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The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

Cumberland, Md.—With 20 children among the witnesses, Mrs. L. J. Kassan, a widow, was married to George Lopaz, who was a widower with eight children, at Nellie Works, near Connellsville. Mrs. Kassan, whose husband died two years ago, is the mother of 12 children.

Hagerstown.—The Hagerstown Shoe and Legging Factory, one of the largest shoe factories in this section, which closed down partially early this summer as a result of the depression in the shoe industry, resumed operation Friday with a full force. During the shutdown the machinery was overhauled.

Easton.—The City Council passed a resolution last week authorizing the Mayor to borrow $12,000 with which to purchase the new fire engine. This loan is for a period of six months and the twelve $1,000 bonds authorized by the last Legislature will be given as security. Each of the four banks of Easton will take $3,000 and will hold them until the town can sell the bonds to advantage.

Easton.—The Drainage Commission, appointed by the County Commissioners to look into the matter of digging a large ditch for the purpose of draining several thousand acres of swamp and marsh land in Talbot County, met and appointed E. G. Kastenhuber as engineer. The commission, together with the engineer, will work together [illegible] cost to each taxpayer. The commission has named October 18 as the date for a report.

Annapolis, Md.—The State Roads Commission will be given right of way through the grounds of the Annapolis Water Works, in order to carry out plans for construction of the National Defense Highway between Washington and Annapolis.

This decision was reached following a conference between representatives of the Roads Commission, the board of directors of the water company and members of the City Council.

Baltimore.—Mrs. Sarah Buckley, 89 years old, who lays claim to nearly 200 descendants, with her daughter, Mrs. Alice McKewen, past the 60-year mark, and her granddaughter, Miss Sarah McKewen, all of 114 South Poppleton street, are on the books at the registration office at Lombard and Amity streets. Mrs. Buckley's grandson, John McKewen is clerk at the registration place, and it was at his solicitation that the three generations consented to register, all visiting the place at the same time.

Frederick.—At a largely attended meeting in the Woodsboro Opera House, a woman's Democratic club was organized with Mrs. Charles Dorcus, president; Mrs. Oscar Barrick, and Mrs. A. M. Stimmel, vice-presidents, and Mrs. Leonard C. Barick, secretary. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Richard Ross, president of the Frederick Democratic Woman's Club, and Miss Mary Maulsby. Plans were made to register the Democratic women of that district.

Hagerstown.—The Radical United Brethren Church has purchased the 108-acre Rhodes farm, near Kauffman's Station, for $20,000, for use as a church orphanage and old folks' home. The institution will be known as the Milton Wright Memorial Home, named in honor of the late Milton Wright, Dayton, Ohio, a former bishop of the Radical United Brethren Church. Possession will be given on April 1. The farmhouse and other buildings on the place will be remodeled.

Elkton, Md.—With appropriate services the memorial window of Episcopal Church, this county, by the Red Cross of that town, in honor of Private Thomas Cooper, Company F, Three Hundred and Thirteenth Regiment, who was killed in action in France, was accepted.

The Rev. W. Ernest Greenfield, of Brandywine Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, preached in the morning. In the afternoon the Rev. Dr. G. Hampton Richards, of Port Deposit, who saw service overseas, delivered an address. Special music was rendered.

Cumberland.—Edward Emrick, aged 19 years, was fatally injured by an explosion of dynamite in mine No. 4, of the Harper Coal Co., at Kennell's Mills, near Ellerslie, this county. Mr. Emrick died in an automobile truck a short distance this side of Mount Savage, while en route to a Cumberland hospital. His left arm was blown off, his right arm was horribly mangled, and would have had to be amputated, and his face was so badly cut up that he was hardly recognizable. Mr. Emrick was boss of the mine. He and one of the men working with him had each placed a shot, but when only one went off Mr. Emrick came to the conclusion that he either failed to light the fuse or it had gone out as a result of the first explosion. He returned to examine it and just as he leaned over it let loose.

STATE CAPITAL

Purchasing Agent.

Annapolis.—Governor Ritchie appointed Albert H. Wehr, a member of the legal profession, an engineer and president of the Baltimore County Water Company, state purchasing agent, a position which was created by an act of the last legislature in regular session. Mr. Wehr will resign his position with the water company and will take up his new duties this week. Before the prohibition era he was the head of the G.-B.-S. Brewing Company. His active work in the line ceased with the coming of prohibition. His home is at Mount Washington. Three months are given under the law for organization of the bureau.

The salary of Mr. Wehr under the legislative act will be fixed by the Purchasing Bureau, of which the Governor is the head. His task will be to purchase all supplies for all departments of the state. He will, among other duties, let the contract for state printing.

