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## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS IN CENTRE VALUE \$11,107,500

Production in Money Value More in 1928—Greater Than in 1927, But Less Laborers Employed and Less Paid in Wages.

Centre county, one of the big match producers in Pennsylvania, turned out industrial products in 1928 with a value of \$11,107,500, according to preliminary tabulations made by the Bureau of Statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs, James B. Woodward. In 1927 industrial products in the county were worth \$10,888,900.

Records filed with the Department of Internal Affairs show that there were 102 industrial establishments in Centre county last year, representing thirty-two different kinds of industry. The various plants were operated by 34 individuals, 21 partnerships and 47 corporations and gave employment to 3,864 industrial workers. There were 3,579 wage earners and 285 salaried employees. Wage earners included 3,041 American white, 13 American colored, and 525 foreigners. There were 3,939 male wage employees and 540 female wage workers who were paid \$3,482,200, the males receiving \$3,162,800 while female wage workers were paid \$319,400. Salaried employees received \$866,700 during the year and this amount combined with the wages made the industrial payroll in the county total \$4,148,900.

In 1927 there were 3,737 wage earners and 291 salaried employees, a total of 4,028 industrial workers. Wages in 1927 amounted to \$3,570,400 and salaries reached \$611,100, a total of \$4,181,500. Capital invested in industry in 1928 was \$11,821,800 and in 1927 the total invested amounted to \$11,671,600.

Clay, glass and stone products led the other industrial classes in the county last year with a value of \$3,405,000, lime being worth \$1,652,600, while terra-cotta and fire clay products had a value of \$1,385,800. Food and kindred products occupied second position with a value of \$1,755,000, and textile products stood third with \$1,756,600. Other industrial classes had these values: Chemical and allied products, \$818,300; leather and rubber goods, \$19,900; lumber and its manufacture, \$157,800; paper and printing industries, \$144,400; metals and metal products, \$123,900; mines and quarries, \$1,817,900; bituminous coal being worth \$1,291,600, and miscellaneous \$87,500.

Some quantities produced in Centre county last year included 19,322,966, 400 matches; 7,971,000 gannister bricks; 38,805 barrels of flour; 140,672 gallons of ice cream; 5,334 tons of manufactured ice; 398,186 dozen pairs of cotton wool and mixed hosiery; 22,050 dozen skirts; 717,982 tons of bituminous coal and 21,112 tons of glass sand.

## REVENUE TAX REDUCTION.

Democrats in Congress insist the cut in taxes should be not less than \$300,000,000, while Secretary Mellon announces that he will recommend a reduction of but \$160,000,000. It was due to the firm stand of Democrats that the cut two years ago was increased over that recommended by Secretary Mellon.

The announcement, however, will be welcomed by all payers of income tax, for under the program mapped out by the treasury department, the benefits of this reduction will extend to all classes, with the greatest proportionate benefit received by the "little fellow" at the bottom of the list.

The man having a taxable income of less than \$4,000 will pay a tax of one-half of one per cent. If Mr. Mellon recommendations are adopted, Under the present schedule he pays one and one-half per cent, so that a two-thirds reduction is proposed for him. On the second \$4,000, from three per cent. to two per cent.; and on the balance, the present five per cent. rate will be reduced to four per cent.

The corporation tax rate will be cut from twelve to eleven per cent. The reduction in the rate of income tax assessment does not mean that the government has decided it can run the nation's affairs with less money than it now receives. It means that the treasury looks for such an increase in incomes and earnings that the needs of the government may be met by collecting a smaller percentage therefrom.

## Appoint New Home Economics Worker

Miss Mayme Lovelace has been appointed home economics extension representative for Centre and Huntingdon counties, succeeding Miss Mary Reynolds, recently resigned.

A graduate of Columbia University, Miss Lovelace has been teaching for ten years. In Centre county she will carry on the same type of work as that conducted by Miss Reynolds. The following projects are available for group work—Nutrition and Health, Clothing and Household Management. There are many interesting projects under each heading that can be taken up by the communities that wish to take up this work.

