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LIME AS A FERTILIZER.

Practical Hints Dropped by Dean Hunt in Chambersburg.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad run a Farmers' Institute on wheels last week, the instructors making a railroad tour through the Valley, meeting the farmers at principal stations.

The following from Dean Thom as F. Hunt's address in Chambersburg, will be of special interest to the farmers of this county:

In his remarks Mr Hunt showed conclusively that grass repays heavy fertilization as surely as do cultivated crops. His figures showed that fertilizers should go upon the grass lands rather than upon the corn, which usually follows grass. Double returns are thus secured. Hay yields are vastly increased and the heavy sods make large corn yields later on. The teaching of Dr. Hunt in this respect would add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the value of Pennsylvania grass crops if everyone were willing to put them into practice.

One striking truth presented was that all solids lose lime continually, and much land in Pennsylvania has reached a point where there is an actual lack of lime to keep the ground sweet and friendly to plant life. Clover has ceased to grow even in some limestone valleys, because the available lime has leached away. There must be liming to correct acidity or clover will become a thing of the past and soil fertility cannot be cheaply maintained. Very heavy liming was considered irrational, and the plea was on ly for sufficient lime to keep all acid destroyed, and to permit the growth of heavy clover sods. The statement was made that probably every acre in Pennsylvania would some day reach the stage in which the application of lime would be an absolute necessity. The results presented from twenty-eight years' experiment with fertilizers at State college greatly interested these progressive farmers. The results show conclusively that light applications of manure, reinforced by phosphoric acid and potash, or clover reinforced with these chemicals, increase soil fertility sure and profitably.

Chauffeur Defined.

The first legal determination of what is meant by the word "chauffeur" in this State is contained in an opinion handed down by Judge Staake, of Philadelphia, on Saturday, in a case brought to test the validity of the decision of the Attorney General's Department requiring all operators of automobiles to take out a license. Judge Staake holds that a chauffeur is a paid operator of a motor car, and his decision makes it legal for any private individual to drive a motor car without a license.

Judge Staake holds that if it had been intended that all operators of cars should take out licenses, the intention would have been clearly expressed in the wording of the act of 1905. That such explicit language was not employed and because the act reads "chauffeur, or other paid employe" it is clear in his mind that his interpretation of the law is the correct one.

The decision will be welcomed by motorists as proper and fair. Under the law every car must be licensed, and to require that each operator of a car must also be licensed and wear a badge, would have worked a hardship in many cases. It would seem no more equitable to require all drivers of cars to take out a license than it would be to require all drivers of horse-drawn vehicles to pay for the privilege of driving them. The licensing of the automobile and of all paid drivers or chauffeurs, would certainly seem to cover the ground and protect all interests.

GERMS ON DOLLAR BILLS.

New Jersey Congressman Had Them Counted on One Bill, and Found Just 92,000,000.

Germs—92,000,000 of them, of manifold variety—were found on a one dollar bill microscopically examined at the request of Representative Wiley, of New Jersey, according to his statement before the House Committee on Banking and Currency, in support of his bill to provide clean currency by burning all paper money returned to the Treasury. Among the many diseases found to be circulating about this money were smallpox, scarlet fever, typhoid, tuberculosis and diphtheria. Another bill examined by the Agricultural Department. Mr. Wiley said, disclosed the presence of 18,518,000 living bacteria.

No germs were found on metal money. The dollar bills of constant circulation have the most bacteria about them, and it was found that the larger the denomination of the bill, the fewer germs it contained. To get rid of these dangerous dollar bills, many persons during the last week or two have been sending them to the News office in payment of subscription. Fully realizing the danger, the Editor has provided himself with a stout club, and will resist to the finish any efforts of these germs to bite him.

Fish Warden Makes a Raid.

From Bedford Inquirer.
Last Saturday, Fish Warden Jacob D. Sizer, of Huntingdon, arrived in Bedford on the 4:00 p. m. train, and in company with policeman Elmer Corie, went down to the Narrows where a number of men and boys were fishing with dip nets.

On the approach of the officers there was a wild scramble to escape, and all got away except Harry Carpenter, who was arrested.

He was taken before Justice Abram Barnhart and fined \$20 for using a net with meshes of less than 1 1/2 inches from knot to knot. He was not prosecuted on the charge of fishing with a net after 12 o'clock noon on Saturday.

The law prohibits fishing with a net between noon on Saturday and the following Monday, 6 a. m. The meshes are required to be not less than 1 1/2 inches from knot to knot, or 2 1/4 inches stretched out.

