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EDITORIAL.

Nearly all food products are now a hundred per cent. or more higher in price than they were a few years ago. What's to be done when the prices get so high that a week's wages will purchase only one half a week's food?

From all parts of the country comes a growing sentiment in favor of reelecting Roosevelt at the end of Taft's term. This plainly indicates that Taft is not successfully carrying out Teddy's policies, as up to this time his sympathies have been with the other

President Taft in his message, intimates the time honored Monroe Doctrine has become obsolete. To this the American people will say, "Guess not." The Monroe Doctrine came to stay; and by it all foreign powers will understand they are not to meddle with affairs on this continent. Remember Maxmillian.

If press dispatches are correct, President Taft gave Senators LaFollete and Dolliver a direct personal snub by refusing to receive them when they endeavored to pay their respects at the White House. This indicates that progressive western republicans are not in good favor with the President, who has taken the councils of Cannon and Aldrich in preference.

COST OF LIVING

Advanced 11 Per Cent. in the Last Year.

With the general level of commodity prices moving steadily and progressively upward, the cost of living is getting higher each month, industrial activity and prosperity grow apace, but the purchasing power of the dollar shrinks as prices advance.

President Taft felt called upon to speak of the high cost of living in his recent message to Congress, and he correctly pointed to the great increase the money supply of gold as the household and making men and womand salaries if they are to maintain the same standard of living.

11 Per Cent. in a Year. Dealing with wholesale prices, Bradstreet's shows that on December 1 the average price for ninety-six commodities stood at 9.1262, against 8.2133 on the same date last year. Here is a price advance of a little over 11 per

Illustrating the price advance, Brad-

street's says: \$9,1262 is 18 per cent, higher than low-water mark of the recent depression, and incidentally the current index number is 60 per cent. higher than on July 1, 1896, when the number was \$5,7019.

"Theoretically, a man going to the gurvives him with three children. wholesale marketplace to purchase a pound of each of ninety-six articles under the present level.

have taken place in breadstuffs, pro- youth lived an exemplary life as a visions, livestock, hides and leather up member of the Reformed church. Mrs. many and is obviously driving for ward the army of wage-earners to

demand more pay. At the same time the price advance while directly benefiting manufacturers and all engaged in productive enterprises, is making anything but easy the position of railroads, whose cost of living has also grown largely and which are now beset with demands for higher wages to trainmen and other employes.

BEEF PROFITS

Who Gets the Money Paid for Expensive Beef.

The lower the grade of beef the greater the percentage of gross profit. In Boston, for illustration, the rate of gross profit is nearly twice as much for beef costing 8 cents at wholesale as for beef costing 11 and 111/2 cents. Low-priced beef is marked up nearly twice as much relatively as highpriced beef. In other words, perhaps it is a safe inference that the poor people pay nearly twice as much profit as the well-to-do people pay. The ascending prices of meat suggest inquiry as to whether the price of the farmer's beef cattle and hogs have increased at the farm in the same degree that meat has to the consumer. The department investigators found that the farmer had failed to receive a share equally with the packer, wholesaler and retailer, but as to hogs the case is different, the farmer receiving nearly his fair share of the higher prices of pork in the increased price

of his unfed hogs. Secretary Wilson notes a great forward movement in enforcing the Food and Drug acts, the willingness of manufacturers to comply with the laws and to co-operate with the department in making its work largely educational.

A recent report of one of the big

meat packing corporations of Chicago ing at 10:30 o'clock. Interment in the meat packing corporations of Chicago ing at 10:30 o'clock. Interment in the showed that the concern made during Lutheran grave yard at Pleasant Gap. COMPLETE PROGRAM its last business year a clean profit of 35 per cent. Do not these two sighigh price of meat? The profit of the packing house is 35 per cent; the profit of the retail dealers is 38 per cent., on an average, over the price paid the packers by the retailers. What business man expects to secure such an enormous profit on his investment in the course of a year? If the retailer says that he makes no Secretary Wilson's agents. If the retailer is forced to sacrifice his prof-The date your subscription expires is plainly printed on the label bearing your name. All credits are given by a change of label the first lasue of each month. Watch that, after you ramit. We send no receipts unless by special request. Watch date on your label.

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RECENT DEATHS.

PECK:-Scott Peck, a well known and highly respected citizen of Lock Haven, died suddenly at 8 o'clock on Fleight & Grieco, who are engaged in social qualities. Her only survivors week in April. lumber operations for the Glen-Harris are her husband and one half-sister, Lumber company.

