

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special to The Commercial. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Orders from the Democratic leaders to speed up the Congressional grind and approval of that plan by the Republicans he tokens to observers anxiety in both the old parties to get an early start in the campaign for the Congressional election. Both realize they have a hard fight before them and both are anxious to get down to business.

Apparently the Democrats fear that something is going to crack and they grow nervous and apprehensive daily. At first appropriating several Progressive plans, they recently have tempered them so with old-fashioned "conservatism" that they are neither fish nor flesh nor good red herring, and they wish to adjourn before they get hopelessly tangled. As a matter of fact, they have grown lukewarm in their interest for the people and are trimming to gain the favor of the interests and to carry water on both shoulders. This they know will not strengthen them in the campaign and they want to get away from Washington before the burden grows too great for their candidates to carry.

For their part, the Republicans are anxious to collect their scattered forces and to make the best show they can against the Democrats and the Progressives. Despite their advances and their "harmony" banquets and speeches, they realize they have made no inroads on the Progressive ranks, but rather have suffered defection, with coincident gain to the Progressives. Their candidates for re-election must hurry home to ascertain the trend of local conditions, on which they will base their fights in every district, ignoring national issues entirely and hoping to magnify piecemeal points into the proportions of actual features. They know they have a heap of explaining to do and that it will take a long time to do it. Also, the Progressives scent the fight from afar and they go into the fray without fear, but with the full joy of battle. Of all the three national parties, they alone can show a clean slate in Congress in the special and regular sessions, and they will take this record onto the stump to reinforce the exposition of Progressive principles.

As the Progressives figure it, their task will be lightened through the fact that they are recognized as a powerful national party and they will not be obliged to devote valuable time to convincing the people to that effect. They will have candidates for every office in every state, district and county and in many municipalities, and this multiplicity of candidates will stir the political pool to its very depths.

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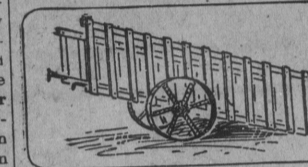


FARM ANIMALS

STOCK CHUTE QUITE USEFUL
Built on Wheels and Axle of Old Mower Useful Device May Be Hauled to All Parts of Farm.

Perhaps every farmer has occasion to load some animal into a wagon and many of them prepare for this by building a stock chute. Frequently these chutes are built as permanent fixtures in connection with the feed lots, but they are often made so that they can be transported from one part of the farm to another. When a chute of this kind is built heavy and strong enough to support the weight of a mature hog or a large calf it becomes a clumsy thing to move. Mr. R. J. Linscott, Holton, Kas., has solved this problem of inconvenience in a very easy way.

The wheels and axle used in making his stock chute are parts of old machinery found on the farm, the



Stock Chute.

wheels being taken from an old mower. The upper end of the chute is provided with two strong iron hooks, which are sharpened so as to engage the bottom of the wagon bed and prevent slipping after the animal starts upward. With such an arrangement there is no difficulty in building a chute of ample strength, because the question of weight has relatively little importance. The chute can be hooked on behind the wagon and hauled to any part of the farm.

CULLING OUT THE OLD EWES

Good Shepherds Do Not Hesitate to Get Rid of Grandmothers Before They Go Down Hill.

Usually by the time that a ewe has reached the age of seven years she has spent most of her usefulness as a breeder and mother. Good shepherds do not hesitate to cull out these old grandmothers before they go down hill. They usually pick up in flesh shortly after weaning time, and can be best marketed just as they come from pasture—without fattening.

Old ewes "break in the mouth," so to speak, and cannot eat. Naturally they keep going down in flesh, waste much of their food, and frequently their mouths get so sore they will not take sufficient food to fatten them. The wool becomes shorter and shorter with advancing age, says the Farm Press, and lacks several pounds of the weights they shorn in their prime. Lambs from old ewes are never as satisfactory. The milk usually falls short, and the lamb is dwarfed and stunted so that it never makes a thrifty feeder.

Their presence in the flock detracts from its appearance and value. One or two old ewes in a flock of prime breeders will often hurt the sale value as much as a dollar a head. For these reasons, then, cull closely and keep only the best prime breeding ewes. With the price of mutton and wool so low as it is, he cannot afford to keep other than those from which the best returns can be expected.

FEW CAUSES FOR INFECTIONS

Estimated That 85 Per Cent. of All Losses From Hog Diseases Arise From Dreaded Cholera.

One cause of infection in hogs is improper feeding, which includes unbalanced rations, overfeeding, underfeeding, irritating food (such as garbage, sour slops, etc.), insanitary feed troughs and impure drinking water. Also may be mentioned insufficient housing, especially during the heat of summer and the cold of winter, dampness, insanitary condition of the pens or houses, overcrowding of sleeping quarters, etc.

It has been estimated that 85 per cent. of all losses from hog diseases arise from cholera. The need of all precautions against infection and spread is therefore apparent. It is within the power of all hog raisers to guard against the contributory cause enumerated above; and the simple statement of the causes also points the way for prevention.

