

The department of agriculture is giving its value constantly in many ways, but in none more definitely and clearly than in the encouragement of American youth to adopt the cultivation of the soil as a career.

Where is the psychologist who can give an explanation of the different ways in which the weather affects sports? There are baseball and football, for instance.

In the matter of dress we have fallen upon a decline since the days when the Duke of Wellington was refused admission to Almack's because he was wearing trousers instead of breeches and silk stockings.

The "wild garlic" which infests portions of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana is a noxious plant first seen in Pennsylvania.

A singular point evoked by recent prosecutions of fortune-tellers and palmists in another city is the fact that their insight into the futures of other people gave them no inkling of the evil influences that were about to haul themselves into the police courts.

They figure it out that the moon is now 17,000 miles nearer the earth than usual. Everything seems to be coming down a bit.

That London newspaper man who has been doing America in 38 hours will probably get as much good out of the trip as some foreigners who have spent six months in trying to make up their minds about us.

It is reported that Ex-King Manuel of Portugal is hard up financially. This should serve as a warning to every young man to save while he has a good job.

FIVE KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

When Express Hits Another at Batavia, N. Y.

DISREGARD OF SIGNALS ALLEGED.

Buffalo and Boston Special Was At Standstill In Yard At Batavia, N. Y. When the Western Express Runs Into It From Rear—Two Cars Telescoped and Engine Toppled Over On Pullman—Two Of The Injured Not Expected To Live—Four Instantly Killed.

Batavia, N. Y. (Special).—Five men are dead, two are probably fatally injured and over a score were more or less seriously hurt in the wreck of the Western express and the Boston and Buffalo special, both westbound on the New York Central here. Four of the victims were killed instantly, one has since died and two of the injured in the hospital are not expected to live.

Crashed During Fog. Conditions near dawn were those which railroad men fear the most, and which make the handling of trains almost a hazard at best.

Train No. 49 arrived at Syracuse ahead of No. 23 and thus took precedence on the Western division between there and Buffalo.

Jumped For Their Lives. Engineer Lydell admits that he saw a cautionary light 4,000 feet east of the station and, the railroad officials say, he also admits having passed a signal set against him.

The flying train, with scarcely appreciable check, owing to the icy rails, plowed into the Pullman coach, the last car on the standing train.

Dead In Rear Coach. It was two hours after the wreck occurred when the first body was taken out. It had been jammed in between the wreckage of the Pullman and the overturned engine.

ARMED GUARDS FOR TRAINS. Utah Division Of The Central Pacific Prepared For Bandits.

Salt Lake City (Special).—Bandits who are ambitious to hold up passenger trains on the Utah division of the Central Pacific will encounter the most approved rifles in the hands of men who know how to use them.

Big Growth In Money Orders. New York (Special).—The report of Postmaster Morgan of the money-order business transacted at the New York Postoffice (Manhattan and the Bronx), during the calendar year of 1910 shows that there were in all 13,655,551 transactions, representing the sum of \$570,989,965.

Swear They Are Males. Seattle, Wash. (Special).—Approximately 4,000 women in Seattle have sworn they are "male persons." The form of vow adopted by law for administering to citizens the oath of registration states that the person being sworn in is a "male" person.

Thayer Would Accept Toga. Worcester, Mass. (Special).—In a statement just issued former Congressman John R. Thayer announced his willingness to be the Democratic candidate for United States Senator in opposition to Henry Cabot Lodge.

Governor West Inaugurated. Salem, Ore. (Special).—Oswald West, Democratic Governor of Oregon, was inaugurated Tuesday before the joint assembly of the Legislature.

TAFT WANTS START MADE GREAT FIGHTING BY INSURRECTOS

Urges Fortification of the Panama Canal.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Taft Thursday sent to Congress a special message urging the fortification of the Panama Canal, and recommending that an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the initiation of the work on the proposed defenses be made at the present session of Congress.

"The canal, when completed," said the President in his message, "will afford the only convenient route for water communication between our Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and virtually will be a part of the coast line of the United States.

Small Party Fight Drawn Battle With Mexican Troops. Comstock, Tex. (Special).—More than 20 men were killed in a fight between the Mexican federal soldiers and a small party of insurgents on the bank of the Rio Grande, opposite this point Thursday.

TWO KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED. A Score Of Men Fall In Encounter On The Banks Of The Rio Grande—When Darkness Ends The Conflict The Insurrectos Hold The Field—A Correspondent Among The Wounded—Repeated Charges Bravely Repulsed.

The modified report of the fortifications board, accompanying the message, reduces the estimate of the cost of fortification of the canal from \$19,548,843 to \$12,475,328.

HEN IS NOT A BIRD. Important Court Decision Declares That Eggs Are Eggs.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Eggs are eggs. Also a hen is not a bird. So says the United States Court of Customs Appeals, in a decision which seems to settle a question that has muddled the customs, perplexed the experts and finally called in the zoologists.

