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### SAY PEACHES WILL BE FAILURE; WHEAT POOR

#### STATE EXPERTS CONFIRM FORMER PREDICTIONS OF DISCOURAGING CROP OUTLOOK

The predicted total failure of the Pennsylvania peach crop for 1912, as announced several weeks ago by the state economic zoologist, H. A. Surface, is confirmed by the deputy secretary of agriculture, A. L. Martin. After a tour of the state, Martin adds the discouraging news that the wheat crop this year will be no more than 70 per cent of normal, even if it reaches that high.

Abnormal weather conditions, which started last September and which have continued ever since, coupled with the Hessian fly, an arch-nuisance to the wheat grower, are assigned by Martin as the causes for the prospective deficiency in this year's crop.

"I am no pessimist," said Martin. "I would like to say that Pennsylvania will harvest excellent wheat and peach crops this year, but it is not true. The peach crop has been almost totally ruined, and the wheat crop will be very poor."

Martin's estimate of a 70 per cent wheat crop embraces central and western Pennsylvania. He is not so certain about the southeast.

Very wet weather last September and October, at seeding time, he ex-

plains, made it difficult to use harrow and drill on the soil. Hessian fly was particularly bad in 1911, and therefore, many planters postponed their seeding until late. Then came the early cold snaps, which prevented germination. The last few weeks, explains the deputy secretary, have had much thawing by day and freezing by night, and these weather conditions have not been beneficial. On top of this have come many high winds, which have added to the general unfavorable conditions.

### RECALL OF DECISIONS WORKS IN HARRISBURG

#### PUBLIC OPINION FORCES SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO REVERSE ORDER SLIGHTING WOMEN'S CLUB

The next session of the Harrisburg school board will produce the spectacle of nine more or less prominent citizens each eating a dish of stewed crow.

A week ago the board considered a proposition from the Women's Civic Club that the club be permitted to donate a prize of \$5 each to the seventeen grammar schools of the city to be awarded to the best speller in each school. Last fall the Civic Club had opposed the election of the present directors and supported independent

candidates, including two women. So when the prize plan came up Director George W. Kennedy said:

"This is our chance to get back. I move we refuse it."

The motion was carried unanimously. Next day the storm broke, and public opinion has been working on the directors to such an extent that they now say they will reconsider their action and accept the offer.

### BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

#### PARTY IN HONOR OF SEVENTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. NANCY WALMER AT UNION DEPOSIT

A delightful birthday surprise was held at the home of Mr. Harry Walmer, at Union Deposit, Saturday evening, in honor of the seventy-fourth birthday of his mother, Mrs. Nancy Walmer. The following guests were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. William Pfiel, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eshenaur, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Herman Gingrich, Mrs. Henry Ginder, Mrs. Elias Kaufman, Mrs. Christian Landis, Mrs. Ammon Curry and son Landis, Mrs. W. H. Rapp, Mrs. Sadie A. Brown, Mrs. Harry Kieffer, Misses Mary Walmer, Blanche Walmer, Ruth H. Nye, Bertha Gingrich, Ruth Peiffer, Kathryn Jones, Violette Gipe,

Maud Snyder, Beatrice Gingrich, Messrs. Paul Gingrich and William Walmer.

The evening was spent very pleasantly singing sacred songs accompanied by the piano. Some piano solos were also rendered. The table was set with all kinds of fine, large cakes and fruits of the season of which all partook heartily.

Grandmother Walmer received a number of useful presents and congratulations. All wished her many more happy birthdays. It is surely doing a kind and christian act to hold these meetings to give cheer and consolation to those who have passed through this number of years of both joy and distress. Late in the evening all returned to their respective homes highly delighted.

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