



CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT.

Amendment Certain to Be Doomed—Restraint of Children to 18 Years Is Preposterous.

The child labor amendment is practically dead, though the sentiment for it has hardly been tested in the States where it was expected to be popular. Besides the "uplift" argument for it, it was urged in the ostensible interest of Northern cotton mills which are barred from employing children, while their competitors in the South are either unrestrained or are subject to very few restrictions. Yet the principal textile State, Massachusetts, rejected it by a referendum.

The other States that have voted on the matter through their Legislatures are almost entirely agricultural States. Only California and Arkansas favored the amendment, and neither has large industrial interests. One or both branches of the Legislature have rejected the amendment in both the Carolinas, both the Dakotas, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Ohio, Washington and Delaware. Most of these are distinctly agricultural and not manufacturing States. So far the industrial States, except Massachusetts have not acted on it at all, and the people of that Commonwealth voted against it, though it was expected to protect the mills there from the competition of factories that were under little or no restraint in the employment of children.

The possibility that husky boys and girls of 15, 16 and 17, with no taste for books, might, if the amendment were adopted, be kept at school instead of going to work to support themselves and help their parents and smaller brothers and sisters, proved fatal to the proposed amendment. How many of our most useful men were at work at 14? Not a few of them were helping their disabled fathers or their widowed mothers, and the character they developed was worth infinitely more than the information they would have received at school. Restraint to 14 or 15 would have reasonable; restraint to 18 was preposterous.

Furthermore, the amendment was so broadly drawn that it would apply not only to factories and mines, but would reach girls and boys employed by their parents in their homes and on the farms. A good deal of emotion has been worked up in behalf of the proposition, but reason and common-sense have been against it and it has failed before a third of the States have acted upon it.

Federal Pay Roll.

The President finds cause for alarm in the 1924 federal payroll of \$1,680,000,000 and immediately drops from the white house staff several employes whom he considers unnecessary. The Republican party leaders will soon find another place for these unfortunate, provided they vote the Republican ticket.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

Lights on Breeders—Many poultrymen find it profitable to use lights on breeders. In this way the birds' body weight can be maintained and early production assured. It is highly important that the birds not be forced and that a careful system of feeding and management be followed so that good health is assured, say Pennsylvania State College poultry specialists. As a general rule, the healthiest breeders produce the largest number of strong chicks.

Improve the Stable—Light and ventilation are essential for dairy cattle. These can be provided in any stable. Now is the time to figure out how it is to be done and to take steps to supply these essentials. It pays.

Raise a Ton Litter—A large number of farmers picked their largest litters for the Keystone Ton Litter Club last year. Fifty-eight of them made the required weight. Will your name be among the 1925 winners?

Order Plants Early—Green-house men who grow some plants for sale are sowing early cabbage seed now. Whether large or small quantities of plants are to be bought it is advisable to put in your order now if you do not grow your own plants. Early orders help the grower regulate the quantity of seed sown and save you from a possible shortage of plants. This pertains to early cabbage, lettuce tomatoes, peppers and eggplants.

Get Fertilizers—Orchardists who intend to fertilize their orchards should not delay ordering fertilizers until it is time to apply them. Unless applied at the right time many fertilizers lose their "kick" as far as the response of the trees is concerned. This is especially true of nitrate.

"DRESSING UP" FARM HOME GROUNDS NEEDED

Well-Ordered Farmstead Gives Owner Feeling of Comfort and Satisfaction.—Suggestions for Dressing Up Free.

With tourists flashing by the farm home nearly every month of the year, it is important from the standpoint of personal pride that the buildings and grounds be "dressed up" at all times. On the other hand, there is a feeling of comfort and satisfaction which a well-ordered farmstead always gives the owner.

According to John R. Bracken, extension landscape architect of Pennsylvania State College, it is not necessary to spend large sums of money or a great deal of labor to make the home grounds attractive. He feels that it is very important that the front yard should be improved so that it will best introduce the owner to the public. Bracken says:

"It is almost possible to tell the character of the farmer by the appearance of his home. Try it out some time. Drop by a farm house, no matter how small or old, that stands in the midst of cleanliness and neatness and see what kind of folks live there. Drive on to a similar house set down in the midst of dirt, trash and weeds and see what kind of folks answer the door there. Then go home and see that your front yard represents you as you want people to think of you."

Discussing this matter of the farm home from another angle, Bracken states that there is no other type of business in closer relationship between the home and the business itself than there is in farming. "How much more reason, therefore, we have for making the home grounds attractive," he says. "The home is that part of the farm that is closest to us during those hours when we have time to rest, to talk with the family and friends and to play. During even the busiest day the farmer returns several times to the vicinity of the house. The housewife, so indispensable a partner in successful farming, generally does her sewing, preparing of vegetables and planning of other work, on either the lawn or sheltered porch or near some sunny window which overlooks the lawn."

