

THE FARMER'S COLUMN

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

FACTS FOR DAILY USE

BIG WHEAT AND RYE CROP IN PROSPECT.

Prospects for a splendid wheat and rye crop in Pennsylvania during the coming season are indicated in the reports of the crop correspondents which were received April 1 by the Bureau of Statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Both wheat and rye were sown late last year on account of the wet ground and the grain has passed through a fine winter, escaping the Hessian Fly to a great extent. From the reports from all sections of the State it would appear that both the wheat and rye crop will be about ninety-five per cent of the average yield. Last year at this time the indications pointed to a wheat crop of about 91 per cent of the average.

From many sections glowing reports are received concerning the condition of the wheat and rye crop and little damage seems to have been done by heaving. From some sections the report states that the crop looks better than for ten years. It would appear that the early sown wheat shows the most advancement, but the general indications are that the late sown will develop with warmer weather. The lack of snow in January had some tendency to cause damage to the grain in many sections, but the March snows and rains were very beneficial.

FRUIT CROP WILL BE BELOW NORMAL.

Reports from all sections of the State through the 700 township crop-reporters of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture indicate that the apple and cherry crop for the coming season will be slightly below the normal yield while the peach crop will amount to about 63 per cent of a normal yield.

For a time it was feared that the intermittent cold and warm weather had seriously affected the peach buds but reports of the crop-reporters, who have made thorough investigations in their districts, indicate that a splendid peach yield is in sight unless frosts do damage after the blossoms are in bloom.

The prospects for a normal yield in the State on April 1 were as follows: Apples, 88 per cent; cherries, 85 per cent and peaches, 63 per cent. Last year at this time the prospects were: Apples, 90 per cent; cherries, 91 per cent and peaches, 86 per cent. Last year there was an over production of fruit and the present indications point to a better financial year as far as the prospects of the fruit grower are concerned.

GIVE THE HENS MATERIAL TO PRODUCE EGGS.

Many farmers neglect to provide the materials the hen needs in the production of eggs, allowing the fowls to exhaust their energies and weaken their bodily powers in an effort to gather what their appetites call for, draw from the stored up energy of the body in an effort to lay eggs. Egg production is a reproductive process. The strength and power to do nature's work must come from the food supply.

Hens will lay no more eggs than they can obtain the material to produce. If the amount of carbonate of lime is limited, so will the number of eggs be limited by the lack of shell material. Phosphorus is essential to all the vital processes of nature, yet how many farmers furnish bone or other phosphorus-carrying materials to the hens. Much of the disease among fowls can be traced to the weakened condition of the fowls' body, due to improper or incorrect and insufficient food.

DO NOT BUY CHEAP GRADE OF SEEDS.

One of the worst abominations on Pennsylvania farms is the pernicious weeds which abound in cheap seeds and farmers who are buying cheap seeds are only saving at the expense of their crops. L. W. Lighty, crop expert of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, warns farmers not to send off to a cheap dealer if they can buy their seed at a dealer at home, who is responsible and where one can get redress for any deceptions.

Lighty, at a box of grass seed a few days ago, said Mr. Lighty, "It was a grass seed from a western dealer. The seed was sold as mixed alfalfa and timothy, but an examination showed seven kinds of seeds. They may all have been perfectly harmless, but I would not have sown them for hay."

BRITISH OFFICER WHO SURRENDERS TO TURKS



Photo by American Press Association. GENERAL TOWNSHEND.

A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

After holding out for nearly five months the British army under Major General Charles V. Townshend, which has been besieged by Turkish armies at Kut-el-Amara, has been compelled to surrender because of the exhaustion of supplies.

In the official announcement of the surrender it is stated that Major General Townshend's army consisted of only 2,970 British troops and 6,000 Indian troops. It was generally believed that the British force was much larger than this.

To prevent the Turkish forces from capturing them all the British guns and ammunition were destroyed before General Townshend surrendered.

