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BIG MONEY IN POULTRY.

Pennsylvania Farmers Lose Millions of Dollars Every Year by Neglecting the Hen. Consumption

MORE THAN THE PRODUCTION.

"The poultry product puts about \$15,000,000 annually into the pockets of Pennsylvania farmers; but when it is known that the state of Pennsylvania consumes five times as much poultry and eggs as it produces, it becomes necessary for us to devote some time and thought to poultry conditions and prospects in our commonwealth."

The above is the opening announcement in a bulletin just issued by the state department of agriculture with a view to stimulating interest in the poultry business in Pennsylvania. This document, prepared by T. E. Orr, of Beaver, shows that many millions of dollars might be added to the revenues of the farmers of this state through the production of eggs and poultry.

Six states west of Pennsylvania surpass it in the production of the hen, Ohio and Iowa leading with \$20,000,000 worth each. Yet Pennsylvania has more individual land owners than either of these states—almost every plot being capable of yarding and feeding a few hens.

"There is a single wholesale dealer in Pittsburg," says the department bulletin, "who handles an average daily of 300 cases of eggs of 20 dozen each. He pays out for these eggs about half a million dollars a year. How many Pennsylvania farmers participate in this handsome sum of money? Not one. Every egg that this man handles comes from Indiana, where careful buyers gather them from the farmers. He says: 'The farmers of western Pennsylvania do not produce enough eggs especially in winter, for me to bother with. Of course, I would rather buy home eggs, but I must buy from people who have eggs to sell.'"

"The above named egg buyer pays good prices. He handles fresh eggs only. He has no use for storage eggs. He would pay higher prices if he could get a constant supply of nearby fresh eggs. From September 1st to March 1st, a period of six months the wholesale Pittsburg prices will average 30 cents per dozen for strictly first-class eggs. "It has been demonstrated again and again that the man who can produce eggs in this district in these six months does so at a food cost of not over 10 cents per dozen. In what other line of animal industry can one find a larger margin to pay for the labor and interest on the cost of investment?"

"Eastern Pennsylvania demands even a better quality of poultry and eggs at still higher prices. The better class residents of Philadelphia and New York are each year becoming more fastidious as to the quality of the poultry products they consume, and less careful as to the prices they pay, provided the quality is above reproach. Not only in the two cities named, but in a dozen smaller cities are people who contract for their eggs six months at 30 cents a dozen and six months at 45 cents, just to be sure they get eggs that are strictly first-class. "In every town of 5000 population or larger are people who would be glad to pay close to the above named prices, provided they could be sure of getting a regular supply between September and March.

"Pennsylvania is furnishing a constantly increasing demand for more table poultry of first quality. One has only to loiter around some of our commission houses to learn that most of the dressed poultry consigned will not rank above third class; that first-class poultry sells more readily and for twice as much as poultry that grades only third-class."

The bulletin states that "the greatest obstacle that now stands

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Little Daughter of Geo. Speer, Formerly of Salavia, Now of Chicago, the Victim.

GOT HOLD OF MATCHES. LIVED 6 HOURS

The many friends of George Speer, a former resident of Salavia, this county, will be shocked to learn of the distressing circumstances under which his little daughter, aged two years, came to her death a few days ago. The circumstances, as we learn, occurred in this way: Mrs. Speer and the little girl, with an older brother of the child, were sitting on the porch at their Chicago home, when the little tot asked for a "dunk," whereupon, her older brother volunteered to get it for her, and the two children went into the kitchen. Mrs. Speer remained on the porch—it seemed to her but a minute—when she heard the child scream. She rushed into the kitchen and was horror-stricken to find her darling baby in flames. Some one had left a box of matches in reach, and the child had gotten them.

The frantic mother caught up the child and held it under the water spigot, the little brother bravely assisting his mother. His hands were badly scorched, and the mother's clothing began to burn, and it was the rarest of good fortune, that the three were not burned to death. It was only the presence of mind of the mother, that prevented such a dreadful catastrophe.

