

Hicks' May Forecasts.

The month opens at the end of April's closing storm period, which storm disturbances disapparing in extreme eastern parts of the country, and cooler weather prevailing in central and western sections. An equinox of Mercury is central on the 3rd, and will cause cloudiness and tendency to continued drizzle. In the extreme north sleet need not prove a surprise. By the 4th decided change to warmer will develop in the west, and during the 5th to 7th, reactionary storms will pass over the country, being central about the time of the new moon on the 5th. A sharp change to cooler will follow the disturbances at this time, with strong probabilities of frost along the northern side of the country from about the 7th to 10th.

From 10th to 14 is the next regular period of change and storm. A very warm wave is apt to appear by the 11th, in western regions, and during the three days next follow storms of much energy and wide scope will traverse the country from west to east. Another very cool wave for the season will come in behind the storms, causing several days of much cooler weather in the country generally. Heavy rains may reasonably be expected during the last named disturbances—namely, about the 11, 12, and 13th, during which time a series of daily storms, recurring near the same time of day, or night, for several days need not be unlooked for. Watch barometers, temperature and direction of wind; if barometer fails to rise after one storm passes, with wind still in east and south, except another storm from the west, and so on until conditions change.

The cool weather following the storms of the last period will give place to warmer, and secondary storms will appear in many places about the 17th and 18th, immediately after which, the barometer will rise rapidly to a very high reading, attended by a sharp change to cooler.

From 21st to 25th, falls the next storm period, during which time it will grow very warm, and many storms of rain, thunder and wind will appear. In all these disturbances, the intelligent use of the barometer, and correct observation of wind currents, will foreshadow with much certainty the coming and the intensity of storms. About the 27th and 28th, will be central the last disturbances for May bringing fair and cooler days and nights for the closing month.

In the nature of things, May must bring more or less violence, in a meteorological way, but there is a marked absence of disturbing causes, so far as other planets are concerned. There are reasons to believe that storms will not be unusually frequent and heavy; but it will be the part of prudence to watch them all, and be prepared to take refuge from all that may carry in their cloudy folds the desolators of towns and hearts and homes.

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Wheat Prospects.

TOLEDO, Ap. 28.—C. A. King & Co. during the past four days have received replies from 3,248 reliable grain dealers and millers, covering every important wheat county in the six winter wheat states, which raise two-thirds of the winter wheat crop of the United States. The present prospect is that the next wheat crop in the six states will be somewhat larger than an average one. Four hundred and sixty six dealers report the outlook excellent, 1,378 say good, 796 an average, 428 a trifle below an average, 144 say poor, while only 26 say half a crop. Indiana has the best and a very good prospect, especially in some of the larger wheat counties. Ohio promises nearly as well, while Missouri and Illinois follow, each saying above the average. Michigan and Kansas have fully an average prospect.

The prospect has improved since a fortnight ago, when the April reports of the Agricultural Bureau were gathered; 586 replies say there has been a decided improvement; 1,302 say improved and 726 see no material change; only 478 say the prospect is worse, while but 82 say it is much worse, and these reports are mostly from sections which need rain. Most of the sections have had beneficial rains since the Easter freeze, and the damage now appears to be less than was reported.

The prospect now is somewhat better than a year ago. Ohio has about the same, but the other states all show better, Indiana leading. The acreage sown last fall was smaller. The amount winter killed, including what was damaged by the late freeze, was less than the winter before; 1,648 report no damage, 502 a sixteenth, 508 an eighth, 242 a quarter, 86 a third and only 78 a half of the acreage destroyed.

There is less old wheat remaining in the interior than a year ago. One-third say there is about the same amount; a sixth report an eighth to quarter more, while a quarter report a half less and a quarter say an eighth to a third less. Ohio has the largest stocks. Indiana, Illinois and Missouri have small stocks. A majority of the farmers are disposed to sell before another harvest, while only a fifth will carry all over.

Clover seed acreage would have been materially increased but for the late freeze, which destroyed considerable. Some has been re-sown since, and the area now promises to be about the same as for the last crop.

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Some Remarks.

"There is too much freedom in this country rather than too little."—Indianapolis Journal (Rep.)

"If the workingmen had no vote they might be made more amenable to the hard times."—Indianapolis News (Dem.)

