



CONGRESS GAVE \$800,193,837.

Total Appropriations of the Session Just Ended.

Just before the U. S. Senate adjourned Senator Allison, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations for the session by bills as follows:

Agriculture, \$5,208,600; army, \$91,530,130; diplomatic and consular, \$1,957,926; District of Columbia, \$8,647,526; fortifications, \$1,298,955; Indian, \$9,143,902; legislative, etc., \$25,398,381; Military Academy, \$2,627,324; navy, \$78,678,963; pension, \$139,842,230; post office, \$138,416,598; river and harbor, \$20,726,442 (exclusive of contracts authorized); sundry civil, \$60,125,359; deficiencies, \$28,039,911; miscellaneous, \$2,600,000; Isthmian Canal, \$50,130,000; permanent annual appropriations, \$123,921,220. Grand total, \$800,193,837.

The total last year was \$730,338,575.

LOCALS.

Read Bradford's phosphate advertisement in another column.

The M. E. festival on the evening of the 4th was well patronized, and netted the congregation about \$35.00.

Earl Fleming will take one of the public schools in Munson, Clearfield county, with a salary of \$45.00 per month for eight months.

Christ Durst, who is the right hand man of his brother, John Durst, a tenant on one of the best Union county farms, was home over Sunday.

During the Independence Day celebration at Selmsgrove, Murray Heider, ten years old, was burned by the premature explosion of a small cannon, which disfigured his face and ruined one of his eyes.

The Christian Endeavor of the Reformed church will celebrate its anniversary Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by holding a special service. An invitation is extended to all the young people's societies to be present.

Too many dogs in town. What are they kept for? Some nuisances can not well be done away with, but the dog nuisance could easily be discarded. A dog kept in the back yard and his mouth tied shut is the only dog that has a right to live.

Rev. H. W. Goss, D. D., of Shamokin, a former Lock Haven minister of the Evangelical church, charged with a criminal act by a Sugar Valley young lady, was acquitted of the charge by the court. Rev. Goss withdrew from the Evangelical church.

Miss Mabel Olivia Zerbe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Zerbe, formerly of this place, has become a reader of the Reporter. The Zerbes live in Salt Lake City, Utah, where the head of the family is engaged in mining, which is proving profitable.

From the appearance of some shade trees, some reckless persons wielded the axe in the trimming. How any one can sit under an abused tree without correcting its ills is a mystery. A human limb hacked off would never heal up but decay. The same is true of the limb of a tree.

Although Sunday was a rainy day there was considerable pleasure driving done. The poor livery horse is frequently shamefully abused by the silly and heartless who think their actions smart. The ascent and descent of the mountain is usually made at a rapid gait, and it is not infrequent that the noble animal is lashed by the inhuman wretches who are sometimes drunk and sometimes sober, but usually come from Bellefonte.

Among the many young men who called at the Reporter office during vacation week were Messrs. B. H. and Frank Goodhart, sons of Wm. Goodhart, of near Spring Mills. The former young man is located at Cresson, and is a fireman on the C. C. division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and is giving his employers satisfactory service. The younger Goodhart is at home on the farm, doing good service for his father. Mr. Goodhart, Sr., has a perfect right to feel just a bit proud of these young men starting out in life.

Dan Smith, Jr., of Reedsville, was the guest of John S. Hosterman for several days last week. Dan is an employe of the Smith printing company at Reedsville, being one of the clerks in the business office. He attended school in this place one session, and while here won friends who are always glad to see him return. Dan explains away the mystery of the large number of Smiths in a very satisfactory way, and no doubt he is correct in his solution of the problem. It is this: In the beginning all families assumed the name Smith, but as its various members committed deeds not creditable to the family, they were driven to change their names. Those who hold the popular family name today are beginning to feel very proud over the fact that their ancestors have not dishonored the Smith tribe during the many centuries of trials.

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PINEY OIL COMPANY DISBANDED.

The Company Disburses Its Funds—Shareholders Receive About 8 Per Cent.

The Piney Coal and Oil Company held its final meeting in Centre Hall Friday, 27th ult., at which time so far as practicable, the funds of the company on account of the sale of its property, were disbursed.

The company was formed in 1865, and chartered in 1877. The original incorporators were ten in number, nine of whose names are here given: Peter Hoffer, D. C. Keller, Andrew Gregg, George Durst, Lafayette Neff, Lewis Hess, Centre Hall; Gibson Larimer, Hon. C. T. Alexander, Bellefonte; David Gilliland, Linden Hall.

