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THOMPSON.

An entertainment was held at Rehobeth church on Christmas night.

J. H. Simpson, of Washington, Pa., is spending some time with friends in Thompson.

H. S. Sharpe sings, "A charge to keep I have" since two boys came to his house to stay.

Mrs. Lem Gordon and little son Marshall of near McConnellsburg are spending a few days with Mrs. Gordon's parents.

Goldie Hess of near McConnellsburg is visiting friends in Thompson.

W. B. Pittman and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at H. C. Zimmerman's in Hancock.

J. E. Simpson who has been critically ill, is slowly improving.

Jesse J. Souders, of Johnstown, spent Xmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Souders.

David Gordon and wife spent Sunday at U. G. Humbert's.

There will be a prayer and song service at Damascus on New Year's night, at which time the Sabbath School will be given a treat.

Phosphate Rock Produced and Exported.

There were 2,265,000 tons of phosphate rock produced in the United States in 1907, and of this amount 900,000 tons, or about 40 per cent, was exported.

Educational Meeting.

The fifth local institute of Dubhn township was held at Glunt's schoolhouse, on the evening of the 18th inst.

First topic: Reviews; Value of; How Conducted.

Miss Blanche Peck thinks every lesson should be divided into three parts. She would have one class doing review work on the board, while hearing another class recite.

Prof. T. Scott Hershey thinks the written review affords a good opportunity to teach Capitalization and Punctuation.

Superintendent Lamberson said that pupils should be asked such questions as would lead them to think.

LASHLEY.

Our farmers have been taking advantage of the nice weather to get their ground ready for corn for next spring's planting.

The visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Oakman, last Sunday (Dec 20th), were Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Clabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Moses True and daughter Eva, Henry Lee and daughter Mary, Basil Powell, W. W. H. Kline, and Miss Estella Oakman.

Moses True dressed a lot of nice turkeys for Christmas.

Howard Lee expects to work for Jacob Clingerman next summer.

William Lee has just finished giving his new house a coat of paint.

Mrs. Agnes Ray has returned home from Warfordsburg where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Morgret.

Mr. and Mrs. Clabaugh, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Oakman visited in the home of Mr. W. W. H. Kline.

Miss Ada True is on the sick list.

The Useful Salt.

If a chimney catches fire salt thrown up in handfuls will put out the flames.

Again, when the chimney is swept, a handful or two thrown over the soot will keep the particles from floating about.

It brightens as well as extinguishes fire, as a teaspoonful of salt put into the oil of a lamp makes it give a brighter light.

Then when broiling a chop or steak a little salt thrown on the fire lowers the flame and makes a more suitable fire for the purpose.

A little strewn on the lid of a saucpan will prevent the contents from becoming smoked.

A little put into the washing up water brightens crystal, and also removes discoloration from water bottles. It should also be used plentifully in cleansing sinks, baths and lavatories.

GRACEY.

Harold Witz, better known as "Happy", who has been visiting in the home of S. C. Gracey, left for Altoona last Sunday.

Mrs. Martha E. Strait, whose illness was mentioned in the News last week, is still no better. Those who called to see her last Sunday were Mrs. A. M. Corbin, Mrs. J. W. Cutball, Mrs. Hettie Gracey, Mrs. S. C. Gracey, Josiah Witter, and Miss Alida Miller.

M. G. Kerlu left for Philadelphia last Saturday to have his eye treated at the Wills Eye Hospital. We hope the treatment may be successful, as he has but one eye left.

John Gracey has a pet fox which he captured recently.

The Foot And Mouth Disease.

(Continued from last week.)

The after effects of foot and mouth disease are sometimes very marked and of long duration. Dr. Salmon has reported that during the outbreak of 1902-1903 in New England a few herds that had passed through the disease were left. In about one-third of these cases the owners afterwards asked to have their cattle destroyed, as the cattle were unprofitable or relapses had occurred.

There is a malignant form of foot and mouth disease in which the mortality is high. Outbreaks of this type of disease, in which from ten to fifty per cent. of the attacked animals died, have been reported from several foreign countries. Complications following foot and mouth disease are numerous; they consist of abscess formations about the feet, sloughing of the hoofs, abscesses of the udder, garget, gastro-intestinal catarrh and blood poisoning.

When infected herds are not destroyed but are kept, the premises remain infected for a considerable time and it is impossible to disinfect the premises as long as the live animals remain, as these animals may continue to distribute the seeds of the disease and may re-infect the clean premises a long time after the symptoms of foot and mouth disease have disappeared.

The diagnosis of foot and mouth disease is not a difficult matter where the disease is discovered in its earlier stages in a herd of animals. When one animal is affected or where the disease has reached a late stage of development there is often difficulty in distinguishing foot and mouth disease from some other condition.

The conditions that are most likely to give rise to error are those due to accidental injuries to the mucous membrane of the mouth and a form of inflammation of the mouth caused by fungi, known as mycotic stomatitis.

Wounds, or external injuries of the mouth, are sometimes seen as ulcers upon the edge of the pad opposite the over incisors. These may be of the shape of the edge of the incisors and manifestly are toothcuts. Such toothcuts may become infected, causing a small ulcer of irregular shape, and sometimes from such a wound there is a cross infection to the inside of the upper lip.

