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## SIXTIETH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

Congress Fails to Perform Important Duties—Army Officers Have Salaries Raised.

Outside of the appropriations there is little of note in the history of the first session of the Sixtieth Congress. We record a small output of legislation as a fact, and not necessarily as a reflection upon the industry and capacity of Congress. Not many things demanded action from Congress, but those few things were left untouched or were very badly done.

Of course, the tariff was untouched. Just as the need of a campaign fund is coming on the Republicans would not scare off the manufacturers out of whom the "fat" is to be "fried". Even the small measure for removing the duty on paper and wood pulp was left without action. The currency was disposed of by the enactment of a double-barreled measure, inadequate and full of objectionable features, which was put through the House by force and the Senate by subterfuge.

The bill to require publicity of campaign contributions, rendered impossible by an amendment to reduce Southern representation, was left in a Senate committee. The improvement of the nation's waterways was neglected, but a bill to assist Senators and Representatives by the erection of public buildings in their districts got through. The cost of the army, navy and fortifications was increased \$42,000,000 and the militia appropriation was raised to \$5,000,000. Last year wages were so high that men were deserting from the army. This year labor conditions have been very different, there has been a rush for enlistment, and Congress has raised the pay of the men 40 per cent. and added \$500 to the pay of each officer.

The Government Liability law and the Employers' Liability law were enacted. Widows' pensions were increased and 3000 private pensions were voted. One of the most creditable acts was the remitting of the indemnity exacted from China, the just claims not having reached to the total of the award. Among the concessions made to public opinion, Congress enacted that the motto "In God We Trust," taken from the coins by the President, should be restored. Most of the work of the session was immaterial, but the President was only partially successful in securing the enactment of measures to carry out "my policies".

### Kind Words For Walker.

The Phillipsburg Daily Journal, an independent newspaper, makes these kind references to W. Harrison Walker, Esq., candidate for Congress in this district:

There was a hearty welcome extended our friend, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of Bellefonte, while in Phillipsburg last evening and this morning. The fact that he is the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, elicited much favorable comment here, and has aroused his numerous friends in this part of the county to their best efforts to give Mr. Walker even more than a mere complimentary vote in November. They recognize in him those qualities that are admired much among men—energy, ability and sterling worth—the highest order. He ranks among the foremost practitioners at the Centre County Bar; and as an orator and public speaker, won an enviable reputation among our people, having delivered upon a recent Memorial Day one of the most forceful and eloquent addresses ever heard.

From all sections the most encouraging reports come favorable to his candidacy, and if Phillipsburg is any criterion his prospects next fall are the most flattering. In our judgment, Mr. Walker will make an ideal representative—one whom the public would find most zealous in the discharge of every duty, competent and efficient, and on all great questions affecting public interests he would always be found championing the cause of the common people, at the right time and in the right way, because he is one of them.

### Huntingdon Presbytery Acts.

The Huntingdon Presbytery at a recent meeting passed the following resolution: Resolved, that the Presbytery of Huntingdon hereby gives its grateful and unqualified approval to every proper and legitimate effort to secure the enactment of a local option law whereby the people of Pennsylvania in their respective communities shall have the American privilege of home rule on this vital matter; the right to say by their votes whether this iniquitous traffic shall continue to be licensed in their midst. And the Presbytery hereby calls upon Presbyterians voters to do their full duty in the campaign now on; to vote only for candidates for the General Assembly who will vote and work for a local option law.

Some girls are angels and some are high-flyers; there's a difference.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

At Centre Hall Interfered with by Balm—Soldiers Strew the Tributes on Their 'Comrades' Graves.

On the several showers of rain on Memorial Day fell on the hour set to perform the annual tribute to the dead soldiers that rest beneath the mounds in the cemetery at Centre Hall. The few remaining veterans of the sixties marched to the city of the dead, and while the children and others waited in the Methodist church, they strewed the flowers on the flag-marked mounds amid silence.

On their return to the church named the services began. Prof. P. H. Meyer had trained a number of little children in music, and these were called to the platform where they sang patriotic airs. Rev. B. F. Bieher then offered prayer, and this was followed by music.

The orator for the occasion was Col. E. R. Chambers, who made his first appearance before a Centre Hall audience. His listeners were most attentive, and there was something of real interest and value in every portion of his address. The major part of his talk referred to the Pennsylvania in the Civil War, and dealt with the numbers of them and the many battles in which they were engaged. Another portion of his address referred to the very tender age of those who enlisted in the Civil War. Almost three hundred boys were but twelve years of age, many thousands sixteen and under, and the great majority of the entire army were less than twenty-one years of age, while only a small per cent. had attained the age of twenty-five years and over.

