

THE FARMERS' COLUMN

Some Practical Suggestions Well Worth Knowing From the Department of Agriculture.

FACTS FOR DAILY USE PLEA FOR FARMER BOYS.

At a recent session of a Farmers' Institute in Dauphin County, Sheldon W. Funt, of Boyersown, made an appeal for the farmer boys: "Gentlemen," he said, "I want you to do all you can to keep the boys on the farm. Give them something they can call their own and allow them to have the money they make out of it. I don't care whether it's a piece of ground, a calf, a pig, a colt or some chickens, but for goodness sake give them something. They will be glad to stay on the farm. Give them a half day off each week, too. There would be no better time than Saturday afternoon and on Monday morning they would return to their week's work with renewed energy. Allow them to have a week's vacation during some part of the year, a week which they can call their own and do as they like best. Ask a boy who has gone away from the farm just why he has left and he will give you three reasons. He will tell you overwork, poor pay and too little recreation caused him to leave. Give the boy a chance, give him an opportunity to have some interest in the farm and you'll lose nothing. I would recommend that every boy attend agricultural school. If this can't be done take a course of twelve weeks. This will cost little more than a hundred dollars but the benefits will be worth much more. If the boy can't go away to a school then give him a correspondence course and this cost is practically nothing. Help the young fellow along scientific lines.

RAISING CHICKENS IN BROODERS

Much of the loss in raising chicks in brooders can be obviated by keeping the floor of brooders and brooder houses covered with an inch of clean sand. Cut corn stover or cut straw should be used on the sand for scratch litter. Such material as clover or timothy chaff or buckwheat hulls are objectionable in the brooder house. The chicks pick up the particles of the fuzzy stuff and are not able to pass them through the crop. The young chicks should have a daily feeding of fine cut green grass if they are to do well.

TRESPASS LAW MUST BE QUOTED ON SIGNBOARDS

A decision which is expected to have far-reaching effect on the perpetual feuds between farmers and gunners was handed down at Allentown, Pa., Friday, when the court discharged Harry Leighton, a Reading Railroad section hand, accused of trespass by Miss Mary Bauer, of Center Valley. The court sustained the contention of Leighton's counsel that trespass signs must quote the law and are worthless if they merely say "No trespassing."

WOOD ASHES FOR GRASS.

Wood ashes may be profitably applied as a top dressing to grass land and to pastures, where they will encourage the growth of clover and the better kinds of grasses, which will then crowd out inferior kinds and weeds. Wood ashes also may be used for corn and roots. Because of their lime content they are not so good for potatoes, although sometimes used for this crop.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

Items of Interest Culled from our Exchanges.

Constable B. H. Matthews of Jerome is a patient at the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown. It was said at the institution that his condition is not alarming, although an operation is expected.

Dogs, horses and cows will be quarantined for a long period in Milford township, as the result of an analysis of the brain of a dog which was shot after it had bitten other dogs, cows and horses. The analysis showed that the canines had rabies.

Mrs. Anna H. Kramer, wife of Rev. Dr. A. R. Kramer, a former pastor in Somerset county died recently at Churchtown, Pa., after an illness of some duration. She passed away at the age of 83 years. She is survived by her aged husband and two children, Miss Gertrude and Dr. John N. Kramer, both at home.

Helen Shank, aged ten years who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Shank of Stoyestown died recently at the Mercy Hospital, Johnstown. She was taken to the hospital three weeks ago in a serious condition and was operated upon for appendicitis. The little girl was popular and had many friends who will much regret her passing away. The body was taken to Stoyestown for burial.

PROGRAM OF SUMMIT TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE.

The following is the program for Summit Township institute to be held at the Peck School on March 4, 1916 to begin at 1 p. m.—

How can We Become Better Teachers—Lillian Seibert.
How to Keep Pupils Busy—Ella Witt.

How to Study and Teach Grammar—E. R. Hay.

Methods of Teaching—Sada Schrock
Training of Memory—Mary Fike.
Thoroughness, Margaret Shultz.
School Discipline, D. C. Handwerk.
Recitation, Emma Schrock.
Citizens' Duty Toward the School, W. E. Walker.

Study of Mathematics, Lloyd Shumac.

Methods of Teaching Penmanship, Mae Moore.

Should the Rudiments of Agriculture be Taught in the Public Schools? If so, Why? and How?—F. E. Witt.

Outline a Good Method for Teaching History—Velma Beals.

Is Knowledge or Mental Development the End of Teaching—S. C. Witt.

The Value of Map Drawing in the Teaching of Geography—Ruth Commons.

The Teacher's Part in the Recitation—H. B. Saler.

All friends of education are cordially invited to attend.

ROCKWOOD

H. E. Miller was transacting business in Pittsburg several days this week.

Hilton Thornley, who resigned as Superintendent of the Consolidation Coal Company at Wilson creek to accept a position in Meyersdale, has been succeeded by Mr. Goldby. Mr. Thornley expects to move his family and household goods to Meyersdale in the near future.

