



WHEN A FOOL LAW IS RIGHT AND WRONG.

It Depends on Whether It Is a Democratic or Republican President Who Is Asked to Enforce It.

The Republicans of the late Sixty-sixth Congress passed in June of 1920 the Jones Merchant Marine Act, which among other things directed the President to give notice abroad of the termination of all existing commercial treaties in so far as they restricted the right of Congress to impose discriminating duties in favor of imports carried in American bottoms. President Wilson refused to heed this command on the ground that Congress had no right to authorize or direct such a proclamation, and for this he was loudly denounced and threatened with impeachment by Republican leaders.

"Frankly, members of the House and Senate," President Harding now tells them appealingly in his annual message after careful inquiry, "only one conclusion is possible." To denounce those treaties "would involve us in a chaos of trade relationships and add indistinguishably to the confusion of the already disordered commercial world." He cannot and will not do it, at least until Congress has reconsidered the matter.

There will be no demand in the present Republican Congress for the impeachment of President Harding on this account. The reason is that conditions have changed. The circumstances are different. An impossible Republican enactment is all right so long as its enforcement can be charged up to a Democratic President who is all wrong and contemptuous in his conduct if he stands back. But when the President is a Republican and acts in the same way it becomes self-evident that the something which is wrong must be found in the enactment.

Potato Acreage and Production, 1921.

This was not the most favorable year for potatoes, though the crop is better than the early forecasts indicated, due to more favorable weather conditions late in the season which improved the late varieties. The total crop on the farms of Pennsylvania, according to the estimates made by L. H. Wible, Statistician of the Department of Agriculture, is placed at 18,763,500 bushels, based on an average of 87 bushels per acre. The crop last year revised to the census basis, was estimated at 26,857,500 bushels and the ten-year (1911-1920) average yield was approximately 22,830,000 bushels.

Centre county, in 1921, produced 242,976 bushels from 2,531 acres, averaging 96 bushels per acre.

Steeds Arrive for Troop C.

Thirty-two cavalry horses consigned to Troop C, machine gun cavalry unit of the Pennsylvania National Guard, arrived at Lewistown a few days ago. The horses were shipped from a government station at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The animals were taken to the Lewistown fair grounds and stabled in one of the large exhibition sheds of the fair grounds. They are all trained and ready for use. Large crowds of horsemen visited the fair grounds looking over the fine collection of horses. In all probabilities the fair grounds will be the temporary training grounds of Troop C for the time being.

Farm Calendar.

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

Woodlot—Pruning in the woodlot can be done at any time of the year. Keep branches off the trunks of young trees for about sixteen feet from the ground and so grow lumber free from knots.

Garden—Hotbeds and coldframes should be in first class condition this fall. Have enough soil stored to start the early plants next spring. Mulch the strawberries and asparagus beds with manure, straw, leaves, or other clean material available.

Poultry Breeding—Do not delay procuring the breeding cockerels any longer. Look over the old birds from last year and if they have given good results use them this coming year. If new ones must be secured, get them now before the stocks become any more depleted. Better birds can be secured now than next spring.

Dairy—Get rid of the "boarder" cows that do not pay for their keep. They will make better beef now than next spring.

Farm Management—The first of the year is fast approaching. It is a good time to consider keeping accurate accounts of the farm business. A simple farm account book can be secured from any county agent.

THE PARCEL POST PACKAGE.

The Observance of a Few Rules Will Aid Greatly in the Prompt and Correct Delivery of Christmas Mail.

Patrons of the mail service can very much aid in the prompt dispatch of all classes of mail by observing a few rules easy to fulfill.

First, all mail should be addressed plainly and written with ink. While postal employees can and do read addresses no matter how badly written, it requires much more time than is necessary to do so. Mail badly addressed is thrown aside and at a convenient time it is studied out, but in the meantime your package is delayed.

Second, wrap all packages securely. Tie with a good string, and tie it so the string cannot shift and come loose. Many packages are tied with an abundance of string, but in a manner not at all secure. Boxes should be wrapped in stout paper, then tied. Wrap in a manner so that when you shake the package there will be no rattle. This can be accomplished by crumpling up paper and filling with it all vacant space in the box.

