Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - FEB. 13, 1897.

POULTRY FARMING.

Landlords and Tenants' Interests in the Chicken and Turkey Business.

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS:

I read the article in your paper recently about Poultry, but was most interested in your editorial comments on the same.

I don't agree with you at all.

You evidently have very little *experience* in the matter. Or, putting it a little plainly, you don't know what you are talking about when you advise farmers to *raise more Poultry* in order to "make both ends meet" in the financial problem. You look at only one side of the matter, especially where the farmer is a tenant. The other side is the landlord's interest.

Now, Messrs. Editors, do you not know that the owners of tenanted farms have no part or lot in this poultry business you talk so freely about? And do you not know that tenant farmers do too much of this poultry raising business for the good of the farm owner? Yet you are advising farmers or their wives to go more largely into the business!

I have the pleasure of knowing something of this poultry trespassing business upon every right of the farmer owner. The tenant's poultry destroy the best acre of wheat when near the barn yard, and are free with the grains and grasses generally which the landlord is presumed to be interested in, but no return is made to the owner for the profits from this—which you say is the most remunerative—part of the farmers' crop.

Still you would have this sort of tenant privilege—I call it abuse—extended. I wish you would give the matter a little thought and tell us seriously whether you sanction this sort of farming.

Yours, respectfully,

FAIR PLAY.

[Our friend "jumps at his conclusions" and must have read our editorial comments very superficially, if he understood us to advise anything that would be a trespass upon the landlord's rights or privileges. He has evidently had a trial of his patience along this line, and lets off his surplus wrath upon us without his knowing *what* we were talking about. He failed to read us correctly. We said nothing about *tenants* or landlords. We had both in view as *farmers*, and our advice looked to the productiveness of the farm without regard to any particular arrangement between the land owner and his tenant relative to the business suggested. We took for granted that the common interest of the two would regulate that. So that our friend "Fair Play" has simply gone off half-cocked. There are not many tenants who will not do the fair thing by their landlord if the latter will do the same by the tenant. Of course there are some who will abuse their privileges, but we are loth to believe that this is the rule rather than the exception. Both should pull together, especially in this time of unremunerative farming; seek new crops and broaden and expand that which is profitable in the old. Turn your cake on the other side, also, Mr. Fair Play!—EDS. NEWS.]

Peach Notes.

Fruit growers generally will find something of interest, even at this early day, in the following notes about peaches:

Peach Buds Killed.—It is the opinion of most of the peach growers of the State and Peninsula that there will be very few peaches next season. They think that the trees have been damaged by cold and they also find that there is more dead wood on the trees than for many years before at this time.—*Wilmington Morning News.*

Peach Prospects.—From the reports of low temperatures during the present week in northern and central States it seems probable that many of the fruit buds in those sections have been destroyed by the severe cold. Ten degrees below zero kills practically all the peach buds. In Delaware the mercury has not gone below 10° above zero this winter, and buds are all alive. Barring spring frosts, Delaware will have a peach crop next summer, but not a large one, for the heavy yield last year was a great drain on the vitality of the trees. Growers here report an unusual quantity of dead wood in their trees.—*Milford (Del.) News.*

JUSTIFIABLE.—"I understand that when those fellows down at Hinker's Station wanted to argue with you, you dodged," said the committeeman.

"Had to," the campaign orator admitted. "They wanted to argue with eggs."

OLD SCHOOL POLITENESS. — "Uncle Simon, what is old-fashioned politeness?"

"It is a way people used to have of asking a man about his health and then listening until he got through replying."

"WELL, here's a new one Doctors are now prescribing ice-cream as medicine."

"Great Cæsar! Don't let my wife know it, she'll never know another well day."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, since the last meeting of this Association it has pleased the all wise Father and Dispenser of events to remove by death from his sphere of usefulness amongst us, Isaac R. Starkey, an active and honorable member of this Association, and a teacher of conceded ability, and one who loved his work.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Starkey this Association has lost one of its most practical, conscientious and faithful members; the Still Pond school, of which he was principal at the time of his death, a teacher whom pupils and patrons loved to respect and honor; and the county a most efficient and valuable citizen.

