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ROOSEVELT EXTRAVAGANCE.

The President a Reckless Spender of Public Money—Never Blamed at Economy During His Term of Office.

Official figures compiled by the clerks of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations show that expenditures aggregating \$1,008,397,543.56 were authorized at the last session of Congress. These are the heaviest appropriations ever made in time of peace.

When the country was astonished at the spectacle of a Billion Dollar Congress Speaker Reed could offer no excuse except a plea that this had become a Billion Dollar country. But under the Roosevelt regime we have attained the Two Billion Dollar Congress, which appropriates a thousand millions at each annual session. The appropriations during the last four years of Rooseveltism have mounted up to \$3,428,000,000, or \$33,900,000 more than during four years of civil war.

In a recent statement Representative James A. Tawney, Republican Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, asserted that "almost 65 per cent. of the Government's revenues, exclusive of postal receipts, is today being spent to meet the cost of wars past and anticipated." In an article by Senator Allison, the venerable Republican Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, showed that since 1883 there had come an annual increase of \$51,000,000 in expenditures for the army, an annual increase of \$54,000,000 for the navy and an annual increase of \$30,000,000 for pensions. These three items alone represent a total of \$381,000,000 in the appropriations authorized at the recent session of Congress.

This is an annual tax of more than \$1 50 on every man, woman and child in the United States for army, navy and pensions alone. It represents an average of \$22.50 for each family, or more than half the average month's earnings of the American laborer in the period of highest prosperity.

Mr. Roosevelt has been President of the United States for nearly seven years. Who can recall a single bill that he ever vetoed on the ground of extravagance? Who can remember a single instance in which he firmly protested against the unnecessary expenditure of public money? Who can recall a single message in which he took a strong, uncompromising position in support of public economy?

His has been the most reckless, spendthrift administration ever known in time of peace, and while the Democratic platform properly denounces "heedless waste of the people's money" the declaration is less aggressive than the facts demand.

There never was a better time for the Democratic party to raise Mr. Tilden's most effective issue of Retrenchment and Reform.

TIME TO END STRIFE.

National Chairman Kerr in speaking of the meeting of the Democratic State Committee in session at Harrisburg Wednesday, said:

"While at Denver and since my return from the Democratic National Convention I have conferred with Democrats from various sections of the State. I find that the sentiment is strongly in favor of the idea that this is not the time for strife among Pennsylvania Democrats and that we should have an organization built upon and responsive to the sentiment of the great army of Democratic voters and not the tool of any political boss.

"I am in harmony with this sentiment and am hopeful that the members of the Democratic State Committee will, as they can if they will, take the initial step at Wednesday's meeting to make such an organization possible. The best way to start this plan is to elect a chairman of the Democratic State Committee who is not a Guffey man, a Kerr man or any other man's man, but one who is a Democrat and whose reputation is a guarantee that he will work for Democratic success and not to promote or foster a dictatorship through which any man exploit himself or be in a position to dominate the party organization.

"There are many such men in Pennsylvania, any one of whom would command the confidence of the Democratic voters and against whom no self-seeking man can lay a valid objection. Charles J. Reilly, of Lycoming; ex-Representative Blumle, of Cameron, and ex-Representative William Hason, of Venango, are types of the man who should be selected chairman of the Democratic Committee in this emergency. I have not communicated with either one of them and do not know that any one of them would accept such an honor, but my friends and I will cheerfully support any one of the three or any man of the same type.

"Such a selection will, I am confident, remove the necessity for the

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THE LOCAL PAPER.

A Powerful Influence For Good in its Community.

The influence of the modern newspaper and periodical on the thought and character of the community in which it circulates is vastly greater than most people who give it a casual thought may realize.

There never has been a reform of any magnitude successfully carried out without the help of the newspapers, and a radical change in the policy of a party or government along reform lines is never undertaken until that reform has been forced upon it by popular sentiment expressed through the paper's columns.

Popular sentiment produces reform and that sentiment is produced by the newspapers. So it is seen that the newspaper is at the bottom of all reform movements. This is true of all rightly conducted journalism, but is doubly true of the local or country daily or weekly, and for these reasons: The large metropolitan dailies, with their enormous circulations, are mainly read by business men, and a large percentage of these men rarely if ever, glance at an editorial. The papers are largely left in car seats or thrown into wastebaskets, and the proportion which reach the family hearth is small and these are simply scanned for sensational news, and the editorials are overlooked by the ladies of the family almost entirely.

