



### RECIPROCIITY WITH CANADA.

**A Menace to Agricultural Classes—Class Legislation that Should be Opposed by Farmers.**

A deadly menace to the agricultural classes is now before Congress in the reciprocity treaty with Canada. It is class legislation pure and simple, legislating a dollar out of the farmers' pocket into the cities. The farmer has had the least protection in the past of any class—averaging about 25 per cent. as against an average of 45 per cent. on manufactured goods—and now Congress calmly proposes to remove this 25 per cent., leaving him open to cheap Canadian competition, while our manufacturing classes are as well protected as ever, as they need not fear Canada's infant industries, and at any rate duties are lowered but slightly even against them.

It certainly behooves the farmers to stand up and fight for their rights if ever they are going to, or it will soon be too late. Numberless fruit and produce exchanges in different cities have sent resolutions to Congress in favor of this, and why? Because they readily see that henceforth they will have a club to hold over the farmer's head in the form of a vast and cheap surplus of food products from Canada. By means of this they will be able to whip the farmer down to where he will have to sell his produce at less than cost, or else go out of business. He must either descend to the level of the French Canadian of Quebec or else pull up stakes and abandon his farm. If a similar proposal were made to the manufacturing classes of giving them absolute free trade with Europe, a howl would go up, the like of which has never been heard.

The farmer's profits are smaller than in any other line of business, but that is not enough; he must be legislated down to the point where he cannot get a living. The papers are all watching the farmers' attitude on this question, and report from day to day gleefully that "the farmers are pleased over the news." In other words, they are asleep and don't realize that their throats are going to be cut.

This matter is so important, involving as it does the prosperity of his home, that every farmer should spare a few moments and a few stamps and write to his congressman and senators. If every man will do his duty in this, there is no doubt that the measure will be defeated. Don't put it off and neglect to do it, thinking your neighbor will do it. Every man's letter is necessary, and it should be mailed at once.

If you are a free trader and believe in free trade, remember that, "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and that it is certainly unfair to grant free trade on the farmer's products and not on anything else. It is class legislation and means the up-building of the cities at the expense of the country. It means a decline in agriculture in this country for years to come, more abandoned and run down farms, because it means a large surplus of cheap produce from the North forcing our prices down to where we cannot make a living.

Let Congress give the farmers a parcel post and let us get our share of the consumer's dollar, and it will be found that there is land enough in this country to raise enough to support double the population we have today. This could easily be done if we farmed as well as they do in Europe; but that type of farming will never appear here until it pays to farm. So the reader is asked to do his duty today and drop a line to three men—his congressman and his two senators—urging the defeat of this iniquitous measure. If we must have free trade, give us free trade on everything.

### Bartley-Henney.

The following is reprinted from the Bellefonte Watchman: Frank Bartley and Mrs. Wilbur Henney drove to Howard on Wednesday evening where they were united in marriage by Rev. W. W. Rhoads. A number of Mr. Bartley's friends being in the secret followed them to Howard and drove off with the latter's team. When the couple discovered the fact and also found out that the bunch were there with the Undine hose wagon to haul them home they would not emerge from the preacher's residence but spent the entire night there. Yesterday morning Mr. Bartley hired a team and drove across to Jacksonville and up to Nittany valley but to save capture took refuge in a farm house and remained there until late in the day when they had to undergo the ordeal and were brought home as planned.

Do you know that croup can be prevented? Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough appears it will prevent the attack. It is also a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Sold by Murray & Bitner.

### \$50,000,000 FOR ROADS.

**Sprout Road Measure Provides for Bonding State to Build 5000 Miles of Road.**

Plans for the improvement of Pennsylvania's highways on an immense scale, which carry the approval of Governor Tener, were made public, when Senator Sprout, of Delaware county, introduced in the legislature two bills and a proposed amendment to the constitution as starters on the project.

Hacking at the good roads business is to cease if legislation for the new undertaking is obtained. Instead of constructing bits of modern road here and there, disconnected and for the most part only a few miles in length, the state will proceed to establish an improved highway system that will be worthy of the name.

Some 5000 miles of existing roads, now maintained by counties, townships and turnpike companies, it is designed, shall be taken over by the state, the public roads immediately and the turnpikes as soon as they can be condemned and paid for, and kept in order at state expense as "main highways." These selected roads are designated in the principal Sprout bill, and they form a network from county seat to county seat and between the larger cities and towns.

