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WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Tax Bill Creates Deficit.

Instead of producing a scientific tax bill to meet the requirements of government, Chairman Fordney has produced only a political bill with a view of fooling the people into the belief that the Republican party is keeping its campaign promise to reduce taxes and is making a record of economy. What he is doing, according to the spokesmen of his own party, is producing a deficit which the government will have to borrow money to meet, and pass the debt on with the hope that something will turn up.

According to its sponsors, the Fordney tax bill is expected to produce a little over \$3,000,000,000 in revenue, which, with the expected revenue from the tariff bill, would bring the total revenue up to nearly four billions of dollars.

Secretary Mellon estimates that he will require \$4,554,000,000 to meet expenditures for 1922, which would leave a deficit of half a billion. The Treasury estimate is way below that of other estimates by those who are qualified to make them. As late as June 6 last, Senator Borah on the floor of the Senate, said with reference to expenditures:

"I stop here to venture this opinion—I will not call it a prophecy, but I venture this opinion: Judging the future by the past, instead of being \$5,000,000,000 for 1922 it will reach five and a half or six billions, and I see the items coming now which will cover that."

Senators Penrose and Smoot, the best informed Republicans in the Senate on financial matters, have both stated that there could be no reduction in taxation—that is, without creating a deficit, because they realized that government expenditures would not be reduced. The administration has promised some reductions, of course, such as saving \$25,000,000 in the Department of Agriculture when the entire appropriation for that department is only \$33,000,000, but so far they are only promises.

As to the Fordney estimate that the tax bill will produce upward of \$3,000,000,000, it is only necessary to call attention to the Republican estimate that the tariff bill will produce \$700,000,000—some put it as high as \$900,000,000. The absurdity of this estimate is apparent when it is stated that the high record of customs collections in any year was \$333,683,445 in 1910, when trade was good. The Republican estimators propose to double this in a year when trade is falling off at an appalling rate.

Main Benefit to Very Rich.

There are two classes of people who get relief in the way of income tax under the Fordney tax bill: The person with an income between \$2,500 and \$5,000, the exemption being increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

The allowance for dependent children is doubled and the person whose income exceeds \$6,000 a year. There is no relief for the person whose income is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. There will be no quarrel over the increase in the exemption of the small income taxpayer, even though the motive for making it may be solely in the nature of a political bid, but even this concession is of no benefit to the 5,735,000 persons reported by the Department of Labor to be out of work at this time.

As the bill stands there is no real relief for anybody this year with the practical certainty of a big deficit starting the government in the face at the end of the fiscal year.

Why Have a Tariff on All Imports.

Representative Hayden (Dem., Ariz.), made the following lucid explanation of the Democratic attitude on the tariff in a recent speech on the tariff bill:

"This question has been asked on the floor of the House: 'If the Democratic Party stands for a tariff for revenue only why should there be different rates on different commodities and why should certain articles be upon the free list?' The answer is that the Democratic Party has always recognized that our system of tariff taxation is intimately connected with the business of the country and therefore that in collecting revenue consideration must be given to the economic effect of the duties imposed.

"The first Democratic exception is that articles entering into trust-controlled products should be placed upon the free list. The need for revenue will never be so great that the tariff be used as a shelter for monopoly. Another well recognized distinction is that luxuries may properly be taxed at a higher rate than the necessities of life. That is why bread is on the free list and jewelry is taxed. A third rule is that there should be no duty upon articles competing with American manufactures which are sold abroad more cheaply than at home. This is the reason why sewing machines, and agricultural implements and barbed wire were placed upon the free list in the Underwood law."

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WHY INSTITUTE AND GRANGE FAIR COME AT SAME TIME.

County Superintendent Etters Gives Reasons for Holding Teachers' Institute Early in September.

There has been more or less criticism on the part of Centre county school teachers concerning the action of county superintendent D. O. Etters for permitting the annual teachers' institute to come in the same week as the Grange Encampment and Fair at Centre Hall. Mr. Etters has likewise been asked by various members of the Grange why this has been permitted, and in the following letter to the Reporter he gives his reasons, which the Reporter believes are very good and sufficient:

"Some of the Grange people have wondered why the county institute was allowed to come at the same time that the Grange Encampment is to be held. The reason is as follows: First, many Pennsylvania families wish to take the week at the camp and take their children with them, as planned the children will lose no time from school. Second, farmers would like to have the help of their children as long as possible and by having the institute before school opens, the farmer can have this help for a whole week without conflicting with the school attendance law. Third, if the institute is helpful to teachers, it should come early so as to benefit the schools from the beginning of the term: Fourth, where teachers get helpful suggestions from the institute, the teacher is more likely to use such suggestions if they are at hand the beginning of the term than if the same suggestions were offered after the school term is far spent.

