

WHY NOT BE TRUTHFUL.

The Republicans charge President Wilson with conducting the war on a partisan basis, distrusting Republican patriots and appointing his own partisans. Why not tell the truth?

General Pershing, Commander-in-Chief in France, was a Republican, as was General March, Chief of Staff; General Goethals, Assistant Chief, and General Crowder, Provost Marshal General. Other Republicans given high place were Keppel, Scott and Stettinius, Assistant Secretaries of War; Admiral Sims, Commander of our overseas naval forces; Harry Garfield, Fuel Administrator; Charles M. Schwab, Frank Vanderlip, Henry P. Davison, Julius Rosenberg and many other distinguished Republicans were placed on war boards.

Justice Hughes, ex-President Taft and Cornelius Bliss, ex-Republican National Treasurer, were all called into service. The war was not conducted on a partisan basis.

IS MR. DEPEW A BACKSLIDER?

Chauncey M. Depew's blithesome report on the state of the country suggests a suspicion that he has departed from the true Republican faith. The United States, he says, is on a sound money basis; there is no prospect of a panic; the cost of living is coming down gradually; the labor situation is getting better all the time, and the occupation of the calamity-howler is gone.

To talk this way after nearly eight years of Democratic Administration ought to make the former Senator liable to prosecution under his party's espionage act. Everybody knows that it is rank sedition for a Republican to admit that anything can be sound and prosperous when a Democratic President is in office, and a public declaration to that effect is a clear case of giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

Col. Shoemaker For Lieut. Governor.

Newspapers and others are already scenting around for available timber for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and we have already heard whispers in unmistakable language mentioning the name of Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, of McElhattan, Clinton county, for the position of Lieutenant Governor.

He had been strongly urged for the position of Congress-at-Large, but owing to other duties, declined to allow his name to go before the Republican voters of the state. Col. Shoemaker is one of the Forestry Commissioners of the state, who with Gifford Pinchot has brought the Forestry Department out of some questionable practices, and in this great work has spent much time in behalf of the Commonwealth as a great labor of love.

Col. Shoemaker is also a historian and is known over the entire state by his several dozen books on mountain history, folk lore and wild animals and is the founder and President of the Pennsylvania Alpine Club, which has climbed many mountains in the state, and has brought together hundreds of lovers of nature for mountain climbs, studying the fauna and flora of the Commonwealth. He is a man of wonderful memory and keen intellectual talents, and while he is modest in his make-up yet he is a good mixer and with the strong sentiment growing in his favor may be persuaded to allow his name to go before the people of the Commonwealth, two years hence for the important position of Lieutenant Governor. His unyielding position taken for the preservation of Pennsylvania's forests and his unswerving fidelity to duty in the important position he now holds commends him to the people for a bigger job, giving them the full assurance that the more important duties entrusted to his care will be zealously and conscientiously executed.

Farm Calendar.

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

GRAIN MOTH—Look for moth in grain. Wheat stored in mows should be threshed soon, as these places are most favorable for breeding of insects. If threshed grain begins to heat, fumigate with carbon bisulphide, using one pint to 100 bushels of grain.

WATERING SILAGE—On account of the wet season, the moisture content of the corn this year is quite high, in most cases except where freezing has occurred, it will not be necessary to add water to silage as the filling takes place. Frosted corn dries out very rapidly, and it is generally necessary to add water. The best scheme is to run a hose directly into the silo and have a man distribute the water so as to wet down all particles uniformly as the filling goes on.

HOME STUDY—State College offers a great variety of home study courses in agricultural subjects practically free. Make the coming winter evenings profitable by getting in touch with Professor T. L. Mairs, School of Agriculture, State College, Pa.

Col. Bryan in Millheim.

Millheim gave the appearance on Wednesday night of last week of some great excitement having taken hold of its citizens. The street was thronged with people and along both sides of the curb were lined automobiles, while business places displayed Old Glory, and an especially large flag floated to the breeze above the diamond. A stranger dropping in about 7 or 7:30 o'clock, and inquiring into the meaning of it all would have received this answer: Colonel William Jennings Bryan is in town. The Commoner from Nebraska was booked for a lecture, and when the date of his coming was advertised, there was a scramble for tickets, not only by the people from Millheim, but from all over Centre county did they engage the pastboards. The Auditorium, with its seating capacity of 500 people, was taxed to its limit, and at \$2.00 a head, excepting the patrons of the lyceum course, who were privileged to buy the Bryan tickets for \$1.50, it will be readily seen that the Bryan guarantee of \$350.00 was a cinch.