CLARK TO SUCCEED HIMSELF. Senator Chosen By Republican Caucus At Cheyenne.

Cheyenne, Wyo. (Special).—At a joint caucus of Republicans of the legislature held Thursday night Senator Clarence D. Clark was chosen, 44 to 39, as the nominee of the party, to succeed himself.

Big Packers Fail. Trenton, N. J. (Special).—Halstead & Co., of Jersey City, dealers in meats, lards and oils, filed in the United States Court a petition in bankruptcy. The firm's liabilities are given as \$728,296, and the assets \$826,506, including a valuation of \$470,000 on the company's plant.

Wolves Kill Miners. Seattle, Wash. (Special).—Several residents of the west coast of Prince of Wales Island, Southeastern Alaska, have been killed and eaten by wolves the last year, according to Chas. A. Sulzer, a brother of Congressman Sulzer, of New York, who has just returned from the North. Mr. Sulzer says that the wolves, having killed off all the deer, have become desperate with hunger and come right up to the doors of the cabins of the miners.

Gen. Latrobe Dead. Baltimore, Md. (Special).—Gen. Ferdinand C. Latrobe, seven times mayor of Baltimore, died Friday afternoon, from an attack of pneumonia, which developed on Wednesday. General Latrobe was confined to his bed but a day and a half.

Carrie Nation's Nerves Fail. Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—Mrs. Carrie Nation, temperance worker and saloon smasher, who suffered a nervous breakdown at the home of a friend in Eureka Springs, Ark., was brought here for treatment.

ACCUSED OF BUYING SEAT

Stephenson, of Wisconsin, Denies Charge.

Madison, Wis. (Special).—The nomination in the primary and the election to the United States Senate by the legislature of Isaac Stephenson are null and void on account of attempted bribes and corrupt practices by himself and his campaign managers, agents and workers and of violations of laws of Wisconsin defining and punishing offenses against the elective franchise.

TRIPLE LYNCHING BY MASKED MEN. They Storm the Jail at Shelbyville, Ky.

All the Men Lynched Were Negroes, One Of Whom Had Been Sentenced To Hang For the Murder of a Negro Woman, and the Other Two Were Charged With Insulting White Women—Story Told By Jailor's Deputy.

Shelbyville, Ky. (Special).—Fifty masked men early Sunday stormed the Shelby county jail, seized and lynched three negroes, two of whom were charged with insulting white women, while the third was sentenced to hang for the murder of a negro woman.

According to Ernest Hornback, deputy jailer, the mob within an hour and a quarter surrounded the jail, broke down a door and took the three negroes away, leaving 14 others in the same cell from which the three were taken.

FOOD PRICES WILL DROP. Cold Storage Stuff To Be Least Cost On Market.

Chicago, Ill.—Hundreds of millions of pounds of cold storage butter, eggs, cheese and poultry, some of it as much as five years old, are about to be thrown on the market and sacrificed at whatever price they will bring, as the result of the collapse within the last few days of the Food Trust, which by steady aggressions during the past half decade has allied prices of provisions up to their present exorbitant figures.

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Hotel Wrecked By Bomb. San Francisco (Special).—With a force that demolished the whole front of the building, tore up the cement sidewalk, shattered windows within a radius of many blocks and put more than 30 lives in peril, a dynamite bomb exploded shortly before 1 o'clock Monday morning in the doorway of a restaurant on the first floor of the Bimbo Hotel, at 391 Bay street.

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The two Republican members of the committee are members of the so-called progressive wing of the Republican party and Senator Huston calls himself a Progressive Democrat.

Early in the legislative session of 1909 resolutions were introduced in both houses calling for an investigation of the senatorial primary election. The resolutions were particularly pointed at United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, who, according to his report filed with the secretary of state, expended \$107,000 during the campaign.

Speaker Hancock, of the Assembly, named a committee composed of a majority of stalwart Republicans and Lieutenant Governor John Strange, who then presided over the Senate, named Senators Marsh, Morris and Huston. The committee met in joint session for several weeks. Then the Assembly branch of the committee decided to go no further.

False, Says Stephenson. Washington, D. C. (Special).—Senator Stephenson at first declined to make any comment on the news from the Wisconsin State capital that charges of violations of the election law had been filed against him with the governor. Later he gave out the following:

"The report of the majority of the legislative committee was made at the session of the legislature held two years ago. The committee, after an exhaustive investigation, exonerated me and all those connected with my campaign of all the charges. The report now made is by three of the old committee who refused to concur with the majority. They did not then submit a report, but have waited until a legislature had been elected which they regarded as favorable to their plans. Two of them are no longer members of the legislature. I have not yet seen the report. So far as the charges have come to me they are without foundation and wholly false."

