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SLUMP DUE TO REPUBLICAN MANAGEMENT.

National Democratic Chairman Calls Republicans Short-Sighted in Failing to Extend Credit to Stricken Europe.

Early summoning of an international trade agreement conference to iron out commercial differences which he declared were the root of most modern warfare, was urged by Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in an address last week at the Jackson Day dinner of the Tennessee Society of New York.

"During past years," he said, "we have seen practiced with impunity, all forms of tariff discrimination and retaliation, preferential right to entry of ports, violations of the 'open door,' of copyrights, trade marks, trade brands, 'wrongful interference with trade routes, unfair utilization of bounties, bonuses, subsidies, drawbacks and rebates; economic and financial violation of small, uncivilized or backward nations; tonnage and shipping discriminations; economic alliances, trade concessions and other preferences by special agreement. Many of these are trouble-making, war-breeding practices."

"International steps have already been taken, in a measure, to deal with certain phases of these dangerous practices and policies. It is certain they can only be dealt with and abolished by international agreement."

Suggests "Feasible Plan."

The most feasible plan, he suggested, would be adoption by all nations of "the most favored national doctrine in its unconditional form." While such a program would call for sacrifice by all nations of certain profitable special arrangements, these would be far outweighed by advantages shared by all, he asserted.

Without referring directly to party, Hull laid on the shoulders of the Republican Administration a large share of blame for the present industrial slump, which, he said, had cost the United States a "panic loss" of \$40,000,000,000.

America, he declared, was in a "wonderful condition" at the close of the war, with a national wealth of nearly \$300,000,000,000; an internal commerce of \$75,000,000,000; a gold supply of \$3,079,000,000; foreign commerce of \$10,300,000,000; trade balance of \$4,000,000,000; a foreign indebtedness in our favor of more than \$11,000,000,000; annual savings of \$15,000,000,000, and a great mercantile marine.

"The nation was immensely prosperous," he continued. "We had become the center of world finance and commerce. We had no inflation of currency and no uncontrollable inflation of credit. The other half of the world was starving for our surplus. Every banker and business man was then predicting for America an uninterrupted period of unparalleled prosperity."

"Why, then, did this nation later plunge over the economic precipice? Why did every prediction made during 1919 by our ablest business men and financiers for the first time completely fail?"

Failed to Extend Credit.

The answer, he declared, was that America had failed to recognize the economic of extending credit to stricken Europe until it could get back on its feet.

The economic cooperation and coordination practiced by the Allied nations during the war was completely dissolved, he said, resulting in an economic debacle throughout Europe, which could have been averted had America, with other nations which came out of the war relatively intact, extended a helping hand to the disorganized, but potentially rich, countries of Central Europe.

Failing to get proper extension, he said, these countries were driven to a paper money basis, which shattered foreign exchange and eventually made it impossible for Europe to buy in America the surplus supplies she so much needed.

Thus American foreign trade was "choked to death," and industrial stagnation in the United States was inevitable.

If the Vare-Magee combine goes through there will be patronage dispensers distributed all through the state whose o. k. will be necessary to get a position under the plum tree when a favorable wind comes. Centre county is important enough to have recognition, so we may expect one of about three well known Republicans to be designated for this honorable position.

If Vare, the Philadelphia garbage man, falls in the Penrose shoes as leader of the Republican party in Pennsylvania, he will be able to stop the hogs throughout the state.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ORGANIZED.

Three New Members Take Their Place Friday Evening After Routine Business Is Transacted—No Change in Council's Personnel.

The Centre Hall borough council was reorganized Friday evening, after first having gone over the routine business, including the payment of bills. There was no change in the personnel of the council, the three members sworn into service by Squire Brungart—Bradford Spayd and Emerick—having served on the body heretofore.

Burgess T. A. Hosterman was unable to preside at the reorganization of the body, which was accomplished by re-electing all former officers and the re-appointment of all former committees.

The only business transacted of interest to the taxpayer was the payment of bills, viz: William McClellan, hauling, \$3.50 Spangler & Walker, advisors of council and Board of Health, 20.00 State Centre Electric Co., monthly payment for lights, 52.25 John H. Puff, labor on street, etc. 21.35 13 loads gravel, 1.80

One of the councilmen protested the practice of paying bills without first having been brought before the council for action.

