

POTATO BLIGHT DUE TO PEST

"June Bug" Has Destroyed Thousands of Bushels In These Parts

SERIOUS LOSS TO FARMERS

Fairfield, Sept. 4.—Potato digging is going on in various parts of the town and here and there a good crop is being harvested. Some fields have been struck with the blight and potatoes planted in May suffered from the drought. It is thought late potatoes will turn out better than the early ones. But a curious and alarming condition of affairs has been found in some of the fields in the Hills Farms district. The large white grub known to entomologists as the Leachosterna, a worm, which when fully developed, becomes a large brown hard-bodied beetle, commonly known as the "June bug," has appeared in vast numbers in both potato and corn fields and is working an immense amount of destruction.

A few days ago Mr. E. C. Brotherton went out to dig potatoes, and found the fact that the skunks dug out of a field which should have yielded 100 bushels to the acre, he was able to send but 15 to market. He found that the great white grub had gnawed the potatoes, leaving deep ruts and holes in them, much as if they had been eaten by mice. Another curious thing was observed in the field covered with the tracks of skunks, the paths they had made running all over the ground, and in many places the potatoes were on the surface. At first Mr. Brotherton thought some two-legged animal had been poaching on his field, but further investigation revealed the fact that the skunks dug up the potatoes for the purpose of getting at the grubs, which they devour with a relish.

Yesterday a representative of the Farmer visited Hills Farms, and inspected a number of fields, both of corn and potatoes, and found that the rumors which have been current in town about the grub, and the damage it is doing, were fully confirmed. In a field belonging to Mrs. Horace Raymond, men were at work digging potatoes and all the hills were found full of grubs, while from 80 to 90 per cent of the tubers had been ruined. Possibly two or three small potatoes would be found untouched. The field was an upland, and the soil was of good quality, and had been cultivated the year before.

Just west of the potato field there is one of corn, perhaps two acres, which has been ruined by the same grub. The stalks have withered and the corn looks as if it would last the last of October. The ears have failed to mature. On pulling up a hill of corn the grubs were found eating the roots of the potatoes. From 15 to 20 big fat grubs were found at the roots of the stalks. Mrs. Raymond has been told that his sporting blood was stirred when the latter told him at the time they were preparing for a hunting trip in the arctic that he believed he could beat Peary to the pole.

What appear to be sensible reasons are advanced for the cause of the unprecedented plague. The winter was an open one, and the frost penetrated to the ground but a few inches. It is known that Leachosterna, or grub under consideration, usually lives on the roots of grass, and it is said that in some of the meadows at Hills Farms, they can now be found in vast quantities. It is thought that if the winter had been colder, many of the eggs of the beetle would have been frozen. One of the fields where the grub is found in such great numbers, Mrs. Raymond's corn field, was first ground when ploughed last spring, and undoubtedly contained many of the eggs of the beetle. The same is true of the other fields, but this was not the case with Mrs. Raymond's potato field.

The only known remedy is one of prevention. Do not work a field, or a farm should be kept very clean of all rubbish. Grounds covered with matted grass, or leaves, or other rubbish, old straw or hay stacks, and the overgrown waste land along rail and hedge fences, are choice places for the hibernation of grubs above ground. Neglected roadways afford ample protection for destructive insects during the winter. If the grubs were deprived of green roots when the fields were ploughed, they naturally turned to the food nearest at hand, and this happens to be the potatoes and corn. There are many old stone fences at Hills Farms, overgrown with vines and all sorts of bushes. These should be cleaned up, and the useless growths burned.

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BULKLEY'S HORSES ENTER CHARTER OAK EVENTS

Mr. B. A. Bulkley of Southport will start the following horses at Charter Oak track at the grand circuit meeting (Labor Day) in the \$10,000 Charter Oak stakes, and on the same day Naama will start in the 2:13 trot. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Naama, 2:07 1/4, will start in the free-for-all trot with Locust Jack, Samson, Girl, Lady Jones and Sterling McKinney. Wednesday Rattles will start in the 2:10 trot, and there will be nine starters in the race.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Announcement is made that the marriage of Miss Esther Beers, daughter of Mr. Philo M. Beers, to Mr. Winthrop Y. Haycock will take place on September 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paul departed yesterday for Boston, where they will remain for a week.

Probate Judge Nobbs, Mrs. Nobbs and daughter, accompanied by Miss Mabel Smith of Whitney avenue, will leave tomorrow for an automobile trip to Brattleboro and other points in Vermont.

Miss Minnie V. Dilley of 331 Maple street, has accepted a position as a teacher in one of the schools of Torrington, N. Y. She is a graduate of the college preparatory department of the New York Freeborn Norman School of New York city and also of the Connecticut Training School for kindergarten teachers on West avenue in this city.