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LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Berwick.—Employed by the Imperial Government in teaching the sons of the royal family and nobility in China, and in preparing them for American colleges, Miss Emma L. Liggett, formerly a teacher in the Bowdoin High School, sailed January 14 for Peking, the school in which she will be employed having been founded by the Chinese government as a preparation on the part of China for the act of President Roosevelt in repaying part of the Boxer indemnity to China.

Reading.—A verdict of \$4,125 in favor of the plaintiff was returned by the jury in the suit of Catherine A. Beidler, of Heidelberg, this county, against the Consolidated Telephone Companies of Pennsylvania and the Bethel and Mt. Actna Telephone and Telegraph Company, tried before Judge Endlich. The suit was for the recovery of damages alleged to have been sustained to the plaintiff's property caused by the defendants cutting down trees.

York.—While fixing the fire in the furnace under the boilers at the York Chemical Works, Jacob Heiges, night watchman, was nearly burned to death. He got too near the open door and his clothing became ignited. He ran from the building to the tracks of the Northern Central Railroad, where the flames were extinguished by the shifting cars. He is now in a serious condition in the York Hospital.

Altoona.—After it had practically kicked the interior of the stable a piece, a horse belonging to Chester Mock, of East Freedom, died of hydrophobia, resulting from the bite from a mad dog six weeks ago. The horse bit a man, who had gone into the stable to examine it, and the dog bit a little girl. The horse's head was sent to the State Live Stock Board for examination.

Shenandoah.—Charles P. Nell, Commissioner of Labor, at Washington, notified all anthracite coal operators that, according to the price of coal at tidewater points the mine workers' wages for January would be seven per cent. above the basis. This, together with full time in the region, makes many miners' homes happy. Business was never better in this region.

Girardville.—Father dead, a victim of treacherous overhead coal; William Penn colliery, wife ill and six children down with scarlet fever and diphtheria, is the plight of Harry Sands' family at William Penn. Sympathetic fellow-workers, instead of attending the funeral, worked the day and contrived the earnings to the destitute family.

Reading.—Manual training has been such a success in the schools in the short time that it has been in the curriculum that at a meeting of one of the Teachers' Committee it was decided to extend it to the seventh and eighth grades. Franklin Gill, of Bethlehem, has been recommended as an additional teacher in this department.

Pottsville.—Charles P. Price, mine inspector of the Twentieth District, including colliers in Western Schuylkill and Dauphin counties, reports for the past year 13 fatal accidents inside, and three outside, making a total of 16. The total other accidents was 32 inside and 10 outside, making a total of 42.

Washington Borough.—Miss Irene Willis has sued John Young for \$2,000 damages for alleged injury to her prospects in matrimony. She was engaged to be married, and her intended husband broke the engagement on rumors that she had selected blood in her veins, which she denies.

Mahanoy City.—Struck by a crowded west bound Schuylkill Railroad car at Mahanoy Plane, William Mack, of Mahanoy, was crushed to death. A panicky feeling possessed the passengers when the car jumped crosswise on the tracks as the result of the accident.

Lancaster.—Walter W. Franklin, a member of the Lancaster bar, has been prosecuted on the charge of embezzlement. J. W. Morrison alleges Franklin appropriated money given him to pay costs in divorce proceedings and also failed to account for money collected for Morrison.

Reading.—Mrs. Emma Boyer, 45, 5-year-old daughter, Vera, and two boarders, Anna Bertolet and Mary Brady, were made seriously ill after eating caramels. Samples of the candy will be analyzed, and it is feared to contain stuff contrary to the pure food act, prosecutions will follow.

Hazleton.—Lewis Grubey, of this city, foreman at the Cranberry Colliery of A. Pardee & Company, was struck by a mine car and killed.

Shamokin.—Directors of the Old Fellows' Orphanage, west of Shamokin, at their semi-annual meeting referred plans for a handsome new school building to the Educational Committee. Over \$10,000 were expended for the maintenance of the orphanage during 1910.

Mahanoy City.—Mrs. Cassa Schad, an aged woman, living at 218 Colos, fractured her skull, and is dying as the result of a fall while preparing the noonday meal. She was overcome by weakness, and her head striking a chair.

Cuts Off His Own Arm.

Bellefonte, Ohio (Special).—To save his life, Charles Deaton, of Champlain county farmer, cut off his arm with a pocket knife. He was caught in a corn shredder and his companions found that they were unable to release the arm without taking the machine apart. Deaton realized that he must bleed to death unless he was freed from the machine's grip.

Zena Dare To Marry. London. (Special).—Another link between the peerage and the stage is about to be welded. The much photographed musical comedy actress, Zena Dare, is betrothed to Maurice Brett, with whose brother rumor recently misconstrued her name. The alliance seems to be approved by the family of Viscount Escher, whose guest Miss Dare has frequently been during the past three years. Miss Dare's father is a lawyer's clerk.