



Woodrow Wilson's Message to the American People

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To the Voters of America:
I am glad to have an opportunity to state very simply and directly why I am seeking to be elected President of the United States. I feel very deeply that this is not an ambition a man should entertain for his own sake. He must seek to serve a cause, and must know very clearly what cause it is he is seeking to serve.

The cause I am enlisted in lies very plain to my own view: The Government of the United States, as now bound by the policies which have become characteristic of Republican administration in recent years, is not free to serve the whole people impartially, and it ought to be set free. It has been tied up, whether deliberately or merely by unintentional development, with particular interests, which have used their power, both to control the government and to control the industrial development of the country. It must be freed from such entanglements and alliances. Until it is freed, it cannot serve the people as a whole. Until it is freed, it cannot undertake any programme of social and economic betterment, but must be checked and thwarted at every turn by its patrons and masters.

In practically every speech that I make, I put at the front of what I have to say the question of the tariff and the question of the trusts; but not because of any thought of party strategy, because I believe the solution of these questions to lie at the very heart of the bigger question, whether the government shall be free or not. The government is not free because it has granted special favors to particular classes by means of the tariff. The men to whom these special favors have been granted have formed great combinations by which to control enterprise and determine the prices of commodities. They could not have done this had it not been for the tariff. No party, therefore, which does not propose to take away these special favors and prevent monopoly absolutely in the markets of the country sees even as much as the most elementary part of the method by which the government is to be set free.

The control to which tariff legislation has led, both in the field of politics and in the field of business, is what has produced the most odious feature of our present political situation, namely, the absolute domination of powerful bosses. Bosses cannot exist without business alliances. With them politics is hardly distinguishable from business. Bosses maintain their control because they are allied with men who wish their assistance in order to get contracts, in order to obtain special legislative advantages, in order to prevent reforms which will interfere with monopoly or with their enjoyment of special exemptions. Merely as political leaders, not backed by money, not supported by securely entrenched special interests, bosses would be entirely manageable and comparatively powerless. By freeing the government, therefore, we at the same time break the power of the boss. He trades, he does not govern. He arranges, he does not lead. He sets the stage for what the people are to do; he does not act as their agent or servant, but as their director. For him the real business of politics is done under cover.

The same means that will set the government free from the influences which now constantly

control it would set industry free. The enterprise and initiative of all Americans would be substituted for the enterprise and initiative of a small group of them. Economic democracy would take the place of monopoly and selfish management. American industry would have a new buoyancy of hope, a new energy, a new variety. With the restoration of freedom would come the restoration of opportunity.

Moreover, an administration would at last be set up in Washington, and a legislative regime, under which real programmes of social betterment could be undertaken as they cannot now. The government might be serviceable for many things. It might assist in a hundred ways to safeguard the lives and the health and promote the comfort and the happiness of the people; but it can do these things only if its actions be disinterested, only if they respond to public opinion, only if those who lead government see the country as a whole, feel a deep thrill of intimate sympathy with every class and every interest in it, know how to hold an even hand and listen to men of every sort and quality and origin, in taking counsel what is to be done. Interest must not fight against interest. There must be a common understanding and a free action all together.

The reason that I feel justified in appealing to the voters of this country to support the Democratic party at this critical juncture in its affairs is that the leaders of neither of the other parties propose to attack the problem of a free government at its heart. Neither proposes to make a fundamental change in the policy of the government with regard to tariff duties. It is with both of them in respect of the tariff merely a question of more or less, merely a question of lopping off a little here and amending a little there, while with the Democrats it is a question of principle. Their object is to cut every special favor out, and cut it out just as fast as it can be cut out without upsetting the business processes of the country. Neither does either of the other parties propose seriously to disturb the supremacy of the trusts. Their only remedy is to accept the trusts and regulate them, notwithstanding the fact that most of the trusts are so constructed as to insure high prices, because they are not based upon efficiency but upon monopoly. Their success lies in control. The competition of more efficient competitors, not loaded down by the debts created when the combinations were made, would embarrass and conquer them. The trusts want the protection of the government, and are likely to get it if either the Republican or the so-called "Progressive" party prevails.