The speaker also paid a glowing tribute to the soldiers from Centre county, and made special reference to the record of Pennsylvania's War Governor, and General Beaver.

When the speaker had finished Rev. D. Gress offered prayer, the children again resumed singing National airs; the chairman returned thanks to those who had extended favors, and a vote of thanks was given to Col. Chambers, and the ceremonies were closed with the benediction by Dr. James W. Boal. The Cemetery Association had the burying grounds in splendid condition, and many individuals had spent much time in shaping up mounds, planting flowers and placing bouquets on the graves of their friends or relatives.

### PROGRAM AT SPRUCETOWN

The Memorial services at Sprucetown were the most interesting held in a long time. Children were present in large numbers, and bedecked the graves of the heroes of the various wars. There was also music.

The speaker was Col. E. R. Chambers, who enlisted the closest attention of his audience from the very beginning.

### Convention Echo.

The following is reprinted from the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel, and refers to the convention recently held in the United Evangelical church: The delegates from Lewistown to the district convention at Centre Hall returned Friday afternoon. The party consisted of Rev. U. F. Swengel, Mrs. Swengel, W. B. Homan, Misses Sadie Musser, Ida Myers, and Miss Specht of McClure. They left on the early train on Tuesday for Milroy where they were met by Mr. Homan who had come from Centre Hall to meet them. Notwithstanding the rain they had a jolly time crossing the Seven mountains. They stopped at Indian Lane for a few moments to pay their respects to the monument there erected to the honor of two men who fell victims of the wrath of Indians in 1773. Thence they went to the home of Samuel Homan at Farmers Mills and partook of a splendid repast.

Penn's Cave was the next objective point. This is becoming quite a resort. A new owner has taken charge of it and means to spend a good deal of money on it. Although the rain fell in torrents the party went into the cave and took a boat ride on the waters in the big hole in the ground of about a quarter of a mile. The formations are beautiful and with electric lights which are to be placed there will be of greatly increased interest.

### Synod Against Liquor.

The General Synod of the Reformed church which had been in session in York, consumed much time of the closing sessions discussing the liquor question. Before final adjournment the body for the third time during the session placed itself on record as against the manufacture and sale of liquor as a beverage by members of the church and members of the church engaged in such are to be admonished by their pastors to cease their traffic in the business. The synod refused to inflict the penalty of dismissal from the church for a failure to heed the admonition.

## COURT NEWS.

May Court Closes After Having Disposed of Many Cases.

In the case of Fetzer vs. Spicer the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Com. ex. rol. F. E. Burkholder, now F. E. Ripka, vs. H. H. Harsbarger, Jennie R. Hastings and Ross A. Hickok, admrs. of etc. of D. H. Hastings, deceased, and John G. Love, being an action in assumpsit, continued at the costs of defendant, on account of the illness of Mr. Harsbarger.

Com. ex. rol. Morris A. Burkholder vs. H. H. Harsbarger, D. H. Hastings estate and R. W. Dart, deceased, continued for same reason as above.

Com. ex. rol. Wilbur E. Burkholder, Harry F. Burkholder and Ammon R. Burkholder vs. H. H. Harsbarger and the estates of D. H. Hastings and C. M. Bower, continued for the same reasons as above.

Walter C. Stephens, executor of Orin L. Schoonover, vs. Mrs. Sadie Davis, being an action in ejectment, continued.

Dr. H. S. Braucht vs. William Pealer, admr. of etc. of Edwin Ruhl, deceased, being an action in solre facies for judgment to revive and continue the lien. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$165.58.

J. L. Kresmer vs. William Vonada, William Close and William Fees, being an action in ejectment to recover a tract of land in Haines township and being a case that had been tried in this court some years ago and an appeal taken to the Supreme and Superior courts and reversed. Plaintiff suffered a voluntary non suit.

Annie Simco, widow, for herself and on behalf of Mary Simco, Charles Simco, Matalle Simco, and Andrew Simco, minor children of Steve Simco, deceased, vs. American Lime and Stone company, a corporation, being an action in trespass brought to recover damages from the defendant by reason of the death of the husband and father of the plaintiff on December the 7th, in the stone quarry of defendants.

The facts in this case are the same as in the case of Rosie Bevanco. Verdict on Thursday afternoon in favor of the defendant.

