

# THE FARMER'S COLUMN

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

## FACTS FOR DAILY USE

**WOOL PRODUCTION**  
WORTH 11,350,530  
The fleeces clipped from the sheep in Pennsylvania during the past year are estimated to be worth \$1,350,530 by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture whose records show that there were 630,500 fleeces clipped during the year.

There was an estimated clip of 3,972,150 pounds of wool and the average price paid throughout the State was thirty-four cents a pound, the highest mark paid since the Civil War when wool sold as high as a dollar a pound.

The number of fleeces clipped is three per cent less than a year ago, but statistics show that the decline in the number of sheep in the State is about three per cent annually. The average weight of the fleece was 6.3 pounds compared with 6.2 pounds a year ago and a total clip at that time of 650,000 fleeces or 4,030,000 pounds.

Last year wool sold for an average of twenty-five cents a pound and the wool production was valued at \$1,007,500, showing that the wool growing industry has increased in value, almost \$350,000 during the year.

Statistics show that the number of lambs raised and now on the farms is about, five per cent, smaller than last year but again this is partially due to the three per cent annual decline in the number of sheep in the State over a year ago.

There has been a marked demand for "more wool" and the textile associations and bankers are undertaking a campaign for more sheep raising in Pennsylvania. Sheep raisers declare that the laws regarding the keeping dogs are not strict enough and that the great damage done by the dogs is detrimental to the industry of the State. It is probable that more stringent dog laws will be asked from the next Legislature and the important industry given better protection.

**NEW WAY OF FEEDING GREEN STUFF TO POULTRY.**  
The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, keen to be of service to all classes of people in the State, offers a new and unique way of supplying an all day, every day, source of fresh green stuff to chickens that cannot have grass range. This method evolved and first publically advocated by W. Theo. Wittman, poultryman of the corps of Farm advisers is the simple one of having a carrier attached to a lawn mower and feeding the lawn clippings immersed in a pan of fresh clean water. This method will soon prove that chickens are very fond of the wet grass and will be found feeding on it all day long; that the eggs will be larger and better, the yolk especially taking on a better color; that the grain feed cost will be lessened per dozen of eggs received and finally that there will be less sickness and deaths.

**GIVE THE BOY A SHARE.**  
Give the boy a share in the farm and do not treat him as something inferior to a hired man. One reason why so many boys leave the farm for the city is because their fathers never consult them as to the management of the farm, allow them no financial interest in it and gives them no privileges, whatever. Then the fathers grumble if the boy gets dissatisfied and go to the city. Business men in cities do better than that, for they have wisdom enough to take their boys into partnership and let them share the responsibilities and management of the business. So and so on. Son is a common sign in the city, but such a sign over the gateway to a farm is as rare as angels' visits.

**FARMS ACCORDING TO COLOR SCHEME**  
Henry A. Barnhart, of Indiana, told the committee of the State board of agriculture in session at Reading, recently of his efforts in behalf of the artistic side of farming.

He illustrated this by citing that his big barns and outbuildings are all painted yellow, with white trimmings; the farmhouse is painted white, with yellow trimmings; the cattle have the same yellow color, being they are Guernseys; not a horse is used except he is yellow and has a white mark on his head and white feet. The shepherd dog is yellow, with a white band around his neck; there are yellow colored chickens, yellow colored squirrels, the place being known as the "Color Scheme Farm of Indiana."

**WHEN YOU HAVE A "REAL BARGAIN" OFFERED YOU THESE DAYS—TAKE IT—VISIT MILLER & COLLINS AND TEST THE ABOVE**

## RECENT SOMERSET COUNTY WEDDINGS.

Miss Lillian May Sechler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sechler, of Milford Township, and Norman L. Lint, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lint, of East Liberty, Pa., were married at Somerset, by the Rev. S. G. Buckner.

Mrs. S. S. Ferrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Swarner, of New Centerville, and S. S. Mosholder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mosholder, of Milford Township, were married at New Centerville, by the Rev. P. B. Fasold.

Miss Mabel Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Peterson, and Oliver Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder, both of Listie, were married at Listie, by Justice of the Peace F. U. Daugherty.

Miss Ida Jane Siegner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Siegner, of Meyersdale, and Ephraim Dietle, of Greenville township, were married at Meyersdale, by the Rev. J. Clarke Matteson.

Miss Ethel Pearle Younkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Younkin, and David Nathan Cunningham, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, both of Humbert, were married at Ursina, by the Rev. J. C. Cunningham.

Miss Rella Shaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Shaffer, of Paint Township, and Leo Hoffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hoffer, of Arrow, were married at the residence of the officiating clergyman, the Rev. W. H. Frye, of Paint Township.