Colonel Bryan for an hour preceding his lecture was busy shaking hands with numerous people in the parlors of the National hotel. Outside the building many stood and fixed their gaze upon the great man, and as he arose to greet each one with a smile and a hearty handshake, some were heard to remark concerning the great physical size of the man. They seemed surprised that he towered six feet, and that he gave the appearance of being able to tip the scales at 200 lbs. His massive head, set upon a pair of broad shoulders, and his great depth of chest, were physical indications of the power that was within.

Upon his entering the lecture hall, the crowd, which by this time had occupied every seat, arose and for a full five-minute period applauded him. Then hundreds of white handkerchiefs were waved overhead, and Colonel Bryan seemed well pleased. Seated with him on the platform was Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, upon whom was bestowed the honor of introducing the one and only W. J. Bryan. Centre county people well know Col. Spangler's ability along this line, and it was a fitting tribute he paid to the orator in his five-minute talk. Then there was another demonstration of applause, after which Mr. Bryan began his talk, and for one hour and a half he held his listeners spellbound, being interrupted only when his hearers applauded to show their appreciation of his stand on the great issues of the day.

The Commoner went to the Bible for the subject of his lecture, referring to the passage of Christ's healing of the ten lepers, and when, but one returned to thank Him for having been made clean, turned and asked, "Were there not ten? where are the nine?" The spirit of ingratitude, to day the same as 1900 years ago, is what Mr. Bryan attempted to show was still here, and the application was striking. Of course, no one expected that Mr. Bryan should speak for an hour and a half without touching on the great political issues of the day. He did, but while his speech was political, it lacked any trace of partisanship, so that no dyed-in-the-wool Republican could take offense at any remark he made.

It was simply a great lecture by a great American, pleading for a better citizenship, and a fair and square deal for everybody.

Sunflower Silage May Make Good Dairy Food.

Sunflower silage! Turning the well known wayside plant, heretofore more or less decorative, into rich milk is a problem that has recently come to the attention of agricultural specialists. Successful experiments in the west have led agriculturists at the Pennsylvania State College experiment station to investigate the possibilities of using the Russian sunflower as a dairy cattle silage feed in this state. The results of their findings are interesting.

A feeding test on sunflower silage was conducted at the station recently. The crop was preserved perfectly with no special preparations but the silage did not prove to be very palatable. It was difficult to induce some cows to eat it in sufficient quantities to take care of maintenance and production. Some had to have grain mixed in, and others ate it readily after the first few days. Measured in milk production, sunflower silage proved to be only about 75 per cent, as good as straight corn silage.

A mixture of sunflowers and corn, fifty-fifty, and grown separately, would likely be about as palatable as corn silage and give as good results in milk production. It is planned to conduct such a feeding test during the coming winter at State College. Sunflowers hardly have a place as a straight silage crop in this state except in sections where corn is not a sure crop. It is the belief, however, that the crop will have a place as a mixture proposition, but a definite conclusion on this point is withheld until further tests are carried out. The main advantages in using sunflower silage are that the crop is very drought resisting, will grow on soils of low or medium fertility, resists freezing very well and yields from 40 to 50 per cent higher than corn.

RURAL EDUCATION IS INADEQUATE, SAYS SUPT. THOMAS E. FINEGAN. Country Children Will Be Compelled to Attend School.—Under Present Plan Parents Will Be Prosecuted for Failing in Their Duty.

Rural education in Pennsylvania has been inadequate for two reasons. There have been few efficient schools to go to, and the country boy and girl has not been compelled to go regularly to the schools which have existed.

"Absolutely no effort has been made to enforce attendance laws," said Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of public instruction, in describing this year's program to drive illiteracy from the country districts. "We are going to enforce them."

Some of the plans to improve schools have been described. The present article is devoted to the arrangement for compelling country children to go to school.

Doctor Finegan, and W. M. Denison, director of the bureau of attendance of the state board, do not look upon their program as purely a law-enforcement one. Their object is to see that the children in rural districts have the advantage of as much schooling as those in the cities. Less than five months can be required under present legislation and this will be all greedily demanded. Meanwhile efforts will be made in other quarters to have a different law passed than that which is at present in existence. The present law specifies a term of seven months, but requires attendance for only 70 per cent of that time by children between the ages of 12 and 16 years.

