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EDITORIAL.

The pure food bill pending in congress provides that a pound shall mean sixteen ounces of a given article, exclusive of the wrappings. The wrappings cost less than two cents per pound, but are often put by some dealers with an article costing even as much as 25 cents a pound.

A new ground of protest against granting a license—and it is not a bad idea. In a certain community in Montgomery county an esteemed citizen applied to the court for a bottler's license, whereupon his loving friends drew up a remonstrance in which they set forth that the applicant is a good man and a church member, and that they are afraid if he gets a license his religious zeal will cool and he will not be the good man he is at present.

STATE Highway Commissioner Hunter expects to build more than 200 miles of good roads in Pennsylvania during the present year. Plans and specifications have been selected for a number of these roads and work will begin within the next three days. Practically every county in the state will profit. The time limit for making application for this year's appropriation for State aid for the building of roads expires on April 30. What's doing in this line in Centre county? Nothing.

An unusually significant and important article appears in another column of this issue, an extract from some recent proceedings in Congress. Because it is about the tariff, you should not pass it by. The tariff question will never be settled as long as men are filled with greed and after plunder. It is a battle that will be fought a thousand years from now, if this old earth stands that long. From the beginning of time the strong imposed upon the weak, rich thrived upon the labor of the poor, wealthy sought special privileges from the masses. It is the same old story of the ages, and by means of the tariff, a disguise to deceive the laboring classes, the rich obtain special privileges and they grow richer. Read the article we publish; then like an honest man sit down and think. Think for yourself, then act accordingly.

Trade in Your Own Town.

A right that belongs to every citizen is the privilege of spending his earnings in whatever manner and where he inclines as long as he keeps within the law. No one will dispute the former's claim that he can send his money to any place that he wishes and buy goods he needs wherever he wants to. But there is an economic side of the question that should not be overlooked. The resident of a community should be active in furthering the interests of the place he calls home. He is working contrary to his own good when he sends his money to the distant city for his supplies he knows can be secured in his home town. The dollar sent away goes out of circulation and ceases to be a factor in the building up of the community from which it is sent.

Can Extend State Aid.

Deputy Attorney General Meitz furnished State Highway Commissioner Hunter an opinion that he has the legal right, under the act of May, 1905, in all cases where State aid is asked for the reconstruction of turnpikes that have been abandoned to proceed precisely as in the case of any other roads, and extend the State aid in the work of re-construction. Commissioner Hunter recently called attention to the fact that application has been made for charters for two street railways on the National road in Washington county, which is exclusively the property of the State. The deputy attorney general says there is necessity for careful consideration in issuing charters to trolly companies.

Letter to Katz & Co.

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SUES FOR \$5,000,000.

Philadelphia's Mayor Brings Action Against Durnham and Others.

Civil proceedings were instituted by the Mayor of Philadelphia, against the contractors and former republican officials interested in the construction of the municipal filtration plant to recover \$5,000,000 (which sum is alleged to have been wrongfully retained by the defendants.

Those named in the bill are Israel W. Durham, famous Republican leader in Pennsylvania; State Senator James P. McNichol; Anatasia, his wife; Daniel J. McNichol, John M. Mack, all of whom were at one time members of the contracting firm of Daniel J. McNichol and Company; William C. Haddock and Peter E. Costello, former director of Public Works, and John W. Hill, former chief of the filtration bureau, all members of republican city ring. The prayer is sworn to by Mayor Weaver. The bill is in the form of a paper book of more than four thousand pages containing the entire history of the filter plant contracts and setting forth in detail the mass of evidence that has been gathered showing the alleged wrongful acts of the defendants by which the city was defrauded.

This bill is expected to give the public the facts upon which the Mayor and his counsel rely to prove the charges that have been made from time to time against D. J. McNichol and Company. It is the first of the civil suits to be begun by the city since the beginning of the investigation into the construction of the filter and many of the statements contained in it are along the line of the report made by the filtration commission and signed by Major Cassius E. Gillette as chairman of the commission just prior to the election last November.

For several months our truculent, fawning editor across the way has been printing Lively editorials, telling his Centre county readers that Mayor Weaver is a political fakier and a fraud. Will it ever have courage to tell them what has happened? hardly.

HIT THEIR OWN POCKETS.

Republican newspapers which applaud the band of "stand patters" who declare that the tariff shall not be revised are placed in a peculiar situation when they come to pay their paper bills. When the newspaper man liquidates his indebtedness to the Paper trust and realizes that but for the tariff on wood pulp he would be able to procure his paper at a much lower price he feels that after all it might be a good thing if those stand patters were to be less strenuous in their opposition to tariff revision.

