

## FARMERS' COLUMN

Some Practical Suggestions Worth Knowing From the Department of Agriculture.

### FACTS FOR DAILY USE

#### FERTILIZING FRUIT TREES.

"Many people think that fruit trees need no fertilizer and let them shift for themselves, which is the cause of so many starved trees in this State. We believe that more trees die of starvation yearly than from any other cause."

"When manure of any kind is used as feed it should be applied in the fall or sometime during the winter, but if you are using commercial fertilizer it should be applied about blossoming time. If you have not yet fed your trees, this is a good time to do it; apply your fertilizer at once before you forget about it."

"Trees on different soils of course require different kinds and different amounts of fertilizer, and we can make no hard and fast rules, but by watching your trees closely you can tell what they need. Fertilize your bearing trees so that you secure an average of from six to twelve inches of new growth each season; young trees should grow considerably more than that. Always use a good high grade fertilizer, which carries from 5 to 12 per cent. of nitrogen and from 10 to 12 per cent. of phosphoric acid."

"Some varieties of trees require more fertilizer than others but a safe rule is to apply about a pound of fertilizer to each tree for each year in age; for instance, a twenty year old tree should have about twenty pounds. If you are cultivating the orchard apply it just before cultivation while the orchard is in sod, apply it on top of the grass and the rains will take it down. When the trees are large apply the fertilizer over all the ground, excepting a space of from four to six feet around the trunk of the tree. At this point we find nearly all bare roots and fertilizer does very little good there. On a younger tree apply the fertilizer well out beyond the spread of the branches so that it comes in contact with the feeding roots. The fertilization of the orchard costs so little and the results are so remarkable that you simply can't afford to neglect it."

#### STERILIZED EGGS

##### KEEP FOR YEARS.

"Sterilized eggs by a process that will keep them solid and in good condition for years is one of the latest achievements to be brought before the attention of the department of agriculture through the agents of the Dairy and Food division."

One dozen eggs, some of them three years old, were opened by Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust recently and were found to be solid and practically in perfect condition. The eggs were sent to the Department of Agriculture from Philadelphia where there was a steady sale to hotels of what were termed "Sterilized Eggs." Investigation by the agents showed that the eggs, some of which were as old as 1912, had been sterilized under what is known as the Taylor process and had been kept in warehouse and cellar and recently sold to hotels in Philadelphia."

The eggs were solid, looked very much like fresh eggs and upon candling were found not to be shrunken. Further investigation led to the discovery of a machine which was used in the patented process of sterilizing the eggs. All that is now known of the process is that the eggs are placed in the machine and drop first into hot and then cold oil. The pores are closed, the shells strengthened and the eggs sterilized."

Prof. LaWall, chemist of the Dairy and Food Division, is now doing some experimental work in connection with sterilized eggs and in a short time the results of his work may be known. It is probable that method superior to the cold storage and water glass preserving may be found."

#### PROSECUTIONS FOR SELLING BLEACHED FLOUR.

Following the warning sent through out the State that the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture would make a crusade against the sale of bleached flour, two prosecutions have been ordered in Westmoreland county where bleached flour containing nitrites were found by the agents of the Dairy and Food Bureau. The same Bureau agents have prosecuted a restaurant dealer for using oleomargarine in his place of business without a state license. About thirty milk and cream cases against dealers are below the standard for butter fats and solids."

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

### LUTHERAN S. S. CONVENTION

#### NEXT WEEK

The fortieth annual convention of the Lutheran Sunday School Association of Somerset Conference will be held in the Trinity Lutheran church, Johnstown, Pa., Rev. S. N. Carpenter pastor, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 21, 22 and 23.

The officers of the association are: President, Rev. L. P. Young, D. D.; Vice President, Rev. J. S. English; Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Hazelbarth; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Janet Laney; Statistical Secretary, Virgil R. Saylor, Esq.; Treasurer, W. A. Weaver; Executive Committee, Rev. W. H. B. Carney, Rev. L. P. Young, D. D., Rev. J. S. English, Hon. O. P. Shaver, Jas. O. Wolfersberger.

