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Fulton County Soils.

In continuation of our little talks to young people about Fulton county slate and shale lands, we will begin where we left off last week. We saw how necessary it is to have lots of humus in the soil—rotted vegetable matter—organic matter—or whatever name you prefer to call it—as they are practically the same. This week we will make suggestions how to get it and thereby make your land "new" again. But before making the suggestions, we will call your attention to some excellent business practices by manufacturers. Every now and then manufacturers shut down and stop all production in order to make repairs to the engine, machinery, buildings &c. Every one knows that it is better to do this than to let the machinery shake itself to pieces before stopping altogether. Now, what is a farmer if he is not a manufacturer? He uses machinery, air, water, and a combination of minerals to make corn, wheat, beef, mutton, &c. Therefore, if it is good policy for manufacturers of other commodities to shut down occasionally because of needed repairs to some parts of his plant, why not for the farmer also when his soil is out of repair? If you have a field that you know has become "poor" because it has been farmed too hard, soil thin and washing away "shut down" for a year, or, if necessary, two years, and repair that field. The production will double for many years afterwards, and your final profits will be great. If you feel that you cannot spare the very poor crop to be had by scratching over the field without stopping to repair it then make sale this spring and quit farming while you have something to sell, for the longer you try to farm wornout soil the poorer you will grow.

There are a number of things that will grow on poor land in sufficient quantities to furnish humus when ploughed down. One of them is Sweet Clover. Find a reliable western seedsmen and order a sack of sweet clover seed and sow that field and let the clover mature, plow it down and let it rot. If not satisfied with one crop, plough down another, especially if the first one was light. Soy beans will do the same for your old field. But we think clover will do better here. With apologies to Mr. David A. Black, of Waterfall, this county, we take the liberty of referring readers to a field he reclaimed from the commons by exactly this method. Perhaps he helped the young plants a little by a drink of limewater and some powders of which he will give you the formula, but there is the field to speak for his methods. But if you cannot lime and buy fertilizer to help the sweet clover sow it anyhow—it will grow.

Sweet clover is not known by sight to many. Specimens, however, can be found growing as weeds here and there in the county. It sometimes grows to a length of seven feet, sends great roots into the subsoil, and when not crowded, the main stem grows to the thickness of your finger. It makes fine pasture, and will "catch" where alfalfa and some of the other clovers refuse to grow. A ton of dried sweet clover contains about 35 pounds of nitrogen worth \$6 to \$7. Most of the nitrogen in this legume is drawn from the air.

Local Institute.

The sixth local institute of Bethel township was held at Warfordsburg, January 29th. Questions were: Schoolroom Freedom, Civil Government and Algebra. Teachers present: Edgar Hann, Webster Mellott, Clara Norris, Alice Brewer. A very interesting program was rendered by the school.—Secretary.



Tuesday, February 16, George W. Fisher, Agent for the Heirs of John Brakeall deceased, will sell at the late residence of the decedent in Thompson township, about 6 miles nearly north of Hancock, Md., horses, harness, wagons, buggy, plows, harrows, hay, grain, lumber, and household goods. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock. Credit, 6 months. Thos. Gillece, auctioneer and Jacob A. Powell, clerk. Also, there will be SOLD at the same time and place the farm, containing 100 acres, more or less, about 50 acres cleared and in good state of cultivation. The improvements are a 7 room frame house with kitchen attached; well of good water near the door, good barn, with stabling for 10 head of stock; All necessary outbuildings and fruit of all kinds. The farm will positively be sold. Terms: one half on day of sale, and balance in two equal annual payments. Possession given as soon as terms are complied with.

Wednesday, February 24, Jacob F. Crouse intending to quit farming will sell at his residence 2 miles north-east of Burnt Cabins, on road leading from Fannettsburg to Shade Gap, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farming implements, corn, potatoes, and household goods. Sale will begin at 9 o'clock. James M. Chesnut and James J. Harris, Auctioneers.

On Thursday, February 25, 1915, C. F. Wagner intending to remove from his place of residence on what is known as the D M. Kendall farm, 4 1/2 miles south of McConnellsburg, will sell a large lot of valuable livestock consisting of 35 head of cattle, 8 head of horses, and 20 head of hogs. Also, farming implements, wagons, harness, potatoes, &c. Sale will begin at ten o'clock. Terms ten months. A. L. Wible, auctioneer.

Thursday March 4, G. F. Nangle, intending to remove to a smaller farm, will sell at his residence on the T. J. Comer farm 1 1/2 mile from Burnt Cabins, on the road leading to Shade Gap, 2 horses, 9 cattle, farm machinery harness, corn, hay &c. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. Credit 9 months. J. J. Harris Auct.

