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PLANTS AND THEIR PESTS.

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SPRAYING WITH KEROSENE.

An interesting letter was received at the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture from a man in Luzerne county who owns a small fruit garden, and who has been able to control the insect pests on his premises by spraying them with kerosene by means of an ordinary perfume atomizer. In writing to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, in regard to the matter, this man said:

"I used a common two-ounce atomizer filled with clear kerosene. Whenever I noticed any insect pests I at once used the kerosene spray. So far my place has been effectually riden of about everything in the line of insect pests, and I have not noticed a single instance of damage. As to grape hoppers, I have been surprised to see them fall in showers wherever I have used the sprayer."

Professor Surface, in acknowledging the receipt of this information, wrote:

"I am much gratified to learn of your successful experience in using pure kerosene in a hand perfume atomizer for insect pests of various kinds of grape, apple and other trees in your town lot. Your success lays in the fact that you had an atomizer which threw the liquid in the form of a very fine spray or mist; that you could readily control the amount of liquid applied, and did not put on enough to drench or even cover the foliage or fruit. If spraying were done in this way, even pure kerosene could be used in more extensive horticultural work, but the great difficulty is, that coarser apparatus is quite liable to throw the kerosene in sprinkles or large globules, and also apply more of it, and thus you would have very serious results in burning and even removing the foliage. Spraying with pure kerosene on a windy sunny day to promote rapid evaporation is to be recommended for insect pests of nearly all kinds, if the operator will be sure to use only enough to reach the pests, and be careful that it is applied in the form of a very fine mist and not in drops, however small they may be."

SALVIA.

Listen for wedding bells! The saw mill, which has been situated on Baby Run, has finished its job and gone elsewhere.

A Sunday school was organized at Forest Dale school house, April 17th, with quite a large attendance.

Quite a number of people from this vicinity attended May Meeting at Siding Hill Baptist church last Sunday.

After having spent a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Decker, Russell C. Decker, who is employed in the U. S. express office in Deshler, O., returned to his work last Friday.

Leo and Lois Decker accompanied their brother Russell as far as Breezewood last Friday.

Corra Strait and Earl Metzler attended May Meeting last Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Hann is visiting her son Porter and family of Clearfield.

Billy Gray is on the sick list. Miss Catharine Mellott, of Everett, is visiting her uncle George Enslay and family.

Maud Strait has been employed in the home of Mr. Joseph Sipes.

Those who visited at F. Decker's, last Sunday were Mrs. Philip Strait and little son Horace, Mrs. Ada Hann, Noah Sipe, Joseph Sipe, Tom DeShong and Clem Sipe.

Subscribe for the News.

Alma Bliss Aller.
For seventeen years, James A. Aller, of Knobsville, has been selling Bliss Native Herbs, a medicine manufactured by the Alonzo



O. Bliss Company of Washington D. C. On account of the medicine's having all the merit claimed for it, and the very courteous treatment he has received from the Bliss people during that time, he has named his little daughter Alma Bliss Aller. The child was born on the 28th day of last August, and the name of Bliss is in compliment to Mr. Alonzo O. Bliss, president of the Bliss Company. To show his appreciation of the honor thus conferred, Mr. Bliss presented the child with a solid silver, gold lined, drinking cup, with the following inscription engraved thereon: "Presented to Alma Bliss Aller by Alonzo O. Bliss, Washington, D. C., 1910."

Birthday Party.

Saturday last was made a pleasant day to Mrs. Sarah Shaw. A number of her neighbors thought it would be a good thing to celebrate her thirty-ninth birthday by a social gathering at her home. Accordingly, with laden baskets, they went to her home on Saturday forenoon as she was doing the morning work and soon were busy getting dinner which was ready at a little past twelve when all present sat down to the well filled tables.

