



THE MENACE OF "RECIPROCITY."

Unfair to the Farm Owners to Evade the Plain Duty to Maintain Remunerative Prices for Farm Products.

Is it not legitimate speculation to wonder that if the President of the United States were dependent for his living on a farmer's income, whether he would be advocating reciprocity? The ownership of the animal gored modifies the point of view. The portentous possible results of reciprocity are so serious in connection with future American agricultural interests, and hence future national interests, and it was attempted to railroad it through with such speed and such superficial consideration by the authorities, that it calls for immediate counteractive public protest on the part of those whose interests are most adversely threatened. The measure was smothered in the congress that just passed into history, but the President has seen fit to call an extra session of congress for the definite purpose of acting on the measure, which in the form of an "agreement," and not a treaty, needs but a majority of votes to make it a law.

This need becomes all the more apparent when it is considered that our national government has in the past shown very defective and shallow statecraft in connection with the treatment of agricultural interests. Legislative action has followed the influences which have been brought to bear, rather than originated and led in planning for the best good of the entire country. The influences in question have resulted in the protection of the few, while the interests, and especially the future interests of the masses, have been largely neglected. In this matter of reciprocity little or no consideration has been given to the near-at-hand and far-distant results of the proposed action. The greatest damage that reciprocity will inflict will not be at once apparent. The price of wheat is usually fixed by the markets of the world, and it will be some time before a large over-production in Canada will greatly affect prices in the United States. But inasmuch as Canada is repeating American mistakes in regard to a wide-open door to land skimming or skinning as you like. It may reasonably be expected that under the stimulus of reciprocity multitudes of American farm laborers will be shifted from American soil to Canadian wheat fields. This, of course, means an increase of trouble for the American farmer in connection with securing labor. The effect will become more apparent later on.

The first damaging effect will be the difficulty in selling American farm property. The next effect will be the lowering of prices of beef, dairy products, fruit and poultry products. Free entry of food products from Canada will benefit the consumers of that food very little, if any. The profits of the deal will mostly go into the pockets of the millers, storage men and the middlemen; but the ultimate loss of these profits will be met by the American farm owners.

Under stimulus of the increased prices for farm products, capital had begun to take an interest in farming possibilities. Could any capital be secured to-day to undertake farming development? Yet the future prosperity of the country depends on the investment of capital in the redevelopment for a generation to come, but will still further force the necessity of American farms. Scientific American agriculture in the future depends on the special educational development of a considerable body of farm devotees, no one of whom would divert himself to agriculture as a pursuit, unless there was a prospect of making money in farming through the use of capital and labor. The great possibilities of a well directed education of the agricultural classes will be killed by reciprocity.

When we consider what the results may be in the future as being dependent upon a foreign state for a large part of the bread supply of the country, every dictate of prudence ought to invite the nation to call a halt, and consider this whole subject with more thoughtfulness. It is hardly to be expected that those who clamor for reciprocity will consider the just rights of the farm owners; but the question of the billions of dollars of damage that will be done to owners of farms ought to be considered. Even a depleted farm, if it has fencing and buildings is worth something to a certain class. A man and family that cannot get a living in any other vocation can eke out an existence on such a farm, and the ownership of the great bulk of the farm lands of the country will ultimately go into the hands of an inferior class of people unless national policies encourage agriculture, instead of depressing it; and inasmuch as the farm is the breeding ground for the best blood of the nation, this means a future calamity, nationally considered.

Certainly more thought should be given to this enormously important subject.

Reciprocity is going to hurt the manufacturing interests by curtailing demand from the impoverished farms, an injury that would not be made good by any increase of demand from Canada. The time may come when it would be to our advantage to unite with Canada, but that time has not yet come; and it is to be supposed that very few Canadians at present would be willing to unite with us. Outside of the Utopian advantages claimed of "peace and goodwill among men," one fails to see where reciprocity is of advantage to the United States. Its benefits to the Canadian wheat grower is set forth in an address by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of the Dominion, in the House of Commons, at Ottawa, when he said:

"We are above all, an agricultural people. Our object today is to open the door to the American market. All that we ask is to obtain for the Canadian, who works in the fields the best possible remuneration for his labor."

