

THE FARMER'S COLUMN

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

STARTING POULTRY RAISING
Many requests from all sections of the State reach the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for advice in starting in raising poultry and from time to time the expert poultry men of the Department are called upon for their assistance. J. T. Campbell, one of the poultrymen in speaking of starting in the poultry business says:

"If I were starting in poultry work I would make hardiness and strong vitality the leading consideration. Vigor is the cornerstone of permanent success. If you have strong, vigorous stock, treat them properly, and breed for vigor first and foremost, you will have freedom from disease and small loss from young chicks dying, which within a few years will amount to far more net profit than to follow the fool ideas which are popular. You may not get quite so many eggs from a few individual hens, and not break any records, but what doth it profit a man if he have one hen that lays 400 eggs and a flock of really unprofitable stock that gives a loss of sixty per cent of the chicks in raising.

"If you want to succeed in poultry work and build on a solid basis it will be well to grow into it gradually. It is an entirely different proposition to take care of a thousand fowls than to care for a hundred. The little things you do for a hundred will be practically impossible with a thousand, and if you attempt to bestow the same amount of time and care on a thousand and that you put in on a hundred, the labor will consume all possible profits. The best thing to do is to start with some good, strong, vigorous breeding fowls, say a pen of fifty. If you buy these in September or October you will get them cheaply as breeders sell a lot of good stock cheap at this time. From this pen you can raise what pullets you can handle and learn something of the care of larger numbers during the first year. The next year you can make a further increase gradually growing into the business as you learn to handle the fowls successfully.

"I think the big records made by the English stock can be accounted for by selection of individuals for the contests and to change of climate. I know of no American bred English stock making any better returns than our American.

"Pullets which have laid during the winter season to produce weakly rather than have for breed. Good vigorous hens that have not been pampered, but have had to kind of rough it through the winter with plenty of good feed, than pullets or heavy laying hens.

"A sixty by sixty foot house will accommodate a thousand hens if properly constructed, but you are likely to succeed far better with several smaller buildings. Five acres of land will be enough for a thousand mature hens. However you will need range and clean land on which to rear young stock from year to year if you are to succeed in keeping up vitality and preventing heavy mortality.

FOOD VALUE OF MILK AND BEEF

"There is absolutely no explanation to the contrary of filks," says L. W. Lighty, Farm Advisor of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. "They groan and lament about the high price of beef and ask the lawmakers to do something or other to either make the farmers raise more calves or get at it themselves. But the farmers will not and the lawmakers cannot, so the consumer had better learn some of his dietetic alphabet and know how to live cheaply and wholesomely. Dairy products will very largely take the place of meat and reduce the cost of the food very greatly and at the same time furnish a more digestible food.

"We eat food to furnish material to build body tissues and to keep us up and supply us with the needed energy. Some foods furnish heat and energy largely while others furnish building material largely. Meat is largely building material as the animal that furnished the meat transformed vegetable growth into meat and we reconvert it into human muscle. The animal also converts the same vegetable growth into milk of which we make butter, cheese and other marketable commodities and a large per cent of these if used for food are converted into human muscle. Therefore both dairy and beef animals are kept to convert coarse vegetable products into human food, but the dairy cow does it many times more economically.

"After you feed the beef animal two years it is killed and four to eight hundred pounds of meat secured. If you have a dairy cow you start to milk her at two years and if she is a productive cow she will each

ECONOMIC TOUR FROM TEXAS TO DETROIT.

Three Children on Trip are Learning Geography First Hand.

Mrs. Dick O'Bannon, of Sherman, Texas, motored into Detroit last week in her pet automobile, "Bill."

"Bill" is a Maxwell touring car with a fine appetite for the open road, but a very moderate thirst. "He is strictly temperance," said Mrs. O'Bannon. "I kept close track on his gasoline consumption and it averaged 24 miles to the gallon on the long trip from Dallas to Detroit."

