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THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

Easton.—The Talbot County Community show is attracting large crowds. The exhibit of samples of all kinds of crops is the largest and best that has ever been seen in Easton. There is also a display of canned fruits and vegetables and the needle work of the farmers' wives and daughters. The show is under the direction of County Agent E. P. Walls and his wife, who are being ably assisted by the members of the different granges in the county.

Rockville.—The disappearance of a pint of whisky from the Circuit Court room here, where it had just been used as evidence in a local option case, caused considerable excitement among court attaches, lawyers and hangers-on. Apparently conscious of a duty well performed, the bottle of liquor was reposing peacefully on the desk of the clerk of the court when it suddenly disapepared. Sheriff Nicholson and the court bailiffs instituted a search but soon became convinced that the mystery was impossible of solution and abandoned the investigation.

Elkton.—Lawrence J. Finnan, who for a number of years was agent for the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company here, died at his home in Wilmington, Del., at the age of 70 years. Mr. Finnan suffered a stroke of paralysis four years ago, and a second stroke on Monday. He was born in Scotland. He attended the Catholic University in Dublin, and later studied music in Paris, and came to America in 1872. For several years he was agent for the Pennsylvania Company at Perryville, and from there was transferred to Elkton, and later to the head office in Wilmington. He is survived by five sons and two daughters.

Cumberland.—Captured after making a bold dash from a B. and O. freight car at the Cumbo railroad yards near Martinsburg, W. Va., two negroes, giving their names as Gardner Henderson and Arch Gilliman, are being held by the authorities at Martinsburg as suspects in the case of Alva Reckley, who was shot while in his grocery store in Cumberland. The men were arrested after the arrival of a fast freight from this city. On information received the posse, composed of B. and O. police and employes, surrounded the car when it stopped. The two men made a dash across the fields and when they refused to stop Gilliman was wounded by John Long, a railroad employe, who carried a shotgun. They were taken into custody and placed in the Martinsburg jail, where they are now being held awaiting the arrival of Reckley for identification.

Easton.—The grand jury began investigating the charge against Sheriff C. M. T. Soulsby of brutal treatment of Isaiah Fountain prior to his hanging. This investigation was brought about by a letter received by Chief Judge W. H. Adkins from Governor Ritchie at the time.

Officers of Commissioner Baughman's automobile force were quoted in newspapers as having declared that before the hanging, Fountain had been assaulted by the sheriff because he would not confess the crime for which he was hanged.

A number of witnesses were examined. Among those examined were Rev. Abraham Chase, Fountain's spiritual adviser; Commissioner of Motor Vehicles E. Austin Baughman, his chief deputy, Marshal Schroeder; Officers Montgillian, Smith and Gaffney, who were in Easton guarding Fountain at the time; G. W. Mumford, John A. Shea, and Stewart Gibson, Baltimore newspaper men, who were in Easton at the time of Fountain's escape, and the night of his hanging.

Princess Anne.—Dr. Edward E. Tull, of near Princess Anne, Md., has recently sold the timber of 800 acres of land, to be cut under a plan suggested by the State Board of Forestry. This is one of the finest stands of timber in the State, consisting of about 75 per cent. loblolly pine and 25 per cent. of hardwoods of various kinds. Since pine is the most valuable species and this ground is to be devoted to timber growing, it was realized that the most important consideration in regulating the cutting was to secure satisfactory pine reproduction. To secure them, four pine seed trees, approximately 12 inches in diameter, are to be left per acre, as evenly distributed as possible, all other trees to be cut clean. The seed trees are to be marked by the State Board of Forestry. The limit of time allowed for cutting the 800 acres is 10 years, with the provision that at least 80 acres in a solid block shall be cut and turned back to the owner each year. The owner has arranged to dispose of the brush after cutting, either by burning or scattering, depending upon the amount of natural reproduction upon the area.

STATE CAPITAL

May Save State Million A Year.

At a luncheon tendered by the State Lunacy Commission to Governor Ritchie, the trustees and superintendents of the several hospitals for the insane, Albert H. Wehr, head of the State Purchasing Bureau, which was created by an act of the last legislature, made the prediction that within a few years the bureau will be instrumental in saving the state a million dollars annually. This statement was directed to the hospital men because they had created a purchasing department of their own and had effected large economies through its operations. Mr. Wehr said his bureau would begin to function on January 1. He added that two or three years will be required to bring expected results.

Dr. Hugh H. Young, chairman of the Lunacy Commission, said he had arranged the luncheon in order to bring into closer contact with each other all who are interested in the noble work of caring for unfortunates.

