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## OPINIONS OF EXPERTS.

### The Disease and its Treatment.

Editor Fowler Corrects the "Press." Some Other Opinions on the Disease and its Cure.—It is Said to be Incurable.

In a recent Press article appeared concerning the ravages of the peach yellow, and the prediction that in five years the peach industry in Sussex county would practically disappear. To this statement E. G. Fowler, editor of the New York Farmer, takes exception in a letter to the Union under date of Sept. 23, which is in part as follows:

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE UNION:**  
The article in your issue of yesterday on Sussex county peaches, copied from an exchange, is calculated to mislead and breed an alarm among our people for which there is no real foundation. It is not, in the light of modern horticultural science, to be so much dreaded as the writer infers and there need be no apprehension that the peach business will disappear from Sussex county.

The disease is contagious—all admit that, but it will rarely attack a healthy tree in a soil properly fertilized. It is with plant life as with animal life in this matter. We have all seen illustrations in the workings of that dreaded disease, tuberculosis or consumption, which is now known to be contagious. Two persons, one in good, sound health, the other in a weakened condition, are exposed to the germs of the disease. They are powerless to harm the healthy man but the other succumbs to its power. Just so with peach trees. If properly nourished, the percentage of loss from yellows will never be large, while trees which, from lack of some of the elements of fertility, notably potash, and from debilitation, caused by being allowed to overbear, furnish a congenial field for the disease germ and soon succumb.

In the rest of the letter he argues that growers should thin out the fruit and that by so doing there will be less draft on the fertility of the soil and the tree would not be overtaxed because it is the production of the stone in the peach which makes the draft. He also says seedlings do not vary in any way in their ability to resist disease from budded varieties.

From the opinion of such an able and experienced gentleman we are both to dissent, but our article was largely based on the judgment of a practical grower in that county and one whose experience and observation extends over a longer period of time than either Editor Fowler or the writer can boast.

There is a diversity of opinion on the question and while we did not wish to create unnecessary alarm or to raise a scare there seems to be good authority for our general remarks, and at least some opinions of men of established reputations who do not agree with Mr. Fowler. Dr. Erwin F. Smith in compliance with a request of Hon. J. M. Rusk, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, in 1892 prepared notes from several lines of work on this disease. He says:

"Department experiments with fertilizers now cover a period of four years and have been made in various orchards on a large scale to determine the following questions: 1. Is the disease due to starvation? 2. Can it be prevented or cured by additions to the soil of suitable plant foods? Potash, soda, magnesia, phosphoric acid, woodashes, lime, nitrogen and other plant foods were used separately, and together, often in large quantities, and frequently on as many as fifty to seventy-five trees, healthy and diseased. Some of the diseased trees improved in appearance, and probably lived longer than they would otherwise, but none of them recovered. Neither was it found possible to keep healthy trees in a state of health. They grew vigorously under the stimulus of the fertilizer, but contracted the disease just as readily as those which were left untreated for comparison. In some cases even it seemed as though the excessive stimulation favored the development of the disease. One conclusion, at least, can be drawn with certainty, viz: The addition to the soil of large quantities of the best fertilizers does not hinder the progress of the disease or save the orchards from complete destruction. The inference is, therefore, quite strong that this disease is not due to impoverished soils.—United States Agricultural Report, 1893, page 236.

D. Z. Shook in his report to the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania in 1896 says: "The greatest enemy that the peach growers have to contend with is peach yellow and as this disease of the peach trees is incurable and never surrenders until entire orchards are devastated, the wise grower usually resorts to heroic treatment by cutting down or uprooting the affected tree and destroying it effectually by fire. Burners and other pests can be kept

under control, but whose premature ripening of fruit occurs, it is usually a sure evidence that the tree is subject to the yellows and that its eradication is of prime importance. The cause or origin of "yellows" remains a mystery.

Hon. J. F. Allman in the same report says: "The only known remedy, if remedy it can be called for the yellows is to take the tree out and burn it."