"To the Canadian people I would say that if it is possible for us to obtain such relations between these two young and growing nations Canada will have rendered to Old England, the mother of nations—say to the whole British Empire—a service unequalled in its present effect and still more in its far-reaching consequences."

The American consumer of food products has been fed on the cream of the land at prices much below what he should have paid for his food; these consumers, for the best benefit of the country in the future, should now be called on to pay a price for the food consumed that will warrant the adoption and maintenance of a conservative and reconstructive farming throughout the whole country. It is not fair to the farm owners of the country, or to posterity, to try to evade that plain duty.

If Flinn Were a Judge:
If Representative Flinn, of Elk county, were a Judge of the Common Pleas Court, and all other judges were of the same opinion, Pennsylvania would have local option privileges so far as the sale of intoxicating liquors is concerned. In speaking on the local option question in the house, Mr. Flinn said:

"Pennsylvania has the best local option law of any state of the Union. I refer to the Brooks high license law, under which the people have the right to remonstrate against granting licenses. I defy any man to show me any judge on the Common Pleas bench who is so intransigent to the desire of the people as to grant a license against the will of a majority of the people of a district."

This is the view held by Judge Woods, of the Huntingdon-Mifflin district, who refused all the licenses in Mifflin county "after considering the character and number of the petitioners for and against licenses." Such a view of the matter does seem reasonable.

Huntingdon Gets License.
President Judge Woods and the two associates, Lighted and Richardson, of the Huntingdon county court, granted the liquor licenses of the Eagle House, at Orbisonia, unanimously. Judges Lighted and Richardson then granted the licenses for all the hotels in Huntingdon, but President Judge Woods dissented from all of them.

Philadelphia Record.
Of all the great city dailies there is none that stands as high in the estimation of out-of-town readers as "The Philadelphia Record," which has built up an enormous circulation outside of Philadelphia as well as within strictly on its merits as a wholesome, wide-awake and fearlessly edited family newspaper.

"The Record" occupies a somewhat unique position as a Democratic paper published in the principal citadel of Republicanism and commanding a strong following even among the warmest supporters of opposing parties. The fact is that people of all political faiths, and of no political faith, want the news; they want it accurately presented, in the most readable form, and they want it uncolored by partisanship. This they get in "The Record," which confines its editorial opinions to its editorial columns, and chronicles the world's doings just as they happen.

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JUDGE CYRUS GORDON DEAD.

Dies at His Home in Clearfield After a Lingering Illness.

Cyrus Gordon, former president judge of the courts of Clearfield county, died Friday at his home in Clearfield after a lingering illness of diabetes. Mr. Gordon was elevated to the bench in 1894. After serving his term Judge Gordon took up active practice of law and was appointed chief attorney for the Pennsylvania dairy and food commission which position he held at the time of his death.

The deceased was born at Hecla Furnace, Centre county, December 1, 1846, making his age a little over sixty-four years. He was first admitted to the bar in Bellefonte, in 1869, having read law with Judge Samuel Linn. In 1870 he went to Clearfield, being connected with the office of McEnally & McCurdy. Soon after he became associated with Hon. Thomas Murray, remaining a partner of the latter until his elevation to the bench on January 1, 1894. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a broadminded, big hearted citizen, whose death will be mourned by many friends.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence.

Progress Grange the Beneficiary.

At a recent meeting of the Centre Hall Lecture course it was decided to give Progress Grange an opportunity to become the beneficiary of the movement, and at a meeting of that body on Saturday the proposition was accepted. The first year the lecture course was in existence, the committee made personal efforts to make sale of tickets, and the year closed with a cash balance of \$40. With this balance on hand the committee felt certain of its ability to meet the expenses incurred during the season of 1910-1911, and consequently no effort whatever was made as to the sale of tickets. The books have not been closed, but there is in sight the result anticipated in a slight balance over expenses.

It is evident that by pushing the sale of course tickets and enlisting the interest of the people in the country within easy access of Centre Hall, the movement could be made to earn a handsome profit. Progress Grange will now have that matter in hand, and whatever profit accrues will be used in the liquidation of the bonded indebtedness on Grange Acadia.