"I have meant to do the right thing and I hope the Grange Association will not misunderstand me in the scheduling of the institute. May I ask that you explain my action, should you hear it questioned.

"Of course, the teachers will be off at 4 o'clock and can have considerable time at the camp after that.

Very truly,
"DAVID O. ETTERS"

Harvey-Luse.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized last Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, when Miss Helen Luse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse, became the wife of John Fred Harvey, of State College, at the bride's home in Centre Hall. Rev. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg, united the pair in holy wedlock. Only a few of the immediate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony, following which a sumptuous wedding dinner was served.

The bride, for a few years past, has been the head nurse at the Glenn sanitarium at State College and is an estimable young lady. The groom is an ex-service man, and was originally with the Boal troop and commissioned a lieutenant. He saw service in France. He is now connected with the firm of Harvey Brothers, bakers, at State College.

The happy couple are enjoying a honeymoon to Auburn, N. Y., and New York city, making the trip by auto. They expect to take up their residence in State College upon their return.

92 and 93.

Last week, Centre Hall's two oldest residents—Mrs. Susanna Spangler and Mrs. Mary Dinges—passed another milestone in their life's journey, the former attaining 93 years of age on Monday, while the latter became 92 years old on Thursday. The days were made happy ones for each of the grand old women because of the visitation of many friends who congratulated them upon their wonderful age. Mrs. Spangler's three sons—Col. J. L. Spangler, R. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, and Howard, who is with her regularly, were home to cheer her, while Mrs. Dinges' son, S. Paul Dinges, of Philadelphia, continued his custom of coming here every year at the time of his mother's birthday.

Both women are enjoying good health and the Reporter, besides felicitating them, expresses the hope that they may round out a full century.

MILLHEIM.

(From The Journal.)
Irvin Shawver, of near Millheim, last week purchased a new Chevrolet touring car from the Decker Motor company.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Shook, of near Coburn, departed last Thursday for Elburn, Ill., where they will spend several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Bruce Bower, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dinges and son, Milford, Jr., and Mrs. Dinges' mother, motored in from Kalamazoo, Mich., arriving here last Friday, and are visiting relatives and friends in this section.

A brush valley picnic, a community affair, will be held in H. H. Royer's grove, two miles east of Rebersburg, next Thursday, September 1. The I. O. O. F. band of Bellefonte will make the day lively with excellent music.

There will be interesting events—forenoon and afternoon—but no public speeches. There will be a baseball game at 3 p. m. In case of rain the picnic will be held the following day.

ALL IN READINESS FOR 48TH ANNUAL GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

Several Hundred Tents Erected and Their Occupancy Will Take Place Latter Part of This Week.—Full Program for the Week Completed.

Saturday, September 3rd, the 48th annual Encampment and Fair opens formally on Grange Park. Work is being pushed rapidly in preparation for the great event. The committee are exerting every effort to make the Park safe, sanitary and beautiful.

Tents are all erected and already campers are occupying them, and by opening day the white city, which annually springs up in the center of historic Pennsylvania will be full of life and activity, every tent occupied. Many shops deal in commodities necessary to the comfort and well-being of campers and visitors. Others furnish pleasure and amusement to our people. And all look forward to a week of vacation, fun and interest.

Exhibits, lectures and demonstrations will be full of information and interest. Exhibits will be arranged by those with a knowledge of the best methods, and attendants will answer questions relating to them.

The stock exhibit promises to be even better and larger than last year. The machinery exhibit will be up to standard established in past years. Bands will furnish music.

Boys and girls, young men and women, are invited to take part in the stock-judging contests. Great benefit may be derived. Cash prizes will be paid the winner.

Also, an appeal is made to the young people to assist in making Tuesday's program a big success. Their aid is necessary.

THE PROGRAM.

Saturday, September 3rd—Opening day.
7:30 p. m.—Motion pictures in the auditorium.
Sunday, 2:30 p. m.—Harvest Home services in the auditorium. Rev. M. C. Piper, chaplain Centre County Pomona Grange, will preach and special music will be rendered.