Now, how different it is with the local weekly paper! It is read top, bottom and sides by every member of the family and particularly by the women. Its editorials are read, discussed and commented on, and the community largely gathers its opinions from the tone of these articles.

The women of a community have much greater weight in shaping the policy of that section than they are usually given credit for. It is in very many respects the case of the gray mare being the better horse, and you will nearly always find them on the right side, opposed to graft and wrongdoing and fighting for the pure in life. The local paper helps them to understand political and social questions and to act and talk intelligently in relation to them, and through the women of the household a tremendous influence is exerted on the voters of that household.

The readers of the Reporter have always found this paper in the past arrayed on the side of good government. Regardless of any one's feelings, it always speaks out plainly all public questions vital to the local interests and it is proposed to stand for all time on the same platform.

No public man in America has ever had a wider or more intimate acquaintance with all sorts and conditions of men than Mr. Bryan now enjoys. He has traveled widely at home and abroad, on his own time, and at his own expense. And even abroad in an unofficial capacity Mr. Bryan's reception was such as few of his most eminent countrymen have enjoyed. For twelve years he has been before the public eye in the trying position of a defeated candidate, backing a series of propositions which the people were not ready to accept. With a large faith in his own convictions and a confidence that the people would do right as they saw it, Mr. Bryan has persisted, and today rejoices in the approval of, and is more closely in touch with, the masses of the people than any man of his time. He has shown splendid business and political ability. He has risen to his present importance solely by his own efforts and by ways that are wholly commendable. He made a good record for himself in Congress.

He has enlightened and instructed and inspired from the lecture platform all sorts and conditions of men. He is fearless and of inflexible determination where his convictions are placed. He is eminently fitted for the presidency of this great nation.

There is a justifiable protest by American teams competing in the events at the present Olympic meet against the chance which often pits one of them against another in elimination contests. No two competitors of one nationality should be placed where they diminish the chances of that nationality to win in the final events.

Bryan and Business.

(Continued from previous column.) management of the present campaign by a body of earnest Democrats without official connection with what otherwise may pass as the regular party machinery, but which, while holding legal title to the name, has no moral right to assume to speak or to act for the great body of Democratic voters in Pennsylvania.

The Reporter goes to press at an hour too early to give the result of the state Committee's work.

YOUNG LADY INSTANTLY KILLED.

Near Bellefonte While Walking on the Tracts of the B. E. V. Railroad Company.

Thursday morning of last week a very sad accident occurred at the junction of the Bellefonte Central R. R. and P. R. R. tracts a short distance north of Bellefonte, when Miss Lizzie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newton Jones, of Milesburg, was struck and instantly killed by the outward bound Bald Eagle Valley train from Tyrone to Lock Haven.

The young lady spent the night with friends in Bellefonte and Thursday morning started to walk to her home in Milesburg. When near the junction of the two tracks she stepped to those of the Bellefonte Central but on account of an approaching train she stepped back on the Pennsylvanian tracks, not seeing the train approaching from Bellefonte. In an instant she was struck and hurled to one side. Her skull was fractured and she was otherwise fatally injured.

The young lady was born in Milesburg and her entire life was spent in that community. She was aged about 18 years and is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Jones and the following brothers and sister: Lorenz, William L. and Roy.

The Picnic Month.

This is permanently the picnic month. The rush of harvest is over and there is a lull before the autumn seeding, and farmers take advantage of the bright summer weather to meet in a social way. Whatever else may be lacking on the program, the picnic dinner never disappoints. And what a contrast between the restaurant lunch at the average summer amusement and the farmer's picnic dinner! Honest butter; water and milk one is not afraid to drink; chicken free from all suspicion of cold storage; home-baked ham free from all packing house taint; and cakes and pies mixed with real lard, genuine butter, and minus glucose and the other adulterants with which the dweller in town finds his pastry loaded. In short, the farmer's picnic dinner is a dream, while too often the quick lunch of the town is a nightmare.

LOCALS.

Mrs. Lucinda Weaver has been ill during the past week, threatened with pneumonia.

The early potatoes will be a poor crop. The dry weather set in too early to mature the tubers.

Corn has improved very much during the past ten days, and there are now prospects for at least a fair crop in many fields.

