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By this plan the United S es employment service, the state employment service and the civilian service and labor division of the Committee of Public Safety will work together to aid farmers through the special war farm labor supplying bureau, which has been in operation on the floor of the bourse as a sub-bureau of the federal employment service since last May. The farm station in the bourse will hereafter be conducted by a branch of amalgamated services under the control of E. C. Felton, who has been named by the federal department of labor as federal director of employment for Pennsylvania. Mr. Felton is also head of the Public Safety Committee's civilian service and labor department.

"The federal-state farm employment bureau" is the title given to this agency, and it will handle all the farm labor work of the federal, state and Safety Committee services. Its work will be interstate in character, and nearby Jersey and Delaware farmers will be aided as readily as Pennsylvania farmers.

Mr. Felton has named Bernard L. Frankel, who has been a volunteer worker at the station in the bourse since last April, to take charge of the new co-operative bureau. Mr. Frankel is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1916 and left the second year class of the University Law School last spring to serve at the bourse bureau. He has had experience in farm labor supplying, which qualifies him exceptionally for his new task.

Mr. Frankel and the bureau of which he is in charge will work with Milton T. Townsend, superintendent of the state employment bureau of the department of labor and industry, with headquarters at 1519 Arch street, Philadelphia, from which the other labor supplying activities of the federal-state-Safety Committee service will be carried on. Both officials also will co-operate with Robert W. Meyer, the farm help specialist of the federal department of agriculture, who is located at the headquarters of the Safety Committee.

In a statement the bourse highly commends Mr. Felton, E. E. Greenawalt, United States commissioner of immigration, and Superintendent Townsend for their willingness to work out a centralizing scheme.

"These officials have displayed a most unselfish spirit, and they are actuated solely by the desire to make the farm and other labor supplying activities of this section as efficient as possible. The business organizations which have been co-operating with the federal service have entire confidence in Mr. Felton, the new federal director of employment, and the centralizing, co-ordinating and operative scheme which he has ma exactly what the and the business organi have de from the outset." of th ion desiring labor unicate with the arm employment floor.

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## PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company announced that it will hire girls for newly organized pay roll branch of its accounting department at Hazleton because of scarcity of male bookkeepers.

Peter Tye, a bank clerk of Mount Carmel, wearing an artificial leg below the right knee, fell on the ice and broke the real leg above the knee, shattering the artificial limb at the same time.

The cost of living in the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania has gone up 25 per cent., according to a bill presented by the penitentiary to the Blair county commissioners. The bill is for $10,849.90 for boarding 57 prisoners from this county in 1917.

Dr. Daniel Bohn of Altoona is the sixteenth member of the pjrofession in that city to respond to the government's call for physicians. He will go to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., this week. He was formerly president of the Blair County Homeopathic Medical Society.

Because of the government's call for trained typists and clerks, the enrollment in the night public schools at Williamsport has doubled in two months. Eighty per cent. of the students are women fitting themselves for government clerical positions.

The Delaware County Liquor Dealers' Association has shown its patriotism by deciding to close hotels, including those in Chester, on Thursday night of each week to conserve light and fuel.

Peter Martin and W. H. Garretson, Pennsylvania railroad firemen, quarreled in a hotel at Altoona. Finally Martin called Garretson "a slacker," and the latter shot and instantly killed his adversary. Later Garretson surrendered to the police.

Cerevino Kaseppi, twenty-one, who came to Mount Carmel to escape military service in Austria, was instantly killed at Pennsylvania colliery while "robbing pillars." He was caught under a heavy fall of coal and rock.

The Norristown Merchants' Association has decided that stores be closed Thursdays until the middle of March afternoon and evening that heat and light may be saved.

Norristown council has adopted a resolution protesting to the Public Service Commission the proposed increase of fare from 5 cents to 6 cents by the Reading Transit Company.

The ambulance of the Good Will Fire Company of Pottstown averaged a call for each day of last year.

Charles J. Hengen, one of the oldest clerks in Norristown post office, has been transferred to the military post office at Newport News, Va.

The Chester County Gas Company has boosted prices 10 cents per thousand feet.

A new farm school for 30 boy pupils is to be opened on the John Sibbie farm of 127 acres, adjoining the St. Paul's Church, at Glenloch.

For the third time within a couple of years Messick Bros., men's furnishers, of Chester have been robbed, this time losing $1,000 worth of goods.

When Comptroller Robert G. Kay of Chester county refused to approve some bills of Sealer of Weights and Measures Townsend for certain meals the latter official brought suit against the county, and Magistrate Patrick has awarded him judgment for $14.85.

Arriving at Doylestown with a government requisition for coal, representatives of the shipbuilding plant at Bristol got five tons.

The "barbers' trust" in Doylestown has been broken by the announcement of E. J. Steuber to go back to old prices, 10 cents for a shave and 15 cents for a haircut.

Thirteen inch ice has been taken from the Juniata river by Millerstown ice dealers.

Special courses in gas engine and tractor operation will be given this winter at the State College for farmers.

The water famine which Shenandoah has been undergoing was greatly relieved by the mild weather opening up the frozen springs and streams.