Centre Hall, 6: Spring Mills, 1.
Two good innings for Centre Hall were sufficient to down the strong Spring Mills baseball team last Thursday afternoon on the occasion of the Community picnic held at Spring Mills. The victory keeps Centre Hall's record against Spring Mills for this season a clean one, for the Spring Mills have gone down to defeat every time the two teams have come together. Thursday's game was returned a winner for the locals largely through the effective pitching of Newton Crawford, who held the Spring Mills boys to one lone hit, which came in the ninth inning. The score stood 6 to 1 at the close, Spring Mills' lone tally being due to an overthrow in the seventh inning. Centre Hall hit Windom Gramley effectively, especially in the second and third innings, when six hits were good for as many runs. Alfred Crawford's three-bagger with two on bases in the second inning was the lick that proved the deciding hit of the game, for it scored two.

The following is the box score:

| CENTRE HALL | | | | |
|------------------|---|----|----|----|
| | R | H | O | A |
| N. Crawford, p. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Knarr, 2b. | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Frank, c. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| Keller, lf. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gross, 3b. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Fogst, 1b. | 2 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| A. Crawford, cf. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Ralston, rf. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| H. Emery, ss. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Totals | 6 | 10 | 27 | 12 |

| SPRING MILLS | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|----|----|
| | R | H | O | A |
| Anderson, lf. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Catherman, lf. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| G. Corman, 3b. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Goodhart, c. | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| Osman, 1b. | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| J. Corman, ss. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Hosterman, 2b. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Meyer, cf. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stover, cf. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gramley, p. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Totals | 1 | 1 | 27 | 14 |

The score by innings:
Centre Hall—0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 6
Spring Mills—0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1
Two-base hit, A. Crawford; three-base hit, A. Crawford. Struck out, by Gramley, 11; by Crawford, 9. Umpires, Sinkabine and Kerliu. Scorers, Catherman and Mitterling.

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IS MADE VICE-PRESIDENT.

John D. Meyer, Native of Centre Hall, Elected to Responsible Position in Tyrone National Bank.

Centre county folks in general, and Centre Hall people in particular, will be interested in the following announcement coming from Tyrone, which marks the progress in a successful life of a former Centre Hall boy. We refer to John D. Meyer, who at a special meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Tyrone, last Friday, was unanimously elected a director of the bank, and immediately thereafter, with the same unanimity, was elected as vice-president. Mr. Meyer enters upon his new duties at the First National bank to-day (Thursday).

This selection of an administrative head of the bank's forces is indeed a happy one, says the Tyrone Herald. Mr. Meyer, who has been prominent in banking in Altoona for the past twelve years, previously having been as prominent in educational work in neighboring Centre county, is no stranger to Tyrone, and his social and business intimacy with this town has long been such that his coming will be as to a real home community, and he will be greeted on all sides as one who has actually long "belonged here," though it is the beginning of his permanent residence in Tyrone.

Mr. Meyer is a native of Centre Hall and comes from one of the pioneer families of Penn's Valley. He early took up the profession of teaching, in which he was very successful, and he was superintendent of schools in Bellefonte when in 1909 his ability and personality appealed so strongly to leading bankers of Altoona that he was called to be cashier of the Second National bank of that city. He has been the cashier of that bank ever since, and his success has been undoubted. While he has been cashier there the Second National bank has grown from an institution of less than \$500,000 resources to one of more than three and a half millions. Mr. Meyer has had much to do with bringing about this wonderful growth, and the Second National now vies with one other bank for the leading position in resources among all the banks of Blair county. Mr. Meyer found it exceedingly hard to decide to relinquish business associations at Altoona, and his departure arouses deeply sincere expression of regret by his banking directorate and working associates there.

Mr. Meyer will take up his new responsibilities with positive intention of remaining in Tyrone permanently. He will occupy an apartment in the First National bank building.

Hogs on Corn Give Profitable Results.

If Centre county farmers want to realize a maximum return on a part of their corn crop this year, they should make preparations to allow their hogs to harvest sections of the corn field next month, according to County Agent, J. N. Robinson. He recently received some interesting data on hogging-off corn fields demonstrations conducted last year in various counties by the Penna. College agricultural extension departments.

It was shown that while corn sold for seventy cents a bushel, those farmers who fed their hogs in the corn field received a pork return of \$1.40 for every bushel devoured by the animals. This gain is the figure reached after the cost of fencing, interest on investment, labor, etc., has been subtracted. There were 12 demonstrations in which 264 shoats were used, averaging about 125 pounds each at the start. There was an average daily gain of a pound and a quarter in weight, and each acre of corn averaged a return of 421 pounds of pork. Proportionate returns may be secured by this method of feeding this year.

The County Agent also points out that hogs should now be on some kind of good pasture, and should not go into the corn until it is ripe enough—decided and ready to cut. Eight shoats per acre is about the right number to turn into corn, and they should have from 30 to 50 days there before marketing. In addition to the corn, the shoats should have about a quarter pound of tankage a day, and plenty of water. A number of county farmers follow this practice and more this year will see the advantages it gives in rapid pork production.