The tariff on wood pulp and on lumber from which wood pulp is made benefits nobody but the Paper trust. It does great injury to the American people, because its enforcement causes the destruction of the American forests and is a tax on American education by making printed literature much dearer. The removal of this tariff would do more toward the preservation of our forests than all the talking which the national agricultural department does along that line and more than the teachings of Arbor day's obscenances of many years.

Our Republican friends in the newspaper business are not consistent. They want the duty on wood pulp removed, because that would benefit them, but they stand pat for the continuance of high tariff rates on commodities in which the common people are interested. These Republicans are not backward in claiming that the tariff injures their business, but they are not prepared to go the length of declaring that the tariff laws are kept in force solely for the benefit and monopolies. That would be treason to the Republican fetish.

THE NEW SHEEP LAW.

The attention of justices of peace has been called to a law passed during the last session of the legislature and providing how sheep claims shall be presented to the commissioners and paid. Up to this time claims were filed under the act of 1893. Claims already filed under the act will be paid, but in future no claims will be accepted unless prepared according to the later law which among other things provides that no person shall receive an order for any claim until he or she has been qualified, according to law, before said justice of the peace, magistrate or alderman before whom claim was made, that due diligence was made to ascertain whose dog or dogs did such damage, and that the carcasses of the sheep killed and for which damages have been assessed, were buried within twenty-four hours after the assessment of damages by the auditors aforesaid, provided further, that owners of sheep killed by dogs shall be paid 50 cents each for burial of sheep killed and paid as other damages. Justices of the peace are therefore required to add such affidavits to all claims sworn before them in which the owner claims damages for sheep killed and add amount for burial as provided.

Purchased Irvin House.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the popular Irvin house in Lock Haven, becomes the exclusive property of Hon. S. Woods Caldwell. For a number of years Mr. Caldwell had a half interest in the hotel, the other half being owned by the VanDyke estate, who recently disposed of it to S. A. Lutz, of Tyrone. Now Mr. Caldwell has purchased the Lutz interest, he becomes sole proprietor of the building.

MT. VESUVIUS IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

Many Towns and Cities are Completely Destroyed.

BELCHING FIRE AND LAVA

The Skies are Covered by Smoke and Dust--Streams of Lava Wipe out Entire Towns--Loss of Life Great--Violent Earthquakes.

Vesuvius, the historic volcano rising above the bay of Naples, in Italy, has for over two thousand years been one of the great spectacles of Europe. Past eruptions have been destructive, burying the ancient cities of Pompei and Herculaneum; then at times the mountain has slumbered for a hundred years without emitting a single groan. The present eruption, however, promises to go on record as the greatest in the knowledge of man if not one of the most destructive.

During the past week old Vesuvius has been playing in all its magnificent fury. All around for miles the earth has heaved and shaken. Rumbings and mutterings in the bowels of the earth gave warnings of the mighty forces of nature imprisoned beneath, and about to break forth. The crater of the volcano is only the vent by which the molten lava, gases, steam, rocks and cinders escape from the mighty seething cauldron deep down in the earth.

To describe the sight is beyond the ability of any pen, and the destruction to life and property, and the suffering that ensues is beyond realization. Vesuvius is an immense cone, formed by the deposits of volcanic matter for centuries past, and is several miles in circumference. From the base up almost to the very crater, the entire surface is inhabited by a thrifty husbandry, who tilled its fertile slopes, confident that it had become extinct. Many noted cities cluster at its base, with populations of from ten to thirty thousand. Consider this, and realize that in a fort-night, as if by magic, the entire scene has changed. Where promising fields, thrifty vineyards, verdant clad hills and prosperous people a week ago existed, now there only remains a bleak devastation, with death and desolation on every side. The giant is belching forth enormous clouds of smoke, ashes and deadly gases. From the crater pour forth irresistible streams of molten lava that course down the sides obliterating vegetation, habitations, and even entire cities. Large fissures break from the sides and fiery flames dart forth adding to the splendor of the spectacle but only to make the devastation greater.

How many lives have been lost and homes destroyed can not be estimated, until a period of rest is assured. The surface for miles around is covered with a depth of falling ashes that makes travel impossible, and the earth is clothed in a deadly pallor. The light of the sun even fails to penetrate the dust laden atmosphere. As the lurid flames burst forth and the glowing streams of lava like sinuous serpents trail down the mountain sides a ghastly glow illuminates the dark skies with a terror. Hundreds have been overcome by fumes of deadly gases, or fatigued in trying to escape through the ashes.

This is Vesuvius; can you imagine the awful spectacle or realize the deathly gloom that pervades the shores of Sunny Italy, where this grim monster is located? This stupendous phenomenon is beyond calculation or human understanding.

ROLAND.