"The time is near at hand when the banks will be compelled to act strongly. No act of congress can overcome their decisions."—New York Tribune (Rep.)

"The battle with socialism will be brief, but it will be hot."—Rev. Dr. Hitchcock.

"I say, come on with your schemes of confiscation, and forced loans, and graduated income taxes, and irredeemable currency under universal suffrage, and to you who are sufficiently frank in proclaiming the doctrine of your ringleaders, then under military necessity, and even here in the United States, we must get rid of universal suffrage, and we shall. Rather than allow these things, we will have one of the fiercest civil wars."—Rev. Joseph Cook of Boston.

"The people be damned."—Vanderbilt.

Scribner's Monthly said of the man who is compelled to travel in search of work: "He has no rights but those which society may see fit to bestow. He has no more rights than the sow that wallows in the gutter or the lost dogs that hover around the city squares."

"There seems to be but one remedy, and it must come—a change of ownership of the soil and the creation of a class of land owners on one hand and of tenant farmers on the other—something similar to what has existed in the older countries of Europe."—N. Y. Times.

"The capitalists have bought and are buying largely the associated press, and are controlling all the avenues of intelligence."—Wm. Windom.

"Bread and water are good enough for the laboring man."—Henry Ward Beecher.

"We need a stronger government. The wealth of the country demands protection. Its rights are as sacred as the rights of the paupers who are continually prating of the encroachments of capital. Without blood, and rivers of it, there will be no political change of administration. To avert fearful bloodshed a strong central government should be established as soon as possible."—Senator Sharon.

"The capital of this country is organized at last."—N. Y. Tribune.

"The old English system of imprisonment for debt would be preferable to our present bankrupt law."—Chicago Times.

"The best meal to give a regular tramp is a leaden one."—N. Y. Herald.

Hand grenades should be thrown among those who are striving to obtain higher wages, as by such treatment they would be taught a valuable lesson, and other strikers would take warning by their fate.—Chicago Times.

"Give them a rifle diet for a few days, and see how they like that kind of bread."—Tom Scoot, railroad king.

The simplest plan, probably, when one is not a member of the Humane Society, is to put a little strichnine or arsenic in the meat and other supplies furnished tramps.—Chicago Tribune.

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Willis McColly.

It was certainly with regret that we chronicle the death of Willis McColly. There was no person in Rensselaer, better known to our citizens as he, and when the sad news of his accidental shooting was made known to them, his worth and capability as an officer was more plainly perceptible.

Last Friday morning about 3 o'clock, Mr. McColly was at Frank Liff's feed stable, and had gone to the corn crib to get an arm load of corn with which to help the boys feed the horses in the barn. As he leaned over to pick up the corn, his revolver dropped from his pocket to the floor, the jar of the fall causing its discharge, the ball entering his body at the lower part of the abdomen and passing through the body. Mr. McColly called out to Frank King, who was at the other end of the barn, that he had been shot, at which the latter rather ridiculed, but upon being told more positively of the sad misfortune did all he could for the wounded man. Mr. McColly was taken into the office room of the barn and lay down on a cot, while the two boys then went for Dr. Loughridge and Mrs. McColly. He was removed to his home and upon a thorough examination by the physician, his case was pronounced fatal and on Saturday morning he breathed his last. This certainly was a sad shock for the family. Had it been a lingering spell of sickness, they would have been prepared, but the sudden intelligence of the fatal shooting of the husband and father must have been a trying ordeal for them.

The Odd Fellows, of which order the deceased was a member, took charge of the remains.

The funeral service occurred on Sunday afternoon at the residence, Elder J. L. Brady conducting short services. The D. of R. also held their service at the residence. The remains of the deceased were followed to Weston cemetery by over 150 odd fellows and about 30 D. of R., besides a large concourse of friends and relatives. It was one of the largest funerals that has occurred here for many years. Mr. McColly had passed his 43rd birthday only about a month before his death. The bereaved family certainly have the sympathy of the community.