## Writes from North Carolina.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 10, 1929.

Enclosed find cash to pay for subscription.

I may not be at this address longer than a month. I enjoyed seeing names of a great many people I know years ago, in the Reporter.

Yours very truly,  
(Mrs.) Susan Kuehnbauer.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

## POTATO CROP OF OVER 8,000 BUSHELS

Harvey H. Decker, Potato Wizard from Youth, Harvests Crop in Nipenose Valley—Farm Also Produced 800 Bushels Wheat, 500 Bushels Barley and 800 Bushels Oats.

Harvey H. Decker, who got early information on potato growing while attending the Gregg Township Vocational school, and while yet a youth put it into practice in competition with others and invariably won in production of tubers, continues to carry out methods taught him on his 250-acre farm, near Collinsville, about three miles south of Williamsport. The past season was a bad one for potato growers, but Mr. Decker harvested over eight thousand bushels of tubers, of the Russett and Rural New Yorker varieties. His soil is of a sandy nature, admirably adapted to potato growing in the ordinary season, but, of course, could not withstand a drought like was experienced last summer without showing a decrease in yield. Two thousand bushels of the crop have been sold. The remainder are stored on the farm.

It required eleven hundred bushels to plant the seventy to seventy-five acres. The vines were regularly cultivated and sprayed throughout the entire season. The harvesting was done with the aid of a double row Champion digger, a tractor furnishing power. Mr. Decker also practices book-keeping in connection with his farming, and finds his total expense charged to the crop is \$4,000.

In addition to the potato crop grown there was harvested from the farm 800 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of barley, and 800 bushels of oats, also hay and corn.

Potatoes will continue to be the chief crop planted next year.

Collinsville is located in a fine farming section, where farm buildings are kept in good repair. It is along State Highway route No. 54, which begins at Lewisburg bridge and leads along the west side of the Susquehanna river to Watsontown where it turns westward to Jersey Shore.

## WADDLE-COLLEGE ROAD ORDERED BUILT NOW

Contractors have been notified to start work Monday on three highway construction projects totaling 12.24 miles and involving an expenditure of \$503,596.99, Samuel Eckels, Chief Engineer of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways announced a few days ago.

The largest project is surfacing with concrete 5.87 miles of Traffic Route 259 (Leg. Route 404) between State College and Waddle, which will connect State College on the northwest with Traffic Route 550 between Bellefonte and Tyrone.

The contract for this improvement was awarded to the Ross Construction Company of Pittsburgh, on October 16, for \$291,312.57.

The Chemical Lime company has secured the contract for the stone for the concrete. Rhodes Brothers, of Bellefonte, have the contract for all of the bridges on the route and they began work excavating last week.

The other two sections of road are in Bedford and Potter counties.

## DEER INVESTIGATION

Made Recently By State and Federal Officials.

Continuing further the deer study program in Pennsylvania which was outlined some time ago, John J. Slauterback, executive secretary of the Game Commission, accompanied by other members of the fact-finding committee, including Dr. W. B. Bell, in charge of Biological Investigations of the Biological Survey, Vernon Bailey, chief field naturalist, Dr. C. D. Marsh, poisonous plant specialist of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Thomas E. Wine-coff, in charge of research for the Game Commission, just completed several day tour of the deer sections of the State.

The committee first went to Bucknell University where they discussed with Prof. Norman H. Stewart his progress in the study of the nose fly (Cephenomyia) in deer. Next the party visited the experimental feeding station at State College. Here sixteen deer are being held where experimental feeding with laurel, rhododendron, and other browse is being carried on.

The following day the committee toured Clearfield county. The entire day was spent in the forests studying food conditions. Observations showed that the deer had already eaten a great deal of their winter browse. On this trip for a distance of 55 miles 107 deer were counted, two of which were bucks. The adult does, however, with three or four exceptions, were accompanied by twin fawns.

The next day was spent going through Refuge No. 1, Clinton county. The deer in the vicinity of this refuge were in good condition with a good supply of all kinds of food available.