Frank Hood, Manager of the Dull Mercantile store at Wilson creek, is confined to his home on Main street, Rockwood with an attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. P. S. Walter, of Holsopple, has returned home after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Snyder.

Harry Woods, a Pittsburg druggist, was here a few days ago to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Woods.

Frank Becker of Pittsburg is spending this week at the home of E. J. Weimer.

Miss Louise Coleman of Somerset is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Critfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Michael, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mertussi. Burial occurred in the Catholic cemetery at Meyersdale.

Miss Cora Bittner of Meyersdale is here visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hangher.

I. D. Spangler of Salida Colo., is here visiting his uncle, J. C. Reitz.

Mrs. J. D. Snyder entertained half a score of her friends recently at a chicken and waffle dinner.

Joseph Reitz of Johnstown is spending a few days here with relatives.

Emmet Ridenour, a student in the University of Pittsburg, is spending a few days with his father, George Ridenour of Main street.

Mrs. James Miller received word Thursday of the death of her mother, Mrs. Brantanna, who lives in Columbus, Ohio. The remains were brought to Rockwood on Friday evening, and were buried on Sunday afternoon at Odd Fellows' cemetery. Mrs. Brantanna was formerly of this place.

Mrs. Sara Pyle of Somerset is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Robert Schrock and Mrs. Laura Sannor.

Mrs. J. R. Barron of Broadway entertained the P. C. S. I. Club at her home Friday evening. A two-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Barron.

Miss Elizabeth Miller of Main st. is visiting friends and relatives in Sonnellsville.

LESS DOPE THAN FORMERLY.

The European war may accomplish what the complacency of Jas. Foust the state's poor food commissioner, has prevented for the past nine years. It may wipe foods "doped" with benzoate of soda from the Pennsylvania markets as well as other markets. Why? Merely because the price of benzoates have been multiplied ten times by the war; it is likely to be come so expensive that manufacturers of foods can not afford to use it.

Foust admits this in a statement issued concerning the wholesale sampling of ketchups that he undertook late last year. He says that the benzoate, which sold before the war began for less than 50 cents per pound, now costs \$5 per pound and that the benzoate of soda in a pint bottle of ketchup nowadays costs about as much as the tomatoes in the same bottle.

Miss Mary Black is spending a couple of weeks in Charlestown, Va., the guest of Mrs. E. F. Bock, a former school friend.

SON CONFESSES FATHER'S MURDER

After All-Night Grilling, J. Fred Christy Breaks Down, Said

INVOLVES FRIEND IN PLOT

Boy Wanted Money to Go West and Believed Father Had Large Sum In House—Says Chum Fired Shot.

The murder of John W. Christy, wealthy farmer of near Greenville, Pa., whose body was found two weeks ago at the bottom of an abandoned coal shaft near his home under twelve feet of water, and weighted down with a sledge, has been solved.

After an all-night session with state troopers, J. Fred Christy, seventeen-year-old son of the slain man, admitted, the state police say, that he and Fay Etzweiler, twenty years old, killed his father in the kitchen of his home as Mr. Christy was paring potatoes for his breakfast. Both boys have been held before Justice of the Peace Loutzenhauser charged with murder.

State Troopers Cook and Bressler of the Butler barracks arrested both youths after they had harrassed young Christy all night in a grilling and firing. He confessed to the murder of his father, the troopers alleged, accused young Etzweiler of firing the shot which caused the aged farmer's death, and told the most thrilling story of a murder in the history of Mercer county.

Both boys were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Loutzenhauser and were held for court on a charge of murder. They were spirited out of Greenville to the Mercer county jail and very few persons in this vicinity knew of the arrest until the boys were out of town.

The lure of the west, probably influenced by the fact that he is a half Indian, his mother having been a full-blooded Indian, was so strong within him, young Christy said in his confession, that he longed for the country to which he belonged and he believed that by murdering his father, who he believed had a huge sum of money in the house, he could secure the necessary funds with which to make the trip to the west.

Christy confessed, according to the troopers, that he paid Etzweiler \$50 for firing the shot which killed the former's father. The aged man was sitting in a rocking chair in the kitchen of the Christy residence paring potatoes for breakfast when he was shot in the head.

The boys immediately went through Christy's clothing, secured his pocketbook, then picked up the body and carried it to the abandoned mine shaft, some distance from the house on the Christy farm.

There, young Christy stated, he sawed the handle out of a twenty-five pound post mail, roped the heavy object about his father, and together the boys cast the body into the mine shaft, where it was found four days later.

After disposing of the body, Christy stated, he and Etzweiler returned to the house and with sofa cushions and an old coat of the Christy boy they mopped up the blood from the floor.