The growing confinement of the consumption of natural gas to domestic use is noted in the annual report of Special Agent Joseph D. Weeks, of the United States Geological Survey. The only State in which its use for manufacturing purposes increased in 1893 in Indiana. The total value of natural gas consumed in the country in the year was \$14,346,250, against \$14,800,714 in 1893. Higher prices charged for the gas in 1893 was the cause of the decrease. The greatest value of the gas consumed in any one year was \$22,659,875 in 1888. Since that time there has been a gradual decline, with an aggregate of about \$8,800,000 less for the last year than 1888. All States show a falling off in the value of coal or wood displaced by the use of gas. The amount of this reduction in Pennsylvania was \$420,000; in Ohio, \$48,000, and in Indiana about \$1,300. The report shows the number of feet of pipe laid increased during the year to 12,989,657 in Pennsylvania, 5,730,373 in Indiana 1,403,098 in Ohio; The largest production of gas in Pennsylvania was \$19,252,375 in 1888, since which it has fallen to \$6,488,000. Ohio showed the largest falling off in production for the year. For 1892 the amount was \$2,136,000, while in 1893 it went down to \$1,510,000. The most important gas field in any State is shown to be Indiana, whose estimated area of productive gas territory is about 2,500 square miles. While the supply is falling far below the demand in

large gas fields, it is declared to be well sustained in Indiana, and supplies are being obtained from the state by factories located in other gas territories. The value of the product consumed in the State in 1893 was \$5,718,000, against \$4,716,000 in 1892. Gas consumed in Kentucky was valued at \$68,500 and in California \$62,000. The report shows that, in addition to the three States mentioned, gas is found in commercial quantities in New York, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, West Virginia, Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Utah, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

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In another column will be found Hicks' forecast of the weather for this month.

LOST—Sunday April 8th, an account book with two letters, by John R. May. Somewhere in Barkley, Hanging Grove or Milroy township. The finder will infer a favor by sending it to Wheatfield or directing where I may get it. Will pay finder for his trouble. Arthur Fleming.

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John Callow has been acting as night watch since the death of Willis McColly.

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Mrs. Willis McColly has moved into the Saylor property.

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Work on the gravel roads will begin next Monday.

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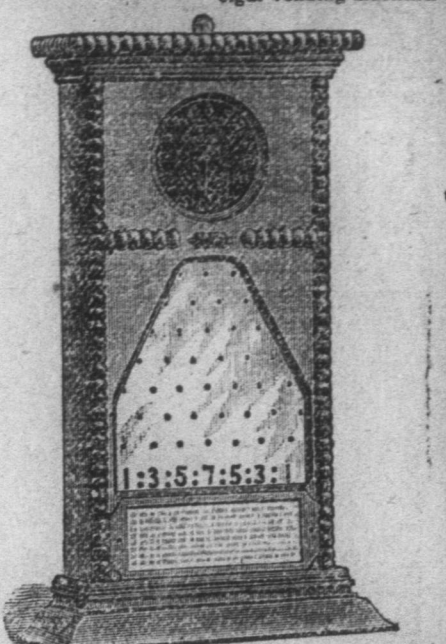
C. C. Sigler and Delos Thompson have taken the contract for the building of the gravel roads, from Curtis & Hawkins. Work will begin in a few days.

We hear of a number of our farmers that are plowing up the ground they had sowed in oats, and are now preparing to plant it in corn.

The vacancy of the office of night watch, by the death of Willis McColly, has caused aspirants for the place to spring up like mushrooms.

The attendance at the concert last Friday evening should have been double what it was. There is a probability of its being repeated.

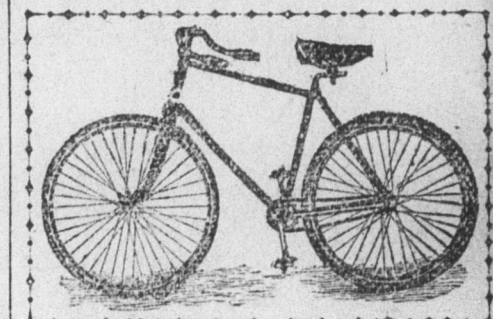
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Frank B. Lyon, who was recently connected with the Redkey Times, has moved to Delphi. He will probably study law.

The Republicans will nominate township officers to-morrow. There are several candidates for the office of trustee.

You will find it very interesting to read Sam Sparling's letter on another page. It is very descriptive of life in Berlin.

As we predicted last week, D. J. Thompson is again with us, from his trip to tropical regions of Florida.

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