Thursday, March 4, Berkeley Sipes, desiring to reduce his residence, will sell at his residence one-half mile north of Hustontown, 7 head of horses and colts, including a pair of bay mares 8 and 10 years, respectively; a pair of black matches (a mare and a horse) 5 and 7 years old, dark iron gray mare 3 years old, 2 yearling colts—one bay and one black, and one mule 2 years old; 10 head of cows and heifers all with calf, 6 fine yearling calves, and one fat bull; 4 head of fine sheep; 9 head of fat hogs; good 3 seated back, buggy, harness, &c. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. A credit of one year will be given—3 per cent. off for cash. J. M. Chesnut, auctioneer.

Thursday, March 4, C. H. Wagner will sell at his residence 3 miles south of Mercersburg, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farming implements. Sale begins at 10 o'clock.

Saturday, March 6, John D. Cutchall, intending to quit farming,

SALUVIA
Billy Deshong moved his sawing outfit to saw for Ira Lake, near Laidig, on Friday last.

The deer are coming down from the mountains to farmers' fields, and in some instances to the barnyards. The snow and sleet on the mountains is covered with a crust as hard as ice. It will also be remembered that the mountains were burned over during the drought in the fall, so that there is no food for the poor deer.

Protracted revival services were commenced at the Asbury M. E. church on Wednesday night of last week, and continued nightly since. Preaching services also last Sunday. The attendance has been fairly good considering the icy, slushy condition of the roads. Rev. E. R. Croft has been delivering some interesting sermons. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barton, of Akersville have been in attendance.

The I. O. O. F. banquet at the house of Thomas H. Metzler, at Harrisonville, on last Saturday night, had a good attendance, and members had a good time. Mr. H. D. Betz's recent stroke

ing, will sell at his residence 2 miles northwest of Hustontown, 3 horses, 1 mule, 3 head of cattle, two of which are fat and the other is a good cow that will be fresh by day of sale; 2 fat hogs, farming implements, wagons, surry, buggy, grain, hay, &c. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock. J. M. Chesnut, auctioneer.

Thursday, March 11, D. W. Cromer having rented his farm for a term of five years, and intending to quit farming, will sell of his residence near Fort Littleton, horses, cattle, hogs, farm implements and machinery, hay, grain, &c. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock. Credit, 9 months. J. M. Chesnut, auctioneer.

Friday, March 12, C. C. Crouse intending to quit farming will sell at his residence on the Cyrus Wagner farm otherwise known as the George Snyder farm 2 miles north of McConnellsburg, horses, colts, cattle, hogs, farming implements, hay, fodder &c. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. Credit 9 months. J. J. Harris auctioneer.

Friday, March 19, 1915, at his residence on the John Nelson farm in Todd township, one and one-half mile north of McConnellsburg, John Gillis will sell at public sale valuable personal property consisting of good horses, fine cattle, farm implements and many other articles. See bills. James J. Harris, and A. L. Wible, Auctioneers.

Saturday, March 20, M. A. Dettwiler having rented his farm, will sell at public sale on his farm 1 1/2 mile southwest of Three Springs, and 1 mile south of Saltillo, 4 horses including a thoroughbred Percheron stallion; 15 head of fine cattle, including a thoroughbred Guernsey bull; 30 head of hogs, chickens, farm machinery, harness, 700 bushels of corn and many other things. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock sharp. Credit 9 months. J. M. Chesnut auctioneer.

Monday, March 22, J. C. Cromwell having sold his farm and intending to quit farming, will sell at his residence at Maddensville, horses, cattle, hogs, farm machinery, &c., &c. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock sharp. J. J. Harris, auctioneer.

On Tuesday, March 23, William Bivens intending to quit farming will sell at his residence on the Frank Sipes farm, 4 mile east of McConnellsburg, horses, cattle, hogs, farming implements, including, wagons, harness, Johnston binder, Milwaukee mower, grain drill, haytedder, plows, harrows, &c. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. Credit, 1 year. James J. Harris, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, March 24, 1915, H. P. Palmer intending to quit farming, will sell at his residence 3 miles north of Warfordsburg on the road leading from Warfordsburg to Needmore, 1 horse, cattle, sheep, farm implements, sewing machine, cream separator, &c. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. Credit 6 months.

so disabled him that he is entirely helpless, and two nurses are required to handle him. He is in much the same condition as at time of our report last week. His daughter Maria, of Harrisonburg, and his son George, of Akron, Ohio, and Sheridan, of Clearfield, Pa., had to leave him and return to their respective employments.