Third, when you deliver a package to the postmaster tell him its contents, and the postage rated, as well as properly marked to indicate the manner of handling in the mail service. Many patrons declare the contents of a package to be "merchandise." That is too indefinite, because "merchandise" includes everything listed under parcel post. If you declare just what the contents of the package is, on delivery for mailing, you will enable the postal clerk to properly rate it and prepare it for dispatch without fussing about for nothing.

Fourth, mail early. By this is meant early enough to reach its destination several days before you wish the package delivered to the addressee. Keep in mind that at Christmas time parcel post packages are handled altogether different from any other period. This is necessary because of the great increase of business. Also, mail early in the day; do not wait until just before the time for the departure of the mail, that is, if you wish your parcels dispatched on the day you deliver them.

Fifth, be sure to write your name and address on every package you mail. Make your package large enough so that there is ample space for the address, your return card, the stamps, and additional space for marking fragile, perishable, registered, insured, as the case may be.

Centre County Paid Out \$675.20 in Claims for Loss of Sheep.

Centre county's supply of dog license tags and blanks for 1922 have been forwarded to County Treasurer L. P. Mayes and the license fees can be paid at the treasurer's office and the new license tags secured any time after today. There have been 5,000 individual license tags and 75 kennel tags forwarded to the county treasurer's office and it is believed that this number will supply the demands of Centre county for the coming year.

Last year there were 1,555 licenses issued in Centre county while the county paid out \$675.20 in claims for loss or injury of sheep, poultry and livestock. The Bureau of Animal Industry of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has been designated as the agency for the enforcement of the new dog law which becomes effective on January 15, next, and under the provisions of which the new licenses are being issued. Officials of the Bureau will cooperate with the local police in an effort to reduce the county's losses and also to see that every dog in the county is properly licensed.

Under the provisions of the dog law of 1921 every owner or keeper of a dog six months old or over must secure a dog license on or before January 15, 1922.

The license fee is uniform throughout the greater part of the state: \$1.10 for each male of spayed female dog, and \$2.10 for each female dog.

The county treasurer is allowed a fee of 10 cents for each license issued whether the application is made direct to him or through the local officer.

Number of Silos Grows.

The silo, that very necessary adjunct of a successful dairy farm, is coming more into use in Pennsylvania each year. Figures of the Bureau of Statistics of the State Department of Agriculture show that at the present time there are about 22 per cent of the farms of the state that have silos. On November 1, there were 45,210 silos on the farms of the state, an increase of two per cent during the year.

Charity begins at home, but a little outdoor exercise helps it.

"Bluebeard" Landru goes to the guillotine. Too many women will make a man lose his head.

RESIDENT FISHERMAN'S LICENSE EFFECTIVE JAN. 1.

Male and Female Citizens Must Take Out License at Cost of \$1.00, to Fish in Streams of State.

The Resident Fisherman's License law, which was approved by the Governor the 16th of May, 1921, becomes effective the 1st day of January, 1922, and provides that all citizens of the State of Pennsylvania (male and female) over twenty-one years of age must take out a license to fish or angle in any of the waters of this Commonwealth or in the waters bounding or adjacent thereto.

These licenses can be secured from the county treasurer of any county, or the Department of Fisheries, Harrisburg, Pa., upon the payment of one dollar (\$1.00) for each license, together with the cost of the treasurer's fee, if secured through him. In applying for license the applicant must give name, residence, occupation and age. The act provides that for violations the fine is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the Department of Fisheries will endeavor to enforce the same.

All persons who are interested in the propagation of fish and the purification of the streams are urged to take out their license by January 1st as the appropriations received from the last Legislature by the Department of Fisheries were only sufficient to operate all branches of its work until January 1, 1922.

Christmas Trees in State Forests.

The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry announced this week that it will permit Christmas trees to be removed from State Forests under the supervision of district foresters. In no case will forest officers give permission to cut a tree unless its removal benefits the forest.