In six hours death relieved the little one of its sufferings; although the external injuries were not so great, it is supposed that it inhaled the flame from its burning clothing, and in that way, received serious internal injury.

It was a sad home going for the parents, for they had only returned from a visit to George's mother, Mrs. Rachel A. Speer, in Everett, a few days.

NEW BOOKS ARE OUT.

P. R. R. \$20 Transferable Mileage Books on Sale Next Saturday.

The new Pennsylvania railroad mileage books are out and will be on sale commencing Saturday morning. The price will be \$20.

In appearance the book does not differ from the book formerly sold at the same same price. The conditions, however, under which the book is sold are different. The book will be good on the Pennsylvania main line and branches east of Pittsburg and Erie and may be used by one or more persons. A book may be purchased good for the purchaser and his family, or for a firm and its employees. As many persons as possible can ride on the book at one time, and the book is good until used providing that it is used within a year.

It will be good to travel on the Cumberland Valley system. Following the announcement of this book the Western Maryland gives notice that it too will have a similar book good for two years and transferable.

Illustrated Lecture.

Rev. A. Z. Myers, of Hazelton, will deliver an illustrated lecture in the Methodist church, on Tuesday evening, September 4th, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Christ in Art." Rev. Myers is an able speaker and should be greeted by a large audience. Popular prices. Proceeds to be used for repairing the parsonage.

In the way of profits from poultry on Pennsylvania farms to the writer to be properly classified under the following heading: Mixed flocks, poor houses, injudicious feeding and careless marketing."

The bulletin contains a vast amount of practical information as to the best methods of conducting the poultry business.

HEAVY ELECTRICAL STORMS

The Rainfall During this Month has been Unusually Great, and the Storms Unusually Violent.

MANY BUILDINGS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

The month of August, 1906, will be long remembered on account of the unusual number of days on which rain fell, the quantity of the precipitation, the high waters, and the severity of the electrical storms.

On Thursday afternoon of last week occurred one of the greatest thunder storms ever witnessed in this section. The rain fell in torrents, and for almost an hour the heavens were lit up by blinding flashes of lightning, following each other in quick succession, while there was an almost continuous roar of thunder, with intermittent claps that was almost deafening. At least four buildings were struck in McConnellsburg, and others damaged in the vicinity, to say nothing of the number of trees that were riven to splinters by the subtle fluid.

The spire on the residence of Thomas B. Stevens, in the east end of town was struck, tearing off the shingles and splitting the corner-strip, the fluid running around the base of the spire and passing through the slate roof into the attic. Thence across the building, descending through a window, tearing off the facing and window strips, found its way to the porch spouting, when it found an easy channel of escape to the earth. While at the window, as if in playful mood, the lightning tore off the window curtain, rolled it into a ball, and flung it across a wash stand. Fortunately, none of the inmates of the building were injured, and the house did not get afire.

During the same storm, the residence of Calvin McQuade, that of Mrs. Adam Gress, and that of John Fox were struck. On Mr. McQuade's house, a chimney was struck and shattered, a portion of the roof torn off, and the rafters splintered. It struck a chimney on John Fox's house and ploughed its way across the slate roof until it reached the tin in one of the valleys, when it slid into the rain spout and was washed down into the cistern. Mrs. Gress's house was struck in a chimney, which was much damaged, but little else suffered.

McConnellsburg was visited by another heavy storm, Monday afternoon. In this the thunder was not so heavy, but the downpour of rain broke the record, and it continued for almost an hour. The creek at the west end of town was so high that it flowed across the pike between the blacksmith shop and the bridge, and Mason's meadow was one sheet of water from the hill on the west to the fence on the east side of the meadow.

Licking Creek at Harrisonville was higher than it has been since the Johnstown Flood.

Supervisors will have something to do in replacing the numerous bridges that have been washed away, or badly damaged. Three big barns were burned over in Franklin county in the storm of last Thursday.

New Postal Card.

A new form of postal card, nearly square, and printed in a delicate blue, is beginning to make its appearance. It bears an excellent likeness of President Grant. In form and appearance it is a decided improvement over the card now in use.

Social.