About four hours were spent in the vicinity of Refuge No. 6, Centre county, where food conditions were serious. Dr. Marsh, making his first trip into the deer country, stated that the investigation convinced him that Pennsylvania has a real problem to deal with.

## Oysters for Thanksgiving.

Parties wishing oysters for Thanksgiving will please give me their order this week, otherwise they may be disappointed.—Wilbur Bland.

## COURT NEWS.

(Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.)  
The following court news was received too late for publication last week:

Commonwealth vs. Howard A. Store. Indicted for forgery; prosecutor, Warren C. Bear, State Highway Patrolman. The defendant was charged with forging the name of the divorced wife to the transfer of an automobile title, husband and wife being divorced, but it developed in the testimony that the case was brought not for the benefit of the Commonwealth but for the purpose of collecting a balance claimed by the wife. The Court gave binding instructions to the jury to find for the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. J. Parker; charged with operating motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Prosecutor, B. F. Moeckley, State Highway Patrolman. Defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs, fine of \$50.00, and 30 days in the county jail.

Commonwealth vs. Blanche Reed; indicted for assault and battery. Prosecutor, Mary Duff. This case was brought for an alleged assault and battery on the evening of October 29th, in Bellefonte. Verdict of not guilty and the defendant to pay one-half of the costs and the prosecutor the other one-half of the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Emory Fink. Two indictments for forgery. Prosecutor, Leo Boden. The defendant plead guilty and having been in court before was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$1.00, and not less than three years nor more than six years in the penitentiary.

Commonwealth vs. Lester Glass; indicted for issuing bad check. Prosecutor, Paul W. Houser. Not pressed. The defendant having made restitution.

Commonwealth vs. Lester Glass; indicted for uttering and delivering a bad check. Prosecutor, A. E. Yougel. Defendant plead guilty and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo probation for period of one year.

Commonwealth vs. same. Indicted for false pretense. Prosecutor, Edward Sellers. Sentenced was suspended on this case upon payment of costs and restitution of the money.

Commonwealth vs. Lester Gill; violation of liquor laws. Prosecutor, Leo Boden, county detective. Defendant sentenced to pay the costs and undergo probation for period of two years.

Commonwealth vs. J. L. Bortoff. Indicted for violation of liquor laws. Prosecutor, Leo Boden, county detective. Defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo probation for period of two years.

Commonwealth vs. Lester W. Tate. Indicted for violation of liquor laws. Prosecutor, A. E. Yougel. Defendant plead guilty and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo probation for period of two years.

Court adjourned on Thursday noon until Monday morning.

Commonwealth vs. Leonard Bryan; charged, first count, operating automobile after his operator's license had been revoked; second count, operating automobile while under the influence of liquor; third count, hitting another automobile and damaging the same and not stopping to render assistance as required by law. The defendant plead guilty on the first charge and not guilty on the second and third charges until after the Commonwealth closed its testimony, when he changed his plea from that of not guilty to guilty on the three counts. The Court then sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution, \$1.00 fine, and not less than six months nor more than one year in the Allegheny county work house.

Commonwealth vs. Willard Eckle. Indicted on two counts. First count, possession of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. Second count, for sale of same. The case was on trial most of Wednesday and grew out of the 101 Ranch in Union township. Defendant went on trial on both counts at the same time. Prosecutor, Leo Boden county detective. The defendant being indicted for the violation of the law as on the 10th day of August Defendant admitted being at the place in the months of June and July but that he had left there on the first of August. The case was strenuously tried and resulted in a verdict on Wednesday evening of guilty on the first count—that of illegal possession—and not guilty of the second count.

Commonwealth vs. Enoch Smith. Indicted for refusing to render assistance after hitting another automobile, and for not giving his name and address and showing his operator's card. Prosecutor, B. F. Moeckley, State Highway Patrol. This case was tried and resulted in a verdict on Thursday of guilty and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$25.00, and undergo probation for a period of one year.

