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ENCROACHING ON STATES.

The Executive Branch of the Government Omnipotent According to the Opinion of Roosevelt.

By the discourtesy of the Senate, Mr. Roosevelt's latest message was made a continuing congressional news item, and as it illustrates Rooseveltism as a campaign issue, repeated reference to it is excusable. One branch of the document exhibits in calcium light the peculiar lack of perception by the President of the wonderful harmony, arranged in 1787 and working marvelously well since, between the Federal and State governments.

He would disrupt it and make not alone the National power autocratic, but the executive branch of that power omnipotent. He says the Minnesota and North Carolina rate decisions show "how impossible is a dual control of National commerce. The States cannot control it. All they can do is to control intrastate commerce." How do the decisions illustrate these mutual limitations, which are imbedded in the Constitution and which were not violated in substance, but only a manner, by either named State? These cases involve intrastate rates alone. The litigation was over not the power to regulate commerce, either in Nation or State, but whether a State could violate the National constitution by impairing the property rights of citizens of the United States.

It is by such confusion of thought, by similar perversion of facts in court cases, by astonishing repugnance toward the dual system of American government that Mr. Roosevelt easily reaches his climactic idea of having his own appointees determine whether all corporations, engaged in intrastate commerce, are "good" or "bad" and if a corporation be "great and wealthy" that the burden of proof shifts to it to prove "its right to exist."

Boldly he says courts should have but supervisory powers and all the old bulwarks must vanish. That feeling of security animating American breasts that recourse may be had to courts shall be supplanted by obedience to bureaucrats, the creatures of a solitary will, gauged by political worth.

Were the Merchants Stung?

Under the above head the Bellefonte Watchman relates a story like this:

A. T. Limeburner and C. W. Dickenson, both of Philadelphia, put in an appearance in Bellefonte, and represented that they were interested in an association that was making an effort to have the mercantile tax law repealed. The next day after their arrival in town they got busy, and by noon had canvassed the greater part of the business firms paying this "pernicious" tax. Mr. Dickenson appeared to be the spokesman. He explained to the merchants that vast sums are collected from business houses, but that a small per cent. ever got into the State Treasury. Then a petition to have the law repealed was presented, and, of course, the merchant readily signed a document that he thought would help to relieve him of the taxes.

After the signatures were obtained, Mr. Dickenson had another story to tell, which revealed that the movement entailed great expense, and the merchant was appealed to to make a contribution to meet these expenses. In most instances the merchant slapped down from two to five dollars, which the stranger took care of.

The parting of money brought the hitherto easy merchants to a deep study; and toward evening they began comparing notes. By that time, however, the two men had left the town, for a new field.

Interesting Religious Statistics.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, the religious statistician, writing in the New York Christian Advocate, gives the net gain of the religious denominations in the United States for 1907, as 2,301 ministers, 4,214 churches and 627,546 communicants. The five Protestant bodies making the largest gains are: Baptist, 103,355; Methodist, 101,695; Lutheran, 65,172; Presbyterians, 49,627; Disciples, 20,365.

These are also the five largest denominations, the membership of each being as follows: Methodists, 6,960,784; Baptists, 5,224,305; Lutherans, 2,022,004; Presbyterians, 1,521,504; Disciples, 1,285,123.

The above figures include all bodies under the general name as Methodists, 17 bodies; Baptists, 14 bodies; Lutherans, 23 bodies and Presbyterians, 12 bodies.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Centre Hall postoffice, G. M. Postmaster:

Mrs. P. W. Boyles, William Laird, John Calahan, E. C. Bell, M'fg Co., George Relsh.

NOT DEGRADING THE JUDICIARY

To Perform Duties Required by the Interests of Justice and the Safety of the Public.

The agitation of the license question in various parts of Pennsylvania has led ex-Judge Porter to offer, with much reason and force, a protest against degrading the judiciary by imposing upon the Judges the duty of granting and refusing liquor licenses. It seems like rather small business, and not very nice business at that, to require Judges to pass on the character of saloons, the need for hotel licenses in various localities, and the records of applicants for them.

And yet the Judge looked at the matter too much from the standpoint of the bench and too little from that of the community. The interests of the latter are more important than the feelings of dignity, by the former. Judges are presumably men of superior character as well as ability. They are further removed from the influences of partisanship than any other public officials. Every community recognizes that the saloon business is one that calls for very strict supervision and regulation. It was perfectly natural to suppose that the welfare of the community would be safeguarded by putting the control of licenses into the hands of such men as Judges are supposed to be, and such as they usually are. The License Court has it in its power to promote good order and good citizenship, and such a function as that is far from degrading.