### STATE TO MAINTAIN ROADS.

Pending the improvement of these roads under the direction of a more efficient highway department than that now existing, they shall be maintained in ordinary good condition, at an annual cost of perhaps \$100 or \$200 a mile or from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 a year in all. The counties and townships now charged with keeping them in order will be relieved to a corresponding amount.

To raise the money to transform these roads into model highways a state bond issue of \$50,000,000 is proposed, and authorization for the loan must be obtained through amendment to the constitution. As the state is now debt free, it can well afford to borrow and invest the \$50,000,000 in the much needed improved highways. At least, such is the argument of the road enthusiasts, who point out that the expenditure will bring returns to the whole people.

The Sprout amendment, introduced must be approved by two successive legislatures and then go to the voters of the state for ratification. If it meets success in the present legislature and that of 1913 and the people approve it at the election of the latter year, direct legislation for the loan can be passed by the legislature of 1915. Four years must elapse before the big fund is available, but in the meantime the state can go ahead at road-building on a smaller scale through appropriations from current revenue.

### NO CROSS STATE HIGHWAY.

The cross-state highway, the pet project of Governor Stuart, finds no place in the new system. There will be many routes for crossing the state on good roads if the present enterprise goes through, but no broad avenue from east to west.

All told there are two hundred and three routes which are specifically described in the bill. The routes in which Centre county people will be interested in are named below:

Lewistown to Bellefonte, through Millheim, Hartleton, Woodward, Millheim and Centre Hall.

Lewistown to Bellefonte, through North Derry, Reedsville, Milroy, Pottery Mills, Centre Hill and Centre Hall.

Bellefonte to Clearfield, through Port Matilda and Phillipsburg.

Huntingdon to Bellefonte, through Tyrone, Vail, Hannahs, Port Matilda, Julian and Millsburg.

Bellefonte to Lock Haven, through Beech Creek and Mill Hill.

Reorganization of the state highway department, as planned, will probably include the installation of some road expert of high reputation as highway commissioner, and the dropping of Joseph W. Hunter, the present commissioner, into second place.

The bill provides for a commissioner at a salary of \$8000 a year, first deputy at \$6000, second deputy at \$5000, chief engineer at \$4000, assistant engineer at \$3600, fifty civil engineers, to be known as superintendents of highways, at \$1500 each a year; six civil engineers to act as assistants to the chief engineer at \$2400 each a year, a chief draftsman and eight assistant draftsmen.

The political bee is a "busy bee," too. It is not always gathering honey, but busy buzzing in the ears of those willing to serve the good people of Centre county. The only known remedy for the "beast" is to enter the field and see how much political nectar can be gathered by June 8th. And then—well, it means war to the teeth until election day. And then—well, success or defeat, and manhood to stand up in either case.

### METHODIST CONFERENCE.

**Clergymen to be Given New Appointments at Conference to be Held Next Month in Bloomsburg.**

Many changes in ministerial appointments at the coming session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held next month in Bloomsburg, is proposed by Rev. Dr. R. H. Gilbert, district superintendent of the Danville district. There are ten vacancies caused by death alone that must be filled, and many of the most prominent men in the conference are booked for a change.

Bishop William F. Anderson, who has his Episcopal residence at Chattanooga, Tennessee, will preside over the sessions, while the Laymen's Association have secured Bishop Perry to address them on Friday evening of conference. Bloomsburg is preparing to entertain upwards of 600 visitors during the conference week.

Talk of a change in the board of district superintendents, or presiding elders, of which there are five, is going the rounds among the churches and this matter will doubtless come up for settlement. A lively debate can be expected, it is said. At present there are five such officers, elected for a term of six years. At this conference none of their terms expire, but next year two of the clergymen, the Revs. B. C. Connor, Altoona district, and R. H. Gilbert, Danville district, will retire. The proposition is to do away with two of these officers and let the three remaining men act as the conference cabinet.

The other three incumbents are the Revs. Dr. W. W. Evans, Harrisburg; B. H. Moser, Huntingdon and E. M. Stephens, Williamsport.

Reports of various conference committees to be read at the coming session will show the Central Pennsylvania conference to be in a flourishing condition. At present there are upwards of 72,400 members in the various churches and more than 87,500 Sunday scholars. There are 634 schools, with 9,233 officers and teachers. Considerable money was raised for mission work during the year.

