABINS.

Mrs. Wm. Locke of Fort Littleton, spent Saturday with Mrs. Anna Houck.

Miss Mamie Speck is visiting friends at McConnellsborg. Dent Gallaher is smiles all over—it's a wood chopper.

Roy Curfman left last Wednesday for Parkesburg, near Philadelphia.

Mr. John Naugle and daughter Mary, started last Wednesday for Rockwood, Somerset county, to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Nettie Mathias.

Wilbur Gamble and family of Butler county, was summoned to the home of Putman Doran last Monday on account of the illness of the former's mother.

Samuel Hertzler of Buffalo, N. Y., spent a few days with his brother Henry in this place.

A sledding party of young people from Neelyton, Decorum and Burnt Cabins, took a merry ride up to Mr. Harry Hamill's at Fort Littleton last Wednesday night. They report a jolly time.

Local Institute.

The sixth local institute of Brush Creek township, held at Buffalo February 11th, was called to order by the teacher, Miss Bessie Morton, after which Mr. Amos Duvall was chosen president.

Questions for discussion were: 1. Education; its importance to the average boy or girl. 2. Character building in the school-room. 3. Modes of developing the powers of perception of an uninterested pupil at home and in the school room.

These questions were thoroughly discussed by the teachers present. The patrons took a very active part in the discussions.

The school rendered some very interesting recitations and songs which speak very creditably of both teacher and pupils.

James A. Kall, secretary.

MRS. JACOB ROTZ.

Expired Suddenly Last Thursday Evening of Neuralgia of the Heart.

On last Thursday evening our community was shocked with a report of the death of Mrs. Catherine Rotz, which had occurred at her home on Second street, about five o'clock. Up until Thursday morning, Mrs. Rotz had been in her usual health, which was fairly good—her only trouble being occasional attacks of rheumatism in the lower limbs. Some time during the forenoon, she complained of pain in the chest. Remedies were administered, and she became more comfortable until toward evening, when the pain became more severe, and was attended with violent nausea. About five o'clock her daughter, Miss Sadie, while in the kitchen performing some service for her mother, heard an unusual noise, and hastening to the sitting room, where she had been sitting in her chair, found her in such a weak condition as resulted in her death in a few minutes—the cause of which was neuralgia of the heart.

Mrs. Rotz was the wife of Jacob Rotz, and the daughter of Philip and Christina Snider, who emigrated to this country from Germany. She was born in Tod township, February 28, 1838, and spent her entire life here except the first year of her marriage, 1873, which was spent in Pittsburg. At the time of her death she was 66 years, 11 months and 18 days of age.

Mrs. Rotz is survived by a husband, one daughter, one son and one grandson, to whom she was very warmly attached; also two brothers, George, of Tod township, and David, of Peoria, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. Riley Peck.

Mrs. Rotz was a woman in which a host of excellent womanly qualities were combined. Her extreme modesty and kindness of heart were manifested in every act of her life. To her husband she was an affectionate helper and a wise counsellor; to her children, she was a fond and careful mother; and to those who mourn her loss as a neighbor, a lady of most excellent type of christian character.

WELLS TANNERY.

Dr. R. B. Campbell was called to see Mrs. J. A. Wishart and Mrs. George Young who are suffering with severe colds.

Many of our neighbors are suffering with gripe.

Hayes Bivens was in Bedford last Wednesday on business.

V. D. Schenck was in Cumberland on business Saturday.

J. C. Kirk is in Everett painting and papering the new residence and store room of James Ford.

Miss Maud Baumgardner is visiting friends in Everett this week, and will stay for the coming of the State Tourist in Sunday school work, to be in that place the 23rd and 24th.

Mrs. W. B. Stunkard entertained a merry sledload of her friends from Enid last Wednesday evening.

Ernest Meredith, who has been in Anderson's Business School in Altoona for some time, returned home, and is now employed in his father's lumber camp.

Walter Metz has moved from the Odd Fellows building to Meredith Town.

Harry Wakefield, of Mapleton, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Denisar.

Walter McGlathery, of Altoona, is visiting in the home of A. F. Baker and wife.

