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## PURE FOOD BILLS.

Proposed Legislation to Cover All Varieties of Food and Drinks.

### ONE ACT AIMED AT ROTTEN EGGS.

Eight separate acts, all of which can be grouped under the general classification of "pure food legislation," have been prepared by State Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust for introduction in the approaching Legislature.

Among the bills is one which grows out of the sickening disclosures resulting from the recent rotten egg investigations in Philadelphia. It prohibits the sale of such eggs entirely. Following are the other bills:

A general pure food bill to take the place of the unconstitutional Tustin act of 1907; an alcoholic liquor bill; a non-intoxicating liquor bill; a lard bill; a milk and cream bill; an ice cream bill; a cold storage food bill.

In discussing the rotten egg legislation which the division will endeavor to have placed upon the statute books, Commissioner Foust said:

"This act is one to protect the public health by prohibiting the sale of eggs that are either wholly or partly decayed or decomposed, and prohibiting the use of such eggs in the preparation of food commodities. The need of this bill was made evident by the recent investigation in Philadelphia. By that investigation it appeared that decayed and decomposed eggs, or eggs that were partly decayed or decomposed, were being sold to bakeries and noodle factories for use in the preparation of their food products. These eggs are such as have been 'candle out,' or rejected upon inspection, after having been in storage for long periods of time. They are utterly unfit for food and their use for food, or as ingredients of food, cannot be too severely condemned. This particular bill prohibits the use of what have been called 'rotten and spots' has a severe penalty attached thereto, it being the intention to utterly destroy the business that has grown up in the traffic in these decayed or decomposed eggs."

According to Foust, the general bill intended to replace the Tustin act has been drafted with the utmost care. A striking point in it is that the retailer is protected from prosecution for selling food stuffs which are, unknown to him, not up to the standard. He is to be prosecuted only in the event of wanton violation of the law. Discussing this point, the commissioner says:

"An act such as we desire to have enacted to prevent the sale of impure intoxicants," said Mr. Foust, "is imperatively necessary by reason of the fact that we now have in Pennsylvania no law on this subject, and by reason of the further fact that because there is no law regulating the subject matter, Pennsylvania has become the dumping ground of the entire country for misbranded, fraudulent and adulterated alcoholic drinks. The proposed bill will operate to protect the legitimate business interests of Pennsylvania dealers against the ruinous competition of unscrupulous manufacturers and dealers of other states."

Of non-intoxicants Foust says that his attention has many times been called to the necessity of controlling by law the traffic in non-intoxicating drinks, such as "orangeade," "lemonade," so-called "root-beer," and other drinks usually sold on public occasions by street fakirs and proprietors of temporary stands and booths. Many of these so-called non-intoxicating beverages contain poisonous acids and other injurious ingredients, and their use has frequently caused serious

## WILL BE A SAILOR.

Earl Taylor Has Chosen a Sea-Faring Life, and Will Sail for Southern Waters on The Twentieth Inst.

As was noted in last week's News, Earl Taylor and his father, F. M. Taylor, Esq., went to Philadelphia last week. While in that city, Earl went down to Pier 13, not to jump into the chilly waters of the Delaware, but to jump into an examination that was in progress there of candidates who desired to enter the marine service on the Pennsylvania nautical school-ship Adams. When the Committee was through with Earl, they said "You'll do, young man," and now he is at home a few days preparatory to sailing on that vessel which leaves Philadelphia for Cuba, Jamaica, and South America, on the twentieth of this month. This is a desirable position, and Earl will have an opportunity to see the world, and at the same time be fitting himself for usefulness in life.

### NEEDMORE.

We have had another week of very beautiful weather.

Mr. Peter Culler, a former Needmore resident, was visiting among friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Trail of Matne, Bedford County, are visiting friends here.

Some of our local sportsmen carried off prizes awarded at the shooting match New Year's day.

Services were held at the church Sunday morning by Elder Funk, he will preach again next Sunday evening.

