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NEWS ITEMS FOR OUR READERS

Annapolis. — Death claimed Mrs. Mary A. Thomas, who was probably the oldest resident of Annapolis. She had reached the ripe age of 95 years and 6 months.

Rockville.—Fire of unknown origin caused the destruction of a large barrack on the farm of Mrs. William Dorsey, adjoining Rockville. About 700 bushels of unthreshed wheat and 35 tons of hay were also consumed. The loss is placed at about $5,000.

Port Deposit.—The Rising Sun trail of the good roads system was given over to traffic Sunday. This completes the link that has been left over for two years. There are no detours now from Baltimore to Pennsylvania lines on the route via Belair and Conowingo. This route is undoubtedly the most picturesque of them all.

Easton.—Thomas J. Rowens, 80 years old, died at his home at Longwoods. He is survived by his wife and seven children (Edward Rowens, of Queen Anne; Raymond Rowens, Wilmington, Del; James Rowens, Charleston, W. Va.; Ellwood Rowens, who lived at home; Mrs. Victor C. Smith, Trappe; Mrs. Cassin Collier, of Longwoods, and Miss Florence Rowens, who resided at home with her parents.)

Port Deposit.—After weathering the storms of the Atlantic for 55 years the tug Seaking, sank at the mouth of Susquehanna River Saturday night. The Seaking was originally the seagoing yacht Sweepstake and prior to his election to the Presidency was used continuously by President Cleveland. Three years ago she drifted around the Atlantic with boilers loose and rudder gone and was brought in the capes by a United States ship. She will be dismantled where she lies.

Cumberland.—The body of Sergt. Russell B. Valentine, of Battery B, 10th Field Artillery, who died in France from wounds received in the the Battle of Chateau-Thierry, arrived in this city and was taken to the home of his parents here.

Sergeant Valentine enlisted June 4, 1917, and after training for several months went overseas with his division. He took part in the Battle of the Marne, and it was while he was leading his platoon in the offensive of Chateau-Thierry that he was wounded.

Cumberland.—The first municipal election in Maryland at which women will vote will be held at Frostburg, the Mayor and City Council having completed arrangements for the event, the date being set as October 26, when in conformity with a bill passed at the special session of the Maryland legislature, Frostburg will vote on a city measure increasing water rates. The Council appointed several women as registrars and judges of election, as follows: Mrs. Alberta Mayer, Democrat, and Mrs. Martha Hosken, Republican, registrars, and Mrs. George McLuckie and Miss Nell Raley, judges of election.

Crisfield.—Unfavorable weather conditions in this locality during the past 10 days, during which there were four or five days of very warm weather, followed by storms, has caused a shortage in the supply of oysters here, the quantity available being far below normal. This has resulted in a great demand for shucking stock in this market. Orders for the opened stock are unusually heavy, and shippers are able to fill only about one-third of their orders. As a consequence prices have jumped, common stock going as high as $1.10 per bushel in the harbor. Standards are quoted at $1.60 to $1.70 and very scarce, and selects readily bring $2 per gallon.

La Plata.—J. G. Cooksey, of Dentsville, was painfully injured in an automobile accident Friday night. Mr. Cooksey had been spending the day in La Plata with his brother, State's Attorney Ferdinand Cooksey. About 8 o'clock the State's Attorney started to take his brother home. He had gone but a few hundred yards when his machine collided with the car of W. B. S. Chapman, which was standing in front of a store of this town. The State's Attorney escaped with but a few scratches, but his brother, who is a cripple, was painfully injured.

PEACE MOVE TO HIGH COURT.

Chicago Attorney Asks For Action Against Secretary Colby.

Washington.—Harry S. McCartney, Chicago attorney, carried to the Supreme Court his efforts to compel Secretary Colby to promulgate the joint peace resolution passed by Congress last May and vetoed by the President.

Declaring that "vital public interests required the early as possible consideration of the question involved," Mr. McCartney filed a petition for a writ of certiorari asking that the case be taken from the District of Columbia Court of Appeals where it is pending.

STATE CAPITAL

Higher Pay For Lawmakers.

Annapolis.—At the coming election voters will be called upon to approve or reject an amendment proposed to the state Constitution to increase the pay of members of the General Assembly. The compensation fixed by the Constitution, which was framed in 1867, is $5 per diem with mileage and $25 for stationery and stamps. A member from Garrett, the most distant county from Annapolis, receives with the mileage perquisite over $600 per annum. All employes of the General Assembly, with the exception of the desk clerks of the two houses, who each receive $10 per diem during the session and the presiding officers of the two houses, who are paid $8 per diem, the members, as stated, $5 a day, which is insufficient to meet living expenses at Annapolis, as members during recent sessions can testify.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution provides that each member, possibly women next, "shall receive a compensation of $300 per annum and $5 for every day he shall attend the session." As heretofore, each member shall receive an allowance for mileage not exceeding 20 cents per mile. Under the proposed amendment the compensation of each of the presiding officers of the two houses is increased from $8 to $10 per diem.