And it may well be questioned whether the Bench can be degraded by any duties intimately connected with the public welfare. Can the Bench be degraded except by its own act? Can a man be dishonored except by himself? The honor of the Judges is in their own keeping. If they are subservient to the malign political influences which nominated them for their offices, and may nominate them again, or may refuse to do it, they are degraded, but by their own subservience, and not by the duty the law imposes upon them of protecting the community. It is a most unpleasant duty to send a man to the penitentiary; it is a most distressing duty to send a man to the gallows. Yet these duties are not degrading if required by the interests of justice and the safety of the public.

Even an humble duty may be performed by the Courts without degradation, and even with the highest honor.

LOCALS.

After a weeks visit at Reedsville with their son, Charles H. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer returned to Centre Hall Sunday.

The citizens of Penn township have petitioned the court to have the county build a new bridge across Penn creek at Wingards.

Mrs. Lillie Alexander has opened her home in Centre Hall. During the winter she spent the time with her brothers and daughter, Mrs. Vogt, the latter at Pittsburg.

Mrs. W. B. Breiler, of Altoona, accompanied by her children, came to Centre Hall Monday, and from here went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Curray, at Potters Mills.

F. E. Arney's "henries" made a record for the month of April. There are just one hundred and one of them, and their product in eggs was 2148 for the thirty days in that month.

During the past week Al. Osman has been confined to bed for the greater part of the time on account of a disarranged stomach. He is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whiteman.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the program for the Sunday-school convention to be held at Farmers Mills Friday, 15th inst. The topics to be discussed will be found to be of unusual interest.

Henry Royer, of Centre Hall, whose address is Spring Mills, route four, is the local agent for the Hoosier grain drill and Hoosier corn planter, and announces that he is also in a position to sell repairs for the Hoosier machines.

The 28th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held at Williamsport during the week, beginning June 8, 1908. It will be an affair of far more than ordinary importance, since preparations are being made to have this the largest and most imposing encampment ever held by this meritorious organization.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Zeigler, of Washington, D. C., have been among friends in Centre county during the past few weeks. Mr. Zeigler has been at Pennsylvania State College in the interest of the forestry movement, while Mrs. Zeigler spent the time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Moyer, near Rebersburg, and at Centre Hall. Mrs. Zeigler will be better known as Miss Rebecca Moyer, one of the public school teachers in Centre Hall a few years ago.

THE TARIFF IDOL IN ITS TEMPLE.

The Tariff Declaration of the Pennsylvania Machine is to Deceive With False Promises.

Before the platform of the Republicans of Pennsylvania drops into oblivion a word or two may be said of the pronouncement on the tariff in a State where its worshippers are most numerous, if not most sincere. Nowhere else save in Pennsylvania would a Republican State Convention declare, with real or feigned gravity, that the tariff is "the cause of America's population, power and prosperity." Yet it is so written down in this platform in the presence of the outward conditions that pervade the State as well as the country at large, and that are becoming more aggravated in important branches of industry, despite the miraculous power attributed to the tariff divinity. Whilst every body earnestly desires that there may soon be a wholesome reaction against those conditions, those who repose their hopes of returning prosperity upon the tariff system are the willing victims of such absurd boasts as are made in this Pennsylvania platform.

No stand-patter, here or elsewhere, unless he be a Republican officeholder whose salary has undergone no diminution with the general decline of earnings and profits, or some complacent beneficiary of Trust spoliation, can deny that the prosperity based on this tariff system has vanished. In Pittsburg, whence came a troop of delegates to the Republican State Convention singing hymns to the tariff, many thousands of working men have been thrown out of employment for months and have crowded the returning steamships to Europe. While the author of this alliterative platform sang of "population, power and prosperity," the Steel Trust, greatest of all tariff beneficiaries, was writing off millions of earnings and profits. For the first three months of 1908 the net earnings of the Trust have fallen to \$18,229,005 from \$39,122,492 in the same quarter of 1907. Still more untoward is the decline in its orders during these relative periods. What an eloquent comment is the plain and honest report of the Steel Trust upon the canting and dishonest pretences of this Republican Machine platform! In every manufacturing center in Pennsylvania the distress of many thousands of employees in the protected industries bears the same convincing testimony to the hypocrisy of its boasts of tariff-made prosperity.

