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TARIFF LAW CANNOT
BE APPLIED.

One of the big mistakes of the present administration is now before the Court of Customs Appeals, and a decision is now looked for at an early date.

The court is expected to interpret the meaning of the provision in the Underwood Tariff bill proposing to give a five per cent discount in customs' duties on merchandise imported on American vessels. Thus far that clause has failed in its purpose, just as the tariff measure of which it is a part failed to provide adequate revenue.

Enacted October 13, 1913, it failed on its first test and that test applied too, by he then attorney general, less than thirty days after the bill was signed.

No sooner had the tariff bill been presented to the Secretary of the Treasury for administration than a doubt arose in his mind as to the validity of the five per cent discount provision. He appealed for advice to Attorney General McReynolds, who is now on the supreme court bench. The provision was pronounced inoperative.

"The five percent discount to American vessels cannot be given," is the language of the attorney general quoted by the secretary, "without impairing the stipulations of existing treaties between the United States and various other powers, and consequently the subsection is inoperative. Acting on this opinion the Secretary of the Treasury issued an order to customs collectors, instructing them to make no allowance of discount on duties under this provision.

Importers who had relied on the law appealed to the Board of General Appraisers. Their ruling resulted in further confusion, and neither side being satisfied, the case was taken to the court of customs appeals, more than a year after the law had passed.

The Democratic Committee report of the five per cent provision defined it as "a discrimination in favor of American shipping, designed to build up our merchant marine and to keep at home millions of dollars now being paid to foreign vessels to carry our products to foreign markets."

Yet although they fully realized the tremendous importance of this measure which they said involved millions of dollars, they lacked the foresight to consult their own attorney general as to the possibility of enacting it into a law. The had a vague idea of what they wanted, adopted a vague method of trying to secure it, and by careless guesswork threw the whole matter into the courts.

Furthermore even if the principle of discrimination had not been questioned by the attorney general the provision was so clumsily drafted that three different interpretations have been placed upon it. Counsel for the importers claimed one interpretation, government attorneys had another for it, and the Board of General Appraisers furnish a third different from all the rest.

During the debate in Congress on this provision, Republican members repeatedly warned Democrats that quite a part from its policy, its phraseology was meaningless and should be corrected to become effective.

It was but so much breath wasted. The majority stubbornly refused to accept either caution, suggestion or amendment. The result has been that this very important clause has thus far proven mere useless verbiage, except to cause litigation and expense to all concerned.

DEATH OF INFANT.

Beatrice Augusta, the seven-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Needham, of Summit township, died on Sunday and was buried on Wednesday in the Union cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Rev. H. L. Goughnour. The little one was a great granddaughter to Mrs. Flickinger, whose obituary appears also in this issue and a granddaughter of Mrs. A. L. Wedge.

A little one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

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LATE SOMERSET
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Alice J. Graves to Sadie L. Deeter, Meyersdale, \$10; Phineas H. Durst to Payton H. Raymer, Meyersdale, \$1; Central City Realty Company to Vasili Habinjak, Shade township, \$250; Central City Realty Company to John Kondash, Shade township \$250; Annie F. Baer's administrator to Harry A. Countryman, Somerset, \$4,000; Wilmore Coal Company to Anna Bak, Windber, \$1,500; H. H. McCulley to Otis Dietz, Windber, \$1,400; George Shimkus to Charles Lakotos, Windber, \$1,200; Wilson H. Trent to Frank H. Sufall, Somerset, \$2,400; E. H. Gary to Lorain Steel Company, Conemaugh township, \$1; Annie Baird to Lucy Holderbaum, Somerset \$950; John L. Saylor's heirs to William Dixon, Somerset township, \$7,500; Charles Frank to Elmer E. Hoffman, Somerset township, \$1,600; J. W. Wenzel, Meyersdale, \$100; Hen. H. Garey to Herman Shroyer, Allegheny township, \$1,000; Keystone Coal Company to Henry Columbus Shaw's administrators, Elk Lick township, \$100; Frederick Engbert to John M. Topper, New Baltimore, \$525; Francis E. Straub to Mark A. Topper, New Baltimore, \$1,000; W. F. Gonder to Samuel Botosh, Jenner township, \$150; Nancy A. Reynolds, administrator to Robert E. Black, Confluence \$800; Chas. B. Moyer to A. J. Growall, Rockwood \$2,150; Mary Menser to Harvey H. Miller, Somerset township, \$100; Mahlon S. Rayman to William F. Gnagey, Brothersvalley township, \$1,000.