### Appropriation Bill.

The following is an analysis of the general appropriation bill for 1911-1913, now pending before the general assembly:

	Maintenance	Buildings	Totals
School of Agriculture	\$392,000	\$150,000	\$542,000
Ins. of An'l Nutritian	13,000		13,000
School of Engineering	241,000	215,000	456,000
School of Liberal Arts	60,500		60,500
School of Mines	50,000	100,000	150,000
School of Natural Sci.	58,000	400,000	458,000
Dept. of Home Econ.	18,000		18,000
Heat, Light, Water and Power Plants	55,000		55,000
Improvements in Heat, Light, Water and Power Plants	45,000		45,000
Building Insurance	6,356		6,356
Repairs to college buildings, etc.	28,000		28,000
Carnegie Library	18,000		18,000
Military Inspection	5,500		5,500
Beginning construction of Sewage System	25,000		25,000
	\$570,416	\$875,000	\$1,445,416
Deficiency prior to May 31, 1909			\$222,913.29
Extension work			100,000.00
Grand Total	\$570,416	\$875,000	\$2,068,329.29

### The Hooven Mercantile Co.

The Directors of the Hooven Mercantile company have declared the regular quarterly dividend, number sixty-one, of one and one-half per cent. on the preferred stock and one per cent. on the common stock, payable on March 1st to stockholders of record February 18th, 1911. Checks will be mailed.

### IF SAVES YOU MONEY.

Dr. Howard's Dyspepsia Specific; Regular Price 50c. Murray and Bitner's Price 25c. The special half price sale of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by Murray and Bitner means the saving of a few dollars on every family's yearly bill for medicine.

Each 50 cent bottle (Murray and Bitner sell it for 25c) contains sixty doses of a medicine that is pleasant to take and which can be depended upon to cure the worst case of constipation, dyspepsia or liver trouble. Murray and Bitner have so much faith in the superior merit of the medicine that they say: "If Dr. Howard's specific does not cure you, come back to our store and we will return your money."

Senator Borah, of Idaho, is making a desperate effort to permit the people to elect United States senators, but he finds too many of his colleagues owe their election to "cash paid" to accomplish his desire.

A good place to begin the reorganization of the postoffice department would be to substitute some one else for Postmaster General Hitchcock, who from the very beginning of his administration has been using the department for political purposes.

### U. E. CONFERENCE.

**Opens in York Thursday, March 7—Bishop Swengel to Preside.**

The 17th annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church will convene in the Trinity church, York, Thursday, March 2d, 8:30 a. m. Bishop U. F. Swengel, D. D., recently elected bishop, will preside at the sessions of conference. The examinations for applicants and junior preachers will take place Tuesday, February 28, and Wednesday March 1st.

On Wednesday evening the annual missionary anniversary, which is always an interesting feature of the week, will be held. At this time pastors will render reports as to the amount of missionary money raised for conference missionary work.

The conference proper will open with Thursday morning session. A few of the important matters to come up for consideration will be—The question of reducing the number of conference districts from five to three.

The election of presiding elders terminate with this conference session, viz J. C. Reese, presiding elder on Centre district during the past four years; and J. W. Messinger, presiding elder on the Lewisburg district, each having served eight consecutive years, or two terms and are not eligible for reelection. Two presiding elders, H. A. Benfer, York district; J. D. Shortis, Carlisle district, have served one term, four consecutive years, and are eligible for reelection. Thus four presiding elders are to be elected at this conference session, unless conference reduces the number of districts. Either event Centre district will have a new presiding elder.

Of the seven pastors residing in Centre county, only one has served the time limit of four years. The delegate elected to represent Centre Hall charge, at the annual conference, is G. W. Ralston, of Lemont.

### LOCALS.

Blair Walker has been seriously ill with pneumonia for the past ten days.

The McWilliams farm, near Graveville, was purchased by George McWilliams for the sum of \$5,500.

Ralph Boozer, a draughtsman in the Westinghouse shops in Pittsburg, was home for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Conley have issued invitations for a golden wedding anniversary for Monday, February 27th, from ten to four o'clock.

Mrs. Rebecca Murray asks that those preparing lunches for public sales consult her with reference to the purchase of bread, rolls and cakes.

No round trip tickets will be sold on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The reason given for this is that there will be a considerable saving in printing to sell only one way tickets.

