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FARM PAPER OPPOSES TARIFF.

"The Tariff is the Bunk," Says Editor of Farm and Fireside.

Practically all the leading agricultural journals of the United States are condemning the Fordney-McCumber profiteers' tariff and holding it responsible for many of the difficulties which are now besetting the farmer. The principal farm organizations are taking the same ground. Senator Capper's publications, which he is using to prevent his defeat by the farmers of Kansas next year, are among the few exceptions to the rule.

George Martin, editor of Farm and Fireside, one of the most influential of the agricultural publications in this country, has recently written an article entitled "The Tariff is the Bunk" in which he declares that the Fordney-McCumber law is costing American farmers \$301,000,000 more in higher costs for what they have to buy than it gives them in the way of higher prices for what they have to sell.

"Practically every time you or your wife or your son or your daughter buy something you can trace part of the unnecessary cost of it to the tariff," says Mr. Martin, addressing the thousands of farmers who read his editorials. "America's agriculture is rapidly revising its tariff policy. Farmers are making up their minds that the best tariff for agriculture is no tariff at all."

The effect of the "protection" given to special interests and big trusts and combines is felt in the prices which the farmers are compelled to pay for the commodities they and their families consume but don't produce.

"The American farmer pays every year an extra \$426,000,000 on the things he buys because of the tariff," says Mr. Martin. "So he is really out of pocket \$301,000,000—actual, hard, 69-cent farm dollars—by reason of the tariff which Fordney, McCumber, et al, said would help him so much."

There is much talk of the lack of good business methods employed in the commission's office and since the Republican candidates are today in office the remedy proposed is to elect a Democratic board. This might be termed bad politics but no one will dispute that it would be good policy. The election of Messrs. Swabb and Searly to the office of county commissioner would be an absolute guarantee that the county's business would be economically administered during their incumbency. They are both farmers and have always known a farmer when they saw one.

The type of man needed in the office of prothonotary is that of S. Claude Herr. He has had ample experience and is the kind of man you are pleased to meet and transact business with. You can give him your support at the coming election and will not regret having done so at the close of his term of office.

Here is the situation in a nut shell: If you don't give a $\$$ —what is done with your money collected as taxes, vote for the Republican candidates for county commissioner, but if you want an economical administration of county affairs looking toward the lowering of your taxes, vote for Swabb and Searly.

If you have ever met Sibley H. Hoy, the Democratic candidate for the office of Recorder, you will want to do so again. He spent his entire life on the farm, and knows what it means to fulfil the injunction of earning your bread by the sweat of your brow. He is entitled to the support of every voter who believes that capable men ought to fill county offices and that such men can be found among farmers.

F. S. Ocker, the Democratic candidate for register, is thoroughly capable of filling the office to which he is aspiring. You will show your appreciation of good, honest, clean, industrious living by supporting Mr. Ocker.

Just when the writer began to believe that he was adamant, because he was told it so often, along comes a squirt and says he is peevish and hurt, and this makes him think somebody must be lying.

It used to be that a fellow who smoked a cigarette was considered worthless. Now it's the way he smokes it.

Nuts are in season this month. The "nuts" are always at it.

What Tipton now wants most is for some one to give it the tip.

Winter Millinery. Mrs. Burd of Millheim, wishes to announce to her friends that she has received a fine lot of winter millinery of every description. Prices are the lowest, and quality and style the best.

LET THE STATEMENTS TELL THE STORY.

(From Democratic Watchman, Oct. 12.)

The Commissioner's office is the business office of the tax-payers of Centre county. The Commissioners are the managers for the people who pay taxes to keep the county government going. If the management is good the people have reason to be satisfied. If it is careless and wasteful they owe it to themselves to oust the old and select new managers.

Without waste of words let us show you here some figures that are mute evidence of the necessity for a change, if we ever hope to have lower taxes and get out of debt.

When a Democratic board of Commissioners, Messrs. Noll and Grove, went into office, January 1st, 1912, the county was in debt in addition to the bond issue of \$100,000 for court house improvements, the stupendous amount of \$180,565.84. When they went out on January 1st, 1920, and turned the office over to the present board the total debt of the county, outside of the bond issue above referred to, was only \$45,503.73.

In other words, a people's board that was not under the domination of a political machine; a board that played no favorites and worked for the best interests of all paid off \$94,062.11 of the county debt in eight years. They did it on a 6 mill levy for three years and only 4 mills for the last five years they were in office.

