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THE UNDERWOOD BILL.

But Five Democrats Oppose Tariff Measure in House—The Senate Should Act at Once.

Five Democrats voted against the Underwood tariff revision bill and seven Republicans voted for it. This shows more Republicans who believe the legislation is right than Democrats who believe it is wrong. The Baltimore convention last summer made a solemn pledge to the people that if the Democratic party were entrusted with power it would readjust the schedule, and the Lower House of Congress has fulfilled the pledge. The bill is now up to the Senate and it will do likewise.

There is no reason for the country to look upon this work with distrust, for Congress is simply carrying out the instructions voted by the people. To have followed any other course would have been in violation of the popular demand that the change be made. Time will show whether there are any defects in this law, and if there are any it will not be difficult to rectify them. Taken as a whole, the Underwood tariff bill is an improvement over the Payne-Aldrich law, because the latter discriminated in favor of special interests. The Democratic measure aims to lift a load from the shoulders of the people, to build up, not to tear down. The seven Republicans who voted for it have no fear that it will menace a single industry.

The Senate will merit the approval of the country if it follows the action of the House by a prompt passage of the measure. There is no reason for consuming time in discussing it in the upper body. Pass it and put it in force. If it does not produce the results expected it will be within the power of the present Congress to make whatever changes may be necessary.

Story of the Panther.

The following is reprinted from the Altoona Times, and undoubtedly was written by Mr. Shoemaker, the proprietor of that paper:

In the Seven Mountains, in such out-of-the-world little valleys as Detwiler's Hollow, Hayvica Treaster and New Lancaster, the belief that the panther is extinct as a Pennsylvania mammal, receives scant acceptance. Out of these wild regions comes forth a new crop of panther stories every year, some of them with as recent a date as 1913 on them.

Two young hunters out after rabbits last November in Detwiler surprised a panther which was concealed under the huge top of a felled tree. Not caring to risk their buckshot on the monster they let him escape. This same panther is said to be the mate of one killed in Stone Valley in February of the present year. By the time this story traveled across three or four mountain ranges into Snyder county the animal became eighteen feet in length, about twice as large as the biggest panther ever killed in the state.

It seems strange that reports of this kind persist in face of the fact that bounties have not been paid on panthers since 1871, when George Hastings, of Buffalo Run, near Bellefonte, collected twenty-four dollars for the scalps of two panthers killed on the main fork of Beech Creek on December 30 and 31 of that year. This mighty hunter who has a face like Seneca, the Roman poet, is hale and hearty, although sixty-five years of age. He has shot more big game animals in Pennsylvania than any man now living and few hunters who preceded him possess such a complete record of various kinds of kills.

There is no more interesting way to spend an evening than to listen to this famous hunter, who is as modest as he is great, describing his adventures in the primeval forests. Not only was he a great hunter himself, but he was intimately acquainted with the famous hunters of an older generation, men like James David the panther and elk hunter, Jim Jacobson, slayer of Pennsylvania's last native elk, Lewis Dorman, and Johnny Swartzell, the panther killers of the Seven Mountains. A man like George Hastings ought to write a book of memoirs as he saw a phase of Pennsylvania life which will never come again.

Closely linked with this old life is the story of the panther, the grandest of Pennsylvania's beasts. Misunderstood and mercilessly hunted by the early settlers, he made a valiant stand and there may be one or two of these animals still hidden in the brushy depths of Hayvica and Treaster; at least such is our hope.

E. D. Brislin, the lumberman, sold his five passenger Ford car to John T. Noll, the painter and decorator, at Pleasant Gap. The machine was used a few times, but had made less than one hundred miles.

OFFENDS LIQUOR MEN.

Snyder County Minister Hailed in Vestibule and Told What is What—Preacher Has Inauguration.

Rev. Keller, of Phillipsburg, and Rev. J. F. B. Greisemer, of Freeburg, have been highly commended by the local papers in their respective home towns for their fearlessness in attacking evils. Rev. Keller is a Lutheran minister, and Rev. Greisemer preaches the Reformed doctrine, but they both hate the present day evils. The Freeburg minister, after cleaning up the rum traffic, was hailed in the vestibule of his church by a delegation of church officers who demanded that he compromise his remarks and in the future be more temperate in the discussion of the question. The Middleburg Post refers to the incident in this manner:

The delegation was composed of a man who several years ago converted his inheritance, the far famed Freeburg musical college, into a tavern; a traveling agent for large brewery interests, whose territory includes many districts dry by court decision and another man also interested in licensed houses. The committee declared that since they represent the heaviest contributors to church work it would be to the best interests of the pastor if he would make peace with them; that money was needed in the furtherance of church work, to meet the apportionments and pay his salary, which they intimated would be curtailed unless his future actions and sermons met with their approval.

