



A WAR FOR DEMOCRACY.

President Wilson's war address to Congress is more than the expression of a Nation's patriotism. It is an appeal to every instinct, every impulse, every tradition of democracy.

We are at war with Germany through no fault of our own. We are at war with Germany in spite of every effort on our part to avoid war.

Preparedness by Farm Women.

"It seems to me that every woman living on a farm or having agricultural interests should feel it her duty at this time to do her part in furthering the preparedness movement by studying her environment and surroundings with the idea that she may be called upon to take up and carry on the business of the farm in case her men are called to another kind of national service," says Mrs. Jean Kane Foulke,

farm adviser of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. "To this end I feel that all women living on farms should interest themselves actively and at once in any plans for working or developing the farm that her men folks have in mind."

"Women should go to the farm, the fields and buildings, to inform themselves regarding the conditions of the permanent crops, soil, fences, orchards, etc., the stock, machinery, and general farm equipment. The men should be ready and willing to give such information and instruction. A Sunday stroll taken together over the farm with a pencil and note book in hand when questions can be asked and answered and suggestions made, would be a happy and easy way to obtain and give this knowledge. Even if the future brings no need for women to "farm like men," the men and women who have the co-operative knowledge, this mental companionship and understanding of business of the farm will find that life is richer and more easily carried on, because it is a partnership concern where, as in any other honest contract, the minds meet, and where the proverbial saying "two heads are better than one" is again true.

"The difficulty in getting farm labor has forced many women to help with the farm work, and if farmers of the State are called into military service, the question of who is to feed the nation will become a more and more difficult one, and the women who have a knowledge and training to enable them to take up and carry on the agriculture of the State will be doing much, if not more in the defense of the nation of holding her honor and strength as the men and boys who may be sent to the front."

Auto License Fund for Roads.

The state highway department announced that the revenue from automobile licenses from January 1 to April 1 amounted to \$2,147,742, an increase of \$734,611 over the same period last year.

Tenting Tonight.

Mary Roberts Rinehart has contributed to the May issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine a brilliant article entitled "Tenting Tonight". In this narrative Mrs. Rinehart tells the story of her wonderful trip to the great North-western Rockies, and tells it in such a fascinating manner that the reader's interest is held from beginning to end.

A mixture of rain, sleet and snow on Tuesday and Friday, reduced to water, totaled an inch and a quarter,

MISSING SINCE CHRISTMAS, BODY FOUND ON FARM NEAR CURTIN.

Mystery Surrounding William Sayer's Disappearance Cleared Up.—Body Exposed to Elements All Winter. The badly decomposed body of William Sayer, of Mountain Eagle, was found in an out of the way spot on the Aikley farm between Mountain Eagle and Curtin, this county, by Mr. Aikley, who was at work on that part of the farm.

A justice of the peace was notified and after an examination of the clothing, decided to forgo the formality of an inquest. The body was turned over to Undertaker Neff, of Howard, and owing to the condition of the same burial was made a few hours later.

Sayers, who was aged sixty years, had been employed as a hostler at the new penitentiary at Rockview. He went to his home to spend Christmas and left on December 26 ostensibly to return to Rockview, but nothing was heard or seen of him thereafter. A search was made for him at that time, but proved unsuccessful. It was thought by some that he had gone to West Virginia to work, and nothing more was thought of his disappearance.

Near the body was found a bottle of horse liniment, but no significance is attached to this circumstance. It is thought that he became ill suddenly after he left his home and died, and that his body has been exposed to the elements ever since.

He is survived by his wife, three children, and one brother, David Sayers, who lives at Marsh Creek.

Newlyweds Spend Few Days Here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everett, bridegroom and bride of a day, arrived at the home of the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Wolfe, in Centre Hall, Wednesday of last week. The bride before marriage was Miss Blanche Wolf, and was teaching school near Trenton, New Jersey, where the wedding took place on Tuesday of last week.

Potato Scarcity Hits Orphanage. The potato scarcity has struck the Odd Fellows' Orphanage near Sunbury. The institution with 168 hungry children to feed, not to mention a lot of grown ups with healthy appetites, has been running along, getting closer and closer to the bottom of the bins but hoping against hope that the price would not remain where it was a month ago.

