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## STATE COLLEGE ASKS FOR \$500,000 ARMORY.

Needed for Establishment of Corps for Training Army Officers.

Lack of a suitable armory in which to drill the 1200 students now under military training at the Pennsylvania State College, and absence of quarters for storing their arms and equipment has deprived the institution the privilege of establishing an officers' training corps, as provided for in the national defense act.

Major O. W. Bell, of the Fourteenth cavalry, United States army, detailed at the State College as commandant of the military department, has reported to the board of trustees that without these accommodations it is impossible to carry on the work of the reserve officers' training corps.

To provide the required armory, as recommended by the commandant, the committee is planning to ask a state appropriation of \$500,000 for that specific purpose.

Units of the officers' reserve training corps are to be established at all of the so-called land-grant colleges in the country, for developing trained men who take places of command in volunteer forces in case of war.

The course will be elective. There will be the regular two years of compulsory drill, now required of freshmen and sophomores, after which the student may enter the advanced training school for officers.

All State colleges qualifying for the training corps are to have supplied free of all cost by the war department full and complete equipment, uniforms for each branch of the service, tentage, camp outfit, rifles, machine guns, cannon horses and accoutrements for infantry, artillery and cavalry. Additional instructors will also be supplied by the war department, from the regular army staff.

When State College has the armory needed to carry on this work, the uniforms of the cadets will be supplied free by the government rather than by personal payment, as in the case at present. In addition to the uniforms, the students electing advanced work will receive the equivalent of subsistence, about \$85, each year.

Students completing the work in the training corps will be eligible to appointment as a lieutenant, with six months' service in the regular army. While serving with the regular troops they will receive \$100 a month, with all allowance of regular army lieutenants.

## Entertainment on January 11.

Thursday night of next week, January 11th, the young people of the M. E. church will give a dramatic entertainment in the Grange Hall, at which time they will present two plays. The first, "A Perplexing Situation," is a comedy in two acts. In it the daughters of a prosperous, but rather "close" business man, prove their ability to win in a wager with their father. Some of the situations arising from this wager are very amusing.

The second "Cornelia Pickle Plaintiff," a burlesque trial for ladies, will keep the audience in a roar from start to finish.

The admission price is 25 cents; children, 15 cents; reserved seats 30 cents. Entertainment begins at 8:00 o'clock.

## Fire Destroys Large Barn.

Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the large bank barn on the R. U. Jacobs farm, occupied by Edward Coleman, near Lewistown, late on Christmas night. The season's crops were burned with the implements and other property. Twenty head of cattle and twelve head of horses were liberated, but one of the horses was so badly burned upon being set free that it had to be shot.

The barn has been known as a retreat for hoboes for the past quarter of a century and all knew of its existence and the rules of honor against carrying matches when resting under its hospitable roof. It is self-evident that somebody broke the rule.

## Higher Education is Worth \$19,000, Says College Dean.

Dr. Arthur Holmes, dean of the general faculty of the Pennsylvania State College, fixes the monetary value of a college education at from \$19,000 to \$20,000. His estimate was based on a comparison of the salaries of college-trained men with those not having the same advantage. According to Dean Holmes, the average yearly salary of the college man is \$1187, while \$618 is the average annual income of the non-college man, a difference of more than \$500 in favor of the man with higher training. Thirty years' work will make this advantage worth \$19,500 according to Dean Holmes' calculation.

1917, although young, is old enough to register a lot of mistakes made in the writing of it.

## BOAL MACHINE GUN TROOP TO LEAVE BORDER JAN. 9TH.

Good News Puts Joy Into Hearts of Centre County Boys.—Uncle Sam to Lay Out New Route for Trip Home.—Letter From Private William Bailey.

This, probably, will be the last letter I'll write from our camp, for a few days ago we were treated to the most agreeable surprise, and that was that we are to go home! The scene that followed in camp upon receipt of this bit of information was good to behold. Every mother's son of us was wild with joy, for we truly believed that it was all true, coming from a high official source. We are fortunate indeed in having served six months, for since the militia can stay for only six months in one place, and the 1st Penn'a cavalry having been here that long, it was time for a move—and that move is home. Had we enlisted in the fall the chances are that we would be asked to move to Fort Bliss instead of homeward.

