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PLANTS AND THEIR PESTS.

Weekly Bulletin on Timely Topics Issued By the State Department of Agriculture.

DEALING WITH PEACH YELLOWS.

While everything has been going the farmer's way for several years, he has his own troubles, too. The fly or the smut attacks his wheat in the field, the weevil gets after it in the granary, cut worms destroy his cabbage plants, the beetle eats his potato tops, the scale damages his fruit trees—and then there are some other things. Well, Prof. Surface knows about these things, and he has spent a lifetime in finding out just how to meet all these pests, and the State pays him to do what he can to help all the farmers who want to be helped. In order to reach as many Fulton county farmers as possible, Prof. Surface has asked the News to publish his weekly bulletins—publish them free, of course, and the News gladly does this in the hope that it may save our farmers many a dollar. These bulletins cannot touch upon everything at once, and if you need any other information, on any subject connected with the pests on your trees or other vegetation, write Prof. Surface and tell him what the trouble is, and you will hear from him, and the information will not cost you anything but the trouble of writing the letter.

The proper method of dealing with peach trees affected by the disease known as yellows, continues to be a serious subject with fruit growers. Most fruit growers are satisfied to rip out a tree so diseased without delay and burn it on the spot. Professor H. A. Surface, the State Zoologist of Pennsylvania, has been conducting a series of experiments with trees showing symptoms of yellows, but does not consider the results thus far obtained as being sufficiently conclusive to base public directions upon them.

In a letter addressed to the Secretary and Treasurer of an Allegheny County Farm and Fruit Company, which has over 10,000 bearing peach trees, Professor Surface answers an inquiry in regard to peach yellows in the following manner:

"I am not fully satisfied with the results of my studies and experiments with the peach yellows. Many trees treated by me last season, which were apparently infected, grew out of the trouble, and are now in good shape, while a smaller percentage got worse instead of better. It is my opinion that the disease known as yellows is not always due to the same cause, and, consequently, is not always to be remedied by the same means. In general, I would advise an inexperienced person to pull the trees and burn them right on the spot, taking care that the infected branches do not come in contact with the living branches of healthy trees.

"However, in regard to a studious and careful person like yourself, it is different, and I would recommend 'dehorning' them while dormant, and hauling or carrying the brush from the orchard—not dragging it—being careful to avoid letting it come in contact with the branches of healthy trees, the brush to be burned on a hot fire as soon as possible. As a matter of economy, the larger wood can be used as fuel for household purposes or elsewhere. A good use would be for boiling the lime-sulphur wash which should be sprayed on all peach and plum trees, while leafless, whether infested with scale or not.

"After dehorning I should mulch the trees with almost any kind of covering that I could put around the roots, preferring straw stable manure. In the early spring, I should give the soil a dressing with a complete fertilizer, in which nitrogen would

THE DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

Attendance Last Friday Not Large on Account of Inclement Weather.

In consequence of a rain storm which lasted throughout the day, only sixteen school directors, including President Comer and Secretary Chesnut, were in attendance at the annual convention last Friday in this place. There was no meeting in the forenoon, but at 1:30 p. m., the few who braved the elements assembled in the Court House, and an interesting session was held. R. B. Teitrick, Deputy State Superintendent, being present at this session, added greatly to the interest by his plan, practical talks on the topics under discussion. The subject, "A Good Teacher, from a Director's Viewpoint," was discussed by Ex-County Superintendent Clem Chesnut, followed by E. H. Kirk.

Mr. Teitrick delivered an interesting address in which Mr. McKee of Brush Creek, and others, took a hand, on "The Director's Opportunity," which every school official of the county should have heard. He dwelt particularly on the almost unlimited authority given school directors by the law, on their opportunities to study conditions and the chances they have to see and remedy defects. In short, the schools are exactly what the directors make them. At the close of Prof. Teitrick's talk the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

S. B. Woollett, president; E. H. Kirk, 1st vice-president; W. H. Nelson, 2nd vice-president; Clem Chesnut, secretary, and W. H. Nelson, treasurer. T. H. Truax, of Thompson, and D. L. Grissing, of McConnellsburg, were elected delegates to the Directors' Convention at Harrisburg, February 10, 1910.