Rev. Powers commenced a series of singing services Sunday evening which will continue all week.

The post office has been moved to T. W. Peck's store room. Grant Mellott is the postmaster. E. B. Morton, of McConnellsburg, was calling on friends in Needmore last Sunday evening.

### SALUVIA.

We are having a spell of fine weather—too nice for this time of year; for it usually means "good" weather and "bad" colds.

George Minnich, of Everett has been visiting his mother and many other friends here during the past week. George is a good fellow and we are always glad to see him come.

Mrs. Sarah Deshong is not expected to live.

The local institute at Forest Dale New Year's night was well attended, and very interesting. The recitations and dialogues were well delivered, and the subjects for discussion by the teachers were ably handled.

sickness to result to children and others.

Of the other bills, the commissioner says:

"There is not in Pennsylvania at the present any law fixing a minimum standard of butter fat for cream, and the proposed bill on the subject of milk and cream is intended to fix such minimum standard as well as to prevent the sale of milk that has been watered or skimmed."

"The proposed ice cream bill fixes a minimum standard of butter fat for ice cream. Heretofore we have not had any definition or standard for ice cream in Pennsylvania. Ice cream has been sold upon the streets of our cities which contained practically no cream."

"The proposed bill regulating the sale of cold storage poultry, game and eggs is a new department in legislation and one that has been needed for many years. The only requirement of this bill is that cold storage poultry, game and eggs shall be properly labeled and branded so as to advise the consumer of its real character." The purpose of the proposed lard bill is merely to compel the proper branding of lard so that the consumer will know just what is being supplied him.

## Business and the Outlook.

Two striking indications of the recovery of trade are railroad earnings and stock prices. Railroad earnings in December were 83 per cent. better than a year ago, and only 22 per cent. less than in 1906, when everything was riding on the top of a tidal wave of prosperity. Early last week stocks reached the highest price during 1908, which was only \$7 below the highest figures of 1907 and an average gain of almost \$29 a share for sixty of the most active railroad securities from the lowest point a year ago. Bank clearings last week were not quite so large as the week before, but the loss was small; and the gain over a year ago was more than 18 per cent.

Many industrial establishments have curtailed their activities over the holidays, taking stock and making repairs, but as they start up now that the annual interruption of business is over there will be more machinery running than at any time last year. From the first of the panic the manufacturers have checked their production and retailers have curtailed their purchases. As a result of this the stocks of retailers are greatly depleted, and the manufacturers are not carrying stocks of goods; with rare exceptions they have been running only on orders. Now that there is complete confidence in trade expansion there are no stocks at either end of the line to be worked off, and there is every indication that the demands of the retailers will soon compel the manufacturers to run all the machinery they have.

The weather has not been the most favorable for the distribution of goods at retail. Dealers would be glad to have severer weather to drive their customers to them for heavy clothing, rubbers and winter conveniences generally. Occasionally the holiday trade was a disappointment. Possibly too large supplies were laid in. At any rate, at some points considerable stocks have been brought over. But almost everywhere the testimony is that the holiday buying was extremely good; nearly equal to the best we have had.

The iron and steel markets are not weak, but they are extremely quiet. There have been no large transactions. It is believed that the probability of a reduction of duties is having some influence in deterring free buying. Customers who believe that in a few months duties, and therefore prices, will be reduced, are not buying more than they need at present. This, however, is only one of many factors. Only a part of the buying can be deferred six months, and there is always a tendency to exaggerate the influence of legislation on business. There is confident expectation of a speedy improvement from the present quiet.

The receipts of iron ore at Lake Erie ports last year were four-sevenths of the amount received in 1907. The total amount of fabricated structural steel produced last year is believed to have been a little more than a million tons.