Sunday afternoon Rev. M. S. Derrington filled the Methodist pulpit, and in the evening Dr. D. J. Mitterling filled the pulpit in the Presbyterian church.

Dr. John Riter is at the home of his son, Edward Riter, in Centre Hall. The doctor had been laid up in the hospital for some time, but he is now able to get around again.

Al. Kraspe made quick work of the greater part of his wheat crop. The threshing was done in the field, the grain marketed, and the straw was also baled at once and shipped to market.

R. B. Spangler, of Barnesboro, accompanied by Arthur R. Hoover, of Philadelphia, are being entertained by the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Spangler. Mr. Spangler is engaged in the milling business, and also has a few side lines.

Miss Margaret Brisbin was unanimously elected as a teacher in the Soldiers' Orphan Industrial School at Scotland, Pa. Miss Brisbin is a niece of Col. J. L. Spangler and this is quite an honored promotion. She formerly was a teacher in the Chester Springs Orphan School.

Postoffice inspectors caused several Shamokin residents trouble. These parties had violated the postal laws by writing messages, on the margin of newspapers, and mailing them as third class matter, using a one cent stamp. This is a most common violation, but the department is picking up the violators in all parts of the country.

The famous Baileyville picnic is billed for August 8th. Company E, 45th P. V., will celebrate their forty-seventh reunion at that time. Dr. Edwin Eric Sparks, president of State College; Gen. James A. Beaver and other notable orators, will make addresses. It will be on the order of a basket picnic. Everybody invited.

Do you know that you can write your name on the metal of your farm tools? You can. Just take a little tallow or beeswax, melt it and spread it over the place on which you want your name; write your name down through the wax with a big needle or awl and pour a few drops of nitric acid over the letters you have made. Leave a few minutes. Then wipe off the wax and your name will be on the iron.

LOCAL EVENTS OF 1879.

Reprinted from the Files of the Reporter to Refresh the Minds of the Older Readers, and Enlighten the Younger.

October 9—James Spangler, of near Potters Mills, met with a painful accident Monday. While assisting in the repairing of a bridge near Red Mill his foot was crushed between a heavy piece of timber and a stone. Dr. Neff dressed the injured member.

The entertainment given by the students of the Penns Valley Institute, Prof. H. F. Bitner, principal, was a success. The music was under the charge of Prof. Lowell Meyer.

Markets—Philadelphia: No. 2 red wheat, \$1 38; corn, 62c; oats, 38c; rye, 75c.

October 16—The left arm of Jacob Dinges was amputated Monday by Dr. Neff, assisted by Drs. Musser, Van Valzah and Jacobs. The amputation was made a few inches above the elbow. The arm below the elbow had swollen to enormous proportions, and the fleshy parts were found to have grown to a spongy mass, and an examination of the limb after amputation proved it to be a case of cancer of the bone.

Monday evening the twenty-fifth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Murray was celebrated at their home in Centre Hall.

Rev. J. H. Shoemaker, of the Aaronsburg Reformed charge, resigned his pastorate to go to a field in Emporium, Kansas.

Jerome Moyer, of Miles township, was so unfortunate as to have the middle finger on his hand lacerated by being caught in a cider mill.

Henry Stoner, of Haines township, fell from an apple tree and sprained his spine.

Thirty members of the Bellefonte Masonic lodge attended the funeral of Samuel Farmer. The Centre Hall lodge also attended in a body.

The citizens of the Penn Hall school district have raised the necessary funds by subscription to open the old established academy for the winter term. The district pays \$398 school taxes and gets in return only \$125 from the township.

Prof. D. M. Wolf is at present in Philadelphia having an operation performed on one of his eyes.

The Centre Hall band gave their instruments and property into the hands of a committee and disbanded.

October 23—Uriah Spangler, of Kansas, and sister, Mrs. Benjamin Gramley, of Kane county, Illinois, are east on a visit to friends in Brush Valley.

A son of John Foote, of Millheim, fell from a hickory tree and sustained injuries that caused his death.

Married—October 31, William H. Alters, of Zion, and Miss Mary E. Nicholas, of Bellefonte; John S. Baumgardner, of Centre Hill, and Miss Francis H. Willow, of Centre Hill.

October 6, Charles Yearick, of Madisonburg, and Miss Christie C. Lohr, of Gregg township; October 12, J. W. Ferer, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. Sarah Weber, of Haines.

October 9, John L. Dunlap and Miss Margaret Shutt, both of Benner township.