Post Card Shower.

One hundred and one of the friends of Mr. Conrad J. Wink, of Thompson township, seemed to be of one mind on the first day of February, for they knew it was his birthday; and, to make sure that he would not forget it, they sent him 101 post cards. Mr. Wink appreciated the courtesy very much, and hopes that all their birthdays may be as pleasant as his was.

The cards bore the postmarks of McConnellsburg, Needmore, Plum Run, Hancock, Pleasant Ridge, Purcell, Everett, Portsmouth, Iowa; Johnstown, Canfield, O; Elderslie, Md.; Los Angeles and Riverside, California.

Subscribe for the News.

Institute Notes.

The farmers who took turns at presiding at the session of the four-day institute were just as graceful and efficient as professionals. Business moved along without a hitch.

The easy manner in which the visiting instructors went about their business indicated perfect familiarity with, and full confidence in, what they had to say.

Every big manufacturing concern maintains a laboratory and experiment establishment of its own where every pound of material is analyzed and tested. Since this is impossible on a farm the farmer maintains a similar institution under the cooperative plan, known as State College in this state. In the former case, the practical things learned in the laboratory are imparted to the managers—perhaps two or three in each firm. In the latter case, every farmer is a manager, hence, the information must be imparted to thousands of managers and it has been found that meetings, institutes, or whatever you choose to call them, affords these managers an opportunity to learn some of the points developed at their experiment station.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Miss Lillian Madden, of Maddensville, spent the week's end at the home of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Baker.

Miss Lois Alexander is spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fraker.

Mr. J. W. Mowers who has been very ill, having paralysis of the throat, is improving.

Mrs. Norman McClain, of Robertsdale is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Henry.

Mrs. Bert Winegardner spent a couple of days last week with her sister Mrs. Harry Wible of Hustontown.

Mrs. John Sipes is slowly improving.

Our postmaster L. H. Grove spent several days last week in Orbisonia.

Miss Lillian Henry, who for some time has been employed in Philadelphia, has returned home for the remaining part of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson were visiting relatives in Maddensville last Sunday.

Mrs. John Coulter was a guest at the home of her sister Miss Jennie Lock, of Fort Littleton.

Chickens and Dope.

Why should medicine be given to people, stock, chickens, dogs or cats when they are not sick? Everybody knows that the man who keeps his system full of dope is always sick—sick because of the dope. Then why dope chickens to "make them lay"? Anything fed to chickens to stimulate them to lay is a great mistake. If a hen is sick, and if she is worth saving, then it may be all right to separate her from healthy flock and give her a dose; but to feed stimulants to the working flock is but to shorten the period of their usefulness by undermining their health.

When proper feed, in proper quantities, together with proper housing, fail to make a hen lay, then make her "lay" by wringing her neck and then make her up into a good potpie.

WATERFALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Baker spent Sunday at Joseph Barnett's.

Howard Barnett, who has been sick is somewhat better.

The stork was a welcome visitor at Geo. H. King's January 31, and left a dishwasher.

Some of the young people of this community have been taking advantage of the good sledding by attending meeting at Hustontown.

There was preaching at Mt. Tabor last Sunday.

The Thallians.

The Thallians—don't get them mixed up with the Thessalonians—will give a dandy good play in the High School Auditorium on the evening of the 22nd of February, commonly known as Birthington's Washday. The Thalian Club was a great club in its day, and we are assured that age has not robbed it of any of its vigor, and those who will be fortunate enough to hear the play, will get the worth of their money—and then some.

School Report.

Report of Cherry Grove school Clay township, Huntingdon county for fifth month ending February 3, 1915.

Number enrolled; male, 21; female, 14, total, 35. Average attendance during month; male 17, female, 11; total 28. Per cent of attendance during month, male, 83; female, 82; average, 82.5.

Per cent for term: male, 79; female, 83; average 81. Those who attended every day during month were: Clyde Rober, Claire Nonemaker, Earle and Edith Swartz, Olive Ficks, Blanche Rober, and Clarissa Nonemaker. Those who attended every day during term; Claire and Clarissa Nonemaker and Olive Ficks. Visitors during month, 14. Roy Hess, teacher.

