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## PLANTS AND THEIR PESTS.

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

### INSECTS IN SEED BEANS.

"I am enclosing herewith some insects which have just made their appearance in a box of seed beans. I set the box out in the weather at 3 degrees below the freezing point, but it doesn't seem to kill them. What are they? Are they harmful to the seed? How do they get in their work?"

The above is the substance of a letter which accompanied some insects sent recently by the manager of a publishing house in Western Pennsylvania to Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg.

The reply of the Professor to this request for information was as follows:

"I have received the insects which you sent to me from the seed beans, and can tell you that they are bean weevils. I doubt if they would be killed by freezing because Nature provides for the protection of her own, and if insects were so easily killed they would soon be exterminated by natural causes. They are, of course, injurious to the beans, which are sometimes so badly injured by the pests that they will not germinate, or, if they do sprout, they sometimes do not have enough vigor to grow well.

"The proper thing to do, at this time of the year, is to fumigate all beans and peas, in order to kill the weevils that are in them, and prevent these pests which live through the winter from continuing their gnawing within the seeds and increasing their race for another season's depredations. The easiest method of doing this is to put the seeds into a vessel like a wash boiler, that can be closed, and put into this vessel a shallow pie tin, and pour into the pie tin a teaspoonful of carbon bisulfide. Then close the vessel tightly, and let it remain undisturbed for a day, by which time the pests will have been destroyed. Keep it in a barn or shed, or some other building than the family residence. The fumes are explosive like those of benzine or gasoline, and fire should consequently be kept away.

"Pests in granaries and bins can be killed by this method of fumigation, two pounds of carbon bisulfide being used for each hundred bushels of grain or space in the bin. The important point is to shut out all air. If this can be done the fumigation will do but little good, unless the grain can be covered with wet blankets to keep down the fumes and exclude the air."

### Old Fashioned Winter.

Rev. J. S. Decker, pastor of an Iowa M. E. church, under date of 20th ult., writes: Enclosed here with find one dollar for which please extend my subscription to the News one year, and don't miss sending a single copy. We're lost for a whole week if the News fails to reach us—which is very seldom. We are having what is called by old timers here in Iowa an old fashioned winter. We have been in Iowa twelve years, and have never seen as much genuine winter weather in any one season since coming to the state. I had not hitched to my sleigh for two years until the sixth of last month (December) and have driven nothing else since and there has been excellent sleighing since then, with the mercury hovering around zero most of the time. Wishing you and all the News family a happy and prosperous year, I am, very sincerely yours.

There will be preaching in the Lutheran church of McConnellsburg, Sunday, Feb. 6th, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; at Big Cove Tannery 2:30 p. m., same date.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### DANIEL P. DESHONG, ESQ.

Daniel P. Deshong, Esq., a veteran of the Civil War, and highly esteemed citizen of Belfast township, died at his home on Pleasant Ridge, last Saturday, aged a little more than seventy years. His funeral took place on Monday. The services being conducted by Rev. J. C. Garland, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Christian church, to which place it was followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

Squire Deshong, as he was familiarly known, was one of nature's noblemen, who lived an upright life, and was a most useful citizen in the community in which he spent most of his life. During the Civil War, he served in Co. H, 158th Regiment, P. V., belonging to Capt. Thomas Sipes' Company.

Six army veterans, namely Frank Shives, Harvey Fohner, S. B. Deshong, Jas. A. Sipes, H. E. Betz, and Hon. J. W. Hoop acted as pallbearers.

Besides his widow, who was Abigail, a daughter of the late John Deshong, he is survived by two sons—Charles, of Wells Valley, and Logue, of Johnstown, Pa., and by three daughters, Maggie, wife of L. R. Swartz, Laura, wife of Jas. O. Mellott, and Mrs. Howard Hann—all living near Saluvia.

Mr. Deshong served as justice of the peace for several years, and filled other offices in his township at various times—always to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

#### ELMER C. HENDERSHOT.

Elmer C. Hendershot, formerly one of Fulton County's most successful teachers, died at his home in Buck Valley on Wednesday the 19th of January.