The experiment of co-operation and wholesale buying was made a few years ago by the managers of the several hospitals of the state. It has proved to be a marked success, resulting in the saving of thousands of dollars annually. Because of the success of the plan its operation has been extended to other state departments.

Governor Ritchie made the following statement in reference to Mr. Wehr's appointment:

Mr. Wehr has consented to accept the position of state purchasing agent His ability, his business experience and standing are such that I think his qualifications for the office are self evident. He will resign as president of the Baltimore County Water and Electric Company in order to devote his time to the State Purchasing Department. Mr. Wehr accepted this office solely because of the opportunity it presents to effect far-reaching reforms in both economy and efficiency on a purely business and nonpolitical basis. He will have my complete co operation in organizing and maintaining his department on that basis. Under the law this appointment is made by me as chairman of the State Purchasing Bureau. The salary, however, is fixed by the bureau, the members of which I shall shortly call together for the purpose.

New Law Is Sweeping In Effect.

The administration bill passed by the special session of the Legislature had the real effect desired by placing women upon the same footing as men, it became apparent, when members of the State Legal Department conferred with the State Board of Supervisors of Election over interpretation of the new legislation.

One short clause, inserted as an amendment, had the force of extending to women all privileges, as well as responsibilities of suffrage, it was ruled. This clause was as follows:

Wherever, in this article, words or phrases are used denoting the masculine gender they shall be taken to include the feminine gender.

Max Ways, chairman of the supervisors, announced that the board undoubtedly has power to appoint women as election officials.

Another effect of the clause will be to bring women under the scope of that portion of corrupt practices act applying to registrations and elections. Formerly there was doubt as to whether women could be held guilty of such offenses.

Frederick.—Corn cutters in Frederick county have set a new wage record. They require from 15 to 25 cents per shock. And shucking will come yet higher, at anywhere from 20 to 30 cents per shock. It has been estimated that Frederick county farmers will pay anywhere from one to two dollars per barrel to gather their crop. When all expenses have been deducted this year it will be found that the laborer has gotten the bulk of the corn money. Now it is the farm laborer's turn to buy $15 silk shirts, $20 shoes, $100 suits and $75 overcoats. They have grown decidedly independent. A story is going the rounds among farmers to the effect that a force of corn cutters deserted a farmer in spite of the fact that he offered 25 cents per shock.

Hagerstown.—The body of Private Edward L. Doranberger, a United States soldier who died in France of pneumonia, was buried here Sunday afternoon in Rose Hill Cemetery. The burial service was read by the Rev. Dr. J. Edward Harms, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. The American Legion had charge of the funeral. Private Dornberger was a son of Mrs. L. M. Dick, this city. His is the first body of a Washington County soldier who lost his life in France to be returned to America.

Easton.—The Conservation Commission has instructed the County Commissioners to get in touch with oystermen and see that they take out the proper license. Ordinarily there are issued about 600 licenses to oyster tongers, but this year only a little over 200 have been issued. Oyster police boat captains have been instructed to stop tonging all those who have failed to take out a license this year. The fee is $3.75.

LITTLE PORKERS NEED ATTENTION

Shelter and Good Bedding Essential to Success With Fall-Farrowed Litters.

MANAGEMENT OF BROOD SOWS

If Proper Precautions Are Carefully Observed as Much Profit May Be Realized From Autumn as From Spring Pigs.

Ordinarily the fall crop of pigs is farrowed between the middle of August and the 10th of October. It is highly important that sows be well fed and carefully tended during this time, the care and management of the dams being practically the same as that followed when the spring litters are farrowed. Similarly, fall pigs, after they are weaned, should be treated the same as spring pigs, except that in many parts of the country fall pigs do not have access to green forage crops.

Young Pigs Require Special Attention.

In the northern and colder locations, special attention should be devoted to housing and bedding the porkers, particularly the young pigs. These youngsters should never be allowed to sleep in sheds or pens where they are exposed to rain or snow, nor should they be allowed to lie on damp bedding. Supplying the fall pigs with plenty of dry, bright, clean bedding frequently—once every two or three days if necessary—to keep the nests and beds dry and comfortable is a prerequisite of successful hog management. This point cannot be overemphasized. The young pigs delight in a warm, dry nest, and the practical hog raiser who caters to this desire is the man who usually is able to make the statement, backed up with actual figures, that there is money in producing pork.

Damp Bedding Is Dangerous.

The great danger which results from allowing the pigs to sleep in damp bedding is that the next morning they go

One of Big Factors With Fall Pigs Is Comfortable Nest.

out into the cold air, often covered with steam, and consequently are likely to contract pneumonia or other serious ailments. Dry bedding, frequent changes of litter, well-built houses, and plenty of feed of the right character are essential where the producer seeks a 100 per cent pig-raising record. Where these conditions are realized, and particularly where the fall pigs are kept dry, sheltered and well fed, it is as profitable to raise autumn porkers as it is to produce spring pigs, despite the common belief to the contrary.

