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EDITORIAL.

In another part of this issue will be found an important address to the old soldiers of Centre county, and elsewhere as well, by Theodore P. Rynder, that is sure to command attention and enlist the support of many. It raises an issue that is meritorious and timely, and is founded on facts. The assertion is made that "the great increase in the cost of living (said to be 47 1/2 per cent.) is a terrible hardship on the old soldier."

Coming back to the issue, when pension laws were enacted and the rate adjusted they certainly had in view the value of the pension, the relative purchasing power, rather the extent of relief it would afford these defenders of the nation, especially when dependent in their old age. It was meant to supply them with the means of securing a certain amount of necessities of life; and if the same number of dollars per month now fails to secure the same proportion of comfort—of commodities—as when enacted, then the intent of the pension system is violated and the beneficiary suffers accordingly.

As to the increase recently in the cost of living being 47 1/2 per cent, we have no information as to what authority Mr. Rynder bases this statement on. It appears a little high, we fear, yet it may be correct. It means that what an old soldier could buy years ago with \$1.00 when the allowance was made, now requires \$1.47 1/2 to secure; or, in other words, his pension is almost cut in half. While the exact data may be a matter for statisticians to calculate, and politicians to quibble over, the contention in the main is materially true, and it certainly works a hardship on the pensioners in their old age, when feeble and dependent.

We have read of Mr. Rynder's efforts in public affairs, some of which, in our judgment, bordered on the ridiculous, but this pension bill is different, as it is based on facts and is meritorious throughout.

In conclusion, permit us to raise one more point—how did this raise of 47 1/2 per cent. come about? Is it not true that for the last forty or fifty years you have been voting for high tariffs that kept everything from entering our ports at a fair price, and this enabled the capitalists to form combinations to control common products like iron, steel, wood, cottons, woollens, leather, meats, etc., until every necessary of life is manipulated by a trust, which wipes out all competition, and then advances the price, and we must pay it?

Have you honestly a right to complain? How many old soldiers have been doing this very thing? We believe 75 per cent. have persistently voted for what they now are suffering. We know they do not want to admit the fact, but are they not reaping what they have been sowing? Are they not getting exactly what they voted for? We truly believe it.

It is not our purpose to chide the old soldier or make political capital of their misfortunes, but we do want to emphasize the vindication of a doctrine we have advocated these many years—our tariffs make trusts and trusts rob the consumer—on which fact they now base a just claim for an increase of their pension.

If the tariffs and trusts have not raised the cost from \$1 to \$1.47 1/2 will some one please explain. The old soldier has a right to know and should know who cut his pension in two and how it was done, and is being done to-day.

Alabama has ratified the proposed amendment to the federal constitution providing for an income tax.

DISSATISFIED REPUBLICANS

Claim That Party Pledges on the Tariff Have Been Disregarded

Progressive Republicans have declared war, with no quarter asked or given, and will fight for the control of the party at the National convention in 1912. Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, states that the issue is simply this: "Shall the men now in control of the destinies of the Republican party be permitted further to disregard plain party declarations?" The tariff and how to revise it furnishes the line of demarcation between the opposing forces. The big items emphasized by Senator Cummins as critical points to be pushed to the fore by the Progressives are these:

- 1. Placing in control at the head of organized Republicanism men who will stand by platform pledges.
2. Struggle for this policy at every convention, local, congressional and state, between now and 1912, where there are enough Progressive Republicans.
3. No general revision of the tariff for perhaps a decade, but revision from time to time in particular schedules as expert investigation demonstrates to be necessary, and at the same time conforming with the broad principle of protection.
4. Appointment of an expert tariff commission at the earliest practicable moment to furnish this information to Congress.
5. And particularly, no opposition to President Taft—whom the Progressives believe to have a thoroughly progressive programme in hand for his administration—at least until the Presidential policy demonstrates the contrary.

GETTING OUR MEDICINE.

The announcement made by dealers in men's clothes that these garments are to advance in price this fall is not the cheeriest of news. Now, with the rearrangement of the tariff schedule so intimately in mind, it might be thought that this has something to do with the situation, but, according to the tailors, it has not, since the duty on imported woollens remains practically unchanged. The rise in price, it is said, is to be brought about by the manufacturers of domestic woollen goods, and this, it is believed, will cause the majority of the English manufacturers to take the same course.