As heretofore, the lecture course committee makes itself personally liable for all expenses, except hall rental, and retains to themselves the general management.

The next and last lecture for this season comes Saturday evening. Dr. McConnell should be heard by every one in this community. It is a rare opportunity to hear such a distinguished lecturer. Dr. McConnell is said to never leave home without taking his smile with him. He has the ability to make you laugh or make you cry, but he aims to make you laugh more than cry. Come out to hear him; prove yourself a good citizen, who always aims to do himself and others good.

Married By Rev. Stauffer.

Miss Kate Della Spayd, of Rebersburg, and Charles C. Mark, of Loganton, were married at the Reformed parsonage at Rebersburg on March 2, by Rev. G. A. Stauffer.

March 8, by the same, Miss Mame E. Bartley, of Spring Mills, and Samuel W. Wantz, of Tylersville.

15 Post Cards For Ten Cents.

A special sale of postcards is on at the Reporter office. Fifteen cards, three of which are birthday cards, for ten cents. Sent by mail, postage paid at this end. The quantity is limited; send in your order early. Every card is a good one. No discount on this offer.

Low Rates to the West.

Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets to Rocky Mountains, Pacific Coast, Western Canada, Mexico and Southwestern points on sale daily March 10 to April 10 inclusive at reduced fares. Consult nearest Ticket Agent, or David Todd, D. T. A., Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Summer School at Boalsburg.

The undersigned announces that she will open a summer term of eight weeks of school at Boalsburg, beginning April 10, 1911, for Primary and Grammar School pupils.

MARY M. GROVE.

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I. O. O. F. WILL CELEBRATE.

Ninety-Second Anniversary at Berwick, April 29-30.

Interest in Odd Fellowship throughout central and eastern Pennsylvania is centered in the celebration that will commemorate the ninety-second anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The celebration will this year be held at Berwick on Wednesday, April 26th, and elaborate plans are being made by the officers and Berwick committee for a magnificent demonstration.

Thirteen counties are included in the anniversary association which embraces two hundred and fifty lodges, sixty Encampments, thirty Cantons and thirty lodges of Rebekahs.

Responses already received assure the attendance of fifty lodges and twenty-five bands. Berwick is leaving no stone unturned to make the celebration a rousing one. A Philadelphia firm has the contract to erect canopies at the various squares and to decorate 50 squares in addition to the decorating of houses and business places by individuals. The orphans will be there one hundred and twenty strong from the orphanage at Sunbury, there will be a massed band after the grand parade on Market street that is ninety feet wide and in the evening the degree team of Muncy lodge will confer the first degree.

Berwick is well qualified to entertain the convention, having the largest lodge in the district, over seven hundred members, with an Encampment, Canton and lodge of Rebekahs as well.

All the halls have been rented and a dozen societies have come to the aid of the committee to aid in solving the question of feeding the thousands that attend the celebration.

LOCALS.

After an illness of some weeks, Miss Emily Alexander is again able to be out of bed.

There is little hope of the recovery of Al. Osman, who is a patient in the Bellefonte hospital.

Kreamer and Son are repairing the lodge room over their store room in which the Golden Eagles, the Lady's Temple and Woodmen hold their meetings.

Thursday night of last week a heavy thunder storm passed over the valley. The thundering continued for several hours, and the flashes of lightning were vivid. The precipitation was light.

The Centre County Medical Society met in Bellefonte on Wednesday, and was attended by Dr. J. V. Foster. One of the features on the program was a paper on infantile paralysis by Dr. P. H. Dale, of State College.

Dr. McConnell's success as a public speaker is not accounted for solely by his wit and humor. He is a logician and reasoner of high ability. He will appear as the last number in the Centre Hall Lecture Course, Saturday evening.

The stork dropped a girl in the vicinity of the railroad station, at Centre Hall, which is being tenderly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Mifflin Moyer. This is the second edition to the Moyer household, the eldest also being a girl.

The delegates elected by the Rebersburg Reformed church to represent the charge at the West Susquehanna Classical Laymen's Missionary conference to be held at Lewisburg, today (Thursday) are Messrs. E. H. Zeigler, J. A. Meyer, Thomas Stover, H. A. Meyer and N. W. Cooney.