Commonwealth vs. Daniel Kern. Indicted for a statutory offense; prosecutor Leo Boden, county detective. The real prosecutor having died, Leo Boden was designated as prosecutor. The testimony being very weak resulted in the discharge of the defendant by the Court.

Commonwealth vs. John Jackson. Indicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Prosecutor, G. M. Manning, State Highway patrolman. The defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs, fine of \$1.00, and three months in the county jail.

## McCLENNANHAN GRAIN HOUSE SOLD TO GEORGE STOVER

Business Established by B. D. Brisbin—Seventh Owner Took Charge Monday—Manager of Business for Seven Years.

The grain house, coal yards, etc., conducted by William McClenahan for a period of seven years, was sold on Monday to George Stover, who took charge immediately. Mr. Stover, who is a young man of high character and is a young business attainment, has been the manager of the business he purchased during all of the time it was conducted by Mr. McClenahan, and in addition had two years training under the former owner, the late R. D. Foreman. The sale includes stock and buildings.

The business in all lines handled by Mr. McClenahan increased during his ownership, thus turning over to his successor a much more prosperous proposition than it was when he secured it.

Mr. McClenahan will continue dray in, begun in his name during the early nineties, and which like the business sold, is successfully conducted.

The grain house in question was erected by the late William Colyer, about 1900, and was leased by B. D. Brisbin for a short time. Foreman & Moray (R. D. Foreman and William F. Moray, both now deceased) began business after Mr. Brisbin, and a year or more later a partnership was formed by Mr. Foreman and L. L. Smith, and on the retirement from the firm by the latter, Mr. Foreman continued the business until the time of his death, shortly after which time it was taken over by the retiring owner at the present time.

## TRAFFIC OBSERVATION.

Observers noted on Saturday forenoon that two young men, presumably working for the State Highway Department, were keeping tab on all cars crossing the diamond, regardless of direction. The purpose of the record was not made known, but it was evidently to ascertain the relative number of cars going north and south with those going east and west. The notations were made during periods of about fifteen minutes. The actual results would be interesting, but could not be obtained. From observations during one or more of the periods by outside parties, the cars going north and south were about ten times as many as went east and west.

It is learned that observations of a similar character were made at one or more points along the Bald Eagle concrete road, west of Millsburg, and also in Millheim during last week. Since the records were taken at points where traffic lights exist, it is surmised that the State Highway Department is aiming to support its assumption that less traffic lights than exist are needed.

## Farewell Party.

A farewell party was held at the home of Jacob Sharer, on Friday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sfarer. The evening was enjoyed by the more than seventy persons present. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee.

## 34 BRADFORD COUNTY FARMS SOLD AT AUCTION

Thirty-four farms in Bradford county changed hands at the sale conducted by the Federal Land Bank, of Baltimore, at the court house in Towanda. They included more than 8,000 acres and the average price was less than \$8 per acre. The majority of the farms are unoccupied at present and many of them are in a run down condition, although most of them have good buildings.

The sales were due to the foreclosure of mortgages placed on the farms through the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore.

The sale attracted one of the largest crowds that has ever been seen in the court house. Every seat was occupied and hundreds were standing. The parking spaces in the town were taxed, many of the upper streets being used to accommodate the cars.

## Another Landmark Passes at College.

The Bellefonte Central Railroad has agreed to remove its 28-year-old station and tracks from the main campus of the Pennsylvania State College. A new freight station will be erected to the west of the campus, work starting within two months.

Removal of the present station and tracks, the grading and clearing of the site, and the new building for the railroad, together with the necessary sidings, are expected to be completed by next summer. These changes are possible because of the building of a new college power house on the west campus. Vast improvement in the appearance of the college grounds will result.

## Bake Sale.

The Willing Workers of the Lutheran Sunday school will hold a bake sale and parcel post sale, in the Penna Valley bank building, Saturday evening of this week. Bread, cakes, pies, rolls, home-made potato chips, will be on sale; also wafers and oyster sandwiches.

## Sunday Newspapers, 11c.

Starting Sunday, November 24th, the price of Sunday newspapers will be 11c instead of 12c, delivered in Centre Hall. Price in effect until further notice.—I. C. McClenahan.

## SPEAKERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING, HERE

Agricultural Extension Association to Gather in Grange Arcadia, Saturday of This Week.

The Agricultural Extension Association has been fortunate to secure the services of some very prominent speakers for the annual meeting, which is to be held in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, on Saturday, November 23rd. The ladies will be addressed by Miss Harmony Hutchinson, home economics specialist at State College. Miss Hutchinson will take as her subject, "The Home Maker's Budget," and will address the ladies at a special meeting in the afternoon. Dairy improvement will be the main topic of discussion for the men. O. G. Scheaffer from New York City has been secured to talk on this subject in the afternoon. Mr. Scheaffer is a graduate of the University of Missouri, also of the University of Minnesota. He was dairy specialist at the Pennsylvania State College for some time, following which he was instructor at the University of Minnesota, and later was connected with the dairy department of the Federal Government. At the present time he is connected with the farm magazine, "Successful Farming," with headquarters at New York City.

The county-wide improvement program will be discussed at length by Clarence E. Peters, a member of the firm of Peters Brothers at Stormstown. Peters Brothers have been a member of the Cow Testing association for several years, and the first Holstein bull association and have some outstanding figures to demonstrate the possibilities of a dairy improvement project such as is being carried on in Centre county by the Extension association.

## Barned Burned.

The farm barn on the Cooper Miller farm, tenanted by Archie Baird, was totally destroyed by fire Friday night, about 8:00 o'clock. The location is about three miles west of Pine Grove Mills.

The loss included three horses and several head of cattle. Insurance was held in a cash company. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Miller, the owner of the barn burned, is engaged as an instructor in the Chester public schools.

## GROVE—WELLS.

Earl Grove and Miss Mabel Wells were united in marriage at Lewistown, on Saturday, 9th instant. The groom is a son of Grove, of Centre Hall, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells, living on their farm west of town. The young couple expect to begin housekeeping this fall at Old Fort, where Mr. Grove will be employed by Paul Bradford on the Old Fort farm.

## Delaney-Homan.

On November 8th, at the Lutheran parsonage, by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, Earl K. Delaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delaney, and Miss Elizabeth A. Homan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Homan, both of Centre Hall, were united in marriage.

## Sunbury Woman Badly Hurt in Accidental Shooting.

Mrs. R. R. Fritz, of Sunbury, was severely wounded in the leg when she was accidentally shot by her son Raymond, aged 16 years. Raymond had been hunting early in the morning and had returned home about 8 o'clock and was busily engaged in getting ready for school when his sister, Bernice, aged about 12 years, had said, teasingly, that Hunter Osman, a neighbor boy, had a small gun which he had only paid a few dollars for, and that it cracked as loud as his big one.

The remark was too much for the lad's pride to swallow, and saying as he snatched up his gun from the corner of the room where he had set it, "I'll show you it don't," pointed it in the direction of his mother who was sitting across the room, talking to Bernice. Not knowing that the gun was loaded, the lad pulled the trigger. The entire load of shot had struck her in the left leg between the knee and ankle, and shattered the bone and tore the flesh, so badly that it is doubtful if the leg can be saved.

## RED CROSS ENROLLMENT.

Between Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day, the period of its thirteenth annual roll call, the American Red Cross replenishes its funds.

It is able to carry on its work only in firm reliance on the great endowment of good will which it has earned and highly treasures.

The enrollment fee is modest enough—only one dollar per head. Those who can afford it and are so inclined—and it is to be hoped that they will be numerous—may give larger amounts, qualifying themselves for various classes of membership.

During the last fiscal year the Red Cross aided the victims of 117 domestic disasters, affecting thirty-nine States, and disaster victims in eleven foreign countries.

The total relief expenditures during the year amounted to considerably more than eight million dollars, including funds raised through general appeals, following the Florida and Porto Rican hurricanes.

Its essential humanitarian spirit would be destroyed if attempt were made to finance the work of the Red Cross by government subsidies. It can only be supported by the gifts of the people.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Some give, some lend. There is no death. Of either. Yet, to be concise, The man who lends a hand is worth a score of those who give advice.

