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EDITORIAL.

A STRIKING CONTRAST.

In 1892, when Cleveland became president, his administration inherited a financial panic. At the close of Harrison's administration, the United States Treasury was practically empty, and plates already were engraved for a bond issue to meet the crisis. Harrison was defeated and he recalled the bond issue for his successor to worry over.

When Cleveland became president he naturally found the treasury in bad shape, also with a financial panic that was world-wide. Elected on a pledge to reduce the tariff, he assembled congress and the Wilson-Gorman bill was passed. By that time the country experienced a severe panic. Since that day our Republican friends have attributed that panic entirely to the threat of tinkering with the tariff, which they declared unsettled business and closed factories, when the real cause was a world-wide financial disturbance.

It now is twenty years since that date. Another Democratic president was elected on the pledge to reduce the tariff, and this time the pledge has been faithfully kept, and the duties are only about one-half as high as under the Wilson-Gorman bill in 1892, which Republicans still claim caused soup houses, starvation to workmen and general distress throughout the country.

If the average rate of duties of 47 per cent. in the Wilson-Gorman bill created the panic in 1892, a reduction to 26 per cent. by the new Underwood-Simmonds bill naturally would be twice as drastic; every factory now would be closed and plain, ordinary soup would be a rare luxury only for the rich. Is this not logical? We ask our Republican calamity howlers to stand up and face their assertions made in every campaign since 1892. They always claimed that the fear of the reduction of the tariff created the panic, before the Act was in force in 1892.

Since November 1912 every manufacturer knew there would be a Democratic president, backed by a Democratic House and Senate, who were pledged to a radical reduction of the tariff, and they got more than they really expected. There was no doubt of a heavy cut—every intelligent business man and manufacturing concern knew it was coming. There was no doubt on that point. Did factories close down and business generally become bad? No, not for a minute; instead our industries enjoyed unusual prosperity, and the future never was brighter. No soup houses have been found necessary like in the famous Republican panic at the close of President Roosevelt's term.

To show how the new tariff has affected business, we will quote from an editorial the past week in the "Evening Telegraph," one of Philadelphia's leading republican papers:

"No Evidence of Hard Times."

"The Pennsylvania lines have just placed an order with the Baldwin Locomotive Works for fifty heavy freight locomotives. This is supplemental to an order of 144 the same company placed earlier in the year. In addition, the Pennsylvania lines have turned out 43 locomotives from their own shops, making a total of 237 new locomotives that road alone has added or ordered added to its equipment this year, at a cost of \$7,000,000. Other railroads are ordering new motive power, and the Baldwin plants have work ahead for their full complement of 20,000 men until well into next year."

"All of which proves that the business of this great country has reached a point where it cannot be vitally affected by anything except a universal calamity, and that even under unfavorable conditions in many fields of production the normal increase of production is taxing to the limit our systems of distribution."

This should forever answer the "soup-house" argument used since 1892, that the fright over the Wilson tariff produced the panic of that year. For twenty years that falsehood was constantly used, each year, with some success, to frighten thoughtless men to uphold the greatest system of extortion known.

These same calamity howlers are now working over time trying to frighten the people on what the new tariff thus far did not do, but may do.

Let us not worry over a possible evil day. By 1916 the American people will have had ample time to observe the merits of the new measure, and can then vote intelligently as to what serves them best.

THE PROPOSED LOAN FOR ROADS

Section four of article nine of the constitution of Pennsylvania of 1874 is as follows:—

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars."

The men who framed the constitution, were convinced by their knowledge of the past, that there should be a limitation on the power to contract debt. Except in case of invasion or war, this limit was fixed at \$1,000,000. This limit has remained unchanged, to the good of all the people of the state for thirty-nine years.

There is now a fierce assault made upon this limitation by the most rotten and corrupt gang of politicians that ever cursed any Commonwealth, by adding to the section these words "Provided however, that the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth."

This is only opening the way to plunder the people of the state. The same men who conceived, managed, and carried out the capitol steal of 1904 and 1905 are now managing, and pushing through and, if the electors of the state give their consent, will carry out the issue of the bonds and the distribution of this vast sum of money and the capitol steal will not be a circumstance compared with the plundering that will take place in the effort to distribute the \$50,000,000 to leaders of the gang, favorite road contractors, and others whose business it is to wreak great fortunes by despoiling and disgracing the state.

With the example the electors of the state have before them in a like proceeding in New York, no honest man, or man who desires an honest administration or expenditure of public funds for public highways can vote for this bond issue. In that great state, as in our own, the people desired good roads. The electors a few years ago authorized a bond issue of \$50,000,000. They believed that good macadamized roads would come, the \$50,000,000 are spent, and there is no road in the state which can be called a good highway, and the engineers with scientific construction ideas want another \$50,000,000. The gang of that great state are about to impeach the Governor, among other things, for refusing to appoint a commissioner of highways of whom the Governor had in his possession evidence of wholesale graft in the department of highways. The facts were conclusive, and the trail led straight back to Murphy.