From the above it might appear that the statement made by the editor of the Farmer "that the disease is due to lack of some of the elements of fertility and is easily cured," is doubted by some far more eminent authorities than the editor of the Press.

### Catarah and Malaria.

People who are or have been affected by catarah are most subject to chronic malaria. The explanation is this: Malaria is a germ disease. Germs find their way into the blood through the mucous membranes. If the mucous membranes are healthy the germs can not enter the blood. This is why some people do not get malaria. But if the membranes are affected by catarah, even slightly, the malaria germs find easy access into the blood.

Pe-na-na is the remedy. It not only destroys malaria germs, but so restores the mucous membranes to health, that no more germs can find entrance. Pe-na-na is the most reliable remedy for chronic malaria. It cures by eradicating the germs from the system.

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### Personal.

County Commissioners, James H. Heller, Wallace Newman and J. M. Bensley accompanied by G. A. Swenpeler clerk and John C. Warner county auditor went to Gettysburg this week to attend a meeting of similar officials in the state.

Miss Lottie Taylor, a guest at the Homestead, gave a parting hop to a number of young people at that resort last Friday evening. The affair was made particularly enjoyable by the fine refreshments served by the hostess Mrs. Westfall.

Dr. H. B. Reed is making several improvements to his farm recently purchased. A reservoir has been built to furnish water, and pipes laid to the house, a stone ice house built, and a "den" in which the doctor proposes to sit "otium cum dig" and view the scenery. The place will be ideal when the several additions under way and in contemplation are completed.

### Our Combination.

The long winter evenings are coming and good papers in the household are excellent companions. We have made arrangements to furnish these at a nominal price. Both new and old subscribers can receive them. The Farm News and Womankind are both interesting and valuable papers, and the three premium books, and the Press for only \$1.75. The total value of the six is \$3.25. We want the people to have the opportunity of obtaining as much good literature as possible at the very lowest price, and you will be surprised at the excellence of these publications. Send in your names for sample copies and subscribe now.

### List of Unclaimed Letters.

Unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford, Pa. for the week ending Sept. 25, 1897:

LADIES—Mrs. Henry Hodem, Mrs. S. C. Otus, Miss Nellie McCarthy, Miss Katie White.

GENTLEMEN—J. B. Van Auken, S. J. Schornerhorn.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

JAS. S. GALE, P. M.

The American Protective Tariff League has just issued another and very complete edition of our Tariff laws. This volume of 114 pages gives the official text of the Dingley Tariff, complete comparison of the Dingley and Wilson law, and index to all articles covered by the new Tariff. The book will be of great value for reference and for answering all questions regarding the Tariff question. It will be sent to any address for Twenty-five cents. Ask for document No. 27, and address the American Protective League, 185 West 23rd street, New York.

## SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY.

The Experiments Successful—Much Money Will be Saved to the People of this Country.

Special to the Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is confident that the result of this year's experiments with sugar beets will add 300 per cent. to the beet-sugar factories of the country.

"I know of people who stand ready, said he, in speaking on this subject, "to establish twenty beet-sugar factories in this country next year."

"That will be pretty big increase, will it not, Mr. Secretary?"

"It will. We have, perhaps, a half dozen beet-sugar factories in the United States now, all told, so that will be an increase of about 300 per cent. which I think will be very good for the first year of the experiment."

"Your experiments of this year have apparently been successful, then?"

"Yes. Beyond question. Of course our analyses have not progressed sufficiently yet to show very definitely what each section has done or is doing, but there is no doubt in my mind of the entire feasibility and practicability of the production of all our sugar in this country. The interest which the farmers of the country has developed in beet-raising, the results of such analyses as have already been made of the beets produced this year and what we know as to this year's crop in the sections where beet-growing has already been developed, show beyond question that it is entirely practicable for the people of this country to produce their own sugar."

"That means the retention in the United States of a great deal of money which now goes abroad?"

