

FARMERS' COLUMN.

SOME USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Did You Know That the Pig is a Soil Improver?—Don't Let Colts Follow--Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

A failure of the corn crop will mean hard times to the western farmer, but the blow would fall harder on the New England milk producer. The silo has become a fixture on most milk dairy farms. It will be hard to make winter milk without silage.

To keep well sweet potatoes should be dug when the soil is quite dry and afterward spread thin to cure for ten days at least in an out-building secure from rain and frost. Road dust one-third of which is composed of fine sand is best for packing in. Place a layer of dust in the bottom of box or barrel or whatever is used to pack in, then a layer of potatoes, being careful to cover every potato completely with dust before adding the next layer. The last layer is dust. We keep sweet-potatoes in this manner all winter, and they seem as fresh as when first packed. We keep them in an outhouse until severely cold weather, merely covering the boxes with carpeting, etc. When severe cold sets in they are removed to a room where a fire is, kept part of the day only. Failure to keep well is often due to too much heat or packing away in too warm materials, says an Ohio Farmer correspondent.

The pig is a soil improver if handled right. Feed the hogs on the pasture or clover field instead of feeding where the wastes of the feed yard and the manure will wash away. If the pigs are well fed on products of the mill and grain their range over the soil will surely improve thin land. The pig should be so handled that the farm will be better for his having spent his short career upon it.

The habit of allowing colts to follow the mares while at work or on the road should be discouraged. This practice has been the cause of more trouble and annoyance than could herein be chronicled. Many a fine colt has been ruined from being caught in the drag, disk harrow or plow. On the other hand, not a few runaways and smashups have been caused by the mare fretting on account of the colt attempting to follow some strange team. Whenever taking a mare to the field or to town leave the colt in some secure place where it can get exercise and shade, and the comfort attending such practice will always be appreciated when once tried.

Sales of Real Estate.

John S. Enterline sold his property of two acres, with improvements, near Green Tree, Mount Joy township, to Hiram Enterline, for \$1,213.

Cyrus N. Hiestand sold his farm consisting of 56 acres and 40 perches, located just east of the P. R. R. Station at Landisville, to Eli Mumma, for \$11,000.

Samuel J. Becker, of Manheim, has sold his farm, consisting of 24 acres of land, with improvements, in Rapho township, to Milton M. Nauman, for \$4,500.

Auctioneer F. K. Metzgar sold at public sale for Joseph Connelly, a tract of 44 acres of land, with improvements, in Rapho township, two miles east of Mastersonville, to Jacob G. Ginder, for \$2,900; also a tract of 15 acres of timber land adjoining John Myers for \$16 per acre.

The heirs of John Keiser, deceased, sold at public sale 13 acres and 145 perches of land in Mt. Joy township, near Risser's meeting house, in which is erected a two-story brick house, to J. K. Eshleman, for \$2,144; also 50 acres of chestnut timber land to John Gobble, at \$37.50 an acre; also 40 acres of pasture land to John Gobble, at \$13.40 an acre. The farm of 114 acres and 121 perches was withdrawn at 100 dollars an acre.

Accident to an Aged Woman.

Mrs. Henry Moore, of Silver Spring, mother of Prison Keeper H. Moore, is laid up at home with a hip, received last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Moore witnessed an accident to a horse, and ran around the house to call her husband, when she slipped and fell. As she is over three years old the accident is very serious. Dr. Kozer, of Berks, is attending Mrs. Moore.

They Won't Back Up.

According to an exchange, the men went out to milk and sat on a boulder in the middle of the pasture and waited for the cows to back up, was a brother to the man who kept a store and would not back up, because he reasoned that purchasing public would not back up his place of business.

Preached Many Sermons.

Rev. Resler, the India Mission, has spent the summer in the States and Canada, delivering over 200 sermons since he is delivered an interesting sermon to a large audience at Bossler's church last Monday evening. At the Mennonite Sunday school mission at Paradise last night which was attended by a large number of people. On Sunday School was held at Donegal.