For what, then, is this tariff declaration promulgated by the Pennsylvania Machine except to deceive the unwary with false promises of reform and to confirm the ignorant in their superstitious belief in the dogmas of Protection in the face of the grievous and widespread evidences of their falsity?

at Park Theatre, Philadelphia.

Reports concerning the new Nixon & Zimmerman production of "Lil' Mose," have reached us from time to time, and the indications point to a real hit.

The title of the piece, "Lil' Mose," is a misnomer, in that it offers no suggestion as to the magnitude of the play. Recent advices from the Nixon & Zimmerman office states that the company is one of the largest they have put out in recent years, numbering some eighty-six people.

The story of the piece has to do with the amusing adventures of "Lil' Mose," while touring Europe with an eccentric Irish widow, his ultimate return to America, and his final appearance as a bank clerk in a big Wall street house.

The Mose of the new piece is really a reincarnation of the Mose of "Simple Simon Simple" days, for, at that time he was nothing more or less than a cartoon character.

The sentiment of the piece concerns the affection of a romantic young American girl for a handsome Italian tenor, whom she has heard singing in St. Mark's Church. The course of true love never runs smooth, but in the end the lovers are reunited and all ends happily.

Messrs. Nixon & Zimmerman are not stalling any one in the piece. On the contrary, they have secured a cast of exceptional ability, which is headed by May McCabe, Charlotte Lealay, Florence May Smith, Belle Robinson, Count De Vassey, Bert Kalmar, Ben Ross, diminutive Martin Healey, and the famous Ellis Nowlan troupe.

Failed to Properly File Accounts.

Mifflin county has a question before it relative to the corrupt practice act. George A. Butler and Frank Brooks are the minority nominees for the office of County Commissioner. The latter filed his expense account within the prescribed time, while Butler failed to do so, yet his nomination was certified. Brooks now claims that he is the only minority party nominee, and will insist that Butler's name cannot be printed on the ticket.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Milheim Journal—

Albert Wetzel, of Shamokin, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wetzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Relfsnyder spent several days the past week visiting at Bellefonte and Milesburg.

William M. Hartman, of Williamsport, spent several days visiting with relatives in this place during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Bower and two children, of Jersey Shore, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bower's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith.

Oliver Alter, who is employed by the Western Union Telegraph company at Greensburg, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Alter, on Penn street.

Mrs. Mary A. Miller has sold her dwelling house and farm lots in this place to Mrs. Kate E. Musser. Consideration \$3000. Mrs. Miller expects to move to State College about September 1st.

James Breon, of Aaronsburg, while cutting wood on Brush mountain Saturday, met with a severe accident. He was trimming a boom pole to bind a load of wood when his axe slipped and entered his foot severing one of his large toes.

F. Bright Barker, son of F. P. Barker, the veterinary surgeon of Ingleby, is very ill at the home of his parents. Several weeks ago Bright had an attack of pneumonia and was for a time in the hospital at Sunbury. From there he was taken to his parent's home at Ingleby, but his condition is still considered serious.

Democratic Watchman—

During the twenty years the Bellefonte council Royal Arcanum has been in existence they have paid out on account of deceased members the sum of \$29,500.

Willis Shuey holds the record so far for having caught the biggest trout in this vicinity. On Friday last he landed a fine specimen from Logan's branch, in the vicinity of Axe Mann, which measured just twenty inches and weighed three pounds and two ounces.

The Bellefonte Central railroad company have succeeded in overcoming the defects in their new motor combination car and it was given a thorough trial trip last Friday with the result that it worked satisfactorily. It is very likely the car will be used to make a regular run in the near future.

LOCALS.

After spending the winter at Sumrall, Mississippi, Mrs. Nancy A. Summerson returned to Sinnemahoning.

Samuel Miller, a cigar maker and Robert Sheffer, the mixologist at the Brant House, Bellefonte, took supper at the Fort on Sabbath.

F. C. Hettlinger, who had been employed by the Southern Express Company, in Savannah, Georgia, is now located in York, this state.

Harris township will begin road building under state management, it having been granted the privilege of building that portion of the road between Boalsburg and Oak Hall station under the Sprowl road law.

Beginning of this week John D. Moore finished husking his 1907 crop of corn. The quality is said to have been good, and uninjured by being left stand in the fields over winter. Usually Mr. Moore is well up with his farm work, but last season was an exception. The three last days of husking was performed by C. J. Shaffer.