October 5, John Kesigle and Miss Barbara Albright, both of Potters Mills; October 9, Wm. H. Working and Miss Rebecca J. Strong, both of Centre Hill.

October 21, Henry K. Harshbarger and Miss Lydia Confer, both of near Centre Hill.

Ferguson Twp. School Teachers.

The school board of Ferguson township has elected the following teachers for the ensuing term: High school, Prof. G. W. Johnstonbaugh; Pine Grove Mills grammar, Miss Gertrude Keichline; primary, Miss Mary Tanyer; Kepler, Harry Walker; Baileyville grammar, Miss Clara Weaver; primary, Miss Nancy Heberling; Centre, Miss Florence Kepler; Marengo, Samuel Harpster; Glades, A. C. Kepler; Gatesburg, Paul Martz; Tadpole, R. H. Harpster; Oak Grove, Miss Edith Ward; Krumrine, R. H. Dunlap; Pine Hall, John Homan; White Hall, Homer Decker; Branch, Miss Lillian Musser.

Bridge Contract Awarded.

The commissioners of Centre and Clearfield counties held a joint meeting at the Passmore house in Phillipsburg to open and consider the bids for the construction of the inter-county bridge over the Moshannon creek and leading from Phillipsburg to Chester Hill. There were quite a few bids covering concrete and steel structures sent in from well known contractors. The fortunate bidder was R. A. Scott, of Barnesboro, who was awarded the contract for putting in a good substantial concrete structure at a cost of \$5,454, in addition to which he is to have the old bridge and abutments.

The pension of Mrs. Elizabeth Hunsenbender, of Pennsylvania Furnace, has been increased to \$12 and that of John W. Sunday, of Pine Grove Mills, to \$24 per month.

AGRICULTURE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Present Need for Young Men Is a Training That Will Make Them Successful Farmers.

Young men and women who go to college may select an institution which gives vocational training. In recent years there has been introduction of some manual training in the secondary schools. The great majority of pupils in the secondary schools never attend college, and educators are now recognizing their right to some special training for their life work. Concerning the introduction of agriculture as a training subject in the secondary schools, Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, of the Pennsylvania State College, says:

There are in the United States today about one and a quarter million boys between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one who will some day be farmers. The present need is for a training that will make them successful farmers and efficient citizens.

It seems to him that whatever may be the details, the future policy should recognize broadly two propositions.

First, the State has a responsibility for the intellectual development of boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one, and any educational system that does not recognize such responsibility is defective. If this is not true, then the age of citizenship should be changed. Enormous numbers of boys and many girls are educationally turned adrift between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. The Industrial Commission of Massachusetts estimates that there are in that State alone 25,000 boys and girls between these ages who are receiving no school training. As occupations are now organized few of them find opportunity for employment in which they are intellectually improved.

The second proposition is that if this nation is to hold its intellectual and industrial place among the nations of the world, a vocational training must be provided for boys and girls between the age of fourteen and the age of citizenship.

Our high schools are efficient instruments for preparing boys for college and for preparing girls to teach school. If all boys went to college and all girls taught school, the schools would not be the subject of special criticism. No educational system should overlook the fact that many boys and girls go to college and will continue to go in increasing numbers, and many young women and some young men will teach school. No less, but more, if possible, should be done for this class of future citizens, which in influence and power is the most important on the nation. The time has come, however, when all must recognize, if this nation is to hold its place among the civilized and industrial nations of the world, that our educational system must be more comprehensive than it is at the present time. The large majority of boys and girls neither go to college nor teach school, and are unnecessarily ineffective in the occupations which they follow from lack of proper training. Fortunately, there is gathering a strong movement for instruction in agriculture, mechanic arts and home economics in the high school.

Keith's Theatre.

The bill of attractions at Keith's theatre, Philadelphia, this week is rich in novelty. The top line feature is the musical comedy entitled "The Naked Truth," Harry Davenport and Phyllis Rankin appearing in the leading roles. The production is under the direction of Sidney Drew, and the act runs about three-quarters of an hour—something quite unprecedented in vaudeville. Julie Ring makes a return after two years' absence, presenting a new sketch, "The Wrong Room." The comedienne, Sadie Jansell, has a piquant offering for this week. A spectacular musical novelty is that of "Ware's Village Choir," presenting "The Angelus" in combination with beautiful scenes. A feature for the children is Carlisle's dog and pony circus.