The cushions were burned in the kitchen stove and the blood-stained coat was carried half a mile from the house, where the boys lighted a bonfire and burned the coat. Again the boys returned to the house and the time they secured a large quantity of lard, melted it on the kitchen stove, then poured it over the kitchen floor to hide the large blood stains which had been left after they had mopped the blood from the floor.

After doing this the boys, finding a trunk key in the pocketbook which they had taken from Christy, went to an upstairs room and opened the trunk, where they expected to find a large sum of money which the younger Christy believed his father had hidden there. Christy said they found \$80 and out of this sum young Christy paid Etzweiler the \$50 he had promised him for shooting his father.

JUNE AND DECEMBER ELOPE

Girl 21 Marries Minister 70 After Many Difficulties.

Details have become known of the elopement from the Beaver creek (W. Va.) section of Rev. William Moore, Methodist minister, aged seventy, who has been doing missionary work in that section for nearly a year, and Miss Jennie Ally, aged twenty-one, a school teacher.

The minister had been courting the girl for some time against the wishes of her parents, who objected to the match mainly because of the difference in ages.

The couple eloped to Prestonburg, on foot, encountering many difficulties during the trip while crossing the mountains.

WOMEN WILL ELECTIONEER

Thirty-six Will Go on Trip Over Country For Suffrage.

Thirty-six representative women from the thirty-six non-voting states, will start from Washington next month to make a direct appeal to the women of the twelve voting states to use their political power in forcing the Susan B. Anthony amendment through congress.

HE'S 69 YEARS OLD
AND IS NOT NEUTRAL



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THOMAS A. EDISON.

"My prescription for a long life?"—Thomas A. Edison laughed heartily and leaned back in his chair, folding across his broad chest a pair of arms that looked formidable through the sleeves of a rough working apron. "Why cut down your eating and cut out your booze," and he laughed again. Mr. Edison is sixty-nine years old.

"Oh, two years more I should think—and the allies will win," was his opinion on the length of the war. "Why? Oh, because they are far better equipped in men and money and in facilities to replace losses." "Suffrage? Well," and Mr. Edison smiled again, "the women have a right to vote, and anyway, the men can't control them. They might as well let them have it if they want it."

GERMANY FINANCED COUNCIL

Former Official Says He Left Labor Peace Movement For That Reason.

W. H. Kramer, former vice president of Labor's National Peace council, old the house judiciary sub-committee investigating Representative Buchanan's impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall at New York, that the council's funds came from German sources. He discovered that, he said, after he had been connected with the organization several weeks, and resigned.

Mr. Buchanan and some others connected with the council were indicted soon after the impeachment charges were brought in the house. They are charged with violating the Sherman law in that they are alleged to have conspired to restrain American trade in munitions.

The hearing was secret. One of the committeemen, however, said no evidence to prove the charges against Marshall had been developed so far.

President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor are to testify next week. Both previously have repudiated any connection between the council and the federation.

BROKERS WIN INJUNCTION

Ohio Blue Sky Law Declared Unconstitutional by Federal Judges.

The Ohio "blue sky" law was declared unconstitutional when United States District Judges Sater, Warrington and Hollister at Columbus, concurred in a decision temporarily enjoining Attorney General Turner from giving an official opinion concerning or otherwise interfering with the affairs of the Geiger-Jones Co. of Canton, O.

The "blue sky" department had undertaken to investigate the affairs of the Geiger-Jones Co., dealers in industrial securities and had filed charges with Turner asserting that the company was not complying with the provisions of the law.

The company asked for an injunction against interference with its affairs and attacked the constitutionality of the blue sky law among other points raised.

SENDS WOMAN TO JAIL

Federal Judge Wants to Stop Women's Smuggling.

In order to put a stop to smuggling on the part of women, Judge Clayton in the United States district court in New York passed the heaviest sentence ever recorded there against a woman for violation of the customs laws.

He ordered Mrs. Emilie C. Swigette of San Francisco to spend ten days in jail and pay a fine of \$100 after she had entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

Mrs. Swigette's San Francisco millinery establishment is known as "Emilie's Shop." There are only two other cases on record in which women offenders have been sent to jail.

MAYOR IS BOYCOTTED

Ohio City Executive Runs Cigar Factory; Closes Joints; Suffers.

George H. Lingel, aged twenty-four, mayor of Kenton, O., and the youngest mayor in the state, has a boycott on his hands. Along with his mayoralty duties he runs a cigar factory.

He has clamped the lid tightly on gambling and the gambling fraternity and their friends are boycotting his product. He employs thirty persons and the boycott is so closely followed that he will have to dismiss some of them.

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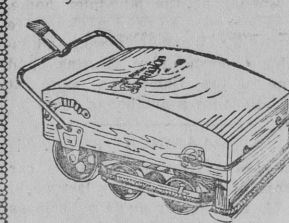
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