Friday night Mr. Teitrick gave a charming lecture in the court room to a fair sized audience on "Education and Achievement." It is very rarely in the life of a public speaker that a more attentive audience is encountered than the one Friday night. The talk was comprehensive, delightfully given and delightfully received. While it was lengthy, it was all so short for those who listened with a concentration that was inspiring to the speaker and beneficial to the listener.

The following directors were present: Ayr. W. H. Nelson, David Rinedollar; Bethel, Oliver Hill; Brush Creek, William McKee, John Engle; Dublin, Clem Chesnut; McConnellsburg, S. B. Woollett, Ed Shimer, M. W. Nace, Harry Hamil, John Comer, D. L. Grissing; Taylor, E. H. Kirk; Thompson, Emanuel Keefer; Tod, David Sipes, John Ewing.—Fulton Democrat.

SALUVIA.

Miss Louie Kegaris, who has been employed in Everett for several months is home on a visit.

H. E. Austin, we are glad to note, is recovering from the attack of rheumatism which had confined him in the house for several weeks.

R. R. Hann has been quarrying limestone on the Woclett farm near Littleton the past week. The farmers of our vicinity are beginning to recognize the value of lime. And the effect will surely be increased production.

Grant Baker was in our vicinity last Thursday buying cattle.

Our school is progressing nicely under the capable management of H. O. Wible.

Geo. McDonald returned to Boswell, Pa., Tuesday last where he has been employed for the past two years.

predominate, obtaining this from different sources, such as Nitrate of Soda, dried blood, and tankage. I should give special care to the cultivation and, if necessary, to the watering of these trees. I believe they will grow out of it, as nine-tenths of mine have done."

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

SMITH.

Miss Mary E. C. Smith, a sister of Hon. Geo. A. Smith, a prominent lawyer, formerly a resident of this place, died at her home near Rogersville, Tenn., on Tuesday, the 4th inst., in the 77th year of her age. She was born at the old Smith homestead, north of Fort Littleton, but during the last 35 years has resided near Rogersville, Tennessee, where she greatly endeared herself to many friends and neighbors. The life of her sainted mother terminated there a few years ago, and all that was mortal of her sleeps in the soil of Tennessee. Her father, an honored minister of the M. E. church, finished his earthly career in this county, where his body rests in hope of the resurrection. In addition to her brother, Geo. A. Smith, she is survived by two sisters, Miss Rebecca L. Smith, in Tennessee, and Frances A., wife of Rev. W. M. Cline, of Fort Littleton.

Miss Mary was a member of the Methodist church South, and the principles of the Christian religion imbibed in early youth from pious parents, made it easy in death's hour to say, "Though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

HENRY R. BREWER.

Henry R. Brewer died at his home in Belfast township, on Thursday of last week after a short illness. While we have no means of ascertaining his exact age, he was somewhere in the seventies. His funeral took place on Saturday and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church. Mr. Brewer was a son of the late George Brewer, of Brewer's Mill, Thompson township. He has one sister living, Dorothy Ann, wife of Daniel Covalt, Esq., and one half brother, John C. Brewer, of Kansas City.

His wife, who was Luvinia Covalt, and later the widow of William Sipes, survives him, as does their daughter, the wife of McCauley McEldowney. The following from the pen of one of his neighbors, is a deserving tribute to a most worthy citizen.

"In the death of Henry R. Brewer, which occurred Jan. 20, 1910, there is removed from our community a man of the most exemplary type.

Quiet, unpretentious, industrious, honest, kind of heart, and according his life as nearly as possible to the golden rule, he certainly set an example, which everyone should strive to emulate. Who can know when the influence of his quiet, unassuming, strictly moral life, will cease to be felt by the neighborhood in which he resided? Generous to a fault, his hospitality was genuine; and it was shared equally by the young as well as by their elders.

His silent unspoken approval has often proved an inspiration for young people to lead better lives. While his religious convictions were strong, he was very tolerant with the views of others, always avoiding any vexatious disputes, but maintaining an inflexible stand on the side he deemed right. It can truly be said in the case of Mr. Brewer, "it is not death, 'tis but a struggle ended," for no one can tell when his influence will cease to exist."