Women will find that hosiery will cost them one-third more than formerly. Other articles of wear will have the same raise. That is what we voted for—no right to complain.

Our "Oldest Inhabitant."

The venerable Edward Brown, of this place, is not only the oldest citizen of Bellefonte, but may be entitled to the distinction of being Centre county's oldest inhabitant. Mr. Brown was born in the north of Ireland, and has been a resident of Bellefonte for 56 years. His age on the 26 March will be 93 years, and he is still able to be about and attend to outdoor chores; his hearing we find to be fairly good and he has enjoyed good health all his lifetime. He has been a good citizen and his fair to round out a century, which the CENTRE DEMOCRAT bespeaks for the venerable old man. Mr. Brown, after landing in this country from Ireland, lived all his days in Bellefonte, save five years while in the employ of Mann's axe factory, where he became so expert that he could finish an axe in first class manner, was speedily promoted from one stage of the art up on account of the skill he displayed, and received the unstinted praise of Mr. Mann, his employer.

Williams Reunion.

Don't lose sight of the Williams reunion which will be held at Martha next Saturday, August 21st. This is one of the best picnics of its kind in Central Penn'a. It has been attended by about 3,500 persons each year in the past, and it is our expectation and desire to make this one excel all others of the past. The grounds are in a better condition this year than in the past, and John Q. Miles deserves credit for the time and money spent in improving it. Trains no. 50, 51, 53, 54 and 55 will all stop at the grove. Music will be furnished by the Port Matilda Band, and there will be several addresses by prominent speakers. Come, and spend a day of pleasure in the shade, and make this a day long to be remembered.

Wheat Average Low.

Despite the apparent appearance of a large crop of wheat in the country, there will be a yield much below the average, judging from the reports that are heard from those who have threshed their grain. The wheat fields last spring presented quite a promising appearance, and a large yield was naturally expected. However the grain did not head-up. The drought has had considerable to do with the low average, and should it continue and damage the corn as it has the oats and wheat, the farmers will suffer a loss from these products of their farms.

Drouth Broken.

At last the dry spell has ceased. On Monday afternoon the sky was overcast by the clouds of an approaching thunder gust and the mutterings of thunder, followed by a light rain, which increased to a heavy shower at night with heavy peals of thunder, lasting close on to Tuesday morning. The amount of rainfall was 1.99 inches, or within a fraction of two inches. Spring creek, in the morning was high and yellow and was rampant with rage. Tuesday morning had every indication of further precipitation, and during the day there was .06 inches more rain.

Beware Avenging Catfish.

While Dr. N. P. Duffy, of Altoona, was returning from a fishing trip the other night, he was held up near Reservoir Station by two masked men, who covered him with revolvers. "Throw up your hands!" they cried, and the doctor obeyed. Then one man began rifling his pockets.

"Look out; you'll be stung by a catfish!" cried the doctor.

Taking advantage of the confusion that followed this statement, Dr. Duffy sprang over a fence and disappeared.

—You will find local news on every page of the Centre Democrat.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. MARGARET MEDLARE—died August 17th at her home in Allentown. She had been an invalid for a number of years and was 65 years of age. The late Col. James P. Coburn, of Bellefonte, was a brother.

GRUBB—died on Friday evening the eighteen-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Grubb, who resides on Halfmoon Hill, Bellefonte. Death was due to lung trouble. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon. Interment in Union cemetery.

LEONARD MESSMER—died at his home at Green Grove, Gregg township, Wednesday, August 4, of dropsy and heart disease, aged 81 years, 10 months and 22 days. He leaves to survive a widow and several children. Funeral services were held Saturday. Interment was made in the Green Grove cemetery.

WM. SCHLOSS—of Philadelphia, died on August 11th at his home in that city. His wife is Miss Blanch Fable, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fable, of Bellefonte. His death was due to nervous prostration from which he had been a sufferer for some time. He was a pleasant, social gentleman and at one time was one of the most successful clothing salesmen on the road.

SARAH ELIZABETH ZERBY—wife of John Zerby, of Colyer, died at her home Aug. 6, aged 66 years, 7 months and 21 days. Interment was made in the Evangelical cemetery, Zion Hill. Deceased was a member of the Evangelical church. Mrs. Zerby was the daughter of William Stitzer, and was born near Millheim. She is survived by a husband and three sons—John, Emory, and William—all at home.