Miss Bertha Shaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaffer, of Acoosta, and Daniel P. Yinkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Yinkey, of Somerset Township, were married at Somerset, by the Rev. G. A. Collin.

Miss Anna R. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon S. Miller, and Allen Roy Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bender, both of Salisbury, were married at Springs, by the Rev. Edward Miller.

Miss Ethel Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Henry, of Middlecreek Township, and L. R. Stoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stoner, of Somerset, were married at Scullton, by the Rev. F. O. Eakin.

Miss Jeanette Laney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Laney, and Merle T. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Miller, both of Boswell, were married at Jennertown, by the Rev. Elmer F. Rice.

Miss Catherine Margaret Zimmel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zimmel, and George Washington Erb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erb, both of Johnstown, were married at Winber, by Justice of the Peace J. D. Patton.

Miss Susan Porterfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Porterfield, and Ralph R. Rederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rederick, both of Confluence, were married at Confluence, by Justice of the Peace G. G. Groff.

Miss Agnes Magdalene Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, and Willard Frederick Ollinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Ollinger, both of Windber, were married at Windber, by the Rev. James P. Saas.

**ROBBING THE CHILDREN**  
Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon.

The present habit of turning night into day in our highly illuminated towns, with all sorts of exciting entertainment, keeps the nerves keyed up and upsets the equilibrium.

Children especially are apt to suffer from late hours and consequent lack of sleep. For the first two years of life, eating and sleeping are the two great essentials.

Babies should sleep from fifteen to twenty hours out of the twenty-four and older children from ten to fourteen hours. It is not an unusual thing to see babies in arms or very young children being carried about until their parents' bed time. This is injurious to the children and cannot be made up by additional rest the next day.

Permitting children to remain up late is a strain on their nervous system which, while it may not be immediately apparent, is bound to exert a detrimental influence on the long run. Oftentimes the ill effects are perfectly apparent to the intelligent observer.

Irritableness and any of the train of evils which result from an over-taxed nervous system may result from continually robbing the child of sleep. A regular bed time should be set for children according to their age, ranging from six o'clock for babies to eight for children of eight or nine and this should be regularly adhered to. This is a matter of the utmost importance in establishing a sturdy constitution in childhood.

With adults, irregularity and short hours of sleep are often a factor which predisposes to ill health. There are exceptions to this as to all rules. Occasionally one will find an individual who has an unusual capacity for work with less than the ordinary amount of rest but for the ordinary man or woman this would end disastrously.

# NINE ARE KILLED BY CLOUDBURST

Great Property Damage Done In Southern States

## RAILROADS WASHED AWAY

"Biltmore," the Famous Estate of Frederick Vanderbilt in Asheville, is the Center of Destructive Deluge.

Flood waters which swept parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia, taking a toll of at least nine lives, rendering hundreds of persons homeless and doing property damage variously estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, are receding. The floods were caused by a cloudburst.

The worst conditions obtained in western North Carolina, where the flood was described as the most disastrous in the history of that region. Asheville and its environs were the heaviest sufferers, but with train service at a standstill as the result of washouts, slides and lost bridges, telegraph service badly crippled and roads almost impassable, it probably will be several days before the full extent of death and destruction will be determined.

The known dead are Captain J. C. Lipe, Miss Nolle Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland, all drowned in Captain Lipe's house at Biltmore, Asheville, N. C., and Lonnie Trexler and an unidentified negro.

The flood waters invaded the George W. Vanderbilt estate, "Biltmore," and the first report reaching Asheville was that Miss Mabel Foster and Miss Charlotte Walker, nurses in the Biltmore hospital, had been drowned. Miss Foster and Miss Walker were saved, according to later reports.

Hundreds have been made homeless by the flood which carried away mills and homes along the banks of the French Broad river.

Near Winston-Salem the town of Rondo was cut off from the outside world for several hours until a telephone operator, flooded out of his office, carried his instruments to a hill and cut in on a telegraph wire.

**Heavy Loss In Virginia.**  
Practically all railway traffic in southwest Virginia and eastern West Virginia was tied up by washouts and slides resulting from heavy rains of the past week. Many bridges have been carried away by swollen creeks and rivers, telephone and telegraph wires are down and a heavy crop damage has been reported. So far as known there has been no loss of life.

On the Norfolk and Western railway near Redford, Va., the junction point for the new river division, Radford to Bluefield, W. Va., and the Radford division to Bristol, Tenn., about five miles of trackage is reported washed away, completely tying up both divisions.

Just west of Radford, Pepper bridge, a large viaduct on the main line to Bluefield, has been carried away and a smaller bridge near Petersburg, Va., is gone.

The Virginia railway reported several washouts on its lines west of Roanoke, but because of breaks in telegraph wires no particulars were available. Practically all telephone and telegraph wires west of this city have been carried away.