THREE REASONS FOR CHEATING.

There are three major reasons why country children in the past have been allowed to cheat themselves out of what education was available to them.

The first is the willingness with which their parents have kept them home to do work on the farm or in the house.

The second is the obstacle sometimes presented by bad or impassable roads.

The third is that the officers who are supposed to enforce the laws have been unwilling to "kick up a fuss" with their own neighbors.

All these obstacles have been taken account of in this year's program. Work certificates have been adopted which will insure only the legal amount of absence from school. Consolidation schools are being negotiated, with the result that the combined resources of all the schools of a township can be used to build one large, good school, put in repair the roads leading to it, and provide transportation. The third objection is met by the establishment for the first time of a central state bureau of attendance, which can act impersonally and resistlessly for the enforcement of law.

"We have no intention of infringing on the rights of parents," explained Mr. Denison. "Where the parents see that the child receives the minimum amount of training, the state has nothing to say. When the parents, on the other hand, fail to perform this duty, the state steps in. The child is to become a citizen of the state and must be prepared for his responsibilities."

Mr. Denison has seven assistants. From his office are sent attendance cards which must be filled out by the teachers of all schools throughout the state. Those of the fourth class districts, which means virtually the rural districts, must be returned to the state office by the county superintendent.

Informed as to conditions thru these reports the assistants of Mr. Denison will visit the various localities in order to check up. Where bad attendance conditions have been reported they will find the cause and move to eliminate them.

BOARD FAILS TO ENFORCE LAWS.

Sometimes it is found that the school board has failed to enforce the laws. The penalties and the purpose of the attendance law are explained to them. This usually proves sufficient to remedy matters. Where it does not, a report is submitted to the state superintendent, who is empowered to withhold the state school appropriation from every district which fails to comply with the law.

The last feature was illustrated late last year when the Mill Creek township school directors, in Erie county, upon failing to insure enforcement of the attendance law, had \$13,000 withheld from them and were surcharged with the amount by the auditor general.

The enforcement of the attendance law in fourth class districts is in the hands of the attendance officer where one is employed. If none is employed, it is in the hands of the supervising principal. Where there is no supervising principal the school board is directly responsible. At the end of three days absence the parents of the child must be notified. If the parents do not comply with the law they can be prosecuted. What is more, under the present plan, they will be prosecuted.

Letters have been sent to all superintendents, boards of education and attendance officers by Mr. Denison. The superintendents and boards have been told in part:

"If Pennsylvania is to maintain her proper place among the states, and all the children of all the people receive the benefit of our public schools, there must be sincere and whole-hearted co-operation among the superintendents, boards of education, teachers, parents and all in any way responsible for the enforcement of the attendance laws of the state."

"Let no district say at the close of the school year in case it fails to secure its state appropriation, 'Why did you not tell us the law would be enforced?'"

The attendance officers have been told in part:

"You have been appointed by the board of education to a most important position. It is your duty to see that every child between the ages of 8 and 16 years is in school every day unless he can present a legal excuse for his absence."

"The enforcement of this law requires tact and firmness on your part. No person should be treated unfairly, yet no personal considerations should prevent you from enforcing the provisions of the law irrespective of who the offending person may be. Your service is a service for the welfare of the child and the welfare of the state and nation."

"You are required to see that the law is enforced where children attend private and parochial schools, as well as where the children attend the public schools."

Boalsburg's Lecture Course.

The Boalsburg Lecture Course Committee offers a very attractive group of entertainers and lecturers for 1920-21 season. The five numbers on the course, together with their dates for appearing at Boalsburg, are:

Southern Musical Company, Saturday, October 16th, 1920.

Dr. W. D. Parry, Thursday, December 2nd, 1920.

Aunie Theresa Davault, Thursday, January 13th, 1921.

The Meistersingers, Tuesday, January 25th, 1921.

The Habel Trio, Friday, February 11th, 1921.

Auto Excursion.

The Centre County Farm Bureau co-operating with the Centre County Farmer's Cooperative Association has planned an auto excursion to attend the Blair County Holstein Breeder's Association's consignment sale at Altoona, Wednesday, October 6th. Seventy-five Holsteins will be consigned to this sale. Everyone interested in Holsteins should plan to attend the sale. The excursion party will leave Pine Grove Mills at 8:00 a. m. sharp. Sale begins at 10:00 a. m.