B. W. T.

Miss Winifred Metzler, of Harrisonville returned home Sunday after having spent a week very pleasantly in the home of her uncle and aunt Judge and Mrs. Peter Morton near town.

BOROUGH CANDIDATES.

REPUBLICAN.

Clyde Ott,

Wm. Baumgardner,

S. A. Nesbit,

P. F. Black,

W. R. Sloan,

J. A. Irwin,

A. U. Nace,

M. W. Nace,

Jacob Rotz,

D. T. Fields,

R. M. Shimer,

DEMOCRATIC.

Judge of Election,

H. L. Sipes.

Inspector,

Chas. E. Goldsmith.

Justice of the Peace,

S. M. Robinson.

Town Council,

M. M. Kirk.

E. R. McClain.

Geo. W. Hays.

School Directors,

A. D. Hohman.

S. W. Kirk.

Assessor,

Geo. B. Mellott.

Overseer of the Poor,

Adam Gress.

Auditor,

Wm. Hull.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Baltimore Specialist Removed Spawl of Steel from Elmer Lake's Eye.

Elmer, a son of Abner M. Lake of the Cove, while engaged in shoeing a horse on Monday of last week, had a small piece of steel or iron, which separated from one of the nails or hammer he was using, strike him in the eye, penetrating the cornea and iris and so completely concealing itself that it was invisible to Dr. Mosser, to whom the young man was taken for treatment. Growing worse, the young man was taken to a Hagerstown specialist Wednesday morning by his father.

When they reached Hagerstown, they were advised to go on to Baltimore, which they did; for it was found that it was a delicate operation, and that great care would have to be exercised. The Baltimore specialist, after placing Elmer under the influence of an anesthetic, applied a powerful magnet, which brought out the offending piece of steel, which proved to be about the size of a pin head.

It is hoped that his sight may be saved.

Literary Meeting.

The first meeting of the Franklin Mills Literary Society was held at Mt. Airy, Friday evening, January 21, 1910. The meeting was called to order by the teacher, who appointed I. D. Mellott chairman. Then the following judges were chosen, Wm. Carnell, Chas. Hess, and Oliver Dibelbiss.

The first on the program was music, which was well rendered by Lewis Layton on the violin.

Then the following question was taken up—Resolved "That woman suffrage should be adopted by an amendment to the constitution." The question was thoroughly discussed by the following persons: Affirmative—Ira D. Mellott, Albert Garland, Negative—Albert Bivens, Sherman Bernhard, John Perdew, Gilbert Mellott. At the close of the discussion it was decided in favor of the Affirmative.

Music again was enjoyed by the audience. They adjourned to meet again at Mt. Airy, Friday evening, February 11th. All are invited.

OTTIE HILL,
Secretary.

Intelligent Farming.

In no line of industry in this county has greater strides of progress been made during the past decade than that of farming. On many farms, that were hardly worth working, a few years ago, are now producing paying crops. This change comes from knowing how. The younger farmers are students of agriculture, and as a consequence, there is method in all their efforts. An instance to prove this may be noted in the fact that Mr. Emory Hessler, who owns the Spear farm at Saluvia, just harvested a corn crop that yielded 86 barrels on two acres. It is not limestone land.

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COMET COMING.

Will Be nearest Earth on Eighteenth of May.

Halley's comet has been sighted at the Daniel Schall observatory of Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, by Dr. A. Thomas G. Appel of that institution. The comet was west and south of the planet Mars and was a pale circle of hazy light. The comet and the earth are now traveling parallel paths in the same direction, on opposite sides of the sun. The distance between the two will remain the same or slightly increasing until the latter part of April, when the curves in their respective orbits will cause them to approach one another rapidly.

The comet then can be seen in the morning, on May 18 the comet will pass between the earth and the sun and become an evening star. This is the time when the earth may pass through the comet's tail. The comet's distance at this time will be less than one-seventh of the sun's distance, and at this close approach promises to be a conspicuous object. It will be visible in the evening sky during the last half of May and throughout June receding from us rapidly and decreasing in brightness.

War Upon High Prices.