More for the Money.

Our readers will notice that the Bulletin appears this week in an enlarged form. This is the second time the paper has been enlarged. First it had six columns to each page; next seven. Now each page consists of eight columns and each column is four inches longer than it was heretofore. In other words the Bulletin now is three-fourths larger than it was when first published.

For the present the subscription will not be increased, but as the paper is so much larger than heretofore it will be necessary to increase the price in the near future to those who do not pay in advance.

Personal Mention.

A. S. Flowers has returned to Washington, D. C.

Samuel Kurtz of Philadelphia, spent several days in town.

A. K. Martin has returned after spending several days with his son at York.

The smiling countenance of Chas. Hemperly, of York, was seen on our streets the past few days.

J. H. Miller, of Lebanon, representing the American Chemical Company, called at this office on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hord of Philadelphia, are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. David Brady.

Messrs. Martin A. Spickler and H. G. Hoffman were at Philadelphia, Monday where they witnessed the tri-state ball game.

Fire at Cordelia.

A small frame summer kitchen in the rear of the residence of Samuel Eshleman, at Cordelia, was destroyed by fire at ten o'clock Saturday night. The family was in bed when the fire broke out and the origin is unknown. The building was totally destroyed.

Local and Personals.

Postmaster Pennell is about again. For other local notes see fourth page.

Mrs. P. J. Dieter is visiting her daughter at Harrisburg.

David Hoffman of Philadelphia spent several days in town with his mother.

Read what Shilkey Bumblesock has to say in Pennsylvania Dutch this week.

The personal property sale of Mrs. Mary Dierolf yesterday afternoon was well attended.

Who wouldn't pay fifty cents, a year for an eight column four page paper that is brim full of news?

Mrs. C. H. Zeller and Mrs. Harvey Carpenter are attending the Great Session of D. of L. at Reading.

Rev. Wagnagle, a student at Mt. Airy Seminary, conducted services in the Lutheran church last Sunday.

Dr. H. M. Alexander proprietor of the Vaccine farms at Marietta and Conewago died at the latter place last night. His wife, Bertha Souders of Springfield, O., and other relatives in this town.

OBITUARIES

The Grim Reaper's Never Ending Harvest.

QUITE A NUMBER OF OUR PEOPLE CALLED BEYOND.

Isaac Hershey, son of Noah G. Hershey, formerly of Florin, died while attending school in Texas, death resulting from tonsillitis.

Eli K. Stoner, died at his home in Reading last Tuesday, aged 73 years. Deceased was formerly a well known veterinary surgeon and horse dealer at Salunga. The funeral was held on Saturday morning at the Old Mennonite church, Landisville, with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Mrs. William Shaeffer died last Tuesday evening at her home in Florin, from the results of a tumor. Deceased is survived by her husband and two sons, Monroe, residing on the Philip Frank farm near this place and Amos, of Florin. She was a consistent member of the Brethren in Christ denomination. The funeral took place Friday forenoon at the M. E. church in Florin. Revs. Abraham Hess and Aaron Martin conducted the services. Interment was made in the Florin cemetery.

Chester Birk, aged nineteen years son of John Birk, of Kinderhook, was stricken with apoplexy while at work in a cornfield Monday morning and died before medical aid could be summoned.

The deceased and his brother Charles left home at an early hour for Charles Staley's farm at Chickies where they were to husk corn.

They were not at work very long until Chester began moaning and fell over. He requested that he be laid on a shock of corn which was done. Charles summoned the men in the field and when they examined Chester he was dead.

Starts at Rapid Gait.

Elijah Barnhart, the champion corn husker of York, Adams and Cumberland counties, has already started in to work and Saturday completed two week's husking for John Berry, of West Manchester township, York county. In that period he claims he husked 64,800 ears of corn, an average of 5,400 a day. "Lige" figures on sixty shocks a day and ninety ears to the shock. In one minute he husked twenty-seven ears. To-day he starts to work for Charles Sharpe, who resides in the same township.