## PEONS FLOCK TO VILLA

Bandit Chief Is Recruiting Army to Fight Against Carranza.

Pancho Villa, in command of 8,000 men of the brigades of Canuto Reyes and Calixto Contreras, fought overwhelming forces of Carranzistas, led by officers of General Jacinto Trevino's division, to the west of Jimenez for five consecutive days and Villistas are now engaged with Carranza troops at Diaz, near Santa Rosalia. This is a report brought to the border by a member of a militia band at Chihuahua.

"I will take Chihuahua in two months" is the frequent declaration, according to the musician. He says Villa is going about with a crutch and a cane, one of his legs being badly injured.

Trevino's troops drove the Villistas out of Jimenez after they had confiscated all available foodstuffs in that town. The bandman said there were 15,000 Carranzistas opposing Villa's men. He said that during the engagements around Jimenez two trainloads of dead and wounded Carranza soldiers were brought to Chihuahua.

## U-Boat Needs Strong Boxes.

A safe and lock company in Greenburg, Pa., received a rush order for cash boxes from the North German Lloyd Steamship company for use on the Deutschland. The cash boxes are to be sent by express at once to Baltimore. It is said there is a lot of gold coin to be taken back by the commander of the submersible.

## Horses For Experiments Burned.

At Glenolden, Pa., Sunday sixty-five head of horses used for antitoxin-experimental purposes were burned to death when fire swept the stables of the H. K. Mulford company. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

## MAY "COME BACK" AS HEAD OF GERMAN NAVY

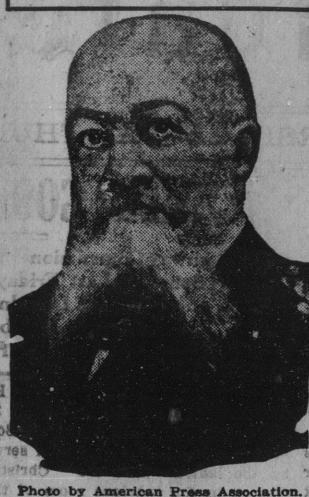


Photo by American Press Association.

It is rumored that the German people are crying aloud for a resumption of the submarine campaign against British commerce and want the grand admiral put in charge of the navy again. It was under his direction so many vessels were sunk.

## SHARK KILLS TWO

Third Victim Badly Hurt; Man Eaten In Creek In New Jersey.

A man-eating shark, which had strayed far from the Atlantic ocean, swam through Raritan bay and up the Matawan creek in New Jersey, killed a boy swimmer and mangled a man so badly that he died two hours later in a hospital and savagely attacked a second boy bather, taking away nearly all the back of a leg.

The dead boy is twelve-year-old Lester Stillwell. Searching parties with dragging irons and dynamite are hunting for the body.

The man, who was attacked as he was making a heroic endeavor to fish up the body of the boy after the shark had dragged him down, was Stanley Fisher, a popular young man of this place. His right leg was torn and he was so weak after his removal to the hospital that the surgeons did not dare to amputate it. Death resulted from loss of blood.

The third and more fortunate victim of the monster's work was ten-year-old Joseph Dunn, a summer visitor here, who is said to live in New York. The lower part of his leg is missing, but the doctors hope to save his life.

Fire Chief Emmons exploded more than seventy-five tons of dynamite in the creek. Columns of water were thrown high in the air. But despite the explosions there was no sign of the monsters.

Following instructions from Secretary McAdoo coast guard and life saving stations along the coast are taking an active part in the hunt for sharks and the bureau of fisheries of the commerce department also has instructed its employees in this region to take part in the work.

## BONA FIDE MERCHANT SHIP

Deutschland's Status Is Determined. Vessel Can Carry on Trade.

Official investigation backed by the opinion of American naval experts, shows that the German submarine Deutschland is a merchant ship, and not capable of being transformed into a warship on the high seas. The report of the inquiry made by Captain C. F. Hughes of the United States navy reached the state department through the treasury department.

Acting Secretary of State Polk indicated after receiving it that the status of the ship was now satisfactorily determined so far as this government is concerned. The protests of Great Britain and France against the presence of the Deutschland in an American port on the ground that she is potentially a warship will not affect this government's position.

Recognition of the Deutschland as a merchantman means that the officers and crew of the ship can carry on, unhindered, any legitimate trade between the United States and Germany and that the Deutschland can remain in port until her captain cares to go.

## POSTPONES NOTIFICATION

Wilson Would Await End of Congress Before Holding Ceremony.

President Wilson has upset all plans for the official notification of his nomination by authorizing a statement that the notification probably would not take place until after adjournment of congress. The ceremonies will take place at Shadow Lawn, N. J., it was agreed.