Residents of her home town are all wrought up over Mrs. O'Bannon's long tour. She says the folks are betting against her making a finished job of it. The men folks are particularly skeptical merely because she set out to show the tour could be made without a man along.

No Men on Trip
Besides Mrs. O'Bannon, there is her neighbor, Mrs. R. E. Minshew, and her three children: Allen, aged 13; Frank, 9 and Mary Grace, 4. Then there is a lot of baggage, bedding, cooking utensils, etc., for the O'Bannon party is doing a lot of camping out along the trail. Altogether the Maxwell is loaded down with 1,000 pounds avoirdupois.

"Since he hit the trail at Dallas, "Bill" has passed through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Before he takes his precious party back home, he's going back to Ohio, thence to New York and finally he will take in Washington, D. C., because the children want to see where the president of the United States lives.

A Matter of Geography.
It's all a matter of geography Mrs. O'Bannon says her children have learned more about their country this summer than they could have absorbed in five years of school.

"The old-fashioned way of learning geography was through books," she says. "But there's no use doing that when we have Maxwells. "Bill" takes us wherever we want to go. We've had no trouble. We've taken some rough roads, but "Bill" thrives on punishment. I've driven a car less than a year, so I'm still an amateur. I don't know any tricks about saving gasoline. But I have kept close record and we've averaged 24 miles to the gallon all the way through."

Besides touring through the country the party has taken in most of the large cities along the way. Mrs. O'Bannon, in spite of limited experience at the wheel, had no trouble negotiating the congested streets of Chicago and Detroit.

fortnight give you as much actual nourishment as the entire animal body. In course of a year she will give you sixteen to twenty times as much nourishment as her entire body would afford and she will continue to thus produce for eight or ten years. One pound of milk is equal in food value to fourteen ounces of beef and you smileingly pay 20c for the beef and growl like a tiger when we ask you to pay only three-fourths of this for milk. And because you refuse to pay living prices for milk many dairymen are changing from dairy to beef and thus the consumer by his foolishness boosts the high cost of living. When will the consumer use good judgment in purchasing food supplies? Echo answers, When?"

MILK AN EXCELLENT PAIN KILLER

"This is a remedy everyone should know," says Farm and Fireside, "first because it gives almost immediate relief; and, second, because milk or cream always available on the farm, whereas the medicine bottle is oftentimes found to be empty just when needed most. If a person or a horse should get tar in the eyes, put in a few drops of milk of cream. It will also afford relief if cement or a gnat should get in the eye."

Pennsylvania with its banner crop of 2,044,000 bushels last year ranked eighth among the States in the production of peaches.

A farmer in Crawford county writes the Department of Agriculture that he cut eleven large wagon loads of hay from a two and a half acre field that a year ago yielded but nine wagon loads.

Reports of splendid wheat yields in all parts of the State would indicate that last year's average yield of 19 bushels to an acre would be improved upon this season.

Lancaster county farmers report grass as making a wonderful growth, and many are looking for a second hay crop nearly equal to the first.

Oats has made wonderful improvement during the month and present reports indicate a greatly improved estimate of yield over a month ago.

HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES TO DROP IMPEACHMENT



H. SNOWDEN MARSHALL. Decision to drop impeachment proceedings against U. S. District Attorney Marshall, of New York, asked by Representative Buchanan, has been reported to the house by the judiciary committee. The contempt charges are still pending.

AUTO ROBBERS GET \$37,000 PAYROLL

Bold Daylight Holdup in Detroit Street—One Shot

Five desperadoes, armed with revolvers and rifles, held up and robbed the pay car of the Burroughs' Adding Machine company, in Detroit, within full view of hundreds of people in the street, and escaped with \$37,000 in cash, after shooting one of the Burroughs guards, Ruolph Cooper, and wounding him seriously.

The bandits escaped in an automobile and at last reports were driving toward the open country to the north, pursued closely by a test driver in a powerful car and a companion, while a number of policemen are trailing and county officers from out in the state are keeping close watch.

