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BRAINS AND MUSCLE.

Belfast Township is Coming Rapidly to the Front in Improved Methods in Agriculture, and Getting Results

ATTENTION TO FRUIT GROWING.

Without a thought of underestimating the progress that is steadily going on in every other township in this county, it is with personal gratification that the Editor notes the general advancement along all lines of industry in Belfast. He has a very distinct recollection of conditions as they existed in that township, more than a half century ago. It was in that township that he first opened his eyes to the world, and it was in that township that he spent his first dozen years on a farm of 300 or more acres, that did not yield enough from year to year to bread the family and feed the stock. At that time, a farmer that had wheat to sell was regarded as a magnate. Most families lived in houses furnished with the barest necessities of life. How different now! Instead of hills covered with white top or summer grass, there is a rich clover or timothy sod. The old one-story log house with chimney on the outside has been replaced with a modern frame building, tastefully painted, and furnished in a way that at once suggests comfort and plenty. The old crib barns have given way to modern bank barns, and when you open the ponderous doors, you find the mows filled to overflowing with grain and hay, or, if after threshing time, a big central straw stack in the yard, and well filled granaries within. The old razor-back, self sharpener hog has disappeared and the Chester White, the Poland China, or Berkshires have taken his place. And so may we go on with the horses, cattle, and other kinds of stock.

Why this great change? Are the sons not farming, in many instances, the same fields that their fathers farmed? Yes; but the boys have found out a thing or two. They have found out that there are some tricks in the business that their fathers did not know. They have found out that it is not in the number of acres farmed, but in the way those acres are handled.

There was a time when folks sneered at "book farming" as they called it. They did not think it strange that they should go to books to learn how to cure a sick horse, or a sick baby; not wrong to read a paper to find out whether to vote for Fremont or Buchanan, but to get into a book to read how plants grow, or read a paper to find out that a cornstalk must be fed as well as a calf, was farthest from their dreams.

This line of thought was awakened by an intelligent Belfast farmer who dropped into the News office recently for a little "Howdy do?" and told us of the interest that farmers in that township have taken in liming during the past few years. He named more than fifty farmers in that township who have hauled limestone—mostly from Pigeon Cove, have burnt kilns, and have placed the lime on their land.

When it is considered that this stone is hauled, in many instances, a distance of ten miles, some idea of the difficulty in getting this form of fertilizer may be learned. But those who first tried it were rewarded with such gratifying results that others were led to follow the example; and so, one after another, until now, nearly the whole township has been transformed into a most desirable agricultural community.

Fifty bushels of lime to the acre bring very gratifying results, showing on corn the first season, and furnishing a foundation for a strong grass sod. Then is a fertilizer that seems to "touch the spot" in that town-

H. H. Hertzler, Home.

After having spent three months pleasantly among my western relatives and friends, I left Clay county, Nebraska, on the morning of the 12th of April over the St. Joseph and Grand Island railroad, and a run of 165 miles brought me to Merrill, Kansas, where I found more Pennsylvania boys. Talk of hospitality! I never knew the meaning of that word until I got among those western people. I tell you, when they take hold of your hand, you feel a grasp that carries with it an assurance of kindly feeling and welcome, that makes you feel that you are not an intruder.

Of Clay county, Neb. I must say before leaving the subject, that it is unquestionably the finest county west of the Alleghenies.

Erom Merrill, I was taken out to see more of my nephews living in Richardson county, Neb., and had a fine time. Returning to Merrill, I boarded a train for Chicago, and going via St. Joe, I passed through the northern part of Missouri, seeing some nice farms, and through what is said to be a fine fruit country.

I spent six days in Chicago, visiting my cousin G. W. Kepner, and also the family of S. Doran, son of Geo. W. Doran, Burnt Cabins. They are all getting along well. From Chicago, I came over the Fort Wayne road to Pittsburg, where I called to see U. G. Miller's family, and saw also, Mrs. Mumma, widow of the late James A. Mumma, whom I found well, and wishing to be remembered to her Fulton county friends. I also met Sammy Shull, who formerly lived at the Crossings this side of Ever et. At Huntingdon, I stopped off to see my brother and sister, and then on to my home at Burnt Cabins, having in the three months traveled over five thousand miles, and had the "time of my life."