The recent cold wave caused a general suspension of ice harvesting in the Williamsport section owing to the fact that the ice has formed such a thickness that it is impossible to handle it.

The intensely cold weather about Chambersburg has caused heavy losses in live stock. Hundreds of pigs have died because of the frigid weather, and calves and colts have died all over the state because it was impossible to heat the stables enough to save them. Even cows and horses are reported to have perished from the zero weather. Many chickens had to be killed because of frost bitten feet and legs.

Members of the Scranton city fire department are now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. They have organized a local and have obtained a charter from the international organization. News of the fire fighters unionizing caused a stir in municipal circles.

Rather than insist on the fulfillment of a contract to supply city school buildings with coal and thereby reduce the present limited supply of fuel on hand the Lebanon city School Board decided to close four South Side buildings for an indefinite time.

Luzerne county's poultry is practically all killed off.

Anthracite mine workers' leaders have ordered them not to work nine hours a day.

Owners of river islands ten miles south of Sunbury have sued mine owners for a total of $20,000 for crop ruining culm washed on their lands.

# WIRE FENCE BEST

### It Must Be Built to Turn All Stock Without Injury.

## TWO QUALITIES ARE NEEDED

### To Be Economical It Must Be Constructed as Cheaply as Is Consistent With Durability—Weight Fixes Price.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A good job to attend to between the busy seasons is the building and repairing of fences. A farm fence should combine the two qualities of service and economy. To give satisfactory service it must be constructed so as to turn all kinds of stock without injury to them. To be economical it must be built as cheaply as is consistent with durability. The fence that is erected at a low initial cost is not necessarily economical, for it may be short lived.

Wire fences are very generally replacing those of stone, wood, and hedge wherever the latter are becoming unserviceable. In selecting a woven-wire fence, it is preferable to economize by eliminating unnecessary wires rather than by using a lighter weight wire. In pastures where only cattle or horses are to be kept there is no need of providing a fence the spacing in which is close enough to turn hogs.

**Weight Determines Cost.**

The factor which determines the price of woven wire fencing is its weight, so that in fences of the same height a wide spaced fence with comparatively few wires costs less than a narrow spaced one with more wires. On the other hand, it is becoming generally recognized that the use of heavy wire in fencing is economical. The initial cost of the heavy wire is greater, but its durability is more than sufficient to offset this disadvantage. The labor and other costs in the construction of a fence are practically the same whether a heavy or a light grade of wire is used, but with heavy wire the fence lasts so much longer that this cost of construction is distributed over a much longer time. That this is appreciated by a majority of farmers is indicated by the increase in the percentage of heavy wire that is being sold for fencing purposes.

**Common Type of Fence.**

For the general farm on which all kinds of stock are kept, and on which the rotations practiced call for temporary pastures, the common type of fence now being adopted in the north central states is one which has approximately ten line wires and a total height of about four feet. The bottom wires are spaced about three inches apart. Such a fence constructed from all No. 9 wire with a strand of barbed wire on the top, Osage orange, locust, red cedar, steel, or cement line posts set a rod apart, and ends and braces of the same materials as for the line posts at distances of 40 rods, is now being built on many farms and is proving serviceable and economical when its long period of usefulness is considered. Such a fence is exceptionally durable and should last approximately 22 years.

## CORN FOR A GIVEN LOCALITY

### Farmer Must Be Familiar With Prevailing Conditions Before He Can Judge Properly.

The best ear of corn for a given locality is the ear that will give the greatest profit year after year if planted in that locality. We must be familiar with the conditions prevailing in a locality before we can properly judge corn for that locality. The sample of corn which is best for Missouri or southern Iowa should not be planted at all in Minnesota or the Dakotas. Millions of dollars have been

Good Ears of Seed Corn.

lost by bringing corn from the South and attempting to grow it in the North where it failed to mature. One of the most common mistakes in selecting seed corn is to lay too much stress upon one thing—forgetting all other features, some of which are of great importance. A person will often sacrifice everything to depth of kernel, size or length of ear, or place too much stress upon straightness of rows, filling out at the tip, space between rows, etc. All of which should be taken into consideration, but are not the only things nor even the most important things to be considered.

**Grain Eaten by Rodents.**

Grain, eaten and wasted by rats and mice on many farms, would pay all the farmer's taxes.

## POTATOES FOR SHOW

Dig when the ground is dry.

Let potatoes lie on the ground long enough to dry thoroughly and to toughen the skin.

Carefully wrap each tuber separately in paper.

Place in shallow one-layer boxes and store in a dark cool place.

Take out just before time to send the tubers to the show.

Clean them with a soft brush removing every particle of the the dirt.

Avoid pressure in order not to injure the tubers.

Do not wash; tubers wilt if washed and have an unnatural sheen.

Pick out a model of the type, size, color and eyes of the variety to be exhibited.

Make the rest of the lot as nearly like this model as possible.

See that the skin is clean, smooth and free from sunburn, having a desirable luster and bloom and being free from all blemishes of all sorts.