The Boston wool market shows some activity after a few weeks of lethargy. The sales last week were not heavy, but they amounted to about three times as much as the sales of the preceding week. No great amount of buying is expected in the near future, but prices are firm, and in some cases where small increases were demanded, the buyers acted so promptly that the sellers retreated not asking more. The Philadelphia wool market is in fairly good condition, with small stocks and firm prices. New business in the dry goods market has been moderate. The tone of the cotton goods market is a little firmer, and most of the mills have orders for a couple of months. There are more reorders for spring woolsens with urgency for delivery. Boston shoe shipments

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### JOHN S. HARRIS.

John S. Harris died at his home on South Second street, McConnellsburg, shortly after midnight on New Year's morning, aged 51 years and 30 days. Funeral Saturday morning, services conducted by Rev. J. C. Fassold, assisted by Rev. J. L. Grove, and interment in the family lot in the cemetery at the Greenhill Presbyterian church.

About eighteen years ago, he was braked on a railroad train in Nebraska, when one day the train parted, and Mr. Harris was violently thrown to the ground from the top of a box car, sustaining injuries to the spine, which resulted in paralysis of the lower limbs, the use of which he never recovered. About fifteen years ago, he returned to the home of his mother, Mrs. L. E. Harris, then living at Greenhill, and remained with her until some six years ago, when they moved to McConnellsburg, where he resided until the time of his death.

Notwithstanding the fact that for many years he has been obliged to use crutches, and then it was with difficulty that he could get about, he was cheerful, and pleasant and always had a kind word for those who came in his way. He served two terms as County Auditor and made a very efficient officer, and for several years has held the office of local registrar. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and identified with all her interests, and a regular attendant upon the services as long as his health would permit.

Just about a week before his death he had a stroke of paralysis, and from that time on until the end came he lay most of the time unconscious. Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. S. D. Stevens, Chambersburg, and by a brother, Prothonotary Geo. A. Harris, of this place.

#### MARGARET WINTERS.

The subject of this notice died at her late home in Thompson township, on the 21st of December, 1908, aged 75 years, 2 months and 19 days.

The deceased was a sister of John M. Winters, of Thompson, and of Job Winters of Ohio. Her remains were laid to rest in the graveyard at the Tonoloway Baptist church of which church she had been a member for many years.

The funeral services were conducted by Eld. C. L. Funk. The large number of friends that attended her funeral shows the esteem in which she was held.

#### Nice Christmas Present.

The families of Capt. C. T. Dixon and Emory Hessler at Saluvia were a few days ago recipients of a 150-lb. box of raisins, oranges, evaporated peaches, figs, pomegranates, and other fruits native to the fertile soil of the Joachin Valley, California. This splendid Christmas present was the gift of the Captain's son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sipes, of Reedley, California.

showed a heavy decline from the previous week, but a good increase over a year ago. Hides are quiet, but prices are maintained. Tanners make no concessions in prices, and hope to be able to advance them. Heavy sole leather is scarce and in great demand.

Wheat has advanced on small receipts and reduced estimates of the Argentine surplus. Corn futures have been stronger under the influence of small receipts and a large cash demand. Large Chicago "shorts" have been covering. There has been moderately active lard speculation, with slight changes in prices.

## Holiday Weddings.

### COMERER—WELLER.

At the residence of the officiating pastor, Rev. A. G. B. Powers at Needmore, on Wednesday, December 23, 1908, Mr. Wilbur Comerer, of Thompson township, and Miss Mollie Weller, of the same township, were united in marriage. The bride and groom are excellent young people, and have the best wishes of their numerous friends in their start on life's matrimonial voyage.

### TRUAX—SMITH.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1908, Rev. A. G. B. Powers, of Needmore, united in marriage, Miss Clyde Smith, and Mr. Russell Truax, both of Belfast township. The News extends congratulations to the worthy young people, and wishes them a prosperous journey through life.