The program for the several sessions, which has just been issued, is as follows:

Wednesday, June 21—7:30 P. M. Song Service. Opening service—Rev. S. N. Carpenter.

Anthem by the Choir. Address of Welcome—F. B. Kinzey, Response—President L. P. Young, D. D.

Hymn, No. 287. Address—The Co-ordination of Church and Sunday School, by Rev. C. P. McLaughlin, D. D. Solo—Prof. F. D. Keboch, Hymn, No. 286. Benediction, reception and social hour.

Thursday, June 22—9:00 A. M. Song service. Business, Statistical report. "The Value of Teacher Training."

(1) To the Teacher, Rev. Simon Snyder, (2) To the School, Rev. R. D. Clare, (3) To the Church, Rev. H. W. Bender.

General Discussion and Round Table—Rev. J. C. McCahey. Song service.

"The Appeal to the Eye"—Rev. W. H. B. Carney. Demonstrations — (1) The Sand Table, Mrs. S. N. Carpenter, (2) The Black Board and Hand Work.

"The Home Department"—Miss Ella Lowenstein. "The Adult Bible Class"—(1) How to build it up, J. H. Beerits, (2) Its Relation to the Church, Rev. W. E. Sunday.

General Discussion and Conference—Rev. W. I. Good. Adjournment.

Thursday, June 22—7:30 P. M. Song service.

Opening service—Rev. I. Hess Wagner. Anthem by the Choir.

Address—"Efficiency in the Sunday School," Rev. C. P. Wiles, D. D. Solo—Miss May Walker. Benediction. Social hour.

Friday, June 23—9:00 A. M. Song Service. Business.

"How to Conduct a Sunday School," address and conference—Rev. C. P. Wiles, D. D.

Each Sunday School is entitled to two delegates, exclusive of pastors, superintendents, and persons on the program. One of the sessions is to be devoted to the work of the superintendents. Delegates are requested to give a written report of the convention to the school they represent. Persons assigned on the program who cannot attend should send a paper.

The convention music will be directed by Prof. I. H. Mack of the Hall-Mack Co., Philadelphia.

Reports of the schools must be sent to the Statistical Secretary, V. R. Saylor, Esq., Somerset, Pa., for tabulation and printing, according to instruction sent out by him.

To secure free entertainment, the names of all delegates must be sent to Rev. S. N. Carpenter, Johnstown, at least a week in advance of the meeting of the convention.

### SOMERSET CONTRACTOR TO BUILD ROCKWOOD CHURCH

At a meeting of the trustees of St. Luke's Lutheran church at Rockwood a few days ago, the contract to build the handsome new church was awarded to Roy Hostetler of Somerset, whose bid was lowest of quite a number of estimates submitted.

The contract was signed immediately and Mr. Hostetler will begin work at once. The old church will be razed and much of the material will be utilized in the construction of the new edifice. It is to be ready for occupancy by December. The new church will consist of a church auditorium, Sunday School building, basement banquet hall and kitchen and will be of pleasing architecture and well furnished. It was designed by Fulton & Butler of Unlontown and the bids for its construction were well within the architects' estimate.

Rev. Erlar, the pastor, reported that arrangements had been made with school board for the use of the high school auditorium for church services until the new building is completed. Commencing Sunday last the congregation will meet for all divine services in the school room.

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### WILL HEAD RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE IN ST. LOUIS



SENATOR W. J. STONE of Missouri.

### A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

The town and fortress of Dubno, twenty-five miles from the Galician frontier, has fallen into the hands of the Russians. With it the czar's forces are again in the possession of the Volhynian fortress triangle, consisting of Lutsk, Dubno and Rovno. Dubno, which had been in the hands of the Austrians since Sept. 7 last, lies on the Rovno-Brody-Lemberg railway and is about eighty-two miles from the Galician capital.