H. H. HERTZLER.

The Colonial Iron Company's furnace at Riddlesburg, Bedford county, and the coal mines in Broad Top township have closed down. The mines used in and about the mines were taken to East Providence township and turned in pasture. The machinery was checked up and employees not necessary for the caring for the works dismissed. The outlook in the Broad Top region is not bright. The strike has proved disastrous to business and many of the miners have gone elsewhere for work.

ship—just the element that is lacking.

While the adaptability of the soil in Belfast township to the culture of fruit—apples especially—has been recognized for many years, yet there never has been a time when more intelligent interest was manifested in fruit growing than at the present time. It is said that during the past year hundreds of fruit trees of the choicest varieties have been planted, and now that the State is taking such a determined interest in the matter of exterminating the pests that have during the last few years interfered so seriously with fruit culture, the average farmer will be able to handle the San Jose scale, and all the other pests as easily as he now controls the potato bug. It's all easy, when you know how; and the modern farmer just straightens himself up and tramps under his feet those hindrances that a few years ago kept him in the back-ground.

The farmer of to day is a student; he reads and thinks, as well as toils and eats; he has found out that brain and muscle go together—and that muscle is powerless to accomplish results unless guided by brain.

Our Belfast friends are to be congratulated. Let the good work go on.

PLANTS AND THEIR PESTS.

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

ANOTHER PLAGUE OF LICE.

The following is a sample of many letters, in regard to the appearance of plant lice on vegetables, received at the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture:

"We are having a 'plague of lice' in this section. A small green louse is killing our potato, tomatoes, radishes and other vegetables. The lice cling to the under side of the leaves, and some leaves are entirely covered. I sprayed the potatoes with Bordeaux mixture and Paris green, and also dusted them with air-slaked lime, but to no purpose. Coll oil emulsion seems to kill them when applied directly to the under surface of the leaves, but that, of course, is too tedious an operation to be practicable. Can you suggest anything to help us out?"

To this State Zoologist Surface replied as follows: "I beg to state that the plant lice of which you write are sucking insects and are, therefore, not to be destroyed by the Bordeaux mixture or arsenical poisons, such as Paris green. The Bordeaux mixture is only for plant diseases, and the arsenical poisons are only for chewing insects, such as the potato beetles and codling moth. Two good preparations can be used; one is kerosene emulsion, containing about eight or ten per cent kerosene, applied with a sprayer having an extension rod on the end of the hose. On the end of this extension rod use an eighth turn with a "Y" carrying two up-turned nozzles. You can spray the under side of the leaves on each side of the potato row, almost as fast as a man can walk along, and you will kill the lice very soon. The other remedy is whale oil soap: One pound of the soap should be dissolved in six gallons of water. Two pounds of soft soap or of common laundry soap in four gallons of water will also kill them. Apply this in the same way. The pests must be reached by a contact insecticide which actually touches their bodies, or they will not be destroyed. These are the remedies for all kinds of plant lice."

Total Eclipse of Moon on the 23.

The moon, the great orb controlling the weather of this universe, will vie with Halley's comet for attention from scientists and others during May. On the evening of May 23d, at 10.46 o'clock p. m., eastern time, a total eclipse will take place, visible in north, central and south America. The phenomena will extend until 2.22 a. m., the total eclipse occurring at 12.09 a. m. eastern time and ends at 12.59 a. m.

The eclipse of the moon is caused by the back cone-shadow of the earth, the earth at the time being directly between the sun and the moon. Should the sky be clear at the time of the increase the bright stars of the firmament will shine forth in great splendor.

Cat Raising a Rat.