The capital invested was \$15,000.00, divided in fifty shares of \$300.00 each. The property consisted of a tract of land in Clarion county, containing one hundred and six acres. No attempt was ever made to develop the property, and for some time past the land was leased for the taxes.

N. B. Spangler, Esq., secretary of the reconstituted corporation, sold the Piney Coal and Oil Company's property according to a resolution passed at a meeting of the company held in this place May 25th, 1901, for the sum of \$1,300.00. After paying expenses the shareholders received about eight per cent. of the original money invested.

The officers and directors of the company were H. Y. Stitzer, president; N. B. Spangler, Esq., secretary; directors—B. D. Brislin, Centre Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Rev. S. G. Shannon, Pitman Grove, N. J.

LOCALS.

Mrs. Aiken, of Bellefonte, was the guest of Mrs. Mary Olenkirk last week.

Mrs. Mary Dinges, of Williamsport, is visiting her son Harry Dinges, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weber, of Boalsburg, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sandoe.

Potter township has two schools not supplied with teachers. They are the Rock Grove (Slack's) and Tusseyville.

Celery plants, large enough to transplant, at a reasonable price, are now offered for sale by Mrs. M. B. Richards.

Samuel F. Snyder is busily engaged at the carpenter work in Pittsburg, and is well pleased with the work and the firm which employs him.

The school book agents have been invited to come to Centre Hall next Tuesday. They are a fine set of fellows, and represent good firms, and are very willing to exchange books for cash.

Frank Heckman, son of Wm. Heckman, of near this place, who has been absent from Centre Hall for about five years—two years in Snyder county and three years in Elizabeth, Illinois. At the latter place he is at present clerk in a temperance hotel.

D. K. Keller Monday sold his last bunch of fat steers. The combined weight of the four animals was 3882 pounds. The Kellers believe in fattening cattle while they are young, keeping them steadily increasing in weight from the time they are calves.

Prof. A. Miles Arney, one of the instructors in the Electrical department at State College, will spend his vacation in Pittsburg with the Westinghouse people. Since the close of the college year he has been at home with his parents in this place.

Mrs. George W. Boshman and son, Ross, Thursday of this week will go to Gettysburg, where they will spend a month with grandfather Bushman. Mr. Bushman in the mean time will remain at home and attend to the jewelry and bicycle business.

A. A. Miller and Mrs. J. T. Stuart, of State College, chaperoned a little party of young ladies to Pann's Cave on Monday. The ladies were Misses Lydia Baker and Anna Graybill, of Williamsport, Eva Miller and Margaret Stuart, of State College.

John Booser and family, of Osceola, were in town Friday and Saturday on account of the death of Mr. Booser's mother. Both Mr. and Mrs. Booser were "brought up" in Centre Hall, and consequently feel much at home when in this place. Mr. Booser is engaged in the undertaking business.

Aaron Thomas is proud of the fact that he has a fine lot of Romanite apples of last year's crop to munch. The fruit is in a perfect state of preservation and possesses its natural flavor. The apples referred to were buried last fall and when taken from their winter quarters this spring they were carefully packed in apple leaves gathered for that purpose.

Milton Snyder and George Condo are home from Jeannette, to which place they went last spring to engage in carpentering and hutching, respectively. Mr. Snyder is much pleased with the place and will return within a short time. Mr. Condo has not decided whether he will part with his family or not for the activities of the Westmoreland county town.

State's Library Assured.

Dr. George W. Atherton, president of the Pennsylvania State College, is in receipt of a communication from Andrew Carnegie approving the action of the trustees at the recent college commencement in reference to the plan adopted for the acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$100,000 for a college library, and authorizing the board to proceed with the erection of the building. Plans for the library are already being made by a Philadelphia architect.

Cashed Forged Checks.

James McClure, John Olewine and Hon. James Schofield, of Bellefonte, were fleeced to the extent of \$12.00 each by a "gentleman" who gave his name as George Heller. In each case Heller made a purchase to the extent of about three dollars, and tendered a check in the sum of \$15.00, purporting to have the signature of Commissioner Abram Miller. The difference was given Heller in cash, who made good his escape before the fraud was detected. The goods purchased were left to be called for "later in the day."

Haymaking Interrupted.

Haymaking has been seriously and frequently interrupted by heavy showers during the opening of that farm work. It has been impossible up to this time to secure a single load of hay without getting wet, and much of the product has been ruined out.

Farm work has heaped up on the farmers—haying is less than half completed; harvest is here; corn and potatoes waited their turn to be finished, but in many instances have developed to a point where cultivation would now be damaging.