"Yes. A hundred millions is a good deal of money, and especially when it goes out of the country. If we can distribute among our farmers the hundred million dollars which we now send abroad for our sugar it will be a very important thing to them and to the country in general. It will be especially so to labor. People talk about labor and about doing things for labor and for the cause of the workman. What can be done more to the advantage of the workman than to put into his pockets a hundred million dollars every year for a single article? Then add to that the amount which we send to other parts of the world for other classes of farm products which might be kept at home and the total is something enormous. The value of the products of agriculture which are brought into the United States and which we might produce at home if we were to make the proper effort is, in round numbers, \$380,000,000 per year. Why not give that to our farmers?"

"What is being done, Mr. Secretary in the way of learning the result of this year's experiments with the sugar-beet seed which you sent out last spring?"

"We are gathering the beets produced from the seeds by sections and States into our experiment stations, and testing and analyzing them. These analyses are going on constantly, and will continue for some weeks or perhaps months. It is a comparatively slow process, but one which will give us a thorough practical and scientific knowledge of the capabilities of the various sections of the country for this kind of work, and while the analyses have not yet progressed very far, enough has been done to satisfy me that the results of this year's experiments with sugar beets are going to be very satisfactory and encouraging. I am confident that before the end of another year we shall have twenty-five great beet-sugar establishments in operation in the United States, scattered all the way from New York State to the Pacific Coast and producing large quantities of beet sugar and opening the way to the production by our farmers of at least a large proportion of the sugar for which we now send our money abroad."

### Sheriff's Sale.

The sheriff sold on Monday a house and lot on Catharine street, the property of J. H. Brink to Jacob Kiser for \$250. Also a tract of land in Greene township containing forty-nine acres the property of George Cummins to George W. Carleton for \$150.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### Confidence in President McKinley.

Dry Docks at League Island—Method of Sending Out Seeds—Forker on the Ohio Situation. He Says Prosperity Has Killed the Issue.

President McKinley hasn't got to obtain the confidence of the conservative people—an overwhelming majority—of this country; he has had it for years—earned it by his record in Congress and as Governor of Ohio. No man knows better than he that his enemies and the enemies of the Republican party have been hoping ever since the day he was inaugurated that he would commit this government to some radical policy, either domestic or foreign, that would result in checking the prosperity now so generally spread over the country, by creating a scare. But from the day he was nominated, Major McKinley has firmly believed that his administration was destined to start the people of his country upon an era of great prosperity, and has been fully determined that it was his duty, a duty in harmony with his inclinations, to help along prosperity in every possible way, instead of doing anything that would be likely to retard it.

His enemies thought he had fallen into their trap when it was called from Europe that an ultimatum had been submitted to Spain, but they were badly mistaken. The proposition submitted to Spain was a peaceable one, intended to help along prosperity in the United States, by bringing about peace in Cuba and a restoration of the commerce of \$100,000,000 a year we had with the island before the present revolution began, as will be seen when the instructions to Minister Woodford are made public. Major McKinley has no ambition to add any new laurels to his military record, but he aspires to have his administration linked in the minds of the people with good times for everybody, believing with most sensible persons that the triumph of commerce and industry are much better and greater than the triumphs of war.

A vigorous protest against the action of the Board of Naval Officers which recommended the establishment of ten new dry docks at various places, without mentioning League Island was made to Secretary Long by Senator Penrose, and Representative Bingham. The Pennsylvanians insisted that League Island had always been considered one of the best places in the country for a dry dock, as it is situated beyond the reach of hostile guns, has fresh water, and close to the largest supply of labor in the United States. Secretary Long did not indicate his intentions, but he called attention to the Naval Board being only advisory, and said he was not bound to accept their recommendations as his own.

Secretary Wilson's plan of having all the seeds distributed by the Department of Agriculture sent in bulk to Washington and tested before being sent out cannot be carried out, owing to the construction of the act appropriating the money to purchase the seeds. A decision of Comptroller Tracewell, of the Treasury, rendered at the request of Secretary Wilson, says the seeds can only be purchased already put up in packages and labeled for distribution. In his annual report, Secretary Wilson will probably recommend a change in the wording of the seed clause of the next appropriation bill.