Rev. Greisemer refused to be awed and repeated his unqualified stand against liquor in any form. Abashed the delegation withdrew and fearing the temper of the congregation at large who support the pastor in his crusade against what he regards as the "crying evil of the times" dared not accept the resignation which the pastor verbally tendered. One man, the choir leader and for more than fifty years superintendent of the Sabbath school, is also lined up with the liquor faction and at the close of the services refused to greet the preacher at the exit. Another prominent "pillar," who holds a heavy mortgage upon the Empire House at Freeburg, refuses to recognize the pastor on the street, while various of the deacons and other church officers stand aloof from their private business interests hold a similar uncharitable attitude.

No small factor in the determined assaults of the Snyder county branch of the Anti-Saloon League and W. C. T. U. upon the bulwarked traffic is the energetic Freeburg pastor who is not of the old school of religious leaders who are content to deliver sermons of smoothly flowing language which lull to slumber the congregation in their pews and please the ears of the more influential members. The sermons of this Freeburg pastor are direct, straight-from-the-shoulder preachments which prick guilty consciences and arouse to action.

Rev. Greisemer is married and is a father. During his comparatively brief stay in the community he has made himself the most hated and at the same time the most feared opponent of the liquor interests in the county which has won for itself the reputation of being one of the darkest spots on the license map of the state.

It is appalling how dear the liquor traffic is to many business men who are interested in it solely for gain. There are also too many ministers who are too soft-shelled to oppose the traffic in the pulpit, and much less so in private. They are moral cowards. If every minister would have the vigor in him that Rev. Greisemer exhibited when met by the delegation in his own church, conditions everywhere would be infinitely better. The minister whose conception of a dollar is big enough to strangle his convictions is not a fit man to preach the gospel.

Humper Wheat Crop.

The biggest winter wheat crop we have harvested in the past eight years was under 500,000,000 bushels in 1906. The present acreage is larger than it was in 1906, and the condition points to a crop of 513,000,000 bushels. The loss of winter wheat acreage since December 1 has been less than a million and a half acres; last year it was nearly six and a half millions. The present area is more than 4,000,000 acres greater than a year ago. Last year the actual crop was about 20,000,000 bushels better than the May promise. That is not likely to happen this year, because the wheat came through last winter in extremely good condition.

County Grange Meetings.

The Centre Pomona Grange will hold its May meeting in Unionville, on Thursday, 22d, and its June meeting in Washington Grange Hall, above State College, on Thursday, 5th.

DEDICATION AT BOALSBURG.

Lutheran Church Remodeled Throughout and Greatly Beautified.

Zion Lutheran Church of Boalsburg, Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, pastor, was rededicated with appropriate services last Sunday. The day was a beautiful one and a large congregation assembled to enjoy the occasion. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. C. T. Aikens, D. D., president of Susquehanna University, Selins Grove. His theme was "The Temple of God". He complimented the people on the interest they had shown in the beautification of their house of worship, and then dwelt on the thought of the Christian's body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. He also had charge of the finances. The cost of the improvements was about \$2600. Of this sum, the congregation had provided \$1900 before the reopening of the church, thus leaving a balance of \$700 to be raised at the dedicatory service. In a short time, more than this amount was subscribed, and the church with all its furnishings was formally rededicated to the worship of God by the pastor. The improvements to the edifice



Lutheran Church, Boalsburg, Pa.

consist of a new roof, frescoed walls and ceilings, leaded art glass windows, new carpet, substantial circular oak pews, heavy quartered oak altar and pulpit furniture, chancel and choir railings, appropriate draperies, baptismal font, hymn-board with numerals and slides for the seasons of the church year, additional lights, re-adjusted heaters, rubber padding for the stairs, and concrete hallways on basement floor.

A life size oil painting of "Christ in Gethsemane" adorns the space in the rear of the altar recess and just over the altar. The windows in this recess are made historical by bearing the names of the various pastors who served the church here during these many years, together with the dates of their service. The woodwork of the building was painted on the outside and finished with an oak grain on the inside.