Gifford Pinchot, the State's Chief Forester, has issued the following instructions covering the granting of requests for Christmas trees:

"The district foresters will undoubtedly receive requests from communities and individuals for Christmas trees from State forest land. Choice specimens, such as can be spared, will naturally be desired.

"Requests from individuals should be dealt with strictly from the point of view of the forest. If the forest is benefited, the request may be granted; if it is not benefited, the request must necessarily be declined.

"Requests for Community Christmas trees should be compiled with provided no serious injury to the forest is entailed. A tree cut for such a purpose does real and widespread good, and therefore cannot be considered as a dead loss. While the forests must in all cases be protected, the use of a tree for a community tree is entirely legitimate."

Heavy Hogs.

It takes a four hundred pound and over hog to get a mention in the Millheim Journal. Lower Penns Valley for many years has each fall developed big hogs, real hogs, and here are some weights of carcasses and the names of the persons who grew them:

- L. E. Stover—590, 455, 425.
- M. O. Stover—463, 502, 516, 570.
- Grover Musser—496, 493, 489.
- F. O. Hosterman—436, 500.
- George Sechrist—524, 510.
- Robert Colyer—430, 414.
- R. S. Stover—525, 489.
- J. L. Wingardner—485.
- J. C. Hosterman—522, 502, 480.
- O. M. Shull—494, 432.

Horse Still Leads Farm Tractor.

That the use of the tractor on the farms of Pennsylvania is becoming more popular is indicated by the fact that on November 1, of the present year, there were approximately 8,800 tractors in use throughout the state. The figures were compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

One year ago there were approximately 6,800 tractors on the farms of the state, an increase during the present year of 1,700. That the horse still maintains its supremacy is indicated however when it is shown that less than five per cent of the farms in Pennsylvania have tractors.

"THE Church of To-Morrow"

Hear this optimistic discourse on the future of the church, at the LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30

Welcome to all.

Rev M. C. DRUMM Pastor.



THE FINE ARTS QUARTET.

A musical comedy sketch dealing with the life and songs of old Ireland is one of the pleasing features of the program of the Fine Arts Quartet. The sketch is replete with Irish wit and pathos and is given in Irish costumes. "Good music abounds.

Christmas Entertainment by C.H.S.

Centre Hall High school students will give a Christmas entertainment in Grange hall on Friday evening, December 23rd, to which a nominal fee will be charged.

The program will be announced next week.

Arm Crushed Off in Shredder.

Joseph Mariano, aged 20, of near Tyrone, had his left arm crushed off above the elbow last Tuesday morning while engaged in feeding a corn fodder shredding machine on the farm of A. Ross Fleck, of Sinking Valley. Mariano was employed by A. Ross Fleck to assist in the fodder shredding and was engaged on the barn floor along with several other workmen. The man was feeding when his arm was drawn into the machine and was badly crushed.

Others employed at the work threw off the power and reversed the machine to extricate Mariano, who, despite the severe injuries, remained conscious.

The arm was crushed to a pulp at the elbow with the skin peeled off from the shoulder to the elbow. The patient lost a large quantity of blood before the flow could be checked by workmen. Mariano was taken to the Altoona hospital in the Fleck automobile and an immediate operation was performed, Tuesday afternoon. The left arm was amputated at the elbow. Mariano remained conscious until the hour of the operation.

Blair County Bank Burglarized.

The First National Bank of Clayburgh, Blair county, was burglarized between 12 and 2 o'clock Friday morning and a number of Liberty bonds and less than \$100 in pennies and nickels taken. Entrance was effected by prying open a rear window. With an acetylene flame a hole six by six inches was cut in the vault door, which was then opened, admitting the thieves to the safety deposit boxes. Many of these were broken open and Liberty bonds taken out. School and industrial bonds were also in the boxes, but these were passed over. It is estimated that approximately eighty per cent of the Liberty bonds were registered. The safe where the bank's funds were kept was not opened.