TEN EQUITY SUITS
HELD IN ABEYANCE.

Judge Ruppel on Monday handed down opinions holding in abeyance framing of the issues in 10 equity suits against the Somerset Telephone Company, involving alleged fraudulent stock in the defendant company issued by Harvey M. Berkeley, the missing attorney who disappeared August 21, 1913. The plaintiffs in the ten cases sued the company for the face value of the stock or for new certificates calling for their respective number of shares. The plaintiffs are the Commonwealth Trust Company, Rockwood; Farmers' Trust and Mortgage Company, Johnstown; Citizens' National Bank, Windber; First National Bank, South Fork; Philson National Bank, Berlin; First National Bank, Stoyestown; Dr. Valentine Hay, Somerset; Dr. W. P. Shaw, Berlin, and Irvin H. Fike, Summit twp.

WILLS PROBATED.

By the terms of the will of Allen Thomas, late of Conemaugh township, his wife, Hulda Thomas, inherits all his property and is appointed executrix. The will was witnessed by Russell Grasnser and Valentine Shaffer and is dated Oct. 13, 1910.

The will of Clarence E. Shafer, of Windber, was filed at Somerset and under its terms the real estate and drug store are bequeathed to his father-in-law, W. T. Senser, and the sum of \$300 to the Windber Fire Company, to be expended for furnishings of the meeting and social rooms of the company. He bequeaths his diamond ring and watch to his brother, Wilbur Shafer. A \$5,000 life insurance policy is to be divided equally between his father, William H. Shafer, and several brothers and sisters living in Altoona. Attorney John A. Hartman and Dr. O. J. Shank are named executors.

MANY APPEALS TO COUNCIL.

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The following bills were read—April 16: Fred Hare \$32.50; Urban Fuller \$27.50—J. O. Weller \$4.00—Conrad Saylor \$3.30—Geo. Ickes for horse \$1.25.
April 30: Wm. Carter, \$13.20—J. J. Hamer \$14.84—Conrad Saylor \$16.50—J. O. Weller \$21.00—Geo. Ickes' horse \$12.50—hauling, \$2.00—John Austin \$2.00—Fred Hare, police \$32.50—Urba Fuller, police \$27.50—Somerset Tel. Co. 13.07—M. Planing Mill \$2.02—Baer & Co. Tile \$19.60—M. Republican printing \$3.50—Charles Fisher & Son, duplicate \$4.00; Mrs. F. Bolden, supplies, lockup, \$2.55—M. Light Co. \$2010.00—Niagara Falls Metal Stamping Works tags \$3.66—E. J. Dickey, sec. and postage \$4.73.

Mr. Darley moved and it was decided to pay all bills except that of the Light Co. and that of the Tel. Co.

Frank Bolden tendered his resignation as a member of town council. The same was accepted. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Bolden for services rendered the borough.

Mr. S. W. Bittner was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bolden.

It was ordered that Large street be surveyed from Centre to Dr. Shepherd's property, giving legal grade for sidewalks. E. J. Dickey, Secretary.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
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WAIST 7634-SKIRT 7619

Airy Fairness

See The Delineator for May.

Fine as Organdy, the Handkerchief Linen.

Daintiness itself the Handworked Scallop and Lacy Frilling.

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"A STORE WITH CHARACTER"
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Selected New 1915 Patterns.

An exhibit that is especially interesting to any housekeeper at this season of the year. Standard grades and makes; Brussels, Velvets, Axminsters and Tapestry Brussels. Shown in a perfect, day-light carpet room where every pattern and quality can be examined with the closest scrutiny.

