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Our Farmers on National Issues.

The Senators and Representatives in Congress from Pennsylvania would do well to carefully note the able report of the Pennsylvania Grangers against centralization of power; against the lawless duties which are maintained whilst millions are expended on forestry; against the construction and maintenance of a World Power navy, and, finally, against "that familiar old pirate known as the 'Ship Subsidy bill.'" A more wholesome declaration upon public questions has never before been made by a non-partisan body of men in Pennsylvania.

The farmers of Pennsylvania, who thus speak through their State tongue, have no conception of the madom of expending upward of \$100,000,000 a year upon the navy while millions are needed to promote peaceful inland navigation. Nor do they believe in paying ship subsidies out of the public treasury to create a great monopoly of transportation on the high seas. But the Grangers also would do well to consider how little their report is worth unless they affirm it by the practicable means which is afforded only by the ballot box. Of what good are their protests against ship subsidies, waste of public money in monstrous naval toys, lumber duties and the like when they help to send to Congress delegates who vote steadily for these things?

In the Fifty-ninth Congress there was not a Republican representative from Pennsylvania, save one, who was not in favor of every measure of ship subsidy that might be reported from committee; not a Quaker representative who did not favor the largest appropriation demanded by the Administration for big ships in face of the efforts of the struggling nations to secure some limitations of armament. In the present Congress there is not a Republican member who will vote for repeal of the lumber duties, notwithstanding the encouragement of these duties to the ravage of American forests for the benefit of a huge monopoly.

The explanation of the apparently strange political anomaly may be simple enough. When in their State convention the Grangers of Pennsylvania soberly and dispassionately discuss public questions with entire freedom from the spirit of party. When the election comes around they go to the ballot-box under the thrall of party and vote the other way. Is it not quite natural, then, that the members of Congress should act as the Grangers vote rather than as they talk in their conventions? Let them vote as they talk for once and they will be astonished with the effect upon their representatives in Congress.

—Record.

Preachers in the Wheel.

Judge Marr, who is assisting the jury commissioners in Schuylkill county, to select persons to serve as jurors next year, has directed that the names of every clergyman in the county be placed in the wheel. It is said his honor made this order because so many ministers criticise the actions of the court. By attending as jurors it is expected that these critics will learn to know the proceedings of the court.

Brewers Meet.

See Handwriting on the Wall.

There was a big meeting of representatives of the brewery interests in New York last week. They view with alarm the growth of temperance sentiment throughout the country. As one of them said, thirty-three millions of the inhabitants of this country are living under absolute prohibition. There is a decided change in the attitude of the big brewer kings toward temperance. Adolphus Busch the millionaire brewer, of St. Louis, said in an interview that he favored local option and partial Sunday closing. "I am in favor of local option," said Mr. Busch. "If a saloon is obnoxious to a community let it be voted out. As to Sunday closing, I have a plan that should meet with universal approval. It is this: Close the saloon from midnight Saturday until two o'clock Sunday afternoon and then let them open. That would give everyone an opportunity to go to church in the morning. From now on, I am stripped for action in a new fight. Heretofore, it has been a matter of business, of dollars and cents, of fierce competition. From now on, I will strive to the utmost of my resources to eliminate the evils that have grown like weeds around the business. I cannot view with indifference the opinions of my countrymen concerning an institution which is the pride of my life. Hereafter, if the eagle, which is the sign and mark of our house, shall be found in a resort which is not orderly and law-abiding, it must come down, and I will join in any process for the elimination of such a resort."

Too Much "Dope" in Catsup.

State and Federal Authorities to Make Large Seizures.

Large seizures of catsup will probably be made throughout Pennsylvania by both State and Federal pure food authorities. Reports submitted by chemists employed by Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust show that about one-half of the different brands of tomato catsup sold in Pennsylvania contain from two-tenths to three-tenths of one per cent. of sodium benzoate, while under the rules and regulations of the National Food and Drugs act, as well as under the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania food law, only one-tenth of one per cent. is allowed and this must be stated on the label.

Commissioner Foust notified National Secretary of Agriculture Wilson of this condition, and Government Chemist Wiley instituted an independent investigation of all the catsup in this State that has figured in interstate commerce. The result is that the State and National authorities will clean up all the catsup that is adulterated or misbranded.

Meat Inspectors in this District.