Orphanage Directors Meet.

The directors of the Central Pennsylvania I. O. O. F. orphanage met at the institution Thursday of last week for their semi-annual session. They found the institution flourishing. The wards of the orphanage, nearly 200 in number, have been supported for six months on an expenditure of \$24,956.30.

The building committee reported the new wings nearly ready for occupancy. The original estimate of \$70,000 for the construction of these additions has been cut down by economy measures to \$47,501. The total cost of building operations, including the refrigerating plant and other improvements, will be \$63,440.25.

Business Prospects Encouraging.

Business prospects for 1922 are, in general, hopeful according to statements by prominent bankers made public by the American Bankers' association.

"The future of business and finance in the United States is encouraging," said Thomas B. McAdams, president of the association.

Mr. Adams emphasized the importance of this country interesting itself in the problems of Europe in order that American prosperity may be maintained. He said that although some leading politicians and newspapers opposed extending aid to Europe at this time a future prosperity depended upon the way financial America answers the call.

John S. Pusincher, vice president of the American Bankers' association, said the trend was toward easier money rates and there was nothing to indicate that this would not continue.

Message from Wilson.

Prediction that the year 1922 would show the Democratic party has entirely regained the confidence of the nation, was made by Woodrow Wilson in a New Year's letter to the Women's Democratic Political League.

In his will executed in 1905, the late Senator Penrose gave to his brothers, Charles Bingham Penrose, Richard A. F. Penrose, and Spencer Penrose all his property. The brothers were made the executors, but have turned this feature over to a corporation. The letters filed indicate the nominal value of the estate to be \$200,000, but it is thought to be very much more. No special bequests were made; no charitable institutions were remembered.

Beginning on the 15th of this month all dog license monies must be paid monthly to the state. The Republican machine is so hard up that it must resort to swooping down on the dog tax to help along the "deserving" Republican politicians. Some one remarks it is a case of the dog tax going to the dogs.

Mayor Moore is prevailing on Philadelphia to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the World Show booked for 1926 so that the rest of us will begin to believe that the City of Brotherly Love is in real earnest when she says she wants the three-ring circus to be held on her commons.

It is rather fear of final defeat than high morality that halts Governor Sprout from having himself appointed a United States Senator. Morality is such a stranger to Pennsylvania Republican politics that it will take a man with a better political record in Harrisburg than Sprout made for himself since Governor to practice it even in the lower realms.

GAME PRESERVE TO BE LOCATED IN RUSH TOWNSHIP.

Tract of 8000 Acres Secured from Three Parties—2000 Acres for Game Refuge, Section Isolated.

The wild land east of Philipsburg and comprising a considerable part of Rush township is to be converted into one of the state's great game preserves, the decision having been reached at a meeting of the State Game Commission held in Philadelphia the latter part of last week. Hon. Harry B. Scott, who had interested himself very much in the project having been officially notified at that time of the final action of the commission.

The land which the state will buy is embraced in the tracts known as the Shearer estate, the Woodring and Kelly holdings and the Pruner Estate, about 8,000 acres in all. The parties in charge of these lands have been notified that the prices named in the options are satisfactory to the commission and they are instructed to make preparation for the transfer of the deeds and titles.

Within the 8,000 acres will be an enclosure of 2,000 acres which will be used as a game refuge. Game keepers will be employed to care for the game and to protect the various species enclosed from illegal hunters.

It is probable that just as soon as the titles are transferred to the commission the work of turning the tracts into a preserve will begin. Early spring will likely see the state's employees in charge of the wilds of Rush township, which in many ways meet natural requirements. Much of the land is isolated and free of human habitation, a natural retreat for game species, as the success of hunters in recent seasons attest. It is mountainous, covered well with undergrowth and part of it is well timbered.

Dr. William Frear Dead.