For almost a year he had suffered from tuberculosis of the lungs; but all of this time he seemed to bear the trouble with the spirit of the Master whom he served.

The deceased spent the best part of his life in the school room as teacher. It being his ambition always to train the students in the highest things, and lead them to the realm where they could think God's thoughts after him. His success as a teacher endorsed the fact that he had found his place in life and finding such his only regret was, he could not stay and add more years to the eleven that he served as schoolmaster.

He lived but 39 years, 4 months and 5 days; and leaves to mourn his loss a wife, father and mother, two sisters and three brothers and a host of friends.

He had been a faithful Christian for more than ten years. The Christ he served enthused him to be an ideal husband, making the home ties such that his wife will never fail to see his living expressions as lofty works never die.

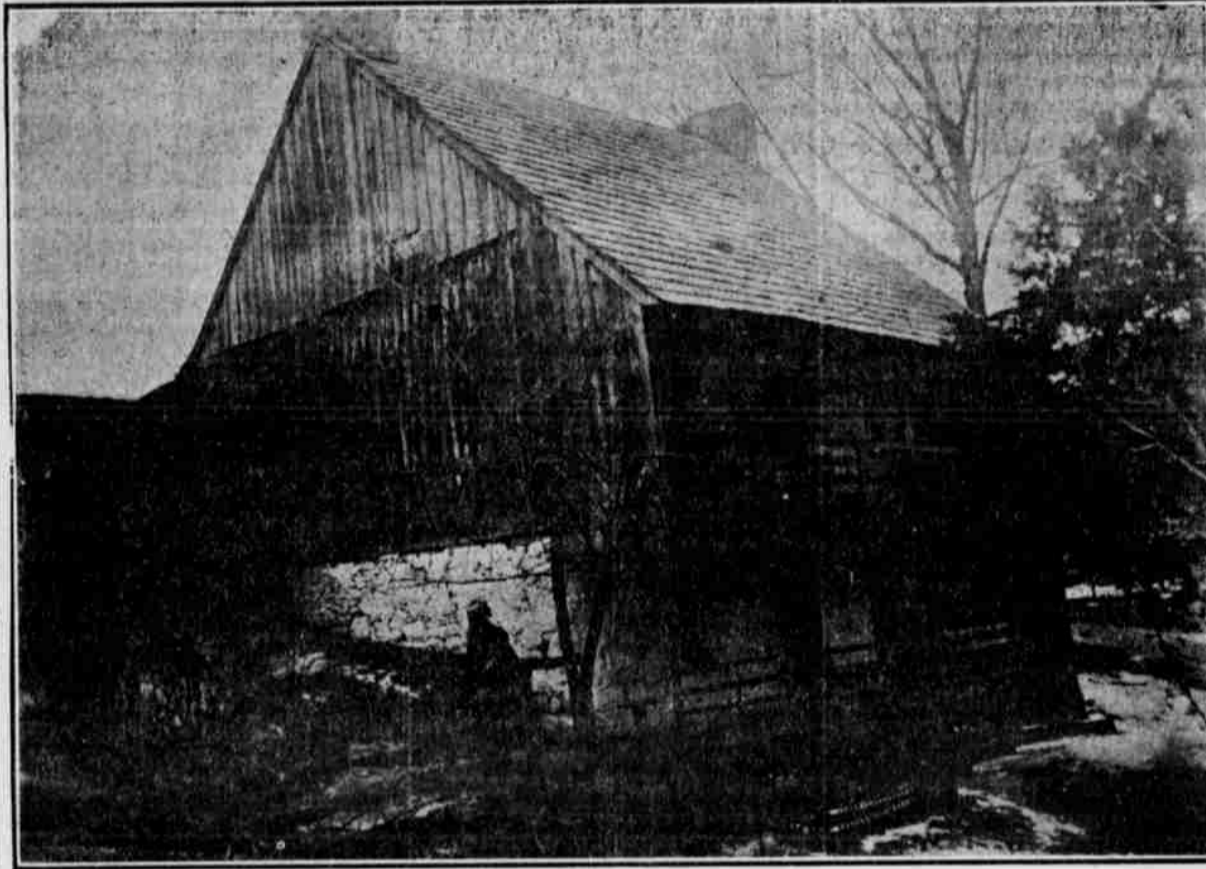
The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Jesse M. Kaufman in the Buck Valley Christian church. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