Governor Ritchie was the first. He said:

"I look to you to help me. This administration is deeply interested in plans for reorganization of the different departments of the State. We expect a report by experts to be available by the spring. We shall soon start a survey of the public schools and colleges. Maryland has under its care the Western Maryland College, Washington College, St. John's College, the State University and several minor schools, all of which are aided by the State. Some of the colleges have gone along their own lines. In a collegiate way they overlap each other. Their work is duplicated, resulting in greater expense. If we had a clean slate we could begin anew to build up. Such, however, is not the case. There is no reason why we should not crystalize our purposes and aims in our schools. I would like to know if in the institutions which you gentlemen represent there is an opportunity for similar work. I am anxious to know if we can secure greater co-operation in our hospitals for the insane. I am trying to look at the State departments, at the schools, at our colleges, and at our hospitals as a whole. We are seeking system and efficiency. What I am particularly anxious to know is what your institutions need. With this information in hand we shall be prepared to go before the next legislature and secure legislation to put our aims into concrete shape. I want you gentlemen to understand that I am seeking the practical side for the problems before us." (Applause.)

Mr. Wehr outlined the plans of his department. He said he had examined systems employed in other States most of which are impracticable in Maryland. He said there are 95 departments and individuals in the state to be dealt with. He praised the system for the purchase of supplies by the several hospitals. He announced the appointment of R. A. Atkinson as his assistant.

To Keep State Roads Free Of Snow.

The main arteries of the State roads system, from Oakland, in Garrett county, to Point Lookout, in St. Mary's county, are to be kept free of snow this winter, as a result of the adoption by the Roads Commission of a comprehensive plan for snow removal. The plan was submitted by Chairman and Chief Engineer Mackall.

Under this plan, big trucks which have traction on all four wheels will start out over the roads, pushing snow plows ahead of them at the first snow fall. Each truck will be assigned a definite section of road to keep clear, and will continue in operation as long as snow is falling.

Arrangements have been made with the United States Weather Bureau for storm warning signals, and on notice of an approaching snowstorm, the trucks will start for the section expected to be visited by the storm.

The roads selected to be kept clear at this time are the main line from Oakland, Keyser, Cumberland, Hagerstown and Frederick, to Baltimore; Belair road to the Delaware line near Elkton; Washington and Annapolis boulevards, main line Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's counties, from Washington to Point Lookout and on the main line in Anne Arundel and Calvert counties from Annapolis to Solomon's Island.

Places in the mountains where drifts occur are to be protected by snow fences. The places requiring them aggregate about six miles, all of which cannot be constructed this year, as the cost of these fences run into something like $3,000 a mile.

State Road Work Pay Cut.

All labor employed by State Roads Commission on maintenance and repair work, except the patrolmen, will have their pay reduced 25 cents a day, beginning next week. This action was determined at a meeting of the board. This serves also as notice to roads contractors that they are expected to cut if they hope to get contracts.

Some weeks ago the commission decided not to award any more contracts for road building until after January 1 because of high prices of construction, and in making its cut, feels it is setting an example for contractors.

NEW SOIL URGED FOR CUCUMBERS

Certain Diseases That Affect Vines Live Over From Year to Next in Ground.

ROTATION MADE ADVISABLE

"White Pickle" Believed to Be Caused by a Virus and Is Spread by Striped Beetles—Spraying of Vines Is Favored.

Certain diseases that affect cucumbers live over from one year to the next in the soil, investigation by the United States Department of Agriculture shows. A transfer to new soil each year in addition to seed treatment and spraying of the vine is found advisable to effect their control.

The ornamental wild cucumber vine is a factor in over-wintering and spreading cucumber mosaic or "white pickle," one of the most serious diseases. Mosaic cucumber fruits are often deformed, mottled with green and yellow, and have numerous large dark green warts. The leaves turn yellow and die, leaving stretches of white stalks.

Disease does not live in the soil, but is believed to be caused by a virus which lives over winter in the wild cucumber seed and is spread by striped beetles. The cucumber beetles feed first on the diseased wild plants in the spring and then fly to the cucumber fields. The eradication of the wild cucumber is therefore recommended.

Cause of Downy Mildew.

Downy mildew is prevalent in the eastern, southern, and to some extent in the North Central states, west of Illinois. It is caused by a fungous parasite, and can be checked by timely and thorough spraying with 4-4-50 bordeaux mixture.

Angular leaf spot or leaf blight is caused by a bacterial parasite and is carried by the seed. It can be combated best by treating the seed in a 1-1,000 corrosive sublimate solution, washing them in running water afterwards and drying immediately. Directions will be sent on application to the department. The disease may live over in the soil to a slight extent, making rotation advisable.