The surrender of a British army is an event of very rare occurrence and much sorrow was caused in London by the announcement.

The British steamship Hendonhall, from Portland April 7 and Louisburg, N. B., April 11, for Rotterdam, with a cargo of wheat for Belgium, has been sunk, according to a dispatch to Lloyds. The crew was saved. The British steamship Lucknow has also been sunk.

Several detachments of Russian troops have been landed at Marseilles to aid the French. The number of the troops has been suppressed.

All German drives at Verdun have been repulsed during the week.

The British steamship Industry was sunk by a submarine and the crew was left in open boats in the Atlantic, 120 miles from the nearest land. The boats, with the entire crew, were picked up by the American liner Finland.

The British battleship Russell has been sunk in the Mediterranean.

The Russell was sunk by a mine. Admiral Fremantle, the captain of the Russell, 24 officers and 676 men were saved.

The capture of a German submarine by British naval forces was officially announced. The u-boat's crew of eighteen men were made prisoners.

WED IN WIFE'S ABSENCE

Surprise For Woman Coming Home to Decorate Husband's Grave.

Coming back from her girlhood home in Australia, where she had gone on a visit, to decorate her husband's grave at Fort Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Sidney Collins learned, it is said, that her husband had called her his death under the assumed name of an attorney in Waterloo, Ia., so that he could marry Mrs. Katherine Breddon of Fort Wayne, widow of a railroad engineer who lived in Garrett, Ind., before his death.

When Mrs. Collins landed at San Francisco she wired the "attorney" at Waterloo, but as there was no attorney of that name the telegraph manager called up Collins because of the signature and read him the message. Collins denied knowledge of such a woman as he was then living with Mrs. Breddon, who supposed she was his lawful wife. He disappeared the night and his location is still unknown.

TRIES TO CARRY OFF GIRL

Madman Whips Three Men Who Attempt to Restrain Him.

Clayton, a madman, who was held in the county jail, attempted to carry off a girl, Blaine Redding of Chariton, O., thirty-two, after his arrest when he was alleged, he tried to carry away Ethel Springer, seventeen, from her home in Fullerton.

Later the charge was withdrawn and he was adjudged to be insane. He was arrested only after having threatened the men who tried to hold him in charge by a woman who was his boarding house when he was in Fullerton.

"I will marry Ethel Springer," he said, "and I will carry her off." He left later on a train for New York, and was held in the New York State Hospital for the Insane at Binghamton.

GET VILLA, WORD FROM CAPITAL

American Troops Will Not Be Withdrawn Now

GARRANZA NOT COOPERATING

Forcible Opposition of Carranza Would Result in Quick End of His Regime, as He is Without Credit Elsewhere.

Through four different channels the United States has notified General Carranza that it does not desire at this time to discuss a withdrawal of the American forces from Mexico.

At the direction of President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker so advised General Scott, who is representing the United States in conferences with General Obregon on the border.

After a conference with Secretary Baker and Counsellor Polk, Secretary Lansing informed Elizeo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, in response to a pressing inquiry from the latter, that the American government would not be in position to answer General Carranza's formal request for a withdrawal of the troops until the conclusion of the Scott-Obregon conferences.

On high official authority it may be said that President Wilson has no intention of withdrawing the troops, however insistent Carranza may prove to be, until the de facto government of Mexico has demonstrated in a practical way its ability to control the situation in northern Mexico and prevent a repetition of the border outrages.

On the basis of information obtained from the same source the inference is drawn that if the Carranza authorities attempt to back up any threats by an actual attack on the American forces in Mexico the administration is prepared to invade Mexico in force and take such further steps as may be necessary for the establishment of a stable government in that country.

Intervention, Washington officials point out—and they do not appear to be as averse as formerly to discussing privately—the possibility of intervention—would mean the collapse of the Carranza government. Already threatened by the ambitions of rival leaders within and without the constitutionalist party, and lacking funds at home or credit abroad, the Carranza regime, it is explained, could not exist long if the United States withdrew its support or bent itself to the task of cleaning up Mexico.