SUBMARINE IS MAN'S HOBBY

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Lawrence Y. Spear, who has paid more attention to the development of the submarine than any other man in this country, does not believe that the battleship is doomed, but that a perfect navy must be composed of several units, the battleship, battle cruiser, scout cruiser, torpedo-boat destroyer, submarine, and many other craft. He is a graduate of the Naval academy at Annapolis. In 1900 he was on duty as superintending constructor for the United States navy at the shipyard of Lewis Nixon at Elizabethport, where the first small Holland submarine was building for the navy department. Seeing great possibilities in the submarine, he retired from the navy and became vice-president and naval architect of the Electric Boat company, which owns the Holland submarine patents. He has seen the submarine grow from 60 feet to 300 feet, which is the length of the boat that is to be built for the United States government, and the plans for which have largely come from his work. A large number of boats from plans made by Mr. Spear are in service in the navies of England, Japan, Russia, Canada, Holland, Austria and Denmark.

LITTLE JOLT FOR THE BAR

Lawyers Must Have Found It Hard to Smile at His Honor's Humorous Comment.

Here is a story that was told at a recent Washington banquet by Congressman James Manahan of Minnesota, in throwing the harpoon into some legal friends.

In a certain court some time ago a German was drawn on the jury, but when it came time to officiate he arose in meeting and asked the judge to excuse him.

"I don't know about that," quickly answered his honor, casting a judicial eye on the jurymen. "Is there any good and valid reason why you should be excused?"

"It was dis vay, shooge," hopefully explained Hans. "I was a Sherman by country, and I don't know any goot English."

"I guess you will do all right," chuckled the judge, with a happy glance at the legal talent before him. "It is doubtful if you hear enough goot English to perplex you."

HIS REST WELL EARNED.

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Trueblood, general secretary of the American Peace society since 1892, has resigned, owing to failing health, his resignation to go into effect next May. He was born in Indiana in 1847. For five years, beginning with 1874, he was president of the Wilmington (Ohio) college. He was at The Hague convention of 1899, during the peace conference. As a lecturer and writer he is widely known, and for over twenty years he has been editor of the Advocate of Peace. Doctor Trueblood is a member of the International Law association Standing out among his literary efforts is his translation of Kant's "Zum Ewigen Frieden."

THE SPIRIT OF SUBSIDY.

"That poet was truly inspired when he wrote this patriotic sonnet," said the admiring reader. "Of course," replied Senator Sorghum. "In my opinion, nearly everything you see written about politics is inspired by one side or the other."

THE USUAL THING.

"I am going to turn over a new leaf this year."

"Well, you know, few diaries show more than one turned over."

SELF-EVIDENT.

"Has the play you are speaking of got a punch in it?"

"It ought to have several. The hero is a prize fighter."

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Knight Stands—In the second scene of the second act I say "Hist!"

Woody Booth—Did you forget to say it?

Knight Stands—No, I said it and I was.

INTERESTING ENEMIES.

In the American Magazine appears a story entitled "Hempfield," by David Grayson, author of "The Friendly Road." Following is a little extract:

"It is one of the absurd contradictions of human nature that no sooner do we decide that a man is not to be tolerated, that he is a villain, than we begin to grow tremendously interested in him. We want to see how he works. And the more deeply we get interested the more we begin to see how human he is, in what a lot of ways he is exactly like us, or like some of the friends we love best—and usually we wind up liking him, too."

SHAME ON YOU, BILL!

Ida Wedd—I suppose you have your own ideas as to what a wife should be?

Will Knott—Sure. My idea of a wife is a woman who has a husband.

HIS VARIETY.

"That fellow over there looks like a bird."

"He is. The policeman just told me he's a stool pigeon."

NATURALLY.

"Have you much trouble in your cooking with your seasoning?"

"Not much. My grate trouble is with the nutmeg."

DISCREET.

"Have you a careful chauffeur?"

"Very. He never runs over anyone unless he's sure he can make a getaway."—Judge.

THE USUAL WAY.

"Did the looker-on at the fight go home in the interim?"

"No, sir; he went home in the ambulance."

Baseball English.

Mrs. Eke—Oh, dear! It tells in the paper how a poor baseball player "died at the plate."

Mrs. Wye—Killed himself by over-eating, I suppose.

Clear Enough.

"I can't understand that glassy stare she gave me."

"Why, anybody ought to be able to see through a glassy stare."

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania for a Certificate of Public Convenience evidencing the Commission's approval of an agreement with the Waynesburg, Greencastle and Mercersburg Turnpike Road Company for right-of-way, the public hearing on which will be held in the rooms of the Commission at Harrisburg on the 17th day of February, 1915, at 2:30 p. m., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard if they so desire. 2-4-2t.

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