# ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE FARMERS

## About the Potash Controversy.

For some months there have been appearing cables from Berlin to the effect that unless the demands of the American fertilizer manufacturers were granted a rupture of commercial relations between the United States and Germany would follow. These the real consumer the farmer. have been supplemented by an interview credited to Mr. R. S. Bradley, the American Agricultural Chemical can phosphates. Co., on his return.

Any one who is familiar with the \$100,000,000 for fertilizers. These dispatches and interviews give only one side of the case, that methods of the so-called American of some American fertilizer manufac- | fertilizer trust cannot fail to be impressed with their solicitude lest turers, and they fail to set forth many facts which are of importance to the there be a ruture of commercial re- leg and the blacksmith told me. real consumers of potash salts; that lations between the two countries, was rigbone. Is there a cure for it is, to the American farmer.

In the contracts the American fer- surrender the paltry sum of \$12,000,- no curre. tilizer manufacturers agreed to as- 000 in order to avoid this calamity. sume all taxes imposed by the Ger- Such patriotism is unique. Possibly man government. They knew that the fact that the great packing houses likely to cure the lameness of a bad some regulation of the production had are owners of extensive fertilizer fac- case of ringbone; but it should be been under consideration for some tories may have something to do quite possible to remove it by having years, and that such regulation was with it. To the innocent bystander it the ring-bone puncturefired and blisimperative in order to conserve the appears that American buyers must tered by a graduate vetrinarian and potash supplies and to prevent such feel that they have a very weak case afterwards allowing six weeks rest Banner warehouse. results as have already been brought, if they are willing to offer \$12,000,000 | tied up in stall. If the lameness perabout by the unscrupulous exploita- as the price of a compromise. tion of the phosphate, coal and lum-, From Mr. Bradley's interview one blistered after six-weeks' rest.

ber resources if this country. might be led to think that all potash

They also knew that the German sent from Germany after the law was courts had awarded heavy damages passed was taxed \$22 per ton. This against mine owners for making con- is not true. Only the over-production tracts in the night in the manner that of each mine bears this tax. There have abortion? We know of no other Mr. Bradley states his were secured. is plenty of potash to be obtained cause. The first law that was proposed was from any of the other mines at the New York. withdrawn because it seemed to dis- usual prices. in fact, the American criminate against the Americans, and farmer is today buying potash at 10 of food or from any unsuitable food the new lay was very carefully fram- to 15 per cent. less than ever before. may induce abortion. Feeding wheat

ed to avoid all discrimination. It ap- This is due to the fact that the Ger- might well cause sufficient disturbance plies to all potash mined without re- man mine owners have changed their to cause abortion, but we are unable gard to whether it is used in Germany methods of selling in America. For to say that that was the cause. It or is exported-all contracts, French | merly they had a few exclusive agents | always is best to treat every case of as well as American, were treated ["ho sold only to the fertilizer manu-] aborrion as if it were known to be alike.

The real tax is trifling, being from not sell the potash salt to the farm- cattle may contract the contagion and 15 to 65 cents per ton, which is less er, out used them in mixtures, the somove a loss to the owner. Treatment called standard one containing only for contagious abortion has been given than the usual State taxes on the same money value in fertilizers in the 2 per cent. potash and many of them several times in this department. United States. It is the tax on the even less. Thus the farmer to secure A. S. A. in Rural New Yorker.

Many small mixing plants have

been started i n the South in connec-

tion with the crushing o f cotton seed.

acid phosphate and potash salts, mak-

ing the same grade of goods as the

large factories, but selling them local-

y at less prices than the large manu-

facturers who have repeatedly de-

manded that potash should not be

Even under these handicaps the

American potash trade steadily in-

creased, although the farmer could

obtain but a fraction of the potash

that he wished to buy, an d got that

at an unnecessarily high price. This

condition of affairs led the Germans

to discontinue sales through a few

exclusive agents and to sell direct

through its American corporation, the

German Kali Works, which sells to

anyone, any kind of potash salts, in

any quantity from a single 200-pound

sack to a ship load. This method,

urnished to these small mixxers.

are quite different from the so-called could have readily recovered (at the fertilizer trusts in America, since expense of the American farmer) the they are formed for only five years, \$12,000,000 that they were willing to with merely a nominal capital. The pay for a "compromise."

government exercises a rigid \_\_\_\_trol It is hardly necessary to remark over them and uses them to market that the Amer.can public is no no huthe products of the State mines. This mor to approve of an executive order control is exercised in the interest of for maximum rates on German imports as a retailiatory measure against The law provides potash shall not a law that places the people of all paid by German farmers, a principle nations on an equal footing, and prechairman of the board of directors of be exported for a less price than that vents the fertilizezr companies from that might well be applied to Ameri- unduly exploiting the merican farmer, who spends annually more than

Ringbone.