About three inches of snow fell Sunday night. The temperature falling during the day until it reached seventeen above zero by evening, and during the night it dropped still further—to eleven.

Bell telephones were installed in the residences of Benjamin H. Arney and George W. Neath. Plumber S. J. Rowe is also thinking seriously of having an instrument put into his residence.

Arthur B. Lee, the Tusseyville blacksmith, is a candidate for sheriff as per his announcement in this issue of the Centre Reporter. Mr. Lee is a native of Potter township, and has been a Democrat during his entire life.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Krumrine, will move from Boalsburg to Tusseyville, in the near future, to the home purchased some time ago from the Strohm heirs. They were formerly residents of Potter township, and will again get back among their dearest friends and relatives.

Prof. M. E. Heberling has an enviable record as a school teacher. In a period of twenty-one years he was last week obliged to remain away from the school house for the first time. Prof. Heberling has been connected with Ferguson township schools for the greater part of his career as a school teacher.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Conley during the past week were Mrs. Jennie Holmes, of Howard, the former's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, of Milroy, who are cousins. Miss Sallie Goodman, of Lancaster, also a cousin, who comes here almost every summer for a short while, is expected next week.

On or before the ninth Saturday preceding the election the chairman of the committee of each party is required to file written notices setting forth the names of all party officers to be filled by election at the ensuing primary. As soon as this is done, the voters may secure lists of officers to be filled from the commissioners, or from the local chairman.

### CENTRE HALL YOUTH HONORED.

**Finds Way to Utah Legislature—Salt Lake City Paper Speaks Kindly of Him.**

Nothing affords the Centre Reporter more pleasure than to note the success of the young men and women born or reared in Centre Hall or Pennsylvania Valley, and it will never miss an opportunity to tell of their achievements. The Herald-Republican published in Salt Lake City, Utah, makes this reference to William Henry Tobias, who will be recalled by many of the readers. He is the son of William Tobias, and lived in Centre Hall about 1880.

His last visit here was shortly after the World's Fair at Chicago. The paper referred to contains an illustration of Mr. Tobias, and then comes this: There was a Representative, Who lived in a shoe, He had so many medals, He didn't know what to do.

Correction: He did not live in a shoe, but he sure has the medals; and as proof of the assertion that he didn't know what to do, the fact remains that he came to the Legislature.

His name is W. H. Tobias. Ask him what he ever did for his country and he will assure you that he served twelve years in the state militia, during which time he was honored with a sample of every medal but one conferred by Uncle Sam on militia men for accurate shooting. When he was given his honorary discharge not long ago, he had risen to the position of inspector of target practice and held the rank of captain.

Mr. Tobias is one of Salt Lake county's ten representatives in the lower house of the state Legislature. This is his first experience as a lawmaker, but he manages to aim and fire on most matters with considerable accuracy and celerity. He introduced a bill a few days ago to raise the salary of the quartermaster sergeant at the armory from \$60 to \$70, just to show the boys that his heart is in the right place.

He is chairman of the committees on printing and on elections, and he is a member of the committees on rules and irrigation and reservoirs—and if he wore all his medals at once he would make J. Philip Sousa green with envy.

### Foundry Plant Sold.

The Centre Hall foundry plant was sold by Messrs. E. M. Hoyett and W. O. Rearick to L. G. Rearick, the Centre Hall furniture dealer. The property consists of two lots and several buildings. Also an engine, boiler and some machinery. The price paid is not given, but the purchase is deemed a bargain by those who know the figure and the value of the plant.

Mr. Rearick's intended disposition of the plant is not known.

This plant was built late in the sixties by a co-operative company, and early in the seventies was an important industry. The founders were unsuccessful managers, but later the Van Pelt and their successors conducted the business with profit.

### Orphanage For Girls.

Notices have been sent out by superintendents of the various divisions of the Pennsylvania railroad calling attention to the St. John's Orphanage, 1722 Rittenhouse street, Philadelphia. The privileges of this orphanage are for the daughters of men who have been killed while in the discharge of their duties in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and affiliated lines.

The St. John's Orphanage was endowed by Frank Thompson, late president of the company. It is for girls who are taken under agreement with the mother or guardian and free of charge given a plain education, household work, cooking and sewing.

### Golden Jubilee for Missions.

The United Golden Jubilee for missions (an denominational), for this section will be held at Altoona, in the First Methodist church, corner of 12th Avenue and 13th Street, Friday of this week, at 2:30 and 7:30 o'clock.