SMITH:-Mrs. Mary Smith, mother of Mrs. George Grimm, of this place, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James A. Thompson, of Homestead, on Monday, Dec. 6th. Mrs. Grimm was born in Prussia but came to this country in 1865. Mr. Grimm and two daughters attended the funeral.

ROUSH:-George S. Roush, postmaster at Lena, Ill., and veteran of the old homestead farm, two miles the civil war, died at his home on Sat- east of Pine Grove Mills, until about urday night, 4th, in the 70th year of fifteen years ago when he retired and his age. George S. Roush was born in Centre county on April 17, 1840. His 22nd he was married to Catherine M. father, accompanied by his wife and Dale, a half-sister of Clement and A. eight children, went to Illinois by the overland route in 1849. They traveled was a most excellent citizen whose with a wagon and team, camping by the roadside by night.

DOWLING:-James A. Dowling, a half brother of Mrs. Thomas McCafferty, of Bellefonte, and a well known resident of Renovo, died in the emergency hospital in that place on Wednesday of last week from nervous prostration. Mr. Dowling was in ill health when he was in Bellefonte A. Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills. He is about four weeks ago. He was about 45 years of age, and possessed a good ter, W. H. Musser, of Bellefonte; and education and for a number of years was a clerk in the railroad offices. Later he was associated with W. C. Noll in the "Daily News" of that place. and his educational work was pointed, theran church, assisted by Dr. C. T. his writings versatile, and destined to Aikens, of Selinsgrove. benefit the community in general. Being a vocalist and musician of ability he frequently appeared on the stage. His general personality and affable manner made him friends where ever he

CANAN:-William Thomas Canan, prime cause. But conditions, not theo useful citizens, died in Dr. Shope's er and lawyer, invited all her friends ries, are knocking at the door of every private hospital, at Harrisburg, from to a farewell card party and reception blood poisoning. Several weeks ago en feel the necessity for higher wages he again went to Harrisburg with the her physician that she must submit expectation of having the left foot amputated as the only hope of saving his life. His condition, however, became too serious to undergo the ordeal and on Thursday morning he became unconscious and in that condition passed away about 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. He was born at Stormstown, Centre county, July 1, 1853. When a young man he learned the painting trade at Bellefonte with William Bice, of Tyrone, who has been his fellow workman ever since it was on June 1, 1908, that being the On April 15, 1872 he went to Tyrone and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad as painter and was made foreman of painters on August 1, 1884. In 1880 he was united in missioners have decided that they will take subjects missed. marriage to Miss Mary C. Myers, who

SLOOM: - Monday afternoon, Dec. would have had to pay for the same on 6th. Henry Bloom died at the home of December 1 this year about \$9.12. On his son, George Bloom, at Bloomsdorf, March 1 last, like goods might have after suffering several months from been purchasel for nearly 91 cents Bright's disease and dropsy. His faless; while on December 1, 1908, they ther, John Bloom, was one of the pionwere cheaper by 91.35 cents. At the eers of Centre county who cleared the low level in June, 1908, similar goods land which now is known as the Bloom could have been obtained for \$1.40 farm and homestead, located about a mile west of State College. The age of Notable advances in the last year the deceased was 80 years, and from Bloom, whose maiden name was Miss Susan Corl, died about three years ago. Mr. Bloom is survived by nine children, namely: William Bloom, of Dungarvin; Corl B., of Benore; Robert, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Tibbens and Mrs. Jefferson Hubler, of Estella; Emma and George, of State College. He also leaves four sisters: Mrs. David Fye, Mrs. Joseph Gates and Mrs. D. L. Dennis, of Pine Grove Mills, and Mrs. Jefferson Gates, of Curwensville, and it is a noteworthy fact that the combined ages of the deceased and his four sisters was over four hundred years. The funeral took place on Thursday; interment being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

> SWARTZ:-On Friday afternoon Andrew Swartz, one of the prominent citizens of Pleasant Gap, died of heart disease after a lingering illness of several years. Every attack left him weaker until he finally was compelled to surrender. For years the deceased farmed in Spring township, just east of Pleasant Gap, and was considered one of Centre county's most progressive tillers of the soil. About thirteen years ago he purchased a property at Pleasant Gap where he since has been living a retired life. Mr Swartz was popular in the community in which he lived because he was a man in every respect, strictly upright in all his dealings, and courteous and generous with all who knew him. At an early age he joined the Lutheran church and was one of its strongest supporters at Pleasant Gap. He possessed a talent for music and often conducted the singing schools and gave concerts which were much enjoyed, Surviving him is a wife and the following children: Elmer, of near Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Elmer Johnston and Mrs. Curt Musser, of Altoona; and Mrs. Robert Kline, of Bellefonte. The funeral took place on Monday morn- | Express office-Rising Springs.