Those present besides the family were: Mrs. James Hampton, Wm. Hampton, Lydia Hampton, Mrs. Jno. A. Lamberson and daughter Grace, Mrs. Hiram Laidig and children, Edith Martin, Stella Stevens, Lily Sipes, Mrs. Joseph Edwards and daughter Myrtle, Joseph Edwards, Albert Edwards, wife and children, John Gillan, Mrs. E. H. Kirk, Mrs. Wm. Heefner, Mrs. J. E. Lyon, Mrs. D. A. Laidig, Mrs. George King and children, and Mrs. Eliza Hoover.

About four o'clock in the afternoon, all departed for their homes wishing Mrs. Shaw many more happy birthdays.

M. R. Shaffner's Brother Dead.

Martin L. Shaffner, brother of our townsman, Attorney M. R. Shaffner died at his home at 10:30 last Sunday morning aged 76 years, 4 months and 16 days. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and his remains were placed in the family vault in the cemetery at Huntingdon.

Mr. Shaffner was a life-long member of the Lutheran church, and a prominent Mason. For twenty-five years he served as secretary of Mt. Moriah lodge, and the same time as secretary of Standing Stone Chapter. Besides being a Royal Arch Mason, he was a Thirty-second degree man, and a Knight Templar.

Base Ball.

At Knobsville, April 30th.
Huntingtown, Knobsville.
Chesnut, D p Schudleman,
Chesnut, H c Wilson, P
Fraker, R 1b Wagner, R
Cromer, R 2b Fraker, B
Holman, J 3b Campbell, J
Cromer, H ss Campbell, Jno
Keabaugh, C rf Gannella, J
Wink, V of Peck, I
Woodcock, J lf Kerlin, W.

Umpire—Kelso.
Score by Innings:
Knobsville 0 1 4 1 1 0—7
Huntingtown 0 1 0 2 0 2—5

HUGH W. EWING.

Sketch of Life Published by Request of His Daughters Jennie and Mary Living in Chambersburg.

Hugh W. Ewing was born in Newton Hamilton, Mifflin county, Pa., September 23, 1849, and died at the home of his daughter Jennie, Mrs. N. I. Finnick, Chambersburg, April 18, 1910. He was a son of William and Mary (Wallace) Ewing. At the age of five years, his mother died, and he and his younger brother John G., who now lives near McConnellsburg, Pa., were taken to the home of their Grandmother Wallace, at Concord, where they remained until they had reached manhood. At the age of 22, Hugh came to McConnellsburg, and in the year 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Scott, daughter of the late Francis Scott, of Todd township. To this union two children were born, the eldest being Mrs. N. I. Finnick, near Chambersburg, and Miss Mary, of the same place.

Mr. Ewing began housekeeping in Taylor township, Fulton county, Pa. From that township, he moved to Licking Creek township where he had purchased a farm, and continued to farm until the death of his wife six years ago, after which he made sale of his personal property, went to McConnellsburg, and drove back for John Sheetz & Son two years, and then went west, settling in Kansas, where he had several cousins, and worked by the month. He returned to Pennsylvania last Christmas. In a few weeks he went back to Kansas, taking with him his younger daughter, Miss Mary, and bought a property in Abilene, where they lived until last January.

Last October, on account of failing health, he went down to Oklahoma City, Okla., in the hope that a change of climate might work to his advantage; but continuing to grow worse, he returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Finnick, where he remained until his death.

He suffered an attack of small pox last summer, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. On the 16th of February, he had a stroke of paralysis, and from that date to that of his death he was helpless and, of course, bedfast.

He gave his heart to God in 1876, and joined the United Brethren church, where his remains were laid to rest beside those of his departed wife.

In addition to his brother John,

and his daughters already mentioned, he left two half sisters and one half brother. The sisters live in Bloomington, Ill., and the brother, (Samuel) lives in Newton Hamilton. There are six grandchildren.

Parcels Post.

