

BUYERS SWINDLED BY SHORT DEALERS

MANY BOGUS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SPOTTED.

BIG MONEY MADE IN FRAUDS

One Huckster Gets Pay for 3,890 Bushels of Potatoes, Actually Only 2,200—Only 12 Counties Have Appointed Sealers.

"For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," thousands of dealers in Pennsylvania who sell the ordinary foods required to sustain life have the heathenish spirit of Brod Harted pinned to the back wall of creation. Men regarded in their communities as good, honest, upright citizens, who sell bread, meats, fruits, vegetables and the other things that people eat every day, have been found to be most dishonest and unscrupulous in weighing and measuring their wares when they deal them out to customers, and they are inclined to resent the charge when they are detected. All this can be proved by James Sweeney, the director of the new division of weights and measures established by the last legislature. Mr. Sweeney has been in office less than a year, and yet his discoveries of rank robbery, cheating and rascality are appalling.

Thus far but 12 counties have appointed sealers—Elk, Northumberland, Delaware, Clearfield, Crawford, Potter, Schuylkill, Fayette, Luzerne, Union, Lebanon and Lackawanna. But 10 cities have appointed men to see that the provision buyer is not swindled in weight and measure—Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Altoona, Meadville, McKeesport, New Castle, Wilkes-Barre, Bradford, Lock Haven and Scranton. Five boroughs, under an old law, are with detectives of the kind mentioned—Sharon, Vandegrift, Danville, Donora and Greenville.

Slow to Co-Operate. All of the others have been invited to come in; some say they will, some are hesitating and some are indifferent, but they will be glad to get under the law's protection in time, and appoint sealers of weights and measures, for the public will demand protection, and will not be satisfied until it gets it in the matter of the purchase of food.

As showing the methods by which the dealer cheats the purchaser, Director Sweeney has procured from various sections of the state a collection of weights and measures that have been condemned as defective, and has placed them on exhibition in his office at the State Capitol at Harrisburg. There are at least 100 different kinds, and it was said that in one city the official sealer had confiscated enough of these swindling devices to fill a room 20 by 20 feet from floor to ceiling. There are in the collection peck measures that are short a quarter-peck. This may seem incredible, but there they are, all labeled and marked with the date of seizure. One short peck measure was taken from a dealer in potatoes in a large city, who sold 20 bushels from his wagon by retail every day. It was computed that in a huckster's working year of 40 weeks this man had sold 2,200 bushels of potatoes and had been paid for 3,890 bushels. With potatoes at \$1 a bushel, that swindler made money by his swindling device.

False-Bottom Cheats.

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The weights are just as bad as the measures. One of the hanging scales, used by butchers, was found to be from two to three ounces short on every pound sold. A flat scale, that looked perfectly innocent, could be manipulated by the dealer by touching a "joker" in the back, which admittedly registered two or more ounces as he placed the purchase on the scale; and the purchaser got that amount less than he paid for. Grocers' scales that could be worked by a screw as the sugar or coffee was being weighed, and made to register more than was really in the scale, are in the collection, and berry boxes that appear to hold a quart, but are shy almost a quarter of that amount. The collection is open for inspection to all who call at the capitol, and it is a revelation.

Director Sweeney says the way to compel dealers to get honest weights and measures is for purchasers to buy by the quart or pound rate, and insist that the things be weighed or measured in standard measures. Selling by the box, carton, bottle, package or similar ways is sure to lead to the purchaser not getting the full amount of his purchase.

Picked Up Live Snake.

Arising shortly after daylight one morning last week, Mrs. F. P. Trexler walked into an adjoining room at her home in Beech Creek and seeing something on the floor that resembled a necktie, stooped and picked it up. Finding it cold and clammy and somewhat heavy, she dropped it and yelled for her husband, who had not yet awoke. Bringing a lamp into the room Mr. Trexler found his wife's discovery to be a house snake nearly two feet in length, which he quickly dispatched. It is thought to have crawled through an open window on the second floor from the limb of a pear tree.

Colonel Won't Join Suffragists.

Theodore Roosevelt has declined to join the New York Men's League for Woman Suffrage. Immediately after the recent announcement by Colonel Roosevelt that he was for woman suffrage the secretary of the league, Mr. Beadle, called at the former President's office, and left a membership blank for him to sign. The secretary has received his answer. It says that Colonel Roosevelt "at the present time does not wish to avail himself of your kind offer."

A festival will be held by the Ladies Aid Society at the Kennedy M. E. church grounds, near Mt. Eagle, on the evening of the 29th of June.

MET IN CONVENTION.

Successful Gathering of Sabbath School Workers at Runville. The sixteenth quarterly Sunday school convention of the Runville church, United Brethren in Christ, convened at Chestnut Grove, Thursday, June 20th, 1912.