Will Sprowl and wife visited friends in Everett recently.

Mrs. H. M. Griffith returned home Saturday, after spending several months very pleasantly in Derrick City and other places.

Miss Jenn Shoeder and Mr. Joe Weaverling, of Everett, drove to Mrs. A. S. Greenland's Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Swope is visiting her son David, of Bessie.

Joseph Shaw of Gracey, was in town last Wednesday.

A Reply to the New Grenada Coal Baron and Wind Jobber's Report.

In the issue of the Fulton County News, of the 8th inst., your correspondent from this place represents a meeting of hot air capitalists and coal prospectors of this place with one additional from Taylor thrown in. Now, with all due regard for your correspondent, as well as for your paper, especially the latter, we are, in justice to ourselves, as well to our constituents, compelled to take exceptions to the report of said meeting as being incomplete so far as general information of the said meeting is concerned. Inasmuch as our highly esteemed reporter, Col. "Diogenes," the hot air promoter and schemer, either from the vitiated or contaminated condition of the air surrounding; or being so completely wrapped up in his own belchings of hot air, was found (as we are able to prove) sound asleep, right in the midst of the discussion, hinking out his sonorous belchings of hot air like unto distant thunder, and in consequence of these facts we take exceptions to a sleeping promoter or as being mentally incapacitated to report the facts as referred to.

Now, Colonel, we will admit that you are pretty good at grinding out jokes, but believe that you would make more money at grinding scissors. As this is your first offense, and with a view to your future destiny, we will give you something easy to digest, but if you will persist in your hot air explosions, we will then be compelled to give you something hard. You are located in New Grenada, near the junctions of the Wells Valley and Ground Hog roads, which is geologically speaking, 123 ft. higher than the Pigskin Dam, and figuratively speaking, 938 ft. above ocean level. 1366 ft. lower than the summit of Round Knob, near Cook's Mill, 73 ft. higher than Riddlesburg on the H. & B. T. R. R., 1213 ft. lower than the summit of the mountain where the public road crosses from New Grenada to Robertsdale, and 876 ft. lower than the spring, at the watering trough on the same road; 1176 ft. lower than the out-crop of coal seam "A" on same road near summit of mountain, and near the road side; said seam of coal known as "Bed A" or "Fulton" or "Cook," being the lower or bottom seam of workable coal in the lower productive series or measures in this State, or in the United States. It then becomes absolutely necessary for our future information to ask our friend and brother Hot Air Promoter and Store Box and Nail Keg Schemer to explain how the existence of coal underlies New Grenada. We will very much appreciate any information on this subject from our "Prof.," and are ready and willing at all times to ask questions for further information.

The last report we have from our brother Col. "Diogenes" was a dialogue between himself and his bald-headed grocery man, who possibly detected his sonorous belchings of hot air and said: "What are you writing, Col.?" to which our Br. "Col." replied, "an essay on the importance of a thorough knowledge of Mines and Mining, Hot Air, Cold Air, Compressed Air and Dephlogestigated Air in store rooms," to which the grocer replied, "you don't seem to be getting along very fast with it." "No," replied the Col., "I'm in a fix. I can't remember where I'm at. I want to sleep—(P-o-h-n, wh-r-r, wh-r-r, p-o-h)—snoring. Later—The "Col." is now working on a contrivance that will feed him while he sleeps.

N. G.

Holy communion will be administered to the St Paul's congregation next Sabbath, at 1:30 a. m. Preparatory service will be held on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Divine service at the Big Cove Tannery church on Sunday at 5:30 p. m.

SCHOOL TREASURER HELD UP.

Hiram K. Hill of Belfast the Victim, but It All Ended Well.

On last Thursday morning Mr. Hiram Hill, treasurer of the Belfast school board went quietly out to the woods to saw wood to provide against the extremely cold weather at his comfortable home.

When the sun was well up in the eastern horizon, there came to the house some suspicious looking persons, and Mrs. Hill quickly sent her daughter to the woods to call her husband. The latter soon appeared at his home but was as quickly commanded to throw up his hands. He stopped and looked in wonder and surprise, but in a moment recognized the would be guilty parties to be some of his intimate friends and neighbors, bent on playing a practical joke on him. When he began to think, what this all meant he remembered that this was the 56th anniversary of his birthday, and then felt that he was safe.