There will be three installments from the 7th Division of Penn'a to go home, namely, the 16th and 4th infantry on the first installment; the Michigan and the Ohio infantries on the second installment, and the 1st Penna Cavalry to go on the last installment. The time for our leaving here has been set for January 9th. It has been said that the U. S. Government, as a treat to the boys, will send us home via New Orleans and Louisiana, affording us new scenery on the trip.

Following our arrival at Boalsburg it will necessitate our staying there for a month or more to be formally mustered out of service. After being mustered out of the U. S. Militia, we are thrown back to N. G. P. Militia, but we are permitted to return home after being mustered out of the U. S. Militia.

December 28th.—On the 24th of December the Army Y. M. C. A. building went up in smoke. The building was not a pretentious one, nevertheless it served a very useful purpose for the army boys. The fire was due to the lack of protection where the stovepipe passed through the floor.

Christmas day was anything but a pleasant day, so far as the weather was concerned. The wind blew a 60-mile gale, sending sand in all directions and piling it up a foot high in many places. Although we had it mixed in our Christmas dinner, the latter was very good. The following was the menu:

MENU		
	Fruit Salad	
	Tomato Soup	
Olives	Roast Turkey and Dressing	Celery
	Cranberry Sauce	
Candied Sweet Potatoes		Corn
Bread	Pumpkin Pie	Butter
Oranges	Bananas	Apples
	Nuts	
	Coffee	
	Cigar	

Heading the menu card was a photograph of Lieut. Boal using the range finder, while the back contained the complete roster.

What we believe to be our last guard duty on the border will be required of us on December 27th. After that it's get ready for the departure, which means joy to the whole bunch.

WILLIAM BAILEY.

## Wrecks Auto in Returning Workmen.

Wilbur Henny badly wrecked his Ford car on last Tuesday afternoon at Centre Hill, while on his way to Burnham to which place he was conveying Messrs. S. S. Kreamer, Newton Emerick, Howard Ritter and Willis Weaver, who have employment in the Standard works. At a point near the Bert Allen place the car skidded and struck a telephone pole, resulting in the smashing of the wind shield, breaking the front axle, and badly dinging the hood and fenders. Henny sustained a bad cut on the neck from the flying glass, while Weaver who was seated beside the driver, was badly shaken up. The other occupants of the car escaped unhurt. Two suit cases carried on the front of the car were badly demolished. The workmen, who were obliged to be on duty that night were relieved of their anxiety when Cleveland D. Mitterling, who chanced to pass that way shortly after the accident, carried them to their destination. The damaged car was towed to Henny's workshop the following morning.

## Students at Home Over Christmas.

Students in normal and college who were home for the Yuletide were: Miss Ruth Smith, Miss Ida Sweetwood, from Bloomsburg; Miss Mabel Arney, from a pharmaceutical school at Pittsburgh; Miss Pearl Kuriz, from Syracuse University; Henry Mitterling, William Reish, from Penn State; James Lingle, from Susquehanna University; James Keller, from F. & M.; George Boczer, from Mercersburg; Ralph E. Bitner, from Cornell University.

## YULETIDE WEDDINGS.

### Homan-Bible.

On December 19th, at 8:45 p. m., Edward E. Homan and Miss Elizabeth Bible, both of Centre Hall, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage, Spring Mills, by Rev. Williams, the bride's pastor.

They left for a little wedding trip on the afternoon train the next day. They will make their home in Penna Valley, and will be found at their home on a farm about two miles west of Spring Mills after April the first. The farm belongs to the groom's father, William H. Homan, and as the groom has been reared on a farm and loves farming, it is certain that a successful career awaits them in the future.

Both are splendid young people and have the congratulations and best wishes of the community and all who know them.

### Bennett-Kuhue.

On December 28th at the residence of James Seaton, at Linden Hall, by the Rev. E. C. Stover, Harry R. Bennett, of Tyrone, and Miss Nellie Kuhue, of Linden Hall, were united in marriage in the presence of a number of immediate friends. The ring ceremony was used. They were accompanied by Mr. Seaton, of Linden Hall, and Miss Patterson, of Boalsburg. After hearty congratulations the guests partook of a grand dinner which Mrs. Seaton knows so well how to prepare. The bride received many presents.