SCEURMAN:-Mrs. Sarah Sceurnificant facts largely account for the of Philipsburg, died Sunday evening man, an aged and respectable citizen aged 77 years, 3 months and 13 days. She was a christian and for years was a member of the Methodist church. She is survived by three children, among them being Mrs. Edward D. Vandling, of that place.

CARTWRIGHT:-Mrs. Sarah Cartwright, who has long been a resident such profit as 35 per cent.-that in of Rush township, died on Monday fact very often he makes nothing-the night, 6th, at the residence of John answer is in the facts furnished by Stonebraker, at Clover Run, near the Twigg Settlement, where she has for years made her home. Her death was its because of the expense to which he the result of bronchitis and general is put then is an argument in favor debility. The deceased was born near of a reduction in the number of re- Buffalo Run, and was aged 84 years. Several grown-up children survive.

REED:-Mrs. Annie Reed, wife of James I. Reed, died at her home near Boalsburg at 11.30 o'clock last Friday night, Dec. 3. Her death was the result of a long illness with lingering tuberculosis. She was a daughter of as heretofore, and all certificates iswas born fifty eight years ago. She Teaching. terment was made in the Boalsburg by paying a fee of twenty-five cents.

ldest and best known citizens of Fer- follows: guson township, died at his home at Pine Grove Mills on Saturday after a lingering illness with a complication ler. of diseases. Had he lived one day longer he would have rounded out his 78th year. He was born, and lived on moved to town. On November the A. Dale, of Bellefonte. The deceased success in life was the result of honest toil, and his exemplary life has left an impression for good that cannot be erased. From early manhood he had been a consistent and active member of the Lutheran church. Surviving him is a wife and the following children: Elmer C. Musser and L. D. Musser, of Clearfield; and Mrs. Laura tice of the fact. also mourned by a brother and a sis-Mrs. Frank B. Stover, of Altoona. The fuheral took place on Thursday morning, the officiating minister being Rev. Shultz, pastor of the Pine Grove Lu- the current year.

WOMAN PAYS SOCIAL DEBT

Gives Farewell Party, Then Submits To Fatal Operation.

Determined that none of her social bligations should remain unpaid at her one of Front's most respected and death, Mrs. Alma Dodson, society leadimmediately after being informed by to an operation that would probably prove fatal. The party was held the day before the operation. Smiling and cheerful, Mrs. Dodson was an admirable hostess.

Afterward, Mrs. Dodson calmly arranged her personal effects and picked out the clothing in which she wished to be attired after death. She then went to the hospital, and the operation which was performed in Springfield, Mo., caused her death.

On Saturday, January 22nd, the primaries for the last spring election will take place, and the county combe held under the old law. That is use medium soft pencils, and will file both parties will hold separate cauself addressed stamped envelope for spring election only local offices will will not be given except for emergenbe filled. In Bellefonte the terms of cy. Harry Keller, Philip Beezer and Domi- SCHOOLDIRECTORS' CONVENTION nick Judge expires as councilmen Those whose term expires in the school board are: H. C. Quigley, W. C. Heinle and James Barnhart.

By the recent adoption of the amendments to the constitution of Pennsylvania Prothonotary Arthur Kimport to be paid by the district which the and District Attorney W. G. Runkle director represents, all Directors will be benefited by remaining in office are members of the association by an additional year. Under the present virtue of their office, and the law system of holding elections their term states that it shall be the duty of each system of holding elections their term of office would have expired on Jan. 1st, 1911 but under the new law it will not expire until a year later. Of course, neither Kimport or Runkle will seriously object. In November berger, Philipsburg; Prof. I. L. Fos-1911 every office in the county will be ter, State College filled from sheriff to jury commissioner.

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Philipsburg-Committee: B. I. Meychairman; Miss Zoe Meek, Ralph

Snow Shoe-Committee: B. J. Bowers, chairman; H. E. Leathers, H. G. Reading Course:

The committee on Professional Reading recommends the study of the following books for the current year, all of which may be secured at the time of Institute: Psychologic Method of Teaching—McKeever, 85c; A. Flana-gan Company, Chicago. Agriculture for Beginners-Burkett, Stevens & Hill, 68c; Ginn & Co., N. Y. Shakespeare's Macbeth—New Hudson edition, 27c: Ginn & Co., N. Y.