This makes it all the more necessary, says Bracken sees it, that proper care should be given the home grounds. Sloveness and carelessness in personal habits are too often reflected in the appearance of home and farm despite time and money spent for equipment and improvements.

Suggestions on how the farm grounds can be "dressed up" in an economical and practical manner may be obtained from the County Agent at Bellefonte.

SHAREE—WAGNER.
Jacob P. Sharer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sharer of Centre Hall, and Miss Esther L. Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper A. Wagner, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, on Saturday.

Their many young friends extend hearty congratulations.

GROSS—SCOTT.
Harry R. Gross and Miss LaVerna B. Scott young people of Centre Hall, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage at Spring Mills, by the Rev. H. H. Sherman, on Tuesday evening of last week, at 8 o'clock.

No Sale for Horses.
A horse sale was scheduled here Monday afternoon, but there appeared to be little demand for the noble animals. It was a bad day—rain—which probably had much to do with the horses attracting but a very small number of persons. The sale was discontinued after one team was sold.

L. O. O. F. Give Third Degree.
Saturday evening a class of seven young men—George Stover, Jefferson Slick, D. C. Mitterling, Howard Emery, Newton Crawford, of Centre Hall, and Nevin Sharer and John Hockman, of Bellefonte—were instructed in the mysteries of the third degree in Odd Fellowship in the local lodge. The degree work was put on by a team from the Bellefonte lodge and performed the work in an almost perfect manner, the total absence or ritual in doing the work evoking the praise of the on-lookers. An orchestra, also representing the Bellefonte lodge, gave assistance. The sister lodge had a representation here of fifty-five members, which, added to the other visiting brothers and members of the local lodge present, made a large attendance.

After the degree work was performed, choice refreshments were served.

Well Known Salesman Dead.
Edward C. Schoch, a traveling salesman well known throughout this section of the state, died last week at his home in Philadelphia. Death was due to concussion of the brain, the result of a fall on the front porch of his home which became ice-coated.

Mr. Schoch underwent an operation Monday previous to his death in an effort to save his life and a second operation was performed later. He failed to rally, however, and never regained consciousness after the second operation.

As traveling representative of Sullivan, Smithfield and Co., Mr. Schoch was well known among business men in Centre Hall and through this section of the state. He had covered this part of the state for many years. He was a native of New Berlin, having been born and raised in that town. His father, J. M. Schoch, was also a traveling man in this section for many years. Although both father and son resided in Philadelphia, they had summer homes in New Berlin and spent much of their time in their native health. Aged 48 years, Mr. Schoch is survived by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schoch. Burial was made in New Berlin.

Entertained Freshmen.
The 1925 Centre Hall High school class was entertained Friday evening by Miss Elizabeth Bradford, one of its members. A program, consisting of readings, recitations, music—vocal and instrumental, also class songs—was executed, each member having a part. The remainder of the evening was given over to conversation and games, and partaking of refreshments.

The freshman class consists of fifteen members, as follows: Beulah B. Blingman, Aigie M. Emery, Fay E. Bradford, Margaret E. Luse, Romie Smith, Dorothy M. Odenkirk, Esther E. Martz, Beatrice Brown, Wilbur H. McDaniel, Edwood Smith, Joseph Ramer, Henry Elbauer, Clayton A. McKinney, J. Ernest Wagner, George A. Luse.

Grand Jury Censured.
Judge Arid, commenting on Number of Bills Ignored by Clinton Grand Jurors. Expresses Hope That Judge Balrd Will Dump Jury List in River.

Judge D. U. Arid, of Warren county, presiding over the Clinton county court in the absence of Judge Eugene H. Balrd, severely criticised the grand jury when it made its report to him and discharged it without the customary thanks.

The grand jury has ignored an unusually large percentage of the cases presented for its consideration, this being especially true in those cases where violation of the prohibition law was charged.

Judge Arid said that he presided over courts in eight or nine counties and had never seen so many bills ignored by a grand jury. He expressed the belief that Judge Balrd, upon hearing of conditions, would empty the jury wheel of his court into the river and request that the wheel be refilled, in order that such a thing might never again happen in the Clinton county court.

SAVED HIS CASH.

Secure Board of \$4,800 in Cellar of Burning Building at Reedsville.

Not believing in banks, Herman Shartzer, residing in the old Brown hotel building, destroyed by fire at Reedsville, had over \$4,800 in cash secured in the cellar of his home when the fire broke out. When the firemen arrived he took charge of a line of hose keeping it playing down the cellar steps which was the only way of reaching the cellar of that part of the house. If the stream from the hose would be diverted by one of the firemen he would soon have it playing down the cellar steps again so that the suspicion of the spectators was aroused and much speculation as to what he was endeavoring to save resulted, many of the neighbors remembering having heard him say that he had a large sum of money in the house.