The members of the Borough school board desire in this manner to express their thanks to the Thaliam Club for the two splendid entertainments given, which returned to every one value received for every cent spent in patronizing the entertainments, and, also, to thank them for the nice sum—more than \$125.00—which the Club turned into the treasury of the School Board to help cancel the debt incurred in seating the Public School auditorium with those splendid chairs.

When the tenth day of March came around this year and scored up another birthday anniversary for Mrs. G. Boyd Elvey, of west Walnut street, the circumstances attending the occasion were so pleasant that she never thought of worrying over the fact that one more year of her life had been spent. This was largely due to the thoughtfulness of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Daniel G. Elvey, who gave a number of her friends and relatives the tip, and when the tenth came around, it brought a spring shower of beautiful post cards—some from Erie, others from Toledo, Bangs, O., Altoona, Mercersburg, Clear Ridge, Harrisonville, and other places, until there was a stack of ninety seven reminders that she was held in pleasant remembrance by a multitude of friends. All this Mrs. Elvey appreciated very much, and shall not soon forget these tokens of good will on the part of her friends.

A Call to Christian Endeavor Work in Fulton County.

First, a word as to the origin and history of the Christian Endeavor movement. The first society was formed February 2, 1881, in Williston church, in Portland, Maine, by the pastor, Rev. Francis E. Clark. The work was so successful that Rev. Clark published an account of it in several religious papers, and others taking up the idea, the movement has assumed vast proportions in numbers and power, as a factor in church work. Now there are about 75,000 societies in the world with well toward four millions of members. There is a National Union which holds great conventions, with as many as 35,000 delegates when it was held in New York. We cannot go into details further, but suffice it to say that in every country where the gospel has touched, the Christian Endeavor society has followed.

There is now a great movement on foot by the national leaders to increase the total membership by a million members until July, 1911. This is to be done by societies working to increase their own membership, and by forming as many new societies as possible. This is a call to our churches, both pastors and people, in these days when prayer-meetings are at a low ebb, to bend their energies in working for the Master, by working to attain this end. The Christian Endeavor motto is "For Christ and the Church," and that means the training of young souls to become workers in the church, and to save other souls. Will it be a mere dream, or a great opportunity for us?

The purpose of the Christian Endeavor society, as proven by experience, is to give the young people an active part in expressing their christian faith, not apart from, but as a part of, the church. It should be a place, not only to discuss topics, but can exert itself along any line of church work, morally or financially. The different committees can do much toward making a live church that appeals to the world, and this is as important as having the regular meetings. It is not exclusive of a young people's society, and thus the older ones may exert a guiding influence on youthful energy.

Finally, there has been a County Union formed in this County, and its officers are working for the interests of the churches of the County, and need the help of all interested, or who may become interested. They expect to hold some meetings at central points, and thus personally put the question before the churches. We need, in order to accomplish what is possible in this County, two things—the active and the enthusiastic co-operation of every christian; but even then, we may fail except we lift our hearts in prayer to Him who can bless to the uttermost.

The officers will be glad to give any information desired anywhere in the County. Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

REV. L. H. RICE,
Pres. Fulton County C. E. U.
MISS MARY SLOAN, sec'y.
McConnellsburg, Pa.

Rev. Clifford E. Hays, of Gettysburg, will preach in the Lutheran church, McConnellsburg, on Sunday, March 20th, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At Big Cove Tannery, at 2:30 p. m.

An Indiana court has decided that a member of a church congregation may join in the singing by professionals during services if he so wishes, and that his singing does not constitute a disturbance of a religious meeting. That is a wise decision. And no doubt sometime there will be a further decision to the effect that a minister in the pulpit has no more right to abuse a member of the congregation than the member has to abuse the minister.

THE IRWIN STORE.



The names of the persons in the picture from left to right are: Jacob Kreps, of Mercersburg; John Bender (son of M. M. Bender), William Stoner, Charlie Irwin (deceased), Eli Largent, J. A. Irwin with his daughter Bess sitting on his knee; James Hull, Harry Irwin, Horace Nace, Welles Greathead, and Augustus Rexroth (deceased).

While rooting among some "odds and ends" in his store a few days ago, Mr. John A. Irwin found a cut made from a photograph of the front of his store and residence about twenty years ago. The scratches on the cut injure the appearance of the picture somewhat and show that it has not been very well cared for.

The change in the appearance of the children is most marked. The little tot on her father's knee is now Miss Bess Irwin, a successful teacher in one of Philadelphia's big graded schools. Two of those whose faces are represented in the picture have passed from the scenes of earth—Charlie Irwin and his grandfather, Augustus Rexroth.