From close grazing, especially on a stubble field, cattle may wound the muzzle and lips, or the lining mucous membrane of the lips. Such wounds show as scratches or punctures, or as rough, abraded surfaces; they do not have the appearance of erosions and do not have the bright, red color that is characteristic of the lesions of foot and mouth disease.

There is another form of injury that requires special mention. Cattle shipped by rail and that have been in the cars for a long time, with little or insufficient food and water, have a tendency to lick and to gnaw the wood work of the car. From this they may sustain injury to the inside of the upper lip and the mucous membrane covering the front of the upper jaw. Sometimes the tongue is rubbed. These injuries appear as defects of the mucous membrane of irregular shape and size, brownish color and rough surface. They may be overlaid with brown, thin crusts. In examining such a lesion, it is well to wash it off with water, whereupon it will be found that the surface is stained and discolored and that it is of a rough, warty appearance and looks "dead," in contrast with the bright red and "blooming" lesion of foot and mouth disease.

In such cases, the mucous membrane of the mouth is likely to be pale and there is little if any salivation, in contrast to the profuse salivation of the mucous membrane and excessive moisture in foot and mouth disease. It is to be remembered that in foot and mouth disease the epithelium is lifted up, leaving a smooth surface below, whereas in these traumatic defects there is a mechanical tearing or a dry mortification, leaving a rough, irregular surface. This form of stomatitis is not accompanied by any evidence of foot and mouth disease upon the feet or udder. One may find, however, in cattle that have been shipped a long distance a certain amount of stiffness and lameness, and if they have been standing long in foul cars or stock yards there may be some irritation between the hoofs.

In mycotic stomatitis, there is no preliminary vesicle formation; a distinct layer, as a false membrane, develops upon the surface of the mucous membrane, and the disease is not contagious although a large proportion of the animals in a herd may be similarly affected, having been exposed to the same conditions. One must also distinguish between

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foot and mouth disease and ergotism, between foot-rot and foul-claw, and between foot and mouth disease and cowpox.

The animal that has passed through an attack of foot and mouth disease may be recognized by the presence of unhealed ulcers. These, in their last form, may appear only as small red depressions or as yellow spots. Very slightly depressed areas covered by clean mucous membrane, may be seen upon the dorsum of the tongue.

The soreness of the feet and slightly excessive moisture between the digits may remain after the mouth lesions have healed. Sometimes, after extensive eruptions about the feet, the hoof develops a ridge similar to that seen on the hoof of a horse that has suffered with laminitis.

It is necessary to hold suspected animals in quarantine until doubt can be removed. In some cases information of use in deciding as to vague and indefinite conditions may be obtained by exposing or inoculating a susceptible animal. In Pennsylvania such inoculations are by law prohibited excepting when made by authority of the State Livestock Sanitary Board.

Continued Next Week.

NEEDMORE.

We had delightful Christmas weather.

Mr. R. C. Dixon, of Pittsburg, came home on Christmas day, to spend a few days, with his family.

Mr. W. A. Peck and little daughter Mary, of Pittsburg, spent a few days among friends Christmas.

The Christmas entertainment held by the Needmore Sunday school, Friday evening, was a grand success. The organist and choir especially deserved comment.

Miss Minnie Funk, who is teaching at Magnolia, W. Va., spent Christmas with her parents Eld. and Mrs. C. L. Funk.

Mr. Edward Hendershot spent Saturday evening and Sunday in the home of Eld. Funk.

H. L. Peck and Floyd Hart have been having a serious time with boils.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

The Poultry Yard.

Corn should be fed at the evening feed as it is very heating and slow in digesting.

Don't buy too large an incubator for the first attempt. One-hundred-egg size is large enough if the hatch happens to be a failure.

Give the hens oats to help out the bill of fare. If the oats are in the sheaf, so much the better. Thrashing out a bundle of oats is good exercise for the hens on a cold morning.

Grit must be hard and sharp to do the work of properly grinding up the food in the crop. Gravel, as a general thing, is not tough enough, and cracked oyster shell is too soft.

The best way to keep the premises clean of lice and mites is to begin in January to wage war. Once a week pour kerosene over the roosts, into the cracks of the nest boxes, and along the dropping boards.

Nature has kindly provided such warm coats for ducks and turkeys that they can well stand the cold. A dry, open shed makes a very good roosting place for either; but the turkeys prefer to roost on the limb of a tree and the higher up the limb the better they are suited.

Open up an account with the hens. Charge them with every item of expense, but do not fail to give them credit for every egg they lay and every carcass they give up for food.

An element that is often lacking in poultry food is protein, the most expensive part of the food and the most needed. It makes blood, muscle, bone, eggs and feathers. It may be supplied in feeding lean meat, green cut bone and scraps, wheat, oats, alfalfa and some clover.

William M. Patterson, engaged in the pipe business with the Frick & Lindsay Company, Pittsburg, Pa., is spending the time this week with his parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson, at Webster Mills.

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TERMS OF COURT.

The first term of the Courts of Fulton county in the year shall commence on the Tuesday following the second Monday of January, at 10 o'clock a. m.

CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. W. A. West, D. D., Pastor. Preaching services each alternate Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and every Sunday evening at 7:00.

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