At high noon the dining-room doors were thrown open, and dinner announced. Soon the table was relieved of its overburdened weight of good things to appease the appetites, and no one knows better than Mrs. Hill just how to prepare a good dinner. The remainder of the day was spent in social intercourse, and instrumental and vocal music.

Mr. Hill received some nice and useful presents. As the sun began to sink behind the western mountains, the friends left for their respective homes feeling they had a good time, and wishing Mr. Hill many returns of the day.

Those present were Mr. Hiram K. Hill, wife, daughter and son Oscar; Mrs. Jane Barton, Mrs. Martha Garland, James Hill and wife and son Floyd, Benjamin H. Truax and wife, Morgan Barton and son Thomas, Samuel Truax and wife and little son Brady, Jos. G. Garland and wife, Job L. Plessinger and wife, Milton B. Hill and wife, J. P. Garland and wife and little son Leonard, Russell and Earl Truax, George and Russell Plessinger, Thomas K. Downes, Oscar and Brooks Garland and Misses Kate Smith, Kitty and Vivian Hill, Blanche and Jennie Truax, and Ireda Garland.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

BRUSH CREEK.

Miss Ada Barton, Chas. W. Mellott, and Thomas Mellott and wife spent last Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Barton.

W. W. Smith on account of illness, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith of Emmaville.

Preston Deshong and family were called to the Valley last week on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Deshong's mother Mrs. Sarah E. Barton.

Misses Maggie and Bertha Russell of Everett, spent last Sunday with M. E. Barton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Duvall spent last Saturday with J. C. Barton and family.

Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin had the misfortune to fall and badly injure herself one day last week.

Miss Ella Barton and cousin Miss Joanne Morton of McConnellsborg, spent last Saturday afternoon with G. W. Hixson and family.

Mrs. Amy Staley spent the past week with Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin.

A merry sled load of Akersville's prominent young people gave a very pleasant surprise to M. E. Barton and family last Tuesday evening. Those composing the sledload were: Goldie and Maye Akers, Nora Fisher, Bessie Barton, Viola Hixson, Essie Williams and Ella Wink and William Seiling, B. Hixson, Ernest and Haslet Walters, Walter Barton, Clarence Akers, and Hunter Jackson. The evening was spent in games of various kinds and all returned home feeling they had had a nice time.

John H. Lake, Dead.

J. H. Lake died at his home on the Geo. Schwoebel farm, south of New Rockford, North Dakota, February 2, 1905, of acute Tuberculosis of the lungs. He had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday morning, 11 o'clock, after which the remains were shipped to the old home at Steele, N. D. for interment.

The deceased was born on Pleasant Ridge, Fulton county, Pa., and was, at time of death, 56 years old, lacking 10 days. He leaves a wife and six children, who are all living in North Dakota and were with him during his illness.

The deceased was a son of Ephraim Lake, late of Belfast township, deceased, and was married to Miss Rebecca Mellott, a daughter of the late Theodore Mellott. Mr. and Mrs. Lake went to North Dakota about twenty years ago with the Fulton county colony, and have been among the number that stuck to their western home, and prospered thereby. The many friends of the bereaved family in this county extend sincerest sympathy.

Lodge Visited.

A party of Fort Littleton Odd-Fellows, who are every one mighty good fellows, drove down to the county capital last Friday afternoon, took supper at the Washington House, whose proprietor is a member of Fort Littleton lodge, and then in the evening visited McConnellsborg lodge. It was a red letter "night" for the latter lodge, who had an initiation on hands for the benefit of the visitors, and read a proposal for membership. The Fort Fellows had nothing but the kindest things to say about the way the McConnellsborg Fellows did their work. The visiting party was composed of Hon. S. L. Buckley, Dr. D. A. Hill, Ex-Sheriff D. C. Fleck, D. W. Cromer, Frank Bare, John E. Locke, A. S. Jones, William Orth; Harry McGowan, of Burnt Cabins, and N. B. Henry and C. L. Henry, of Clear Ridge.