In the fighting on the front of Volhynia and Galicia, says the official Russian statement, the Russians took 403 officers and 35,608 men. They also captured thirty guns and an enormous quantity of booty.

The statement adds that the army of General Tschitschyn alone, operating in the direction of Czernowitz, Bukovina, overwhelmed the Austro-Hungarians and took 16,000 prisoners. Since the present Russian offensive was started the Russian troops have taken about 118,000 prisoners.

Information has reached the Russian embassy in Rome that the Austrian front has been completely broken along a length of 84 miles to a depth of 37½ miles. The Russian advance, according to the advances, threatens to envelop the entire Austrian army in the region affected, the Austrians finding themselves attacked from both the east and north.

Violent artillery fighting is in progress on the river Meuse, north of the French fortress of Verdun, according to the German official statement. The Germans have added three cannon and seven machine guns to the booty taken by them on the east bank of the river.

Striking a mine off Sandhamn, an island at the entrance to Stockholm, the Swedish ship Para sank. The crew was saved. In shipping circles here it is believed the vessel ran into a field of anchored German mines.

The Norwegian steamer Prosper III has struck a mine and sunk. The first officer of the vessel is believed to be the only survivor.

The Salazar cabinet, having failed to obtain a vote of confidence from the Italian parliament, has resigned. The vote was 193 to 141.

A brief engagement between small British and German warships off the coast of Belgium was made known. The communication says a British patrol force composed of monitors and torpedo boat destroyers engaged off Zebrugghe torpedo boat destroyers of the enemy which, on being fired at by monitors, returned into port. There were no casualties. No damage was sustained by any of the British ships.

### VILLA FOLLOWERS HANGED

Two Meet Death at Deming, N. M.; Five Others Reprieved. Francisco Alvarez and Juan Sanchez, two Villa followers, captured during the raid on Columbus, N. M., March 9, were hanged at Deming, N. M.

Militiamen guarded the county jail. There was no attempt at disorder. The men, convicted of murder, met their fate stoically, smoking cigarettes until they ascended the scaffold. They were accompanied by their spiritual adviser.

Five other Villa followers condemned to death obtained a reprieve for further investigation of their cases.

### CHEAP NOVELS CAUSE FALL

Sharon Boy Said to Have Confessed to Robbing Houses.

Raymond Barbican, aged fifteen, a Sharon (Pa.) high school student, is under arrest on a charge of burglary. His arrest has, it is believed, cleared up numerous robberies that had been irritating the police for several weeks.

Barbican confessed to the police, they say, and admitted that he had entered and robbed thirteen houses. Cheap detective literature, the movies and a love for money prompted the boy to set out on a path which led to his downfall.

### MEXICANS GROW MORE BITTER

More Troops Go to Border—Intervention Believed Near

### REPLY TO CARRANZA READY

Note Said to Be Refusal to Withdraw Troops and Fear is Expressed as to Effect—Cavalry Pursues Raiders.

Official reports from all parts of the Mexican republic indicate a rapid spread of the flame of anti-American feeling.

Secretary Baker announced that 1,000 additional coast artillerymen and a battalion of engineer troops from New York had been ordered to the Mexican border for patrol duty. In all about 1,400 men will be added to General Huerta's command.

While the secretary would not go so far as to admit that a change of policy was under consideration it is no secret that a majority of the state department officials in touch with the Mexican situation are confident that armed intervention in Mexico is now only a matter of time.

The Carranza government, which, according to the state department indicates, is nearer than ever to the brink of a complete collapse, is either powerless to suppress the demonstrations that are taking place, or is making no effort to suppress them. Five different factions are at present operating independently of the de facto government, all of which apparently are taking advantage of the presence of American troops on Mexican soil to undermine Carranza.