Joseph McGowan vs. Benner township, being an action in trespass to recover damages from the defendant township for injuries to buggy, harness and death of the horse. From the testimony it appears that on the night of December 24, 1907, the plaintiff in driving home from Bellefonte living beyond Roopsburg with a friend of his crossed the bridge across the mill race at Roopsburg, there being no guard rails on the bridge or at the side, and being dark he slipped into the race by reason of no guard rails at the side of the bridge. That he and his friend got out of the water but that the horse drowned. That the value of the horse was \$125, while the defendant alleges that the horse was not worth what was claimed for it by the plaintiff and that it had never been assessed. Verdict on Friday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$50.00.

Sim Baum vs. Isaac Thomas, Sr., being an action in assumpsit, and the case is brought to recover on a book account against the defendant, and from the testimony it appears according to the plaintiff's allegations, that there was an understanding between the plaintiff and the defendant, that the plaintiff was not to sell any of his goods on credit to the boys of the defendant unless in the presence of himself, or his wife, or by written order. The plaintiff contends that no goods were sold excepting as hereinbefore stated, except about 75 cents worth. The defendant alleges that a large amount of the goods were sold to the boys without the knowledge or consent of the defendant, and that in fact some of it was sold on Sunday. The plaintiff admitted that a portion of his bill was made up of a note of \$75.00 and owing to a defect in the pleadings the question of the note was stricken from this case, and that some of the goods was delivered on Sunday morning but that the sale had actually been made on Saturday night. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$431.57.

Mary Minerich vs. American Lime and Stone company, a corporation, being an action in trespass, case continued on pending settlement at the costs of the defendant.

Clyde Somerville convicted for betrayal, was then sentenced and court adjourned on Friday evening till next Wednesday morning.

### Penns Cave.

Mrs. White, who has been ill for some time, is not able to be around.

G. W. Long, the paper hanger and painter, is busy at work at the cave house.

John Dunkle, of Spring Mills, spent Sunday at this place.

A number of the young men went to Millheim Saturday evening.

## DEFEAT FOR STATE FARMERS.

In a Five Inning Game Centre Hall Wins by Score of 6-2.

After the rain Saturday afternoon the game of ball scheduled between Centre Hall and the Pennsylvania State College Farmers of Class 1910 was made possible with the aid of a wagon load of sawdust, which soon dried up the puddle about home plate and the other bases.

Five innings of the game were played when another heavy shower came up, but Centre Hall had cinched the game in the third inning when the whole nine went to bat and scored six runs before the third man was put out.

On account of Bailey, the team's regular pitcher, wrenching his leg in practice, it became necessary to substitute Smith, the junior team pitcher, and he performed in a very creditable manner.

The home team did good hitting and fielding; Shutt and Stahl each hit for a two-bagger, and Bradford made two nice catches in left field which cut off runs for the visitors.

The score by innings:  
State College . . . . . 2 0 0 0 0—2  
Centre Hall . . . . . 0 0 6 0 x—6

### DEATHS.

#### MRS. DAVID SNYDER.

Blanche Irene, wife of David Snyder, west of Centre Hall, died Thursday morning of last week, after an illness of several weeks from an attack of typhoid fever. Three weeks prior to her death, Mrs. Snyder gave birth to a child, and for a short time was in a very delicate condition, but later she improved, and it was thought she would recover. Complications developed terminating as stated above.

Interment took place Saturday afternoon at Boalsburg, Rev. A. A. Black, pastor of the Reformed church, officiating.

Mrs. Snyder was the daughter of William Keller, of Axe Mann, and was aged forty-two years. Her marriage took place about twenty years ago, and she was the mother of six children, namely, Claudia, Verna, Keller, Mary, Margaret and Flora, the latter aged three weeks.

Mrs. Charles From, Milesburg, and Mrs. Edward Brown, Bellefonte, who are sisters, and Jeremiah Keller, a brother, of Altoona, also survive.

#### BRIGADIER GENERAL EVAN MILES.

Brigadier General Evan Miles, retired, died at his home in San Francisco, of a general breakdown of the system. He was born in Bellefonte March 28th, 1833, and was past seventy years of age. He entered the army in August, 1861, and served all through the war. After the war he was commissioned a captain in the regular army, being stationed in the west where he achieved a reputation as an Indian fighter. He went to Cuba when war with Spain broke out, and commanded a regiment. While there he contracted the fever and was taken to a hospital in Georgia, where he recovered, afterward visiting relatives in Centre county. Later he went to reside in California. He never fully recovered from injuries received during the earthquake two years ago.