When the present Republican board, Messrs. Austin and Yarnell, took charge, January 1st, 1920, the county debt, outside of the bonds, was \$45,503.73. Their last statement published in April of this year shows that the county was in debt then \$41,283.65.

In three years they have been able to reduce the indebtedness only \$4,220.08 or an average of only \$1,406.69 per year whereas their predecessors paid off debts at the rate of \$7,833.50 every year they were in office. And the present board has operated on a higher valuation and a higher millage for it has levied 6 mills against 4 the former board levied during the last five years of its tenure.

Some might say the present board has done more in the way of indirect returns to the tax-payers. Let us see about that.

The last year there was Democratic control in the Commissioner's office \$9,166.59 were paid for new bridges and bridge repairs, \$8,958.15 were paid for various public road accounts. While during 1922, the last year we have any record of their expenditures, the present board spent only \$7,114.41 for bridges and \$5,902.46 for roads.

Where has the money gone? you ask. That is a fair question and we'll answer in part by publishing here a few items taken from the County statements of 1920 and 1923. They speak stronger than any words we might use. They ought to convince you that a change is needed.

	For 1919	For 1923
Assessors were paid	\$7008.13	\$10624.21
Road Viewers	882.20	1242.99
Upeep Court House	2513.82	4421.87
Clerks to Commissioners	2355.23	3573.75
Janitors	1668.10	1737.47
Commissioners delivering Ballots	100.00	291.51

In six comparatively small accounts it cost the county \$7,294.32 more in 1922 than it did in 1919, when we were in the peak of post-war-time inflation.

Need we say anything more to you as a tax-payer, than that all these figures can be verified at the office of the County Commissioners.

Work on State Road.

Last week the oil truck arrived and the oiling of the newly built highway over the Seven Mountains between Potters Mills and the Millheim county line was commenced at once. The force of men engaged in grading and doing other work as well as the truck-drivers and trucks were reduced one-half about ten days ago, which makes progress less rapid. The men and trucks released were taken to Millheim to help build the mile or more of road through that borough. It appears, however, to be in the minds of the road department to complete the program and not quit until the portion of the road between Potters Mills and Centre Hill is finished. On Monday the road was ready for oiling to a point at the foot of Pine hill to the south.

If the Democrats all stand firm and vote for Lyman L. Smith for treasurer he will be found nestled in the treasurer's office in the court house for the next four years. He is hustling about in politics just like he hustles about in business and it is hustling that counts, whether in politics or business.

A cartload of potatoes is being shipped from Centre Hall by D. A. Booser.

ALIVE PILING UP EXPENSES AND DRAWING CHECKS.

Will Mr. Huyett Get the Money for the Building of a Useless Reservoir by Collecting Fines!—Some President!

E. M. Huyett, president of the borough council, in the last issue of the Keystone Gazette, Bellefonte, had printed over his own name the following:

Centre Hall, Pa., Oct. 7, 1923. Editor Keystone Gazette:—The senior editor of the Centre Reporter, at Centre Hall, Pa., evidently has been peeved badly since the "traffic ordinance" was passed by our Borough Council on July 6, 1923. He was not consulted and hence it hurts. He certainly is giving us some lambasting and nice comments through his weapon—or club.—The Reporter, as our principles do not run in the same channel, we have no comment to make since the Scotch Irish say: "You can not lick a man by fighting him." We are very much alive as yet, and as information to the public, will say that the expenses incurred by the police services are being paid by fines collected from violators of the State Highway laws and the Borough Ordinances. We would say in conclusion that our citizens—and especially the children—are safe now to cross and recross our streets when we have a "blue coat" in sight.

E. M. HUYETT.

Pres. Centre Hall Boro. Council.

The best way to quote a man is to recite his own words as spoken and written, and so it is done here Mr. Huyett's judgment in this matter is on a par with his ability to guide the borough council in its business affairs. If it were possible for every reader of this paper to sit in the council room and see how the body is conducted it would be a revelation. Entire sessions have been held without the formality of a motion having been put—the orders are from the president and in such a rambling, disconnected way that one must guess what was meant. The remainder of the councilmen pipe in sometimes and then follows another jumble of words. On a number of occasions that the writer attended the meetings of the council no action taken could be considered as an action of the body and no official record could be made of them unless the secretary would draw largely on imagination.

