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The Anthracite Coal Tax.

There is little reason for surprise that the Supreme court has declared unconstitutional the Act of the Legislature of 1913, levying a tax on anthracite coal. The constitution of 1874 declares that "all taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected under general laws." But coal is coal, though there are various kinds, such as anthracite, bituminous, semi-bituminous and cannel coal. If the Act had levied a tax on any or all kinds of coal, the tax would have been uniform and within the provisions of the constitution. Taxing one kind, however, and exempting others, is discriminatory.

The idea of taxing anthracite coal is a product of the brain of ex-Governor SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER and may not have been intended to produce revenue for the State. It was made the justification for increasing the price of anthracite coal to the extent of several times the amount of the tax and it is estimated that something like \$9,000,000 have been gained by the coal operators in this way. Of course it will be impossible to refund this money to the consumers who have paid it and the most likely solution of the problem thus created will be that the operators will retain it. The burden upon the consumers was heavy. But the political machine of which PENNYPACKER is an apostle has scant sympathy for consumers who are poor.

The Auditor General has begun proceedings to escheat the money acquired by the tax now in the hands of the coal operators but that is not likely to be ac complished. The tax fund does not come within the legal or literal definition of escheatable property nor are the conditions under which it was created such as to make such proceedings successful. The probabilities are, therefore, that the money will go to those who have present possession of it and those out of whose pockets it has been extracted may console themselves with the hope that the decision will be followed by a decrease of the price of anthracite coal equal to the increase that followed the passage of

Notwithstanding the persistent predic tion made by the chairman of both the the vote in Centre county on the Suffrage amendment would be 4 to 1 against the women, the official count indicates that the men of Centre county are men, and intend to recognize the rights of their right minded women. Carrying 12 precincts of the county, including the boroughs of Philipsburg, State College, Snow Shoe and Unionville with good majorities, is stimulant enough to encourage these progressive women in undertaking the work of immediate re-organization, with a view to preparing for the campaign of 1920. During the short period of work dating from January 1st, 1915, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Beach, twenty-five organizations have been formed in the county, and all financed by individuals, who had nothing to lose or nothing to gain, save the aiding of a cause which means success for the earnest determined women of Pennsylvania, who will know no defeat belonged to them for many years. The result of Tuesday's election in Pennsylvania should convince them that their goal is but a short way off.

## President Wilson's Plans.

President WILSON'S conservative plans of increasing the defensive facilities of the country are gaining in favor, notwithstanding the activities of the supporters of militarism and the advocates of "peace at any price." Both these elements have worked mischief but happily the saving force of common sense has minimized the evil and guided the pubexecutive is in control.

States was 28,558,321 and the maximum the Civil war. strength of the regular army about 25,-000 men. Now the population is easily the occupation of a cook in lumbering years, 9 months and 27 days. Most of 100,000,000, or nearly three times that of camps and was well known for his abil- her life was spent in Millheim but for a well known veteran of the Civil war, Mr. Selby will take as the subject for one 100,000,000, or nearly three times that of forty-five years ago. Measured by populity in this line throughout Centre and the past ten years she made her home died at his home near Eldorado, Blair of his lectures "Principles of Marketing," for another "Advertising and Publicity," men now would be equal to that of the vived by one brother and three sisters, husband died about fifty years ago but four year's illness as the result of paralformer date. But in 1870 our military namely: Allen Matley, now visiting in surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. ysis. He was a son of J. W. and Susan Walker-Gordon dairy farms at Plainsas well as other operations were limited California; Mrs. Ezra Simler, Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Sarah Ulrich, of near to this continent while now more than Sophia Bordeaux and Mrs. James Ardell, Spring Mills. Funeral services were held Gatesburg, this county, on June 13th, the number of men in the army then are all of Philipsburg. Funeral services were on Sunday afternoon and on Monday the 1841. He served during the Civil war as of dairy farm management. required for service in Porto Rico, the held at the Ardell home on Sunday even-Philippines and Hawaii. But in wealth ing by Rev. H. K. Bower and private inter- final services were held at the Ulrich ment, and was wounded at Poe river. at agricultural meetings in his own State

Unofficial Vote of Election Held Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 1915.

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and it is upon that basis that capacity to bear burdens are reckoned.

There could be no greater crime than converting them from peace loving morning. and justice practicing purposes into the spirit of militarism. Every cherished ress in the paths of peace and development along the lines of Christian civili-Encouragement for the Women Tuesdays precisely what the advocates of militar- Illinois and studied law at the University to the evil result by strengthening the Democratic and Republican parties, that others. The President's plan is sane and in surveying and engineering. He was safe and present indications are for it.

> --- As a rank outsider, so far as military experience goes, we suggest that somebody turn the hose on VILLA.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

months or longer with tuberculosis of borough engineer in Bellefonte for many the lungs Morris W. Cowdrick died at years and was also county surveyor sevthe home of his father-in-law, Harry eral terms. Heltman, in Lock Haven, at 7.45 o'clock on Monday morning. The young man spent the past few months in the Lock Haven hospital but realizing that the end was near he was removed to the home of his father-in-law on Sunday.