It is feared that at any moment news will be received of an attack on American citizens somewhere in Mexico. The state department has been advised that a Pacific coast mail steamer is due today at Acapulco, on the west coast, to take off the American refugees there, and arrangements have been made for the vessel to perform a similar service at Salina Cruz. No report has been received concerning the Americans still at Chihuahua, who made efforts to leave following the attack there on the American consulate.

It is now expected that Secretary Lansing's reply to the Carranza demand for a withdrawal of the American forces will be dispatched to Mexico City within the next few days. It is understood to have been completed and is said to contain a refusal to comply with the demand for an immediate withdrawal.

Inasmuch as the communication is expected to contain a sharp rebuke for the language used by Carranza in his last note, officials are dubious as to the effect which it will have on the Mexican public.

Five armed and mounted Mexicans rode across the Rio Grande in the suburbs of El Paso Sunday, sloshed pistols into the faces of the members of a picnic party on the American side, cursed them and after recrossing to the Mexican side fired volleys at the picnic party. No one was hit. United States troops are investigating.

A troop of the Fourteenth cavalry, under Captain Ole W. Bell, drove back across the border the Mexican bandits who raided the Coleman ranch, twenty-five miles northwest of Laredo, Tex.

### CONTEST IN WEST VIRGINIA

Rival Candidates to Gubernatorial Nomination Ask Recount of Ballots. Judge Ira E. Robinson and A. A. Lilly, rival candidates for the Republican nomination for governor of West Virginia, are disputing the returns from the recent primary. Judge Robinson said in Charleston:

"I have been nominated by at least 1,000 majority, as shown by as reliable figures as can be obtained from every county in the state. My opponent is cognizant of all this and is demanding recounts in many counties. I have no fears."

Attorney General A. A. Lilly declared that he is the Republican nominee on the face of the returns. He claims his nomination by 500 majority.

Counsel for Judge Robinson has demanded a recount in Mason, Boone, Jackson, Raleigh, Mercer, Wyoming, Wayne, Summers and Fayette counties. Counsel for General Lilly are expected to ask for recounts in Wirt, Morgan, Braxton, Wood, Ritchie, Jefferson, Taylor and Tyler.

Attorneys for Robinson in Charleston protested against the certification of the vote of Kanawha county until an investigation is made of the methods employed by election officers.

### Pacific Longshoremen Win Strike.

The strike of Pacific longshoremen is ended. Approximately 9,000 men who walked out June 1 in an effort to obtain higher wages and a closed shop policy, thus tying up shipping on the coast, have returned to work, all their demands having been granted temporarily.

Town Goes into Saloon Business. Four saloons of Altoona, Wis., will go out of business July 1. Their places will be taken by a municipally owned saloon. From the profits of this saloon the city plans to build a municipal water works.

### CZERNOWITZ SAID TAKEN BY SLAVS

Russian Offensive Takes Huge Proportions—Huns Fall Back

### GERMANS COME TO ALLY'S AID

Greatest Battle of War is Raging From Riga to Czernowitz—Russians Drive Austrians and Germans Back.

From the region around the big Russian Baltic seaport down to the suburbs of Czernowitz, capital of the Bukovina, a front of 800 miles, the greatest battle of the war is raging and is gaining hourly in fury.

In point of numbers, length of the battle line and strategic importance, Verdun is eclipsed and the Austrian offensive on the Trentino appears like a skirmish alongside of the gigantic struggle in the east, thus far only in its primary stage.

The Germans have come to the aid of their hard-pressed ally in the south and the Russian offensive in Volhynia, Galicia and the Bukovina, now ten days old, has changed over night to a death grapple between Teutons and Russians that promises definitely to decide matters in the east.

At the most essential point of the southern battle line in the southern Bukovina the German aid has thus far failed to stem the Russian tide. The czar's forces are continuing in their dash to the capital, Czernowitz, whose fortified suburbs are now being battered by their heavy guns.

