

FARMERS COLUMN

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

FACTS FOR DALY USE

PENNA. TURKEY CROP DISAPPEARING.

The turkey crop of Pennsylvania seems to be slowly disappearing. At the risk of being severely criticised W. Theo. Wittman, poultry adviser of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in a recent interview stated as his belief that the reason for this was that the farmers and growers were generally to blame and that it was not due to blackhead or any other old or new disease. Mr. Wittman points out the fact that the wild turkey the direct and close progenitor of our domestic turkey, was and is a native of this State and that turkeys should do well and would do well here if handled properly.

The notion that turkeys need housing and heavy feeding is the biggest mistake. Any that are so deteriorated as to need this or cannot do without it should die and the quicker the better. If the breeding stock is fat and fed heavily, or does not sleep outdoors and get most of its feed by ranging when laying most of the little pouls are sure to die. Nothing that can be done will save them.

Not a few turkey stocks are tubercular, the direct result of housing and feeding.

Mr. Wittman further believes that until our turkeys have at least some of their old time vigor and ability to live, no eggs should be incubated in a machine or under a chicken hen, but only under turkey hens and that only turkey hens should be used as rearers. Further that strong, vigorous turkey pouls can be fed such impossible things like hard-boiled eggs black pepper, corn-meal, and cold water and survive but to the average poult, as we now have it, such things are merely slow poison and end in death.

A better feed is wholesome, stale bread and sweet milk, crumbly cottage cheese and small quantities of ordinary good commercial chick feed and free range. Of late years some growers, after trying everything and failing, have in desperation tried feeding nothing at all to pouls and have had remarkable success. It is suggested that others try this, especially those who year after year by underfeeding lose all or nearly all their young turkeys. They cannot possibly have any worse results by trying the method of not feeding at all, but merely giving the old turkey hen and her brood free range. Under this method, at least where the range is favorable, they usually all live instead of usually all dying, and it enormously simplifies the growing of turkeys. Probably, when all is said and done, turkeys will not live now-a-days because they have simply been pampered to death.

THE BEST SPRAY FOR POTATOES

An unusual number of requests from various sections of the State for a method of killing off potato bugs indicates that this pest is more prevalent than for some time. Farmers throughout the State say that the potato bugs are numerous. Zoologist H. A. Surface recommends spraying the plants and offers the following suggestion for a spray to kill bugs and prevent blight:

"There is nothing better than a combination of Bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead. Use three pounds of quicklime, two pounds of bluestone and one pound of arsenate of lead, or two pounds of arsenate of lead paste, in each fifty gallons of water. Dissolve the bluestone in warm water, in a wooden or earthen vessel, and pour it into your fifty gallon barrel or spray tank. Fill this at least half full of water. Shake the lime, which should be fresh lime, and add enough water to make it like milk of lime. Let it settle just enough to allow the particles of sand to settle, and pour into the same tank or vessel with the bluestone. Add more water and then mash or stir it with a paddle and pour it into the tank. Mix the arsenate of lead with water by the use of a little paddle in a vessel like a tin can and pour it into the tank containing the mixture.

"Keep this mixture stirred and you are ready to go ahead and spray. Spraying should be done once every two weeks, but if the bugs should get especially bad a special spray at any time will do no harm. It will do more than anything else toward preventing the blight besides killing the bugs.

"The fad of dusting seems to be coming up again, apparently as something new but it has to be proven by experience that dusting is not the equivalent of spraying. The mater-

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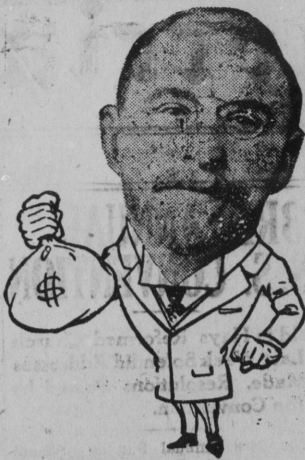


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FOREIGN ORDERS RULE IN STEEL MARKET

Russia and France Order Cars and Rails in Pittsburgh District.

Foreign orders still contribute most of the business booked by Pennsylvania steel companies. Russia and Italy are placing the heaviest contracts, but France, Great Britain and Japan are distributing some orders with additional substantial contracts developing.

Russia has virtually closed for 200,000 tons of 67 1/2 pounds rails, and for 200,000 tons of barbed wire. About three-fourths of this tonnage will be furnished by the United States Steel corporation.

Russia is still in the market for cars, locomotives and car wheels. France has ordered 3,000 more cars in Canada and the Dominion works are asking for prices on 5,000 tons low phosphorus pig iron to cover a portion of the foreign order.

