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NATIONAL SOIL FERTILITY LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED IN CHICAGO

Has a Definite Purpose and a Feasible Plan. To Restore the Fertility of the Soil, and at the Same Time to Double the Yield per Acre

The National Soil Fertility League, with headquarters in Chicago has a plan whereby it hopes to restore the fertility of the soil, and at the same time double the yield. The league is financed by railroads and public men of means and influence.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1885, 1910) and various crop yields (Wheat, Corn, Rye, Barley) for Belgium and Germany.

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Denmark's Progress. In a generation, by the way plan now proposed by the National Soil Fertility League, Denmark rose from poverty to thrift and prosperity.

Postmaster Gen. Hitchcock Throws Bomb in the White House. Statement about government ownership of telegraph lines creates a stir.

Summons to White House. Theodore Vail doubts the ability of the government to economically administer the affairs of the postoffice.

Four Chance Estates But Not Their Names. Marriage Licenses issued since January 1st show that four brides do not change their names.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Postmaster General Hitchcock who is right now giving out a statement saying he would recommend to congress government ownership and operation of all telegraph lines, was summoned to the white house shortly after eleven this morning.

MILLIONAIRE ONE DAY AGAIN IN PAUPER CLASS

THE PLUTOCRAT OF WILKES-BARRE, PA., RETURNS TO NATIVE HAUNTS WITH \$1.50 IN CHANGE

HUNGRY, BROKE BUT HAPPY

THE BUNCH OF WALL STREET BARONS HAD NOTHING ON THE "MICK" FROM THE ANTHRACITE CITY—WOULDN'T BE A MILLIONAIRE IF THEY PAID HIM FOR IT.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 15.—With his pockets shrunk by emptiness, John Jay McDevitt gave up his play as a millionaire when he stepped from a Pullman sleeper here at 3 o'clock this morning.

When the meal was over McDevitt grabbed his hatchets and started away. As he heaved the door the man in the white apron gently but firmly rebuked McDevitt, haven't you forgotten something?

"That's all right," said John Jay, "if I have'll call for it again." With his bundle of nerve still with him "Mick" started across the way to the Hotel Reddington, where a crowd of his friends had assembled.

"I am now, back in my natural state—hungry, broke, but happy. I couldn't buy a toothpick if some one wedged ham in my teeth. I am broke from collar to garter. Cleaned up like they usually clean them in New York. But lay down a bet that no money king has a thing on me in the way of happiness."

McDevitt has no plans for the future. He will spend a day or so "hitting the hay" any place with the space to let, and when he has slept out, which probably will be the end of the week he may start for Waymart, a familiar haunt, where he will begin writing the history of his "Money King."

MR. FRANK FAGAN BREAKS ARM BY FALL ON ICE

Cashier Fagan and Merchant Bank at Williamson, Sustains Painful Injury. Mr. Frank F. Fagan, cashier Farmers and Merchants Bank at Williamson, and who formerly resided here, where he was an employe in the post office, sustained a painful injury on Friday last by falling on the ice and breaking his arm.

LAUNCHED ON HAPPY SOCIAL SEASON



Mrs. Charles B. Howry, wife of Judge Howry of the United States court of claims, has introduced to Washington society her daughter, Miss M. H. Howry, a beautiful and accomplished young woman.

A BILL TO ENDOW AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS AND SENATE TOMORROW—LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES FAVOR IT.

OMNI-PARTISAN MEASURE

ITS PURPOSE IS TO EXTEND THE WORK OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES TO EACH COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C., January 15th.—A bill of great import will be introduced in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, January 17th, by Representative Lever, of South Carolina and on the same day it will be presented in the Senate jointly by Senators Hoke Smith and Page.

According to the general plan out of which the measure springs, it is proposed that the procedure shall consist of getting into general practice the best methods known of scientific agriculture by employing trained agronomists, or practical farm demonstrators, skilled in the most improved methods of farm practice, to take to the farmer on his own farm the information or knowledge that will enable him, the latter, to interpret and adapt to his own local conditions the best methods of farming.

THE TIME IN THE BIG CONTEST IS GROWING SHORT

Keep the Bonus Offer in Mind. Get Busy and Pull in as Many as You Can

The great voting contest will close February 8th. With twenty-four days more in which to work the best time is here in which to exercise your very best efforts. Many of you will perhaps think you have already done your best work and wonder where you should seek next for subscriptions.

TAILOR FREEZES IN THE DOORWAY AT NORFOLK, VA.

BODY OF M. REFKOVITZ FOUND FROZEN IN A HALL WAY WHERE IT HAD LAIN SINCE SATURDAY NIGHT.

WAS NATIVE OF BALTIMORE

HE LEAVES A FAMILY IN HIS NATIVE CITY—HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF NORFOLK ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

Frozen stiff and as blue almost as indigo, the body of M. Refkovitz, a tailor, 60 years old, was found at the bottom of the stairway leading to the establishment of A. S. Becker, over 379 Main street, this morning.

It is believed that the man had been dead since Saturday night and that death resulted from exposure. His family in Baltimore has been notified and the dead man's friends are awaiting instructions from his wife or one of his children as to what disposition is to be made of the body.

Mr. Becker said today that he closed up Saturday night about seven o'clock and invited Mr. Refkovitz to accompany him home to dinner, but that the invitation was declined.

Mr. Robbins said he heard a fall in the hallway adjoining his place about 11 o'clock on Saturday night, but that he paid little attention to it, as he heard no other sound afterwards.

Mr. Refkovitz came here from Baltimore about eighteen months ago and was considered a skilled tailor. He leaves a wife and family.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

In the parlor of the Louise Hotel at 12:30 today (Jan. 16) in the presence of a few witnesses Mr. C. E. Case and Miss Irene Smith, both of Farmville, N. C., were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. H. B. Searight.

THE YEAR'S HOOKWORM CAMPAIGN MOST SUCCESSFUL—52,911 CASES TREATED

The annual report of Dr. Ferrell, in charge of the State Campaign Against Hookworm Disease, sums up the activities accomplished during the year 1911. Some of the records are as follows:

Sanitary surveys have been completed in forty-three counties. State and County dispensaries for the free examination and treatment of hookworm disease have been operated in sixteen counties.

During the year there have been distributed something like 200,000 doses to people from all sections of the state, and about 500 public addresses delivered to approximately 50,000 people.

AS TO THE NEEDY AND THE SITUATION

Mayor Harding Investigates Conditions—The Worthy, as Well as the Unworthy are Being Relieved.

The mercury registered 3 degrees this morning, which is decidedly the coldest morning this winter. Another tour of the city to learn of what was being done to relieve the suffering, leads us to conclude that no stone is being returned to relieve every one really in need, regardless of race or creed or past history.

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Miss Worthington, of Belair, Md., is the guest of Miss Mattie Laughinghouse.