Cucumber anthracnose, recognized by brown dead spots on leaves and sunken areas on the stems and fruits is a fungous disease, which lives over winter in the soil and probably on the seed. Seed treatment and rotation are recommended.

Scab Is Fungous Disease.

Cucumber scab is another fungous disease, known also as spot rot and pickle spot, which occurs mainly in the northern cucumber-growing sections. Stem and leaves are attacked, but it is most noticeable on the fruit. The disease lives over in the soil, and crop rotation is recommended.

Bacterial wilt is caused by bacteria which live in and clog the water-carrying vessels of the plants and causes them to die. The disease is

Long Green Cucumber.

carried over winter and spread chiefly by striped cucumber beetles. It may be somewhat checked by pulling and burning or burying all wilted plants as soon as they appear and by spraying with 4-4-50 bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead (four parts), the spray acting as a repellant and poison to the beetles.

DISEASE CAUSE OF LODGING

Corn Afflicted With Root Ailment Goes Down in Slight Storm—Poor Seed Blamed.

One reason corn lodges so badly is that the corn is afflicted with a root disease which causes it to go down even in a slight storm. Experiments have shown that this disease is transmitted at least partly through the seed. The United States Department of Agriculture urges that seed be field-selected from healthy stalks.

HIGHEST PRICES FOR WHEAT

Farmers of North Atlantic States Received More Than Those of the Other Sections.

North Atlantic farmers received more for their wheat per bushel by ten-year averages, than those of the other sections of the country from 1866-1875 to 1886-1895, after which they held second place and the highest prices went to the South Atlantic farmers.

PROCESS OF GRADING UP ALL SCRUB HERDS

Resemblance of Purebred Sire Within Three Generations.

Under Skillful Management and Breeding Former Poor Stock Is Graded Up Within Comparatively Short Space of Time.

Once the use of purebred sires has become general throughout the country the process of grading up will be rapid. Many experiments and practical experience show that within three generations most of the individuals in the scrub herd headed by a good purebred sire resemble purebred animals in appearance. In a few more generations under skillful breeding and management, the former scrub stock is graded up to so great an extent that for production of meat and other animal products they are practically as useful as purebreds. The chief difference between a high-grade animal and a purebred is in the value for

Beef Cows, the Product of Proper Breeding.

breeding purposes. Only the latter can be used in producing purebred breeding stock. Moreover, only purebreds are eligible to registration in the different purebred associations.

The Department of Agriculture, through its co-operative state agencies, is prepared to supply stock raisers with printed information that tells in popular language the best animal breeding methods and the advantages to be derived from their use. In addition the department furnishes an emblem of recognition, suitable for display, to every farmer who agrees to use only purebred sires and to co-operate in other ways in the better live stock effort. To obtain the emblem the farmer or breeder is asked to fill out a simple blank showing the number and kind of stock he possesses and also to declare that all his male breeding animals are purebred.

TOMATO SEEDS ARE WASTED

Can Be Converted Into an Edible Oil and a Press Cake or Meal for Live Stock Feed.

From 1,000 to 2,000 tons of tomato seeds go to waste each year in the big pulping plants east of the Mississippi river. Investigations by the United States Department of Agriculture indicate that they can be profitably recovered and converted into an edible oil and a press cake or meal for stock feed, with a gross return of more than $85,000 and a net of about $35,000. Plants would operate two months a year on tomato seeds and might be used for grape and pumpkin seeds in addition, reducing the overhead.

EFFICIENCY OF COTTON DUCK

Material Made More Serviceable by Simple Methods of Waterproofing and Mildew Proofing.

Life of cotton duck, used for protecting farm machinery, sacked grain, market fruits, field crops, etc., may be prolonged and the cloth made more serviceable by simple methods of waterproofing and mildew proofing worked out by the United States Department of Agriculture.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR CORN

Rocky Mountain and Pacific States Held Record From 1866-1875 to 1896-1905.

Corn prices at the farms of producers have been highest in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific states in averages of periods of years, from 1866-1875 to 1896-1905, after which the highest place has been held by the South Atlantic farmers.

IMMENSE DAMAGE BY INSECTS

Shade Trees and Ornamental Shrubs Injured to Extent of Ten Million Dollars Annually.

Shade trees and ornamental shrubs in the United States represent a value of one billion dollars, according to the estimate of the United States Department of Agriculture. Ten million dollars damage is done annually by shade tree insects.

EXERCISE IS OF IMPORTANCE

Necessary for Health of Brood Sow as Well as for Production of Strong Litter.

Make the sow take exercise; this is necessary for her own health as well as for the production of a strong litter. Shut her out of her pen during the middle of the day and feed her some distance from her sleeping quarters.

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