Denominational meetings will be held at 4:00 o'clock. Ladies are requested to bring lunch; coffee will be furnished at the church.

### 50th Anniversary Next Monday.

Monday of next week, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conley, east of Centre Hall, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. For the greater part of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Conley lived near Centre Hall, on a farm, a portion of the Keller homestead. Their many friends join the Reporter in extending congratulations.

### Population of Centre Hall, 500.

Saturday afternoon the Centre Reporter received a telegraphic dispatch from E. Dana Durand, United States Census Director, Washington, D. C., giving the population of Centre Hall according to the thirteenth census, exactly five hundred.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

With eggs down to thirteen cents the small hen looks it, except when cackling.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Holloway, of Akron, Ohio, visited friends in Aaronsburg.

The annual convention of the Centre County Sunday School Association will be held at Aaronsburg, August 21st and 22nd.

The Reporter will soon announce the arrival of its supply of Easter postcards. It will be the most extensive stock ever purchased, and will be sold in packets of one dozen.

While drawing a load of manure on a small sled, a horse owned by S. R. Lingle, of Penn township, broke its leg. The animal was killed, as it was thought useless to try to unite the broken bone.

John S. Albright spent several days with his brother and sister Foster S. and Lydia Albright, in Millheim. Mr. Albright was a former resident of that place but for the past forty years has been a resident of Philadelphia.

Dr. Hugh P. Baker, dean of the department of forestry, at Pennsylvania State College, announced that the Pennsylvania Forestry Association had decided to hold its annual convention at State College, May 24th to 26th.

Representative R. W. Hilton, of McKean county, introduced a bill in the legislature prohibiting the killing of deer for a period of five years, and claims to have the assurance of a large number of interior members that they will support the measure.

James Conley, of Freeport, came to Centre Hall, last week to visit his father, John W. Conley, who has been quite ill for several weeks. Mr. Conley has been in Freeport for a number of years. He reports all the Centre Hall population in that city as getting along splendidly.

William H. Noll, the Pleasant Gap merchant, business man and farmer is a candidate for the office of county commissioner. His announcement will be found in this issue. Mr. Noll has long been identified as a party worker, but this is his first effort to obtain recognition for himself.

Attention is called to the sale advertisement of A. C. Grove, of near Bellefonte, and especially to the horses that will be offered for sale. Some of these animals are of the heavy draft type, while others are bred for the track and roads. Mr. Grove is making a clean sale of his stock and implements and will quit the farm.

The parsonage of the United Brethren church, at Port Matilda, was recently destroyed by fire, the result of a lamp exploding. Rev. H. E. McKelvey, the pastor, sustained considerable loss on furniture, although he had \$500 insurance. The house was also insured for \$1000, which, however, is less than its value.

Letters postmarked Millinburg have been received by President Taft and other Washington officials, declaring that murders had been committed in that locality, and that outlaws were everywhere to be found. Investigation proved that the writer was Mrs. James Sanders, and since she is of unsound mind, no further action will be taken in the matter.

Cloverseed is being bought by seed merchants at prices ranging from under \$4.00 to \$7.00. Some grades cannot be handled in the markets at any price. Much of the seed is foul with weed seeds, dodder, buckhorn, carrot and plantain being most common. Some seed is badly damaged by bleaching, which condition much reduces the market value. Choice clover seed, free of weed seeds, would readily pass at from \$9.00 to \$10.00. This variation in price for good and foul seed should be an inspiration to the farmer to destroy the noxious weeds on their farms, so that when the crop of seed or grain is grown it may be marketed at the top instead of the bottom price.

It is not often that the selling of a \$300 horse makes trouble in the family, but that is what happened in the William Hockman family, when Mr. Hockman, of near Rebersburg, parted with one of his horses at the figure named. Of course, the trouble was not of a serious nature—rather of regret on the part of the family to part with a highly-prized animal. Mr. Hockman was driving along the road when a dealer put the question to him, "how much for that horse?" "Not for sale," was the reply. "How much would you ask if you wanted to sell him," came next, and to this Mr. Hockman responded by holding up three fingers. "I'll take him," said the dealer, and this closed the deal for the draft horse, as Mr. Hockman, like all sellers who have regard for their word, could not "reng" on his own offer.