LIZA WALKER—died Tuesday morning about 11:30 o'clock at her home in the Brown row near Lingle's machine shops. She had been ill for a long time with a complication of diseases. Her age was about 62 years, and for a long time was a familiar personage on the street. She was of a kindly disposition, and was always found eager and willing to make a living, surviving her two children: Mrs. Jack Houtz, of Philadelphia, and William, of Bellefonte. At the time of going to press no arrangements had been made for the funeral.

RICHARDS J. GIBBS—an old veteran of the Civil War, died Saturday evening at his home in Boggs township, near Milesburg. His death was the result of a couple of paralytic strokes, the last one rendering him practically helpless. He was married to Miss Sarah Trziulny, daughter of Charles Henry Trziulny. The deceased belonged to the Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry and served his country well and faithfully. Surviving him are his wife, Olie, an adopted daughter, and Charles, his brother, who resided with him. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon; interment being made in the Trziulny cemetery.

MRS. KATHARINE FIKE—wife of Abram Fike, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Philipsburg, who has for some time been in failing health died Thursday morning at the home of her nephew, James Fike, at Lock Lohmond. The deceased was the daughter of David Minnich, and was born near Madisonburg, this county, on September 6, 1836, making her age 72 years, 11 months and 6 days. She was married to Abram Fike on September 14, 1856, at Bellefonte, to whom three daughters were born, and who alone survives. One sister, Mrs. Jacob Booth, who resides in Curwensville, is the only surviving member of her own immediate family. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, with service at the U. B. church, meeting at the home at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. C. D. KRIDER—died on Saturday evening at her residence on Bishop street. Five weeks ago she became ill which developed into pleurisy. Finally other complications set in which could not be overcome. Her age was 52 years and she was born at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon county. Twenty years ago she, with her husband, came to Bellefonte where they made their permanent home, and where Mr. Krider was car inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad up until the time of his death there. Mrs. Krider was a loving wife and mother, a good neighbor, and a lady of many excellent qualities, endearing herself to all who knew her. From childhood she was a consistent member of the Methodist church. She was the daughter of John and Rebecca Shank, who survive her together with a daughter, Emma, and the following sisters: Mrs. George B. Brandon, of Houtzdale; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, of Wellsville, Ohio; and Mrs. Frank Nagley, of Bellefonte. This is the first death in the Schenck family. Interment on Tuesday afternoon in the Union cemetery.

ROBERT MEEK—a former well known resident of Altoona, died at his home Sunday night of paralysis, with which he was stricken on Tuesday, August 3. His condition since that time had been serious, his power of speech and the right side having been affected. Deceased was the son of George Y. and Nancy Meek, deceased, was born at Fairbrook, Centre county, June 14, 1834. He was reared in that vicinity and had spent the greater part of his life in Centre county, following the occupation of a farmer. He went to Altoona with his family some eighteen years ago and engaged in the coal business, which he followed until last spring, when he retired. He was married in Centre county on September 30, 1856, to Miss Susan Glenn, who survives with the following children: Mrs. C. H. Rodgers, of Mounmouth, Ill.; Edgar Meek, of Chickasha, Okla.; Miss Blanche, Miss Anna and W. G. Meek, at home. One son, Walter E. Meek, preceded him to the grave some ten years ago. He is also survived by one brother, George Y. Meek, of near Tyrone. He was an earnest Christian gentleman and early in life became connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

The Grange Encampment.

The prospects for the Grange Encampment and Fair, Centre Hall, during the week of September 13th are unusually bright. A number of improvements on the grounds have been going on for the past three months which will tend to better serve the public.

Met at Eagleville.

The Christian Endeavor convention will be held at Eagleville, September 1st and 2nd, instead of Philipsburg, as was stated in our last issue. We received this correction from James A. Pratt, president, of Fleming.

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ROADS.

ED. DEMOCRAT:—

The reports I have heard from the good roads meeting in your town last week make me regret that I was prevented from being present. The spirit of general approval means that we are all—farmers, pleasure drivers, business men, and autoists, whether for business or pleasure—getting together for "good roads," and that means that we are going to have them.