William Kendall, tenant on the Findlay farm, near Hagerstown, has a cat that, besides taking care of five kittens, is raising a rat. She seems as fond of the young rat as she is of her own offspring. The rat suckles at the cat as the kittens do.

Five weeks ago she gave birth to kittens, and a few days later appeared from the barn carrying in her mouth by the skin of the neck, as cats carry their young, a little rat, the eyes of which were not yet open. She deposited the young rodent with her kittens and it has become a regular member of the family.

IT BEATS A CIRCUS.

Two Hours of Rollicking Fun and Good Music, With Scores of "Take-Offs" on Well-known People in Town.

On Tuesday evening, May 24th, the McConnellsburg Choral Society will give one of their inimical entertainments in the auditorium of the Public School Building, entitled the Singing School, a farce in two acts.

Professor P. Percival Pippin, Singing Master, and the Low Holler Choral Union, with Elvira Ketchum, Justin Style, Vera Swift, Welland Strong, Sophy Cushing, Timothy Hay, Anna Sowforth, Ina Kidd and Ursula Kidd, Al Falfar, Cal Amity, Cy Fur, Eva Green, Squire Gumps, Mrs. Amanda Squeeges and others, will all be there and will give you two hours of the best fun you ever had in your life. Like home made candy, it is clear and good, and you can take as much of it as you like without having a bad taste in your mouth next morning.

Reserved seats, 35 cents; general admission, 25; children under 12 years of age, 15 cents. Tickets on sale at Trout's Drug Store, at 9 o'clock, Monday morning, May 23rd.

Doors open at 7 o'clock, p. m., Performance begins at 7:45.

McCONNELLSBURG NORMAL.

Names and Addresses of Those Who Have Entered Up to This Time. School Opened Monday.

Harry Deshong, Lenora Decker, Andover; Ira Duvall, Akersville; A. Retha Mellott, Big Cove Tannery; Raymond Scriever, Sheldon M. Hill, Buck Valley; Esther J. Naugle, Burnt Cabins; Fred Lodge, Iva Hixson, Sadie Barton, Russell B. Akers, Amy E. Lodge, Crystal Springs; Russell H. Wible, Dane; Mack Pittman, Dickey's Mountain; Sherman Sharpe, Dot; Ray Hess, Roy Booth, Dublin Mills; Robert Cromer, Fort Littleton; Russell Gracey, Ruth Strait, Alice Catchall, Gracey; Clem Schooley, Kathryn M. Hoop, Harrisonville; Zanna Laidig, Hustontown; Orben Heber, Hancock, R. D.; John Keiso, John W. Gunnells, Knobsville; Oscar H. Lashley, Lashley; McLloyd Erb, Witz Mason, Arthur Shimer, Robert G. Alexander, Edgar A. Alexander, John W. Mentzer, Scott Alexander, Maye Lake, Catherine Comer, Ruth Roetiger, Lillie Houpt, Mabel O. Fore, Elizabeth Harris, Blanche E. Brant, William Nelson, Russell Stevens, McConnellsburg; Eva Bedford, McKibbin; Lester Mellott, Needmore; Anna Comer, Plum Run; Andrew Strait, Daisy Strait, Maude E. Strait, Grace Hann, Saluvia; Frank Slusher, Kathryn Yonker, Warfordsburg; Dallas Brant, West Dublin.

END.

Mrs. E. W. McClain and children Helen and Eugene, of Robertsdale, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Edwards.

Mr. A. D. Berckstresser and Dickson went to Saxton on Friday, and were accompanied home by the former's mother Mrs. Caroline Bridenstine who had been visiting relatives there.

Mrs. H. M. Griffith spent the latter part of the week with relatives here.

Elmer Anderson and family spent a Saturday night with his aunt Mrs. David Hershey at West Dublin, recently.

Mrs. Ora Cooke spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Truax.

Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Edwards expect to visit their daughter Mrs. H. C. McClain at Juniata this week.

The farmers are busy planting corn and potatoes.

Mr. R. W. Truax is still on the sick list.

