

AGRICULTURE OF LOCAL INTEREST TO WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS

The effectiveness of whitewash in the poultry house is much increased by applying it hot and getting it into cracks and corners. Always add plenty of salt.

Protecting Trees From Rabbits. That "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is just as true in regard to protecting trees from the ravages of rabbits in winter, when snow is on the ground, and these animals are short of forage, as in the case in regard to many other matters to which it is applied.

A farmer of Southern Pennsylvania, near the Maryland line, whose trees have been greatly damaged this winter, writes to Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, for advice, and received the following reply:

The best thing to do, with the rabbits is to kill them, especially as soon as possible after the first snowfall, or after each fall of snow. They do not peel the trees, as you know, until the snow has been on the ground a few days.

Turkey Raising Seems Profitable. The best of the season, who feels the bill for the annual Christmas dinner, should cheer up for the best is yet to come. The present prohibitive price of turkeys has already put that produce well beyond the reach of many and we are told by the Census Bureau that turkey culture declined nearly 50 per cent. from 1900 to 1910.

Pure Bred Fowls Pay Father Best. The farmer has awakened to the fact that by keeping pure-bred fowls instead of the mongrels he formerly kept he has been repaid not only by many additional dollars to his annual income but by a constant supply of pure-bred stock from the non-reproduction of improved stock.

Don't Kick About Prices, Raise Eggs Yourself. Don't scorm about the high price of eggs if you are in a position to keep ten or a dozen hens and don't do it. The waste from the table, even where the others of the household are not conscientious, will meet from 50 to 75 per cent. of the feed requirements for the number of hens. Moreover, a flock of that size will produce far better proportionately than one five times as large, your eggs would cost from 5 to 10 cents the dozen and there would be no need to consult a record of vital statistics to learn their fate.

Put a Few Hens to Work. A press dispatch from Superior, Wis., says that at an auction sale of eggs there was such a scramble for women to grab on really fresh eggs that many of them in the first auctioned twelve half-pint bottles and business, if you would escape violence and an exorbitant price for fresh eggs put a few hens to work in your own back yard.

Non-Laying Poultry. Don't become impatient if your pullets have not started laying. Throughout this section pullets generally have been slow to get in action. Those that had planned to begin business about the first of the year have deferred the matter, probably to wait more favorable weather. Some, on the other hand, chagrined at the default of their offspring, have made good the loss.

Creamery Men Hear Some Interesting Cow Reports. At the sixth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hobbie Creamery, held Saturday in Wilkes-Barre, Paul Whitebread, secretary and treasurer of the company, made the following statements: A cow of the breed compiled by the creamery the average yield was 2,111 pounds of milk during the year 1911-12. 124 pounds of milk, 211 pounds of butter and the amount of cream a cow would therefore be \$65.89. Du-

ring the loss of her feed and the profit amount to nothing. Now in order to make more money on their eggs, the farmer must either get more for her product or produce what you do at a lower cost. The first is impossible, for the market will not stand for it, so the farmer is forced to take the other alternative and cheapen the cost of production by breeding better animals and feeding them a balanced ration.

An Egg Within an Egg. William S. Beach, the well-known banker of Newton, N. J., is the owner of a fine flock of Plymouth Rock hens, of which he and Mrs. Beach are very proud and of which they expected great things. Not were they disappointed. Sunday morning last one of the hens laid an egg. The egg, which was supposed to be just a common double-yolk egg, was being prepared for Mr. Beach's midday meal, when to her surprise, Mrs. Beach discovered that within it there was a full sized egg with shell as perfect as that of an egg ordinarily developed. Mr. and Mrs. Beach and all their neighbors agree in saying that they never saw anything quite so remarkable. That the story may not be considered a myth the egg is on exhibition at this office, as is also the shell of the larger egg in which it was enclosed. —Newton Herald.

About Poultry. A teaspoonful of carboic acid in a gallon of water given regularly for a few days will aid materially in preventing diseases. Detonations in chickens are often caused by improperly made coops. Shake them so the chicks can get in and out easily, without squeezing through slats.

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A Washington Party. A patriotic party for the young folks may be made very interesting. Decorate the house and table with red, white and blue and place prints of George and Martha Washington in white and gold. To each guest give a little board and a ball of putty enough to be worked with instruction that the busts of George and Martha Washington are to be modeled from the putty in a given time. When the time is up the party portraits are to be numbered and placed on exhibition and the guests vote on the best and the number receiving the largest number of votes to determine the winner. The boys are then given sticks of wood and jackknives from which to whittle out hatchets. The girls are given black paper and scissors, from which to cut silhouettes of Martha Washington. Later the silhouettes of Martha Washington are introduced to the boys, and each boy tries to super the girl who made the Martha Washington which he has in his presents his wooden hatchet to his super partner. The super table to be decorated with patriotic colors.

Etiquette of Washington. Show not yourself glad at the misfortunes of another, though he were your enemy. They that are in dignity or office have an all places precedence, but while they are young they ought to respect those that are their equals in birth or other qualities, though they have no public charge.

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SENATOR PENNISEY

Chairman of Senate Committee Considering Major Steel Bill.



SENATE STEEL BILL HEARINGS. Senate Committee Expects to Finish Work in Three Weeks. Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate committee on finance has begun a series of hearings on the house steel tariff revision bill, which would make an average reduction of 35 per cent. in the present tariff law. The hearing marked the first real work in the senate on the tariff question at this session of congress.