The father of the movement to increase the pay of lawmakers is Senator George Arnold Frick, of Baltimore, who at first proposed a salary of $10 per diem for each member of the two houses. He started this movement on the broad ground that larger salaries would induce men of high standard to seek election to the Senate and House. In addition he declared that higher compensation for senators and delegates was in keeping with the nationwide tendency for higher salaries for public and private employes. Before starting the movement, which resulted in the submission of the amendment to popular vote, Mr. Frick gathered data regarding the pay of lawmakers in other states.

Business Basis For County.

An efficient business administration for Baltimore county which would last during good behavior and not be shaken at every election could be obtained through the adoption of the proposed new charter, in the opinion of Henry G. Shirley, a leader in the fight for its adoption.

"The people are simply the stockholders of the county," Mr. Shirley said. "The county council acts as the executive board, the president of the board as the head of the concern, and the county manager has the same functions and responsibilities as the general manager.

"Under the county manager are three departments, the head of each responsible to the manager. The Department of Public Works has the roads, water, sewerage system and all other public construction work. The Department of Public Finance has the collection of taxes, the legal work, loans and similar matters. The Department of Public Health and Safety has the police force, the health officers and other machinery for this work.

"The chief objections urged against the plan have been legal. It is said that the County Commissioners will continue to function, thus bringing about a dual government. There is a division of legal opinion on this, but even if the legal objection is valid I am sure no County Commissioner would try to retain his authority if the new charter were adopted.

"Under the new form of government the administrative expenses would be slightly less than at present, but the effectiveness would be greatly increased at once and would continue to increase. There are many laws on the statute books which are ineffectively enforced, although the Commissioners do the best they can. Under a business administration these laws might have a chance of being enforced."

State Has One Auto Plant.

Although more than 150 different makes of automobiles are manufactured in the United States, Maryland has but one company making machines. This company is located in Hagerstown.

Michigan leads with 35 automobile factories. Indiana is second, with 23; Ohio, third, with 22, and New York and Illinois follow closely. There are 10 States in which only one automobile factory is located, and four, including Virginia, where two are operating.

Of English invention is a cigarette-making machine for individual smokers, which rolls the tobacco into the proper shape before it is enclosed in paper.

At an auction sale of Guernsey cattle at Limewater Farm, North Easton, S. Lothrap Ames sold 51 head for $146,125, an average of $2,865. Sixteen cows sold for $88,525, an average of $5,533. Mr. Ames announced the private sale of Langwater Steadfact, a six-year-old bull, to George Cluett, of Troy, N. Y., for $25,000.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING A SILO

Everything Should Be in Readiness for Continuous Run When Cutting Starts.

DENTED EARS ARE FAVORED

Short Lengths Mean Greater Space, Less Air and Decreased Likelihood of Spoiling—Apply Enough Water to Moisten.

Silo filling is a hurry-up job in order to get all the growth possible and to avoid frost. Consequently everything should be made ready for a continuous run when cutting starts.

The cutter should be put in first-class shape, special attention being given to the knives and knife heads. An extra set of knives should be on hand. The blower, fan and both knives should run at the rated speed. Poor joints and a leaky blower mean more power and clogging. The cutter bar should be in good condition and the knives and bar properly adjusted to each other. If any extras are likely to be needed for the corn binder they should be on hand.

To Make Best Silage.

Authorities agree that the nearer ripe the corn is, if it contains enough water to make good silage, the sweeter the silage will be and consequently the more palatable; also the greater the amount of digestible nutrient it will contain. Roughly speaking, a majority of the ears should be dented. When large quantities are to be cut it is necessary to begin before the corn is at its best, otherwise the last cut will be too ripe.

Short-cut silage means greater silo capacity, less air space, and if the corn is a little dry, less likelihood of spoiling. Short cutting, also, means reduced capacity of the machine and more power. If the stalks are coarse and woody the waste is greater in long-cut silage. In fine stalked corn that is very green there is less difference between the long and short cut.

Water Is Essential.

When corn is very dry from being overripe or frozen, it is often necessary to apply water to the silage in order to make it keep. Enough water should be applied to moisten thoroughly the whole mass. There is little danger of applying too much water.