Surely this is a cause. Surely the questions of the pending election, looked at from this point of view, rise into a cause. They are not merely the debates of a casual party contest. They are the issues of life and death to a nation which must be free in order to be strong. What will patriotic men do?

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Election News.

As usual, a desperate effort will be made to secure the earliest election returns at the Reporter office on election night. Messages will be received from the Harrisburg Democratic headquarters, as well as from Philadelphia. You are invited to come here and get the returns. Our outside friends will be served if they call by telephone over either line.

LOCALS

Friday night is the time for the November meeting of the borough council.

H. D. Shlegel, of Spring Mills, is plastering the dwelling house, erected by Clement Luse.

W. D. Strunk, of Zion, was in town the other day to look after his property on Hoffer street.

Bruce Arney is leading F. V. Goodhart assistance in conducting the furniture and undertaking business he recently purchased.

The hunters are beginning to rehearse the old stories and are wondering whether the approaching season will put new and interesting ones in the histories of the hunting clubs.

Frank V. Goodhart was not in business long until he was called on to take charge of a funeral, he having been the funeral director in charge at the burial of Richard Miller, on Tuesday.

William H. Smith, of Milesburg, began the relaying of the slate on the Lutheran church in Centre Hall. Mr. Smith is a practical plasterer, and has also had experience in laying tile and asbestos cement shingles.

Messrs. F. M. Crawford, of the Potter-Hoy Hardware Company, and E. P. Irvin, representing the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company, both of Bellefonte, were callers at this office in quest of business on Monday evening.

Mrs. Jennie Miller, of Mill Hall, mother of Richard Miller, who died in Centre Hall on Saturday night, is very seriously ill, having suffered two paralytic strokes within the recent past. Mrs. Miller is the sister of Mrs. James H. Smetzler, in Centre Hall.

The latest advertisement put out by the Penna Valley Banking Company is an eraser, on which appears the statement: "For forty years this bank has been conducting a conservative business. It has had a steady, healthy growth during those years and on the basis of this record invites the accounts of individuals, firms and corporations."

McClellan Strunk.

A quiet little wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Robert Strunk, "Sunny-side," Bellefonte, on Thursday evening of last week, when her daughter, Blanche B. Strunk, was united in holy wedlock with Lester D. McClellan, also of Bellefonte. The officiating minister on this occasion was the Rev. Frederick W. Barry, of Centre Hall. About fifty guests witnessed the wedding ceremony and sat down to the wedding banquet. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan left on Friday morning for a short wedding trip and on their return will for a little time reside at the bride's home. Mr. McClellan has been in the grocery business, employed by the Hazle Brothers for the past four years. The many friends of this couple join in congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

Reporter Store Room Leased.

The store room in the Reporter building, now under construction, has been leased to Thomas Smith, the successor of J. A. Reesman. The store room will have a frontage of seventeen feet, and thirty feet deep, with an annex of twenty-eight feet. The rear portion will be used as a work room and the front for display of wares. It will be one of the handsomest store rooms in the town, having a glass front of ten feet in width and nine feet in height. Mr. Smith expects to branch out in other lines than carried by his predecessor, and will include a line of hardware and plumbing fixtures.

Woodward.

Wm. Wert spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Wm. Glantz.

Misses Bertha and Lida Hosterman were to Millheim last Tuesday.

Mrs. Huss, of Spring Mills, spent the greater part of last week with friends in town.

Mrs. Kate Stiver and children, of near Coburn, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. John Barnor.

Mrs. J. L. Kreamer and Mrs. Isahel Boob spent Saturday and Sunday with Clayton Boob at Bellefonte.

Roy Musser and Miss Fiedler spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Dr. A. C. Musser in Aaronburg.

Dr. George Ard, of Spring City, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smallwood, of Paulsboro, New Jersey, spent several days at the home of Dr. W. P. Ard.