The meat inspectors in the employ of the State, are appearing in this section of the State. Their visits to several towns in this vicinity are sudden and no warning is given of their approach.

One day last week three of the inspectors dropped into Shamokin, taking a look at the curbstone market and inspecting the various meat markets of the town. Several of the farmers on the market whose meat was displayed for sale in open wagons came in for a share of the displeasure of the inspector and were politely informed that the law would not permit a conveyance of that kind, the meat lying open to dust and germs of all kinds. In the butcher shops the proprietors were ordered to clean up their places of business before the next visit or they would be subject to heavy penalties. The order also included all slaughter houses.

Gold in Duck's Claw.

John Dunkelberger, a Seven Points, Northumberland county, farmer, was cleaning a duck Thursday preparatory to taking it to the Sunbury market, when he found a small piece of gold in its claw. He was greatly excited over the discovery, for it showed that gold existed somewhere on his farm. It has long been believed that ledges rich in the ore of the precious metal are in that part of the country. They have never been uncovered, however, although there has been many a fruitless search for them.

Mr. Dunkelberger sent for expert prospectors to go over every inch of ground he owns.

He has been offered fabulous sums for his farm. His neighbors are as excited as he and all of them are searching their own property in the hope of stumbling upon a bonanza.

The Story of the Farm.

Many Reassuring Facts in Secretary Wilson's Statement.

At a time of financial readjustment an examination of working assets is general. Among the most important of the public documents as congress assembles is the report of the secretary of agriculture, whose department has grown steadily, and is conducted with energy and enterprise. Secretary Wilson's statement is full of reassuring facts. So comprehensively is this true that the bank disturbance of the moment is entirely out of keeping with the state of the country and its general industries. The crops of 1907 are not the largest that have been raised, but will sell for more money and represent a larger foreign credit. American farm products for 1907 are valued by the secretary at \$7,412,000,000, which exceeds the high record of 1906 by \$657,000,000, figures that bespeak a remarkable prosperity. The 1907 corn crop is valued at \$1,350,000,000, or twenty-six per cent. above the average value of the previous five crops. Cotton holds its high valuation and the wheat crop is more valuable by 5 1/2 per cent. Taking farm cereals as a whole their value in 1907 is twenty-three per cent. above the average of the last five years. This year dairy products reached \$800,000,000 poultry and eggs \$600,000,000 and animals sold and slaughtered on the farms, \$127,000,000. Agriculturally the United States is a many billion country.

Help to Carry the Christmas Load.

What is one man's meat is another man's poison. The bustle of Christmas preparation is a pleasurable activity to the most of us, but a wearisome burden to thousands of official and unofficial public servants upon whom falls the task of assisting in the selection and delivery of holiday gifts. It behooves us, therefore, to

Remember the salespeople in the shops. We can lighten their labors by the exercise of a little patience and forbearance, and by shopping early in the day, thereby relieving the strain of the busiest hours.

Remember the overworked crews of the delivery wagons. Their work is unnecessarily increased when, in the rush and crush of the holiday traffic, we leave for them to deliver small packages which we might with very little inconvenience carry home ourselves.

Remember the hurried expressman and the worn-out letter carrier. By expressing and mailing parcels for distant friends now the distribution of Christmas cheer may be spread over a longer period and the staggering load of "last-minute" giving under which they usually struggle may be more comfortably adjusted.

A little forethought—a little of the real Christmas spirit—will accomplish wonders in behalf of those whose employment is such that they regard the approach of this season with dread rather than with joyous anticipation. Why not do your share?—Ex.

A fine new line of Wedding invitations just received at this office.

Advantage of Postal Savings Banks.

From Leslie's Weekly.

We desire to encourage among our people economy and thrift, and by the use of the postal savings banks to give them every opportunity to husband their resources. The policy will not be to compete in any way with the savings banks, but rather to encourage the habit of depositing savings. The people that we shall want to reach are, first, those who have not the facilities at hand for depositing their money in a savings bank, and secondly, the foreign population which is entering the country in such enormous numbers and which is, to a great extent, hoarding its surplus earnings. The immigrants reach the United States suspicious of any private banking institution but with absolute faith in the government. We have evidence of this in the fact that they are buying postal money orders payable to themselves. Our object is to bring money to light, to instill life into it, and to lead it again into the channels of trade, for the mutual benefit of labor and capital, and thus add to the prosperity throughout the land.

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