There will be a Necktie Social in the grove at Gracey, Saturday evening, September 1st. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Howard S. Mellitt has been elected principal of the schools at Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, at \$50 a month.

THE BOROUGH SCHOOLS.

Pupils Under Six, and Those Who Have Not a Certificate of Vaccination, Need Not Apply.

At a meeting of the Borough school board last Saturday evening, a revised course of study was adopted, namely, that the study of Mental Arithmetic should be begun in the Grammar school; that the subjects of History, Geography and Physiology, shall be carried through the three years in the Grammar school, and that a uniform series of Readers should be used in all the schools. No pupil will be admitted to the schools under the age of six years, except those who shall reach the age of six years during the term. No pupil will be admitted who does not present a certificate of vaccination.

The borough schools will open next Monday.

Will Pay Three Per Cent.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the First National Bank of McConnellsburg, Pa. The business of the Bank has increased so rapidly and the institution is in such a good financial condition, that the Directors have decided to pay their depositors 3 per cent. interest on time deposits. Nearly all banks pay some rate of interest, but this is the first opportunity the people of Fulton county have had to secure interest on deposits in a home bank; thus giving a good safe investment at home. National Banks are under the supervision of the United States Government, and the accounts are examined once a year by a Government examiner, thus giving protection to depositors that they do not have in other banks.

COMES OUT STRONG.

Carlisle Public School Superintendent Speaks Plainly About Vaccination.

John C. Wagner, superintendent of Carlisle's public schools, thus states his position in no weak terms:

"The law requires that no child shall be admitted to the public school who has not been successfully vaccinated. Therefore, when application is made for admission be sure that the proper certificate, signed by a physician is presented. Bring the certificate of vaccination along to the superintendent when you come for the permit.

Parents must not wait until Monday morning to have their children admitted. Attend to that this week. The superintendent will not be able to attend to it on Monday.

Not Afraid of Rattlers.

Campers returning from the Nittany mountains, which border on Union county, says a Lewisburg dispatch to the North American, tell of seeing the operations of a resident of that region, who has a passion for killing rattlesnakes with his bare hands.

This mountaineer, Ira Snyder, lives at Forest Hill, and he spends whole days at his peculiar and dangerous sport of slaying the rattlers. He has killed thousands of them.

Snyder never uses a stick or any kind of weapon when he tackles a snake, no matter how big the reptile may be. He would consider such a proceeding cowardly. When he sights a snake he creeps toward it stealthily, so as not to give it an alarm. When within range, he springs upon it and seizes it with his right hand, just back of the head, giving it no opportunity to turn upon him. The snake may coil its body about his arm, but cannot reach him with its poisonous fangs.

So expert is Snyder at the business, that in all his snake-hunting adventures he has never been bitten. A snake captured, he sits down and cuts off its head with a jackknife. He sells the skins for \$1 each, and his earnings in a season amount to several hundred dollars.

NECROLOGICAL RECORD.

Mrs. D. S. Mellott Died Last Wednesday, and Miss Emma Laidig on Friday.

DEATH IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

MELLOTT.

Margaret, wife of D. S. Mellott, of Licking Creek township, died at their home, a short distance south of Salavia, on Wednesday night of last week, aged 75 years and about nine months. Funeral on Friday conducted by Eld. C. L. Funk, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church.

Mrs. Mellott had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church for a half century, and was possessed of many excellent qualities of mind and heart. In addition to her aged husband, she leaves to mourn the loss of her mother, thirteen children, namely, Henry J., of Deshler, O.; John and George, in Licking Creek township; Leonard and Irwin, in the state of Iowa; Martha, wife of James McDonald, and Tenie, wife of Charles Wink, in Ohio; Jennie, wife of Reuben Deshong, in Deshler, Ohio; Ella, wife of Taylor Rohm, of Allegheny, Pa.; Mary, widow of Wm. Strait; Nancy, wife of Fernando Decler, and Frances, wife of Phil ip Strait—all in Licking Creek township, and Elizabeth, wife of David Denisar, of Cameron, Ill. Mrs. Mellott is also survived by three brothers, namely, James and J. Nelson Sipes, of McConnellsburg, and A. J. Sipes, of Blairsville, Pa., and by one sister, Mrs. Oliver Oakman, of Licking Creek township.