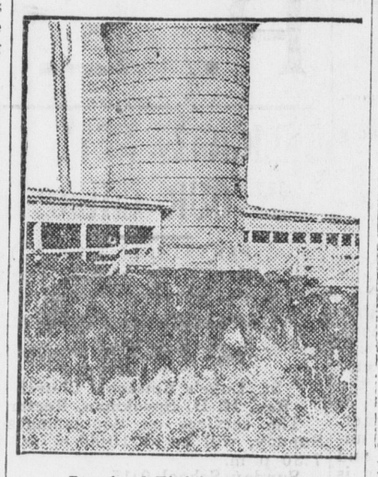
Wrap in soft paper and pack so that they will not jostle or jar in being shipped. — A. W. Aamodt, Potato Specialist, University Farm, St. Paul.

## SELECTION OF FEED CATTLE

### Butcher Wants Animal That Will Deliver Highest Percentage of Good Cuts—Good Points.

The block is the supreme and final test of the beef animal. The butcher desires an animal that will deliver the highest percentage of good cuts, and show refinement in parts that are not edible, in order to reduce waste. Fineness of bone, lack of paunchiness and a small head are thus desired by the butchers, but the steer with light bone, small paunch and a frail head would be unable to go through the feeding period and make economical gains.

Even though the strong, vigorous capacious feeder may not turn out at the finish into the exact ideal of the butcher, he is the one that puts on the largest and steadiest gains, endures heavy feeding for the longest time



Bunch of Finished Feeders.

finally finishes out with the greatest weight, and yields the highest percentage of prime beef.

In selecting feeders, there is perhaps no point more important than the back. A wide, straight, strong back, with a well sprung rib, is essential. The girth of the steer should be large—that is, the distance around the body back of the shoulder should be as large as possible. This means more room for vital organs and insures a better constitution than is otherwise likely to prevail. Associated also with a large girth is a well-sprung rib, making a wide back on which there is room for the deposition of a large quantity of high-priced meat. There is also greater depth of chest and greater digestive capacity with a large girth.

## LAY BLAME FOR POOR CROPS

### Wrong Selection of Seed Often Named When Preparation of Soil Is Really the Trouble.

It is not well to blame crop failure on a wrong selection of seed when the preparation of the field is so often the cause. A field planted with corn where much trash lays buried will too often prove to be nothing else than placing the grains among dead and dry vegetable matter under the ground. There they have no moisture nor soil to hasten or cause germination nor to support life; hence the work and seed both have been lost. The missing hill theory may be supported, partly, by this fact, and it seems very reasonable to believe it has something to do with it instead of laying the whole blame on something else.

## SOIL MOISTURE IS WEIGHTY

### Most Important Factor in Crop Production—Acts as Food Substance for the Plant.

Soil moisture is the most important factor in crop production. Water not only acts as a food substance for the plant, supplying hydrogen and oxygen, but it is vitally concerned in the essential activities both of the soil and of the plant. It serves as a soil conditioner—giving a favorable physical condition—and regulates soil temperature.

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## CITY MANAGER PLAN SUCCESS

### San Jose Executive Tells Commonwealth Club He Is Well Pleased With the Experiment.

"San Jose is a bully city and being manager of it is a bully job," said Thomas Harrison Reed, city manager of San Jose at the conclusion of his address to the members of the Commonwealth club at one of the club's weekly luncheons at the Palace hotel. His topic was, "Eight Months as a City Manager."

Reed said his experience has convinced him that the city manager experiment is a success. He said San Jose was handicapped for money on account of a dollar limit tax and because 15 cents of the dollar went for education alone.

"You must look for economy of expenditure of a limited income," said he. "If he can take a little and make it go a long way and do more than before, I think we are entitled to success. The plan is right and reasonable, and if it is not a success it will be due to personal defects in the manager."

Reed explained in detail his work of reorganization of the different city departments. He said he removed the chief of police because the chief "did not co-operate and was not responsive to the new standard required, which was efficiency only."

He said when he became city manager, San Jose was suffering from the "inefficiency, slovenliness and careless administration of the old system," wherein the "give and take" of politics was the standard. Now, Reed says, he doesn't care if a policeman, fireman or employee of the department of public works is a Democrat or a Republican, and is not interested in his origin, creed or affiliations provided he is efficient. He said being a city manager exposed one to criticism and made it necessary to fight not only enemies but also friends, nevertheless he "liked the job" and was proud of the way things were progressing.

## INFLUENCE OF REALTY MEN

### Dealer's Point of View May Be of Much Benefit to City or Town, According to an Expert.

Henry Turner Bailey, dean of the Cleveland School of Art, aroused wide comment by a recent address before the Cleveland real estate board. On some architectural oddities—which he named—his comment was caustic. His suggestions were constructive as well as critical. Excerpts from the talk follow:

"The real estate man's influence upon the city's future is immense. Whether that influence is good or bad depends upon the real estate man's point of view.

"If he has a narrowly selfish ideal he will crowd his land with shacks, put up by the cheapest builder he can find, thus adding to the ugliness of the city and its dangers, physical and moral. Or, he will build apartment houses with no architectural beauty, and still further handicap the future. Jacob Riis used to say that his long experience had led him to the point where he could affirm with positive assurance, 'Thus saith the Lord, thou shalt have but one family under one roof.'"

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