Clearfield Republican Ticket.

The Clearfield Republican county convention nominated the following ticket: Congress, W. C. Arnold; senate, A. E. Patton; assembly, Harry Boulton and F. R. Schofield; treasurer, W. C. Goss; commissioners, C. A. Rowles and S. R. Hamilton; auditors, J. H. Moore and L. W. Edwards. B. F. Chase was re-elected county chairman. The nominations were anti-Quay men. State Treasurer Harris, who led the Quayites, lost everything. A resolution specifically endorsing Senators Quay and Penrose was framed, but at the last minute was withdrawn, because of manifest opposition on the part of the warm friends of John P. Eakin.

Letter from Dakota.

I have been employed by J. C. Allison & Co., since April 14th, at White, South Dakota, and have a good position, says G. Bruce Goodhart, in a letter to the Reporter dated June 27th, and adds further:

Jack Frost paid his last respects to this vicinity on the night of the 20th. Corn, oats and barley were frozen to a crisp. In different localities wheat was damaged considerably. Garden truck also suffered severely. A very late fall will be necessary to insure a good crop. It has been a remarkably cool summer thus far. The laying aside of winter under garments has not been thought of yet.

Lumber is very scarce and consequently very dear. And yet towns are very rapidly built up in this section. The Farmers' State Bank of White was organized last summer, and the First National Bank will be ready to receive deposits by July 1.

Boalsburg.

The school board met Saturday and elected Prof. Gramley, of Spring Mills, principal of the High School, successor to Prof. Bryson, who resigned and accepted a position in the schools at Flemington.

Mr. and Mrs. David Keller attended the funeral of Mrs. B. Bozer at Centre Hall Saturday.

Dick Kramer and family, of Altoona, are visiting at the home of Mr. Condo.

John Kimport, an employe of the Juniata shops, is visiting his parents. Mrs. Andy Lytle and daughter Bess were in town Sunday.

Alyia Meyers left for Altoona on Monday.

Mrs. Belle Stuart and daughter Kathryn, of South Forks, are visiting among old friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Gettig, of Altoona, are spending their vacation at Locust Grove farm.

Senator Cyrus Woods, of Greensburg, visited his old home last week. Rev. Knappenberger, of Allentown, will preach in the Lutheran church Sunday, 13th.

Hoffer Dale passed through town Sunday on his way to Paradise.

Will be in Town Friday.

Photographer Smith will be in Centre Hall Friday. Come to his studio if you want first-class work at a reasonable figure.

Dorothy Dodd.

LOCALS.

Hasn't it been rainy weather? A violent rain storm in the vicinity of Axe Mann and Bellefonte did considerable damage.

W. S. Miller was re-appointed postmaster at Rebersburg, having served a full term of four years.

Mrs. George Ocker and daughter, Miss Estie, of Lewisburg, are visiting friends in Rebersburg.

The Misses Geary and a friend, of Millheim, spent the 4th with Barber Frank Geary in this place.

From the issues of the Reporter during April, May and June: "Crops are suffering from drought."

Mrs. Mary J. Olenkirk advertises the Olenkirk farm and the Old Port hotel stand for sale. See adv. elsewhere.

Thursday corn sold at ninety cents in Chicago. That was the highest price paid since 1892, when it touched \$1.00.

Miss Mabel Zeigler, one of the telephone operators in the Millheim exchange of the U. T. and T. Co., was in town for a short time Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gross Mingle were in town over Sunday, having recently returned from their wedding tour to Philadelphia, Washington and other points.

Baggage-master John Fisher, Cook's train, returned to duty after taking a vacation. Fisher is a first-class railroad man, and has the qualifications for a much better position.

The various committees of the Spring Mills Penn Hall Academy reunion met at Spring Mills Monday forenoon and completed arrangements for a grand reunion August 7th, in Allison's grove.

At a meeting of the Bellefonte school board Monday evening, Prof. John D. Meyer was re-elected principal of the High School; W. F. Kinsle, first assistant; and Miss Ella Levy, second assistant.

George Meese, at Colyer, conducted a Fourth of July celebration that was a credit to the place. There was a large gathering and from the reports brought to this office by Wm. Bair, all enjoyed themselves hugely.

The Children's Day exercises at Egg Hill Sunday evening were a grand success. All did themselves credit in performing their parts. Miss Bessie Royer is deserving of special mention on account of her superior musical talent.

Misses Carrie Young and Lula Weitzel, two of Lewisburg's popular young ladies, have been visiting at the home of John Luse for some days. They left Wednesday for Spring Mills, where they will visit before returning to Lewisburg.