#### SOUDERS.

Isaac Souders, a well known citizen of Thompson township, died at his home near Plum Run early last Friday morning, of jaundice, after an illness of a few weeks, aged 71 years and 2 months. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Feltner, of the M. E. church, Hancock, Md.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Christina Weller, he is survived by the following children, namely, Liza, wife of John Munday, Washington, D. C.; Alice wife

## OLD SMITH HOME.



The above is a good picture of the old mansion house on the Smith homestead in Belfast township. It has been for many years a familiar landmark to travelers in crossing Sideling Hill mountain between Needmore and Whips Cove. It was in this house (at that time owned by Henry Lavinger) that the first Methodist Organization in this County was formed, 119 years ago. It is now owned by Mr. Geo. F. Smith, who stands at the end of the porch in the picture. Next week we shall print a picture of the old Lavinger graveyard, in which lies the remains of one of the early preachers, who fell dead while preaching in this house.

of — Woollet, Washington, D. C.; Mary, married and residing in Manning, Pa.; Mrs. Jane Eversole, residing in Cumberland, Md.; Susan, wife of Henry Fite, Plum Run, Pa.; Dorothy, wife of Samuel Andrews, Warfordsburg, Pa.; John and George, in Washington, and Will and Guthrie at home.

Mr. Souders belonged to one of Thompson's oldest families. He was a good neighbor and citizen, and his loss will be felt not only by his immediate family, but by the community as well.

#### SEYLAR.

Elizabeth Daniels, daughter of Leslie W. and Estella (Logue) Seylar, died at the home of her parents in this place last Sunday morning, after an illness of several days of acute nephritis and proctitis. The child was born on the 15th of last October, and was aged 3 months and 15 days. The funeral services conducted by Rev. John M. Diehl, took place at 1 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, and interment was made in the family lot in Union cemetery.

#### WERTZ.

Minnie Pearl Wertz was born May 17, 1896, and died January 25, 1910. She had not been complaining but as usual retired in full health. In the morning she was speechless and before a physician could arrive she was lifeless.

She leaves to mourn her loss a father and mother, three sisters, three brothers, and many friends. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jesse M. Kaufman in the Buck Valley Christian Church.

Minnie was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wertz, of Buck Valley.

#### KIMMEL.

Mrs. S. W. Kimmel, one of Saltillo's most estimable ladies, died suddenly at her home at that place on Monday last week. She attended church Sunday and chatted with her friends in her usual health. On Monday morning she assisted in the family washing and ate a hearty dinner. After dinner while resting she suddenly and without any warning fell from her chair dead. Mrs. Kimmel was a member of the Baptist church and was highly respected in that community. She was the mother of a large family some of whom are married. Her husband also survives.

Prof. and Mrs. Lewis Harris are happy over the arrival of a bouncing young son last Saturday.

## EARLY METHODISM IN THIS COUNTY.

The House in Which the First Organization Was Formed is Now Owned by George F. Smith.

### ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN YEARS AGO

In the issue of the Fulton County News of December 23, 1909, the statement was made that the first organization of Methodists within the borders of what is now Fulton county, Pa., was effected at a place called Lavinger's at the base of Sideling Hill, about midway between the turnpike and Warfordsburg. Thomas K. Downes, who lives in the immediate neighborhood of the place where this organization was made has canvassed the older people of that community, examined the records containing the land titles and submits the following historical facts in connection with the farm, then owned by the Lavingers, and now the property of Mr. George F. Smith.

This land was warranted on the 4th day of January, 1780, and the purchase money paid for the same was 132, 9d. The land was patented March 4, 1800, by Henry Lavinger. The house, of which the above is a good picture, was built between the time the land was warranted, and the organization of the church in 1791.

In this house the Methodists held preaching services at more or less regular intervals until the year 1847, and looks much now like it did many years ago.