NO TROUBLE IN BELFAST. Irish Unionists Will Let Churchill Speak For Home Rule. Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 8.—If the conditions today are any indication of what may be expected tonight the great home rule demonstration at the park, where Winston Churchill, John Redmond and others are to address a great Liberal meeting, will pass off without the expected disturbances.

AIRSHIP TO KILL WHALES. Coast Veteran Will Use New Method In Old Time Industry. Hunting whales with hydroplanes, from which air whalers will shoot their harpoons to reach the blubber, honorable and profitable business.

1100 BILLS FOR HIS GUESTS. Wrapped Around the Gigs at Atlantic City Man's Dinner. The patriotic guests who were invited to a dinner to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Robert Mervoloff of Atlantic City, N. J., received pleasant surprises in the form of star bills from Mervoloff at the conclusion of the dinner.

New Mexico's Schools. In 1911, 1911, the school enrollment was 25,000, an increase of 2,000, out of 20,000 students of school age. More than 1,000 teachers were employed in the 120 elementary schools and the girls' high schools.

Her Peculiarity. You may find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Barnes? "Oh, not generally, has his little impediment, Stutzman is genuine. What is yours?" "Well, really Mr. Barnes, I am not aware that I have any."

A Pensioned Tramp. William H. Davies, recently placed on England's civil pension list with a pension of £50 a year, is probably the first tramp in the history of that country to be so honored. Davies is a Welshman by birth and a tramp by preference, having lived the life for many years in this country and abroad. He is indeed a fool, the result of a stolen train-rider. After years of vagabondage he turned his attention to literature and, following many bitter disappointments, "arrested." He has written both verse and prose.

Mrs. Hazard's Home. Miss Caroline Hazard, Willastey's former president, has established her permanent home at Pencolite, R. I., where she has built a house on land which has been in her family for 213 years. In her new home she has reproduced with remarkable exactness the study she occupied so many years at Well-stey. The Sewall Shelf is the name Miss Hazard has given her house.—Boston Journal.

SELECT CULLINGS

Radium Treatment For Cancer.

The medical correspondent of the London Graphic says that a satisfactory result has come to light regarding the treatment of cancer by the radium method at King's college hospital. A large cancer growth had to be dealt with. An operation previously had been performed, but the cancer returned with renewed virulence. X-rays and other treatments were tried without success, and finally 220 milligrams of pure radium bromide were applied for twenty-four hours. The tumor was so attenuated that the diseased parts were subjected to a regular course of the curative rays, and the application was repeated only once. As a result of the treatment it is stated that pain quickly ceased and the growth rapidly shrunk up so that at the end of five weeks it had disappeared. A doctor in describing the case says that if the result can be repeated, and the technique of the treatment so improved that even deep seated tumors can be brought under the radiative influence there will be very good reason for supposing that the long hoped for conquest of cancer is indeed at hand.

A Pole's Passion For Gambling. The trial at Cracow of a Polish advocate named Steinfeld, who has come to grief through gambling, has been the occasion of some curious revelations about the hold which this vice has on business men in Austria-Poland. Dr. Steinfeld's wife in her endeavor to keep her husband out of temptation tried the plan of never leaving him out of her sight, even when he went to his office. The lawyer then made a practice of going to bed early and rising at 4 in the morning before his wife was awake in order to hurry off to the so called Monte Carlo at Cracow, which he would find still in full swing at that hour. When staying at hotels during the summer he would arrange meetings with other card players in the bathroom and play there for hours, while he told his wife that he was taking a cold water cure.—London Standard.

The Poor War Correspondent. "Has the war correspondent any friend in this unhappy world of loneliness and sin?" asks E. Asmund-Bartlett, war correspondent now in Tripoli, writing in the London Academic. As a general rule, he says, his paper hates him because he is an enormous expense and the return of his outlay is very uncertain. On the other hand, he cannot be dispensed with. His comrades on the staff are envious of him, and when he arrives at the headquarters of the army he is at once regarded with great suspicion by those whom he has come to immortalize. His credentials are questioned, as so many bogus correspondents are attracted like vultures to the front. It is often difficult to discriminate between those who are really there to represent papers and those who are there merely to satisfy their insatiable love of adventure.

Speed of Stars. Professor G. Forbes says the apparent motions of a large number of stars indicate the existence of two large streams moving in opposite directions, a state of matters to which attention was first directed a few years ago by Professor Kapteyn. There is also a third group of stars distinct from the others which has a slow and common movement in another direction. This group consists of what are generally termed the Orion stars—that is, stars which contain a large amount of helium. These star drifts have revealed that in general the speed with which a star is travelling through space is greater the older the star.

Ups and Downs. Governor Emmett O'Neal of Alabama met "Private John" Allen in New Orleans. "John," said the governor, "this cotton market looks rather good to me. I think I'll buy a little this morning and make some money." "Emmett," cautioned Allen, "don't do it. It's hazardous. Whenever I buy my cotton always feel as if I did when I was in the army. When we were chasing the Yankees I thought we surely should land in New York or Philadelphia, but when they were chasing us I was sure they would run us into the Gulf of Mexico."—Saturday Evening Post.

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