

THE FARMER'S COLUMN

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

LIME AGAIN

"The effects of the heavy liming of the fathers, and the present day evidences of it, more especially in the clover crops are noticed especially this year," says Professor Franklin Menges, soil expert of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

"The further these investigations are pushed the stronger they become. A field in Bucks county which had not been farmed for a number of years which had been pastured to death, was plowed up in the spring several years ago and fairly well prepared and sown with Soy Beans, with the exceptions of raising a small crop of this legume to plow down to get the land into some sort of shape to produce farm crops. The soils were tested for acidity before the land was plowed for planting Soy Beans, and the surface soil was found to be quite sour while the subsoil was only slightly so. Some time before plowing down the Soy Beans the surface and subsoil were again tested and while they were still sour, the acidity in the surface soil was much less than before plowing, while that of the subsoil was about the same.

"The soils produced a splendid crop of Soy Beans, much larger than was expected, and when plowed down returned to the soil fully sixty pounds of nitrogen to every acre of the field. After the land was well cultivated and the agencies of decay and nitrification became normally active, it was converted into an available farm and when the wheat was sown, it made a splendid beginning in the fall of the year which was renewed in the spring, producing the wheat crop of the community with a setting of clover and timothy not equaled on this farm for years, and an exception for the neighborhood. This field was heavily limed, the evidences of which are still present from about fifteen or twenty years ago.

"The soils of another field on this same farm which had not been limed and which had been pastured in the same way when tested showed the soil and the subsoil to be equally sour, and when plowed and prepared and seeded with Soy Beans produced only a very ordinary crop, approximately only one-third of the yield of the former field with a hesitating start and weekly growing and small yielding wheat crop and with a similar beginning of clover and timothy. Soil testing revealed these conditions and crop results would approximately be foretold under normal conditions."

THE SILVER FISH

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture receives from time to time samples of a small white insect that gives housewives considerable anxiety. It is the silver fish. It is about one-third of an inch long, very thin, but the outline of the body is carrot shaped. It has two antennae (feelers) that are about the same length as the body, and from the tip or rear end there are three bristle-like appendages. One sticks straight out and the other two are at right angles to the body. The body is covered with minute silvery scales.

The silver fish feed upon papers and books. They go after the starch used in binding the books, and on heavy glazed paper they eat off the surface. If it is printed upon they will eat all around the printing ink. They also sometimes attack starched clothing.

These insects, as a rule, inhabit only damp houses, or houses in which articles have been stored and are not disturbed for long periods. They can be found in damp cellars of inhabited houses.

Pyrethrum powder is a good remedy. Scatter it around books and papers, and in the bottoms of drawers in which clothes are stored. A poisoned bait can be prepared by making thick boiled starch paste, and poisoning it with a liberal portion of arsenic. Spread this paste on cards and distribute in infested places, particularly in bureau drawers.

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BRUSHCREEK

The annual picnic held at Mt. Lebanon Saturday was largely attended. It is rumored that the Mt. Olive Sunday school, will hold a picnic in the near future.

J. C. Dively lost a valuable horse Sunday last; he had refused \$400 cash for the animal a few weeks ago.

Quite a number of the young Scouts of this valley were seen rolling in quite early Sunday morning from the picnic.

Prof. J. E. Werner was compelled to take to his heels Saturday night when George Brick heard a racket in the lower part of his house. On getting his gun and investigating found Prof. Werner.

Earl Boyer is working for L. A. Martz through harvest and hay making.

Alvey Martz has rented the Simon Keefe farm where he will farm on shares.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lane and son, Walter from Roxbury were visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Martz over Sunday.

William Hittle and Milly Saylor have rented the shanty on the old Mill site from B. W. Lane, which they intend to remodel for night lodging during the summer.

Miss Ethel Coughenour from Camp Run has returned again to the Peter Saylor home for a few days' visit.

The Epworth League at Mt. Olive is moving very nicely with an membership of about 40.

The farmers along Brush creek are about all through with the oats crop and report a good crop.

Boys, get your cow bells ready for a good old time serenading in about two weeks along the creek.

J. C. Dively took his 10 year old daughter to the Cumberland hospital last week because of appendicitis.

Mrs. Allen Boyer and children from Pittsburg are visiting Mrs. Boyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Boyer.

ROCKWOOD

The Lutheran picnic held on Friday was well attended and was a great success. The ball game between the single and married men of Rockwood was won by the married men by a score of 20 to 6.