Sumner V. Hosterman, Esq., and his fiancée, Lucy F. Mull, both of Lancaster, arrived at the home of the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hosterman, in this place, Monday, Wednesday the Hosterman family drove to Rebersburg to spend the day.

John Brooks, brother of Richard Brooks, on the G. M. Boal farm, near this place, was overcome with heat on the fourth while working in the hay field. He was unconscious for several hours. Dr. Park was summoned, and by applying the usual remedies the boy was brought to a conscious state, and has now fully recovered.

The Reporter's readers will be pleased to learn that John H. Miller, a veteran of the sixties, is comfortably quartered at the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Home, at Erie. Soldier Miller was a resident of this town for many years, and took considerable pride in showing the editor and others from Penns Valley through the splendidly equipped home.

E. S. Ripka, of Centre Hill, who for a short time was a railroad mail agent, has been transferred to the second division of the R. M. S. offices, New York City, where he holds a position as a stenographer. This position is not permanent, but he hopes soon to be permanently located in the New York office. Mr. Ripka is well suited for the position which he fills, and the Reporter is glad to say that he has secured profitable employment.

Joseph L. Watson, of Joliet, Ill., for the past few weeks has been circulating among old friends in Blair, Centre and Millia counties. Watson, during the early sixties and before, was a prominent family name in this locality. Robert Watson, the head of the family, owned the Gregg farms prior to the war, and was succeeded as owner by Col. Gregg, who developed the ore in them. "Joe" Watson, as he is called by his gray-haired and gray-bearded cronies, enlisted in the war at its outbreak and after serving three years went to Joliet. In that place he held a position in the state prison for twenty-seven years, and later entered the services of the Santa Fe railroad, which corporation employ him at present.

JOHN MEYER.

John Meyer, one of the oldest residents of Penns Valley, died at his home east of Penn Hall, July 1, 1902. He was nearly 88 years of age, having been born near Campbellstown, Lebanon county, September 14, 1814. He was the youngest of eight children and with his parents emigrated to Centre county in March, 1825. Several of his father's brothers had already settled in this county. Aaronsburg, Spring Bank and Boalsburg became their homes. The family is now scattered over Penns and Brush Valleys. The death of Mr. Meyer removes the last of the Meyers who came here during the first few decades of the last century.

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DEATHS.

MRS. CATHARINE BOOZER.

Mrs. Catharine Booser died Thursday of last week after an illness of several weeks from a complication of diseases incident to old age. Interment took place in the cemetery at Centre Hall Saturday forenoon. Her age was eighty-three years, six months and four days.

The deceased was the oldest person living in Centre Hall, and spent her entire life in and in the vicinity of this place. She was a woman held in the highest esteem by her acquaintances. She was kind hearted, and bestowed much care upon her grandchildren. This care was not only the usual fondness of a grandmother but an actual motherly care for a number of her descendants. She was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and when physically able attended the regular services of that church.

Mrs. Booser belonged to one of the largest and best known families in Penns Valley, being a granddaughter of Jacob Keller, who was born February 15, 1753, came to Potter township, Centre county, in 1806, from Bethel township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and purchased what is known as the Red Mill property. He was a soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary war, and after serving two months was discharged at Lebanon, Pa., November 2, 1777.

Christian Keller, father of the deceased, was the first to locate in this immediate vicinity. He was a miller by trade, but in 1828 purchased a tract of land from the Potters, a part of which is yet in the possession of the Keller family.

Christian Keller died in middle life, leaving the following children: William who died while serving as county commissioner; John H., Elizabeth, wife of Amos Alexander; the deceased, who became the wife of John Booser; Lydia, wife of Peter Hoffer; Rebecca, wife of Watson Penington; Sarah, wife of Isaac Penington; Leah, wife of John Hoffer; David C. and Christian.

Of this family there remains but one member, Mrs. Watson Penington, of Plainfield, Illinois.

The deceased was married to John Booser, March 10, 1840, by Rev. Peter Fisher, of Boalsburg, pastor of the Reformed church. His death occurred March 16, 1896, while living on the farm now occupied by George Heckman, west of town. The following sons and daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Booser: Nancy A., wife of William Summerson; William K., Eliza, James A., Catharine, wife of Samuel Treshler; Maggie, wife of P. F. Keller; Henry, David A., Lydia and Christina.

The Booser family came to Central Pennsylvania from Maryland, and located in Kishacoquillas Valley, where John Booser was born. Later the senior Booser moved to Farmers Mills on the farm now owned by James A. McClintic, and after the marriage of Mr. Booser to the deceased, they took up housekeeping on that farm as the successor of the father.