The robbery probably was the bold, est crime of its kind in the history of Detroit. It occurred on Burroughs' avenue, between Woodward avenue and Cass avenue. Hundreds of employees of the Cadillac Automobile company saw the holdup.

The pay car containing the paymaster, Thomas Sheban, was returning to the Burroughs plant from a bank and it was followed, as is the custom, by another car carrying armed guards. The guards said they were delayed in their defense of the pay car by the idea that the holdup was a motion picture scenario being staged and they did not attempt to interfere until it was too late.

As the pay car was passing the side of the Cadillac plant on Burroughs avenue a small touring car drew up and a man stepped out and ordered the driver and paymaster to "hold up their hands." Rudolph Chester, the driver, grappled with the bandit and by the time he had been overcome the guards drove up from behind and were met by four shots from Winchester rifles. One of the bullets entered Cooper's hip and he fell.

The men then seized five of the six cash boxes and made a hasty getaway, driving rapidly north.

Several persons had presence of mind enough to note the license number of the bandit car. It was declared to be Michigan 31334 or 31334. No. 31334 is a car owned by George Doemling, 674 Field avenue, and was found at his home. No. 31334 is a car stolen from William Oters several days ago.

Spectators declared that the youngest robber might have been no more than 18 years old and the oldest not over 30.

WARNING OF WARMER DAYS

West Virginia Prophets Parade in Negligee in Pittsburgh Streets. Jonas H and son Jacob, known to their West Virginia neighbors as John B. Nash and his son, now trying to save Pittsburghers from yet warmer days to come, are in Pittsburgh. Shoppers on Fifth avenue are astounded by the seeming apparition of a man and a boy, long-haired and clad in a combination of pajamas and kimonos. Nash, Sr., affects a Charley Hughes beard of luxuriance and a brown tin, which he says has not been used since 1914. His 14-year-old son wears the white garb similar to the costume of his father minus the hanging gardens, and both pound along barefoot.

The pavement is quite warm these summery days. Before propheting, Nash, or Jonas, is said to have run a ginseng farm in West Virginia. A failure of the crop is said to have changed his calling.

36 KNOWN DEAD IN TENNESSEE FLOOD

Every House Washed Away Along Creek for 6 Miles

RESCUE PARTIES AT WORK

Survivors Tell Thrilling Tales of Loss of Homes by Waters That Came in the Night—Death List—May Be 50.

A revised list of dead reported from Blair's Creek, in the Barren creek region of northern Tennessee, shows that the cloudburst which visited the sparsely-populated country claimed a total of 28 dead. Ten others are reported missing.

In the list of dead are Robert Johnson and his wife, Mrs. D. C. Eldmonds, her four children and two grandchildren, the Misses Minnie and Lillie Wiley of Monroe, Mich.; Bush Ferguson, his wife and seven children, W. P. Zachary, his wife and five children. The Wiley girls were visiting their grandmother.

The property damage, according to those familiar with the country, will not go higher than \$150,000.

Rescue parties returning from the stricken district report the water is all over the little valley of Blair's creek and that apparently every home along the creek for a distance of six miles has been washed away. Some estimate the death list when finally complete will total fifty, but others believe it will be held to thirty, or thirty-five at the outside.

The territory deluged extends about a mile in width and six miles in length from the headwaters of the Big Barren creek due west to the Clinch river. Intermediary stream are terribly swollen, thus adding to the devastation wrought by the flood.

Rescue parties that went into the valley brought out a number who have been made homeless, and these are being taken care of in Tazewell and in farm houses in that vicinity.

These survivors tell thrilling tales of escape, but the majority are confined to simple statements that the water came upon them during the night and that before they had time to flee their homes were floating away.

An unconfirmed report is that about twenty miles of the Middleboro branch of the Southern railway is under water and that one or more railroad trestles north of Liberty Hill were carried away.

Fourteen bodies have been recovered, 25 are known to be dead and a family of eight is missing, according to reports from the scene of the disastrous flood which swept Claiborne county, near Tazewell, Tenn.