State Police Active.

The Pennsylvania State Police made 879 arrests and recovered \$45,690 worth of stolen property during the month of August, according to figures made public by Major Lynn G. Adams, the Superintendent.

Stolen motor cars valued at \$20,818 were recovered, and other property estimated at \$15,862 was restored to persons from whom it was stolen. For violations of automobile laws, 342 persons were picked up by the State troopers.

UNION COUNTY FAIR.

October 12, 13, 14 and 15, Dates for the Big Union County Event.

The Union County Agricultural Society will hold their annual meet this year at Lewisburg, Oct. 12, 13, 14 and 15, and promises to be one of the best exhibitions held in recent years.

Great preparations have been made for the entertainment of the large crowd and good bands have been secured to furnish music on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

At this time almost every inch of space on the Midway has been contracted for by fairs, shows and refreshment stands.

The main building will be occupied by the business men of the county as well as being for the displaying of fancy work.

A number of cattle, pig and calf clubs have been well organized and exhibits in this class promise to break all former records.

The free attraction will be the best that money can obtain and under the management of Frank Melville, of New York City.

The races this year will be up to the usual standard, and due to the fact that the association offers all four hundred and five hundred dollar purses every class should be filled. Already entries are being received and lovers of good horse racing can rest assured that there will be plenty of it during the big days of the fair.

Freight Strikes Tractor.

The east-bound freight train, on the local branch, struck and badly damaged the International tractor of Reed Hackett, on Friday morning at ten o'clock, on a private crossing between Centre Hall and Spring Mills, leading into one of the fields on the Schaeffer farm along Sinking Creek, which Mr. Hackett tenants.

Mr. Hackett was on his way to prepare a field for seeding and in attempting to cross the railroad tracks the rear wheels of the tractor became lodged, due to a broken down crossing. Knowing that the freight was soon due, Mr. Hackett got off his machine and surveyed the road up and down, but saw no train. He then took his seat on the tractor and attempted again to move it, but it failed to budge. Just then the smoke of the freight engine was seen in the distance and rounding a curve in a cut which partly cut off Mr. Hackett's view of the track westward, the monster steam engine was soon upon him. Mr. Hackett had barely time to jump from the machine, when the engine struck it, completely upsetting it and casting it off to the side of the road-bed, where it still lays.

While the damage to the tractor is rather complete, Mr. Hackett believes that it can be repaired. At least, he will try. He purchased the machine about a year ago.

Arrives in Italy After 14-Day Ocean Voyage.

The Reporter is in receipt of a post card from W. Ned Keller, of Linden Hall, sent upon his arrival in Naples, Italy, on September 9th, and he says: "Arrived here yesterday after a most wonderful ocean voyage of fourteen days. Will remain here for three days, then continue to Roumania. Took in all the sights of Pompei and had the extreme privilege of gazing down into the crater of Vesuvius. Will write you a long letter covering my travels when I arrive at Bucharest, Roumania. Regards to all.—Ned Keller."

No Sudden Crash Is Expected.

A general decline in commodities and prices is forecasted by the Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D. C., as a result of the Ford and Franklin Auto Companies cutting prices. The people of the country have money to buy but will not stand for gouging any longer, the Secretary says. Production will be stimulated by declines, he indicated. A drop in woolen goods, clothing and shoes is coming soon. Failure of the federal reserve board to extend credit for storing foodstuffs is hitting speculators hard. Prices have begun to hit the toboggan and declines will follow in many fields, is the claim. No sudden crash is expected but a gradual and steady decline in all prices is certain. The government reports many manufacturing plants greatly overstocked as a result of cancellation of orders and slowness of merchants to put in new orders.

Child Killed by Auto.

Eugene Snow, eight years old, a son of William Snow, of Gilettown, near Philipsburg, was killed Tuesday of last week, about 7:30, when an automobile ran him down on the highway near his home. The child's skull was crushed.

Dr. W. R. Heaton, coroner of Centre county, was summoned, an inquest held and a verdict of accidental death rendered, though the driver of the car has not been apprehended.

According to witness the car, after striking the lad, ran on a short distance then stopped, the driver looking back for a moment and then proceeding. It may be that he did not know what had happened. The car was a large one.