I am more particularly interested in them as a prominent factor in improving the conditions of rural life, than simply as a source of pleasure to the autoists, though I am in no wise inimical to that class of "good roads" users, and am heartily in sympathy with them in all the work they are doing to give impetus to the movement. The education of country children for world-wide usefulness must be carried to a far greater degree than heretofore, under the country conditions into which they were born. This can best be done only in "centralized schools," and "good roads" will make these centralized schools possible in four-fifths of the rural territory of our State. This one view of the subject alone makes "good roads" worth to all the people of the whole nation many times more than their cost, if common sense and common honesty can be made common factors in their construction.

As a means of adding directly and largely to the net income of all the country livers, but especially of the farmers, good roads are of quite as much importance as in the development of the mental power inherent among them. The conveyance of the heavy and bulky products of the farm is one of the major costs of the business of farming, and it is no longer a question that "good roads" cut this cost in half, and in many cases effect even a larger than fifty per cent. saving. The supervisors represent the farmers in this matter, and I am glad to note that in most "good roads" meetings the supervisors are present in considerable strength, as at your recent meeting, and take part in the proceedings.

Let me add my hearty approval of the prominence given the subject in the DEMOCRAT for a year or two past. You can do nothing, Mr. Editor, that will count for more in the development of the country districts in your constituency than to earnestly and actively aid, even more than you have in the past, in getting the whole people together in a grand push for "good roads."

J. A. W. Howard, Pa., Aug. 11, '09.

Thistles Blooming.

The Canada thistle is in full bloom this month, casting its seed broadcast over roadside and fields, to the annoyance of drivers and pedestrians. There is a law providing for the destruction of this and other noxious weeds, and it wants to be enforced.

—Ladies' \$2.00 tan oxfords \$1.45 at Yeagers.

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Shoes—Ladies, Men's, and Childrens.

J. S. GILLIAM, Prop.

Bellefonte, Pa.

Aug. 19, 1909.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS

The Next Federal Jobs to be Given Out

Some time this fall, the supervisor who will have direct charge of the taking of the census in Centre county will be appointed in order that he may get to work and map out the districts to be assigned to the enumerators. Word from Washington is to the effect that Director Durand has not as yet fixed the exact date for the appointments of the supervisors, but that they will be named in time to get everything arranged for the work before them. Special agents who are to gather the statistics about manufacturers will be placed in the field about January. They will be put to work early in order that they may get the information they desire covering the current calendar of the year, and get it while it is fresh in mind. All of the data concerning the mills, factories and other industries of the Centre county district will probably be gathered by these special agents and not by the supervisor. It has not yet been decided what pay will be given the enumerators for gathering names. Director Durand says it will be between two and four cents per name in thickly populated communities, while more will be paid in sparsely settled districts, where enumerators must travel miles between centres of population.

JACKSONVILLE.

Oscar Kling and family, of Altoona, visited relatives here. James Martin and wife, of State College, spent a few days in this section.

Mrs. William Branch, of Wilkesbarre, is visiting her parents, David Long's.

Chas. Sayers, one of our aged citizens, has been on the sick list. Doyle, a son of Clarence Poorman, had the misfortune to fall and break his thigh in two places. It has not been long since this little boy recovered from breaking his arm, caused by a fall.

Harry Harter purchased a sheaf cutter to add to his threshing outfit. Della Garbrick has returned home from Lock Haven.

—Ladies' \$2.50 golden brown vic oxfords \$1.45 at Yeagers.

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS.

Voters must not permit themselves to sink into a condition of indifference concerning the coming election in Pennsylvania simply because it is what is generally termed the "off year." Great importance attaches to the offices to be filled, and this being true every citizen of voting age should see to it that he observes the several qualifications necessary to validate his ballot. The last day to be assessed, in order to vote at the election on Tuesday, November 2, will be September 1st, and the last day to pay tax is October 2. Every voter twenty-two years of age and upwards who has not paid a tax within the past two years must be assessed and pay his tax before Saturday, October 16.

Basket Picnic.

The U. B. Sunday school of Centennial, will hold a basket picnic in H. B. Waite's woods, Aug. 28. Addresses by Rev. Frank, of Stormstown, Rev. Shires, of Tyrone, Rev. Beach, of Port Matilda, and music by Prof. Chase, of Philipsburg, and recitations, will be the entertainment for the day. All the good things of the season will be sold. Everybody invited to come and spend the day in the woods.

One Fare Rate.

On Tuesday of next week one fare will be charged those at State College and along the Bellefonte Central railroad who wish to attend the Business Men's picnic at Hecla Park. A special train will leave Bellefonte for State College in the evening at 7 o'clock.

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