Carpets by the yard at 25c to 95c per yd.
Large Rugs, 9 x 12 ft. at \$9.00 to \$30.00 each.

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Most durable and sanitary floor coverings made. Can be washed when desired. Fast color and an unbreakable fabric. Per yard - 30c.

Table and Wall-Covering Oilcloth.

Extra fine oil finish at \$2.00 and \$2.25 per bolt of 12 yds.

Curtains and Curtain Goods.

Nottingham Lace Curtains at 50c to \$6.00 per pair
Cable Net Curtains at \$1.25 to \$6.00
Curtain Goods by the yard at 10c to 50c

WE SELL BURSON FASHIONED ROSE
"WHERE THE GOOD THINGS COME FROM"
ALBERT S. GLESSNER
Successor to Apple & Glessner, Meyersdale, Pa.

ADDITIONAL DEATHS.

MRS. MARY REITZ.

Mrs. Mary Buechley Reitz, believed to be the oldest woman in Somerset county, died Tuesday April 26, at her home in Friedens, aged 95 years. She was the second wife of the late Geo. Reitz. She made her home for many years at the residence of Christian Blough, of Friedens, who is 93 years old. They were critically ill at the same time, but Mr. Blough is on the road to recovery. No children survive Mrs. Reitz; but her stepchildren are Albert Trent, of Westmont; Howard Schmucker and Mrs. Silas Coughnour, both of Johnstown. The funeral services were held at ten o'clock Thursday morning at the Rayman Church of the Brethren with interment in the nearby cemetery.

MRS. CHRISTINA FLICKINGER

Died at her home in Boswell on Friday April 30, aged 66 years and 22 days. Seven children survive—Mrs. A. L. Wedge and Mrs. Ellen Sude both of Meyersdale; Mrs. Chas. Baker, of Fair Hope; Mrs. J. P. Koontz, of Seaton; Mrs. Geo. Smith, of Jenners; John and William of Boswell also four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Michael Coughnour, of Meyersdale, and Augustus Coughnour, of Kansas are brothers of the deceased. Mrs. Flickinger was a devoted Christian woman. The funeral services were held at Fair Hope on Monday conducted by Rev. H. L. Goughnour of Meyersdale.

MRS. H. L. HULL

Died in the Altoona hospital, Apr. 25, aged 51 years. The deceased was born in Shanksville and was a daughter of Chauncey Brant; about 20 years ago she was united in marriage to H. L. Hull to which union was born one child, who died in infancy. Her husband and the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Robert and Foster and Richard Brant of Shanksville; Mrs. Minnie Wilson, of Johnstown, her father having died 11 years ago and her mother but three months ago. Interment was made at Shanksville. Mrs. Hull was a consistent Christian, being a member of the Lutheran church and was a loving wife and neighbor.

Good Table Peaches, or pears for 15 cts. per cen at Bittner's Grocery.

THE CONTEST NEARING END.

Three more weeks of the Trade Extension Campaign at the Hartley-Clutton store—three more weeks of work, twenty-one more days of struggle and the Grand Awards will be made and the opportunity for YOU to win a beautiful piano will be passed. Have you put forth your best efforts; are you doing all that you can NOW to make every vote count?

You cannot hope to win any of the Grand Awards unless you are active in the sale of Trade Books and in taking advantage of the Wednesday SPECIAL SALES.

Next Wednesday the sale will be held on thread and Special Service Checks will be issued on every purchase. That means that the purchase of a five cent spool of thread on next Wednesday will give you 500 votes. There isn't one of your friends that wouldn't be willing to buy two or three spools just to help you and there is no more common article in the household than thread. Some of your friends would no doubt buy it by the box if you would only call their attention to the sale.

Special Weekly Silverware award this week goes to a member of Club No. 62.