"I found the president embarrassed by the thought that he ought not to turn to politics until the business of this congressional session was over," said Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, after a conference of several hours with the president.

## Orpet Acquitted of Murder.

At Waukegan, Ill., Will Orpet was acquitted of Marion Lambert's murder. The jury that for six weeks had heard two versions of the tragedy of Helms woods, where Marion was found dead in the snow Feb. 10, chose the version of the defense—that Marion committed suicide. The jury took four ballots.

# How Are You?

is a very common question Can you say that you are well in every respect? If so you are EXTREMELY FORTUNATE—Eye defects cause conditions that make you feel bad—

If your Eyes are sick I can help you by Fitting Proper Glasses—Come to see me.

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# The Second National Bank

OF MEYERSDALE, PA.

Report at the Close of Business June 30, 1916

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments...	\$465,068.97	Capital stock paid in....	\$ 65,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	72,231.87	Surplus Fund and Profits...	54,826.26
Real Estate, Furniture, Fix.	63,374.50	Circulation.....	64,000.00
Cash and due from Banks...	70,404.84	Deposits.....	487,253.92
<b>Total Resources...</b>	<b>\$671,080.18</b>	<b>Total Liabilities...</b>	<b>\$671,080.18</b>

Grows as shown in following statements made to Comptrol er of Currency.

### ASSETS

July 15, '08	\$262,014.92
June 23, '09	\$411,680.13
March 7, '11	\$512,574.48
April 4, 1913	\$605,870.62
March 4, 1914,	\$610,212.34
March 4, 1915	\$624,868.35
May 1, 1916,	\$659,810.39
June 3, 1916,	\$671,080.18

### NEARBY COUNTIES.

A few days ago, Joseph S. Barney, of Clearville, Bedford county, met with a very serious accident. While on his farm in Monroe township, raking hay, the lines broke and he fell backwards off the rake alighting on his head. His neck was broken but he is still living.

Peter Sweltzer, aged 32, was struck by lightning and instantly killed recently while standing on the porch of his home at Tatesville, Bedford Co. The effort to secure \$125,000 for the Johnstown Memorial hospital, has been very successful thus far, subscriptions aggregating \$80,000 having been received already. J. Leon Reppole, steel magnate, has given \$5,000.

John Lutz, a retired Pennsylvania freight conductor residing near Painterville, Mifflin county, is deeply interested in the propagation of a species of wood duck. Lutz found the nest of a wild turkey hen containing eight eggs and added six duck eggs during her absence. All fourteen hatched, and the mother bird took great pains with her webfooted children, with the result they now roost in the tallest trees and it is only with great care that they can be approached.

### ROCKWOOD

Miss Pearl Sandles, a teacher in the Conneville schools, who has been visiting her grandfather here for some time, departed Saturday for an extended visit through the Western states.

Ben Shoemaker, a Baltimore & O. employe, who was badly injured one day last week when he was hit by a passenger train, was removed to the Johnstown hospital for treatment. He was out about the head and badly bruised.

Calvin Rush accompanied by F. A. Harrah, J. B. Gerhard and L. D. Cramer, is enjoying a two weeks tour of the eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rush have returned home from a western tour.

Mrs. Daniel Ansell and daughter, Miss Della, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harbaugh's.

On Thursday, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Buckner, Captain William Harrison, Miss Emily Snyder and Miss Eleanor Colborn, all of Somerset, motored to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harbaugh.

### GARRETT NEEDS THREE NEW TRADESMEN.

Wanted in Garrett Borough: An up-to-date barber, a good butcher and a shoe cobbler. We wish men of these trades would look our town over as we need opposition.

Vacant rooms can be rented. A Citizen.

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## NORFOLK AND OLD POINT COMFORT VIRGINIA

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The Route is Rail to Washington or Baltimore and Delightful Steam-er Trip to Destination

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## WASH THE VEGETABLES

Fruits and vegetables are a necessary part of the diet during hot weather. Many of these are more appetizing when eaten raw. Berries, apples, radishes, onions and salads are popular, and have their value as food.

Care should be exercised in the preparation and serving of green foods, however as they are subject to much handling between the garden and the table. In many market gardens the gathering of the produce is entrusted to a class of laborers which are not any too cleanly, and care seldom is exercised to insure cleanliness.

Food exposed for sale in markets also is often subject to indiscriminate handling by prospective purchasers.

As a protection, berries and food-stuff eaten raw, should be thoroughly washed before being served. It is much better to risk a slight impairment of the flavor than to chance eating unclean foods.

Night soil should not be used for fertilizing gardens from which the produce may be eaten raw. Watermelons should not be gathered from streams polluted by sewage. Many cases are on record where typhoid fever has resulted from failure to heed these points.

# Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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