

TO BE A SEVERE WINTER.
Such is the Conclusion of Weather
Sharps in Convention.

The weather prophets of Berks county, Pennsylvania, who have forecast the weather for years held their annual convention at Lobschville, this county, when by a two-thirds vote it was agreed that the coming winter will be an unusually severe one. Weather prognosticators from all sections of the county were represented and exchanged their views on the subject. Many are close followers of the veteran goose bone weather prophet, Elias Hartz, who died several years ago and who was considered one of the best weather prophets of his day.

Loyal supporters of goose bone theory all declare for a severe winter. They have noticed the covering of feathers on geese born last spring and say that they have the appearance of being ruffled considerably. This leads them to believe that after many of the geese are killed for the Thanksgiving Day, the breast bone will show many discolorations.

Mr. Hartz, the aged prophet, never made his prediction until the day after Thanksgiving and farmers and others were usually guided by what he said. If he sounded the warning, "Fill your coal bins," everybody got busy and the coal merchants had all they could do to fill the cellars of their customers.

The annual convention of the weather prognosticators was interesting in every particular. Those in attendance express their views freely. Some are guided by the actions of the small animals and reptiles, while others pay close attention to the trees and shrubbery.

Gideon Keller of Brecknock, aged 82 years said:

"When I was a boy I learned the signs of the weather man from my father, who always foretold the weather with success. We will have a cold winter and it will not start late either. I believe the seasons are changing, that the summers are becoming shorter and cooler and the winters longer and more severe. When did we experience such a cold winter as last year? When was a summer cooler than this season? The leaves on the trees began to color some weeks ago and have already started to fall. This is an indication that the winter will be cold."

"The apple crop this year is earlier than usual. You can depend on nature at all times. The apples are ripening earlier and will be harvested earlier than in previous seasons. Another sign of a cold winter is the fact that the weeds to grow tall to make provision for the birds and animals that use this food."

Cyrus E. Schmeck of Garfield said:

"In my opinion the ground hog is the most reliable weather prophet I know of. At the present time the animal is busy digging his hole deeper. He anticipates a hard winter and is providing a warm home. Even the chickens and the ducks show signs of a severe winter. Not for many years have chickens moulted their feathers. During the past summer there was an exceptionally large rainfall, which is another indication that the winter will be cold, with little rain, much wind and considerable rough weather."

John Drake of Mühlenberg township, whose weather predictions of last fall won for him a widespread reputation as a weather prognosticator, has received fifty-seven letters since September 1, asking him to foretell the conditions for the approaching winter. On December 21, 1911, he predicted a green Christmas and a cold spell on January 3, which would last until January 18. His forecasts were so exact that the people regarded him as an authority in this line. He said:

"A Luzerne county man writes to me that he would like to know whether there will be so much snow before Christmas, as he is training a pack of hounds and wants to make an extensive hunting trip. A Wilkesbarre woman giving her name as Miss Blanch S. Waldmere enclosed a special delivery stamp in a letter sent to me and wants to know if Wednesday, November 6, will be a pleasant day. She is engaged to be married on that day and wants to know what weather."

When asked how he made his predictions Drake said:

"That is my secret, I will tell you however, that my predictions, which are based upon the study of the heavens, have never failed. On July 13 at 2:30 a. m., I got my information about the blizzard due in February. Of course I had to do some figuring and anybody makes mistakes in calculations sometimes. During the night of August 15th, while watching certain planets I reached the conclusion that January would be a very cold month. I am so wrapped up in astronomy that I never found time to get married. That is why I am an abachelor."

Quite a number of other weather

prophets made their predictions. It was reported in substance that muskrats have begun building early; that corn husks are thick, with the stalks leaning to the west; that geese, ducks and chickens are growing a thick down under their feathers and a bony substance on their feet; that squirrels are prepared to lay up unusual supplies of provender; that toadstools on old logs have many wrinkles and that owls have retired to the woods much earlier than usual.

The many varieties of weather experienced by residents of this section during the past six months have caused much annoyance to many of the weather prophets and some are unable to tell where they are at. Some fear that they are not sizing up conditions properly and seem much at sea as to causes responsible for the many changes. Consequently a few are more cautious than usual in advancing new theories. The goose bone authorities, agree, however, that the winter will be severe, but will not be able to make a full prediction until after Thanksgiving Day.