About 10 o'clock the fire was drowned out sufficiently in the vicinity of the cellar steps to enable him to go down with a pick. He was seen digging underneath the stairway a minute or two and soon returned with his hoard intact. When counted in the presence of some bystanders it revealed the sum of \$4,800, part in gold in a can and the remainder in \$20 bills wrapped in a cloth. The money was carefully guarded by Mr. Shartzer until next morning when part was deposited in the Reedsville bank and the remainder in the Russell-National bank at Lewisistown.

Very Sincerely,
MRS. MIFFLIN MOYER.
[Note.—The item complained of follows: "The Wolfe Store school house has been converted into a dance hall and basket ball room where the young folks spend their evenings." From the editor's personal viewpoint he sees no slur or reflection in the item. Dancing, especially among the school children, is no crime; the art is indulged in by many of our people—young and old. Dancing, like all other amusements, needs overseeing, and under such conditions the amusement is commended as beneficial. Our correspondent's opinion on this question is not known. It was presumed the statement was one of fact, and as such it was given space.—Editor.]

5 Inches of Snow.
Without a single let-up snow to the depth of fifteen inches fell the latter part of last week, and then followed strong winds. The State Highway snow plows made every effort and succeeded fairly well in keeping open the main roads.

The country roads were badly blocked. Most of the travel was through fields.

Encampment and Fair Comm. Meel.
At the meeting of the Grange Encampment and Fair committee on Friday afternoon, January 30, plans were very fully discussed for an extensive building program for the year 1925. The success of the 1924 Encampment and the demands for 1925 call for enlargement in every respect.

Made Captain of Boal Troop.
Philip C. Shoemaker, of Linden Hall has been appointed captain of the Boalsburg Machine Gun Troop, to succeed Captain Sohl, resigned. Capt. Shoemaker served as lieutenant of the troop in the A. E. F. and was for a time its captain when reorganized after the war.

New Bell Manager Named.
Announcement was received confirming the appointment of F. L. Richards of Lebanon, as manager of the Bellefonte office of the Bell Telephone Company, succeeding the late W. C. Heilhecker. Mr. Richards will assume his new duties on February 1st. Roy Grove, assistant manager, who so efficiently performed the administrative duties until a new head was appointed, will be retained. It is understood that the new manager had about fourteen years of service with the company. He will reside in Bellefonte.

TAKES EXCEPTIONS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN DANCING

Rebersburg Citizen Declares Correspondent Was in Error When He Stated High School Pupils Tripped the Light Fantastic Toe.

Rebersburg, Pa., Jan. 29, 1925.
Editor Centre Reporter:
In reading over the Rebersburg item in the "Reporter" I notice something that is casting a slur on the boys and girls of Rebersburg High school. Your correspondent states that the school house at Wolfe Store has been converted into a dance hall and basket ball room and the young people spend their evenings there.

When this school was changed into a first-class High school it became necessary to have some form of athletics. The school board gave the vacant school room to be used as a gymnasium. A boys' and girls' basketball team were organized and once a week, and several times twice a week, the young people with Mr. Fry, one of the teachers in High school, who also coaches the teams, go to this gymnasium for several hours practice. The secretary of the school board and one of the directors have been out to this practice several times. It is a lie that they dance. The young people who belong to the teams are children of Christian parents, who would not allow them to dance, and their conduct has been above reproach, for Mr. Fry is a splendid man and he himself goes to all the practices and sees that all the girls are taken to their homes after the games.

Your correspondent was misinformed or deliberately lied, and I want you to correct it in your next issue. You know it has such small, narrow-minded people who try to cast reflection on all the efforts of the young.

I have two girls belonging to the basketball squad and naturally I am concerned about this. If you wish to know how false this item is just call up C. M. Bierly, cashier of the Rebersburg bank, and he will tell you. His boy is a member of the boy's team, and a splendid young man he is.

You will realize how we mothers feel to see such a slur cast on our girls and boys. Please correct this, as it is a reflection on the school board as well, for they sanctioned the use of the room as a gymnasium.

Rufus D. Rearick in Florida.
Rufus D. Rearick, son of W. O. Rearick of Milroy, and well known to many Reporter readers, is in Florida, and writes the Reporter under date of January 25th, from Clearwater, as follows: "I am visiting Florida for my first time and it certainly is wonderful here—85 degrees F.; just fine. You might mention in your paper my whereabouts. This is in the orange belt; plenty of tourists. Orlando has a population of about 30,000. I meet people from Penna. every day. Hope to see more of Florida before I return to Pennsylvania, April 1st."