Dr. William Frear, vice director of the Pennsylvania agricultural experiment station at Pennsylvania State College, and the oldest faculty member in point of service, died early Saturday morning at his residence. He was 61 years old and apparently had been in the best of health until the day of his death—the first day missed from his duties. He died before a physician could reach his side. He was the second internationally known scientist lost to the college within three months. H. P. Armsby, nutrition expert, having died October 19.

Dr. Frear was born in Reading in 1860 and was graduated from Bucknell in 1881. He went to Pennsylvania State in 1885 and since then had been affiliated with the United States department of agriculture and was a special agent from 1900. He is survived by a widow and four children, two of whom are students at Penn State. Funeral services were held at State College on Monday and interment was made at Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday.

Centre Third in Butter Production.

Pennsylvania is credited with having produced 36,011,500 pounds of butter, valued at \$15,831,458, an average of forty-four cents per pound, during 1921. Centre county ranks third in the state, Bradford and Northumberland exceeding it in value of production. Centre county produced in 1921, 421,183 pounds of butter, at an average value of forty-nine cents per pound.

Geiss Bazaar, Sat., January 28.

The next bazaar and gales day at the Geiss stables, Bellefonte, will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 28, at 1:30. An unusually attractive lot of articles will be offered at that time; also, if you have anything to sell, take it there and you'll find a buyer.

Miles I. Potter, of Middleburg, was inducted into the office of President Judge of the Union-Snyder judicial district, last week, and immediately held a short session of argument court in Snyder county. It is fifty years since Snyder county was the home of a president judge.

"THE YOUNG MAN WHO CAME TO HIMSELF."

Hear this most beautiful story ever told concerning Home, Sweet Home. There are many prodigals who ought to come home.

Who, are they?
Come to the
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY EVENING,
7:30
and hear this sermon by the pastor.

REV. M. C. DRUMM
Pastor.

THROWN FROM A COLT—SKULL FRACTURED; DIED.

James Kilger, Thirty Years Old, Wandered to Neighbor's House With Skull Fractured—Died in Hospital.

An accident resulting in the death of James Kilger happened near Tusseyville, Friday afternoon. It appears that Mr. Kilger, who had just passed his thirtieth birthday four days previous, shortly after twelve o'clock on that day mounted a colt and in riding in the lane toward the public road, was thrown from the animal with such force as to crush the rider's skull. A pool of blood in the lane indicates that Mr. Kilger lay on the ground for a time, and on gaining consciousness wandered in the direction of Tusseyville, probably his original destination. On passing the home of William Lingie, late in the afternoon he was hailed by a member of the family, and on finding he had been injured and that he was unable to give any account of himself he was detained there while the family was notified, and from there was taken to the Bellefonte hospital. It was found his skull was crushed and death came Saturday morning, at 8:15.

The deceased was unmarried, and was the son of Daniel and Annie Kilger, at whose home the funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon; interment made at Shiloh. Rev. M. C. Drumm was the officiating minister. Brothers and sisters surviving are—Robert, of Bellefonte; Herbert of Linden Hall; Mrs. Charles Crust, of Centre Hall, Bertha and Florence, at home.

Weber Farm Sold.

A sale of real estate in Harris township of considerable importance not previously mentioned in the newspapers was consummated when Col. Theodore Davis Boal purchased the Samuel E. Weber farm of three hundred and eleven acres for \$15,500. About two hundred acres of the farm are under cultivation.

For many years this place was known as the Herst farm, and some thirty years ago was purchased by D. J. Meyer from the Hersts, in Lebanon county, for \$9,000. The farm then contained almost 360 acres, and much of it was covered with good timber. The timber was converted into lumber by Meyer and Huyett, the latter having acquired a half interest in the tract. Later Mr. Meyer purchased the Huyett interest, bringing the farm up to \$10,400. After selling forty-five acres for approximately \$2,000, the remainder was sold to Mr. Weber for \$15,500.

Buck Taylor to Become Farmer.

An Associated Press dispatch from Huntington of recent date has this to say: Buck Taylor, who is said to have been a co-partner of Buffalo Bill in organizing the first Wild West show, arrived in Huntington seeking to buy a farm where he may settle down. He declared the type of entertainment originated by Buffalo Bill has seen its day. "All the boys are gone," he said. "Cody, Garver and Lilly are dead. I have received several offers to head a wild west show but I prefer Pennsylvania farming."