A Good Fair.

All Mifflin county has a right to feel proud of its fair, which came to a close last Friday. Quite frequently was the statement made that the York and Allentown fairs are no better than the Mifflin county fair of this year. Indeed, the Lewistown people feel that the State Department, in looking about for a location for a State fair, would do well to select the metropolis of Mifflin county. In addition to having everything that York and Allentown could possibly produce, Mifflin county has the additional advantage of being more centrally located, which should be a worth-while consideration.

POTTERS MILLS.

Miss Ruth Loughner is spending a few days with her cousin, Gertrude Loughner.

John Shepp and family are spending a few weeks at their old home.

Ideal weather featured the Mifflin county fair,—every day being perfect.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. C. M. Smith and daughter Catherine are visiting friends in Sunbury.

R. D. Foreman made a business trip to Clearfield, last Friday, in his car, which was driven by Harold Keller.

William Garis, who has been employed at Luxor, near Pittsburgh, is at his home in Centre Hall for the present.

Saturday of this week the 48th Encampment and Fair begins. All we ask for is nice weather, and a successful fair is assured.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Swartz, of Tusseyville, on Saturday night. It is the only child in the family and consequently the little stranger is welcomed with open arms.

Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg, were pleasant callers at this office last Wednesday, having been called to Centre Hall on account of the Harvey-Luse wedding, at which Rev. Stover officiated.

Hon. John I. Woodruff, member of the State legislature, from Snyder county, and professor of Susquehanna University, passed through Centre Hall last Friday, stopping a few minutes with Rev. M. C. Drumm.

The back "diamond" on Grange Park has been put in fine shape for next week when several good games of ball will be played. The local club has received challenges from a number of clubs, but no definite games have yet been arranged.

David K. Geiss, of Philadelphia, spent a few days the past week visiting old friends in Centre Hall. Mr. Geiss carries his eighty-two years with apparent ease, and is still as eager for a good chat on farming or governmental affairs as he was forty years ago.

S. S. Horner, who has been in Orangeville, Illinois, for the past three years, where he was employed on a large farm, came to his home in Pleasant Gap a short time ago. Mr. Horner likes Illinois as a farming state and may return some time in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Limbert, son Carl, in company with Edward Foust left Akron, Ohio, Saturday morning at 3 o'clock and arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Musser, near Centre Hall, at 12 o'clock. They made the trip in an Oldsmobile and covered 275 miles.

T. L. Smith, who was a delegate from Centre Hall to the State P. O. S. of A. convention, at Lancaster, last week, was at that time elected to the national convention which will meet in Allentown. 132 delegates were elected from Pennsylvania to the national convention.

Forester William McKinney attended a convention of foresters held recently at Mont Alto, where he was not only advised of the new regulations of the forestry department in conducting the numerous ranges throughout the state but received new inspiration as well.

At a recent meeting of the Millheim school board Prof. John Hollenbaugh, of New Berlin, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college, was elected as assistant principal of the Millheim high school. At the same meeting a tax rate of 13 mills and a per capita tax of \$3 was laid.

Brick are being hauled for the mountain section of the State road job between Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte. Current report is to the effect that the road will remain open until after the Grange Encampment and Fair, after which it will be closed until the brick laying is completed.

J. B. Fortney, tax collector for Potter township, will be at the following places on the dates named, for the purpose of receiving taxes: At Potters Mills, Sept. 14; Old Fort, Sept. 16; Centre Hall, Sept. 19; Colyer, Sept. 20; Centre Hill, Sept. 22.—from the hours of 12 o'clock noon to 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Garbrick and children, of Bedford, anted through Centre Hall on Saturday, having been on a trip to Williamsport and other points in that section of the State. While in the valley they drove to Penns Cave to give their children the pleasure of seeing the most wonderful of nature.

Mr. Garbrick is assistant postmaster of Bedford, a second class post office, and although his appointment is under civil service, he is not feeling that nothing can happen to him except advancement.

Among the Reporter's callers on Friday was Wilfred L. Musser, of Altoona, who came to the home of his parents at Spring Mills to take back with him his daughter Alice Bell, so she will be ready for the opening of the Altoona public schools. Mr. Musser was pleased to say that he has had continuous employment, but that is not the condition of many of his friends and acquaintances. Mr. Musser was accompanied to Centre Hall by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Musser, Mrs. C. W. Musser, of Chambersburg, and Miss Alice Bell Musser. Before leaving town they paid a short visit to Mrs. Ralph Dinges.