Resolved, That Mr. Starkey, by his earnest painstaking devotion to the duties of his chosen profession, and by his modest, dignified and gentlemanly bearing, offers an example worthy of all emulation; commanding the admiration and respect of this entire body of teachers.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved widow and devoted children of our departed friend and associate, our warmest sympathy in their sore affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Association, and also a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the County papers for publication.

Whereas, since the last meeting of the teachers of the County, we have been called upon to mourn the loss of Miss Josephine Harris, of the Chesterville school, and desiring to make public recognition of our loss and to give expression to our sorrow, be it

Resolved, That by the death of Miss Harris the Teachers' Association of Kent county has been deprived of one of its honored, efficient and useful members; that the county has lost one of its most practical and useful teachers; that the teachers have lost a valued and agreeable friend and associate.

Resolved, That we will cherish her memory.

Resolved, That this tribute to our departed friend be entered upon the Journal of proceedings, a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and that the County papers be requested to copy them.

S. BLANCHE MCKNETT.
ETHEL M. SOLLOWAY.
JEANNETTE GOODING.

Civil Service in Maryland.

The following is the Act of Assembly providing for a Civil Service Reform amendment to the constitution of Maryland, to be voted on at the general election next November:

Chapter 459, Laws of 1896.

An act to amend the Constitution of the State by adding an additional section to Article 15 thereof, to be known as Section 11 of the said article.

Section 1—Be it enacted by the General Assembly (three-fifths of all the members of the House concurring) that the following additional section be and the same hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State; and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, shall stand and be known as Section 11 of Article 15 of said Constitution.

II. Appointments in the civil service of the State in the municipalities and counties of the State, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained so far as practicable by examination, which shall be competitive, except appointments which are subject to confirmation by the Senate, and the General Assembly shall pass all such laws as may be necessary more fully to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said General Election, the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot used at the said election shall be printed, after the list of candidates, the question concerning the adoption or rejection of said proposed Constitutional amendment so that each voter at such election can designate thereon in the manner prescribed by law, whether his vote is "For the Constitutional Amendment" or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as he shall elect, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the State of the vote for and against said amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Approved April 4, 1896.

Civil service is a good thing in so far as it requires ample qualifications for position, but when it takes such a sweep as that contained in the above amendment we think it about time to call a halt. It becomes a farce. Its effect, if not its purpose, is to keep fossils in office. We have samples of this under all who profess to favor it. President Harrison filled certain offices with Republicans and then applied the civil service act! President Cleveland, who like Harrison and his subordinates, were spoilsmen while it was to their political interest so to be, when they get the power, suddenly discover the advantages of civil service and proceed to apply it in making permanent nests for their particular partizans.

Nearly every office under the Government is under civil service, except the fourth-class postmasters, and now it is proposed to place them on the list.

Delaware's Old Bible.

All the Govenors of the State of Delaware since 1853 have been sworn into office on a Bible which, if in the possession of any other Commonwealth, would be guarded as a priceless treasure, says the New York Mail and Express. It is one of the two original Robt. Stephenus Bibles now in existence, printed in Latin in the year 1532. The other volume is in the possession of the Societe d' Histoire, in Paris, in whose rooms it is kept in a glass case during the day and is locked in a fire-proof safe at night.

The Delawarean treasure is kept in an old pine desk, whose lock could be forced with a penknife. For years it served as a seat in a chair which was too low to accommodate a person sitting in front of a desk. Then it was piled up with a lot of old law reports, and not until three years ago was it placed where there was a semblance of safety. Bibliophiles regard the original Stephenus Bible as one of the rarest and most valuable volumes in the world of obsolete books.