Sheepheads at the Door.

Mary had a little lamb it followed her to church, and stood behind the door, like an owl upon his perch. Why don't the little lamb come in? The watchful people cried. Why Mary told the silly thing to watch for her outside. So you, each gentle maiden may one and all still find some sheephead waiting near the door, if you admire that kind.

Capital City Wedding.

We are in receipt of an announcement from H. H. Myers and wife, of Florin, announcing the marriage of their daughter Miss Virginia, to David Wilbur Ranek, on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1903, at Washington, D. C. The newly wedded couple have returned and are spending some time with the bride's parents.

Peck-Engle.

Rev. Richard R. Downes united in marriage Miss Leua Engle of this place, and John Peck of Marietta, at the Presbyterian parsonage on Wednesday evening. Miss Engle was living with the family of Dr. F. M. Harry. The couple will reside at Marietta.

Many Thanks.

The undersigned, on behalf of himself and the other relatives of the deceased, desires to express his and their grateful appreciation of the many courtesies extended by friends and neighbors in connection with the funeral of Mrs. Annie E. Bowes.

Wm. C. F. Reed

Orphans' Court.

Among the adjudications filed by Judge Smith are the following of local interest: John H. Metzler, Rapho; Levi Mumma, Rapho; Geo. Speice, East Donegal; Augustus ...

RHEEMS STATION.

Isaac Grove has his boys treating his residence at Anchor to a coat of paint.

The Carpenter Organ Co. placed an organ in Jacob Herr's residence last week.

J. K. Lehman has resumed his weekly shipment of dress calves by express to New York.

Seven cars ballast per day from the Rheems quarries was the daily output from this place last week.

Farmers in this section are offering \$1.50 per day and board for laborers to cut corn and do other work.

Isaiah Bashore, employed by S. G. Graybill, spent last Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Palmyra.

E. H. Greider is hauling the necessary lumber to enlarge and make improvements at his poultry farm.

Jos. Kraybill, wife and daughter Lizzie, of Mount Joy, were guests of A. S. Bard and wife last Sunday.

Leander Groff purchased paving stone at the Rheems warehouse last week, to cover all the walks at his residence.

Wm. Snyder, tax collector of W. Donegal Twp., sat at W. L. Heisey's store for the 1903 school tax last Friday.

Nutting parties are much spoken of in this section, but the chestnuts and shellbarks are reported not very plentiful in the Conewago hills.

John E. Garber and wife, tobacco dealer and farmer, of near Bossler's meeting house, contemplate visiting Niagara Falls in the near future.

Not for many years has corn cutting been so late. In many fields the blades are not quite dry and a unpleasant time may be expected to cut and husk it.

Lineman Kersey, of E'town and force are building the Electric Light Line from the Colebrook road, via Cameron's and Elias Nissley's farms to Marietta.

Rev. Bowman, of Bowmanville, delivered an impressive sermon at the regular meeting at Kraybill's last Sunday, where communion will be held Nov. 1st.

Jos. Hoffer and his force of skilled mechanics are putting in full time on the new meeting house and in a week or ten days passers by can see the frame work set up.

Milton H. Reider, the champion early potato farmer near this place, presented to the correspondent last week, an enormous red apple that weighed 14 ounces.

Some time ago a stray red dehorned bull, weighing about 1000 lbs came to the premises of Clem. Brubaker, near Donegal Springs. If not removed by Oct. 22nd, it will be sold.

At one time the potato yield promised to be a bountiful one, but the rot changed it considerably and the large yields are scarce, as some report the half rotted in the ground.

Cider making and apple butter boiling are all the go among farmers at present. Apples are very plenty and many will decay, as they say it does not pay to make cider for 6 and 7 cents per gallon.

Through the benevolence of E. L. Heisey, the R. F. D. carrier of Rheems had the opportunity to get to Bossler's meeting both Saturday and Sunday evenings on the warehouse wagon, with his span of horses.