### Yerger-Dale.

Howard Yerger, halfback on the 1914 and 1915 Penn State football teams, was married at Bellefonte on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28, to Miss Virginia Dale, a daughter of Mrs. John M. Dale. The wedding was a very quiet affair, and immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Yerger left for Iowa, where Mr. Yerger is taking a post-graduate course at the Iowa State College, where he is also athletic director.

### Ebert-Moser.

A very quiet wedding took place at the M. E. parsonage in Spring Mills on the evening of December 23rd. The contracting parties were Edward B. Ebert and Miss Mary J. Moser, both of Spring Mills. The M. E. pastor, Rev. W. H. Williams, performed the ceremony. Their many friends wish them well in this their voyage upon the sea of matrimony.

### Zessinger-Breton.

On Saturday evening, December 24, at 8 o'clock George A. Zessinger, of Lock Haven, and Lodie A. Breton, of Millheim, were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. Harr, at St. Luke's Reformed parsonage, Lock Haven. The couple were unattended. Mr. Zessinger is the son of the late Alex. Zessinger, and is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. They will reside in Lock Haven.

### am-Rickert.

Harold Resm and Miss Esther Rickert were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rickert, at Spring Mills, on Christmas day. Rev. A. E. Bierly tied the nuptial knot.

### Sang Carols on Christmas Morn.

A choir of sixteen voices, representing the various local denominations, lifted their voices in song early Christmas morning while the remainder of the population was wrapped in slumber. The awakening came as the some loving band had been placed on the slumberer and whispered "Merry Christmas; peace and good will," into the ear. The singers gathered about an electric street light and sang the beautiful hymns, "Holy Night" and "Joy to the World." Folding their books they proceeded to the next illumination and repeated the singing. It was very appropriate as well as beautiful.

### P. O. S. of A. Elect Officers.

The local P. O. S. of A. camp elected officers for the coming term at its regular meeting last Thursday night. Those who will occupy the chairs for the next six months are: C. D. Bartholomew, president; Robert Glasgow, vice president; R. D. Foreman, master of forms; D. Ross Bushman, recording secretary; C. A. Auman, financial secretary; D. W. Bradford, treasurer; E. S. Ripks, trustee; Kryder Frank, conductor; J. E. Noll, inspector; Wilbur Bland, outer guard. The installation will be held in the camp's new quarters in the bank building the last meeting night in January.

This year is a bit shorter than last which will oblige each and every one to work a bit harder each day to accomplish the same amount of work by December 31.

## DEATH.

The news of the death of Calvin H. Horner, at Lakemont, Altoona, on Thursday morning, December 21st, came as a shock to his many friends in Centre Hall, near which place he was born. Right in the prime of life and enjoying apparently splendid health, he was taken away as a result of an apoplectic stroke.

He was the son of William and Kate Horner and was born west of Centre Hall, February 28, 1872, being past forty-four years of age. About eight years ago he removed to Altoona where he became a restaurateur and was successful in a business way. He is survived by a wife and the following children: Ralph, Paul, Ruth and Lloyd. He was a member of the First United Brethren church of Altoona; of Lieutenant S. C. Potts post No. 12, Sons of Veterans; Washington camp No. 60, P. O. S. of A., Modern Woodmen of America and Lakemont Volunteer Fire Department. The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon following his death at the late home in charge of the Rev. C. E. Parker. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

William E. Lytle, a lifelong resident of Lemont, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Wasson, at that place Saturday morning, December 23, at 1:30 o'clock, following an illness of three days due to paralysis.

William Lytle was a son of Griffith and Susanna Lytle and was born at Lemont, April 9, 1833, thus being eighty-three years, eight months and fourteen days of age. He was the eldest of a family of twelve children and a man of strictest integrity and splendid character. He was a member of the Presbyterian church for fifty-seven years and with the exception of two years spent his entire life in the locality in which he died, being engaged in the occupation of farming. His wife, who was Mary Clark, died forty years ago. One daughter, at whose home he died, survives, as do the following brothers and sisters: Griffith Lytle, of Dowse, Kansas; Mrs. Margaret Williams, James Lytle, and Miss Belle Lytle, all of State College.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Tuesday morning, and being in charge of Rev. L. V. Barber. Burial in the Branch cemetery.