The Lutheran congregation at Boalsburg has now a handsome and churchly place of worship. All who were in attendance on Sunday were well pleased with the good taste displayed in the selection and arrangement of the furnishings and congratulated the congregation and pastor upon the work so well done.

The sermon in the evening was preached by Rev. L. Stoy Spangler, the newly elected pastor of the Lutheran church at Pine Grove Mills. He presented a very excellent and much appreciated discourse based on I Cor. 16:13. Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor of the Reformed church assisted at the evening services.

The church tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers, and good music, both vocal and instrumental, at both morning and evening services helped to make the day one long to be remembered. The history of this congregation dates back to sometime prior to 1830.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders	Deacons
C. M. Dale	D. W. Myers
W. A. Rocky	E. H. Glingherich
	W. J. Klinger
Trustees	Ushers
Elmer E. Houtz	Ralph Thomas
Waldo E. Homan	Ralph Musser
	Raymond Dale
	Ralph Rocky

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, Chairman
Elmer E. Houtz, Secretary
E. W. Sweeney, Treasurer
C. M. Dale
James Porman
J. H. Ross
D. W. Myers
E. H. Glingherich

HISTORICAL FACTS

These historical facts are reprinted from the program for the occasion; The foundations of Zion Lutheran Church of Boalsburg were laid sometime prior to A. D., 1830.

During these years it has been served by twelve pastors and two assistants.

Up to 1861 it worshipped in the "old stone church" in union with the Reformed church. [Continued on last page.]

C. E. CONVENTION.

Twenty-first Annual Gathering at Lemont, May 21st and 22nd.

The twenty-first annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of Centre county will be held at Lemont, Wednesday and Thursday, of next week. Each society is privileged to send as many delegates as they wish, and their names should be forwarded to Rev. W. K. Harnish, at Lemont. The awarding of banners will be the same as in previous years. The officers of the body are these:

THE OFFICERS.

President, Rev. C. W. Wines, Bellefonte.
Vice President, G. H. Resides, State College.
Vice President, G. O. Benner, Centre Hall.
Rec. Sec., Lauretta Weber, Howard.
Cor. Sec., Lela Arbery, Bellefonte.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Bowers, Blanchard.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Service.
Devotional Services.....Rev. W. K. Harnish
Address.....Rev. A. F. Weaver

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotions.....Rev. S. M. Johnson
How to Develop the Latent Talent in Our Societies.....Mr. J. A. Musser
Solo.....Miss Ethel Gutter
The Young Christian's Duty to his own Church.....Miss Anna Dale

General Discussion.....Miss Maude Thomas
Solo.....

Round Table Conference.....Mr. W. P. Shelly,
President of C. E. Union, Northumberland Co.
Devotions.....Rev. F. H. Foss
What is the Only Temperance Foundation, and Why?.....Prof. G. H. Resides

Solo.....Mrs. Rev. Horn
Reports of Officers and Committees, and Election of Officers.

Do our Societies Afford Opportunities to Win Souls? How?.....Mr. E. R. Hancock
Solo.....Miss Roxie Mungie
Address.....Mr. W. P. Shelly

THURSDAY EVENING

Devotions.....Rev. E. H. Zechman
Duet.....
Address.....Rev. G. E. Hawes

Transfer of Real Estate.

Benj. Chapman et ux to Carrie M. Packer, tract of land in Curtin twp. \$300.

John Hamilton et ux to E. S. Erb, tract of land in State College. \$600.

Emanuel Wetzel to Meyer Bros., tract of land in Haines twp. \$462 50.

W. M. Cronister et ux to Penna. Railroad Co., tract of land in Huston twp. \$500.

Wm. B. Gingery's heirs to Rudolph Gingery, tract of land in Worth twp. \$1800.

A. S. Allen exr to Margaret Riley, tract of land in Harris twp. \$875.

Thomas S. Bailey et ux to W. T. Dunn et al, tract of land in State College. \$4500.

Elmer E. Scruders et al to Luella M. Scruders, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$350.

Luella M. Scruders to J. H. Scruders, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$1.

Elizabeth Stine et bar to Stephen Six et ux, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$75.

Stephen Six to Annie Six, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$1.

William L. Foster et ux to Perry H. Gentzel, tract of land in State College. \$27,000.

Charles E. Frazier exr to Harriet E. Kryder et al, tract of land in Gregg twp. \$75.

Charles M. Confer et ux to S. C. Bower et al, tract of land in State College. \$475.