Morning Session—10 A. M. Opened with Ira Confer as chairman (Protem). Devotion—by Mrs. Augustus Witherite; reading: 23rd Psalm, followed by prayer; music; the secretary, Mrs. Shank being absent, Miss Edna Rogers acted as secretary by nomination; address of welcome, by Mrs. Augustus Witherite; response, Mr. Elias Hancock; music; First topic—For What Purpose do We Have our Sunday School?—Mr. Elias Hancock, Mr. Jonathan Packer, Mrs. Ida Poorman, Mrs. I. H. Dean; music; Second topic—opened by Mrs. Witherite, followed by Elias Hancock, Mrs. Ida Poorman; music; offering; benediction by Rev. I. H. Dean; adjournment until 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session—2 P. M. Music; Devotion by Mr. E. S. Bennett, 24th Psalm; prayer by J. Hoover; music; Topic, carried over from the morning session—For What Purpose do We Have our Sunday School?—J. Hoover; First topic—Mrs. Samantha Powell; Mrs. George J. Colledge, Mr. Ira Confer, Mrs. Jonathan Packer; recitation, Miss Alice Watson; music; Third topic—In What Way Is a Cradle Roll Helpful to a Sunday School?—Mrs. Ida Poorman, Mr. Elias Hancock, Miss Samantha Powell, Rev. George J. Colledge, Mr. Ira Confer, Mrs. Jonathan Packer; recitation, Miss Alice Watson; music; Fourth topic—In What Way Is a Cradle Roll Helpful to a Sunday School?—Mrs. Ida Poorman, Mr. Elias Hancock, Miss Samantha Powell, Mr. James Hoover, Mr. Ira Confer, Rev. Colledge. Committee on Resolutions then appointed as follows: Mr. Ira Confer, Mr. J. Hoover, Mr. Elias Hancock, Miss Samantha Powell, Miss Sara Shauley. Offering; music; benediction.

Evening Session—7 P. M. Devotion—Mrs. I. H. Dean, Matt. 5th Chapter, 1-12th verses inclusive; prayer; music; Through Your Sins be as Scarlet, Rev. Colledge, Miss Shauley, Miss Heaton; address, History of the Sunday School, Interests of the Sunday School, which was very interesting and instructive to all present, by Rev. George J. Colledge. Music. Report of Committee on Resolutions. Resolved that we do heartily thank the people of Chestnut Grove for the kind hospitable treatment we have received at their place during this convention. Resolved further, that we are in favor of a Teachers' Training class in every school on this charge, also that we will encourage a deeper study of God's Word in its purity. Resolved that the Sunday school, being the place where men, women and children are taught God's Word that we will try to encourage attendance in any way which will please God. Resolved that we thank the people of Chestnut Grove for their attendance and co-operation in making this convention a success. Resolved that our next meeting will be held at Pleasant Valley. Offering; solo by Rev. Colledge; reading of minutes of last convention; music; benediction by Rev. I. H. Dean, which closed another convention. May one and all be benefited by being present and may each become more spiritual and helpful to all, both officers and pupils.

REV. I. H. DEAN, Pres. MRS. ALFRED SHANK, Sec.

Mother of 26 is Only 46.

Mrs. William Moore, wife of a farmer of Burlington township, brought her 26 children to Marshall, Mich., to attend church and incidentally watch her post a letter to Theodore Roosevelt telling him the size and condition of her family. Practically the whole town turned out to watch the army of youngsters. The children, along with Mrs. Moore, and the restaurant keepers hurried to make arrangements for feeding the brood. Mrs. Moore, despite her large family, is only 46 years old. The youngest of her children has not yet passed his first year. She was married first when she was 14 years old, and married her present husband when she was 17, having given birth to one child by her first husband. The family includes seven pairs of twins, the others having arrived one at a time.

Grange Hall Almost Finished.

Bald Eagle Grange No. 1390, located near Bald Eagle, has erected a dandy grange hall. The place of meeting is no large auditorium that will seat several hundred people, but the place is plenty large enough to accommodate the prosperous grange order down the way. The building is 26 feet wide and 40 feet long and when finished it will be one of the most comfortable grange homes in Blair county. On Saturday evening, June 23, a festival will be held on the lawn surrounding the building, and a cordial invitation is extended all Tyrone people to attend. The dedication of the hall will occur sometime after the harvest season.

To Charge Extra for Big Trunks.

A new ruling by the railroad companies concerning excess baggage, will become effective July 1. Railroads will enforce an additional charge for each additional inch over 45 inches of the largest dimension of a trunk, equal to the charge of five pounds, based on the excess baggage rate between the points where the piece is checked. Where a piece of baggage is of excess weight over 150 pounds and also exceeds 50 inches in its greatest dimension, there will be added to the number of pounds of excess dimension. The total pounds thus computed will be figured at the excess baggage rate between the points of movement.

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Remember the Moose's picnic at Hecla Park on July 4th. There will be a good program prepared.

GAME LAWS ONCE MORE.

The Usual Fights Expected in the Coming General Assembly. No subject is more certain to come before each recurring session of the Legislature and none evokes more lively controversy in Senate than hunting and fishing. Just now the huntmen are engaged in their biennial discussion of the merits of the hunter-license law. The State Game Commission has been advocating this law for a long time and every Legislature in recent years has been more or less stirred over the subject, but the enemies of the proposed dollar tax have always thus far been able to convince the lawmakers that there is no crying demand for such legislation.