On November 6, this is what will be said by almost every one:

"I thought that would be the way; no divided party could hope to elect its candidate."

Rebersburg.

Four days of rain last week greatly delayed the farmers in their fall work.

Scarlet fever in a mild form has made its appearance in several families in this vicinity.

Annora Hazel and wife are at present spending several weeks in Illinois, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Thomas Walker, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is slowly recovering.

Charles Gilbert is the happiest man at present in this vicinity, since the arrival of that wee little baby boy.

Millie Mover and family, of Centre Hall, spent last Saturday and Sunday at this place at the home of W. J. Bair.

George Wolfert, who a week ago received a paralytic stroke, is at this writing in a critical condition, and there is no hope of his recovery.

Samuel Alters, who is residing on the B. Kreamer farm, has rented the Daniel Meyer farm two miles west of Coburn, and will move there this coming spring.

Edwin Stover, the mail carrier to and from Livonia, informed your correspondent that two of his fatiguing dogs died of cholera which is rapidly spreading in this section. Eimer Wolf, who lives on the Kridler farm, also lost several hogs with the same disease.

Mrs. Raker, of Millinburg, was a guest at the Witmer stover home.

Merchant E. A. Bower has gone to eastern cities to buy winter goods.

Mrs. Ellen Huss, of Spring Mills, spent a few days with Mrs. Edlie Weaver.

Thomas Wolfe and family, of near Woodward, spent Sunday at the Wm. Wolfe home.

Mrs. Harvey Mowery and baby, of State College, visited at the E. Guisewite home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stump and son, of Altoona, visited the former's father, E. A. Stump.

John Houz, who is employed at Lemont, spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. George King has gone to Milton to spend an indefinite time at the home of Mr. Snyder.

David Breen and family, of Rebersburg, spent Sunday at the home of Warren Winkielech.

Mrs. Coburn and niece Mrs. Harvey Musser, of Akron, Ohio, spent a few days in Whitinsport.

Mrs. Ream and daughter, of Spring Mills, were guests at the home of Warren Winkielech.

Mrs. Wm. Guisewite and daughter Sarah spent part of Sunday at the home of Prof. E. U. Wasson, at Coburn.

Mrs. E. E. Ardrey, of Bellefonte, returned to her home after spending a week with her father at the home of George Weaver.

DEATHS

After an illness extending over a period of about four years, Richard Miller died in Centre Hall Saturday morning. He came here some months ago, and made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smetzler, who gave him the best of attention during his illness. As was stated in these columns in the last issue of the Reporter, the young man suffered from "grinder's" consumption, having followed grinding at the Mann axe works at Mill Hall, his home town.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, the body having been interred in the cemetery at the Georges Valley Lutheran church, where his father was buried about fourteen years ago. On June 26, the deceased was thirty-six years of age. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus B. and Jennie E. (Kennelley) Miller, and a grandson of John Miller, who for some years lived in Centre Hall, and died here.

There survive the deceased, his mother, who however, at the time of this writing is at the point of death, and three brothers and sisters: William, Lewistown; Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Lock Haven; Mrs. Joseph Hillingworth, and James Allen, both of Mill Hall.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. S. A. Snyder, pastor of the United Evangelical church.

The remains of Andrew J. Rishel were shipped from Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, to Spring Mills, and from there taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. Caroline Cain, from which place the funeral was held on Wednesday morning. Interment was made in the Cross church cemetery, Georges Valley.

The deceased was the son of Joseph Rishel, late of Gregg township, deceased. He left Spring Mills some years ago, and was employed at various places. About two years ago he went to Ohio from Pine Grove Mills. With in two weeks prior to his death he wrote to his sister at Spring Mills that he was in a hospital, and expressed hope that he would recover from his affliction, which was a cancerous growth in his stomach.