Ex-Congressman Niedringhaus, of St. Louis, who is visiting Washington, said: "I think we have entered on a career of prosperity that will be permanent. I am out of debt now, but believe that everything is favorable to the continuance of the Republican party in power. The administration is proceeding in a cautious and conservative way on all the great questions of the day and is deservedly popular."

Senator Forker, who passed through Washington on his way from New York, where he was called on important business, to resume his work in the Ohio campaign said the statement that he had left Ohio because of a row with Chairman Dick was a Democratic mistake, willfully made. He gave his impression of the situation in Ohio thusly: "It is a foregone conclusion that the Republicans will gain a sweeping victory. I have made several speeches in the State, and from what I have seen and heard, I do not think the Democrats have even a chance to win. The return of prosperity has effectively killed the Democratic issue. No argument can be made against it, wheat and higher prices for all farm products. The ammunition of the calamity howler is gone and he has nothing left on which he can be kept going. Senator Hanna will be returned and Gov. Boshnell will be re-elected by a large majority." Senator Forker will resume the stump in Ohio this week, but of course that he about his having quarreled with Chairman Dick and Senator Hanna will continue to occupy a prominent position in the columns of Democratic newspapers of a certain class.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. C. Moore of this place is visiting relatives in Port Jervis.

B. E. Brown and wife are spending a week in New York and vicinity sightseeing.

Vido Zelich who was shot by Holme, at Greeley last week is rapidly recovering.

Alfred Marvin and wife returned home from their wedding tour last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Emmaline Biddis of Milford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Lyon in Port Jervis.

Mrs. Orth, of Harrisburg is visiting with her friend, Mrs. A. W. Mott on Ann street.

Emil Gumble the Harford street butcher spent Sunday and Monday in Paupac visiting his parents.

H. O. Ryerson and wife of Newton, N. J., have been enjoying the scenery of Milford and vicinity for the past week.

Arthur Pierson the milkman finds business so prosperous that he is building a model stock barn to accommodate his dairy.

Miss Evaline Van Elton graduated Oct. 1 as a trained nurse from the Methodist E. Hospital in Brooklyn. She stood highest in her class.

James W. Pinchot and family arrived at Grey Towers last week for sojourn in the country at this most enticing time of the year.

Wash Lantz, of Sandyston and Thomas Dutton, of Montague are members of the Republican county committee for those townships.

Charles Wilson whose family resides in Westfall township on the farm of John Findlay, attempted suicide in Paterson last week.

Mrs. Jennie Shenstone a daughter of Mrs. Mary J. Ryder is seriously ill with consumption, at the home of her mother on Broad street.

Mrs. C. F. Van Inwagen, Mrs. O. P. Howell, Mrs. L. C. Sanger and Miss Sanger, of Port Jervis, visited Mrs. J. H. Van Etten last Friday.

Harry DeWitt, a type in the Dispatch office, has gone to Philadelphia for treatment of his rheumatism which he has suffered for a long time.

Charles Mayne contemplates the addition of sixteen bed rooms to his cottage "Villa Ins" on Ann street. H. L. Canne has the contract for the work.

John F. Pinchot who has been in ill health for some time does not materially improve and the disease has recently brought on some slight mental disorder.

Mrs. W. S. Ryman, who with her three children has been visiting friends and relatives at Hacketstown and other points returned home this week.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy, of Dingman, R. G. Barclay and E. B. Wenner of Milford attended the meeting of O. C. Medical Society in Port Jervis on Tuesday.

Dr. N. C. Shaffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, recommended October 22 as Autumn Arbor Day, and urges its observance by the planting of trees.

Mrs. Helen E. Heller, of Milford, last week picked nearly a quart of ripe Sharpless strawberries from her vines. The berries were of fair size and good flavor.