A rumor is in circulation that the Russians have occupied Czernowitz. Fort Souville Heavily Bombarded.

The German attack on Verdun has swung to the east of the Meuse, following an assault on the French positions near Hill 304, west of the river. German infantry charged French positions west of Fort Vaux, but, the French war office reports, was unable to gain ground.

At the same time the French positions near Forts Souville and Tavanens, south of Fort Vaux, were bombarded heavily. Paris looks for a severe struggle for possession of Fort Souville, to which the bombardment may be preliminary. Should the Germans capture the port they would open a breach in the French defense, which might compel the French to abandon this entire line and fall back on the inner defenses on the right bank of the river.

West of the Meuse the only development was a heavy artillery action in the vicinity of Chattancourt.

Admiral Fleke Retires on Age Limit. Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fleke, whose differences with Secretary Daniels attracted widespread attention, was detached from the war college at Newport, preliminary to his retirement June 13 on account of age.

John R. McLean Dead. John R. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer, died at his residence in Washington.

MARKET QUOTATIONS. Pittsburgh, June 13.

Butter—Prints, 38¢@38½¢; tubs, 32¢@32½¢. Eggs—Fresh, 24¢@24½¢.

Cattle—Prime, 10.75¢@11.25¢; good and tidy butchers, 9.75¢@10.50¢; fair, 8.50¢@9.25¢; common, 7.75¢@8.50¢; common to good fat cows, 4.50¢@5.50¢; common to good fat cows, 4.50¢@5.50¢; fresh cows and springers, 4.00¢@5.00¢.

Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, 7.40¢@7.65¢; good mixed, 6.75¢@7.50¢; fair mixed, 5.75¢@6.50¢; culls and common, 3.50¢@4.50¢; yearlings, 5.50¢@6.50¢; spring lambs, 7.75¢@12¢; veal calves, 5.50¢@9.75¢; spring lambs, 7.75¢@12¢; veal calves, 12¢@12.50¢; heavy and thin calves, 6¢@9¢.

Hogs—Prime heavy, heavy mixed, mediums and heavy Yorkers, 9.50¢@9.65¢; light Yorkers, 9.20¢@9.25¢; pigs, 8.90¢@9¢; roughs, 8.80¢@8.90¢; stags, 6.50¢@7¢.

Cleveland, June 13.

Cattle—Choice fat steers, 9.90¢@9.85¢; good to choice butcher steers, 8.75¢@9.50¢; fair to good butcher steers, 8.50¢@9.50¢; good to choice heifers, 7.50¢@8.50¢; good to choice butcher bulls, 7.50¢@8.50¢; bologna bulls, 7.50¢@7.50¢; good to choice cows, 8.75¢@7.50¢; fair to good cows, 7.50¢@6.50¢; common cows, 4.50¢@5.50¢.

Calves—Good to choice, 11.75¢@12.75¢; fair to good, 10.11¢@11.25¢; heavy and common, 7.75¢@9.75¢.

Sheep and Lambs—Good to choice springers, 10.50¢@12¢; fair to good, 10.11¢@11.25¢; good to choice yearlings, 9.25¢@9.75¢; good to choice wethers, 7.75¢@9.25¢; good to choice ewes, 6.50¢@7.75¢; mixed ewes and wethers, 6.85¢@7.15¢; culls, 4.50¢@5.50¢.

Hogs—Mixed, 9.45¢; Yorkers, 9.40¢@9.50¢; mediums, 9.45¢@9.50¢; pigs, 8.75¢@9.75¢; roughs, 8.35¢@8.75¢; stags, 6.75¢@7.75¢.

Chicago, June 13.

Cattle—Native beef steers, 7.90¢@11.35¢; stockers and feeders, 8.80¢@9.50¢; cows and heifers, 8.35¢@9.85¢; calves, 8.50¢@12¢.

Wheat—July, 1.03¢. Corn—July, 70½¢. Oats—July, 24½¢.

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