While there is a family of thirteen children and the marriage of the parents covered a period of fifty-four years, the decease of the mother now is the first death in the family in all that time. There have been eighty grand-children of whom sixty-seven are living.

Laidig.

The many friends of Miss Mary Emma Laidig, will be shocked to hear of her death, which occurred at the home of her mother, Mrs. Maria Laidig at Hustontown last Friday evening. The cause of Miss Laidig's death was typhoid fever, and she had been ill about two weeks. The funeral, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Harry Daniels, of the Methodist Episcopal church, took place on Saturday afternoon, and her remains were laid to rest in the Hustontown cemetery.

The deceased was born in January, 1867; she was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and a lady of estimable character. Besides her mother, she leaves to mourn their loss, two half-brothers, Wm. F., of Taylor township; Clinton, of St. Louis, and one half-sister, Mrs. Geo. Laidig, of this county; also, by four brothers and three sisters, namely, George C., Martin L., David B., Norman E., Agnes, wife of James E. Lyon; Ella (Mrs. Allcott, St. Louis), and Mary E., wife of Wm. Ranck, at Hustontown.

GROSS.

Wilbur Rankin, infant son of Harry and Della Gross, of this place, died about 11 o'clock Sunday night, of enderocolitis, aged 9 months and 29 days. Interment Monday evening in the cemetery at the Reformed church in this place.

M'CURDY.

Charles Melvin, son of Charles and Eita V. McCurdy, of this place died Monday evening, aged 1 year and 4 months. Funeral Wednesday morning, and interment made in the cemetery at Port Loudon.

Charles W. Glaser, secretary of the G. Fred Kranz Music Co., Baltimore, Md., accompanied by his wife, son Alfred, and baby Elizabeth, is visiting his cousins, Toly and Conrad Glaser, in the Cove.

JOHN LYNCH HERE.

Born in Ayr Township in 1838. Lived in Harrisonville, and Went to Ohio in 1850.

HAS NOT BEEN BACK FOR 44 YEARS.

After an absence of 44 years, John Lynch, a brother of Anthony Lynch, of Bethel township, and an uncle of Frank P. Lynch, Esq., of this place, is back for a short visit in the county of his nativity. Although 78 years of age, Mr. Lynch is a heavy-set, stout-looking man, bright and cheery, and looks good for a number of years yet.

Mr. Lynch is a son of John B. Lynch, a soldier in the War of 1812, who came to this county from Baltimore in the earlier part of the last century, and married Martha, sister of Jacob Sipes, who was an uncle of our townsmen, James and J. Nelson Sipes.

During the earlier part of their married life, John B. Lynch and his wife lived up against Scrub Ridge mountain west of Lauver's mill, in Ayr township. It was in this home that John Lynch, the subject of this notice, was born in 1838. John B. Lynch's father came up from Baltimore, some time after that, and purchased what is now pretty well known as the old Lynch farm on Licking creek, in Belfast township, and John B. moved with his family to that farm, and remained there the remainder of his life. The farm is now owned by Amos Gordon.

John Lynch, in early manhood, went to Harrisonville to learn the trade of blacksmithing with Jacob Deitrich, who later on, removed to Fort Littleton, and Lynch went along with Deitrich to Littleton.

When Mr. Lynch came down from Everett the other day, he expected to meet some of his old cronies at Harrisonville. He alighted from the hack and went out to find them. It was then that a thrill of sadness swept over him. The waters in the same old creek went gurgling down through the meadows, the same pine hill threw its morning shadow across the village, but the voices of those familiar to him in years gone by were now silent, and their faces were not to be seen. One, only one, of his old acquaintances did he meet, and that was Henry Betz. There was mutual pleasure as the two old friends clasped hands, and recalled the scenes of more than fifty years ago in and around the "Creek" as Harrisonville was then called.

