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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.

From all parts of the country comes a growing sentiment in favor of re-electing Roosevelt at the end of Taft's term.

President Taft in his message, intimates the time honored Monroe Doctrine has become obsolete.

If press dispatches are correct, President Taft gave Senators LaFollette and Dooliver a direct personal snub by refusing to receive them when they endeavored to pay their respects at the White House.

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.

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 in the money supply of gold as the prime cause.

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.

Illustrating the price advance, Bradstreet's says: \$9.1262 is 18 per cent. higher than it was on June 1, 1908, that being the low-water mark of the recent depression.

Theoretically, a man going to the wholesale marketplace to purchase a pound of each of ninety-six articles would have had to pay for the same on December 1 this year about \$9.12.

Notable advances in the last year have taken place in breadstuffs, provisions, livestock, hides and leather up many and is obviously driving forward 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 employees.

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 11 1/2 cents.

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.

meat packing corporations of Chicago showed that the concern made during the business year a clear profit of 35 per cent. Do not those two significant facts largely account for the high price of meat?

RECENT DEATHS.

PECK—Scott Peck, a well known and highly respected citizen of Lock Haven, died suddenly at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, at Runville, where he was employed as a counter and scaler by Fleight & Grieco, who are engaged in lumber operations for the Glen-Harris 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.

ROUSH—George S. Roush, postmaster at Lena, Ill., and veteran of the civil war, died at his home on Saturday night, 4th, in the 70th year of his age.

DOWLING—James A. Dowling, a half brother of Mrs. Thomas McCarty, 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.

CANAN—William Thomas Canan, one of Tyrone's most-respected and useful citizens, died in Dr. Shope's private hospital, at Harrisburg, from blood poisoning. Several weeks ago he again went to Harrisburg with the expectation of having the left foot amputated as the only hope of saving his life.

BLOOM—Monday afternoon, Dec. 6th, Henry Bloom died at the home of his son, George Bloom, at Bloomsdorf, after suffering several months from Bright's disease and dropsy. His father, John Bloom, was one of the pioneers of Centre county who cleared the land which now is known as the Bloom farm and homestead, located about a mile west of State College.

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.

ing at 10:30 o'clock. Interment in the Lutheran grave yard at Pleasant Gap.

SCURMAN—Mrs. Sarah Scurman, an aged and respectable citizen of Phillipsburg, died Sunday evening aged 77 years, 3 months and 13 days.

CARTWRIGHT—Mrs. Sarah Cartwright, who has long been a resident of Rush township, died on Monday night, 6th, at the residence of John Stonebraker, at Clover Run, near the Twigg Settlement, where she has for years made her home.

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.

MUSSER—John Musser, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Ferguson township, died at his home at Pine Grove Mills on Saturday after a lingering illness with a complication of diseases.

WOMAN PAYS SOCIAL DEBT Gives Farewell Party, Then Submits To Fatal Operation.

Determined that none of her social obligations should remain unpaid at her death, Mrs. Alma Dodson, society leader and lawyer, invited all her friends to a farewell card party and reception immediately after being informed by her physician that she must submit to an operation that would probably prove fatal.

Election News. On Saturday, January 22nd, the primaries for the last spring election will take place, and the county commissioners have decided that they will be held under the old law.

By the recent adoption of the amendments to the constitution of Pennsylvania Prothonotary Arthur Kimpert and District Attorney W. G. Runkle will be benefited by remaining in office an additional year.

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COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTE WEEK

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Howard—Committee: J. C. Weirick, chairman; F. M. Pletcher, S. M. Robb, Port Matilda—Committee: J. A. Williams, chairman; G. E. Arbery, J. K. Morrison.

Phillipsburg—Committee: B. I. Meyers, chairman; Miss Zoe Meek, Ralph Light.

Snow Shoe—Committee: B. J. Bowers, chairman; H. E. Leathers, H. G. Hoover.

Reading Course: The committee on Professional Reading recommends the study of the following books for the current year.