Mrs. J. S. Miller entertained the members of the Willing Workers Bible class at a social, at the Miller residence a few evenings ago; the evening was enjoyed by all present and proceeds were appropriated toward the debt of repairing the United Evangelical Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller have returned home from Altoona, Pa., after spending several days as the guest of Mrs. Miller and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and children of Johnstown are the guests of the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Miller of Rockwood, this week.

A meeting of the citizens of Rockwood borough was held on Thursday, evening which was well attended, at which meeting a committee was appointed to reorganize the fire company of the borough and to purchase a new supply of fire hose. The organization will be effected within a few days when the new company will begin to drill.

Messrs. J. D. Snyder and Hal Bedford of Rockwood, Pa., left the first of the week in Snyder's Dodge touring car for an extended western tour and will be gone about 10 days.

BAD AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR GRANTSVILLE.

Max Becker, twenty-two years old, of Newell, Pa., is in the Western Maryland hospital at Cumberland with several broken ribs and a punctured lung as a result of the automobile of John Mesher in which seven were riding upsetting one mile east of Grantsville Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mesher, who was driving the car, was taken to a Uniontown hospital. One of his ears was seriously lacerated and he was painfully cut and bruised about the face and body. Other occupants, all of whom were from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, were slightly bruised and cut. The car skidded on a curve of the road and turned turtle twice after striking a stone culvert. Mr. Becker was pinned under the car. The others were hurled some distance into a yard near the Stanton mill.

BOY LOSES EYE FROM DYNAMITE CAP EXPLOSION.

Because of the explosion of a dynamite cap which he had thrown in to a fire a few days ago, James, the 8-year old son of Mrs. Jacob Latschaw of Somerset lost the sight of one eye and unless the specialists at the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, can save the sight of the other eye, which is affected, he will become blind. With his two little brothers and little sister they made a fire along the railroad and gathering a lot of scraps and the cap was among them. The other children were slightly injured but James was struck in the eye by the flying fragments.

PLAGUE SERUM BELIEVED FOUND

Blood of Recovered Patients Said to Be Beneficial

PA. QUARANTINE IS STRICT

Twenty Persons Turned Back at Ohio Line by State Health Officer in Fight Against Infantile Paralysis Epidemic

The epidemic of infantile paralysis in New York has taken a turn for the better. The number of new cases reported to the health department in 24 hours went under the hundred mark for the first time in several weeks. During 24 hours the plague killed 31 children and 95 new cases were reported, 43 of them in Manhattan and 31 in Brooklyn.

After 34½ ounces of blood had been taken from six persons who have recovered from infantile paralysis, to be used in the preparation of the human serum which is said to have afforded relief to sufferers from the disease, the health authorities issued a call for more volunteers, stating that the supply of human serum is inadequate.

Among the cases of infantile paralysis reported Monday in Pennsylvania are Ursina, Somerset county, three; Marianna and Donora, Washington county, one each, and Bristol, Bucks county, one.

Twenty persons, residents of Ohio, were forced to leave a Cleveland and Pittsburgh train at Smiths Ferry and return to Ohio, as the result of the stringent quarantine being enforced by the state health department.

Three hundred and thirty cases of infantile paralysis have been reported to the Pennsylvania health department with diagnosis confirmed from July 1 to Monday of this week. One hundred and eighty-two of these occurred in Philadelphia and 148 in points outside Philadelphia.

GLASS WORKERS GET RAISE

Present Season Most Prosperous Since Panic of 1907.

An approximated increase of 10 per cent in the wage scale has been granted to about 10,000 men in the National Glass Workers' association. Committees closed their conference in Atlantic City, N. J., last week, with an announcement of the victory for the workers, the first advance in five years. Minor grievances were amicably settled, illustrating an extra demand for bottles, better times and less antagonism in the trade. The new agreement, to be in effect on September 1, holds a year.

The season since December was reported as the most prosperous since the panic of 1907-8. The shipping of ware to Europe has taken up the entire surplus, and plants are working day and night.

Wilson to Make Campaign Tour.

Between September 15 and October 1 President Wilson plans to start a transcontinental tour, including many of the cities on the Hughes itinerary.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

Pittsburgh, Aug. 15.
Butter—Prime, 33¼@34; tubs, 32½ @33c. Eggs—Fresh, 25¼@29c.
Cattle—Prime, \$9.25; good, \$8.50 @9.75; tidy butchers, \$7.75@8.25; fair, \$7@7.50; common, \$6.75; common to good fat bulls, \$4.50@7.25; common to good fat cows, \$4@7.50; heifers, \$5 @8; fresh cows and springers, \$40@80.
Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$9.10@9.25; good mixed, \$7.50@8; fair mixed, \$6.50@7.25; culls and common, \$3.50@5; spring lambs, \$7@10.25; veal calves, \$12@12.50; heavy and thin calves, \$7@9.
Hogs—Prime heavy, \$10.50; heavy mixed, \$10.55@10.60; medium and heavy Yorkers, \$10.60@10.65; light Yorkers, \$10.50@10.55; pigs, \$10 @10.25; roughs, \$9@9.15; stags, \$7 @7.25.