Why cannot we have Parcels Post? It is a fact conceded by everyone cognizant with transportation affairs, that the institution of Parcels Post would be of inestimable value to the entire country, and to residents of the rural districts especially. It is useless to detail its advantages, as most farm papers and magazines have devoted much space to this subject. A prominent government official once made the statement, that there were four reasons why congress failed to pass a bill for its adoption, and that these four reasons were the four big express companies of our country. We are now on the eve of a congressional nomination and election, and it would be the part of wisdom on our part, for us to refuse to support a candidate who will not pledge himself to support a measure in congress establishing Parcels Post.

"FARMER"

Mrs. Emma Daniels, north Second street set seventy-one eggs, from which were hatched seventy "peeples."

Recent Weddings.

CROMWELL—BERKSTRESSER

At the Presbyterian Manse in this place at high noon last Thursday, Rev. John McClay Diehl united in marriage, Miss Meta Berkstresser, of Taylor township, and Mr. Thomas R. Cromwell, of Pittsburg. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley Berkstresser, and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Irvin Cromwell, near Maddensville, Huntingdon county.

On Thursday afternoon, the bridal couple drove out to the home of the bride's parents, where a quiet wedding supper was served—only the members of the immediate family and the groom's parents being present. This quiet celebration of the important event was in deference to the bride's grandmother, whose home is with the bride's parents, and who is quite ill.

On Saturday evening an elaborate reception was given the happy couple at the home of the groom's parents at which almost fifty relatives and friends joined in the glad festivities.

The groom is a street railway conductor in Pittsburg, and stands in well with his company. After spending this week on their honeymoon trip, they will go to Pittsburg and take up permanent residence.

The FULTON COUNTY NEWS joins in extending best wishes to the happy young couple and in wishing them long life and prosperity.

CORBIN—DAVIS.

Mr. Charles A. Corbin and Miss Myrtle Davis, both of Mount Union, were united in marriage at the parsonage of the First Methodist Episcopal church Huntingdon, Pa., on Thursday, the 14th ult., by Rev. J. S. Souser. The groom is a native of Taylor township, this county, a son of the late Charles Corbin, who died in 1894, a model young man, and well-to-do in every respect. He is employed as an operator by the Pennsylvania railroad. His bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, and is an estimable young lady with a host of friends. The happy couple spent their honeymoon trip visiting Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Shippensburg, and have returned home to begin housekeeping on Jefferson street in the thriving town of Mount Union. The NEWS extends congratulations to the worthy young couple.

The Cherry Aphid.

The advice of Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, was asked by a resident of the Cumberland Valley as to what to do for his cherry trees, which every spring for the last two years have been badly damaged by black lice destroying the young shoots as well as the stems bearing the cherries. The reply of Professor Surface was as follows:

"The insect injuring your cherry tree is the black plant louse, often called the cherry aphid. One of the best remedies is to spray with one pound of whale oil soap in five gallons of water, just after the leaf buds open, but before the leaves are expanded, and, of course, before the flowers come. The spraying should not be done if the young louse are not seen to be present. It should be held for immediate application when you do see them. Watch for them on the leaves, and when they come, give them a spraying before the leaves curl.

One important point is to reach them before they curl in the leaves. After the leaves have curled the material will not come into direct contact with them, and they will not be killed. Ten per cent. kerosene emulsion can also be used for this, making it as a regular soap emulsion, or sour milk emulsion, as described in the Monthly Bulletin of the Division of Zoology, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, for June, 1909.

A PROFITABLE CROP.

The Potato is One of the Best Paying Crops That the General Farmer Can Raise.

Potato growing has become a great industry in Pennsylvania where the land is suitable for the purpose and where a good market is easily accessible. We find that in the south, the central and the eastern parts of the state every farmer raises potatoes, the patch varying from a fraction of an acre to many acres.

The potato is one of the best paying crops that the general farmer can raise if handled properly so as to keep disease from destroying the crop before it has matured. In the first place the soil should be properly cultivated beforehand. A clover sod is one of the best in which to plant potatoes, because it contains plenty of nitrogen. The sod should be plowed late in the autumn, or early in the spring if autumn plowing does not suit. It is best to manure the ground before plowing.