A Stroll in Spring Time.

A few days ago, two young ladies of town—one, a successful teacher looking for a better job; the other, an ex-teacher who has already taken preliminary examinations for a position as confidential secretary for an officer of high rank in the N. G. of Penna—these two young ladies took a stroll. Yes, my friends, they took a stroll—so they did. It sometimes happens that when the blasts of winter have become blasted, and the bluebird begins to warble, and the hum of the bumblebee is wafted on the soft warm breeze that floats down from the sunny side of Cove mountain—I say it sometimes happens, my friends, that maidens are tempted to stroll. In this particular instance, the inclination of these young ladies led them to stroll in the direction of the Coal Mine, east of town. Their course to the Coal Mine was deflected by the attraction of certain beautiful farm buildings, and curiosity led them to venture nearer to a finely finished dwelling house, on the front of whose walls are two marble slabs—one bearing the name of the owner, and the other—well, the girls saw that there was plenty of room for a name. As there were no other persons about the premises, the girls could not restrain their curiosity to peep in through the blinds and see the beautifully carved mantels, the grill work that ornaments the alcoves, the handsomely papered walls, and—just then the thought came that they had started to see the Coal Mine, and they left the cozily furnished house with a sigh of "What a pity!" As they turned their faces from this handsome residence, the commodious bank barn covered with slate, the apiary where many stands of bees were busy warming up to their work of another season's store of honey, they wended their way in the silence of deep mental abstraction. But in crossing a meadow where a flock of geese were busy cropping each spear of green grass that had made its appearance, the dreams of these girls were suddenly interrupted as they were put to an inglorious flight by three pugnacious old ganders, and to say that those girls did some fine sprinting would not give the slightest idea of how they ran and scrambled over fences. Unlike a certain woman of whom some of us have read, they did not look back, and were not sure that the ganders were not after them until they were safely behind locked doors in their own homes. Don't apply at this office for the names of the adventurous girls, for they do not want their identity known.

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Severe Winter on Bees.

The severe winter, together with the preceding drought, was responsible for the loss of a large number of bees in this vicinity. Since the weather has opened many bee-keepers have made an examination of their apiaries and found that from one-third to one-half of the colonies have become extinct during the winter.

Old bee keepers state that not for a decade or more has there been a winter that has been as hard on the creatures as the past three months. The hardships of the severe weather was augmented by the drought of last fall. Owing to the scarcity of honey during the late summer months the bees did not breed to any great extent and the winter began with all the hives containing but a small quota of the insects. Because of the small number the proper warmth in the hives could not be maintained and the frost got in its deadly work.

Last fall drought was, however, as much to blame for the bees as the long cold, cold winter. During the fall months when vegetation was dried up and there were no flowers in bloom, the bees gathered little or no honey, and as a result of the fact that the queens will not propagate when their subjects are not gathering honey, they entered upon the winter with a scanty hoard of honey and small swarms.

GEM.

The Stork left an 11 1/2-pound daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mellott last Saturday morning.

Reuben Hollenshead lost part of his wagon in the creek. He can get it by calling at Ross Mor ton's.

George C. Mellott, wife, and son Harold were at D. D. Hann's last Sunday.

William Kline and his mother are visiting friends in Franklin county.

Joseph E. Mellott burnt his limekiln last week. He got a good burn.

David Hann and wife took dinner at James E. Hollinshead's last Tuesday. James is getting ready to put up his limekiln.

Hard work this spring is not pulling down the avoirdupois of Andrew Truax. He tips the scales at 200 pounds.

Rev. J. C. Garland is on the sick list just now.

Thomas K. Laughlin, one of Pittsburg's most prominent younger millionaires and assistant treasurer of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company, committed suicide last Friday morning at his home in Woodland road. He shot himself with a revolver, the ball penetrating his brain, Mrs. Laughlin is a sister of the wife of President Taft.

SAW WILD DEER FEEDING.

The Distinguished Playwright Spends a Delightful Time at Mont Alto.

Visitors to the White Pine sanatorium at Mont Alto are always surprised and usually delighted with the situation and conditions there. One of the persons of distinction who the past week spent a short time there was Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, the author and playwright. Her "Seven Days" now at the Astor theatre in New York, is described as "The greatest comedy hit in twenty years."

Telling of her visit, Mrs. Rinehart said: "I am deeply impressed with Mont Alto. I have just come from one of America's famous Health Resorts, and comparing one with the other, I think Mont Alto more than holds its own. I went to stay an hour and spent a whole day and a night.