Fortunately for the institution there has been a decided drop, but no great quantity of potatoes is in sight. It is believed however that some can be obtained in the lower part of the county, where holdings have not been exhausted.

Woman—Miss Jeanette Rankin—furnished the most dramatic part of the most dramatic session ever held by a Congress of the United States. Miss Rankin who is a member of the House from Montana is the first member of her sex to ever sit in either body of the country's Congress.

It was 3:08 o'clock Friday morning that the House voted on the historic war resolution.

As the clerk drew out the list of names the different Congressmen voted, some in husky voices, all seemed to be impressed with solemnity of the occasion. When Miss Rankin, the member from Montana, was reached, all realized that a woman for the first time in history was about to vote on the question of war.

An embarrassing silence ensued. Miss Rankin rose from her seat and amid sobs stumbled part way down the aisle leading to the Speaker's seat. A storm was raging outside and the claps of thunder could even be heard in the room.

Miss Rankin said in trembling voice and with tears rolling down her cheeks: "I, I, I want to stand for my country, but, but—I can't vote for war."

WESTERN HORSES AVERAGE \$219.00

Big Demand for Carload of Western Animals Sold by R. C. Yoder at Centre Hall Last Thursday. What was considered by the farmers to be the best carload of western horses shipped here for a long time were sold at public sale by R. C. Yoder at Centre Hall hotel stable last Thursday afternoon. Twenty-five horses sold at an average price of \$219.00. A team of mules brought \$430.00. The crowd was compelled to stand in a mixture of falling rain and snow, but the weather didn't dampen their ardor for bidding, and auctioneers Wise and Hubler had little difficulty in coaxing ten dollar bids from those who cast envious eyes toward the big draft type stock. A liberal sprinkling of Amish from Mifflin county was discernible in the crowd, and they helped to boost the figures on many sales. The highest price paid for a team was \$527.50 and the highest single horse brought \$270.00. The purchasers and price paid are as follows: A. B. Meyer, Team, \$502.50; S. M. Ulrich, Team, \$482.50; S. T. Miller, Team, \$427.50; George Lohr, Team, \$355.00; John Heckman, 1, \$245.00; John Snavely, 1, \$241.00; George Searson, 1, \$239.00; A. J. Beahm, 1, \$237.00; Zimmerman, 1, \$235.00; John Whitmer, 1, \$221.00; Zimmerman, 1, \$192.50; Zimmerman, 1, \$232.50; A. J. Beahm, 1, \$245.00; Wm. McClintic, 1, \$230.00; C. H. Bledy, 1, \$230.00; John Whitmeyer, 1, \$145.00; Joe Sharp, 1, \$172.50; L. M. Weber, 1, \$194.00; E. T. Jamison, 1, \$242.00; Dan Musick, 1, \$185.00; D. P. Keam, 1, \$202.00. Average Price, \$219.00. Hackett & Meyer, Mule Team, \$425.00; George Walte, Team Ponies, \$184.00; L. R. Smith, Conifer horse, \$120.00.

Letter from Johnstown.

Trusting that since "they" insist on having war, that the President's purpose may be largely advanced, as indicated in his message, and that when we have world democracy, that we shall surely have a better kind of democracy in this great America—the kind that was taught by our Master, Jesus Christ, whose resurrection we are about to celebrate as signifying the final triumph of man.

At the time of the Rebellion I was too "little" to go to war—they would not let me go with a half dozen of my school-mates; now I am too "big" several ways—in age (?) and mind. The first English sentence I remember of uttering was, "I won't fight." It was not long however, till I modified that by trying to hammer and choke the "stuffin'" out of some meddlesome and quarrelsome mates.

Of course, I believe it's all wrong to undertake to kill by thousands, while it is wrong to kill one being that is entitled by God's purpose and grace to live.

We submit—when and while that is the wisest thing to do.

A man can't be of much account in this world if he loses his head.