Mrs. Jane Sabig Swint died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Daniel Callahan, at Linden Hall, last Friday evening, after an illness of some months with a complication of diseases. Her age was sixty-four years, eight months and twenty-nine days. Before marriage her name was Tricilia Jane Sabig. Her husband died many years ago. One son—Charles Swint—of Los Angeles, California, survives, as well as one brother and one sister: Howard Sabig, of Linden Hall, and Mrs. Joseph Deviney, of Reedsville.

Funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon and burial was made at Centre Hall, Rev. G. L. Courtney, pastor of the Boalsburg Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a member, officiating.

Lester Shuey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shuey, of Pleasant Gap, died at his home in that place last Friday morning at five o'clock, following a week's illness from quinsy. The young man was aged twenty-six years, eight months and fifteen days.

He was employed at the White Rock quarries, and leaves a wife, who was Romie Reish, and two children—Mary and Kenneth; also his parents and one brother—Oliver Shuey.

The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church at Pleasant Gap on Monday morning, Revs. Foss and Shuey having charge. Burial was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Zettle, an old soldier's widow, died at her home in the mountains several miles west of Spring Mills, on Saturday preceding Christmas, and was buried the following Wednesday in the mountain cemetery. Rev. M. E. Miller being in charge. The deceased was Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of Peter Weaver, and was almost eighty-two years of age. For some years she suffered with cancer and lived alone for a long time preceding her death. Three children survive.

### Credits Given on Subscription.

The Reporter's mailing list was corrected last week and all credits on subscription were given. The pink label this week will show your credit if you were in the class of payers. If there is an error, report at once. To those whose label carries numerals less than "17" we suggest this New Year's resolution: "I'll pay the printer at once."

## ANOTHER SORT OF ELECTION.

In Which Deer Was Elected King of Centre County and Bear "Also Ran."—Some Amusing Parallels Between General Election and This One of the Mountains. (By a Special Correspondent.)

The year 1916 was blessed (?) with two elections; one in which a president of the United States and some other officials were elected at a vast expenditure of enthusiasm and money and great issues were at stake, the other election was carried forward with no less enthusiasm but was won with an enormous loss of life and much blood shed and hard labor but there was something at stake in this election too, for deer was elected King of Beasts and carried Centre County by a large margin with Prince Bear an "also ran." In order to vote in this Deer and Bear election the voter qualified by paying a dollar into the campaign fund at Bellefonte and then investing several dollars in lead ballots neatly packed in steel jackets. The Primaries consisted in careful clipping of the Winchester or Remington voting machine and the transportation of the tents, duffle, etc., over many miles of rough mountain road to the trenches "somewhere in Centre county." The voter then fortified with a large pack of tobacco and a good pipe, after many tearful adieus and after carefully advertising his contribution to the campaign fund by pinning the receipt on his arm, left for the front.

One peculiarity about this election was that not one of the candidates helped unload a load of hay; not one of the candidates kissed the new baby or put his head on Willie's head and said that he "might be President some day." In fact not even a penny cigar was passed to the luckless voter. It was truly a case of "office calling for the man" instead of the man calling the office, as Mr. Roosevelt might say. Never were more shrill voices of candidates ever seen in this county. They tried to avoid the voters, and in many instances when the voter tried to creep up to the candidate in order to get a good look at the "people's choice" he was known to vanish into the woods with all possible speed. Who before this, ever heard of a candidate acting like this in our county? Some voters said it was bad manners any how.

This was "Peace at any Price" campaign, it was a fight to the death. The slogan was rather "a piece at any price," and some came home with only a little piece and others came home in pieces. And many voters who did get a piece paid dearly for it. Hard cider did not figure much in this December election for the voters are beginning to learn that after a good drink of hard cider they cannot ballot the candidate in the right place.

Prohibition is winning in this December election. Woman suffrage was not a popular issue, and the less said about it the better. However a few does were elected but the voters are not proud of the result and put the blame on the voting machines; and we must give the voters the benefit of the doubt here for we know from painful experience that the voting machines do not always place the ballot where it was aimed. The suffrage movement might consider a dead issue in this election, for though the females, we know, are very assertive and jealous of their rights, yet they seemed this time to be even more timid in this election, than the males if such a thing were possible, and constantly strived (or is it strove) to elude the public gaze and flaunted no banners and made no speeches. The female campaign tag took on rather a semblance of mourning and like a dirge they chanted, "I didn't raise my boy to be a candidate."