While Daniel Shank, of this place, was hauling a load of lumber through Columbia, for the new meeting house, the King bolt broke. Several of the generous people of Columbia helped him repair the broken part.

Last Sunday morning, 15 men appeared upon the meeting house grounds and assisted Hoffer and the building committee to place the "sleepers" upon the foundation wall. In about one week the frame work will be ready to be raised.

Last week while Mrs. Benj. Shields was boiling apple butter at her residence near Pleasant Hill school-house with an outside fire, her clothing caught fire, soon enveloping her in flames. Her daughters Josephine and Mrs. Lloyd Murphy happened to be close by, endeavored to extinguish the flames with a coat, and immediately removed her clothing, but not in time to save her from being severely burned. Her hands, arms, waist and face were so badly burned that it was necessary to summon Dr. Ulrich, of Elizabethtown to relieve her.

Another effort was made to exterminate the ancient water works at the warehouse by the Grove gas last week by placing 100 lbs. of dynamite in the warehouse artesian well. When set off it went into the air, resembling a sky rocket, only much larger, taking with it a large quantity of dynamite.

FLORIN ITEMS.

What Transpired in This Village.

THE NEWS AS GATHERED BY OUR REPORTER THIS WEEK.

Reuben Swords is visiting with Jacob Givler was here last week.

Allen Bates is the guest of Shank's store.

Eli Menaugh is about a week's illness.

Perry Bates was host-caster on Sunday.

Miss Ida Easton spent Sunday in town.

H. L. Stoll and wife home from Pen Argyle.

Young Bros. have a new fine jenny for sale.

E. L. Nissley is having dug for his new double house.

Eli Herr and family were of John Shank and wife on Saturday. Chas. Carson and Elmer Schmilch were out for shellbark Sunday.

Miss Jennie Zeller, mother of Anna Haldeman were at Mount Gretna.

Victor Haldeman of Philadelphia, is spending a week here with his parents.

S. S. Gingrich and wife and Welby and wife were at York last Tuesday.

Paul, the 12-year-old boy, near town, died of phoid fever.

Miss Kate, friend of Marhen, died last week.

Messrs. Mart Wm. Dierolf enjoyed myra on Sunday.

A horse belonging to Sheetz tread on Dr Newcomer's foot.

The post office closed at town on Monday. Pleased with the Postmaster Widman here.

Young Brothers completed a fine buggy. It is trimmed with green and is suitable job.

H. G. Musselman household effect to Harrisburg family which was some time left on the pier.

Messrs. Henry and Samuel and H. G. Musselman will Philadelphia to-morrow to the riage exhibition. It is without doubt that they will return with new features.

High Water Stops Bridge Work.

High water has again put a stop to all work on Contractor Kebaugh's section of the railroad improvements. The steam shovel at the Vesta cinder banks is more than half submerged, which puts a stop for the time on all work in front of Marietta. On the bridge west of Schock's work has been stopped repeatedly by high water. Work was commenced on the piers April 24, and by June 9 eleven piers had been completed. From June 9 until the latter part of September but two piers were completed, the work of putting in the concrete for the fourteenth pier which is a large one, covering a period of six weeks. It was necessary to put in double cribbing this dam, and more than two thousand "dinkey" carloads of earth, sides tons of stones and many were piled between and around cribbing before it could be pumped out sufficiently to put in the concrete bottom and commence to lay the stones. The first stones were laid two weeks ago to-day, and the pier is now about completed.

DONEGAL SPRINGS.

Samuel Barnhart is on the sick list. John Shank of near Marietta was guest of Daniel Braudt.

Sarah Bailey was the guest of her brother at Middletown over Saturday.

A. B. Lutz and wife were the guests of her parents on Saturday and Sunday.

D. P. Raffensberger and William person attended the York fair on Saturday.

William Walters quit the farm near ... with ...