Deceased was a son of Paxton and Mary Cowdrick and was born in Bellefonte on Christmas day, 1894, hence was not quite twenty-one years old. His boyhood life was spent here but when a in their effort to get what has rightfully youth his parents moved to Niagara Falls where he lived until his marriage less than a year ago to Miss Heltman, since which time he lived in Lock Haven. He was employed as a weaver at the silk mill in Lock Haven until illness overtook him. He was a member of the grove, N. J.; Mrs. Malcolm R. Pifer. of Trinity M. E. church of that place and an exemplary young man in every way. He also belonged to Washington Camp No. 195, P. O. S. of A. of Lock Haven. Surviving him are his wife and mother.

The funeral was held on Wednesday at two o'clock, burial being made in Lock Haven.

MATLEY.-Following six weeks of ill-\*lic mind to approval of the President's ness as the result of a general breakdown programme. The army will be increas- in health Howard Matley, a well known ed but not to such an extent as will be resident of Philipsburg, died in the Cotburdensome to maintain and the naval tage State hospital last Friday night. He equipment will be improved as rapidly as was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Matley the conditions require. But no headlong and was born in Philipsburg seventyor absurd competion with other powers nine years ago, spending his entire life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizawill be undertaken while the present in that vicinity, with the exception of the beth Hogan, at Unionville, last Saturday few years he served his country as a evening, following a week's illness. She

WETZEL.-Following an illness which dates back almost three years Hon. John Henry Wetzel died at his home on Wilagainst the people of the United States son street at 5.15 o'clock last Saturday

He was a son of John and Susan Wetzel and was born at Cedarville, Ill., on tradition of the country made for prog- May 16th, 1856, but three years later the family came east to Bellefonte and his preliminary education was gotten in the zation. To alter this trend of thought public schools of the town. Later he and aspiration for achievement into a attended the Bellefonte Academy, the backward course toward barbarism would Penn Hall Academy, Franklin and Marbe a refinement of cruelty. But that is shall college, the College of Northern ism would lead to and the advocates of Iowa. In 1886 he located in Nelson, of "peace at any price" are contributing Neb., where he remained until 1889 when he returned to Bellefonte and engaged elected to the Legislature in 1898 and after serving one term was defeated in 1900 owing to Centre county going Republican in the presidential contest. He was re-elected in 1902, and made creditable records during both terms. For several years he was connected with the United States geological survey in Penn-COWDRICK.—Following an illness of six sylvania and other States. He served as

> Since early manhood he had been a member of the Reformed church, having served for years as a deacon and a member of the consistory. He was a member of the Centre county bar association and was for a number of years a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Wetzel was widely known through Centre and adjoining counties and was universally esteemed. He was genial by nature and a most companionable, home-loving gen-

On June 30th, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan S. Yearick who survives with the following children: Paul L., of Bellefonte; Nevin Y, of Penns-Jacksonville; Mrs. James Millard Hartswick, of Bellefonte, and Miss Sarah following brothers and sisters: Rev. Frank Wetzel, of Stoyestown; Clyde and Toledo, Ohio; Oscar, Charles and Mrs. Jared Harper, of Bellefonte.

WEAVER.-Mrs. Anna M. Weaver died In 1870 the population of the United soldier in the Fifty-third regiment during was a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Stine and was born in Lebanon county For many years Mr. Matley followed on January 3rd, 1826, making her age 89

Returns of Tuesday's Election.

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Fox.-Mrs. Mary Fox, widow of the farming in Blair county, a work he follow Elizabeth, at home. He also leaves his Shingletown at six o'clock on Saturday daughters; also a brother and a sister, vanced age. She was a daughter of Mr. both living in Ferguson township. Burial William, of Nelson, Neb.; Lewis C, of near the place of her death seventy-six years ago. She was the last surviving | Prominent Speakers for Farmer's Week member of her father's family and her Funeral services were held in the Re- entire life was spent in the same vicinity. formed church at ten o'clock on Tues- She was a member of the Lutheran Pennsylvania State College in December day morning by Dr. A. M. Schmidt, after church and was highly regarded in her which burial was made in the Union home locality because of her kindly disinterest to the farmer and his wife. position and charitable nature. Her There will be lectures on various phases her are two children, Lawrence and ing to domestic science and household Anna, both of Shingletown. The funeral art was held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

> Ross Ellenberger and was born near, boro, New Jersey, where about 2000 tons a member of Company C, 148th regi-Tyrone and shortly thereafter went to ers' Week.

evening of diseases incident to her ad- David Ellenberger and Mrs. Jacob Barto, and Mrs. Hondel Straw and was born was made yesterday in the Carson valley cemetery.

