

GOVERNOR ASKED TO AMEND LINES.

A Strong Delegation of New County Advocates Walks on Governor and Requests Amendments to New County Lines. Proposed Amendment Takes in More Territory in Pages Mill Community and Enlarges Line Around Latta. Governor Reserves Decision.

A strong delegation of New Countyites appeared before Gov. Amsel Tuesday and asked for certain amendments to the New County lines as defined in the original petition. The aim of the amendments is to take in more territory in the Pages Mill community and to enlarge the line around Latta. The amendment in the line around Latta is made necessary on account of the election held at Latta Wednesday in which the corporate limits of the town were increased in order to cut into the New County lines. The acquisition of more territory in the Pages Mills community was necessary on account of an error made in running the division line which gave the New County only 398 square miles whereas the constitution says it must have 400 square miles.

Mr. Legare appeared in behalf of the New County and stated that he alone, and not the New County people, was responsible for the error. Mr. Legare did not have his own instrument and borrowed one from another surveyor. The instrument was set by the owner and Mr. Legare did not discover that a mistake had been made until he began to check with the surveyors who ran the line around the county. However, this report had already been made and the only thing to do was for him to appear before the governor and assume the entire responsibility which he did in a manly and straightforward manner. The territory asked for in the Page's Mill community gives the New County 402 square miles.

C. S. Welsh appeared for the New County and the old county was represented by Messrs. W. F. Stackhouse, L. Lide and Dr. J. C. Mace. A delegation composed of Messrs. D. M. Dew, T. W. Berry, Jasper Bethea, Herbert Bethea and Mayor Allen appeared for Latta. The main point raised by the representatives of Latta was that they had just completed a large school building and the New County lines would divide their school district, one part of the district being in the old county and the other in the new.

The attorney for the new county made the point that as Latta did not want to come into the New County and as the constitution prohibited a new county line from cutting through an incorporated city or town the surveyors had been instructed to follow Latta's corporate limits in running the division line. That when Latta extended her limits the New County drew in their lines in order not to interfere with Latta and to carry out their original ideas. That was the amendment asked for. Precedents were quoted where the governor had granted amendments to new county lines after the report of the surveyors had been filed. There is no law bearing on this point and the governor has to be guided by precedent and the justice of the cause.

The old county attorneys objected to any further amendments on the ground that the surveyors had carried out their instructions, had surveyed the county, run the division line and had reported that the New County did not contain 400 square miles. That therefore their work was ended and that the entire matter ought to be dismissed.

he had nothing to do with the shape of a county because the statutes made no reference as to the shape of new county lines. All that he had to consider was whether or not the law had been complied with and that the matter of granting or refusing amendments was left entirely with him.

The governor listened patiently to the arguments of both sides and then smilingly said he would reserve his decision.

Farm and Garden

WINTERING BEES.

Packing Colonies in Straw in an Open Storm Shed.

At the back side of the bee building at the Montana experiment station and running the length of it is a room with a dirt floor fitted up with two skeleton shelves of 2 by 4 so that some forty or fifty colonies of bees may be wintered under as nearly normal conditions as possible, with the entrances connected with the outside, permitting the bees to fly at will.

Above these rooms in the gable roof is ample storage room for empty hives and for surplus combs when not in use for the honey harvest.

During the first two winters prior to the erection of this bee house experi-

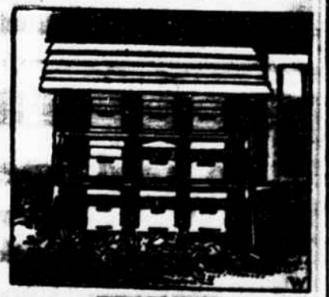


SKELTET FOR BEEHIVE.

ments were carried on in outdoor wintering and in packing a number of colonies in straw under one roof. The experiments during the last two years were not only modified by the indoor wintering with packing only above the colonies, but also by packing colonies in straw in an open shed against the side of the house. (See the accompanying figures.)

Outdoor wintering is usually accomplished in chaff hives, and one great objection is the expensiveness of these hives. Otherwise, since it is the most normal condition for bees, this method is to be recommended for inexperienced beekeepers. The feature of these chaff hives is a double wall with from three to eight inches of space between the walls on all sides, including the bottom, filled with some nonconductor of heat like straw, chaff, paper or ground cork. The effect of this packing is to retain the heat and at the same time permit the moisture produced by the bees to pass off.

To further permit moisture to escape the oil or carriage cloth quilt used in summer is removed and a canvas quilt placed over the frames. Above this newspapers, a piece of old quilting or a chaff tray may be used to retain the heat. Then above this material to retain the heat there should be an open space with free ventilation, accomplished by auger holes through the gable ends of the roof. The roof and whole hive should be thoroughly painted and the hive placed several inches off the ground to prevent freezing and thawing and the attendant soaking up of water. The entrance formed by a bridge passageway through the packing at the usual place is contracted to



HIVES IN STRAW.

ready for a winter protection of hives and straw to be put under the front.) an inch or so for the winter. These should be in most instances no trouble in wintering bees so packed if they are strong in numbers and with plenty of stores.—Montana Experimental Station.

Dried Leaves Useful.
Plenty of dried leaves should be gathered for bedding and to bank up cellars and pits, suggests American Cultivator. Bog hay is also good for this purpose. In some localities large areas of brook hay and bog hay have this year not been considered worth cutting for stock, but now that work is not so pressing some farmers could find time to cut this grass for bedding and mulch. Simply mow it, leave it for a day or two, then turn the wind, and now dry it will be ready for use.

Talked 'Em Down.
In a certain village of New Hampshire there is a quaint old character known as Boss Mellin. Mellin is the truth of the old saying, "Mellin is golden." Mellin's gift in this respect approaches genius, though he was fully aware of what he was doing when coming therein.

Mellin used to make mattresses for a living. One day a native of the place entered his shop and asked, "Boss, what's the best kind of a mattress?" "Husks," was the laconic response of Boss.

Twenty years later, so runs the tradition, the same man again entered the shop and again asked what, in the opinion of Mellin, was the best kind of a mattress.

"Straw," said Boss. "Straw? You told me husks was the best!" Boss Mellin omitted a sigh. "I've always ruined myself by talking," said he.

Maiden Insurance.

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Not Responsible.

"Hold on," said the learned chemist. "Didn't I give you a bottle of my wonderful tonic that would make you look twenty years younger?" "You did," replied the patient, "and I took it all. I was then thirty-nine, and now I am only nineteen." "Well, then, will you please settle this bill you owe me for the treatment?" "Oh, no! As I am only nineteen now, I am a minor, and minors are not held responsible for the bills they incur. Good day, sir."—Illustrated Bits.

The Irate Father's Bill.

Bills are not the exclusive property of Irishmen. The dictum of the Connaught peasant that the most insulting answer you ever made to any enemy was not to speak at all to him is more than equalled by the declaration of the irate British father who declared to his sulky son on the bank holiday morning:

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