At the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Pennsylvania State college, where experiments have been conducted for four years, the manure was applied in February at the rate of from nine to 12 tons per acre. The ground should be plowed as soon as possible after the manure has been applied so as to hasten the decomposition of the sod. In experiments conducted at the station named the potatoes were planted about May 10.

During the growing season the potatoes were cultivated twice with a spike harrow and three times with riding cultivators. The tests were conducted with 50 varieties of potatoes and the following gave the best yields for the four years. Of the early varieties—Six Weeks, 132 bushels per acre; Irish Daisy, 129 bushels per acre; Pride of Michigan, 127 bushels. Of the medium late varieties—Early Puritan, 183 bushels; Early Rose, 175 bushels; Irish Cobbler, 108 bushels. Of the late varieties—Winton's White Mammoth, 180 bushels; Sir Walter Raleigh, 170 bushels; Vermont Gold Coin, 178 bushels.

A word as to the treatment for disease may be helpful to potato growers. For potato scab, the potatoes may be treated just before planting with bichloride of mercury or with formalin. The latter is perhaps the better, for the former is dangerous to handle and the latter is just as effective. The method of treatment is to immerse the potatoes before they are cut, in a solution of one pint of formalin (40 per cent. strength) to 25 gallons of water for one hour.

For potato blight, the potatoes should be sprayed with bordeaux mixture, the first spraying being given about June 15 and should be applied every two weeks until the middle of August. Paris green can be mixed with the bordeaux mixture. In this way the potato beetle will be killed at the same time.

Potatoes should never be planted on old ground if the previous year's crop was infected with scale or scab, because the bacteria live over winter and will be sure to infect the new crop in spite of all that can be done. Old potato patches should be cultivated at least four years with some other crop before replanting with potatoes again.

Although this is but a short article on the potato crop, it may interest some industrious farmers to try to increase Pennsylvania's potato crop. They may get for the asking, Bulletin 98 of the Pennsylvania State College Experiment Station, State College, Pa., in which full particulars of the experiment run there are given.

At the furniture sale of Harry Hamill last Saturday, a book case was blown over and fell on one of Mrs. Ellis Lynch's feet, inflicting a somewhat painful injury.

Everts.

Mary Ann, wife of Harvey Everts, of Todd township, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Katharine Connelly, near Dane, last Friday, aged 18 years and 19 days. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Henry Wolf assisted by Rev. Edward J. Croft, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Bethlehem church.

Mrs. Everts went to the home of her mother for a little visit a few days ago, and soon after reaching home, was attacked with lagrippe, which soon developed into a most stubborn case of pleuro pneumonia, and in little more than a week she was dead.

During the brief illness she expressed her spiritual condition in the following words: "Yes, I am prepared to die; I am ready for death; I do not wish to live longer." The deceased leaves a husband, a little daughter aged two years, a mother, four sisters, namely Bertha, wife of Rufus Horton of Todd township; Ada Fanny and Pearl and three brothers, James, William and Charlie—all at home.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Mrs. Bert Henry and daughters Mabel, Grace and Mary are spending this week with her parents, J. P. Kerlin and wife.

Miss Clementine Hileman and gentleman friend, both of Altoona spent from Saturday until Monday with the family of Calvin Baker.

Harper Fleming and wife, of Sallito, spent Saturday and Sunday with T. E. Fleming and wife. George Wilds, of Fort Littleton, was an early Monday morning visitor here.

Miss Minnie Grove left Monday, one week ago, to visit her sisters, Mrs. Clyde Hockenberry, in Pittsburg, and Mrs. Richard Miller, in Ohio.

Miss Nelle Baker returned to Altoona on Monday, after a few weeks' visit to her parents, Calvin Baker and wife.

Robert Fleming, of McConnellsburg, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents here.

Irene Kerlin is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell, at Maddensville.