Italy has closed for 27,000 tons more Bessemer pig iron with American interests and is still in the market for steel rounds, billets and pig metal.

Japan has purchased 2,000 more tons of low phosphorus iron and 2,000 tons ship plates in this country. Great Britain has placed numerous small orders for steel and sheet, and Switzerland has taken a few more lots of pig iron and special grades of alloy steel.

Domestic railroads are showing a little more interest in equipment orders, there being inquiries in the market for 13,000 cars, 40,000 to 50,000 tons of rails and several substantial inquiries for track accessories. The merchant car builders have taken orders for 245 cars, 3,000 center sills and for repairs to 1,500 cars.

OBREGON CALLS PATRIOTS

Mexican War Secretary Answers U. S. Call for Militia.

Mexico's answer to the American call for the National Guard to mobilize is instructions to all its citizens to arm and prepare for service in case of an international war.

The following message from Gen. Obregon, Mexican minister of war, was received by Gen. Jacinto Trevino in Chihuahua:

"The Mexican government is convinced that the greater part of its citizens are desirous of enlisting in the army so that in case of international war they may defend, with arms in hand, the integrity of our sovereignty. Further, since in the northern states, and especially in the border territory, there are being organized bodies of men to be ready to fight the American army in case of a rupture of relations, and with the object of preventing the further raiding of American territory by armed bandits, who seek to increase the present grave difficulties of the general situation, all patriots should rally to the national standards.

JUDGE ADVISES SUICIDE

Kansas City Wife Beater Informed as to Whereabouts of River.

"If I ever get out of here I am going to kill myself," declared John Seaman in a Kansas City court, where he had been held on a charge of beating his wife.

"All right, you are a free man," Judge Brady announced. "Your case is continued until tomorrow night. Meantime the police are ordered to let you alone, especially not to interfere with any suicide attempt you may make. The river is at the foot of that street out the window, or I'll give you any amount you require to purchase poison. Your wife and baby and everybody else concerned would be a whole lot better off if you were dead." Seaman made no reply to the offer of Judge Brady.

Utah Men Want Teddy.

At a meeting of Utah Progressive resolutions were adopted declaring for complete national, state and local Progressive tickets and declaring that the Utah Progressives are "unalterably opposed to any endorsement of the Republican candidates."

ial dusted on the plants cannot be made to stick as it does when applied as a spray."

WILSON AND MARSHALL NAMED BY DEMOCRATS

St. Louis Convention Closes Friday Afternoon

DELEGATES CHEER BRYAN

Commoner Makes Speech in Convention, Lauds President, and Tells of Achievements of Democratic Party.

For President—Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey.
For Vice President—Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana.

This ticket was nominated by the Democratic national convention in the Coliseum, St. Louis, a few minutes before midnight Thursday. The President was not literally nominated by acclamation. One delegate defiantly shouted "No" when Chairman James put the question. This was Delegate-at-Large Emmett R. Burke of Chicago. Senator James was obliged to announce the vote 1092 to 1. The renomination of Mr. Wilson was accomplished at 11:56 p. m. after a nominating speech by Judge John W. Westcott of New Jersey and seconding speeches by Judson Harmon of Ohio and Governor Stuart of Virginia.

Vice President Marshall was renominated by acclamation. Delegate Burke having no objection. The formality was recorded at 11:57 p. m. All opposition crumbled away—the candidacies of Roger Sullivan of Illinois, Governor Major of Missouri and Governor Moreland of Nebraska having failed to enlist serious support. Mr. Marshall was placed in renomination by Senator Kern of Indiana. There were no seconding speeches.

Vance McCormick of Pennsylvania has been selected to head the national Democratic committee. The selection was made by President Wilson.

The convention met on Wednesday and the first day's proceedings were taken up with the speech of former Governor Martin H. Glynn of New York, and the naming of the committee of the convention. The premier place on the principal committee was given to Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, that of chairman of the resolutions committee, which body drafted the party platform.

Thursday's session was short, and the delegates adjourned after hearing the speech of Permanent Chairman Ollie James of Kentucky, to meet at 8 p. m., when, after a speech by William J. Bryan, the speech nominating the president to succeed himself was made by Judge Westcott.

Bryan Addresses Convention.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said Senator James, "I present one of the most distinguished of Americans." There was a yell, a burst of applause, and Bryan began to speak in the old, familiar voice.