THE increase in the number of pupils of the public schools of Caroline county in consequence of the adoption of free books is believed to be about two hundred, the increase being heaviest in the colored schools.

CRUMPTON ITEMS.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday-school was organized by the election of the following officers and teachers: Supt., Levi Scott Chew; assis't. supt., Charles Milbourne; secretary, J. A. Ryland; treasurer, Miss Fannie Butler, librarian, J. Woodall Fennimore; assis't. librarian, Harry Harrison; organist, Miss Lulu Boggs; assis't. organist, Miss Mollie Sparks. Teachers, Mrs. Annie E. Chew, Dr. Sullivan, Miss Mollie Sparks, Mrs. Mary Sparks, Mrs. Kate Hendrix, Mrs. W. E. Ryland, Mrs. Fannie Butlar, Mrs. Dr. Sullivan. This school is classified and ready for honest hard work for the Master. May success attend their efforts.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school was reorganized last Sunday by the Sunday-school board of the Methodist Episcopal Church by the election of the following officers and teachers: Superintendent, C. W. Clements; assistant supt., W. T. Solloway; secretary, J. P. Hartley; treasurer, W. Bruce Sparks; librarian, W. S. Solloway; assistant librarian, Ray Sparks; organist, Ethel B. Clements; assis't. organist, Susie Walls. Teachers: Infant department, Mrs Lillie Ryland; Class No. 1, Miss Annie Keffler; No. 2, Miss Daisey Schwatka; No. 3, Miss Clara Foulks; No. 4, Miss Katie Coleman; No. 5, Miss Maggie Ryland; No. 6, Mr. Clifford Sparks; No. 7, Mrs. Louise Walls; No. 8, Mr. Edward Walls; No. 9, Miss Lillie Legg; No. 10, Mrs. A. Day Emerson. This school is doing work that must and will be paramount in its effects on this community. It received the highest commendation from Presiding-Elder Smith. The following scholars attended forty or more sessions: Margerite Archibald, 45; Estella Walls, 42; Susie Walls, 43; Virginia Clements, 50; Elsie Woodall, 40; Elva Smith, 41; Mabel Walls, 43; Corrine Ryland, 41; Emerson Sparks, 50; Joel Clements, 49; Clifford Sparks, 45; Joshua Walls, Jr., 41; Oscar Walls, 50; Willie Woodall, 46; Alday Emerson, 50; Hacket Emerson, 50; Howard Ryland, 47; Jessee Ryland, 40.

Mr. Walter Sparks has left us and is now at Washington College. We miss Walter and wish him success.

Mr. Spencer Merrick has been quite sick, but glad to report him better.

The revival, at the Methodist Protestant Church, which was to have begun last Sunday night has been postponed.

Mr. Lusby Loller entertained a party of friends at his uncle's Mr. Daniel Loller, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Walls gave a social Tuesday night.

Messrs. Hendrix, Clements and Geo. E. Harrison have filled their ice-houses during the cold spell.

Mr. George W. Evans, of Aberdeen, Harford county, manager of the Crumpton Packing Company, paid us a short visit. Mr. Evans has made many friends here by his affable manners and straightforward business tactics and we hope the company will continue here.

Mrs. Edward Smith who has been a great sufferer for a long time, passed away Monday at 9 P. M. Interment at Crumpton cemetery, Bradley & Sparks, undertakers.—PAULINE *in Cent. Record.*

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By order of the Board of Commissioners.

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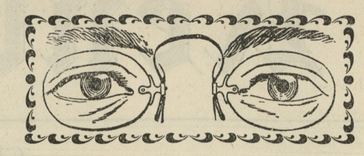

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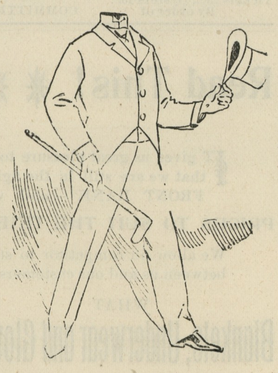

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