C. M. Brant, of West Dublin, brought his son Dallas to town Monday for the normal.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

HARRIS.

Mrs. Louisa E. Harris, widow of the late Hon. James A. Harris, and mother of Prothonotary Geo. A. Harris of McConnellsburg, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Stevens, in Chambersburg, Thursday evening, May 5, 1910, aged 72 years, 10 months, and 4 days.

Something over seven years ago, she moved from the old home at Spring Tannery, in Licking Creek township, to McConnellsburg, and she and her son John kept house on south Second street, McConnellsburg, until the death of the latter, on New Year's morning, 1909, after which the home was broken up, and from that time until her death she had her home with her daughter, Louie. Last summer she spent several weeks in the home of her son George, here.

The immediate cause of her death was paralysis. Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Waldo; of the Presbyterian, and Rev. Dr. Bender, of the M. E. church. On Saturday the remains were brought to the home of her son George in McConnellsburg, and on Sunday morning at 8:30, Rev. Diehl of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Bryner, of the Methodist, conducted short services, after which the remains were taken to Greenhill for interment. A large number of her former neighbors and friends had assembled at the Presbyterian church at that place, and the casket was taken into the church and an opportunity given those present to view the remains, when after a short service, her remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

Mrs. Harris's maiden name was Keepers, a daughter of John and Louisa (Kee) Keepers, and she was born on the old Keepers homestead in Taylor township, July 1, 1837. On the first day of January, 1856 she was united in marriage to James A. Harris.

Besides her daughter, Louie in Chambersburg, and George in this place, she is survived by one son, J. B. Harris, of Marysville, Cal.; also by two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Michaels and Miss Alice Keepers—both residing in Everett, Pa.

McNULTY.

Miss Hattie McNulty died a few minutes before one o'clock Monday afternoon, at the home of her sister Mrs. Alice Mülleisen, Chambersburg.

Miss McNulty had been in failing health for the past several years, but had with remarkable courage succeeded in fighting the dreaded disease. Last Saturday she complained of feeling badly but managed to go about her work. Monday she had been feeling better and was about the house until noon when she took dinner with the family. Shortly after, however, she complained of feeling worse, went to her room, where she had a hemorrhage of the lungs and passed away before a physician could reach her.

Miss McNulty was a daughter of the late William C. McNulty, and a sister of the late Mrs. John A. Robinson, of this place. She was born in McConnellsburg, and in early life went with her parents to Chambersburg, where she resided the remainder of her life.

She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and until her illness was very active in the work of the church.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mülleisen and by one brother,

PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Ella May McClure Became Bride of Mr. Henry Floyd Daniels at Six O'Clock Last Evening.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McClure in Licking Creek township, on Wednesday evening, May 11, 1910, when their daughter, Miss Ella May, was united in marriage to Henry Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Daniels, near Harrisonville.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, by the Rev. John McClay Diehl, pastor of the Presbyterian church at McConnellsburg, and after congratulations had been extended to the happy couple, a bounteous wedding dinner was served.

The bride and groom are most excellent young people, and enter upon the realities of married life with the best wishes of their many friends.

Three Million Dope Fiends.

Says the Philadelphia Inquirer: "It is hard to believe that the government officials are correct when they announce that there are three millions of so-called dope fiends in this country, that is to say, victims of some of the deadly drugs which most people know only by name. Cocaine, morphine and other such devastating drugs are being used in enormous quantities, and recent events in this city show how wide spread their use is becoming. Here is a chance to do some reform in a vigorous way. There seems to be enough law on the subject if it is vigorously enforced but it is not true that punishment is now severe enough.

The use of these drugs can be suppressed only by maintaining a strict control over the sale of them. The worst feature of them all is that they are so insidious. It is a long time before the victim is known and then it is apt to be too late. It does seem as if the federal government and the states could work together so as to make it impossible for unlawful dispensers to get a supply. When a man has acquired a desire for these drugs he will make almost any sacrifice to secure them. Alcohol at its worst is a simple matter compared with cocaine and other "dopes."