"Every Democratic convention is for me a love feast," said Bryan, and they cheered him. He praised the domestic achievements of the Democratic party—the Federal reserve act, the income tax law, especially, and then he turned to a panegyric on Woodrow Wilson. No man could have spoken more enthusiastically of the President than did Mr. Bryan. He dwelt long on the achievement of Wilson "in breaking the power of Wall street," for he restored to the government, he said, the power to issue its paper money. "He put the axe to the tree of private monopoly," said Mr. Bryan.

"The President," he shouted, "will not lack those to defend his conduct—aye, in every home you will find mothers who thank God their boys were not sent to die in Mexico."

The platform as adopted praises the Democratic administration for its pursuit of a policy of neutrality in the war, cites the Underwood-Simmons tariff as a piece of beneficent legislation, declares for an Americanism that will defend its rights and those of the American continent, and for the integrity of minor states and freedom from aggression; renounces any aggressive designs on Mexico; praises the seamen's act as a Democratic bill; urges the extension of child labor laws; promises ultimate freedom to the Philippines, and calls President Wilson the greatest American of his day.

Chinese Die in Desert.

Four Chinese, trying to smuggle themselves into the United States from Mexico met death in crossing the Sonora desert, according to American soldiers patrolling the border. Three were drowned in the Colorado river and one perished in the desert.

Steel Cars Save Lives.

Thirty-five persons were injured when the Sunshine Special, westbound on the Texas and Pacific railroad, was derailed west of Putnam, Tex. Four of the steel cars were overturned. The accident resulted from a brake beam working loose.

Aviator Killed in Nebraska.

Matthew Savage, a Nebraska aviator, was killed while making a practice flight. The craft became unmanageable while he was making a spiral glide.

MILITIA IS CALLED OUT BY PRESIDENT

Force Estimated at 145,000 Men; New Yorkers Go First

MORE TENSE, SAYS PERSHING

El Paso Report Says Carranza Has Given United States Seven Days in Which to Remove Troops or Fight

President Wilson has called out the militia of every state for service on the Mexican border.

Secretary Baker's telegram to the governors of the various states, which was identical in form except as to the units called out and the mobilization point, was as follows:

"Having in view the possibility of further aggression upon the territory of the United States and the necessity for the proper protection of that frontier, the President has thought proper to exercise the authority vested in him by the constitution and the laws and call out the organized militia and the National Guard necessary for that purpose. I am in consequence instructed by the President to call into the service of the United States forthwith, through you, the following units for organized militia and the National Guard of the states, of which the President directs shall be assembled at the state mobilization point, for muster into the service of the United States:

"New Jersey—One brigade of three regiments infantry; one squadron cavalry; two batteries field artillery; one company signal corps; one field hospital; one ambulance company, Sea Girt.

"New York—One division, including three brigades of three regiments each of infantry; one regiment one squadron cavalry; one machine gun troop cavalry; two regiments field artillery; two battalions engineers; one battalion signal corps; three field hospital companies; four ambulance companies, New Dorp.

"Ohio—Two brigades, three regiments each of infantry; one squadron cavalry; one battalion field artillery; one battalion engineers; one battalion signal corps; three field hospitals; two ambulance companies, Columbus.

"Pennsylvania—One division, including three brigades of three regiments each of infantry; one regiment of cavalry; one regiment field artillery; two companies engineers; one battalion signal corps; two field hospitals; two ambulance companies, Mt. Gretna.

"Rhode Island—Three troops cavalry; one battery field artillery; one ambulance company, Quonset Point.

"West Virginia—One regiment of infantry, Terre Alta."

The order includes every state in the Union.

The order prescribes the conditions under which the regiments will be mustered into the service, and stipulates that they will be mustered out when their services are no longer required.

In announcing the President's decision, Secretary Baker said the militia would be sent to the border wherever and as fully as Gen. Funston determined them to be needed.

The adjutant general of every state has just been notified to have his troops ready for immediate movement. New York regiments will be among the first to leave for the front. Secretary of War Baker has issued a statement, in which he says:

"In view of the disturbed conditions on the Mexican border, and in order to assure complete protection for all Americans, the President has called out substantially all the state militia and will send them to the border wherever and as fully as Gen. Funston determines them to be needed for the purpose stated.

"If all are not needed an effort will be made to relieve those on duty there from time to time so as to distribute the duty."

This call for militia is wholly unrelated to Gen. Pershing's expedition, and contemplates no additional entry into Mexico; except as may be necessary to pursue bandits, who attempt outrages on Americans. The militia is being called out so as to leave some troops in the several states. They will be mobilized at their home stations, where necessary recruiting can be done.

Brig. Gen. Alfred Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs, estimated the minimum militia force to be called out to be 145,000 men.