The household of Jas. D. Ryder, near Conasaugh, rejoices in a new daughter which came to cheer the home last week. The little one has been named Mary J. for the paternal grandmother.

Rupert P. Nills, who attends to the marketing of the peaches on G. W. Donaldson's Ardornish farm, was in town last Saturday and says while the crop has been good, the profits were small on account of the very low price.

Wm. Hamilton Armstrong and bride returned from their wedding trip Monday evening and were treated to an impromptu serenade by the ubiquitous small boys, who made music galore until appeared with pea nuts and crackers.

Miss Josephine Wagner, of New York, who has been spending the summer at Joseph Schanno's Chestnut Grove cottage in Dingman township, returned to her home Monday. Her departure is regretted by her many acquaintances.

Ed Mott the "yarnist" about Pike county bears, fish, snakes and other things is with his wife staying at the Howland House in Chester, N. Y., and sports a neck tie made of a rattlers skin. Bet he often wears it in mind than on his neck.

## BRIEF MENTION.

—See Johnson's new "ad." It will interest you.

—There will be services at School-peace next Sabbath at 3.30.

C. H. Wood during the past week has added a new coat of paint to his home on Ann street.

—A letter from "C" was unavoidably crowded out this week, but will appear next.

—The annual Teachers Institute will be held at the Court House in Milford beginning Oct. 26th.

—Subscribe for the Press with the Farm News, and other papers—but subscribe for the Press anyway.

—If the weather is fair, service may be expected at the Sawkill school house next Sabbath, Oct. 10 at 2.30 p. m.

—Wedding bells will soon begin ringing in the village and if dame rumor speaks truth there will be several merry marriages.

—David Holdan's horse ran away last Saturday night, but beyond breaking the shafts of the carriage no damage was done.

—John Weederburn & Co., patent attorneys and solicitors, at Washington, D. C., have been disbarred by the Commissioner of Patents.

—Because this is an "off year" is no reason why every Republican should not go out and vote for Beacom McCauley and C. A. Gillett.

—The Press furnishes more local, state and national news than any Democratic paper in this county. If you don't believe this compare them.

—The Republicans of Sussex county nominated Dr. T. H. Anderson for State Senator, Peter Gunderman for County Clerk and Horace E. Rade for Assembly.

—Capitalists from New York have been in Port Jervis recently, and they promise that the Electric street railway in that village will be built and in running order by Dec. 1.

—Orange County Republicans nominated Seely Strong for Sheriff, D. W. Bogart for Superintendent of Poor, W. G. Taggart for County Clerk and A. V. N. Powelson for District Attorney.

—The Erie Excursion to Niagara Oct. 9 will be a pleasant outing and those who have never seen that wonderful work of nature should not fail to embrace this opportunity. Fare only \$3.

—Jas. B. Angle, of Delaware, has an apple tree which was in blossom Oct. 2. The flowers looked natural and were of light pink color. The leaves were tender and the growth was fresh like that in June.

—Ryman & Wells call special attention in their new "ad." to several lines of goods, they are now selling at bottom prices. They have also other bargains which will tempt the closest buyers. Give them a call.

—At the Democratic Convention held at Newton Monday, Lewis J. Martin was nominated for Senator, Elvin E. Smith of Sandyston for Assembly and Ora C. Simpson the present incumbent for County Clerk.

—The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will observe Autumn day next Sabbath evening at 7.30 in the upper room. An elaborate program of exercises has been prepared which will be participated in by the members.

—Judge Craig decided in an action brought under the Pure Food Law in Monroe county, that mustard was not a food. The suit was against Getz Brothers and brought by R. M. Simmer Inspector for selling impure mustard. The Judge is right it is plaster.

—Seven wagons with their occupants of Ziegen, Bohemians, Romanys, Tschinglers, Zingari, Gitanas, Gipsys, or whoever else they are with their dogs and babies come in town Monday and camped at the Cemetery gate. They seem to be the aristocracy of those wandering peoples.