CHURCH SERVICES UPSET

Chambersburg, Pa., Has Shiver Over Smallpox Case.

Church arrangements in Chambersburg, Pa., were upset when the health board ordered the closing of the Methodist church because Calvin Sites had gone to Sunday school direct from his home, where his son Russell was suffering from a well developed case of smallpox.

The elder Sites attended the Bible class taught by former Assemblyman David Speer, acted as usher and distributed the singing books. In the class were seventy-six men from every walk of life in Chambersburg.

The first order from Dr. B. F. Royer, state health officer at Harrisburg, through local Health Officer John H. Kinter, was to close the Sunday school and detain all those who were there. This order was later modified to a temporary quarantine and time given each attendant to go immediately home, change clothes, submit to fumigation and get vaccinated.

SLIGHTLY IMPERFECT

Wisconsin Student, Finest Physical Specimen, Imperfect Mentally.

Emmett Bradley, a senior in Northwestern university, Chicago, who recently was found to be the most perfect male specimen, physically, in the university, has been found lacking otherwise. He is accused of having visited the university library for some works on economics and of having taken with him a couple of small magazines, valued at 10 cents.

It being against the rules to remove certain magazines, of which these were a part, Bradley has been penalized by being refused a diploma with the class and denied entrance in any athletic affairs.

Railroad Loses Damsel

A Jury in United States District Court in Chicago, Ill., returned a verdict of \$100,000 in favor of George Watson, a merchant, against the Chicago and North Western Railroad Company.

Watson's loss of his left arm and the loss of his left leg and other injuries suffered Sept. 3, 1915, when a passenger train struck a woman in which he was riding, was caused by a railroad employee who failed to stop the train in time.

Wagon Races Announced. Announcement was made by the Burton Powder company at New Castle that all its employees will be given a 15 per cent increase in wages.

More than 500 men will be benefited by the Burton Powder company, Ellwood City, informed its 900 employees of an increase in wages. The smallest is 20 cents a week and the largest is \$1.00 a week.

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

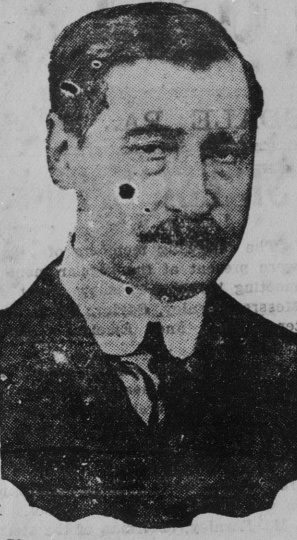


Photo by American Press Association. FRANK B. NOYES.

Frank B. Noyes of the Washington Star was re-elected president of the Associated Press at the meeting of the board of directors and was also made a director, his term expiring in 1917.

KAISER APPEALS TO CERARD FOR PEACE

Calls Misunderstanding 'Technical'; Note Decided Upon

Kaiser Wilhelm, in his talk with Ambassador Gerard, did not talk the merits of submarine warfare. He regards the disagreement as a technical interpretation. The emperor sent for Mr. Gerard to appeal through him to President Wilson not to align the economic and military forces of the United States against the fatherland in its struggle for existence.

The emperor is understood to regard war between the American people and the German people as an "unthinkable calamity." He emphasizes the years of unbroken friendship relations which have happily characterized the relations of the two peoples, and at the same time contrasts the consequences which would result from a diplomatic break over the submarine issue, which he regards as not of vital interest to American citizens. The emperor is loathe to believe that a more misunderstanding over American interpretation of Germany's rules in conducting a war of self preservation against "enemies desiring to crush her" could be made the basis of involving the United States in the conflagration.