The present furor grows out of the determination of the advocates of the hunters' license law to again try for it in the Legislature whose members are to be elected next November. An active effort is being made throughout the State to induce candidates for the Legislature to pledge themselves in advance to support the bill. The foes of the proposition have discovered what is on, and they, too, are getting busy on the prospective lawmakers, who as a result, are likely to be made aware before long that there is a tremendous lot of interest in this subject among the people of our State.

Advocates of the measure say that it will have two beneficial results, one of which will be the further suppression of pot-hunting by unnaturalized foreigners whose ruthless slaughtering of game has long been recognized as a menace to the future of the sport; and the other is that the license fees will produce revenue, which the bill says shall be used "for the purpose of wild bird and game protection, and for the purchase and propagation of game and the payment of bounties."

The objectors retort that the State already has a law prohibiting aliens from carrying firearms or even owning a gun, and that the State ought to be able to appropriate enough money directly to the protection and propagation of game, without going into the pockets of the hunters for it. The controversy waxed warmer, and the probability is that the next legislature will have to hear and weigh the pros and cons of the whole subject, as its several recent predecessors have done. "Fish and game" is a subject of such consequence that both the Senate and House have regular committees appointed to consider it. Generally howed by Secretary W. Brooke Moore, about the steps taken by the veterans' association of other divisions to boom the home of the middle division men through the state to take definite action, and at the matter rest with the committee they appointed at their 1911 meeting in Altoona.

Home for Homeless Veterans.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division Veterans' association's reunion was held in Harrisburg last Thursday. The most important business before the convention was the project to erect a home for the homeless veterans of the Pennsylvania railroad. President C. A. Preston, superintendent of the division, reported facts of how Secretary W. Brooke Moore, about the steps taken by the veterans' association of other divisions to boom the home of the middle division men through the state to take definite action, and at the matter rest with the committee they appointed at their 1911 meeting in Altoona.

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Of all devices that have proved a boom to the hordes of pestiferous pests, the peckaboo hosiery that is about to twine its negligible filaments about shapely ankle and classic calf strikes a new and novel chord. No poor, bladdering old mosquito net, so hungry hereafter, for his little child may lead him to it, and there will be neither mesh nor warp to stay him in his fell descent. The peckaboo stocking is now on view at the exhibition of the dry-goods economist. It is a lovely open-work thing, simple, alluring, captivating. It is made of fisherman's net, so called, and if Lady Godiva had won her way down the ages of fable as a heroine who rode clad in the prevailing mode of Eden before the serpent.

It is really no stocking at all, this peckaboo affair. The interstices are about an inch square and will stretch even farther. They could be knitted at home in a few minutes out of a worn suit of it she would have been Lady Godiva just the same, and dozen yards of silk or so. And there is certainly one fine thing about them. They need no darning.

Sent South for Trial.

The Clearfield Republican recently published the following concerning a Centre county man: "Judge Smith held habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Commonwealth of Virginia versus J. Edward Holt, of Centre county, who was arrested at Potterdale, this county, Virginia, on the charge of grand larceny. The Virginia officer had obtained requisition papers from the Governor. The question was raised by Holt that the papers were not in legal form and a writ of habeas corpus was secured. After hearing the testimony and examination of papers Holt was turned over to the Virginia officer. Holt is a son of the late J. Harrison Holt, of Snow Shoe. He has been in the lumber business in the South. The charge grows out of sale of manufactured lumber by Holt. The prosecutors claimed he misappropriated funds arising from the sale.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1912, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. the following described Real Estate, viz: All those two tracts of land or parts of tracts, situate in the Township of Ferguson, County of Centre, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: No. 1. Beginning at a post corner being also the North westerly corner of land of Isaac Harper's heirs; thence South 77 degrees East 100 rods to post; thence South 69 degrees West by four acre corner (Which four acre corner lies to the Westward of the Peter Keckline, and Eastward of the Isaac Harper farm) and lying Southward to a tract of same farm, heretofore agreed to be sold to the Gordon E. Harper; thence by same approximately North 27 degrees West about 28 rods to the Custorder farm, containing about 80 acres.

No. 2. Beginning at a post the East corner of the David L. Miller homestead being what is known as the Farmers line North 49 degrees East 100 rods to post; thence South 69 degrees West to a public road; thence by said public road in a Northerly direction 30.3 rods to post; thence in a Southwesterly direction 30.3 rods to place of beginning containing 10 acres and being a part of the D. L. Miller homestead (excepting the four acre corner heretofore mentioned) and about 50 acres of what is known as the Thos. Custorder farm, said TWO lots containing 140 Acres.

Seized, levied upon, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Josephine Sexton and her heirs, the said Sexton deceased and Thos. A. B. Miller Defendants and Laura B. Miller terre tenant, with notice to all other terre tenants.

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