I have a horse that is lame in one nor with their magnanimous offer to The blacksmith told me there was

a day per borse, according to what y are doing. C. J. B. L.E.EC. Feed on whole oats, bran and hay

Do not feed corn before cold weather comes on. Avoid hay from low wet land. In the feed mix night and morning for a weey a tablespoonful of a mixture of eqqual parts salt, dried sulphate of iron, flowers or sulphur and ground gentian root; then skip ten days and repeat. Omit the iron for mares in foal and in their case double the dose of salt. Medicine has no effect upon bots nor is there need of treating horses for those parasites.

#### Mr. G. E. Flow Hurt.

A distressing accident happened at the Banner Warehouse about ten o'clock last night when Mr. G. E. Flow, of Johnston county, stepped off the warehouse floor into the driveway, sustaining painful and serious inju-

ries. H. J. Mr. Flow, who is sixty-two years of Blisters or liniments will not be age, lost one leg years ago and has since used a wooden one. He resides on Mr. James G. Raper's farm, situate near Selma, and last evening brought a load of tobacco here to sell at the About ten o'clock last- night Mr. sists the ringbone may be repeatedly Flow went to get a drink of water. the water cooler setting near the

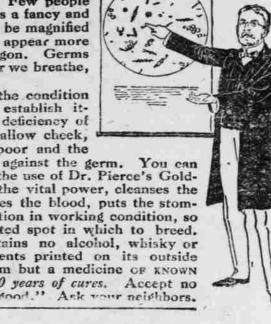
driveway, and afterwards started to wards the southern entrance. Although the warehouse and driveway was well lighted with electric lights, Mr. Flow stepped off the floor to the driveway, a distance of about two feet, and his lame leg was painfully hurt, the ligaments being torn from their place.

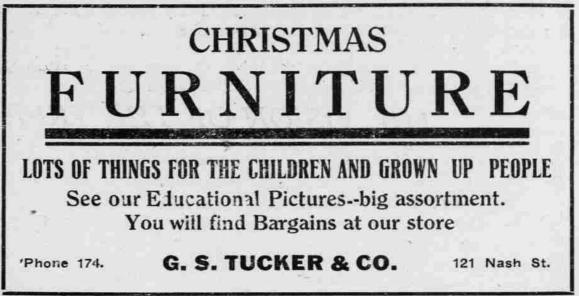
Mr. A. O. Davis, one of the proprietors of the Banner warehouse, was in the building at the time and at once assisted Mr. Flow, and called Doctor Dickinson and saw to it that the best of attention was given him, but it was thought best to prepare a comfortable bed for him at the warehouse last night where he remained until this

Afraid of Ghosts Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

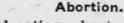
The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow cheek, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the

sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine OF KNOWN COMPOSITION and with a record of 40 years of cures. Accept no substitute -- " --- ' --- ' inst ' inst as good." Ask your neighbors.









Would eating wheat cause a cow to

C. W. A. Indigestion from any sudden change

actaters. These manufacturers did due to contagion, otherwise other

A. S. A. in Rural New Yorker.

production that is worrying those 3 little potash was obliged to take a who in their rush get a low price. great quantity of other material, no small amount of which consisted of bound themselves to pay any governmental charges. fller having no fertilizing value.

The law provides for a government In the South some kainit was sold commission that estimates the annual as such to cotton growers but it was an equitable basis among the 68 used as a "leader" to secure orders for mixed goods, and salesmen were requirements and apportions this on expected to sell no more kainit than mines. Should the estimate be found too low, it can be increased at once. was necessary in securing the mixed goods order. the purpose not being to limit produc

tion but rather to increase it. I n fact a considerable part of the tax is expended in work intended to increase the use of potash in agriculture.

Since Germany uses as much potash as all the rest of the world, each mine is required to sell half its lawful production in Germany and the remainder may be exported. A mine may exceed its lawful quota by 10 per cent. without any further penalty than having the excess deducted from its quota of the following year. Should a mine go beyond this in exceeding its fair and lawful quota, it must pay a tax on its over-production which is so high as to be unprofitable. This is far more effective in enforcing the new law they took particular pains does not require the action of any court.

Perhaps if the holders of the American contracts had made no objection to the first 'law as proposed, they would find themselves in a better position now; but their noisy protestations put the Germans on their guard, and in framing the new law they took particular pains to avoid everything though the cost of mining has steadithat might appear to be a discrimination against anyone. Indeed, they

went even further, and inserted a From time to time the American clause providing that the proper authorities might make concessions in combine to advance and maintain of the shoulder in that case will begin the over-production tax for two years prices and to refuse to sell raw ma- to waste away. Mix , ether equal to such an extent that the holders of terials to farmers who wished to pre- parts of aqua ammonia and turpentine these contracts would pay no more for pare their own mixtures. Some of and shake up ith six parts of raw lintheir potash than before; but this pro- these attempts have succeeded for a seed oil. Rub the shoulder muscles vision did not apply to the specula- time, but ammoniates and phosphates with this once a day. Proper shoetive options which extended for some can be secured from so many sour- ing will doubtless correct the tendency vears more.

ly increased.