The title to this land passed from Henry Lavinger to his son William about the year 1820. While Henry Lavinger had several children, William is the only one about whom we have definite information. William sold the old homestead to Jacob Smith on the 3rd day of January, 1824. This Jacob Smith was married to Esther Shribock, near Bedford, Pa., in 1777, and to them five children were born, namely, George, Henry, Paul, Nathan, and Kate.

About this time one of the Methodist preachers who was making an itinerary through this part of the country, was stricken down while delivering a sermon in the Lavinger house, and was buried in the Lavinger graveyard, which is about two hundred yards from the house, and it can be seen plainly in passing along the road leading from Needmore to Whips Cove.

Of Jacob Smith's four sons, three of them moved to Whips

Cove. George married Elizabeth Haugber; Paul (or as he was more familiarly known by the name Powell) married Rachel Yonker, and to them were born three children—John, Diana, and Esther. The latter was married to Denton Layton, deceased, and still resides in Whips Cove. Nathan married Susan Yonker, and they have one son—Silas, of Greenspring, W. Va. Katie, the only daughter of Jacob Smith, was married to John Morgret, and of this union there were seven children—Henry, Bartley, Elijah, Herbert, John, Rebecca, and Matilda.

Henry Smith, who obtained the old homestead from his brothers, on the 5th of April, 1837, was married to Barbara Ford, of the Little Cove, Franklin County. To them were born four children, Bartimeus, Jacob, George, and Esther. The old homestead, which contained about 400 acres remained in the hands of Henry Smith until about 1876, when it was divided into three farms—one going to Bartimeus, one to Jacob, and George keeping the one on which stood the old mansion house in which the first Methodist organization in this county was formed.

Jacob married Elizabeth Steckman, after which he sold his farm to his brother George and removed to Springfield, W. Va., where he now resides.

In 1832, George was married to Barbara Bruner, and to them four children were born, namely, Luther, Allen, Ruey, and Mary. Mary is now the wife of Amos Barber.

Esther married John H. Winter, of Whips Cove, and they moved to Kansas a number of years ago. Her husband died about a year ago, and she now lives with her children.

George lived in the old mansion house until about a year ago, when his son Allen moved into it. Luther bought, and now lives on the Jacob Smith tract.

The northern part of the origin tract is owned by the heirs of Bartimeus Smith, deceased, and it is with this family that the author of these notes, T. K. Downes, has had a very pleasant home for more than eighteen years.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire in this way to kindly thank our neighbors for their help and kindness during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Daniel P. Deshong.—Mrs. Abba Deshong and family.

## MIDWINTER NUPTIALS.

Well Known People Who Have Formed Life Partnership for Better or "Worse."

### KAUFMAN—HOCKENSMITH.

On Wednesday evening, December 22nd, at the home of the pastor, Miss Ephany Hockensmith, of Johnstown, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Kaufman, of Pittsburg. The attendants were Miss Viola Hockensmith, sister of the bride, and Mr. Emil Thomas.

The bride and groom are both natives of this county, she being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb B. Hockensmith, formerly of Licking Creek township, but now residing in Johnstown, Pa. The bride and groom are at home to their friends at 1101 Larimer Avenue, Pittsburg. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman a life of happiness and blessedness.

### COLEMAN—BARD.

In the city of Columbus, O., on Wednesday, January 26, 1910, Garrett Hayes Coleman and Miss Stella Margaret Bard were united in marriage. The bride is a daughter of John Bard, of Pleasant Ridge, and has been engaged as stenographer and typewriter for a large Manufacturing company in Elkins, W. Va. Stella's many Fulton county friends join in wishing her a long and happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are at home to their friends at Milo, O.

### SMITH—BREWER.

On Thursday, January 27th, Miss Laura J. Brewer, of Hagers town, Md., and Mr. Frank Smith of Big Cove Tannery, were united in marriage by Rev. J. P. Feltner, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lesla Brewer, near Sylvan. Soon after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for the home of the groom in this county, where they will reside.