WHIPPING POST ADVOCATED

W. Va. Judge Thinks Publicity Good Antidote for Wife Beating. The whipping post for wife beaters was advocated by Judge H. D. Rummel, of the common pleas court, at Charleston, W. Va. During the hearing of a divorce case Judge Rummel said:

"We need a whipping post in this state. In the many cases coming before me in which extreme cruelty is proved against defendant husbands a whipping post is needed, not because a few stripes administered by the sheriff across a naked back in public would be sufficient punishment for beating and choking a woman, but that the public might know of the offenders' brutality and avoid him as one would a snake."

LAKE SAILORS GET RAISE

Carriers' Association Makes Horizontal Advance of \$10. The board of directors of the Lake Carriers' Association, operating steamers on the Great Lakes, has decided to make a horizontal advance of \$10 per month in the wages of men aboard ships below the grade of licensed officers, effective August 1.

It was also recommended that the question of additional remuneration for licensed officers be taken up at a meeting of vessel owners and that just recognition be given them for their marked efficiency under the strain of a heavy freight movement and during the unusual period of hot weather.

This recognition will probably take the form of a distribution of earnings among the licensed officers at the close of the season.

GIRL COMES FAR TO WED

Colorado Miss Is Bride of Logan (W. Va.) Man. Miss Dora Segelke, a pretty girl of Union, Col., where her father owns a cattle ranch, is the bride of Frank L. Perry of Logan, W. Va., after traveling 2,000 miles for the wedding. The marriage was performed by the Rev. J. A. Smith, of the Washington Avenue Baptist church, Huntington. Perry met Miss Segelke while visiting in the west.

Farm Hands Scarce at \$3 Per Day. A scarcity of farm labor has seriously interfered with the harvesting of the crops; farmers about Canonsburg say: "Wages of \$2.50 and \$3 a day and board are offered."

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RECENT COUNTY WEDDINGS.

Jacob Stuft, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stuft, of Jenner township, and Miss Annie Moore, daughter of Mrs. Mary Geisel of Somerset township, were married at the parsonage of Grace United Evangelical church, Somerset, by the Rev. G. A. Collins.

John H. Reiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Reiber of Salisbury and Miss Elsie M. Berkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas T. Berkey, of Somerset township, were married at Somerset by the Rev. J. M. Feigntner, pastor of the United Brethren church.

H. D. McFeaters, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McFeaters, and Mrs. Edna Vought, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Slidde, both of Johnstown, were married at Somerset by the Rev. I. Hess Wagner.

Cloyd W. Welker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Welker, and Miss Gladys L. Crowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crowell, both of Boswell, were married at the Jennertown Lutheran church by the Rev. Elmer F. Rice.

TRUE INWARDNESS OF THE VERA CRUZ INCIDENT.

In the spring of 1914, occurred the capture of Vera Cruz. Men from one of our ships had been arrested at Tampico and had been discharged with an apology. But our admiral demanded a salute, which was refused. Thereupon the president went to congress, asking authority to use the armed forces of the United States. Without waiting for the passage of the resolution, Vera Cruz was seized. It appeared that a shipment of ammunition for Huerta was about to enter that port. There was a natural opposition to this invasion and a battle occurred in which nineteen Americans and over a hundred Mexicans were killed. This, of course, was war. Our dead soldiers were praised for dying like heroes in a war of service. Later we retired from Vera Cruz, giving up this noble warfare. We had not obtained the salute which was demanded. We had not obtained reparation for affronts. The ship with ammunition which could not land at Vera Cruz had soon landed at another port, and its cargo was delivered to Huerta without interference. Recently the naked truth was admitted by a cabinet officer. We are now informed that "we did not go to Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag." We are told that we went there "to show Mexico that we were in earnest in our demand that Huerta must go." That is, we seized Vera Cruz to depose Huerta. The question of the salute was a mere pretext—From Mr. Hughes' Speech of Acceptance.

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