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Truax, their daughter, Miss Jessie, and Miss Martha Skiles—all of Pleasant Ridge, spent Tuesday in McConnellsburg.

er, Howard B. McNulty—both of Chambersburg.

COOPER.

Harvey Cooper, of this place, received a telegram last Wednesday evening, conveying the sad intelligence that his brother Samuel A. Cooper had died Wednesday afternoon at his home in Kansas City. This was a great shock to Harvey as he had not heard of Samuel's illness, and had written him a few days previous and was daily expecting a reply. The deceased was the eldest son of Hon. James Cooper, and was born at the Cooper homestead just northeast of town where Harvey now lives. Samuel grew to manhood here, was married to Miss Lina Pittman, and removed to Kansas several years ago. Four daughters were born to this union, Maude, Olive, Leah, and Elizabeth, all of whom are living. Olive is married and living in Kansas City. The other girls are at home. Mr. Cooper was married the second time, and the widow survives.

During the last ten or twelve years Samuel has been engaged in the business of live-stock broker in Kansas City, and was a successful business man.

But two of the James Cooper family are now left—Harvey and Jennie.

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

Lewis Yonker, of Bethel, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. S. B. Woollett, and her niece, Mrs. J. W. Mosser, spent Tuesday shopping in Chambersburg.

Miss Lydia Martin, of Darlington, Pa., is spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, in the Cove.

Mrs. Julia Mellott and Nancy Shives, of Gem, spent a few hours in town shopping Tuesday. They called a few minutes at the News office.

Mrs. Mary Strait and daughter Miss Daisy, of Saluvia, were pleasant callers at the News office while in town shopping one day last week.

William Miller, one of Taylor township's representative citizens, was in town awhile Tuesday. He brought Ray Hess in to attend the normal.

Walter M. Comer, Burnt Cabins' hustling lumberman, and agent for the Geiser engines, threshers, and other machinery, was in town on business Tuesday.

H. M. Jackson, of Akersville, was a guest Sunday night in the home of C. D. Hixson and wife, in this place. Mr. Jackson took home with him on Monday, a brand new corn planter.

Homer L. Sipes, wife and little daughter Amy, of Licking Creek township, spent last Thursday night in the home of A. J. Pittman, west of town, on their way home from Harrisburg.

D. M. Rinedollar and daughter Miss Maude, went to Everett last week to visit Mr. Rinedollar's son Scott. The father returned home last Saturday, and Miss Maude is remaining a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sipes of Saluvia, accompanied by their grand-daughters Blanche Sharpe and Esther Sipes, spent a few hours in town on Thursday of last week, and were pleasant callers at the News office.

Miss Sadie Michaels and her sister Miss Maggie, drove down from Everett last Saturday afternoon, spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. George Hays, attended the funeral Sunday of their aunt, Mrs. L. E. Harris, and returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Nellie King, of Cocoa, Fla., is visiting Mrs. Annie Benford and other relatives in this place. Mrs. King is a daughter of the late Homer Cunningham, of Wells Valley, and his wife, who before her marriage to Mr. Cunningham, was Miss Laura Stoner, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Gillis and their little son David Earl, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Gillis, of this place and other relatives and friends. They reside in Harrisburg, where Daniel has a position as conductor on a street railway line, and they are off now on a ten days' vacation.

Brooks Sipes, of Avalon, Pa., is spending this week in the home of his parents, J. Nelson Sipes and wife, in this place. Brooks is clerking in one of the leading cigar stores in the city, and is making good. It has been two years since Brooks' last visit home, and he can only stay until Saturday at this time.

Charlie McCurdy, who during the past seven years has driven one of the stages on the Sheets line between this place and Mercersburg, left for Carlisle Monday morning, where he has secured employment with the Cumberland Valley railroad company. Mr. McCurdy has been a reliable accommodating, trustworthy driver, and is worthy the confidence of his new employers.