Friday of last week a large flock of wild geese passed over Penns Valley, and while the Jerome Auman public sale was in full swing, the flock alighted in a field nearby. There was a rush made on the part of many to get a good view of the birds, but the flock took wing without permitting close inspection.

Wednesday Jerome Auman and family started for their new home near Phoenixville, where they will continue farming on a farm Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keller vacated. Daniel Stover, who has been with the Auman family for some time, accompanied them, and will remain for the summer. Mr. Auman will give dairying considerable attention.

Special attention is called to the sale to be held Wednesday of next week by A. C. Grove, of near Bellefonte. The class of horses he offers is unusually fine, embracing the choicest drafters and drivers. Mr. Grove is a horseman, and has always taken special pride in keeping the best horses, believing that to be most profitable. His cattle stock is well bred, and his implements are in good condition. The horses are fully described in an advertisement in this issue, where prospective buyers will be able to suit themselves. But better than this, go to Mr. Grove's barn, and investigate for yourself.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers Correspondent Column—New Department.

Since I think Nebraska is one of the best states in the Union, I must say a word for it in the columns of the Reporter.

We have had a nice winter so far, and the roads have been good enough that automobiles were run during the greater part of the time. The automobile is used very much in this section. Farmers use them to save their horses, and others wholly for pleasure. It is nothing unusual to see as many as twenty machines at one time on the streets of our little town.

Hunting wolves with the auto is a new sport. In one hunt four wolves were captured.

Farm land has advanced in price, and now sells at from \$100 to \$125 per acre. Crops were good last year, and prices were also good. I know of one eighty-acre farm that one-third of the grain crop yielded a rental of \$5.00 per acre. Now, if some of our Pennsylvania farmers get tired picking stones, come to Nebraska and see the beautiful country.

Yours,
(Miss) A. B. HOLDEMAN.
Glenville, Nebraska.

The Centre county people employed at the Huntingdon Reformatory are getting along very well. As proof that Centre county is all to the good, our institution, the other day, bought a team of horses in Penns Valley.

Mrs. Tillie Williams, my wife's mother, known to many of the Reporter readers, is still here with us. She is entirely helpless and has been in that condition for almost three years.

We live in Smithfield township, just opposite Huntingdon. Our town site has increased about fifty per cent. in real estate value in the last ten years. We have a fine state road, city water, electric light, free mail delivery and most excellent schools. This is not a "boom" town, but is one of steady growth. Some of the real estate, however, has changed hands at an advance of one hundred per cent. within five years. No use going out west, or down south at that rate. We still like the Reporter, and hope you will continue to prosper.

W. A. BROWN,
Huntingdon, Pa.

Please send the Reporter to Mrs. Eliza McKinney for another year. We all enjoy reading the news from our home county. Mother, who is eighty-three years old, especially enjoys the news from Centre county.

LAURA MCKINNEY,
Chicago, Illinois.

Miss McKinney, who writes for her mother, is employed with Marshall Field and Company, the largest department store in America.

Public Sales.

Public sales during the next ten days that will attract buyers are these: Friday, March 17—Mrs. Anna Bell Hettiger, near Centre Hill.

Saturday, March 18—John H. Wagner, east of Pottery Mills.

Monday, March 20—A. E. Harshbarger, west of Centre Hill.

Wednesday, March 22—A. C. Grove, near Bellefonte.

Wednesday, March 22—Samuel Wise, east of Penns Cave.

Friday, March 24—James Reish, Pottery Mills.

Saturday, March 25—Philip A. Auman, Georges Valley.

These are all large sales. More definite information will be obtained by referring to the Reporter sale register and posters.

Transfers of Real Estate.

W. F. Coater et al to J. R. Runner, March 3, 1896, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$12.

W. F. Haines et ux to Hugh Moore, November 21, 1908, tract of land in Rush twp. \$300.

Sophia Hale to William Riddle, April 12, 1910, tract of land in Phillipsburg, \$155.

J. J. Orndorf to Fretta Orndorf, June 18, 1904, tract of land in Haines twp. \$25.

H. W. Sheffer et al to A. S. Williams, March 10, 1906, tract of land in Worth twp. \$300.

John H. White et al to H. M. Deitrich, December 22, 1910, tract of land in Walker twp. \$769.80.