Use Your Own Corn.

If a farmer can feed his 60-cent corn to good hogs which will pay him 80 cents for it, does he not make an advance on the price of his corn and profit in the fertility returned to the soil, as well as saving the expense in hauling?

Shed for Sheep.

Don't keep sheep in a damp basement. They want a dry floor to stand on. If you have not a good shed build one with a floor two feet from the ground.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR MARCH 1

TRUSTING IN RICHES AND TRUSTING IN GOD.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:13-24. GOLDEN TEXT—"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."—Luke 12:34.

The section before us has a very logical progression from the introductory request to the words of Jesus which constitute the golden text. Jesus is still in the midst of his Perea ministry. This lesson occurred but a few months before the crucifixion.

1. The lesson vv. 13-15. "One out of the multitude" desired to bolster his claim to a portion of an inheritance. He was sure that his brother needed admonition from Jesus, the result of which would accrue to his advantage. Jesus made a sharp, quick reply. He had been teaching about the sin of covetousness, but by his answer he intimates that his mission was not to judge men of that or any other sin. His work as a judge was to come later, John 5:19-32. There are thousands who for the prospect of personal gain would strictly enforce the ethical principles of the gospel though at the same time they are not willing themselves to abide thereunder. Covetousness is a desire to secure more and it is not confined to the rich nor to the poor. Therefore Jesus sounds a warning, "take heed" (v. 15) e. g. beware, "This itching is so gradual and often begins with a desire to possess things that are good of themselves and frequently are good for him that has possession. But as it creeps in we find it becoming a great sin. A desire to build up a church, or even to compass the salvation of a loved one, may be animated by a selfish, covetous motive, see I Cor. 5:10, 11; 6:10, and Eph. 5:3, 5. A man's life consists not of the things possessed and the desire to get should be lost in the desire to be for the glory of God.

Lighten Other's Burdens.

2. The illustration, vv. 16-21. This warning of Jesus against wrong sense valuations and his suggestion as to the true source of life, are emphasized by his illustration from life. All material values come from the earth. Mine, forest and field are the sources of all wealth. But in this illustration the ground yielded "plentifully." He took great counsel with himself. In these three verses are twelve personal pronouns. Prosperity is heaped upon prosperity, yet his enterprises were lawful and legitimate for there is no suggestion of wrong methods. The trouble was that in his self-centered pride he saw only the gratification of his material appetites. Any human activity, even the highest, may become grossly self-centered. His plans of enlargement were wise in the sight of men, but he left God out of his calculations, and this is the common mistake worldly men are making. Jas. 4:13-15. His anxiety, a characteristic of those who trust in riches, was uncalculated for, and the folly of that course was revealed in a flash when he was called into the presence of God: "The things shall thou hast prepared, whose shall they be?" Jesus reveals the uselessness of such anxious motives, and its unworthiness in view of what God is in himself, vv. 20, 21. He who can array the lily and clothe the grass of the field. The place to lay up goods is not in barns, Mark 10:21; the right way to be merry is to lighten the burden of another, and the way to satisfy the soul is not to pamper the body. Read John 4:13, 14; John 7:27-39; I. Tim. 6:6; Jas. 5:5; Rev. 18:7.

True Way of Life.

3. The application, vv. 22-34. Jesus then proceeds to set before his disciples the true way of life from the positive side, just as in the illustration he had set before them the negative side. Those who with God are in right relationships in the things of time and sense, those things of which their father knows they have need, and which he will supply, Phil. 4:19. They are, however, to seek his kingdom and to rest in confidence in the knowledge that it is his pleasure to give to them that kingdom (v. 32). The way to get is to give, Prov. 11:24, 25. This is laying up treasure in heaven. Every man is the judge of his own acts. If they be according to divine standards, his decision is wise, if not, the Bible characterizes that man as a fool. It is our sense of values which determines our wisdom.

4. The teaching. Jesus does not begin in his dealings with the subjects of his kingdom by making compulsory division of their possessions. In this lesson we can see the false and the true method by which to establish right social conditions. This man's idea was to "divide"; Christ's idea is expressed in the words, "sell and give alms." The passion of this man was to possess, the passion of Christ was to give, Matt. 20:28. In the mind of Christ, life does not consist of the things possessed, John 6:27. Things have a value only as life is strong.

Where are the Unoccupied Farms.

Considerable has been said and written by a certain class of persons concerning abandoned or unoccupied farms. It is the opinion of both the Secretary of Agriculture and the Economic Zoologist of Pennsylvania that there are very few abandoned farms in Pennsylvania. Letters, especially from city people, are occasionally received by the Department asking where such farms are located.

If the number of unoccupied farms in our State is as great as some persons would have us believe, it is to be deplored. If persons owning or having in charge such unoccupied farms or knowing of the same, will write to the Secretary of Agriculture for blanks upon which to report the same to him they will perform a valuable service to the Bureau of Statistics of the department. Such information may result in the sale of such farms, thus increasing the acreage of cultivated lands in the State, which in the end may prove a factor in reducing the cost of living.