And now for the ordinance passed. This was done in the Masonic club room, and probably with the night latch on. It is identical to the ordinance the Bellefonte council turned down as vicious. Here is how this ordinance is enforced: It appears to be applicable only to those who do not hold the favor of the president of the council, at least no attempt was made to prosecute Mr. Huyett for violation of this ordinance but the justice who prosecuted others for violating it refused to have anything to do with the case although he admitted that Mr. Huyett had violated the ordinance. The complaint made was that the president of the council had parked his car in front of a fire-plug and on numerous occasions parked on the wrong side of the alley and not at an angle. The police is paid for by fines collected mostly from strangers. The Reporter desires to especially call the attention of Rev. Charles T. Alkens, president of the Susquehanna University, to this fact, and for the reason that the Doctor most unmercifully scored Centre Hall authorities for their acts some time ago. No further details on this.

It cannot be denied that the Reporter has severely criticised the actions of not only the present but various councils in the past, and it would have been very much better for the taxpayers of this town if the council would have accepted the advice of this paper in all the criticisms instead of only a part of them. It was through the efforts of this paper after a year or more of dogging that the borough council reduced the interest of its bonds from five to four per cent. Had the council taken action when the move was first suggested to them, the bond holders would have accepted three per cent. instead of four per cent. it is paying now. It was the Reporter that stirred up the citizen taxpayers and drove out of the council an iniquitous electric light ordinance that would have been perpetual in character; would have given the company permission to set its poles anywhere on the streets and alleys, and would have obliged us for all time to pay more for light and power than a resident of Bellefonte would pay for the same service. It was some scrap; we won.

It was the Reporter that criticized the council for graveling the main street and making it the worst piece of road in Centre county. And this when the "senior editor" was being paid for the gravel. Everybody about here, including the council, knew that this gravel is not fit for road building.

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The State S. S. Convention.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania State Sunday-school Association will be held in Washington, Washington county.

Officers to serve for a term of one year were elected as follows:

President, Percy L. Craig, New Castle; first vice president, David M. Wagoner, Irwin; second vice president, E. P. Selden, Erie; third vice president, F. E. Parkhurst, Wilkes-Barre; fourth vice president, J. W. Vickerman, Bellevue; fifth vice president, Mrs. W. E. Easton, Stroudsburg; sixth vice president, Mrs. John G. Boyd, Harrisburg; seventh vice president, Chas. Steele, Northumberland; eighth vice president, W. C. Heckman, Bedford; ninth vice president, J. C. Silsby, Greensburg; treasurer, H. E. Paisley, Philadelphia; legal counsel, R. C. Harlick, Philadelphia; recording secretary, H. W. Dietz, York.

The Rev. Alexander Henry, of Philadelphia; Percy L. Craig, of New Castle; and William Decker, of Montgomery, were elected directors of the association to serve for a term of three years.

Lee Property Sold.

The house and lot in Centre Hall occupied by Miss Sadie McKinney since the death of Dr. George E. Lee was sold on Saturday by the executors of Mr. Lee, Messrs. Frank D. and Hiram Lee, for the sum of \$2390 to A. E. Kerlin, of the Kerlin Grand View Poultry Farm. Others bidders were John W. Whiteman, whose father built the place, and a representative of F. K. Carter, of Williamsport. The former bid \$50 and the latter \$100 under the sale mark. The sale was very largely attended and all household goods sold at top figures. Auctioneer Jack Smith made a good accounting for himself.

It is intimated that one of Mr. Kerlin's objects for buying the property was to obtain a front on Main street to his holdings comprising the poultry farm to the rear of it. In the future it is presumed a business place and warehouse will be erected on the vacant portion of the lot purchased, so that customers dealing with the firm can do so without going from the main street.

Samuel Bitner is said, will be the occupant of the home. He is now employed by the Kerlins.

Blazier Farm Sold.

On Saturday the Clarence E. Blazier farm, near Linden Hall, was sold at public sale to Col. Theodore Dwyer Boal and Sylvester W. Sharer at the rate of \$52.00 per acre. There is a total of forty-eight acres. Mr. Sharer took twelve acres lying next to his farm on the south, and Col. Boal took the remainder, he also having two or more farms adjoining. This is the property on which the house and barn were burned a few Sundays ago. The price is considered very fair. Personal property to the amount of \$1100 was also sold at the same time.