Buck Taylor owned a big farm in the Pine Grove Mills district which he sold within the past year. Last summer he made Centre Hall his headquarters and for a time was very much interested in it as a place of permanent residence, but finally left without making a purchase.

Reduced Rates to State Farm Products Show.

Centre county farmers who attend the State Farm Products Show will be given reduced rates by all trunk line railroads, which includes all railroads through Centre county. These rates are available to all persons expecting to attend any of the agricultural meetings held at Harrisburg during the week of the State show. Rates good from Jan. 23rd to Jan. 27th, inclusive. It will be necessary to obtain a certificate from County Agent Robinson at the Farm Bureau office at Bellefonte which must be presented when tickets are purchased.

This commission from the railroads will be of great assistance to the many Centre county people who attend this show each year.

Bucknell to Get Fund.

The will of the late Ernest L. Tustin, of Philadelphia, contains a clause that will in time place a sum in trust to support the Tustin gymnasium, at Bucknell university, Lewisburg, named in honor of Mr. Tustin's father, and to pay the salary of a physical instructor.

If you are feeling all worn out, if you can't eat, sleep or work with any satisfaction, you need Tanlac.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

EXCELLENT EXHIBITS AT FARM PRODUCTS SHOW.

Held at Bellefonte on Tuesday.—List of Prize Winners.

County Agent J. N. Robinson sent the Reporter the following account of the farm products show too late for publication last week.

More than one hundred farmers attended the annual meeting of the Centre County Farm Bureau and the Farm Products Show. There were interesting discussions on potato growing, poultry, corn, wheat, boys' and girls' club work, and various other farm bureau projects in connection with the report of the County Agent.

F. P. Weaver, assistant director of extension, emphasized the value of community organization as a means of securing more efficiency in farm bureau work. E. L. Nixon gave a very instructive talk on potato production in which he pointed out good seed and spraying as the two most important points to consider in order to be successful in growing potatoes as a project.

The election of officers for 1922 was held in the afternoon with the following men elected:

President—John G. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills.

Vice-president—Col. W. F. Reynolds, of Bellefonte.

Secretary—J. Gross Shook, of Spring Mills.

Treasurer—W. C. Smeltzer, of Bellefonte.

The Farm Products Show and educational exhibit was the best ever held in Bellefonte and received much favorable comment.

The better exhibits will be sent to the State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg, January 23-27. Any person wishing to exhibit at the State show should send their exhibits to the Farm Bureau office at once. All exhibits received at the Farm Bureau office before Jan. 11th will be forwarded to Harrisburg free of charge.

Prizes Won at Centre County Farm Products Show.

Corn
Yellow Dent: 1st Ward Hosterman, Aaronsburg; 2nd W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; 3rd J. J. Markle, State College.

White Cap: 1st Joseph Swabb, of Spring Mills; 2nd W. C. Smeltzer, of Bellefonte; 3rd Charles Campbell, of Penna. Furnace.

Silage: 1st A. C. Hartle, Bellefonte; 2nd Harry Bartges, of Spring Mills; 3rd R. F. Glenn, of Waddell.

Best ear of corn: W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte.

Potatoes

Pink Skin: 1st Allen Harter, of Bellefonte; 2nd W. O. Immel.

Russetts: 1st Milo Campbell, of Penna. Furnace; 2nd John S. Dale, of State College; 3rd George B. Thompson, State College.

White Skin: 1st Charles Campbell, Penna. Furnace; 2nd Allen Harter, of Bellefonte; 3rd Bright Orwig, Aaronsburg.

Wheat

1st W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; 2nd Ward Hosterman, Aaronsburg; 3rd C. B. Struble, Bellefonte.

Barley

1st W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte.

Oats

1st C. B. Struble, Bellefonte; 2nd John Kline, Boalsburg; 3rd W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte.

Flint Corn

1st Mary Bright, Centre Hall; 2nd William Yearick.

Apples

1st John Mothersbaugh, Boalsburg; 2nd J. J. Markle, State College; 3rd Allen Harter, Bellefonte.