The examination will be conducted Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Spahr, among the sued by the committee will be honearliest settlers and most prominent ored by the County Superintendent as families of Harris township, where she meeting his requirements in Theory of was a member of the Presbyterian test in Macbeth during the first week church and was not only esteemed for in February; Mr. Bottenhorn, in the Tuesday, at Runville, where he was employed as a counter and scaler by loved for her exceptionally endearing conditions. When the first week in Mar: and Mr. Wagner, in the Psychologic Method in Teaching, the first

Applicants for these certificates may Mrs. J. D. Stewart, of Milesburg. In- enroll with the chairman at any time Local Institutes:

The program and arrangement com-MUSSER:-John Musser, one of the mittee for the several districts are as First-T. A. Auman, 1. W. Stover, M. C. Haines, W. E. Keen, M. T. Zub-

pha Gramley, M. E. Heberling, U. A. Moyer, T. L. Moore. Third—I. O. Noll, J. C. Bright, Misses Edith J. Stouffer and Edith Zim-

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ister, C. E. Furst, Mrs. Sallie E. Swoope, Misses Lucy Rowan and Ver-Sixth-J. S. Ruthrauff, H. E. Stover, B. J. Bowers, H. E. Leathers.

Teachers' Examinations, 1910: An examination for the grade of Professional Certificate will be held in the New School House, Bellefonte, August 2, 1910. Teachers eligible for Musser, of Pine Grove Mills; A. J. admission to this class will receive no-

The examination will include English and American Literature; Penna U. S. and General History; Commer-S. and General History: Commercial, Physical and Political Geography; Arithmetic, Algebra, Physiology, Spelling and the works included in the course of Professional Reading for

Examinations for Provisional Certificates will be held as follows:
Port Matilda—Tuesday, May 17th.
Pine Grove Mills—Thursday, May 19 Boalsburg—Friday, May 20th. Hublersburg—Tuesday, May 24th. Eagleville—Wednesday, May 25th. Howard-Thursday, May 26th. Millheim-Wednesday, June 1st. Centre Hall-Thursday, June 2nd. Snow Shoe-Thursday, June 9th. Bellefonte-Friday, June 17th.

Philipsburg-Friday, June 24th. Bellefonte (special) - Friday, July 8 Saturday, July 9th; and Monday, Au-

The examination in the Theory of Teaching will be based on the work embraced in the Teachers Reading Course for the year. Applicants who fail in the regular

examination may have a second trial on either July 8 or 9. These two dates are reserved for those only who wish to make a second effort. Applicants will not be admitted to more than two classes during the year, except for specially good reasons. The sum of the marks, exclusive of that on Practice must not exceed 27; and no certificate will be issued when the candidate has received more than three 3's. Examinations will begin at 9 a. m. Those wishing to enter the class should be on time, or enter a later class to cuses and make nominations. At the return of result. Private examinations

The School Directors will meet in annual convention, in Petrikin Hall, December 22nd and 23rd, 1909. The aw provides for compensation at the rate of two dollars per day, and mileage at the rate of three cents per mile,

Director to attend this annual meeting.
Officers of the Association.
President—Hon. W. C. Heinle, Belle-Vice-Presidents-Capt. C. T. Fry-

Secretary—H. C. Quigley, Bellefonte. Treasurer—John P. Harris, Bellef'te.

Directors' Program.
Wednesday Morning—Minutes of the ast meeting. Remarks by the County

last meeting. Remarks by the County Superintendent. President's address, Hon. Wm. C. Heinle, Appointment of committees. Aldress, Hon. David, F. Fortney, Bellefonte. Afternoon—Address, Prof. C. D. Koch, State Inspector of High Schoois, Harrisburg, Pa. Address, Prof. H. E. Hall, Mansfield, Ohio. Address, Supt. Chas. Lose, of Williamsport, Pa. Thursday Morning—Address, Supt. R. M. McNeal, Department Public Inspections

R. M. McNeal, Department Public In-

struction, Harrisburg, Pa. Address, Prof. O. L. Warren, Elmira, N. Y. General discussion of such topics as may seem to be of immediate importance to the betterment of the schools. Questions by Directors will be properly in place, following each address.

Saw Mill Burned. On Tuesday morning fire destroyed: the saw mill of J. I. Nason, at Julian, together with a lot of lumber. The loss will reach \$2000.

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