Local Institutes: The program and arrangement committee for the several districts are as follows: First—T. A. Auman, L. W. Stover, M. C. Haines, W. E. Keen, M. T. Zuber.

Second—H. M. Hosterman, Miss Orpha Gramley, M. E. Heberling, U. A. Meyer, T. L. Moore.

Third—L. O. Noll, J. C. Bright, Misses Edith J. Stouffer and Edith Zimmerman.

Fourth—S. M. Robb, W. F. Leathers, J. C. Weirick, J. L. Gardner, Chas. A. Schaeffer, Mrs. Rebecca Glossner, Florence Leathers.

Fifth—W. H. Williams, Henry Cronister, C. E. Furst, Mrs. Sallie E. Swoope, Misses Lucy Rowan and Verma Way.

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.

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

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. Harward—Thursday, May 26th. Millheim—Wednesday, June 1st. Centre Hall—Thursday, June 2nd. Snow Shoe—Thursday, June 9th. Bellefonte—Friday, June 17th. Phillipsburg—Friday, June 24th. Philadelphia, (special)—Friday, July 9. Saturday, July 9th, and Monday, August 1st.

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 9 or 9. These two dates are reserved for those only who wish to make a second effort.

SCHOOLDIRECTORS' CONVENTION

The School Directors will meet in annual convention, in Petrikin Hall, December 22nd and 23rd, 1909. The law provides for compensation at the rate of two dollars per day, and mileage at the rate of three cents per mile, to be paid by the district which the director represents.

Officers of the Association. President—Hon. W. C. Heinle, Bellefonte.

Vice-Presidents—Capt. C. T. Fryberger, Phillipsburg; Prof. I. L. Foster, State College.

Secretary—H. C. Quigley, Bellefonte. Treasurer—John P. Harris, Bellefonte. Directors' Program.

Wednesday Morning—Minutes of the last meeting. Remarks by the County Superintendent. President's address.

Hon. Wm. C. Heinle, Appointment of committees. Address, Hon. David F. Fortney, Bellefonte. Afternoon—Address, Prof. C. D. Koch, State Inspector of High Schools, 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 Instruction, Harrisburg—Pa. Address, Prof. O. L. Warren, Elmira, N. Y.

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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.

WORKMEN'S BARGAIN HOUSE. Special Offerings. Ladies' Suits & Coats, Dress Skirts, Furs, Muffs, Boas, Umbrellas, Dry Goods, Shoes, Ladies' Silk Waists, Sweater Coats, and a large variety of Xmas Goods. WORKMEN'S BARGAIN STORE. Corner Allegheny & Bishop Sts., Bellefonte.

Pennsylvania Railroad Tours. ALL THE DELIGHTS OF TRAVEL. Old Mexico, Mardi Gras and Grand Canyon FEBRUARY 3. Mardi Gras New Orleans FEBRUARY 4. Florida FEBRUARY 8, 22, MARCH 5. Pinehurst FEBRUARY 11. FOR FULL INFORMATION AND RATES, ADDRESS J. R. WOOD, Passenger Traffic Manager. GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

The Bellefonte Electric Co. OFFERS A FEW Holiday Suggestions ON Display in Olewine's Window. LOOK THEM UP.

A Few Timely Suggestions for the Christmas Shopper: Pocket Knives—at any price, Scissors—plain and fancy, Silverware—Roger's, Knives and Forks, Spoons, Butter Knives, Sugar Shells, Gravy Ladles, Cold Meat and Pickle Forks, Pie Knives and Berry Spoons, Carving Sets, Nickle Coffee Pots, Tea Pots, Tea Kettles, Wear-ever Aluminum Ware of all kinds, Universal Coffee Percolator, Bread and Cake Makers, Razors of all kinds—the Ever-Ready, Enders and Gillette-Safety, Savory Roasters, Sleds for boys and girls, also many other articles that would make appropriate gifts for Christmas.

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