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The Reporter strongly urges that delinquent subscribers keep in good standing by watching their label closely. Don't expect us to go to the additional expense of mailing you a bill. We have told you before that the profit on publishing a newspaper at \$1.50 a year has dwindled to a small figure, and there is nothing left for needless postage. Each week the little tab shows you just how you stand, and we will appreciate it exceedingly if you do not permit your paper to become in arrears.

Think on this and you have our thanks.

Women who wish to vote in November should remember that their 15 cent tax must be paid to the local tax collector not later than Saturday of this week—October 2nd. Better attend to that duty to-day.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The days are getting shorter at both ends.

Save that 5 per cent on school tax by paying your tax on same before to-morrow—October 1.

A pair of gold-rimmed spectacles were found near the school house, last Wednesday, and may be had by calling at this office.

Captain W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, last week attended the forty-fourth national G. A. R. reunion at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The funeral of the late John Henry Moyer, of Colyer, was held on Saturday morning at 10:00, Rev. Jones officiating. Burial was made at Tusseyville.

Mrs. Sadie Gfrerer has decided to hold public sale of all her farm stock, implements and some household goods and has set Tuesday, December 7th, as the day for the sale.

G. O. Benner is attorney-in-fact for Mrs. Nancy O. Benner in the sale of the Benner farm at Old Fort, and advertises same in this issue, besides having had posters printed.

Mrs. S. R. Kamp, of Lock Haven, spent a week with her cousins, Marcellus Sankey and sister, Miss Edith, at Potters Mills, and on Sunday a week ago their son, John Kamp, and wife, spent the day at the Sankey home.

Wheat seeding, potato raising, corn cutting, threshing, clover hulling, hay baling, corn husking, apple-butter making, and butchering—all before Christmas—if this isn't a program of labor for the fall season, who can tell the farmer what is?

Edward Gates, editor, and Mrs. Rebecca Tuten, associate editor, have resigned their positions with the Phillipsburg Ledger Company, effective now. Mr. Gates has accepted a position with the Centre & Clearfield Street Railway Company.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the State-Centre Electric company on Saturday, it was decided to install new boilers with automatic stokers. This installation will cost the company approximately \$25,000 and will enable the management to give the patrons better service.

The Gray Percheron stallion that was shown at the Grange Encampment and Fair, and which captured first prize, was given to the Reporter as having been owned by the Pennsylvania State College. The animal really belonged to the Nittany Co-operative Stud Association, and a request has been made that proper credit for the ownership be given.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Benner left on Tuesday on a trip which they expect to complete in about two weeks. Their first stop in Buffalo, New York; from there to Thousand Islands, N. Y., and then to Boston, Mass., where Mr. Benner's brother and daughter reside. From there they expect to take a steamer for New York City and after a short stay there, go to Washington, D. C., and then home.

Any woman otherwise duly entitled to vote who through the neglect of the assessor has not been assessed, can pay her tax to the collector even though her name does not appear on the 60 day lists now in the hands of the tax collectors, and the names of such women if reported to the commissioners' office on or before October 2nd, 1920, will be placed on the voters check lists for the coming election to be held November 2nd, 1920.

Your attention is called to an advertisement in this week's issue by Clyde A. Smith, of Centre Hall, who handles the Philadelphia Diamond Grid storage battery, which has marked advantages over many other types. Mr. Smith also rebuilds broken down batteries and is especially well qualified for this kind of work for which he has specially fitted himself. You will make no mistake in taking your battery to him for repair or re-charging.

The Dewart Milk Products Company have installed a new equipment for making dry casein from skim milk. Casein is being used extensively in the manufacture of celluloid goods, coat buttons, paints etc., and on account of the wonderful production of milk everywhere, with no export business, this progressive firm has added this equipment in order to use the skim milk, thus making another outlet for their products and help maintain milk prices.

The officers of the lyceum committee in Millheim are so well pleased with the financial success of their Bryan lecture that they have practically decided having another man of equal calibre next year. Millheim paid \$350 for their lyceum course and the same amount for the Bryan lecture, or a total of \$700. On the evening of the appearance of the Commoner from Nebraska, the receipts from the sale of all tickets—course tickets and Bryan lecture tickets—footed up to over \$1000. The surplus is what assures the procuring of another national figure next season.

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