### SHOUP—YOUNKINS.

Mrs. Minnie V. Younking, of Pittsburg, was recently married to Mr. John G. Shoup, of Stevenson, Minnesota. Mrs. Younking is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Frank A. Kaufman (Ephany Hockensmith.) After February the first they will be at home to their friends in Stevenson. Warmest congratulations!

### HOFFMAN—PURCELL.

On the 22d day of December, at the home of Enos K. Herr, Christian C. Hoffman, of Salungia, and Margaret C. Purcell, of Hustontown, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock, the Rev. Issac H. Brubaker officiating.

### Speculation in Eggs.

The experience this year of the speculators in storage eggs is likely to have a discouraging effect on that form of enterprise. The New York Sun is authority for the statement that they have lost from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 by their operations this season.

In the Spring, Summer and Fall of 1908, the speculators bought eggs at about 18 cents a dozen and sold them at 29 and 30 cents, making a handsome profit after paying storage and insurance charges, breakage and interest on the capital invested, which was generally borrowed from banks on warehouse receipts.

So encouraged were they by that experience, that last season they bought eggs so eagerly that the price went up to 23 and 24 cents. The top price this year for stored eggs has been 28 cents. If the speculators could have unloaded at that figure there would have been no profit, but for fear of breaking the market and in the hope of better prices, they held on and now they lose from 50 cents to \$1 or more on every case of eggs they sell.

The farmers did not reap the profit of the competition, but the middlemen who filled the orders of the cold-storage egg speculators.

## 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

Mrs. Mark Lodge, of Saxton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stoner.

Mr. Wm. Kelso, of Knobsville, called at the NEWS office while in town Tuesday and had the label on his paper changed to 1911.

Dr. A. K. Davis and Dr. H. C. McClain, of Hustontown, came in to McConnellsburg Tuesday in a sleigh drawn by two spirited horses.

Hayes Locke and A. S. Jones two of Fort Littleton's Odd Fellows, were pleasant callers at the NEWS office last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Hess and Miss Fannie Strait, of Licking Creek township, took advantage of the good sleighing to come to town and do some shopping Tuesday.

Miss Laura Andrews, of Chambersburg, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodal, sr., from Friday until Monday.

Mr. D. H. Fore, one of Tod township's leading farmers, called at the NEWS office last Thursday to push his subscription ahead another year.

Mrs. William Ott was taken by her husband to the Chambersburg hospital for treatment, on Monday. It may be necessary for her to remain there several days.

### ONE LOAD OF WHEAT.

Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Bushels Hauled in Colorado.

Our friend Sam McElhaney, who is now out in Colorado, sends a clipping from a newspaper, telling about the size of loads they haul out there. The A. C. Mathias, who owns the ranch, is our Ab Mathias that went out to Colorado from Burnt Cabins a few years ago, to save funeral expenses—he had a bad dose of consumption. The clipping says:

"The heaviest load of grain ever hauled to market in this wide world by a single team on a single wagon, was delivered to the Monte Vista mill Thursday. The gross weight was 22,460 pounds, wagon 2,120; net weight of wheat 20,340 pounds, which brought, at \$1.70 per 100 pounds, \$345.78.

"This load was hauled from A. C. Mathias' ranch three miles north of town. After crossing the river bridge, one pair of horses drew it to the mill, a distance of two miles. The team weighed 2,720 pounds, one horse is eighteen years old and the other twenty. Chester Mathias drove the team. If anyone doubts this story, we can verify it by at least 200 people who witnessed the last mile of the draft.

The road was mostly a level grade, and comparatively smooth until near the mill and at the rail road crossing there is quite a grade. When the old horses finally crossed the highest point, they were greeted with a demonstration which seemed to be appreciated by the old fellows who had performed the greatest feat of the kind in all the ages, and after resting a few hours, they started home on a trot, apparently no worse for the big stunt."

### Band Entertainment.

The mechanics Band of Clear Ridge will hold a comic entertainment in Mechanics Hall, Friday evening, February 11th. New plays, new songs, new music. Five different blackfaces through out the entire programme. Come one and all, and have a good laugh. General admission, 10 and 15 cts.; Reserved seats 25 cents. Doors open at 7, curtains lifted at 8.

COMMITTEE.