Mr. Rishel was aged a little more than fifty-seven years. He was unmarried. He was one of a family of twelve children, namely: Charles, Monument, Kansas; Mrs. Caroline Cain, Mrs. Robert Hettinger, Spring Mills; Mrs. Fred Stover, Jeremiah, Coburn; Mrs. James A. Decker, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. James Meyer, Yeagertown; Jonas, Coburn; John H., Spring Mills; George H., Maple Park, Illinois; Mrs. William Krader, Coburn; William, address unknown.

Mrs. Hattie Straw, wife of Uriah Straw, of Blue Ball, died Sunday night, states the Philadelphia Journal. Her death was the result of complications with which she had been ailing for a year and six months.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Hattie Fair, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Fair. She was born near State College on Sept. 16, 1853, making her age fifty-nine years, one month and four days. Her marriage to Uriah Straw occurred in Huston township, this county, on May 4, 1877. The family moved to Blue Ball about nineteen years ago, where the deceased made many friends by her kind, neighborly and pleasing qualities.

Besides her husband she leaves four sons and two daughters, viz: Charles, Blanchard, Allen, Howard, Annabel, wife of Leslie English, and Miss Martha, all at home.

The body was taken to Unionville for burial.

Mrs. Maria Ross, wife of Joseph T. Ross, died quite suddenly at her home at Pleasant Gap on Tuesday morning of last week. She came home on Sunday evening from Niagara Falls, where she had been since July, and was in good health until Monday night when she was taken violently ill. Deceased was born near Bellefonte in 1842, hence was about seventy years of age. Her entire life was spent in the neighborhood of Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

Surviving her are her husband and the following children: Mrs. C. E. Cowdrick and Charles, of Niagara Falls; William and Mrs. Dorris Eckeroth, of Pleasant Gap; Misses Belle and Lida, at home.

Mrs. John B. Rote died at her home at Salona, Clinton county, of a complication of diseases, aged seventy-four years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Snook and was born in Brush valley, Centre county. In 1883 the family moved to near Salona where they have lived ever since. Surviving her are her husband.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Centre county teachers' institute is approaching, the date being 11th to 15th prox. The program promises to be one of the best in years.

Misses Helen and Margaret Breen, of Axemann, spent a few days beginning of this week at the home of their brother, George E. Breen, in Centre Hall.

C. C. Ramsey, of Pleasant Gap, is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Ishler, in the same village. Mr. Ramsey met with a misfortune and injured his foot.

A district Sunday-school convention will open to-morrow (Friday) afternoon in the United Evangelical church, in Brush Valley. A number of Sunday-school workers from this place will attend the sessions.

Herman Baird, of Carlisle, was an arrival in Centre Hall on Tuesday. He is a brother of Mrs. George W. Horner, on Nittany Mountain, where he came to visit, and is a sales agent for a carpet firm.

William A. Magee has been in Centre Hall since the latter part of last week, his vacation from the Customs House, in Philadelphia, extending until Saturday. Monday he and Miss Leila Huyest went to Snow Shoe to visit friends there.

To-morrow (Friday) the season opens for wild turkeys, pheasants, quail, squirrels, and rabbits. Small game is reported to be plentiful in Penna Valley, and no doubt the first day's report from the local Nimrods will be favorable.

The Democratic meeting at Millheim was represented by Messrs. D. W. Bradford, the local chairman, C. E. Fink, E. E. Bailey, James Fetterolf, and the writer. It did one good to get into a section where democracy is as pure as it is in lower Penna Valley.

Frank V. Goodhart, who last week became the proprietor of the undertaking and furniture establishment in Centre Hall, has already made a forward stride, having purchased an up-to-date hearse, one far superior to those used by either Mr. Tibbetts or Mr. Reaick, his predecessors.

John Krebbs, aged twenty-nine years, while assisting in sheeting an annex-building of the tire mill at Burnham, came in contact with a live electric wire carrying 2200 volt current. He was so badly burned that he died before he could be reached by his fellow workmen. His home was in Lewistown.