David Slagle et ux to Josiah C. Roseman, tract of land in State College. \$3300.

Alfred R. Lee et ux to Josiah C. Roseman, tract of land in Harris twp. \$6000.

A. C. Witherite et ux to Margaret E. Freil, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$25.

Margaret E. Friele's heirs to Hannah E. Kunes, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$1.

Jane L. Test to Annie E. Hagyard, tract of land in Rush twp. \$1500.

Manassa Aumiller et ux to Commonwealth of Penna., tract of land in Haines twp. \$150.

Adam H. Vonada admr to H. D. Vonada, tract of land in Walker twp. \$1800.

David B. Schenck to Clara A. Pletcher, tract of land in Howard twp. \$1000.

John P. Harris trustee to Wm. P. Humes et al, tract of land in Spring twp. \$1221.

Charles W. Hart et ux to Albert K. Beem, tract of land in Huston twp. \$3500.

Thomas Foster et al to Atlantic Refining Co., tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$500.

Eleanor A. McCoy to Wm. H. Johnstonbaugh, tract of land in Patton twp. \$1.

John M. McCoy et ux to Wm. H. Johnstonbaugh, tract of land in Patton twp. \$5000.

G. W. Musser et admr to John Clay Johnstonbaugh, tract of land in Patton twp. \$7000.

Christian Holter et ux to Magdalene Williams, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$500.

Christian Holter et ux to Charles Clifford Holter, tract of land in Howard boro. \$1250.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

The Steady Growth of a Virginia Town as Told by P. Bliss Meyer.

Editor Reporter:
I take pleasure in sending you here with my check for \$2.00 to apply on my subscription to your valued paper.

This little town started at zero at the time of the building of this railroad some five or six years ago by the late H. H. Rogers, and has now a population of something over 500.

The main industry of the town is the buying and grading of the leaf tobacco and shipping the same to the big factories. There are some small industries here but as a tobacco market this place ranks very high owing to the high grade of tobacco the soil in this and some adjoining counties produces.

The tobacco leaves are cured in tight barns by means of artificial heat raised to about 250 degrees Fh. This gives the leaf a bright straw color and this leaf is then used for the outside wrapper on good plug tobacco. A well cured leaf sells at from 25 cents to 40 cents per pound, some sells higher. The highest sale made on this market this season was 66 cents per pound.

In other sections of this state where the soil is heavier than it is here and therefore produces a much heavier and coarser tobacco, it is cured by placing an open fire of green wood in the barn directly under the tobacco. This gives the leaf a very dark color. This product is mainly exported to Italy, Hungary, etc. In still other sections it is cured out in the sun on scaffolds which gives it a rich red color and makes good plug tobacco, and cigars.

Land sells at \$10 to \$30 per acre. A good team of clean mules is worth \$500. Quite a few Pennsylvania men are here and all are engaged in the manufacture of lumber. The timber in this section is of good quality. The manufactured product is mainly shipped to Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. I am thirty miles from the N. C. line and seventy miles south of Richmond.

Yours very truly,
P. BLISS MEYER.

Kenbridge, Va., May 3 1913.

Calhoun Hanged.

Frank M. Calhoun was hanged in the jail yard at Huntingdon Thursday last week for the murder of Benjamin K. Galloup, in December, 1911. He met death calmly, making no statement from the gallows except to bid good-bye to his attorney and physician. The last of his many confessions was made to his spiritual adviser on the morning of the day of his execution in which he acknowledged the killing, and implicated Mrs. Galloup, his victim's wife.

Mrs. Galloup, who was arrested in a Phillipsburg moving picture theatre on charges growing out of the murder, asked Sheriff W. M. Smith to be permitted to spring the trap which would send Calhoun to eternity. Her request was denied, but her cell in the jail was in such a position that she could watch the proceedings in the jail yard.

New Cigarette Law.

The bill prohibiting the furnishing, by gift or sale, of cigarettes or cigarette papers to minors, and requiring minors to tell where they secured such cigarettes or papers, has become a law. Those who infringe the law are liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$300. This is one of the best laws passed by the present session and ought to be strictly enforced.

The bill establishing the liability of hotel keepers for valuables left in their possession, was also passed.

Wound Never Healed Since 1863.

Albert C. Giffen, sixty-nine years old, died in Lewistown, on Sunday. He was a veteran of the civil war, serving in Company C, 107th Pennsylvania volunteers and was wounded at Gettysburg, a large piece of the skull being shot away. The pulsations of the brain were plainly visible to the naked eye. The wound required daily dressing up to the time of his death.