Mary C. Harris et al to H. L. Curtin, January 10, 1911, tract of land in Centre county. \$100.

N. B. Spangler et ux to George R. Meek, February 7, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$7500.

Deborah E. Valentine et al to N. B. Spangler, January 28, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$7500.

Lawrence E. Eckley to Annie M. Rider, February 21, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$550.

Florence R. Dunkle et bar to James R. Bathurst, March 30, 1901, tract of land in Howard twp. \$425.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

March is half over. Mrs. Catharine Dale advertises sale of household goods for Saturday afternoon, March 25th.

The school teachers in Potter township who did not miss time will finish the seven month term on the 24th.

Mrs. Perle Roush, of Reading, has been at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Rishel, at Farmers Mills, for the past ten days.

John W. Conley was a caller on Monday morning to make arrangements for the public sale he will hold on the last of the month.

William Fisher, of Sunbury, the tobacco agent, made a trip through Penns Valley the beginning of this week. He was formerly from Boalsburg.

Guy Jacobs had hard luck on reaching Indianapolis, Indiana. About the first thing he did was to crush two fingers, which incapacitated him for some days.

Harry Hoy is at the home of W. B. Bressler, and Mrs. Hoy is with Mr. and Mrs. William Colyer looking after the heir in that family that put in an appearance a few weeks ago.

Dr. McConnell has made four thousand public addresses in the last twelve years, and wherever he has gone he is conceded to be one of the most original, forceful and unique speakers before the public.

W. O. Bearick, of Milroy, and several gentlemen from Harrisburg, made a trip to Kentucky last week, to look over a large saw mill and lumber operations in that state, with a view of making a purchase.

One of the best recommendations for the New Idea manure spreader sold by J. H. and S. E. Weber, is that when it is put up at public sale it brings nearly the price of a new machine. That is what a good reputation does.

April 1st is the time set by Rev. M. D. Geesey to assume active charge of the Aaronsburg Lutheran pastorate, he having accepted the call extended by the joint council of that charge. Rev. Geesey comes from Orrstown, Franklin county.

Mr. and Mrs. John Felding, of near Linden Hall, have been quite ill during the past few weeks, the latter's condition being of such a nature that there is little hope for her recovery. Mrs. Aaron Thomas, of Centre Hall, a sister of Mrs. Felding, has been at her bedside for several weeks.

Wallace Igen, of Tylersville, will soon become a resident of Gregg township, having recently become the owner of the McMurray farm, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Igen is known to many of the Reporter readers. He is a brother of Albert Igen, who taught for two terms the Centre Hall High school, and also attended that school.

Misses Eleis and Virna Geiss, on Tuesday went to Philadelphia where they expect to remain for at least two months. If conditions are favorable they will seek employment, but the first part of the time they will give over to visiting among friends. On their way to the city they will stop at Harrisburg and Lancaster among friends.

J. V. Johnston, of state college, is trimming the large apple orchard at Old Fort, for J. Frank Bradford. The orchard had been badly neglected, but when Mr. Bradford saw what State Demonstrator Foster could do by applying the pruning knife in a skillful manner he at once set out to secure someone to follow the advice at the public demonstration held in that orchard.

Andrew J. Crozier is moving from near Bellefonte to near Lewisstown on one of the Reed farms, and like he did at Bellefonte will stock it and work it as the usual tenants do. He has been very successful in farming in Mifflin county, his only reason for leaving his present location being on account of the farm having been divided. Mr. Crozier will, perhaps, engage in dairying in a small way, since he is located near Lewisstown, Yeagertown and Burnham.

Those who attended services in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening were well repaid by hearing a sermon delivered by Rev. J. F. Seebach, pastor of the Lutheran church in Lewisburg. His text was the story of the crucifixion of Christ. The chief thought presented was that while the present day bible student and churchman are horrified at the acts committed by those who participated in that trial and crucifixion, their own acts are not less open to criticism. Rev. Seebach is a pleasant speaker, easy in his manner, but does not make common the sacred things. The Lewisburg charge ought to feel itself well favored to have such a pastor, and no doubt does appreciate his work.