Rev. L. W. Malcolm, Mrs. Malcolm and their daughter, Miss Ruby, have returned from a short vacation spent with relatives in Port Washington, L. I.

Frank Arnold of Seaview avenue, for the past several years connected with the Challenge Cutlery Corporation, has left that concern to become the superintendent of Pol's Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nothnagle of Maiden Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hawley of Hough avenue, have returned from a pleasant visit in Patchogue, L. I.

Adolph Olsen, who is only 12 years of age, was operated on last night at the Bridgeport hospital for appendicitis. His home is at 34 West Liberty street.

Miss Stella, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Rosen, whose engagement to Attorney Shapiro was announced last week will be at home to her many friends on Sunday evening, September 12th, at 483 Fairfield avenue.

Miss Elizabeth Mullins, of Poplar street, is spending her vacation in Syracuse, New York.

The luncheon given by Mrs. J. H. Stevenson at her home on Norman street, yesterday afternoon, was a most pleasant and enjoyable affair. Tables were tastefully decorated and placed in favorable places on the shady lawn, where the guests found much enjoyment in the fascinating game of

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UMPIRE FORFEITS GAME BECAUSE OF ALLEGED INSULT

Policeman Balked When Ordered to Remove Police Commissioner Case New in League

After five full innings had been played in Waterbury yesterday between the Papermakers and the Authors, Umpire Sternberg forfeited the game to Holyoke because a policeman refused to remove a spectator, who happened to be a police commissioner, from the grounds. The umpire claimed that the police commissioner had made an insulting remark about him. Almost the same thing happened in Waterbury a few weeks ago, when a police officer without being ordered by the umpire put a Hartford man under arrest and escorted him from the grounds for using insulting language to the Waterbury players. The umpire called a policeman to put him out. The cop refused and Sternberg pulled his watch, giving him five minutes to do as he was told. The commissioner finally left and Sternberg ordered the play resumed. When the commissioner refused this time to Holyoke, Sternberg claims that he was looking at his man when the insulting remark was made, and is sure of his statement. Manager Mike Doherty of the Authors did not make any protest, saying that the umpire was within his rights.

President Tracy said last night that the situation was entirely new to him, as this was the first time that it has been done in.

Though he knew the power of removing spectators has been exercised for years by umpires.

This is the second time in the history of the game in this state that such an event has happened. Manager Harrington of Waterbury was put out of a game in London, when he was ejected by a policeman who took his orders from the umpire. Harrington brought a civil action against the police, but the latter had to pay \$250 to Harrington.

The laws of the state and baseball have but little in common, and a policeman has no business on the field unless he has evidence that some crime or nuisance has been committed.

Miss Helen Lyle of 338 Pembroke street, will entertain over Labor Day the Misses Beatrice and Genevieve Benedict and Agnes McPeake of South Norwalk.

Miss Jessie Nyhen of Dorchester, Mass., will be the guest of Mrs. J. J. Kennedy of 338 Pembroke street, over Labor Day.

KNOW YE THESE CHANGES

Trolley Riders Can Prepare for Temporary Upset of Existing Schedule

Repairing Fairfield Avenue

The relaying of the trolley car tracks and repaving between them on Fairfield avenue between Main street and Water streets will be commenced by the Connecticut Co., Tuesday morning when the north or inbound track will be taken up closing traffic on that side of the street. After that track is finished work will begin on the south line. The permanent paving commission will endeavor to have the common council order new pavement for the small section of the street the city looks after.

The closing of one of the trolley tracks will necessitate a new route for the cars using that part of Fairfield avenue. The following schedule has been posted by Superintendent C. H. Chapman of the Connecticut Co. State street cars will run south on Main street not rounding the Golden Hill loop. Barnum avenue cars will run as usual rounding the loop.

All New Haven, Derby, Paradise Green and Stratford cars will take the Golden Hill loop, running north on Water street to Golden Hill street, thence to Main street and east on Fairfield avenue to Stratford avenue. Meigs corner will be made the time point instead of the City Hall.

North Bridgeport cars will run north on Water street and through Golden Hill street instead of Fairfield avenue to Main street as at present.

MOTOR BOAT RACES IN HUDSON RIVER

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LIVE BASE BALL TIPS

Northampton here this afternoon.

The game Monday morning with New Haven at Newfield will be called at 10:15. A full nine inning contest is guaranteed.

In the afternoon at Newfield, there will be two contests between clubs in the Industrial League.

Claude Roseman was in a St. Louis uniform yesterday for the first time since he was traded by the Detroit. Claude played in right garden.

Larry Doyle of the New York Giants made a perfect record in the game against St. Louis yesterday, a feat which does not occur very often in the major leagues. A triple, a double, and two singles out of four times at bat completes his record.