HONEY-DEW HONEY BEE LOSS

Material Contains Much Indigestible Matter Which Fills Intestines of Bees in Winter.

The presence of honey-dew honey caused heavy mortality among bees last winter. Francis Jager, head of the division of bee culture at University Farm, says that honey-dew is gathered by bees mostly from oak trees, but at times from maples, and can be distinguished in the hive by its black color.

"Honey-dew honey," adds the bee division chief, "contains much indigestible material which fills the intestines of bees during their winter confinement, causing a condition called dysentery. To overcome this it is necessary that the beekeeper feed his bees for winter stores at least ten pounds of sugar sirup or white honey after the brood-rearing season. Bees will store this wholesome food in the brood chamber where they will use it first. When they reach the honey-dew honey next spring they will use it for raising brood."

BUTTERMILK-CEMENT PAINT

Formula Given Is Recommended as Having Given Good Satisfaction —Will Turn Water.

The following paint recipe is recommended as having given good satisfaction: Three pounds of cement are added to a gallon of buttermilk and thoroughly mixed. A larger quantity can be made by using the same proportions.

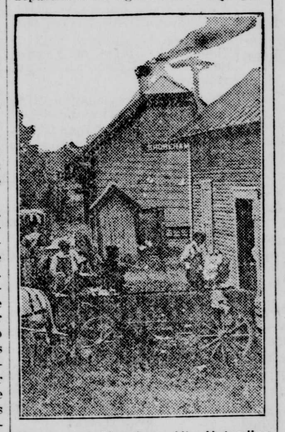
This paint must be applied soon after it is mixed, and stirred frequently; otherwise the cement will settle to the bottom. The paint will dry in about six hours, and turns water effectively. It is adapted for outside use and on old weather-beaten surfaces. It does not give a very glossy finish, and should not be used where an especially neat job is desired.

CO-OPERATION AMONG FARMERS IS FAVORED

Saving of $5,434,000 Was Effected Last Year.

Aim of County Agents to Assist in Determining What Form of Organization Is Most Desirable for Those Interested.

Co-operative farmers' associations in the Northern and Western states, whose organization was promoted by county agents, last year effected a saving to the members of $5,434,000, according to reports made to the states relations service, United States department of agriculture. The gov-



Farmers at Shoreham, Vt., Unloading Their Wool for Co-Operative Shipping.

erning principle in all activities on the part of county agents sharing in co-operative movements has been not to act as the direct business agent of the farmer or an organized group, but to assist farmers in determining what form of local organization is desirable and to secure expert assistance, when available, in organization methods. The county agent also helps guard the community against overorganization and wherever practicable advocates the use of existing agencies. The co-operative associations which the county agents have helped form have had to do both with production and distribution and include co-operative grain elevators, creameries and live-stock selling associations.

LOOK OUT FOR SMUT IN OATS

Loss This Year Will Run From 5 to 15 Per Cent—Keep Eye on Threshing Machine.

Smut has taken a heavy toll of some oat fields this season. If you don't believe it, examine any field where you find smut and count the number of smutty heads on a square yard or square rod. The loss will surprise you; it will run from 5 to 15 per cent, which is quite an item this season. Compare yields of badly smutted seed, and figure up whether the work of treating the seed was worth while or not. And the essential thing is to remember all of these things when seeding time comes around again. Another thing, look out for threshing machines which must thresh smutty grain.

SECURING STAND OF ALFALFA

Four General Methods Are Outlined, Any of Which May Be Used With Success.

There are four general methods to secure a stand of alfalfa, which are as follows: (1) Seed in the spring with a nurse crop, (2) seed in the spring or early summer without a nurse crop, (3) seed in the late summer following the removal of a summer crop, (4) seed in late summer on summer fallowed land. Any one of the above four methods may be used with success, and each of them, with the possible exception of the second, has some advantages.

A WHITE PINE STAND GROWS 1,000 BOARD FEET A YEAR.

Two acres of white pine, near Keene, N. H., were sold three or four years ago, before the war prices, for $2,000 on the stump. The total stand was 254 cords, which equals 170,000 board feet, or an average of 85,000 feet per acre. The trees were from 80 to 85 years old; so the growth on each acre was about 1,000 feet per annum and the gross returns about $12.20 per acre per annum.

CUTTING SILAGE BIG FACTOR

Material of Short Lengths Packs More Compactly and Waste is Much Less When Fed.

The fineness of the material that goes into the silo is an exceedingly important factor in the making of good silage. It costs more to cut the material in short lengths, but it pays in the end, because it packs more compactly in the silo and there is less waste when it is fed.

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