Among the residents of Harrisonville at the time that Mr. Lynch lived there, were the Michlers—Ed a hatter; Samuel, a sheen-maker; and David, a tailor; Samuel Shumer, a saddler; William Cardiff, a tailor; Rowland and James Austin, who operated a tannery; John Cook, who kept tavern where Thomas S. Metzler now lives; George Metzler, who kept tavern in the old stone house just east of the bridge, removed a few years ago to make room for the present frame dwelling; John Naugle, a wagonmaker; Wesley Alexander, who made chairs and the old fashioned big spinning wheels; and Philip Betz, who carried on a cabinet-maker's shop. Dr. Benedict was the resident physician.

Those were the days when freight between Philadelphia and Pittsburg was transported across the state in wagons, and the turnpike passing through Harrisonville was the main thoroughfare. There was lots of work for the blacksmith; but when railroads began to push their way across the state, wagons disappeared from the road, and many blacksmiths began to look toward other fields.

John Lynch had married then, Martha Sipes, a half sister of Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes, of this place, and they followed the tide of emigration westward, and settled in Massillon, O. In that city, for it has now grown to be one of the Buckeye's important cities, Mr. Lynch has since lived.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Coming and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Charles E. Goldsmith is spending a few days this week in Harrisonburg, on business.

Scott Ungar and family, of Altoona, are visiting friends in this county.

James E. Lyon, of West Dublin, was among the county-seat visitors, Tuesday.

Mrs. Abram Runyan, of this place, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Dawney, at Hustontown.

Miss Etta Evans and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Geo. B. Evans, of Thompson, were shoppers in town Monday.

Richard Snider, of Waynesboro, spent a few days last week in this place, the guest of his cousin, Willmer Hays.

Mrs. Lloyd Doyle and children of Beavertown, Pa., returned to her home Monday after spending some time with friends here.

Mrs. A. Norris Erb and son Mel Lloyd, of this place, left Tuesday for Westminster, Md., where they expect to spend the winter.

Miss Anna Gillan, daughter of Dr. Gillan of Greencastle, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad, in Ayr township.

Albert Alexander, a car inspector in the yards of the Pennsylvania railroad in Altoona, is spending a couple of weeks among his Fulton county friends.

J. L. Hixson, one of Easton's leading druggists, and his brother Ernest, of Altersville, were guests in the family of their brother-in-law, J. V. Stouteagle, over Sunday.

Hon. S. P. Wishart and brother, ex-Commissioner John A. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, were guests of their brother, Dr. H. S. Wishart, of this place, on Wednesday night of last week.

Mrs. Margaret Noble, who had been spending a few weeks at the home of her father, Daniel Laidig, of Taylor township, returned to New Oxford, Cumberland county, last week.

Fannie Rotz, of Marion, and Mary Dunlap, of Guilford Springs, who had been visiting relatives and friends in this place the past few weeks, returned to their respective homes Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Humbert and daughter, Miss Carrie, spent a few hours in town Tuesday. Carrie is one of Ayr township's efficient teachers; and will go back to Cito for another term's work.

Charlie and Mark Lodge were guests of their sister, Mrs. S. W. Kirk, a few days last week. Charlie goes back to Williamsport Seminary on the 10th of September to take the last year of his course of study in that institution.

George Fox, of Lehmastown, who had been spending a few days with relatives in this place, returned to his home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Fox and children, who had been visiting Mrs. Fox's parents, James Henry and wife, in Tod township.

Mrs. F. C. Mumma and son Donley, and Miss Laura Palmer, of Pittsburg, have been spending a week or two among their many Fulton county friends and relatives. Mrs. Mumma and son were guests in the home of J. Nelson Sipes and wife, last Friday night.

Leonard Mellott, of Richland, Iowa, called a few minutes at this office while in town Monday. Mr. Mellott, and his sisters, Mrs. D. S. Denisar, of Cameron, Ill., Mrs. Jas. McDonald, and Mrs. Reuben Deshong, of Deshler, O., all of whom had been called home to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. D. S. Mellott, started to return to their western home yesterday.