In the above appeal for information as to the exact location of unoccupied or abandoned farms reference is not made to unseeded land, or land that is plainly rocky waste and worthless. If there are any really abandoned farms in Pennsylvania, it should be known, and there is no better way of knowing it than attempting to learn exactly where they are located. Persons having this information should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, at Harrisburg.

Recently in giving information to a correspondent on this subject, State Zoologist H. A. Surface said that it would prove more profitable for a person to pay all that is necessary to lease or buy good and productive land, and produce several times as much from it, than to buy very poor land at a low price, or to occupy at a very low rental land that was so poor as to be unprofitable. The process of building up depleted soil is slow and expensive, although it can be done.

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Soil Suitable for Fruit.

An Adams County man wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, stating that he had land that was derived from granite, and had a clay subsoil with a stream of water flowing through the tract, and asked if this would be suitable for planting in an orchard.

To this inquiry Prof. Surface replied as follows:

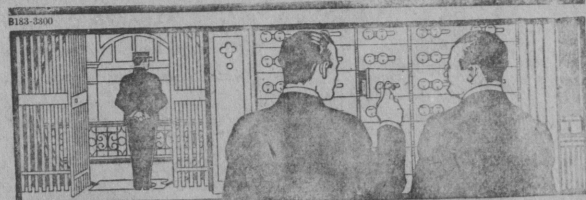
"Much can be determined by observing the surrounding trees, and especially fruit trees planted on land of that kind. It should be remembered that the lower the land the more water collects there, and the more thrifty the trees grow if the roots are not constantly too wet; but it should also be remembered that vigorous growth does not mean fruit production. In many cases it is better to have slower growth and a more regular and abundant setting of fruit than can be obtained on low land where roots are liable to kill the fruit crops occasionally. As a rule loose or well drained land is best and it should be deep soil without a subsoil of hardpan or clay that holds water. Limestone land is all right for apple and pear, but I much prefer shale soil, or some other loose soil for peach.

Granite land is all right for apple and peach if it is well drained. I must confess I do not like the idea of a clay subsoil, because this sounds like a wet soil. Much depends upon the drainage, but if this is good you are all right. A stream through the land is no detriment if the ground is not too low. If it is a slow running and sluggish stream through a valley that is not sloping much it means low land where there will be late frosts and unsatisfactory results from the setting of the cold air. It is best always to plant fruits on land elevated enough to give good air drainage."

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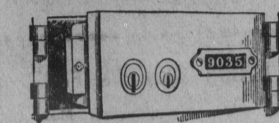
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The death toll in the coal mining industry in the 20th bituminous district, including the greater part of Somerset county, 1913, was a heavy one for every 285,739 tons of coal produced, according to the annual report of State Mine Inspector Fletcher A. Cunningham, of Somerset, which was forwarded to the Department of Mines at Harrisburg. The 20th district included all of Somerset county south of Hollisport and produced 6,745,400 tons. The northern section of the county including the Windber field is in the 24th district and produced 2,811,152 tons in 1913, making the total production of the county 8,556,552 tons. In 1912 the county produced 385,209 tons more than in 1912, when the total production was 9,172,359 tons.

The district made a very favorable showing increasing the production by 1,321,080 tons over 1912, which was not expected on account of labor during the first six months of the year and the scarcity of cars during the last three months. However, Jerome Nos. 1 and 2 mines, with a tonnage of 900,000 tons, were added to the district and the eighteen new mines that were opened during the year brought the district tonnage up to 6,845,466. There was an increase of 1277 employees over 1912.

"It is with regret that I report an increase of eleven fatal accidents in the mines over the previous year," Inspector Cunningham's report states. "I have observed that the mine officials seem to be doing all in their power to prevent these accidents, but with all the safeguards and instruction given the workmen, there appear to be some who will take a chance. The result, of course, is death caused by the negligence or carelessness of the victim."

Inspector Cunningham is compelling the mine foreman and other employees of the coal companies to promptly report all violations of the law whether their offenses result in accidents or not. In this way it is proposed to prosecute the "chance takers" before it is too late.

Inspector Cunningham believes that some mine officials are negligent in reporting violators of the law, and says it will be well for them to faithfully perform this duty in the future if they do not want to face prosecutions in court. Under the State Mining laws it is also the duty of the workmen to report "chance takers" to their mine foreman so that accidents may be eliminated as far as possible.

Forty-one companies contributed to the districts coal production who were employing more than nine men and operating under the law. Smaller companies, which do not operate under the law, produced 1,330 tons.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neel pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

St. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor—Mass next Sunday 9 and 11 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m. Church of the Brethren—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers Meeting, Friday evening, 8th inst., at 7:30.

Brethren Church, H. L. Goughnour pastor—Services on Sunday, March 10, in Meyersdale in the morning at 10:30. In the afternoon the pastor will preach in the school house at Snawly, Pa. The service being held immediately after the Sunday school session. In the evening the Brethren congregation will join in the Union Services in the Reformed church, School and Christian Endeavor, at usual hours. All are cordially invited.

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