The people of this state have no confidence in either the honesty or integrity of the Commissioner of Highways. He is now under indictment in the counties of Northampton, Northumberland, for having built roads or which were built under his direction since he became commissioner of highways in 1911, which are now declared a nuisance, and the Courts of Chester, and several other counties are threatening to indict him for the same offence, and yet these roads have cost thousands of dollars a mile. The money that was laid out, did not go upon the roads but into the pockets of the contractors and others.

A great effort is being made to convince the voter that this loan, if allowed, cannot be spent under the present State administration. That the issue of the bonds even though endorsed by the voter, cannot take place until proper provision is made by the legislature. Even Hon. John P. Elkins of the Supreme Court is called down from his high place to assure the voter that the bonds cannot be issued until further legislation is had, and that this cannot be had until a new General Assembly shall be elected in 1914, as well as a new Governor. Does anybody believe this? Take no chances. The ink which records the returns will not be dry until the whole rotten gang, bipartisan, including Penrose and Elkin will insist upon there being a special session of the legislature to provide the legislations required to carry out the bond issue. That the Governor has said he will not call a special session is of no consequence. The people of the state well know that the Governor is only the tool of the Penrose gang. They remember the number of times he promised to stand up for good healthy and much needed legislation for the relief of women and children in the factories and other industries of the state, his promises on the Utilities bill, and his repeated statements to veto the Five Judges bill and each time he did just what he had promised not to do. It is impossible for him to resist the commands of the Penrose McNichol gang.

Hon. William T. Cresany in a late issue of the Penna. Grange News in reference to this loan says:—

"The interest on the proposed \$50,000,000 of state road bonds "at 4 per cent. will be \$2,000,000 per year, and at present rates paid for money, it will be necessary to make the rate 5 per cent, which would make the interest charge \$2,500,000. Add to this the amount collected each year for the sinking fund of \$1,000,000 (if the bond issue is to run fifty years, as is now intended), we have to raise from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 annually."

"Our contention is that if we start with that sum and add to it what we are now appropriating for state roads, we will have from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 annually for the state highway department, and that is all they can spend intelligently, which has not been the case up to date.

"When the right kind of road has been discovered, it will be ample time to spend more money, but to spend \$20,000 per mile on roads that do not stand up and that cost from \$1600 to \$2400 per mile per year, including interest to keep in repair, is so absurd that the proposition falls of its own weight. At best, it would only mean that the \$50,000,000 would build a few boulevards, and then the rest of us could whistle for better roads. And since the clause has been stricken out of the state highway bill giving each county its share, it is surely the intention of those behind the bond issue to build the boulevards for their pleasure."

"Then again, there is no better evidence than by reading their names and listening to their claims. But should what amount of \$50,000,000 bond issue would be! And all the more so by letting the contractors for this sum all at one time with pay five or six years in which

RECENT DEATHS.

NEWELL.—Alexander Newell died at his home in Chicago Tuesday, October 7th, after several weeks' illness with typhoid fever. He was formerly of Graysville, this county, and was forty-six years old. He is survived by his wife who before her marriage was Miss Mary Wigton, and two children. The remains were buried at Graysville last Friday.

WALTZ.—Mrs. Esther Waltz died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Malloy, in Milton, October 1st, aged eighty-three years. She was born at Farmer's Mills and her maiden name was Lohr. She was twice married, her first husband having been Henry Fry, of Potter township. There survives to this time, two daughters, Mrs. Malloy, at Milton, and Mrs. Sue Kustaborder, of New Orleans.

GOSS.—Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Goss, of Tyrone, are mourning the sudden death of two interesting children, Elsie, aged five, died Saturday night, October 4th, and was buried Sunday afternoon at Tyrone, and a boy, aged three months, died Sunday, October 5th, and was buried Monday. Both children died from membranous croup. Mrs. Goss is the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills. The boys' attenders at the funerals, both of which were private.

MILLER.—Mrs. Harriet H. Miller, aged 81 years, died recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hoover, in Youngstown, Ohio, after a prolonged illness from old age. Mrs. Miller was the widow of the late Rev. J. L. Evangelical minister, who twenty years or more ago was pastor of that denomination at Centre Hall. Rev. Miller preceded his wife to the grave over seven years ago. Surviving are four sons and four daughters. The remains of the deceased were taken to Braddock, Pa., for burial.

BOAL.—James Boal, one of the best known men in this section of the state, died at the old homestead near Boalsburg, Tuesday morning, October 7th, of dropsy and heart affection, aged 75. He was married to Mrs. Mary D. Boal, of Boalsburg, Philip and William L. Foster, whose mother was a Boal. The body was removed to the Boal mansion, after it had been prepared by undertakers of State College, where it lay in state from two o'clock, when it was placed in the Boal mausoleum on the Boal estate. Rev. W. K. Harnish, of Lemont, officiated.