The following is the standing of contestants at the close of week ending May 5:

4	1,496,725	10	2,742,775
22	2,284,946	28	518,170
33	188,120	38	6,983,325
40	1,788,945	62	12,610,104
73	1,853,190	151	264,355
157	4,343,855	159	13,135
161	10,254,908	200	3,430
165	430,145		

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is given that the partnership existing under the firm name of Becker & Streng, doing a general milling business was dissolved by mutual consent on May 1, 1915, the said Becker retiring from the firm; the business to be continued by the said Streng. The books and accounts of the firm will remain at the mill where all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the firm are to appear for settlement and those having claims against the same are to present them without delay.

GEORGE BECKER,
C. C. STRENG.
Meyersdale, Pa. May 1, 1915.

PERSONAL TOUCH IN OUR BUSINESS LIFE IS WHAT COUNTS, SAYS MR. WOODS

One of the most enthusiastic trade members of the Chamber of Commerce of this borough coming here the week of May 18 to 21 to pay our manufacturers, bankers and merchants a visit is Lawrence C. Woods, vice president and assistant manager of the Edward A. Woods Agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and one of the guiding heads of the largest life insurance agency in the world. He says that he knows of no better way of studying conditions than by getting into close touch with the business men on tours of this character.



LAWRENCE C. WOODS.

Furthermore he says that community spirit is emphasizing more and more in every city and town. He takes the position that everything that helps western Pennsylvania help this community.

Mr. Woods, who is a keen observer of men, also says that there is already material evidence all about us tending to show that times are improving fast. He believes in promoting civic pride and is always ready to assist in any good cause to help business. He feels confident that the present offers a most opportune time to help promote the prosperity of this district.

FOR RENT—A Three and a six roomed house. T. W. Gurley.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.

For Sale—Whole shoemaking outfit. Apply to Mrs. Chas. Plitt, 220 North St., Meyersdale, Pa. 2t

JUST RECEIVED—Car of the old Reliable Dragon Portland Cement. For Sale by C. E. DEAL.

Wanted—to buy second hand small desk. J. O. Adams, Meyersdale.

LEGHORN EGGS FOR SALE—Single Comb White Leghorn EGGS for hatching \$1.00 per dozen. ALFRED BROADWATER, Glencoe, Pa.

VETERINARIAN—S. P. Fritz, castrating, a specialty. P. O. Address, Pine Hill, Pa. —Economy Phone, at Gumbert's Store.

THE MEYERSDALE SUMMER NORMAL SCHOOL will open on Monday, May 10, and continue in session until the County Teachers' Examination. For information, address, **W. H. KRETCHMAN,** Principal
Tuition \$8 and book rent .50

Practical nursing and Maternity work. The best of qualifications and recommendations. Mrs. Roy Bills, 108 Centre street.

WANTED—To buy farms of 20 to 160 Acres in Summit Township, as we have prospective purchasers for same. Answer quick. Address or call on Meyersdale Real Estate Co., F. W. Plock, Mgr.

THESE ARE NO TIMES FOR LARGE PROFITS—We have made a reduction in prices on Monuments, etc. We are the largest dealers in all this territory, having two yards, one at 99 Centre Street, Cumberland, and one at 60 Main Street, Frostburg.

Mail orders receive best attention. **J. B. WILLIAMS CO.**

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No more red hands from scrubbing floors. Run a mop over linoleum.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Charles M. Secret, late of Larimer Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator in the Estate of the above named decedent, hereby gives notice to all persons indebted to said estate, to make prompt payment and those having valid claims against the same to present them duly authenticated to the undersigned administrator at his home in Sand Patch, Somerset Co., Pa., Saturday, May 29th, 1915, or to his attorney, Jas. B. Landis, Atty. W. H. Connor, Somerset, Pa. Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Mrs. Margaret Hersh, late of Greenville Township, Somerset County, State of Pennsylvania, Deceased.

All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having legal claims against the same will present them without delay in proper form for settlement to Squire W. H. HAY, Meyersdale, Pa. on or before May 27, 1915.

JAS. G. OTT, Administrator.

Joseph L. Tressler
Funeral Director and Embalmer
Meyersdale, Penn'a.
Residence: 309 North Street Economy Phone. Office: 229 Center Street Both Phones.