Some years ago many American ly entering the field. Potash being afflicted with ringbone or some other fertilizer companies signed potash derived from a single source, is easi- serious trouble of the tendons or contracts in which no price was nam- ly controlled, but the Germans' plan bones. ed the contracts simply stating that of direct sales to everyone, in any they were to pay the same price as quantity at reasonable price, serves he American Agricultural Chemical to prevent the manufacturers from This latter company by its ac- forming combinations in restraint of Co. tion in signing a contract assuming trade and for the exploitation of the worms in horses. Our team here is all governmental charges seems to farmer, and permits the farmer to se- a pair of sixx-year-olds that came

### Decrease in Milk Flow.

I have a Jersey cow about eight years old. She had a calf in July and gave over 12 quarts of milk. She was quite thin and has only of late improved in weight, but has fallen off in milk five quarts. The pasture is good and in addition I give sweet apples occasionally, two quarts meal, two quarts, salt, clean water.. She was keut in an open shed during warm weather. Can you tell me what to do do to increase the milk? I have

These plants mix cotton seed meal, sprayed her to keep the flies away. Rhode Island. H. Y.

Better keep the cow off grass and fedd good mixed hay and corn fodder or silage, and in addition allow cornmeal, bran and other feeding meals likely to improve the milk flow. Medicinal treatment should not be necessary. Warm drinks would prove bene ficial.

A. S. A. in Rural New Yorker.

#### Lame Colt.

I have a colt five years old which was not used to work, and I used him on the harrow half a day. Since then he has been lame in the left leg; the nerve in the shoulder is swollen a little and is a little sore all when pressed hard. His legs seem to be all right, no swelling except that mentioned above.

which cuts out three sets of profits, What would be good to cure lame permits the farmer to secure his potness? Is there anything to sop a ash for less than ever before, even young horse from stumbling on the road.

P. J. C.

Connecticut.

Very likely the colt has been fertilizer manufacturers have tried to sweeneyed in working. The muscles

ces that new companies are constant. to stumbling, provided the horse is not

A. S. A. in Rural New Yorker.

Worms.

I want to ask a remedy for bots and

morning when he was removed to the Wilson Sanitarium. Mr. Flow is expected to fully recover from his injuries in a few weeks.

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Washington, Dec. 21.-J. Bailey Knott, his wife, Florence Knott, and his brother, Benjamin Knott, with Alton Armstrong, who are charged with having tried to extort \$5,000 from Charles Rosenthal, a merchant, by operating the so-called "Badger game," were released on bond. They pleaded not guilty and were held for the action of the grand jury.

New York, Dec. 21.-Mrs. Julia Preston Tolman, formerly of Chicago and the wife of Daniel Hubbard Tolman, a millionaire money lender, died suddenly in her bath room yesterday morning. This was disclosed last night through an undertaker's report filed at the coroner's office.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20 .- Representatives of more than a dozen counties of the Burley belt met here in convention yesterday and inaugurated a movement for the organization of a tobacco pool in 1911. While the meeting is called "independent" poolers predominated, but both elements showed a disposition to agree.

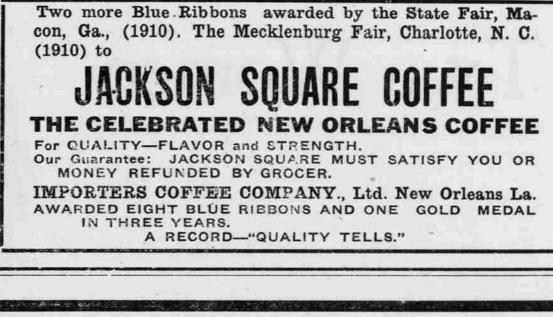
Kinston, N. C., Dec. 20.-Frank Lee, young colored man, who had been working at the Lenoir Oil and Ice Company's plant in this city, was killed by the Norfolk Southern passenger train near Falling Creek station Saturday night, and his remains were scattered along the track for about 50 yards. It was train No. 16, which left Goldsboro at 10:15, and was due in this city at 11:10.

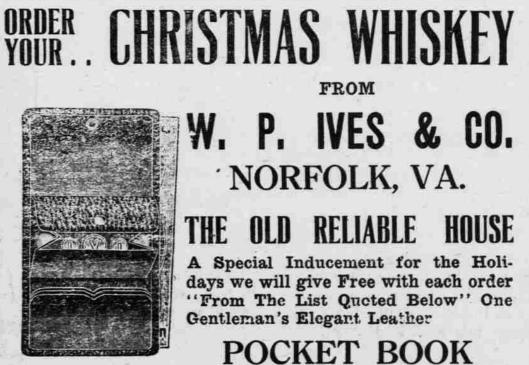
Barry and Ross to Fight in Memphis

New Orleans, Dec. 21.-It is an nounced that Jim Barry and Tony Ross, whose schedule here was called off on account of the decision of the authorities not to allow it to take place, would meet in Memphis next Monday night.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.-The dead body of Prof. Lee A. H. Sullender, 30

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