Berks county has produced such a vast number of self-styled weather prophets that reference to it in newspaper accounts has become a common occurrence. They are more numerous than the wild fabled "hex eral," or witch doctors. Some of the prophets hit the nail on the head, while others miss it their predictions by a mile. Philadelphia Records.

DENOUNCE CURE FRAUDS.
National Crusade Against Use of
Fake Remedies for Consumption.

From thousands of pulpits in all parts of the United States, fake cures for consumption will be exposed and denounced on Tuberculosis Day, October 27th. This is a part of the program for the movement announced today by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Literature giving information on fraudulent and alleged "cures" for consumption will be sent to clergymen all over the country, and an organized crusade against the traffic in these drugs and devices will be instituted. The literature will be sent to ministers either directly from the National Association of Clergy in New York or through the many state and local anti-tuberculosis associations scattered throughout the country. It is estimated that over 100,000 clergymen will be reached in this way.

From actual records on file in the office of the National Association, it is estimated that the volume of business done annually by the various concerns who sell fake remedies for tuberculosis amounts to well over \$15,000,000. The number of these remedies now being used as so-called "cures" is over 500.

Three classes of "cures" are distinguished by the National Association. In the first class are included hundreds of devices and drugs which can be bought for any sum ranging from ten cents to five dollars at a drug store. The second class of "cures" include the "institutes," "professors," or companies of "doctors," who for a consideration guarantee to cure consumption by some secret method of which they are the sole proprietors. There are nearly one hundred-fifty of these institute frauds in the United States cheating the people out of millions of dollars annually.

In the third class of "cures" are placed a number of home-made remedies, which either through ignorance or superstition have been advanced as treatments for tuberculosis. Some of these are onions, lemons, rattlesnake poison, coal dust, lime dust, pigs' blood, dog oil, milk "strippings," and even alcohol.

None of these remedies will cure consumption, declares the National Association. No drug, gas or other material has yet been discovered, which, when eaten, inhaled or injected into the system, will kill the germs of tuberculosis without doing serious injury to the body. The only real cure for tuberculosis recognized by the National Association consists of the combination of fresh air, good food, and rest taken under the direction of a competent physician.

How Did You Die.

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful,
Or hode your face from the light of day

With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble is a ton, or a trouble is an ounce,
Or a trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only—how did you take it.
You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face.
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,

But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why, the harder you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;

It's how did you fight—and why?
And though you be done to the death, what then?
If you battled the best you could,
If you played our part in the world of men,

Why The Critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he is slow, or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only—how did you die?

—Selected.
Pictures tonight at Opera House.

LAST NOTICE.

All persons liable to the commutation tax in Camden are hereby notified to pay up at once. Executions will be issued against delinquents on and after October 15, 1912.

By order of Council.
G. G. Alexander,
Oct. 4th, 1912. Treasurer.

HOW MUCH DOES IT KNOW?
Remarkable Knowledge of People's
Affairs.

The Chester, S. C., "Lantern" had the following to say of "Ita," who with a fine company will open a week's engagement Monday night at the Opera House:

How does she do it? Does she really know anything more than common report about your affairs, or mine? Is there any danger of her telling it? A large number of people who were at the opera house



last night, and heard this young girl discuss with perfect readiness and familiarity intimate affairs of Chester people, left the theatre with rather an unusual and not entirely comfortable feeling that they had witnessed something decidedly uncanny. The theory has been advanced that her knowledge of local affairs is "faked" by getting up in advance a bunch of odds and ends of information concerning Chester and Chester people, and working this information cleverly into her replies to written questions. But how does this account for her knowing a man's full name from a question signed by only one initial, and then proceeding to make rather shrewd comments upon matters that are not generally known even in Chester? That she did this last night there can be no question.

Chas. V. Boykin Becomes Major.

Capt. Charles Valk Boykin, ordnance department, N. G. S. C., has been notified by the adjutant general that he has successfully passed his examination, and has been promoted to major and assigned to duty as brigade inspector of small arms practice of the staff of Brig. Gen. Willie Jones, the commanding general of the national guard of South Carolina.

Major Boykin succeeds Major T. T. Hyde, who recently resigned on account of pressure of business. In this appointment the National Guard is to be congratulated as Major Boykin is the foremost exponent of rifle practice in this State. He first entered the service as a private in the Sumter Guards, Company A, Third Infantry, and then was successfully promoted first lieutenant and captain in the ordnance department, being detailed as Major Hyde's principal assistant.