The borough schools will be closed Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday following.

Miss Minnie Thomas and Susanna Callahan, of Tusseyville, visited the former's sister, Mrs. H. E. DeFrohn, at Yeagertown.

Under a ruling made by the Internal Revenue bureau, individuals in making up their income report may deduct the amount of tax paid on gas.

Work on the new Bellefonte Central branch railroad was resumed recently with the laying of rails. Work will be continued until weather conditions interfere.

Mrs. Grace Breon and children, now located at Buckroe Beach, Virginia, expect to move to Centre Hall, into the vacant section of the house belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Mitterling.

George Varney, of near Port Royal, is one of the largest bee farmers in Central Pennsylvania. This fall he harvested more than three tons of honey from the millions of bees on his property.

The bear killed on what is known as "Sharpback" Mountain below Woodward by Malcolm Boob, a youthful hunter, weighed 249 pounds. The bear was thin and generally in poor condition.

Donald Bloom and Ralph Brooks, two youthful hunters, with the aid of a well trained dog, captured a large raccoon one night last week. The pelts of the raccoon are now worth something like \$6.00 to \$8.00.

George Lohr, now living on the Fisher homestead farm at Penn Hall, will become a Potter township resident next spring, when he will move onto the Boyd Spicher farm, formerly the Boal farm, west of Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Hackett, of Reedsville, left on Monday for Philadelphia and while in the Quaker City will place their small grandaughter, who has made her home with them for several years, in an institution for the blind.

Prof. E. L. Nixon, of State College, reference to whose success as a potato grower was made recently in these columns, did some wholesale shipping of tubers. Every day for two weeks a car was shipped, and for one week two cars a day were shipped.

Miss Alice Bickel, day nurse in the Lewistown hospital, was a guest at the Bartholomew home here this week. She was one of two nurses who cared for Doris Moltz, a member of the Bartholomew family, who was an operative patient in the hospital named.

Ira Auman who has been farming the Auman place at Potters Mills, will make sale on March 25 and quit the farm. He will move into the Wagner property, at Potters Mills, purchased by him about three years ago. Irvin McClellan, of Potters Mills, will become the tenant on the Auman farm.

Ralph C. Tressler, for four years tenant on the Boal farm now owned by Boyd Spicher, located west of Old Fort, announces sale of farm stock and implements for March 13th. Mr. Tressler will discontinue farming, and although he has engaged to take up a line of work next spring, prefers not to make his future plans public at this time.

Bruce Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weaver, of near Millheim, was run over by a Ford coupe while in the performance of his duties on the State highway construction in the Woodward narrows. Both front and rear wheels passed over the young man, but no bones were broken. He was severely bruised, however.

Engineers of the State Highway Department are busy running a line for the proposed new State road through Millroy. They have tested the stream for foundations for bridges, and the line, as it stands at present, cuts off part of the porch of the residence of Mrs. Margaret Armstrong and runs through the center of the Congregational parsonage, occupied by Rev. H. J. Deiss. Whether this line will be final remains to be seen.

Curtis Greeninger, a Penn State student and son of Carpenter Ed. Greeninger, of Millheim, is at his Rebersburg home due to an injury to his left leg. Young Greeninger is a member of the track squad at Penn State, and last week, in the meet with Pitt, the young man developed a bad knee, finishing second in the event. The injury seems to be a recurrence of a similar one suffered a year ago, and its cause has not been satisfactorily diagnosed.

The farm stock, implements and household goods sold Wednesday last week by Mrs. Robert Finkle, of Georgia valley brought high prices as a rule. The stock totaled to \$4287. Cows sold for \$140, \$160 and \$175; only a few passed for under \$100. A trader used four years was bid up to close the price of a new machine of the same make. One hundred and twenty-eight Leghorn pullets were sold in crates of sixteen each. The first crate was sold for \$1.40 per bird, and each succeeding crate was bid higher, the last two being knocked off at \$2.70.