### Birthday Party.

Last Sunday was the sixty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. D. D. Deshong of Licking Creek township, and a number of her friends assembled at her home and spent the day very pleasantly in honor of the occasion. Those present were: O. E. Hann, wife and daughter Marie; A. W. Deshong, wife and daughter Eva; Joseph Sipes, W. H. Hoop, wife and son John; C. W. Schooley, wife and son Norman; John G. Ewing, wife and sons, Arthur and Herbert; Mrs. Sarah Wilson; Mrs. Alice Sipes and sons, Owen and Wilmer and daughters Rebecca, and Amy; Miss Jessie Sipes; D. D. Deshong and wife; and R. R. Sipes, wife and sons Dwight and Earl and daughter Rhoda. Mrs. Deshong received many useful presents. All enjoyed themselves in a delightful social way and returned to their respective homes in the evening wishing Mrs. Deshong many more birthdays. ONE THAT WAS THERE.

### HARRISONVILLE.

The protracted meeting at Sileom has been in progress for three weeks and there have been twenty-three conversions.

B. F. Deshong & Bro. have sawed lumber for a barn for D. D. Deshong; and also, lumber for Joseph Sipes, H. L. Sipes, C. W. Schooley and R. R. Sipes.

Our schools are all getting along nicely under the present corps of teachers this winter.

Mrs. Geo. W. Sipes and child are on the sick list, Mrs. Joseph Sipes is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Catharine Hessler is critically ill.

Daniel Johnson and wife, of Wells, have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Johnson's parents J. A. Sipes,

H. M. Strait and brother D. R. Strait spent a few days with their mother Mrs. Mary Strait.

May the Editor of the News have a happy and prosperous year.

### LAUREL RIDGE.

Miss Cora Shaw is spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaw near Plum Run.

Miss Florence Shives spent Christmas with her aunt Mrs. Frances Cover in Hancock.

Misses Mary Shives and Maude Gordon spent Wednesday afternoon with J. L. Richards and family.

Mrs. Rachel and Mary Shives spent Tuesday with Mr. John Fisher and family.

Miss Maude Gordon spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Edward Keyser.

Preaching at this place the 3rd Sabbath in January, by Rev. A. G. B. Powers at three o'clock p. m. and also in the evening.

J. L. Richards is reported on the sick list.

G. E. Clouser and wife, and son George spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaw.

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## EARLIER CLOSING HOURS.

Stores That Will Close at Eight O'Clock Every Evening Except Saturday Evening.

McConnellsburg is about the last town in the United States to take steps toward the closing of the stores, and business places generally at an earlier hour than has been the custom in the years gone by. For a long time the stores have been opening at daylight, and kept open until any old time at night—frequently not closing until 10 o'clock, and often later. No man that has any regard for his health can keep up a habit of this kind very many years without paying the penalty. Then besides, if the business houses be closed earlier in the evening, the wants of the public will be just as well served, and the storekeepers will sell just as many dollars' worth of goods in the year, as they do now, and have an hour or two more to spend with their families.

The following business men signed an agreement on Wednesday to close their respective places of business at 8 o'clock every evening, except Saturday evening, beginning with Monday evening, January 11, 1909 and continuing this arrangement until April 1, 1909.

J. K. Johnston, Leslie W. Seylar, Geo. W. Hays, E. R. McClain, A. U. Nace & Son, T. B. Stevens & Son, C. B. Stevens, R. M. Downes, Chas. A. Martin, Geo. W. Reissner & Co., Trout's Drug Store, R. N. Shimer, J. A. Irwin, C. F. Scott, I. N. Watson, C. C. Bender (except restaurant).

### Birthday Dinner.

A birthday dinner was held at Elias Deshong's New Year's Sunday. At an early hour his friends and neighbors assembled with well filled baskets to celebrate his thirty-fourth birthday. About 12:30 o'clock the diningroom table was laden with delicious stuff ready to be served.