Reopening of Lutheran Church

The three surviving former pastors of the local Lutheran church have signified their intention of being present at the reopening of the church next Sunday. The ministers are Rev. W. E. Fisher, D. D., Shamokin; Rev. J. M. Reaick, Williamsburg; Rev. B. F. Belber, West Milton. Dr. Fisher will preach in the morning, and Rev. Reaick will hold services.

Aside from the usual offerings at regular church services, there will be no soliciting of funds at any of the services named.

J. E. Noll, who operates the Red Mill since April 1st, made his first trip to Centre Hall since then. He is very much pleased with his new proposition, likes the place very much, and states that he has a fine trade.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

And this is May 15th.

Roy R. Rowles has been named postmaster of Phillipsburg.

The hay market is brightening. The price is not up, but the demand has increased.

Tax collector Treaster will be in Centre Hall, Tuesday, 27th inst. You will all want to see him who have road tax to pay.

Miss Sarah J. Keller, who for some months has been with her sister, Mrs. Hall, at Wilmington, Delaware, will return to Boalsburg this week.

Last week Mrs. Frank P. Geary and daughter Agnes went to Newport, and before returning they will visit in York, Harrisburg and other points, coming home in about a month.

Thompson Brothers, at Lewistown, pioneers in the manufacturing of hosiery in this part of the state, have announced the erection of an extension to the present factory to accommodate 300 additional machines.

Frank Fisher, of Altoona, was in town the latter part of last week. He tells the Reporter his mother, Mrs. E. A. Fisher, of Boalsburg, will rebuild her home that was destroyed by fire recently.

The roads over the Seven Mountains and through the Penna Valley Narrows to Union county are said to be in very fair condition. The narrow road was repaired by C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, who did so for the state.

L. F. Roan, the State College auctioneer, and who makes the packing of furniture and household goods a specialty, was in town last week to pack the Mage-Huyett wedding presents, which will be shipped to the young couple's home in Philadelphia.

The Reporter regrets to state that Mrs. J. W. Grenoble, of Chicago, Illinois, who has been ill for several months, is not improving as rapidly as her friends wish. The many friends of Mrs. Grenoble and the family in Penna Valley will regret to hear this bit of news.

While working in the lumber woods near Wolf Store, Jerome Brungart was struck by a falling tree. When picked up it was thought that he was severely injured and Dr. J. A. Hardenbergh, of Millheim, was at once summoned, who upon examination found no broken bones or any internal injuries.

One day last week a spark from the smoke stack at the Brisbin & Company saw mills, on Egg Hill, at Sprucetown, set on fire a decayed linn tree, and for some time the mill hands and neighbors were busy keeping the fire from spreading, and they succeeded in keeping the flames in a small area. The old tree stood quite a distance from the mill.

A large number of Mrs. Kate Conley's friends recalled that Sunday was her birthday, and remembered her by sending postcards appropriate to the occasion, and for these remembrances she is very appreciative. The Reporter ventures to say that those of her friends who are not posted on dates could not guess her age within a dozen years, for she certainly is well preserved and in fine spirit.

Penna Valley was visited by a frost on the 7th inst., and mercury dropped to near the freezing line. The ground being so dry and a more or less disturbance of the air, little damage was done to fruit and vegetation, or at least that was the report from various districts. Earlier frosts have killed the early cherries and plums in some localities in the valley, but the later varieties of cherries and apples appear not to have been damaged.

A rooster pheasant serenaded Lyman Smith as he was crossing over Nittany Mountain one day last week. The pheasant was on the roadside and strutted and drummed as unconcernedly as though men and automobiles were all in Egypt racing around the pyramids. The bird was an unusually fine and large specimen and was observed in the vicinity of Adam's road, near the Mountain top. For more than thirty years pheasants have made that locality a sporting ground.

W. H. Macker, a Bellefonte grocer, will have the privilege of paying to his creditors \$1110.35, or serve sentence in the pen. Macker became a bankrupt last fall, after doing a rushing business in apples and potatoes, which were bought in car lots. His liabilities were \$5788.44 and assets \$1836.32. His creditors became suspicious and demanded hearings, and Referee H. C. Quigley decided that Macker had not given a fair accounting. He will have a chance to appeal to the U. S. District Court, but unless he does so and wins out there he will have to make good, or be imprisoned.