Cleveland, Aug. 15.
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8.25 @9.75; good to choice butcher steers, \$7.50@8.25; fair to good steers, \$6.50 @7.50; common to light steers, \$5.75 @6.50; good to choice butcher bulls, \$6 @6.75; bologna bulls, \$5@6; good to choice cows, \$5.75@8.25; fair to good cows, \$5@5.75; common cows, \$3.50 @4.50.
Calves—Good to choice, \$12.75@13; fair to good, \$11@12.50; heavy to common, \$8@10.
Sheep and Lambs—Good to choice springs, \$10@10.50; fair to good, \$7.50 @9; good to choice wethers, \$7 @7.50; good to choice ewes, \$6.25@6.75; mixed ewes and wethers, \$6.75@7; culls, \$2.50@5.50.
Hogs—Mixed, Yorkers and mediums \$10.50; pigs, \$10; stags, \$8; roughs, \$9.10.

Chicago, Aug. 15.
Hogs—Bulk, \$9.80@10.40; light, \$9.80@10.50; mixed, \$9.60@10.55; heavy, \$9.45@10.45; rough, \$9.45@9.60; pigs, \$8.20@9.
Cattle—Beoves, \$7@10; cows and heifers, \$3.60@9.25; stockers and feeders, \$5@7.55; calves, \$9@12.65.
Sheep—Native, \$6.50@7.80; western, \$6.75@7.80; yearlings, \$7.40@8.50; lambs, \$7.25@11.10.
Wheat—Sept., \$1.37½. Corn—Sept., 83¾c. Oats—Sept., 43c.

PRESENTS RAILROADS' CASE TO PRESIDENT



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ELISHA LEE.

A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

The past week in the European war has been one of almost continuous success for the entente allies. The advances have not been so marked as in the first two weeks of the simultaneous pressure on all fronts, but it has been a gain, nevertheless. The Russians have continued their drive, occupying Stanislaus and other towns in Galicia, and threatening Lemberg. The Italians have taken Gorizia after a battle that has been almost continuous since the entry of Italy into the war, and have advanced some distance past the town toward Trieste, the objective of the Latins.

The Italians have occupied the entire Doberdo plateau, the Rome war office announced.

In the Mesopotamian and Gorizia sectors the Italians, pressing their offensive, have driven the Austrians from fortified positions, says the official Italian communication. More than 2,000 prisoners were taken.

Altogether, since August 6, 15,333 prisoners have been counted, including 830 officers. In the same operations the Italians have taken 16 guns, a large number of machine guns and war material of all kinds.

Fighting has been resumed between British and Turks along the front east of the Suez canal, the Constantinople war office announces.

The long-expected offensive of the entente allies against the Bulgarians and Germans on the Balkan front in Greek Macedonia has apparently begun, according to dispatches received from Athens and Salonika.

The French and British advanced, after a bombardment of the Bulgarian works at Dorain, on the lake of the same name, northwest of Saloniki, and captured the railroad station and a height south of the town.

A dispatch from Vienna by way of Amsterdam says that in a few days the central empires will issue a proclamation declaring the independence of Poland.

It is proposed to call on the Poles to form a national army for the defense of their country.

A German submarine torpedoed the British torpedo boat destroyer Lassoo Sunday, according to an admiralty statement. It is announced also that between August 2 and 10 five British and French sailing craft were sent to the bottom by a German submarine.

A semi-official account of the sinking by a submarine recently of the Italian mail steamship Letimbro, received from Vienna, says the Italians fired on the submarine with two guns, and that there were troops on board.

Large numbers of British prisoners of war in Germany have been sent into that part of Russia held by Germany to do menial labor, Lord Robert Cecil stated in commons.

TURKEY BLOCKS RELIEF

Crops in Syria Best in Empire, Says Constantinople.

Turkey has refused to grant the request of the United States that a neutral committee be permitted to undertake relief work in Syria, where thousands of native Christians are reported to be starving.

Charge Miller, of Constantinople, in a cablegram received at the state department, said the Turkish government had informed him relief operations in Syria were considered unnecessary because crops there were better than anywhere in the empire. He added that although he was told the decision was final he had not dropped the subject, but would continue to press for favorable action.

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