Roughly speaking it takes one and one-half to two horsepower gas for

Silage Cutter in Operation, Showing Connection With Engine.

every ton per hour of green corn cut one-half inch in length and blown 30 feet high. From this it will be seen that to cut ten tons per hour one-half inch long and blow into a silo 30 feet high will require approximately a 15 or 20-horsepower gas engine. If the same amount per hour is cut one-quarter of an inch long it will require considerably more power.

USE LIME TO SWEETEN SOIL

Beneficial Effects Following Its Use Have Not Been Appreciated by Many Farmers.

Though lime is not a fertilizer, it is a soil amendment, a material added for its indirect effect upon important plant foods in the soil, and if the soil is in need of sweetening, its effect upon the growing crops will be immediate and very beneficial.

The practice of applying lime in some form has been followed for a long time, especially in Europe. The beneficial effects following its use have been appreciated by farmers since ancient times, but, strange to say, in this country its need is not generally realized to the extent it should be, and in some sections it is practically ignored.

TO SUCCEED WITH PUREBREDS

Most Satisfactory and Economical Manner Is for Farmer to Purchase Best Females.

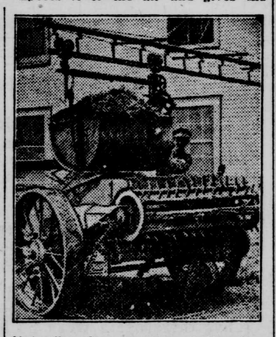
The most economical and the most satisfactory way for the average farmer to start into purebreds is to purchase good females to start with. Care should be taken to see that they are good. They should be healthy, of the proper type, and either proven producers or with proven ancestors. It is better to have only one good cow than several medium quality animals. A comparatively small outlay is necessary when starting in this manner.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF LOSS IN MANURE

Plan to Avoid Leaching, Fermentation and Scatterings.

Cost of Handling Is an Important Point in Storing—Best to Leave Fertilizer Where Produced Until Spread on Field.

The principal sources of loss in plant food from manure are through leaching, fermentation and scattering, and if manure is to be stored, all practical precautions should be taken to keep down loss from any of these agencies. An important point to consider in storing manure is the cost of handling. Handling manure increases the expense and at the same time lowers the value of the manure since the forking over of compacted manure exposes it to the air and gives the



Unloading Manure From Litter Carrier to Spreader.

material a better chance to ferment and decay. For these reasons it is best to leave manure undisturbed where produced, so far as possible, until it can be hauled to the field, says F. L. Duley of the University of Missouri, college of agriculture.

Where animals are confined in stalls or covered feeding yards the manure may be allowed to accumulate for several months and be hauled out only once or twice a year, with a comparatively small loss of plant food. If plenty of bedding is used it will absorb the liquid manure and the trampling of the animals will keep this compact and moist so as to prevent much of the aerobic fermentation and consequent loss of nitrogen. If manure is left in the stall or feed yard where it will be kept moist and thoroughly tramped, so as to exclude the air, there is no better method of storing. Since there is no leaching under these conditions there will be practically no loss of phosphorus or potash. The covered feed yard is extensively used in some parts of the country, and deserves more attention in Missouri.

This method of handling manure is advisable mainly where well-bedded stalls are provided for horses, and in cattle sheds or mule barns where the animals run loose and the trampling is more thorough.

PREPARE HOGS FOR SHIPPING

Animals Will Ride Easier on Empty Stomachs—After Loading Soak Well With Water.

The hogs should not be fed heavily before loading, since they ride better on an empty stomach. They should not be put into the cars too long before the train leaves the loading station, because they can stand the heat much better in the pen than they can in the car. They should be soaked with cool water. If the owner accompanies the shipment he should see that they are sprinkled en route. He should also see that the hogs do not crowd in the cars. At points where the train stops it is advisable for him to use a pole and keep the hogs on their feet, to guard against others crowding and smothering them.

FAT THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

Fowls Will Begin to Hang Around Farm Buildings When Range Fails in Abundance.

The Thanksgiving turkey will begin to hang around the farm buildings when the range fails to feed them abundantly. Turkeys fatten better and thrive better on old grain. Enough old corn should be held over to feed them up to Thanksgiving. However, the fattening process should not begin until early November. The important thing is to feed enough each night to keep them in the habit of coming home, and to give them an airy place to roost in and clean water to drink, so that they may build a vigorous constitution and a generous framework to hold white and dark meat for the Thanksgiving dinner.

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