Miss Nelle Curran left for North Dakota last week.

Mac Kerlin, of Gracey, spent a night recently with T. E. Fleming.

A. J. Fraker spent a day last week with his sick sister, Mrs. Johnsey Kerlin, at Fort Littleton, and reports her condition improved.

Wm. L., W. R. and G. C. Fields returned from Huntingdon the latter part of the week and spent Sunday at their respective homes here. They left early Monday morning again.

Mrs. J. P. Kerlin and daughter Mrs. B. S. Winegardner spent a day last week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fleming spent week before last with the Fleming family here. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming formerly resided here. They left here 22 years ago and now live at Waterloo, Juniata county. They were here to see Mr. Fleming's sick brother.

J. W. Mower spent the past week visiting his children at Mowersville and Chambersburg. He returned highly pleased with his trip, and reports his sons and daughters getting along very well.

Z. B. Barnett, of Waterfall, was a visitor among friends here last week. He says Mrs. Harriet Grove will be here in a few days from the Eastern Shore. Her many friends are awaiting with pleasure her arrival.

Dick Fisher, of McConnellsburg, was a visitor here on Tuesday.

An informal reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Sloan, last Friday evening in honor of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Sloan, who is making her first visit to McConnellsburg.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lynch, of Belfast township, were County Seat visitors Monday.

Joseph B. Doyle, of this place, spent from Saturday until Monday in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Minnie King, of Taylor township, spent a few hours in town Monday doing some shopping.

Dr. W. F. Sappington, of Webster Mills, made a professional trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia last week.

Miss Alice Hays returned home Monday evening, after having completed a very pleasant term teaching in Bedford county.

Norman F. Johnston, employed at the Union Station, Pittsburg, spent a few days during the past week visiting his mother, brothers, and sisters in the Cove.

Mr. W. B. Ranck and son Master Philip, of Warfordsburg, went to McConnellsburg Sunday evening and returned home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Bryner and son Leon are visiting the former's sister Mrs. Frank Wible at Three Springs, and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick at Shureleysburg.

Mr. Joseph Sipes, of Licking Creek township, was in town last Saturday. He brought his son Homer and the latter's wife and daughter to take the hack to go over the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deshong were in town last Saturday. They came over to meet the latter's daughter Miss Mollie Mellott, who has been employed at the McKinley Hotel Chambersburg, but is now home for a two week's vacation.

The Cromwell brothers, Roy C. and Harmon L., and their respective families, attended the reception given to their brother Thomas and his bride at the home of their parents, H. I. Cromwell and wife, near Maddensville, last Saturday evening.

Miss Zoe Mason, who during the past year has taught the school at Warfordsburg, finished the present year's term last week and returned home last Saturday. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Leila Yonker, who remained until Sunday afternoon.

Mr. M. D. Mathias, of Huntingtown was in town attending to some business last Saturday. While Mr. Mathias is a veteran of the Civil War, he does not think it much of a trick to walk from his home to McConnellsburg and return—a round trip of twenty miles.

B. S. Fleming, of Waynesboro, landed here last Thursday noon on his way to Clear Ridge to see his father, T. E. Fleming, who had not been getting along so well the previous week; but when he returned on Saturday he reported his father slightly improved in health.

Among those from this county who are visiting Washington, D. C., in connection with the annual excursion of the Cumberland Valley State Normal school, this week are Russell Nelson, Mary Jane Johnston, Helen Kendall, Ruth Kendall, Ethel Kendall, Rhoda Kendall, Ted Duffey, Russell Glasier, George Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rotz.

After having spent three weeks with her sick sister, Mrs. Coleman Camp, at Cape May, New Jersey, Mrs. Wilbur Grissinger returned to her home in this place last Friday evening. Mrs. Camp, who is better known here as Leila Little, is suffering from pulmonary trouble, with little hope for recovery. Her brother D. E. Little, of this place, spent last week with her.