Mrs. Harry E. Reish is appreciative of the thoughtfulness of her many friends who so kindly remembered her on her recent birthday, when she received one hundred and twenty-seven post cards. Coming at a time when she was lying sick at the Lock Haven hospital, the cards carried a deeper message than mere birthday greetings.

T. C. Foster, connected with the Agricultural Department, division of zoology, as orchard demonstrator in this district, visited the orchards of D. A. Boozer and S. W. Smith, at Centre Hall, last week. The orchards have been cared for as directed by the demonstrator. Mr. Foster is a practical orchardist, having given almost his entire life to fruit growing.

Luther Smith, of Bellefonte, an expert horse-shoer, for a number of years employed with Mallory, and Miss Emma Smith, a clerk in the Alken store, hiked to Centre Hall on Sunday morning, took dinner and supper with their brother, William J. Smith, at the Bairfoot home, and then were taken to the county seat in the latter's Ford car.

Messrs. William Wolf, of Bellefonte, and Otto Hile, of Pleasant Gap, began laying the brick on the Reporter building on Monday morning. They are being assisted by Frank Keene, of Pleasant Gap. The front of the structure is being laid with light Roman brick and the side and rear with standard size of light brick, and the trimmings are of red rock-faced brick. The light brick are the product of the Centre Clay and Brick Company, whose plants are at Oristown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reesman, last week, accompanied their grandson, C. W. Reesman, to his home at Thornoughfare, New Jersey, where they will make their future home. On Friday the latter returned to Centre Hall and on Saturday the personal property of the elder Reesman was sold at public sale. Tuesday Mr. Reesman and "Bobby" McCormick went to the New Jersey town, and now they are all domiciled under one roof. Miss Bertha McCormick, a granddaughter of the Reesmans, who made her home with them, took quarters with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripps, in Centre Hall, and will continue as chief operator in the commercial telephone exchange.

Word comes to The Centre Reporter that several gentlemen who in years past held office in Centre county by the grace of the Democratic party, are opposing a part or the whole of the local Democratic ticket. The Reporter is willing to give every voter his right to cast his ballot as his conscience dictates, but, sir, it brands an ingrate any former Democratic officeholder who solicits voters to cast a ballot against the candidates nominated in Centre county by the Democratic party. And who is more despised by the world than an ingrate? And a political ingrate is the worst of all, if there are degrees of ingrates.

Mr. Democratic Voter, if you have been visited by any former Democratic officeholder and asked to cast a vote against Mr. Gleason, for congress, and Mr. Foster, for the legislature, tell him he is an ingrate; that you have no desire in adding him to work out his spite against an individual; that having profited by the Democratic organization in Centre county, it is his duty to be as honest and fair in politics now as it was asked by him when he was a candidate. Instead of him telling you your duty, give the "exes" to understand that they have a duty.

Don't listen to the political ingrate. The world hates him.

If we had six votes for a congressman we would cast them all for Mr. Gleason, because he will be in sympathy and vote for measures recommended by a Democratic president. How can we, as Democrats, consistently be enthusiastic for Wilson and at the same time vote to lessen his power. A president cannot make laws, he must have a Democratic Congress back of him to do that. Vote for Gleason.

A vote for Foster for the Legislature will mean that you are doing your part to keep old Center represented at Harrisburg by a Democrat. And that is sufficient reason why every Democrat should vote for him.

Vote for Foster for legislature. The Democratic representation in the lower house of the state body is mighty slim, and we cannot expect to enlarge it by voting for Republicans.

There will be a small crop of "Ted-dies" during the next four years.

We all want Wilson elected but we don't want snow the next day.

Governor Glenn Pleased Large Audience.

Robert B. Glenn, former Governor of North Carolina, appeared in Grange Arcadia Tuesday evening as the first number of the Centre Hall lecture course. His subject was "Our country, its dangers and possibilities." The attendance was very good, the attention caused the speaker in private to pay a compliment on his audience. No speaker ever stood on the local platform with a message that was better received. There was food in every word he uttered. Governor Glenn was here for the second time, and no one regrets having recalled him.

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