The school will close on Friday of this week and little Harry is hunting up all the crying material he can find.

Miss Alma Stein, of Zion, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Crossmire, over Sunday.

Miss Bulah Bryan spent a few days with her parents at this place.

Miss Kathryn Curtin is spending her Easter vacation with her parents at this place.

John Brooks is at home "laid off" on account of the strike.

The people of this place are very much pleased to have their pastor back Rev. Alier of the M. E. church.

Men have been put on full time.

Mrs. J. M. Parker and son Paul, of Bellefonte, and Miss Katie Parker, of Jersey Shore, Sundayed at the home of Mrs. W. G. Morrison.

Mrs. Leyman had her gold watch stolen out of the house one day last week. She thinks she has a clue to the thief.

Miss Alice Neff, Velta Williams and Carolyn Mann were to Bellefonte on a shopping expedition last week.

Patriot Bargain Week.

From April 10 to 16, The Patriot, of Harrisburg, will hold its second annual Bargain Week, during which you may subscribe at the low price of \$2 for an entire year for the daily edition.

The Patriot is the only morning paper published at the Capital and is known throughout the State for its fearless attitude in fighting those men and measures which are against public welfare.

The Patriot receives over its special wire, the dispatches of the Associated Press from all over the world, including the grain and cattle markets and stock quotations.

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RAILROAD RATE BILL.

Tuesday was a great day in the U. S. Senate Chamber. The occasion was Senator Bailey's reply to the arguments of Senators Spooner, Aldrich and Knox, who have used all their influence and ability to defeat the bill by which it is intended to place the railroads of the country under regulation of a government commission.

These three men are known as notorious corporation lawyers, always ready to respond to the call of the money power. They tried to make the Senate believe, and the country accept the doctrine, that the courts are greater than the legislative branch of the government—that the wishes of the people shall not prevail. Here an important question was raised, and by a long list of quotations from the highest courts the young Texan completely demolished every pretense of an argument made by these corporation tools in the Senate. So clear, forceful and convincing was the argument of the brilliant Texan that the former speeches of Knox and Spooner bore unmistakable evidences of insincerity, ignorance, or actual duplicity. In the midst of the powerful presentation of constitutional law Bailey was interrupted by Senator Hale, a leading republican, who arose to admit that Senator Bailey's position was absolutely correct and there was no defence left and had convinced him of duty to stand by the President.

The meaning of this is: Senator Knox was skinned of his wolf-cloak, and proven to be a railroad hireling—who was put in the Senate by a railroad company. It means that this measure, for years demanded only by numerous democratic platforms, now urged by President Roosevelt, and supported by Senator Tillman, Bailey and the entire democratic side, and bitterly opposed by the leading republicans, will be passed; and to Senator Bailey has been accorded the honor of making in its defence the ablest and most profound argument heard possibly in a generation.

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Weather Report.

Weekly report—Bellefonte Station. DATE TEMPERATURE Maximum Minimum. AP 5, cloudy 56 45. 6, cloudy 55 35. 7, cloudy 56 33. 8, cloudy 59 29. 9, cloudy 56 40. 10, cloudy 56 36. 11, cloudy 60 43. Rain: On 5, evening .25 inch; on 8 night .20 inch; on 9, day and night, .77 inch; on 10th, .18 inch.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The following list of subscribers have been setting the Centre Democrat at different addresses and removed without notifying us of the change or leaving directions with the post master. No doubt they are wondering why the paper does not reach them regularly. Any information regarding the present P. O. address of any of them, will be appreciated if sent to this office:

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Swarms of Immigrants Coming.

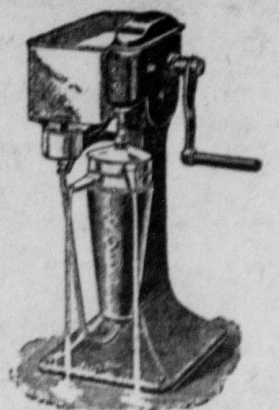
Swarms of immigrants are landing in this country and there are reports that thousands are waiting on the other side for accommodations in the regular liners. All records have been broken of late. March brought us almost countless hordes, but April promises to outdo even March.

Figures are given out at Albany which deal with the New York contingent. According to this statement, 165,540 aliens entered by the way of the port of New York during the last three months of 1905. Of this number 63,412 remained within the state. The startling feature is that of the more than 140,000 immigrants who were above fourteen years of age, 35,738 could not read or write. There is much food for thought in those figures.

Pastor Retires.

Rev. Wm. Houck a former pastor of the Methodist church at this place, has retired from the Methodist Episcopal Ministry after forty-seven years continuous active service. He anticipates making his home in the future either in Harrisburg or Carlisle.

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