436 Bushels Potatoes Per Acre.

A production of 436 bushels of potatoes on one acre on the farms of the Pennsylvania State College gives that institution the honor of being the first member of the "400 Bushel Potato Club" which has recently been organized in Pennsylvania.

The record breaking acre is part of a 30-acre field which promises to yield one of the best crops ever harvested at State College and probably one of the finest ever grown in the state. The "spuds" are of the Russet variety and were grown from imported Michigan seed.

Since the engines on the large freight trains hauling empties over the branch have become better acquainted with the road—its double, triple and quadruple curves and various grades—the sixty-five to seventy cars are being hauled with considerable ease compared to the first efforts made.

The water supply in Millheim county, especially in Bellefonte, has become serious.

but it is done in spite of it and perhaps for spite.

Say, gentle reader, did you ever think of it that when the water plant was bought from the Centre Hall water company the transaction was so rotten that two of the members quit! The bonds were sold, some of them to councilmen, without the public knowing that bonds were being issued. No, perhaps you did not realize this, but this you have been told: An effort is being made by Mr. Huyett, president of the council, to have the body agree to build a reservoir and to do so would be a total waste of money. If you want your money frittered away, go to it. Many more chapters recounting the actions of the borough council could be written that would be highly interesting. For the present this is enough.

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COMMUNITY DAY AT SPRING MILLS A GRAND SUCCESS.

Rooms Crowded With Exhibits.—Real Competition in Porkers, 250 Partake of Chicken Dinner.

The annual "Community Day" was held at Spring Mills last Friday. The weather was beautiful and the day, judging from the crowd, the exhibits, etc., certainly was a real success.

It has been the aim of the school to raise the standard somewhat each year. Last year all of the rooms in the Vocational building were filled with exhibits of crops, vegetables, fruit, canning, sewing and baking, and the barn was pretty well filled with dairy stock and poultry. This year it was impossible to put all of the first named exhibits in the Vocational building. A very fine educational exhibit was set up in a downstairs room of the new building which showed just what was being taught along academic lines. In addition well-mounted and nicely-labeled pictures gave a glimpse as to activities in this ready community school. It was impossible to put the dairy stock and hogs in the barn, so the hogs were set up outside. There was real competition in the fat hog class which was won by W. O. Gramley. The poultry and project exhibits were better than ever. This project exhibit was open to any vocational boy carrying a project. By a project we mean a piece of practical farm work upon which an accurate financial record has been kept.

Last year a start was made in the direction of commercial exhibits, thus giving local and outside merchants a chance to display their wares and gain much valuable advertising. This year because of the added interest it was impossible to stage this exhibit in the Eighth Grade room. The gymnasium was therefore turned over to the exhibitors. Fourteen local merchants put up booths in this very attractively decorated building. In addition Check-board Feed and the Lesota Hog Feeders and Brooder Houses were represented by fine displays in charge of special agents.

The health program was held in the Grange hall at 10:30 a. m. and was well attended by the school children from the township. Dr. Dutcher from the Pennsylvania State College talked on health; Miss Bennett from Williamsport substituted for the health club by telling the young folks several interesting stories; the Spring Mills grades sang a health song which was followed by a comedy picture entitled "Fido's Birthday." The boys and girls were very much interested in the whole program.

After luncheon at the Vocational building time was given to view the exhibits. About two o'clock a general meeting was held in the Grange hall. Dr. Struck, from the State Department at Harrisburg and W. R. Gordon of the Pennsylvania State College gave splendid talks on community cooperation and athletics, respectively. The music was furnished by the Rural Life Club of the Penna. State College.

Immediately following this, a group picture was taken in front of the Vocational building. Approximately six hundred persons appeared on this picture. The picture over Miss Hayes, from the State Health Department, gave a brief talk on diphtheria prevention and the coming clinic to be held in this township for children up to nine years of age.

This was followed by games and races for all. The Rural Life group took the responsibility for this program. They certainly were repaid for their efforts by the enthusiastic way in which the people—young and old—responded. The following were the winners in the various events:

Winners in the Various Events.

[Note:—Winners are given in order of first, second and third places.]

25 yd. dash for boys—Guy Jamieson, Spring Mills; Wilbur McClellan, Tusseyville; Glen Corman, Spring Mills.

25 yd. dash for girls—Lorraine Sechrist, Rebersburg; Loraine Confer, Penn Hall; Wilma Stitzer, Penn Hall and Albee Faust, Cross Roads, Pa.