Some Jersey Cow.
Producing 12,659 pounds of milk and 621.5 pounds of butterfat, Option's Ima Daytonia, a Jersey cow owned by Pennsylvania State College, recently established a new state record in the 265-day division.

It is interesting to note that it cost \$200 to feed Option's Ima Daytonia her twelve tons of rations while she was on test. During that time she consumed 5,223 pounds of grain, 346 pounds of molasses, 843 pounds of dried beef pulp, 8,307 pounds of silage, 4,671 pounds of green feed, 1,860 pounds of roots and 2,872 pounds of alfalfa and mixed hays.

Returns of milk sold amounted to \$775, which leaves a handsome profit when cost of feed is deducted. Since all of the milk was sold in the grade A or certified classes, the returns are higher than could be expected.

\$25,000 More for Bucknell.
The Bucknell University endowment fund has been increased \$25,000 by a gift which is made jointly by E. F. Lotte, a member of the board of trustees, and his son, C. Walter Lotte, who is a Bucknell alumnus of the class of 1914.

The gift was announced last week by the Messrs. Lotte, who reside at Paterson, N. J.

The elder Mr. Lotte is general manager of the National Silk Dyeing Co., which has a large plant at Williamsport. His son is manager of the Dundee Lake, N. J., plant of the company.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.
Centre county has 79,385 acres of State forest lands.

Miss Edith M. Sankey, of Middleburg, attended the sessions of county grange, at Centre Hall, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Fisher, of Centre Hall, are in Sunbury with their daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Roy E. Corman, for several weeks.

Russell Reish, who is teaching the grammar grade in the Orviston public schools, spent the week end with his father, J. S. Reish, at Potters Mills.

Frank D. Lee visited his brother, Hiram Lee, at State College, the latter part of last week. The illness of Hiram Lee was the cause of Mr. Lee's visit.

Miss Bernadine Reffnyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reffnyder, of Millheim, was taken ill last week with what proved to be a mild form of scarlet fever. Miss Reffnyder is a member of the senior class in the Millheim High school.

W. S. Williams, building contractor, now residing in Bellefonte, was in Centre Hall on Saturday looking for a house which he might occupy before April 1st. Mr. Williams has a summer home in the Colyer district, which he built about a year ago.

Judge Frank E. Reader, of Beaver county, will preside in Centre county, during the first week of the February term, to dispose of cases in which Judge Arthur C. Dale was interested before he was appointed to the Bench. A judge other than Mr. Dale may also reside during the second week of court.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson P. Ard, accompanied by Miss Neese, night superintendent at the Centre County Hospital, departed recently for Los Angeles, intending to remain for at least a month. If conditions in California are to their liking the probability is that they will locate there permanently.

Mrs. Theodore Breon (nee Mary Hosterman), of Penn township, a worker in the Millheim silk mill, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital, at Bellefonte, recently, for treatment of an abscess on one of her limbs. This is the sixth time she has been afflicted in a similar manner within a year.

The opening of the main thoroughfare by the use of the State highway snow plows necessitates an operation on the part of the borough not heretofore necessary. Reference is made to the removal of the snow piled up by the plows at the intersections of the streets and alleys. This is not a complaint, only a reference to the fact.

Representatives of road building concerns were in Centre Hall last week and consulted with land owners abutting on the State highway over Nittany Mountain relative to arrangements that might be made as to possible damage to property during road construction. They also visited C. A. Spicker, the stone man, presumably to ascertain prices on stone for road building.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCool, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brungart, and Mrs. Howard Foust, of Centre Hall; W. A. Neese, Andrew Corman, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Corman and son, and Clair Oehl, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Charles Oehl, Nittany; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burwell, of Millheim, attended the funeral of Mrs. Blanche L. Neese, wife of Adam N. Neese at Hartleton.

A summer camp is in preparation of building in the vicinity of the "Pond" on the Decker road, leading off from the State highway over the Seven Mountains at Sunset club house, by Edward H. Laughner, of near Potters Mills. Mr. Laughner purchased the site from Mrs. Wolf. While the camp will be used for hunting purposes, the main object is to have a mountain summer home. The structure will be 14x24 feet.

The McCormick-Deering tractor school held last week, at Hosterman's Garage, was largely attended by tractor owners who appeared to be very much interested in the talk given by men who thoroughly understood tractors and tractor bills. In the evening, in Grange Arcadia, the tractor was further illustrated by the use of the screen. D. W. Bradford was the local man in charge.

While felling a tree on the mountains near his father's sawmill, Sumner Frankenberg, of Millheim, had a narrow escape from death. The young man in company with Emanuel Kradner, was cutting logs for the mill. Just at the time a pine tree was ready to fall, a limb fell from it, striking Summer on the left side of the head, cut a deep gash in his upper lip and knocked him down.