"What impressed me? I think it was the restfulness of the place, that and the hope on the faces of some new arrivals who climbed the mountain just behind us and the radiant happiness of those who were going home cured. There were plenty of other things—the air, which must have been a surprise to my Pittsburgh lungs—the order and cleanliness of the place—its size, for it looks and is a trim village—the cheerful faces of the attendants as well as of the patients—the beautiful indulgence of the convalescents—and oh yes, the deer. Imagine having wild deer that are not wild and that had the colossal audacity to come down and eat the new wheat under our very noses."

Roaches in the House.

The roach nuisance has been brought to the attention of State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, by persons in different parts of the State. The cold winter, which resulted in brisk fires being maintained to keep up the temperature inside of dwellings, may have resulted in these pests becoming more numerous than usual.

A lawyer of Indiana, Pa., wrote to Professor Surface, saying: "For some time past I have been troubled with roaches. They keep hid in cracks during the day, but at night come out in large numbers. I think they must have been brought to the house with groceries. Everything is kept clean and in as good condition as is usually found about a well-regulated house, and still they stay. We have tried various things in trying to get rid of them. I suppose that fumigating the entire house with formaldehyde would be effective. If you can give me any simple method of getting rid of them, I will be grateful for the advice."

Professor Surface replied as follows:

"These pests are quite persistent invaders, and generally can not be exterminated by a single application. For this reason a combination of methods is desirable. Powdered borax blown around cracks they inhabit, especially around damp places in the kitchen floors, will help to drive them away. Powdered sugar, one part and plaster of Paris, two parts, mixed together, will prove to be a good remedy. One of the best remedies is a proprietary substance sold on the market under the name of "Roach Paste" or "Roach Food." I should avoid the phosphorous poisons, as they are dangerous to use in the house. If the annoyance caused by roaches should reach the extreme limit and it be necessary for you to fumigate, you can do this safely with hydrocyanic acid gas, although you will have to vacate the rooms during the time of the fumigation. I should not attempt to fumigate for them with formaldehyde, as I do not think this would be efficient in destroying roaches."

J. Milton Unger made a business trip to Chambersburg last Saturday.

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. D. G. Elvey spent last Wednesday and Thursday in the home of her son G. B. Elvey of this place.

Misses Alice Hays and Mary Barton spent last Saturday and Sunday a week with relatives in Everett.

Miss Daisy Mellett is spending a few weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodal, south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Snider and two children, of Chambersburg, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rummell, over Sunday.

Miss Wiafried Metzler, of Harrisonville, is visiting her sister Kathryn, Mrs. Reuel Somerville, at the latter's home at Patton, Penna.

Mrs. Clara Hixson, who has been employed in the home of Dr. J. G. Hanks at Breezewood, during the past year, has returned to her home near Crystal Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mellott, and Miss Maye Mellott, of Belfast township, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Friday, and were agreeable callers at the News office.

Mrs. S. P. Wishart, who with her husband has been boarding at the Union Hotel in Everett, is now spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Lizze Moore at McAllistersville Juniata county.

Miss Lillian DeHart went to Chambersburg last Friday to take the place in Wilson College made vacant by the resignation of Murrie Rumel an employe who came home on account of the illness of her grand-mother.

Jesse O. McClain, of Robertsdale, took charge of the Company's boarding house and store at Jacobs, on Monday of last week. His business at Robertsdale will be continued on in charge of competent assistants.

Mrs. M. A. Kelly has returned home from a little trip among her relatives in the lower end of the county. She took her mother down to the home of her brother, John Bishop, where she will remain for the present. She had been making her home with Mrs. Kelly during the past four months.

Mrs. Lillian Hendershot and her brother, Sheldon Hill, of Buck Valley, spent Monday and Tuesday, the guests of Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Mason. Mrs. Hendershot was in town attending to business connected with the settling of the estate of her late husband, Elmer C. Hendershot, deceased.

DUBLIN MILLS.

Robert Huston and family have moved out to their farm near Hus tontown.

Miss Lillian Miller, of this place, left Monday morning for Huntingdon, where she expects to make her home for some time and learn the millinery business. She was accompanied by her father.

Isaac Miller is all smiles. It's a girl.

Mrs. Margaret Bolinger returned home last Sunday.

Martin Grissinger returned home last Saturday for a short visit.

The sale at Mrs. John Bolinger's and the auction at Robert Huston's last Friday, were well attended.

Miss Annie Irwin, of McConnellsburg, visited Brant Miller and wife, last week.

In addition to the live stock enumerated on the sale bills of George Souders, there will be sold at his sale on the 25th of March, nine head of sheep and five head of young cattle.