MRS. W. L. ROYER.

Mrs. W. L. Royer, of McConnell, Illinois, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Bunker, at Lena, Illinois, a few days ago, after an illness of some months, aged 53 years, 5 months and 24 days.

Mrs. Royer was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lot Evans and was born January 1, 1849, near Potter's Mills, this county, where she grew to womanhood. In 1873 she was united in marriage with Mr. Royer, and in 1876 they and Mrs. Royer's parents went west, locating near McConnell.

The deceased is survived by her husband and four children. Mrs. George Bunker, of Lena; Mrs. Lied, of Cedarville; and twin boys, Charles and John, also by her aged father and brother Thomas, of Orangeville; and her brother Lot, of Cedarville.

Mrs. Royer was a member of the M. E. church at McConnell, was of a kindly disposition and generous motives and leaves many friends who will mourn her demise.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Reporter's gain in new subscribers is many times its loss of old ones during the past month.

Prof. John Hamilton, wife and daughter, are in Portland, Oregon, where they will remain for a short time.

Annie E. Rossman has been appointed postmistress at Clintondale, as successor to her husband, Justus Rossman, deceased.

Miss Anna Shoop, daughter of Samuel Shoop and sister of Baker William Shoop, is in Altoona, where she is visiting relatives.

A number of shade trees have been trimmed up since the last issue of the Reporter. The council's requests should be heeded in this and all other matters.

Judge Love filed an opinion refusing a new trial in the case of Elmer W. Moore, Receiver of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Company against J. H. Reifsnnyder, of Millheim.

Mrs. D. G. Smith, wife of Dr. Smith, of Elizabeth, Illinois, is east on a visit to her parents and friends. Father Heckman is failing gradually, and his immediate family cannot hope to have him with them long.

Miss Magdalene Callaway, daughter of Mrs. E. H. B. Callaway, of Bellefonte, and George Boal Thompson, son of John L. Thompson, of Lemont, were married in Bellefonte by the Rev. George Brown, of the Episcopal Church, Thursday, June 27.

The remodeling of the Reformed church at Boalsburg is progressing rapidly. The exterior is almost ready for the painters. There remains much to be done in the interior, however. When finished the church building will have a decidedly new appearance.

A. L. Little, Esq., of Bedford, was a representative to the Union party committee meeting in Philadelphia last week. Lawyer Little was principal of the Centre Hall schools some years ago, and after returning to his home county was twice elected district attorney.

Ex-Sheriff John Spangler, of this place, made a trip to Union and Perry counties last week to pay relatives a visit. The Sheriff is originally from Snyder county, and is thoroughly acquainted with the topography of every locality within its boundaries, as well as with every old landmark in Union county.

Unhappily there is no doubt that great damage has been done to the wheat and corn crop in the great wheat and corn states by the late heavy rains. The loss, however, is probably overestimated, and it will be in some measure compensated by the improved conditions in areas where rain was badly needed.

Al. P. Wieland, of Nordmont, Fullinwau county, and his brother, Stewart F. E. Wieland, of Linden Hall, spent a half hour in the Reporter's quarters several days ago, much to the delight of the writer. Mr. Wieland is engaged in the mercantile business in Nordmont, and in connection with that business is operating a large flouring and chaff mill. Business is reported as very good and the profits yield beyond a living.

Friday morning about two o'clock a two story frame house located in Boalsburg township, about two miles from Milesburg, caught fire and was burned to the ground, says the Daily News. The house was owned by Thomas Quick, Jr., but was unoccupied, the owner having moved to Johnstown, Pa., recently. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about \$1,000, which is covered by insurance.

Rev. John Keller a few days ago returned to his southern home at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, N. C., where he is serving a Reformed charge, and as was stated in these columns before, is interested in a female college at that point. Rev. Keller last week filled the pulpit in the Reformed Mission church, in Lewistown, to which place he and his father, James A. Keller, drove the day previous.

The Children's Day service in the Evangelical church Sunday evening was really first-class. The children entered into the parts most heartily. The music, conducted by J. Frank Smith, was splendidly rendered. The whole program was enjoyed by every spectator. A duet by Misses Sylvia Krumbine, soprano, and Lula Shultz, alto, was a number the equal of which is seldom given on such occasions. The form drifted from her natural soprano to a tenor in a manner suggestive of a musical freak, while the latter gave forth a pure alto and contralto interchangeably. The children are aged about thirteen years.

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