—The New York Furniture Company in Port Jervis is offering the celebrated Orange County Express wheels at remarkable low prices. This wheel was the choice of great odds in the voting contest of the Sunday Forum at Middletown, which proved its popularity in that section. It is a first class machine.

### The Teachers' Institute.

Prof. Sawyer has arranged for three evening lectures. Prof. G. M. Phillips, of the Westchester State Normal, will be one of the instructors. Prof. Kemp, of the East Stroudsburg Normal, another, and possibly other instructors and lecturers will attend.

The music will be in charge of Miss Lila Van Etten, of the Milford Primary Department.

## MUST STAND TRIAL.

### General Reeder Fails To Be Discharged on Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Judge Scott Decides Defendants Cannot Be Heard and That is Offered for Their Appearance at November Term—Some Peculiar Affidavits.

In the proceedings at Easton Monday in the case of General Frank Reeder, W. C. Weiss and M. C. Luckenbach arrested for conspiracy growing out of the Van Valkenburg case the court after hearing argument decided that testimony of witnesses for the defense could not be heard—whereupon the defendants offered bail for their appearance at court. Some of the developments were quite sensational even for these most extraordinary proceedings.

Charles Chobert, who made the original complaint on which the warrants were issued made affidavit that he did not know its contents and supposed he was making one against Tillard only.

The prosecution thereupon offered F. A. Van Valkenburg as a substitute and the writ of habeas corpus was on motion of the district attorney dismissed.

Justice Koch, before whom the complaints were made, contradicts the statement of Chobert and says he was plainly informed in his office against whom they were made.

There seem to be depths in the matter which are as yet unfathomed but no doubt time will disclose the true inwardness of the whole rather startling situation.

## OBITUARY.

### WILLIAM A. STILES.

William A. Stiles formerly of Deekertown, N. J., died at Jersey City Wednesday morning, aged 60 years. He was a graduate of Yale a man of extensive information, fine literary ability, and excelled both as a speaker and writer. He had been editorially connected with the Philadelphia Press, The New York Tribune and was at present Editor of The Garden and Forest. For several years he has been a Park Commissioner of New York. One sister, Alice is the wife of James Bannett, of Port Jervis another Emma of E. A. Davy of Jersey City, at whose home he died, and another Eugenia the wife of Newton Millen of Deekertown.

### Death of an Infant.

Arthur, the two months old son of Frank P. DeWitt, died last Sunday evening of exema. The funeral was held at 10.30 Tuesday, Rev. B. S. Lassiter officiating.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue.

Lehman, William Honeline, et al., ux., to Lydia G. Carhuw, dated Sept. 30, 73 acres, con. \$300 and reservations, em't'd Oct. 1.

Shohola, Emily Olin Bacon to Helen J. Cadmus, dated Sept. 27th, con. \$10, em't'd Oct. 4th.

Dingman, George B. Quinn to Charles H. and Frank W. Quinn, dated Oct. 5, 87 acres, reserving use of dwelling, con. \$4,100, em't'd Oct. 6th.

Westfall, Frederick Wehinger to Ida Bell Wickham, dated Aug. 30, 80-100 acres, con. \$300, em't'd Oct. 5.

Westfall, Joseph Reilly to Henry A. Jester, dated April 3, lot 42, con. \$25, em't'd Oct. 6.

Westfall, Joseph Reilly to Samuel P. Brown, dated April 3, lot 43, con. \$25, em't'd Oct. 6.

## RAILROAD NOTES.

PEOPLE'S HARVEST SEASON EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS.

The abundant harvest of 1897 is about over, and everybody is ready with a big welcome all along the line for the Erie Railroad company's annual harvest excursion to Buffalo and the great natural wonder of the world, Niagara, which will start on Saturday evening, Oct. 9th. Special train will return Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10, and tickets will also be good to return on regular trains, Oct. 11. No one should miss this last opportunity of the season and at such cheap rates. Train will leave Port Jervis at 6.37 p. m. Fare round trip only \$3.00.