A strange paradox in this section was the fact that while many soup houses were established in the mountains yet the "full dinner pail" was everywhere in evidence. From the noise of the voting machines it seems to us very much as if the old issue of "16 to 1" was being revived, (16 ballots to a candidate) but when the voters would return to camp in the evening it seems rather as if the proportion were advancing in competition with leather, and the result would often reach 16 to 0, painfully often, or perhaps it might reach 116 to 1. It must be said that both Deer and Bear were 100 per cent. candidates and fought gamely to the bitter end. The former, "He kept us out of war," was elected, and the latter, "Whiskey 100 per cent, (truly)" is certainly entitled to second place. The result was not close and the outcome was at no time in doubt. The east did not cut much of a figure in this election; and the west, strangely not much either, but it was centre and north that decided the election. Party lines were not sharply drawn and

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## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Happiness, peace, and joy—may they be yours throughout the year 1917.

Charles H. Smull, of Rebersburg, was named mercantile appraiser by the county commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kreamer spent several days over the Christmas season with the former's parents in Reading.

Clayton B. Homan, of Cleveland, Ohio, was a guest at the H. G. Strohmeier home over the Christmas season.

The sessions of Farmer's week at State College were attended by a number of progressive farmers about Centre Hall.

Two home talent plays, by good amateur actors, in the Grange hall, Thursday evening, January 11. Go see them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter Louise spent Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents at State College.

Mrs. Emma Breon and daughter, Miss Besse Breon, of State College, were guests of relatives in Centre Hall on Christmas day.

A. F. Rote, of Spring Mills, was a business caller at this office one day last week. He reported autoing good on the packed snow.

J. T. Noll, the Pleasant Gap contractor and paper hanger, was in town one day last week. Work in his line has been unusually good.

By the way, how is that three-day-old New Year's resolution coming on? Does it give promise of developing into a healthy youngster, or has it "declined"?

December averaged pretty cold, with a fine lot of sleighing. The main roads were well beaten down by automobiles, making travel rather pleasant in either car or sleigh.

William A. Mager, of Wenonah, New Jersey, joined his family at the E. M. Huyet home, for a few days at the Christmastide, all returning home on Wednesday morning of last week.

Mrs. Cleveland Mueser, of near Woodward, had the good fortune to raise a flock of sixty turkeys, fifty-two of which were sold at an average price of \$3.60 each, or a total of \$187.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pennington and two daughters; W. J. Smith and Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Pennington's and Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, at Bellefonte.

Mrs. Wallace White, of Axemann, is caring for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Samuel Gingerich, above Centre Hall. Mrs. Gingerich is steadily improving in health and is looking forward to complete recovery.

J. S. Rowe, who has been in West Virginia for the past six months, was home for a week over the holidays. He recently completed the erection of a stone crushing plant having a capacity of a thousand tons per day.

The Christmas entertainments held in the Reformed and Lutheran churches were a credit to the children as well as to those in charge. Beautiful programs were rendered at both churches, there being big audiences on both occasions.

There was sure a drop in coal in Millheim last week, when "Pete" Shires, the drayman, upset his wagon loaded with the anthracite fuel into a creek. The coal man was also dumped into the water, and thoroughly wetted from head to foot. "Pete" was immediately recovered, and next morning the coal was shoveled from the bed of Elk creek.

As has been his custom for several years, Harry W. Potter sent his father, J. T. Potter, at Christmas time, a ten-pound salmon, caught in Puget Sound, Washington state. The fish has a delicious taste and is far superior to the canned article. The writer gratefully acknowledges the receipt of several cuts of this particular fish, a gift from young Mr. Potter.

Mrs. W. J. Finkle, of Buffalo, New York, spent the past week with her brother, Dr. M. McCool, at Spring Mills. Mr. Finkle, who is a native of Millin county, was unable to accompany his wife on the trip owing to the volume of business which the Washburn-Crosby Company, with which concern Mr. Finkle has been connected for the past three years, has on its hands. The above named firm operates possibly the largest flour mills in the world, producing the famous Gold Medal brand. There are three big plants, one located at each of the following points: Buffalo, N. Y.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Louisville, Ky. Mr. Finkle is a miller at the Buffalo plant, and he states that ninety carloads of flour are manufactured in that mill every twenty-four hours.