Camel Race.—Team, Glenn Corman, Russel Sweetwood and Gerald Johnson.

High School Events.

50 yd. dash for girls—Lodie Hosterman, Coburn; Bernadine Wagner, Spring Mills; Violet Hagan, Spring Mills.

50 yd. dash for boys—Joseph Swabb, Spring Mills; Stanley Brooks, Centre Hall; Palmer Bierly, Rebersburg.

Ladies' Nail-Driving Contest—Theresa Wagner, Spring Mills; Florence Smith, Spring Mills; Katherine Rishod, Spring Mills.

Horse Race for men—W. F. Rishod, Farmers Mills; J. B. Payne, Bellefonte; T. M. Gramley, Spring Mills; A. B. Lee, Spring Mills.

Immediately following this a soccer game was played between Millheim

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

There was more fog hanging around in Centre Hall on Saturday morning than was visible in a long time.

The four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Horner, at Coyer, are afflicted with whooping cough.

H. F. Confer, merchant at Madisonburg, bought the Jackson homestead, west of Madisonburg, at public sale for \$320.

Next week will be vacation week for the public school pupils, when their teachers will be attending the county institute at Bellefonte.

A large tank is being installed at Coburn in which to store crude oil. The crude oil is used as a fuel in the engines of the silk mill at Millheim.

Miss Alice Snyder, of Millheim, entered the Preston Retreat hospital, in Philadelphia, as a student nurse. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder.

Owing to a press of extra school work the time for receiving a newspaper article on "Why a new school building should be erected in Centre Hall" has been extended.

Rev. Wilson P. Ard, of Bellefonte, will be the representative of this synod to the general convention of the Lutheran church in the United States and Canada, to be held in Chicago in October of next year.

The Millheim Journal is of the opinion that the water supply for that town ought to be increased by erecting a reservoir along Turpentine creek to supplement the supply now provided for from Phillips creek.

Miss Margaret Emery and sister, Mrs. R. R. Finkle, the latter of Millfurn, expect to make a trip to the eastern cities in this state and New Jersey, beginning next Monday, to visit among friends for some time.

The official board of the Trinity Methodist church in Lock Haven, has decided that the church will purchase a set of sixteen toned chimes, at a cost of \$10,000. The chimes will be dedicated to the women's organizations of the church.

A cow sold at the G. R. Meiss sale, at Coyer, a short time ago, died in Mr. Meiss' stable the day following the sale before the owner had removed her. The animal was in excellent shape on day of sale, and no cause can be given for her death. Mr. Meiss and the purchaser stood the loss fifty-fifty.

John W. Runkle, of Middleburg, is the Democratic nominee for sheriff in Snyder county. At the recent primary there was no Democratic candidate for that office. The result was Earl B. Van Horn, a Republican, was nominated. He resigned, whereupon Mr. Runkle's name was regularly substituted.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. James Alter, of Millheim, fell from a wagon in such a manner that one of the wheels passed over the boy's leg, fracturing it before the wagon could be stopped. The child was attracted by a red ear of corn he much desired and leaned out too far, losing his balance. The fracture was reduced by Dr. C. S. Musser.

The coming Saturday promises to witness the largest crowd ever gathered at State College. The Navy-Penn State football game is the attraction, and is the biggest sports event ever scheduled on the Penn State athletic field. Between 20,000 and 25,000 people are expected to attend the game, if nice weather prevails.

Rev. John H. Keller, of China Grove, North Carolina, came to Centre Hall for a few days as a guest here of his relatives. He was on his way to attend the Eastern Synod, at Lewis-town, and the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Potomac Synod, the latter meeting in the south. These gatherings are being attended by him in the interest of Catawba College.

Harry C. Reish brought three potatoes to this office on Friday, which were all he could hold in two hands. He grew them on the Alfred Krape farm. The heaviest one weighed 2 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces, and the others were but an ounce or two lighter. They are just a sample of what was uncovered all through the patch. It appears this is a year of big-size potatoes.

The U. S. Supreme Court failed to support the attorneys of George R. Meek, Mrs. Florence Dale and Andrew Deener in their contention for a rehearing in the Centre County Bank case. The case now goes back to Judge Wittmer, who sits in the U. S. District Court. Since the question was referred back to this court it is believed the case will be settled speedily.