HARSHBARGER.—Miss Lottie Harshbarger died of dropsy at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Harshbarger in Georgetown, Thursday, October 2nd, aged 23 years, 10 months and 3 days. The deceased is survived by her mother and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Calvin Coble, Oak Hall; Mrs. Milton Kline, Centre Hall; H. K. and James, Pottery Mills; John, Lincoln Hall; D. Youngstown, Ohio; Elmer at home. The funeral occurred the Monday following her death, conducted by Rev. J. W. Price. Interment at Spruce town.

HECKMAN.—Mrs. Nancy Heckman, widow of the late William Heckman, died about 6 o'clock on Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Lucas, in Centre Hall, following an illness from a complication of diseases. Deceased was a native of Lancaster county and was aged 74 years. Her maiden name was Nancy Rupp. William Heckman, her late husband, preceded her to the grave about eleven years ago. A number of children survive, together with one sister, Mrs. Ripka, of Georges valley. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock, from the Lucas home, services to be in charge of Rev. Jones, pastor of the Reformed church of Centre Hall.

to build these boulevards." That would be a fine melon for a few of the big contractors to cut, and then savor to the little contractors.

"It is a well-established principle of law that a contract cannot be interfered with by any subsequent legislature. We do not believe the people of the state are ready to take such a step, when our neighboring state of Ohio has built twice as many miles of good roads and did not borrow a cent. "Let us 'pay as we go,' and get some system that will improve all our roads in place of a few, and this can be done and is being done in some of the better governed states."

PUBLIC SALES.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31—H. Kessling, at Fountain Station, 2 miles east of Snow Shoe, will sell 2 milk cows, 4 heifers, and lot of farm implements. Sale at 1 p. m. S. Lorrach, auct.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30—1 1/2 miles west of Curtin, at residence of undersigned, 2 horses, 4 milk cows, 3 young cattle 1 brood sow, 5 shoats, full line of farm implements and household goods. Fred Shope, Sale at 1 o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30.—Hiram Lee and F. D. Lee, executors, will sell the Dr. Lee farm, located 3 1/4 miles south of Centre Hall; 94 acres, house and barn. Sale at 2 p. m. L. E. Mayes, auct.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1.—R. C. Mann, Yarnell, will sell: 2 horses, 2 cows, farm implements ect. Sale at 1 p. m. David Wentzel, auct.

MARCH 19.—L. E. Bartiges, Coburn, will sell live stock and implements.

LIVER AILMENTS CAUSE OTHERS

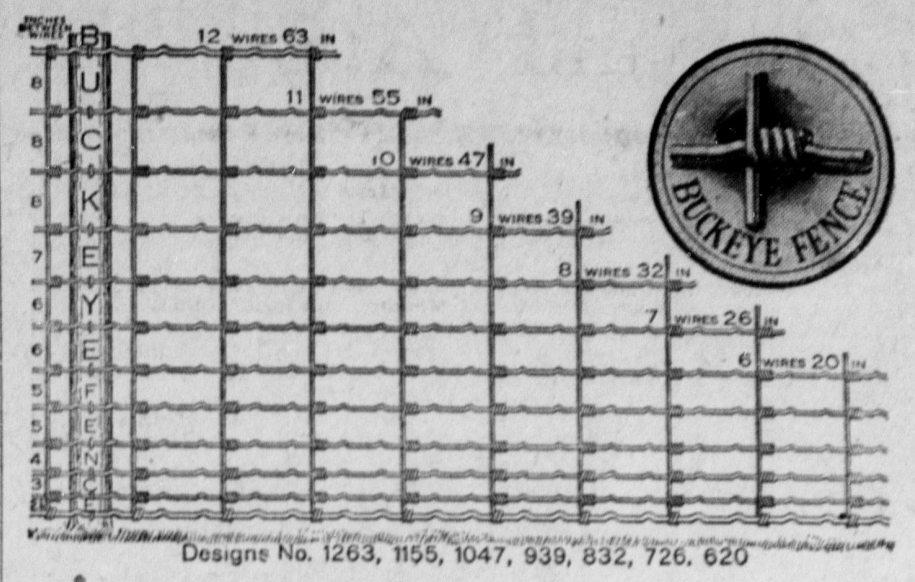
The liver is a very sensitive organ and is very easily affected. Just the instant it becomes deranged trouble results through its inability to properly assist in removing the poisonous waste matter from the body. Among the many manifestations of liver trouble are biliousness, jaundice, sick headache, gall stones, nervous derangement, sleeplessness, irritability, indigestion, constipation, irritability. In such cases, where the primary fault lies with the liver, the proper thing to do, of course, is to restore that organ to its natural healthy condition, when, unless it has been neglected too long, the trouble soon vanishes.

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