Other visitors that evening were Hon. Jno. P. Sipes, and Prothonotary Geo. A. Harris, of Harrisonville lodge, and A. K. Nesbit of a Virginia lodge.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Elmer Horton, who taught the Cherry Grove school and was compelled to relinquish his duties on account of illness, was able to be at the oyster supper here Saturday night.

Elva Brooks and Alice Ashton of Richvale, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fleming of Waterloo; J. H. Fleming and son of Sattilo, spent a few days the past week with the family of T. E. Fleming.

The sale of T. E. Fleming was largely attended on Saturday.

Bert Winegardner was in McConnellsborg on Friday.

The Ladies Aid Society held an oyster supper at this place Saturday evening which was a grand success financially.

Mrs. J. V. Carmack and daughter, Mrs. Charles Amsley made a trip to Mercersburg the first of this week.

Miss Lilian Fleming returned home after a very pleasant visit among friends in West Virginia.

The remains of Harry Cutchall were brought from Conemaugh where he died Saturday to this place on Monday and interment in Clear Ridge cemetery.

An exchange says:—The man who wouldn't take a newspaper was in town last Thursday. Among other indications of being behind the times we noticed he set his watch by the sign in front of our jewelry store, wiped his nose on a bolt of calico hanging in front of a store, stopped at a bank to inquire the price of lumber, and gave 25 cents to a drug store for an almanac.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find It Right Here.

C. E. Goldsmith has been seriously ill the past week.

Prof. B. C. Lamberson spent Saturday night in Needmore.

Brown Dawney of Philadelphia, was called here on business Saturday.

David Kline of Pleasant Ridge, was a McConnellsborg visitor last Saturday.

Scott Souders, who had been employed in Altoona, is spending a few days at home.

Rev. W. H. Reed will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning at 10:30.

John V. Glunt, of Knobsville, spent a day or two in Chambersburg last week on business.

Mrs. D. C. Fleck of Fort Littleton, spent a day last week among her many friends in this place.

Superintendent and Mrs. C. E. Barton are happy over the arrival of boy No. 2 at their home a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Dunlap and family of St. Thomas, were here Sunday attending Mrs. Rotz's funeral.

E. N. Akers and Miss Margaret Daniels of Sipes Mill, spent Friday evening and Saturday with friends in McConnellsborg.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dalbey and the latter's mother, Mrs. Ruth Hagner, went to Philadelphia last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hagner's son.

Maria Dickson Alexander went over to Shippensburg last Friday and visited among her many friends there until Monday when she returned.

An interesting communication bearing the Needmore postmark went into the waste basket because the writer forgot to sign his name.

Mr. E. M. Gelvin, one of Dublin's substantial farmers, was in town last Saturday and stopped at the News office long enough to have the label on his paper read 1906.

Captain C. T. Dixon, of Sipes Mill, spent last Friday night in town and Saturday went up to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Hessler in Tod.

Mr. Geo. W. Hays took his wife up to Everett one day last week and brought with him home his daughter, Miss Ethel. Mrs. Hays will remain a few days visiting her mother and sisters.

John E. Locke, of Fort Littleton, went to Homestead, Pa., last Saturday to re-engage with his old employers, the Homestead Baking Company. Mrs. Locke and the baby will follow in a few weeks.

Miss Annie Thomas, who had been with relatives in Altoona since last May, was called home very suddenly on Friday on account of the severe illness of her sister Miss Rachel at her home near McConnellsborg.

Albert Harr, who enlisted in the U. S. Cavalry, is home, having been discharged by reason of expiration of term enlistment of three years. Mr. Harr served part of the term in the Philippines and expects to re-enlist.

Miss Winifred Metzler, of Harrisonville, has gone to visit her sister, Miss Katharine, who is a teacher in one of the schools in the town of Clearfield. Miss Winifred will visit friends in Irwona, also, before she returns.

Harry Gross has moved from the Susan Unger property to Milton Unger's house on South First street, and Robert M. Downes moved yesterday from Miss Alice Hoike's house to that vacated by Mr. Gross.