At his home in Rudd, Floyd county, Iowa, William A. Kerlin died early Thursday morning of last week. He was a native of Centre county and a miller by trade, having worked in the Allison mill, at Spring Mills, and the Brockerhoff and Reynolds mills, Bellefonte. He went west in 1882, and has since lived at Rudd. While in this county he was married to Miss Rebecca Musser, who preceded him to the grave some years ago. These children survive: Mrs. Thomas Gramley, Altoona; Mrs. Ryan, Punxsutawney; Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kline, Rudd, Iowa; David, living on a farm near Rudd; Charles and Clayton.

Mrs. Nancy Lavina Bush died in the Bellefonte hospital after several weeks' illness. Deceased was born in Kansas, and was aged thirty-three years, ten months, five days. While she was a girl the family moved east. She was married to George Bush, who survives, as do also seven small children and several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Amanda Elizabeth Mayes, wife of F. W. Mayes, died at her home in lower Bald Eagle Valley, aged forty-nine years. The family formerly lived at Lamar and were well known in the eastern end of Nittany Valley. In addition to her husband she is survived by three sons and seven daughters.

After two months' illness from dropsy William Kline, a well known resident of Heward township, died at his home near Mt. Eagle, aged sixty-eight years. His wife died three years ago, but he is survived by five sons and two daughters.

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## STATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Program of Exercises Commencing Friday, June 12.

The Forty-eighth Annual Commencement of the Pennsylvania State College, for the year 1908, is planned to become historical in the annals of that institution as the most elaborate in a number of years. The reason for this is found in the fact that during commencement week the formal inauguration of Edwin Earle Sparks, Ph. D., as president of the college will be fittingly celebrated.

The exercises incident to the event are to be held during the week from June twelfth to seventeenth, in which the major part of the class routine heretofore obtaining will be eliminated, the time being given over to athletics, class reunions and other pleasing features in connection with the alumni, commencement day being one particularly free from any routine work. Following is the program prepared for the week:

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 p. m.—The Pharonians, College Minstrels

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

2:30 p. m.—Annual baseball game on Beaver Field

7:45 p. m.—Concert by the Musical club

9:45 p. m.—"On the Inside," by the Sophomore class

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D., Pastor of the Shady Side U. P. church of Pittsburgh

4:00 p. m.—Cadet band sacred concert on the Front Campus

6:30 p. m.—Open air Y. M. C. A. meeting

8:00 p. m.—Sacred concert

MONDAY, JUNE 15, CLASS DAY

10:00 a. m.—Baseball game, Sophs vs. Froths

1:00 p. m.—Review of the corps of Cadets on the East Campus

2:00 p. m.—Senior class exercises on the Front Campus

3:00 p. m.—Field and track meet with the Western University of Penn'a

7:30 p. m.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees

8:00 p. m.—Junior oratorical contest

9:30 p. m.—The Philocheoran reception

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, ALUMNI DAY

8:30-10:30 a. m.—Class reunions

10:00 a. m.—Alumni business meeting

1:45 p. m.—Annual business meeting of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity

11:00 a. m.—Annual public address, "Dr. Evan Fugh," by Prof. A. A. Breckenman of New York

2:00 p. m.—Annual concert by the Cadet band on the Front Campus

2:00 p. m.—Meeting of delegates and of Alumni to elect trustees

3:00 p. m.—Alumni parade

5:30 p. m.—Alumni field events and baseball game

8:00 p. m.—Presentation of "The Toastmaster" by the Theopians

8:00 p. m.—Alumni reception

WEDNESDAY, 17 COMMENCEMENT DAY

9:45 a. m.—Inauguration of Dr. Edwin E. Sparks as president of Penn'a State College and the graduating exercises of the class of 1908

2:00 p. m.—Inauguration day addresses in the Auditorium by Dr. Alexander C. Humphreys, President of Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., and Dr. Paul Shorey, head of Department of Greek, University of Chicago

3:30 p. m.—Baseball game, Western University of Penn'a vs. State

5:00-6:00 p. m.—Informal reception to the Commencement guests

8:00 p. m.—Farewell reception to the senior class by the Junior class

### A Good Showing.

About five persons out of every 100 of the earth's population live in the United States; but our farmers raise 20 per cent. of the world's wheat crop; 78 per cent. of the corn; 71 per cent. of the cotton and 31 per cent. of the tobacco. We also produce 63 per cent. of the petroleum output of the world; 67 per cent. of the copper; 37 per cent. of the coal; 36 per cent. of the silver; 22 per cent. of the gold and 42 per cent. of the iron; although we have a little less than six per cent. of the earth surface to live upon. Not a bad showing for a young nation.