Advices were received in El Paso that First Chief Carranza has sent an ultimatum to President Wilson advising him that if American troops are not removed from Mexico within seven days a state of war will be considered as existing between United States and Mexico, and that the troops of the de facto government at the end of seven days will treat all armed Americans in Mexico as invaders.

One Killed, Two Hurt in Auto.

Joseph Leland of Butler was killed and two others were injured when an automobile in which they were riding skidded, went over a steep embankment and rolled into a jagged gulley 30 feet below, on the Butler plank road, one mile north of Bakers town, Pa.

HE GIVES U. S. SEVEN DAYS TO EVACUATE



Photo by American Press Association.
GEN. CARRANZA.

A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

The capture of an additional 100 officers and 14,000 men was announced by the Russian war office. The Russian successes in the offensive along the southern front are continuing, the statement declares.

Berlin claims that Gen. von Linsingen has checked the Russians in their advance toward Kovol.

Two attacks by the Germans on the east side of the Meuse, in the Verdun region, one against the Thiaumont farm sector and the other against the French trenches on the southern edge of the Bois de la Callette, southeast of Fort Douaumont, were made. Both attacks failed.

The positions on the slope of Le Mort Homme, on the left bank of the Meuse, captured by the French last Thursday, were repeatedly attacked by Germans yesterday. Although the trenches had been subjected to a terrific bombardment before the attempt was made, and liquid fire was used in large quantities by the attacking force, the French repulsed each successive assault and maintained all their positions.

German attempts to recapture the ground taken by the French on the southern slopes of Le Mort Homme broke down under the French fire.

British forces operating in German East Africa have made further advances, occupying the village of Kilimanjaro and another village near by. A large German force is confronting the British in this sector.

Further south, near the coast, the British have occupied the important post of Korogwe and to the northwest have seized positions in the Yanza sector.

It is reported from Salonika that in consequence of the establishment of martial law by the entente allies in that district, the Greek military base have been transferred to Volo, 100 miles northwest of Athens.

A dispatch from Dublin says 300 Sinn Feiners, parading and carrying "Republican" flags, clashed with the police in Dublin streets. The demonstrators scattered after a fight. Seven arrests were made.

RECLUSE LEFT FORTUNE

William A. Peters Found Dead in New Brunswick, N. J.

William A. Peters, an eighty-year-old recluse, who had lived for twenty years in a room in an office building that he owned in the heart of New Brunswick, N. J., was found dead in the entrance of the building. Heart disease was said to be the cause.

Although he had large property holdings in the city and was worth about \$250,000, as shown by bank books and other papers found, Peters did all his own cooking and caring for in his room. No one was ever allowed in the place.

Peters was a religious enthusiast, and he wrote many books and pamphlets which he had printed at his own expense, and he distributed them free of charge. He was active in church work, particularly at "experience meetings."

He wore long, flowing hair, which was jet black despite his age, and which he cut himself.

Peters had a daughter in Brooklyn and a sister in Kentucky, but neither had been heard from for many years. It has been impossible to get in touch with them. It is understood that he left all his property to the First Methodist Episcopal church in New Brunswick.

FIRE CHIEF SUICIDES

W. L. Held, Vandergrift, Pa., Despondent Over Domestic Affairs.

Dependent, the police say, because of domestic troubles, W. L. Held, aged thirty-eight, chief of the Vandergrift Heights fire department, shot and killed himself in a stable back of his home.

Held had been fire chief four years. His death is the first in a family of twelve children.

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Notice has been served on pool rooms at Connelville that boys under 18 must be kept out of pool rooms and bowling alleys as the law in this respect will be positively enforced. A fine of from \$10 to \$200 is the penalty.

Mrs. Sidney Benkhart, wife of A. G. Benkhart of Philadelphia, died at her home on June 7, following a protracted illness. She was a daughter of Norman B. Penrod, deceased of Somerset township. Surviving are her husband and two sons, Augustus and George. Besides her relatives Mrs. Benkhart will be mourned by a very large circle of friends. She frequently visited at Somerset.

The request of Samuel Paschke for a rehearing of his petition for a license at West Salisbury, has been argued before Judge Ruppel, who has withheld his decision. Paschke's license was refused because of a remonstrance signed by sixty-five men and women, who averred that great disorder resulted because of the sale of liquor in a community where there are no police regulations.

WHITE OAK PICNIC

The Lutherans of White Oak will hold their annual picnic near the church on July 4th, 1916. Refreshments will be served on the ground and all are invited to come and have a good time. There will be good music.

HIS FAVORITE OCCUPATION.

Hostess—And a mile from here there's the cutest little lake with ice that is just like glass.

Suffragette Guest—Lead me to it, so I can throw a rock throw it!

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