Have a care, Tommy Downey, or you will be breaking into the 300 class again. In the second game of yesterday's contest with Philadelphia Tommy again took two hits. This game was lost by Cincinnati in the 13th. Thomas helping along with an error. He did not get a hit in the first contest.

It is not an impossibility for Holyoke to drop down into third or fourth place, the way they have been going of late. At present they have only four games on New Britain and five on Hartford. The work of next week will never tell, though Hartford's position is cinched without a doubt.

It is stated that Tony Pastor has left the Meadow Lark for his home in Hoboken, N. J., to attend to some business ventures that he is interested in. He had a run-in with Manager Fowler about taking Tacks De Lave out of a recent game, which is probably the reason of his leaving. Tony wanted to have Tacks taken out, while Fowler said let him stay. Tacks stayed and lost his game.

Manager Fred Clarke of the Pittsburgh team has received an offer to take a team of ball players to the Orient at the close of the baseball season, providing Pittsburgh wins the pennant. Thirty men are to be taken according to the proposition that has been made by a New York theatrical man, Clarke to have the choice of picking the men from both the major leagues. Clarke has sent word that he will not consider the proposition till the winner of the National League is definitely known.

If Kilgus was behind the bat, and if Fielder Jones was manager, are given as the reasons by Chicago fans for the Chicago Nationals and Americans respectively not winning out in their respective leagues. Excuses can run on forever as the fact remains that neither of these players participated. The other clubs had them outclassed.

CHARTER OAK MEET

Special Race Between Hamburg Belle and Ushland May Be Added Feature.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, Sept. 4.—With the close of the Readeville track yesterday the eyes of New England racers turned toward Charter Oak Park where the grand circuit meet will open on Labor Day. The main army of trotters and pacers have arrived here and by night all the horses entered will be housed in the Charter Oak stables.

As a result of Ushland's victory over Hamburg Belle at the Readeville track yesterday a third race between these wonderful trotters is necessary to decide the championship. Negotiations are under way today between the management and the owners to hold the "rubber" race at Charter Oak Park on Saturday, and there is a strong possibility that they will be satisfactorily concluded. The regular meet will close on Wednesday. The entry list includes some of the best known trotters and pacers in the country. The main interest centers around the probable winners of the Charter Oak stake of \$10,000 for 2:09 trotters on Monday afternoon, and the Nutmeg of \$5,000 for 2:07 pacers on Tuesday.

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BETTER ROADS FOR NEWTOWN

Movement to be Pushed by Newtown Automobile Club.

With its primary object to improve the roads in and about the town of Newtown, the Newtown Automobile Club organized Thursday with a charter membership of 46. The club adopted for its charter that of the Bridgeport Automobile Club, with such changes as were found necessary to meet conditions in Newtown. The following were elected officers of the club: Henry G. Curtis, president, H. N. Trieman, 1st vice president, George F. Taylor, 2nd vice president, C. A. Peale, secretary and treasurer. The Board of Governors are C. S. Cole, A. F. Clark, C. B. Taylor, and R. H. Beers.

The roads about Newtown are the old stony country roads. Several inches of gravel cover them. In dry weather they are unbearable for the dust and in wet weather the mud is hub deep. The members of the club, all influential men, will endeavor to have material men who laid making the beautiful town of Newtown more accessible to motorists.

Monday's B.B. Games

10:15, Bridgeport vs. New Haven, at Newfield Park.

10:30, Milford vs. Yosts, Yost Field.

2:00, Singers vs. Warners, Newfield.

2:45, American vs. British vs. Holmes & Edwards, St. Joseph Field.

3:15, Crane No. 1 vs. U. M. C. Co., Crane Field.

3:45, Crane No. 2 vs. Bridgeport Brass Co.

Deaths and Funerals.

After a lingering illness Mrs. Lydia H. Arnold of the home of her sister, Mrs. A. W. Ferguson, at Cornwall Bridge, this morning. The deceased was 72 years of age and was well for several months and it was believed that the country air would aid in her recuperation but the course of her illness progressed until the end came this morning. Mrs. Arnold was a sister-in-law of Edward T. Hamilton of the drug firm of DeVorken & Hamilton. Besides Mrs. Hamilton, her sister, Mrs. A. W. Ferguson, her mother, Mrs. Florence C. Addis, and a son, Addis, survive her. Funeral services over the remains will be from the All Saints Memorial church at New Milford, Sunday.

At N. Buckingham & Co's, 177 State street, nice line of bedroom furniture, right up to the minute, consisting of white enamel and brass beds, also mahogany beds made on the same lines as brass beds, mahogany chiffoniers and dresser with wood knobs to match, plain or fancy shades, mirrors, also oak dressers and chiffoniers, Circassian walnut suites, the latest of all woods, is attracting a great deal of attention with its beautiful marked veneers. Take yourself to their store and see what you can buy at their prices; you will be convinced they are all right. See advertisement.

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