Highway Districts Reduced.

The state highway department announced the reduction of state highway districts from 18 to 15, the elimination of the positions of assistant construction engineer and numerous changes in the department's personnel at the various district offices.

Elk and Cameron counties are added to district No. 1, which also includes Centre, Clinton and Clearfield. D. C. Stackpole is district engineer and William J. Carroll assistant engineer. The district office is at Bellefonte.

Peace Dollar Now in the Banks.

The new silver dollar—the "Peace Dollar"—was placed in circulation last week, several hundred thousands of the new coins having been shipped to the federal reserve banks by the Philadelphia mint.

The new coin was made in commemoration of the Disarming Conference at Washington. It is designed with the head of Liberty on one side, and on the other a dove upon the mountain top, clutching an olive branch, struck by the rays of the sun, with the word "Peace" beneath it.

It is easy to find fault because nobody wants it.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

If you can't pull or push, be kind enough to stand out of the road. Reference is made to the road of PROGRESS.

The old town hall in Millheim is being razed to give way to a modern municipal building, voted to be constructed.

Judge Harvey W. Whitehead took the oath of office for his second term as president judge of Lycoming county, on the 2nd inst.

Pennsylvania's acreage sown to wheat for the 1922 crop is estimated at one per cent. less than that sown in the previous season.

John E. Wert, one of the enterprising farmers of near Tusseyville, was a business caller at the Reporter office on Saturday and gave his subscription a substantial boost.

Tanlac is the ideal strengthener and body builder for old folks, because it creates a healthy appetite for wholesome food and strengthens and invigorates the digestive organs—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

James F. Kinley, former prothonotary of Mifflin county, died at his home in Look Haven. He was a Civil war veteran and was elected prothonotary twice on the Democratic ticket, although not a rabid partisan.

A Dodge truck was purchased a few days ago by A. E. Kerlin, the poultryman, from the local dealers. Heretofore the Kerlins used a Ford truck but with the increase of business a truck of larger dimensions became necessary.

A movement is on the way whereby the city of Harrisburg will acquire the seventeen or more islands in the Susquehanna river in the vicinity of the State capital. The islands, when acquired, will be used for recreational purposes.

The county auditors—C. H. Gramley, Herbert H. Stover and Thomas A. Fletcher—are at work in the court house on various accounts of the county officials. Just how well they will be able to juggle the real balances remains to be seen.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boozer, of Chicago, who had been seriously ill and required the attention of two physicians a specialist and two nurses for several weeks, has recovered, which announcement the Reporter is very pleased to make.

W. F. Bradford, executor, sold the farm known as the William Bradford farm, in Harris township, at public sale, recently. The buyer was Col. T. D. Boal, who is acquiring a lot of real estate in Harris township. The price paid was \$1190 for the thirty-three acres.

Mrs. Margaret Runkle, of Shamokih, on Saturday came to the home of her sister, Mrs. John H. Runkle, east of Centre Hall, for a short stay during the latter's illness. Mrs. Runkle came here from Bellefonte where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Runkle, wife of Attorney W. G. Runkle.

George Bechdel, a Mill Hall clay miner, was injured while at work a few days ago. He dislocated a large stone which fell on him, crushing the bone of his right leg between the knee and hip. He is at the Lock Haven hospital, where every effort is being made to avert the necessity of amputation.

The new state road leading through Pine Creek township, between Lock Haven and Williamsport, is a field for speeding. Twelve motorists hailing from various parts of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties, were brought before a Lock Haven alderman and each fined \$12.60.

State Centre juice is doing a fine business in killing at Rockview. Last week a Chinaman was roasted and by Friday the third sentence to the chair for the week had been meted out. Gruesome work! It makes one shiver to think that what is giving us light is turning all to darkness for some few poor devils every week.

Though virtually all of the money which Harry Kinkead received as his share of the loot of the Karthaus State bank, along with some jewelry he had purchased, has been recovered, there is still about \$2500 of the sum which Raymond Shope is alleged to have had in his possession which cannot be located. If Shope knows where it is, officers have not been successful in efforts to induce him to tell.