Monday, 18th inst., is the opening of the regular May term of court, and the average citizen in Centre Hall is wondering whether the local constable will have the nerve to report his observations with reference to drunkenness. He witnessed a spectacle, some weeks ago, that was a disgrace to the community, and terminated in the abuse of dumb brutes.

Thomas A. Lucas is back to Howard, and is now preparing for a special civil service examination. He had been located at Chicago and later in Greenfield, Massachusetts, being engaged in teaching short hand and type writing. Mr. Lucas laid the foundation of his education in Centre Hall, and will be recalled by many readers of the Reporter who attended the select schools here during the early 80's.

Rev. J. Max Lantz, of Spring Mills, the new pastor of the Methodist church on the Penns Valley charge, was in Centre Hall last week to socially meet the members of his church. The Methodists are fortunate in securing such an able and well educated young minister. He entered the ministry largely to gratify the desire of his father, the late Rev. J. Max Lantz, Sr., that one of his two sons should devote himself to the cause of Christ, and since beginning his work he has become enthusiastic.

FAST EMPTYING TREASURY.

Deficit for One Month is Nearly \$16,000,000—Deficit for Fiscal Year Almost \$2 Million.

The condition of the revenues as revealed by the Treasury statement for April amply justifies the warning which Mr. Tawney, Senator Hemenway and other Congressmen have been sounding in an effort to check profusion of expenditures. The deficit for the month exceeds even the expectation of Senator Aldrich, who predicted \$11,000,000. The actual expenditures over receipts was \$15,976,678.52.

The largest expenditure for the fiscal year to date was for pensions, more than \$128,000,000. Next in order was civil and miscellaneous, \$124,000,000. Third was the navy, which called for \$99,409,181.01. The War Department requirements footed up a little over \$93,000,000. The deficit for the fiscal year was \$51,645,829.87. Last year at the corresponding date the receipts had exceeded expenditures by \$56,474,886.

One of the most marked features of the statement is that the customs receipts continue to fall off more rapidly than internal revenues.

May Establish Exchange.

There is a probability that the Pennsylvania Telephone Company will establish a telephone exchange at Spring Mills. The business of the Bell company on the south side of the county has grown to such an extent that to give the patrons the best service a fourth exchange is the only solution.

The establishing of rural telephone lines under the system of The Patrons Rural Telephone Company is the secret of the growth of the Bell company in Penns Valley. There are now ten rural line circuits leading to the Centre Hall exchange, and one under contemplation. The Georges Valley-Spring Mills-Penn Hall company now erecting a pole line of from fourteen to eighteen miles will connect at Spring Mills if a new exchange is established there, and in Brush Valley another company, along the Brush Valley road is in the embryo stage.

North American's Baseball Edition.

Exceptional as were the special baseball editions that marked the opening of the baseball seasons of 1906 and 1907, the twelve-page supplement in colors, which will be a feature of the North American of Sunday, May 10, will eclipse them both.

Never before has there been such baseball activity as this year. In addition to the organizations of last year, the American, National, Atlantic, Tri-state and Intercountry leagues, a host of new leagues are in the field, including the Union, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, North Penn, Main Line, Lebanon, Susquehanna, etc.

The back page, in colors, is given up to two striking groups, profile studies of every member of the Phillies and Athletics, something that every fan will want to keep.

Altogether, the names of 10,000 players figure in this edition.

Thousands were unable to get copies of previous baseball editions. Order from your newsdealer now.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Thomas Wilson et al, to Joel Loder, July 29, 1850, 100 acres in Half Moon township; consideration \$1900.

T. M. Hall, sheriff to Thos. Wilson et al, Aug. 31, 1841, 100 acres in Half Moon township; consideration \$2399.

A. S. Brown et ux, et al to Centre Coal and Coke Co., March 1908, 1 acre in Rush township; consideration \$1.00.

Alexander Chaney et ux to Joseph Williams, April 20, 1908, 100 acres in Worth township; consideration \$2400.

Jacob Lee et ux, to J. H. Henry Stoner, April 2, 1908, premises in Potter township; consideration \$1100.

Sarah A. DeHaas et al, to Joshina Rupert, April 16, 1908, 1/2 acre in Bald Eagle valley; consideration \$40.

J. H. Relfsnyder to M. C. Speigelmeyer, April 20, 1901, lot, 50 feet in Millheim; consideration \$175.

S. T. Williams to Elizabeth Shellenburger, April 18, 1908, premises in Phillipsburg; consideration \$65.

M. A. Colyer et al, to B. D. Brislin et al, May 29, 1907, land in Centre Hall Boro; consideration \$1200.

Mary S. Burchfield et al, to Blanch Hayes Heller, April 20, 1908, cemetery lot, No. 135, in Bellefonte; consideration \$1.