## at Penn State.

The program for Farmers' Week at the has been arranged with the idea of covhusband, who was a soldier in the Civil of dairying and livestock work, horticulwar, died many years ago but surviving ture and its allied branches, soils and farm forestry; and on subjects pertain-

One of the big problems which the farmer faces today is that of the economic distribution or marketing of his products. H. W. Selby, a member of one of the largest commission firms in Phila-delphia, who has made a study of mar-ELLENBERGER.—James R. Ellenberger, keting problems, will give three lectures. and for a third, "Co-operation."

H. W. Jeffers, manager of the famous of alfalfa were raised during the past year, will discuss some of the problems

Philippines and Hawaii. But in wealth ing by Rev. H. K. Bower and private interand material resources the increase has ment was made at ten o'clock on Monday home after which burial was made in the Returning from the war he located in the Returning from the war he located in the Returning his services for Farm-

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 11:00 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m.,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  E. High street.

At the Methodist Episcopal church the Autumn Communion will be observed next Sunday, November 7th, at both preaching hours. The Quarterly Love Feast will be held at 6.30 p. m. Home Prayer Meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, (8th and

9th inst,) in every section of the town. Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and each afternoon thereafter except Saturday, a period of Bible Study. Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, and each evening thereafter, except Saturday, Revival Meetings will be conducted by the

Monday the 15th inst., Evangelist M. Lee Starke will come to lead in the meetings. A cordial invitation is given to all the people.

Rev. Harry G. Finney, pastor of the Westminister Presbyterian church, of Hamilton, Ohio, will fill the Presbyterian pulpit in Bellefonte at both services of Sunday, November, 7th, and Sunday, November 14th Rev. Finney will not return to his home until November 15th but will spend the week intervening between November 7th and November 14th in Bellefonte. The mid week service on Wednesday evening, November 10th, will be conducted by him. Letters received by members of the Presbyterian church from very prominent men who know of Rev. Finney's ability and work are loud in their praises of this man. Bellefonte people are surely favored in being privileged to hear so many new men of excellent reputation as have been acting as supplies since Dr. Hawes' de-

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING. Every-one is cordially invited to attend the Gospel Temperance mass meeting to be held in Petrikin hall, Bellefonte, next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Two or more of the State officers of the W. C. T. U. will be present and address the meeting. Special music will be rendered and the various churches will join in making this a real union gospel meeting in the interest of temperance. The members of the men's Centre County Temperance League are especially urged to be present and others from over the

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE POCKET-BOOK. The sixth sermon in the Young Peoples' series by Rev. W. M. B. Glanding will be delivered in St. John's Lutheran church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with the topic, "Young People and the Pocket-Book." The subject of the morning sermon at 10:45 o'clock will be, "In Step with God."

WM. M. B. GLANDING, Pastor.

REV. LEW ERHARD SINGULARLY HON-ORED.—The following from the Donora American of O tober 8th records rather an unusual trioute to Bellefonte's one time grocer man. We remember Rev. Erhard as the senior partner of the firm of Erhard and Shuey. Then he had no eclesiastical handle to his name, and to tell the truth, made more of a hobby of good horses than he did of things scriptural. There is kind of a tradition that part of the equipment of the old time circuit riding Methodist preachers was a certain amount of David Harmanesqueness and possibly, it was the evolution of that weakness in Lew Erhard that brought Rev. Erhard to working so wonderfully in his Master's vineyard.

The highest tribute ever paid a minister in Donora came to Rev. R. L. Erhard, pastor of the Methodist church, this week when a number of the leading business and professional men addressed a letter to the Pittsburgh conference, now in session, asking that Rev. Erhard be returned to the local charge. The letter was not signed by members of the church but by others who recognize the splendid work Rev. Erhard has done here. The letter follows:

DONORA, PA., September 29, 1915. Rev. J. H. Miller, D. D.,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir—We take the liberty of addressing you in a matter that is of interest to us as citizens of Donora, although we are not members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

We understand that there is a possibility that Rev. R. L. Erhard will be assigned to another charge after your next annual conference. Having observed the results that Rev. Erhard has accomplished during his two years work in this field, and believing that the good of the community as well as of his charge will be best served if he is retained for a longer period, we take this opportunity of expressing to you our opinion on this subject, and would respectfully request that if it will not interfere with the work of your church in this district, that he be assigned to the Donora church for another year.

We are addressing this letter to you without having consulted with any member of Mr. Erhard's church, and while we have his consent to take this action, we assure you that it is entirely unsolicited on his part, and is prompted solely by our appreciation of his fair, manly and vigorous attitude toward all questions which concern the civic welfare of our community.

Singer Falls Dead in Choir Miss Lizzie F. McGowan, fifty-four years old, for many years supervisor of music in Reading, Pa., public schools, fell dead of heart failure as she arose to lead the choir at the morning services in Olivet Presby.

terian church. Miss McGowan was prominent in Reading musical circles and was well known among the educators of the

Metal Kills Woman

From inpuries received when a roll of sheet metal fell upon her, Miss Sarah Flickinger, eighty years old, died at her home in Abbottstown, Pa. She was picking up shingles when the metal fell from a roof above her, the sharp edge severing her fingers,