Conditions found upon inspecting the bank the following morning led the officers to believe at least two men were in the bank. Dr. C. O. Johnson is president and D. E. Brumbaugh cashier of the bank.

Investigation shows that forty-nine safety deposit boxes were pried open by the burglars. With very little to go on which to place an estimate, bank officers say they believe that not more than \$5,000 in unregistered Liberty bonds were stolen. The registered bonds would not be negotiable.

Sugar Valley Farmer Killed.

A fatal accident occurred on the new state road in Flemington borough on Saturday night at 11 o'clock. While descending the Flemington hill a touring car owned and driven by Edward Jamison, a farmer of Sugar Valley, accompanied by his wife, son Clarence, his nephew Theodore Herman, and his brother, Henry Jamison, all of Sugar Valley, was overturned, pinning the occupants of the car under it, resulting in the death of Henry Jamison a few minutes after the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jamison were also injured, but not seriously. The boys escaped without being hurt. The car was completely wrecked.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Is your liver out of order? Do you suffer from biliousness, headaches, constipation? If so, Tanlac is what you need.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bradford, the latter part of last week, went to Cleveland, Ohio, where they were guests of Mrs. Aikens, formerly of Bellefonte.

Mrs. C. F. Emery visited her daughter, Mrs. Thomas S. Foss, in Altoona, for several days the past week. She was accompanied by her youngest daughter, Algie Emery.

Christmas Seals, to fight the White Plague, are on sale at the following places: Penns Valley bank, Emery's store, Smith's store, Odenkir's store, drug store, Goodhart's furniture store.

Christmas gift suggestion:—Pay up all arrearages and one year in advance on the subscription of your Reporter. We'll both feel happy—both you and we. This is the one best gift for the editors.

How contemptible is the person who indulges in talk full of scandal! A notorious character lives within the confines of our quiet little borough whose very breath reeks of the poison of scandal.

Rural mail carrier W. F. Keller sold his old Ford car to James I. Petteford, the garage man, and purchased a new Ford runabout which will be used on the mail route when conditions are favorable for automobile travel.

If there is a still being operated in this locality in violation of the anti-booze amendment, take this as a tip to keep all evidence out of the reach of any one interested in the enforcement of booze laws. You know almost anything will be tolerated for a while, but not for all time.

Positive evidence has been established that a dog belonging to Samuel Newman, of Menno township, Millin county, killed sheep valued at \$200. The owner of the dog has decided to kill the animal rather than pay the damage done by him.

The two Aaronburg homes, belonging to the estate of Susan Rote, deceased, were sold at public sale by the administrator. The Rote homestead was purchased by M. M. Bower for \$1400, and the home directly south of the homestead was bought by William Bame for \$605.

Clair Horner, who held public sale on the old Horner homestead on Nittany mountain, last month, will soon leave for Kansas City, Missouri to take a course in auto repairing in one of the best schools in the middle west. After completing his course he expects to start in business in some good town in Illinois.

The Bellefonte Trust Company is planning to move into their new home on the corner of High and Allegheny streets on December 23rd. The bank will be open for the public to inspect on December 24th and regular business will be resumed in the very convenient new quarters on the 27th. The present quarters will be open for business until Christmas Day.

O. W. Wheelwright, of Philadelphia, a representative of the Midvale Steel company, was in Millheim several days during last week making settlement for some of the land bought by his companies. All the others will be paid off just as quickly as all the necessary papers can be prepared. Several of the company's surveyors also are there again and are doing some additional surveying.

One of the longest Christmas vacations granted Penn State College students in many years will start on Friday evening, December 16, and continue until January 3, exceeding the usual two weeks' recess by several days. Because of only one day vacation at Thanksgiving time the students will welcome the early departure. It will be the first home visit for most of the students since college opened in September.

More Pennsylvania farmers turned their hogs into the corn for fattening this fall than ever before. At the low cash price being received for corn, indications are that those ears turned into pork will bring a far better profit to the farmer than sold as grain. The Pennsylvania State College agricultural extension service is compiling data on hogging-off corn demonstrations conducted in various parts of the state last fall and interesting figures will be announced soon.