J. A. B. Miller et ux, to T. J. Sexton, March 21, 1908, three tracts in Snow Shoe et al; consideration \$1.

An Ink Pencil Almost For Nothing.

Everybody nowadays is buying an ink pencil. A first class ink pencil is worth \$2.50. You can get the Commercial Ink Pencil, one made by a reliable American manufacturer, worth \$2.50, and The Philadelphia Press, daily edition, one year worth \$3.00 or both worth \$5.50, by sending a check for \$3.50 to the Circulation Department of The Philadelphia Press, Seventh and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The merry widow and her hat! Dairyman W. J. Smith offers for sale seven colonies of Italian bees.

Progress Grange announces that it will hold a festival on evening of Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. "Nip" Smith, of Bellefonte, visited friends at Spring Mills on Sunday.

Wilbur Henney, the blacksmith, had a Bell telephone installed in the Henney residence recently.

The Smulton water company completed the laying of its pipes and each family in that village is now supplied with water from the new system.

Rev. C. W. Rishell, now located at Montoursville, was in the valley Monday and Tuesday, and spent the time looking after the interests of his farm, south of Centre Hall.

Miss Emma Watkins, an operator in the Bellefonte Commercial Exchange, was the guest of Miss Margaret Jacobs, an operator in the Centre Hall exchange, over Sunday.

May 1st arrived with a blanket of snow for Western Pennsylvania, freezing temperature in old Centre, and rain down east—a variety of weather that rivaled the best efforts of April.

This time it was not the horny-handed farmer that got skinned, but the merchant. It is the farmer's turn to chuckle, and offer the consoling words that they might have known he was a skinner by the way he acted.

William Walker, who was injured beginning of April on a railroad crossing west of Centre Hall, is able to walk about some at this time, but is not strong enough to do work of any kind. The injury to his back is the cause of his weakness.

D. K. Keller is making extensive improvements on his farm buildings, east of Centre Hall. A new slate roof has been put on the mammoth stone dwelling house, new window frames inserted, and the interior is also receiving attention.

New telephone subscribers on the Colyer rural line, a part of the Patrons Rural Telephone system, are Messrs. C. A. Miller and Roy Miller at Colyer, and Foster Frazier, on the Swartz farm, at Tusseyville. The telephones have already been installed.

The latter part of last week Irvin Showers captured a common loon at the foot of Nittany Mountain, and is holding him in captivity. About the same time George Black, at the Old Fort, shot and killed a bird of the same species, and it is supposed they were mates.

Mr. Charles Romig, of Snydertown, stepped on a rolling stone and fell and broke his leg. He is well up in years and as he always has been a hard working, energetic citizen, he deserves the sympathy of everybody in his misfortune. For a year or more he was a resident of Centre Hall, and his acquaintances here will regret to hear of his misfortune.

Ever since early last fall, Farmer Frank Moyer, east of Centre Hall, has been on the sick list. Several weeks ago he was able to come to Centre Hall, and he was hopeful that the warm sunshine usually prevailing in the spring time would prove to be beneficial, but during the past week, although not confined to bed, he has again been under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bitts and baby, of Pittsburg, arrived the latter part of last week at the home of the Bible sisters, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Bitts is a machinist, and was obliged to leave the city on account of his health. He came here with a view of buying a home somewhere in Centre county, where the atmosphere is healthful. Mrs. Bitts will be remembered as Miss Anna Duret, daughter of the late Hiram Duret.

Among the Reporter's callers Saturday was H. E. Shreckengost, of Farmers Mills, who was on his return from Colyer where he just finished ready for plastering a dwelling house for George R. Meiss. Mr. Shreckengost is assisted in his building operations by his brother, H. M. Shreckengost, of Millmont; Henry Gettig, of Colyer, and W. F. Rishell, of Madisonburg, making a strong team, and always ready for new or repair work.

While P. F. Confer and his son, Harry were plowing in a field east of Millheim, they were surprised to see a strange animal crossing the field near them. Upon close examination they saw that the animal was a black wolf, with bushy tail and pointed ears. The wolf came off Brush mountain, north of Millheim and as far as they could see it travel, was making for the Seven mountains in the neighborhood of High valley. These animals, remarks the Millheim Journal, are very scarce in this part of the state, but every now and then one is reported as being seen.