Harry Deshong one of Andover's esteemed young men thinking he wouldn't get enough of chicken and cake, filled his slippers with both. Wishart Deshong and Miss Carrie Palmer thinking that Miss Myrtle was not able to feed herself overflowed her plate, with delicious cake and gravy. Earl Beatty and Miss Myrtle Sipes thinking that they would not get their share of coffee, after drinking two cups each, had Mrs. Amanda Deshong to keep them some back. Thomas Deshong who ate so much cake and chicken that when he went to get up from the table upset the cream jug.

Those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Elias Deshong and son Albert; Mr. and Mrs. John Deshong and children, Clyde, George and Ada; Mr. and Mrs. William Deshong and children, Clem, Thomas, Nathan, Martin, Raymond and Ethel; Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Deshong and children, Wishart, Mattie and Ada; Mr. and Mrs. John Sipes and children, Hattie, Thomas and Clara; Mary, Madeline, Karl and Carrie Palmer; Mr. Mack Sipes and wife, and children, Emil, Helen, Lula, Clyde and Maurice; Wilbur and Myrtle Sipes; Edward Sharpe, Earl Beatty, Harvey Deshong, Alvin Strait; Miss Edith and Georgia Deshong.

### "UNO."

### Week-of-Prayer Services.

The week-of-prayer services being held in the churches of this place are well attended, and interesting. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian church Monday evening; in the United Presbyterian Tuesday evening; in the Methodist Episcopal last evening, and to-night it will be held in the Reformed church, and to-morrow evening the closing service will be held in the Lutheran church.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Louise Hess, of Iddo, spent a few hours in town Monday.

W. L. Swope of Pleasant Ridge, paid this office a business call on Monday.

Miss Mae Kollar, of Chambersburg, is visiting in the home of Cyrus Kelly on South First street.

Mrs. Jacob Motter and daughter Bessie, and Miss Anna Harr, spent Saturday with the family of Zack Vallance, in the Cove.

Mr. Duff Keyser, of this place, is taking a week off and spending the time with friends in Chambersburg, Waynesboro, and other points in Franklin county.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout, of Red Lion, Pa., came to McConnellsburg last Friday, and returned home Monday accompanied by his mother, Mrs. M. B. Trout.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Peck, who had been residing in the Presbyterian parsonage packed their household goods, and on the first of this month went to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wible and children, of Selea, Huntingdon county, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cordell and son, of Waynesboro, spent a few days in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Vallance.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heinsbaugh announce that the marriage of their daughter Minerva to Mr. Francis F. Haslett, of Johnstown, Pa., will take place at their home in Johnstown on the 12th of January.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rotz, and their son Lawrence, of Niantic, Ill., are visiting among their relatives and friends in town and the Cove. They are looking well and evidently John made no mistake when he left Fulton a few years ago and planted himself in the West.

Mr. R. A. Skiles, of Hustontown, called at the News office a few minutes while in town last Saturday. Speaking of big porkers, Mr. Skiles said that he helped butcher one at David Fohner's last Wednesday that dressed 598 lbs. The animal was two years old, and measured 7 feet and 11 inches in length. Now, it seems but a simple problem in arithmetic to arrive at the conclusion that the hog might have grown much larger; for, in two years, the hog gained 598 pounds, in four years, which is just twice two years, it is plain that he would weigh just twice 598 or 1196 pounds, and measured twice 7 feet 11 inches, or 15 feet 10 inches.

### FORT LITTLETON.

Miss Jessie Henry is being entertained at her home at Clear Ridge over Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Hussler, after having spent ten days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Meck, has returned home. She was accompanied by her son George.

Mr. C. S. Wilson spent Monday in McConnellsburg on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frehn of Middensville visited the latter's sister Mrs. Chas. Wilson.

Quite a number of our folks attended the lecture held at Clear Ridge Saturday evening.

Messrs Chas. Cowan, Alfy Deshong, and DeKalb Wilt, were callers at Burnt Cabins Sunday. It is reported that there is to be a shooting match in our town next Saturday.

B. S. Winegardner held a very interesting shooting match at Clear Ridge last Saturday. A number of our fine marksmen were there.