A few days ago there was organized the National Antifood Trust League with headquarters at Washington, D. C. The purpose of the association is to make war upon high prices for the necessities of life. Its membership is over 200,000. Dispatches from all parts of the country show that people are in sympathy with the movement, and are prepared to give it practical support. Ohio has taken the lead in aggressive action. In Cleveland, where 40,000 persons have pledged themselves to eat no meat for 30 days, the dealers have already made a cut of 2 cents a pound on certain meats. Their sales have fallen off 50 per cent. In the last few days, and further reductions in the price of meat are expected. The attorney-general of Kansas has begun suit against the packing companies in that state, alleging they are members of a combination maintained, to raise prices illegally.

The nation is thoroughly aroused, and consumers are demanding imperative relief from conditions which are causing acute distress in many cases and taxing to the utmost the resources of all persons of moderate means.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Mary Chesnut and family desires through the medium of the NEWS, to thank all the friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of the husband and father, the late Dr. David Chesnut.

Mr. and Mrs. William Doyle desires to express their thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who helped to share the sad burden during the sickness and death of their son Clarence.

Sledding Party.

A sledding party consisting of the following persons spent Monday evening in the home of Abram Wagner in Knobsville: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Comer, Mrs. Nick Roettger, Mrs. Fred Black, Mrs. Louisa Jackson, Miss Nell Comer, Miss Naomi Roettger, Miss Harriet Etemiller, Harry Ott, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Comer.

Minnie Bumbaugh, a daughter of James Bumbaugh, near Fayetteville, aged six years, in some way swallowed a needle over a year ago, and from this has at times been seriously ill. Dr. W. Edgar Holland was called, and on close examination found a point of the needle below the sternum bone. He made an incision and found the needle, removing the same.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

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

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Dr. R. B. Campbell, of New Grenada, was registered at the Fulton House, last Saturday.

Mrs. P. Schedleman, near Knobsville, was in town shopping on Tuesday.

J. C. McGowan and Harry McGowan, of Burnt Cabins, registered at the City Hotel, Monday.

John N. Minnich, one of Bedford's rising young attorneys, passed through this place Tuesday, enroute to Mercersburg.

Lloyd and David Fleming and Theodore Appleby—all of Clear Ridge, were early Monday morning visitors at the County Seat.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wagner, of Mercersburg, are spending a few days with Charley's parents and other friends on this side of the mountain.

Miss Edith McEldowney, who has been employed at Wilson College, Chambersburg, is spending sometime at her home near Big Cove Tannery.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Wagner and Miss Beatrice Wagner, and Mr. Chas. McElhaney—all of Hustontown, spent last Thursday in McConnellsburg.

Ernest Doyle, of Washington, D. C.; Harvey, of Altoona, and Charles, of Chambersburg, were in town last week attending the funeral of their brother, Clarence W. Doyle.

Paul I. Johnston, chief of the Cost Accounting department of the Philadelphia branch of the Barrett Manufacturing Company, spent the time from Saturday until Wednesday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston, of this place.

Mr. J. N. Duvall and son William drove down from their home in Wells Valley in a sled, Monday, and got a grain chopping machine that had been brought here from Waynesboro for Mr. Duvall. Mr. Duvall is provided with a tread power which enables him to do his own wood sawing and threshing, and now he will be in shape to do all his own grinding of feed stuffs.

He Understood.

"Willie," said an interesting mother to her first born, "do you know what the difference is between body and soul? The soul, my child, is what you love with; the body carries you about. This is your body," touching the little fellow's shoulder, "but you know, my child, there is something deeper in. You can feel it now. What is it?"

"Oh, I know," said Willie, with a flash of intelligence in his eyes, "that's my flannel shirt."—"Judge."

BRUSH CREEK.

The heavy rain and breaking of the ice did much damage in our Valley last Friday.

Miss Ella Barton spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

The Republicans held their primary last Saturday, and nominated their ticket for the spring election.

Harry Williams, wife and sons Harold and Perry; Miss Sallie Lucas, and John Lucas and wife, of Everett, spent Sunday at the home of M. E. Barton.

H. N. Barton and family, and Mrs. Sarah E. Barton, spent Sunday at the home of B. F. Whitfield.

Lewis Sipes and wife, of Locust Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday at John Clevenger's.

Rev. C. F. Wise is holding his protracted meeting at Akeravilla. It has been largely attended.

On account of the condition of the weather, the institute at Buffalo was postponed until January 29th.