A Hold Up in Union County.

The other evening while returning from Lewisburg to his home in East Buffalo township, Samuel B. Dunkle, Republican candidate for county auditor, was held up in true western style by four masked men. A gold watch and \$30.00 in money were secured, the robbers having failed to find fifty dollars in an envelope carried with some letters.

After Mr. Dunkle was relieved of his valuables, he was told to proceed to his destination, and cautioned not to mention the incident.

The Zettle Reunion.

The second Zettle reunion will be held in Harter's Grove, Georges Valley, August 22, and all relatives of the family are requested to be present.

Barley is being cut. The crop was none to boast of.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Today (Thursday) is picnic day on Grange Park for the Lutherans of the Centre Hall charge.

J. K. Horton, Esq., has returned to Phillipsburg, he having entered into the practice of law in connection with W. D. Crosby.

The greater part of the wheat crop is now housed, and the threshing machine has begun its work of separating the wheat from the chaff.

Methodist day, 30th inst., at Lakemont Park. Bishop Moore and Dr. Dixie, president of Albion College, Michigan, will be among the speakers.

The supervisors in Haines township are advertising for bids for the construction of abutments for an iron bridge over Penns Creek, at Woodward.

Mrs. Mary A. Neff, formerly a resident of Centre Hall, but now located at Bethany, Illinois, writes very complimentary of the news found in the Reporter.

An attractive leap-year dance is described in Woman's Home Companion for August. Each girl sends to the gentleman she has chosen to be her escort, an invitation to the dance, stating at what time she should call for her.

A note from Wilfred F. Musser, of Altoona states that times continue pretty dull in that railroad town, when the shops continue work but four days a week, and but nine hours a day. Fridays and Saturdays are the days closed down.

A. A. Stevenson, superintendent of the Standard Steel Works at Burnham has been made Vice President of the Standard Steel Works Company, with his office in Philadelphia, and J. P. Sykes, of Philadelphia, has succeeded him as superintendent.

The Jacob Rider farm at Gatesburg, one of the best in that section, was sold to Willis Rider, of Altoona, for \$5,600. Mr. Rider has always had a desire to become the owner of his grandfather's farm, which has been in the family almost one hundred years.

Mrs. Sallie Horner, of Colyer, is one of the many subscribers who takes pride in having her subscription paid in advance, and never fails to speak kindly of the Reporter when making a remittance. The letters from such readers makes the editor think that living is worth the while.

As a necessary preliminary to having a state road built through a borough, the Bellefonte borough council is taking steps to have that borough surveyed. A survey also serves the residents in many ways, and protects them against being obliged to change the grade of walks, and other improvements of a permanent character.

Among the sales of real estate recently made at Pleasant Gap, was the sale of his house and lot by George Koon to Mrs. Ruth Miller. The lady, who is a daughter of John Sweeney, of Pleasant Gap, for many years lived in Pittsburg, but will now remove to her former home. Mr. Koon will make his home with a son, Jacob E. Koon, at State College.

"One who was not afraid, and who spoke the truth." This is the summary that F. Hopkinson Smith makes of the character of Captain Thomas A. Scott, Master Diver, whose life he sketches in the August Everybody's. Captain Scott was a plain American, one of the "common people," with a heart full of the milk of human kindness, a hand ever ready to help and protect the weak.

It is a mistake to think that all the honest men lived in the past. There are men of this character in the world today, and the Reporter has frequently discovered them in its business relations. The other day the telephone bell rang, and 'quire F. A. Carson proved to be at the other end, who in a few words stated that he had read the advertisement setting forth that a pair of pulleys were missing from this office, and further that he had bought such an article from a junk dealer, and that he would return them to me, which was later done. Mr. Carson's honesty, in this case, was worth about a five dollar bill to the Reporter.

In Freeport, Illinois, William P. Emmert rounded out his seventy-fifth year. In 1833 he accompanied his father to Centre county from Lebanon county, and in 1854 he went west, locating in Freeport. During the early part of his life Mr. Emmert was engaged as a manufacturer of mowers, etc., and later engaged in other business. Much of his time was spent in travel, and it is said he visited almost every section in the states. He is living a semi-retired life now, but the beginning of the seventy-sixth year finds him in good physical condition. One brother, Joseph Emmert, a prominent druggist in Freeport, are the survivors of the Emmert family.