He takes the position, it is understood, that neither the German people nor the American people want war, and that it is the solemn duty of those in charge of the destinies of these peoples to avert "such a calamity." He furthermore gives Mr. Gerard assurances, it is understood, that the imperial government is ready to end the world conflict any time the allies are ready to abandon their campaign of "crushing the fatherland" and he expressed the belief that the end of the war is already in sight unless the conflict should unfortunately be broadened in scope and thereby lengthened.

NO COMMENCEMENT AT MINGO

School Board Cancels Plans For Graduation Exercises.

Mingo Junction, O., is all agog with excitement over the action of the board of education and high school faculty in dispensing with commencement exercises this year, depriving twelve graduates of the honor they think is due them.

The action was taken, it is said, because the 1915 juniors refused to sign a pledge not to resort to any class tricks while the commencement exercises are in progress. There was trouble last year when the junior class, now the seniors, launched a rebellion, carrying their colors in the auditorium during the exercises. The graduates refused to continue until the colors came down and almost an hour was lost before Superintendent Frank Linton shot down the balloon with an arrow.

BANDIT BROTHERS KILLED

Oklahoma Sheriff's Posse Runs Outlaws.

A posse, headed by Sheriff J. M. Smith, outlaws, in the hills near Gore, Okla.

The Smiths carried safebreaking tools. The posse was following the trail of other bandits when fired upon. No members of the posse were injured.

The slain bandits were identified as "Famous" Smith, notorious in territorial days.

Must Pay For Debt. Judgment for \$150 in favor of Sol Finkel against Samuel Rosenberg, a money lender, was rendered by the court yesterday. The judgment is for the principal and interest.

The Two Things Necessary To Possess a Bank Account

The first, is the DESIRE or INCLINATION. Every one has a wish for money—it is human nature, for it takes money to possess the comforts and necessities of life.

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Don't allow yourself or your city to create dumps. Waste can be made to pay for its own destruction at a profit.

Don't allow tumbled down buildings to stand on valuable land. They are financially wasteful. They create filth, invite vice and are a menace to life.

A fence that has ceased to be a fence and has become an offense should be repaired or destroyed.

Unregulated advertising on unused land is for the maintenance of a public nuisance.

Two gardens may grow where one dump bloomed before.

School gardens are valuable adjuncts to education and recreation. They can be cultivated on an open lot.

Let the children play on the unused land, so they may become strong and keep out of the hands of the law.

Let not an inch of land be kept in idleness. It has a divine right to bear fruit and flowers and ever serve the highest interest of man.

WILLS PROBATED

The will of Romanus Baldwin, deceased, late of Shanksville, which was probated last week, shows that he added a codicil to the will twenty years after the will was written. Under the will written in May, 1892, he gave his wife the use of the farm and household goods for life and directed that after her death the estate is to be equally divided between Mrs. J. Q. Hill, Mrs. James Landis, Mrs. Edward Miller, Rose, Kate, Grace, Charles and Robert Baldwin, Robert and Chas. were named executors. The codicil provides that Kate Baldwin shall receive \$250 more than any of her brothers and sisters for caring for her father.

The will of John H. Judy, late of Jennertown, was probated a few days ago. He left his entire estate to his wife, Martha Judy, who is appointed administratrix. The will was dated June 1, 1906, and witnessed by J. F. Stables and Rufus Rauch.

Magdalena Klingaman, late of Greenville township, bequeathed her property to Joel M. Yutzky, who is named executor. The will was dated February 26, 1915, and witnessed by A. E. Baer and George Albright.

William J. McKee, late of Somerset township, made the following cash bequests: Thomas McKee, \$5; John McKee \$5; and Esther McKee, \$5. One third of the balance of the estate was left to his daughter, Elizabeth, wife of James Williams, and two-thirds to his daughter, Jennie. McKee is named as executor. The will was dated August 30, 1915, and witnessed by F. U. Daugherty and Horace Arden.



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