Major Boykin has been on all the State teams that have gone to Sea Girt, N. J., and Camp Perry, Ohio, and has almost invariably lead the team as the highest score.

Major Boykin is one of the most popular men in the national guard service and the announcement of his appointment will give general satisfaction among the officers and men with whom he will serve. He is one of the most active and interested workers in the service, and aside from respect on merit in ordnance work, which clearly entitles him to this office, his generally hard and faithful work in promoting the cause of the national guard further urged his appointment. A more satisfactory appointment to the national guardmen could not have made.—Charleston Post.

LODGE DIRECTORY

Rising Star Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., meets third Tuesday in each month. J. B. Wallace, E. H. P.; N. R. Goodale, Scribe; J. W. Wilson, Secretary.	No. 56 Leaves Northbound. 6:47 a. m.
Kershaw Lodge No. 29, A. F. M., meets first Tuesday in each month. R. T. Goodale, W. M.; W. Geisenheimer, Trans.; J. W. Wilson, Secretary.	No. 58 Leaves Southbound. 7:25 p. m.
Camden Lodge No. 119 I. O. O. F., meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month. R. T. Goodale, N. G.; C. W. Birchmore, V. G.; I. C. Hough, Secretary.	No. 57 Leaves Northbound. 10:20 a. m.
Jr. O. U. A. M., meets fourth Friday night in each month. C. W. Birchmore, C.; J. F. Bateman, R. S.	No. 81 Leaves Northbound. 11:15 a. m.
Live Oak Camp No. 49, W. O. W., meets first Thursday night in each month. C. W. Birchmore, C. C.; W. E. Johnson, Clerk.	No. 43 Leaves Southern Railway Northbound. 11:25 p. m.
DeKalb Lodge No. 41, K. of P., meets second and fourth Thursday nights in each month. W. G. Wilson, C. C.; M. H. Heyman, Secretary.	No. 113 Leaves Northbound. 8:20 a. m.
	No. 117 Leaves Southbound. 8:57 p. m.
	No. 118 Leaves Northbound. 10:05 a. m.
	No. 114 Leaves N. W. Railway of S. C. Northbound. 3:40 p. m.
	No. 2 Arrives Northbound. 12:20 p. m.
	No. 6 Arrives Southbound. 8:00 p. m.
	No. 5 Leaves Southbound. 6:30 p. m.
	No. 1 Leaves Southbound. 3:00 p. m.

To My Friends:

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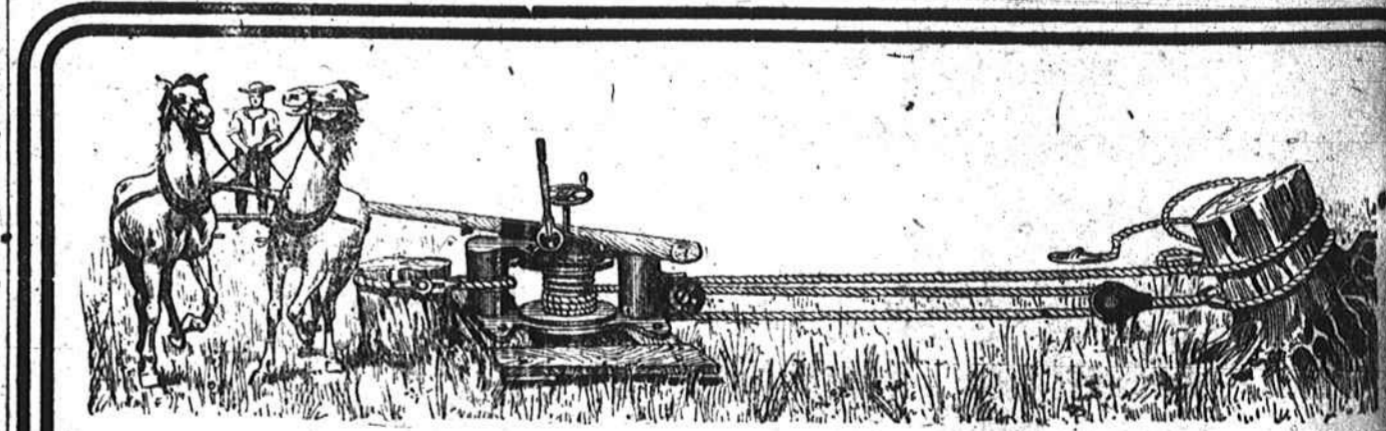
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