### Out of Sight, Out of Mind.

The placing of the Quay statue will probably be postponed until after election. The failure of the Quay bank in Pittsburgh, happening as it did contemporaneously with the completion of the statue, was a most timely reminder. The new statue revived the memory of old defaults of similar character which dotted the career of Matthew Stanley Quay. It is a policy of prudence at the present juncture to keep this statue boxed. "Out of sight, out of mind".

### News of the Resorts.

The Philadelphia Press has arranged to print as usual, all the latest news and gossip of the summer resorts. Seashore and mountain resorts will be equally well covered. The Philadelphia Press is always copiously illustrated with excellent photographs and sketches. It is a true newspaper in every sense of the word. Read it every day.

### Funk-Musser.

Oliver F. Funk and Miss Anna F. Musser, both of near Spring Mills, were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. Daniel Gress, Thursday evening, May 28.

Why not advertise in the Reporter?

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

C. H. Meyer and family, of Reedsville, were in Centre Hall Memorial Day.

More than the usual amount of improving and remodeling of homes in Centre Hall are now under way.

Daniel Sturgeon, of Uniontown, was nominated for judge of the superior court by the state prohibition convention.

Mary Whiteman, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whiteman, is at State College at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Meyer, of Altoona, were in Centre Hall last week for a short time, and Saturday went to Boalsburg before returning home.

The children of H. J. Lambert, in Centre Hall, entertained their cousins two little boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Colyer, of Potters Mills, over Sunday.

A new slate roof has been put on the residence recently purchased by Dr. H. F. Bitner and occupied by James B. Strohm. The work was done by the Lucas carpenters.

The commencement exercises of the Buckler Hill Military academy, at Bunker Hill, Illinois, are scheduled for June 6 to 12. Rev. S. L. Stiver is the superintendent of this very prosperous institution.

Miss Sara Brungart, who is assistant postmistress at Youngwood, came to Centre Hall Friday afternoon, and until Monday was at the parental home. On the latter day she returned to the Pittsburgh district.

For the sum of \$5850, paid in cash, I. J. Drees, of Lemont, purchased the Benjamin F. Hunter farm, in Buffalo Run Valley. The farm contains a little over two hundred acres, and has a fine lot of young timber on it.

A beautiful portrait of Dr. Atherton, late president of the Pennsylvania State college, will be presented to the institution on commencement day, June 17, by Mrs. Atherton. The picture will be hung in Memorial hall.

The festival held by Progress Grange was well patronized. The proceeds were devoted to the hall funds. The community feels itself under obligations to the local Grange, and when the festival season comes around the dimes are not spared.

From the Millinburg Telegraph: Misses Ests Ocker, Mary and Sara Moyer, three charming young ladies, who are attending school at Bucknell Seminary, spent last Saturday and Sunday pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ocker and family.

After viewing the road across the Seven Mountains, on the Millin county side, one of the commissioners is quoted as saying that the damage done by the recent rains will require \$1000 to repair. That portion of the abandoned road is being kept in repair by the county.

The old Washington furnace lands located in Centre and Clinton counties, and comprising about fifteen thousand acres, are now being offered for sale by James A. Reilly, of New York. Four thousand acres of land in Liberty and Curtin townships are also being offered for sale by the same party.

Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, accompanied by his son, Arthur C. Dale, Friday stopped in Centre Hall for a brief call on a few friends. They were on their way to Aaronsburg, where the elder Dale was the chief orator at the Memorial services. They remained at Penn Hall over night.

A lamp which had been kept burning in the bathroom of W. W. Smith's residence at State College, exploded. The burning fluid set fire to the woodwork but fortunately for the inmates it burned itself out before any great damage was done. None of the inmates were aware of the fire until the next morning.

Among the Centre countians who were recently granted increases in pensions are the following: James L. Yarnell, of Snow Shoe, \$12; Mrs. Sarah Truckenmiller, Zion, \$8; Mrs. Polly George, Aaronsburg, \$12; Mrs. John Rote, Millheim, \$8; James Knox, Bellefonte, \$17; David Stiner, Bellefonte \$14; Mrs. Emma E. Reeder, Phillipsburg, \$12.

Possibly the rain that fell on Decoration day made more impressive the tribute to the dead soldier. The veterans who are left to us did not forget. The graves were bestowed, despite the falling showers, by loving tribute at the hands of men women and children who keep green in their memories the whole year round the griefs that find commemorative expression in the month of flowers. And the rain prevented all lighter holiday demonstration. It was a day of mourning for the dead to which nature paid her tributary offering of clouds and shadow and falling tears.