Where we can't see the end it is apparently our business to "walk by faith." My! How the preachers used to try to teach me to distinguish "saving faith." Well, I have some notion of faith, the kind that we exercise all day and every day, and I want to contemplate the Infinite God in the might of his wonders open to our sensibility, and judge that when we shall have existed a million years and interested and entertained by the wonders of His creation that we may still regard ourselves upon the threshold of its immensity. What's the use?

With best wishes, I remain, Yours truly, P. J. AUMAN. Johnstown, Pa., April 7, 1917.

The "Drys" Are Marching On.

Wisconsin brews more beer than any other State with three exceptions. Beer, the advertisements say, made Milwaukee famous. Yet the capital of Wisconsin, Madison, has gone dry, and with it apparently about half the towns throughout the State under local option law.

Illinois distills more hard liquor than any two other States—almost a quarter of the output of the country. Springfield, the capital, has just snubbed a great State industry by forbidding the retail sale of liquor. Duluth, "zenith city of the unsalted seas" where not only the miners and lumber-jacks on their visits but local handlers of enormous freights are supposed to be chronically afflicted with a great drought, has by vote denied it assent; Minnesota as a whole has leanings toward prohibition.

Deaths of Centre Cognitians.

James Toner, as the result of an operation, in the Bellefonte hospital, aged fifty-four years. He was born at Axemann. James I. Boney, at Philipsburg, aged fifty-four years.

WANTS A CENTRE COUNTY WIFE.

New Jersey Resident Asks Reporter to Help Find Him a Wife Such as His Friend Got in Millheim—Preters One Young and Good Looking When Dressed Up.

Mr. Editor:—I saw a copy of the Reporter in Newark, New Jersey, some time ago and I liked it. A friend of mine got a fine wife in your county at a place named Millheim. She was a farmer's daughter, and a dandy, no mistaking, when it comes to keeping house and cooking. My friend is in the dry goods business in Newark. I think that if I could find a wife as good as the one my friend has I would not hesitate, providing, of course, that I would suit her. My friend wanted me to marry a Newark or New York City lady, but I held up my hands and said, "No, they don't know how to keep house or cook." He appeared angry, and then said, "Then, Saul, go to the country for your wife; they know how to run a house. Look at my wife and four children. We have been married five years and have four children, and I'm making money." I believe him.

I would like a wife who will weigh from 100 to 140 lbs.; she should be good looking when she is dressed up; she should be between twenty-five and forty years of age, with good temper; one who would like a small house and only two people in it, with easy work and all the time to go out she wanted. I prefer one who can play the piano and sing, or one who would be willing to learn. Concerning myself, I am a middle aged man and an not so bad to look at when cleaned up. I am alone and would like a wife who enjoys home life.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you can help me to secure a wife by publishing this letter, I would feel grateful to you. My friend advised adopting this method. When writing, I wish that those interested would enclose a picture and description. Write to P. O. Box 165, Flemington, New Jersey, and I will answer all letters.

College Prohibition Workers.

Hundreds of delegates from leading schools and colleges of this state are expected to attend the annual convention of Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of Pennsylvania, to be held at State College April 20, 21, and 22. In addition to addresses given by some of the foremost prohibition workers of the country, a feature of the convention will be the annual oratorical contest association. Winners of local contests, held during the past winter throughout the State, will compete here for state prize. The first prize is a purse of fifty dollars donated by Charles M. Huston, of Coatsville. A second prize of \$25 also will be given.

Some of the principal convention speakers will be ex-Governor J. Frank Hanley, of Indiana, president of the Flying Squadron Foundation; Professor Charles Scanlon, of Pittsburgh, secretary of the National Inter-church Temperance Foundation, and Dr. D. Leigh Colvin, president of National Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

Spring Mills Commencement, April 25.

Graduation exercises at the Spring Mills High school will be held on Wednesday evening, April 25th, at eight o'clock p. m., in the Grange hall at that place. The class numbers eleven and is the largest to graduate in a number of years. Prof. W. V. Godehall is finishing his first term as principal at Spring Mills, and patrons and scholars alike are well pleased with the result of the year's work. The graduates-to-be are: Misses Edna Elizabeth Bailey, Mary Margaret Carson, Helen Beattice Lee, Carrie Mae Neese, Edna Rebecca Neese, Grace Kathryn Royer, Kathryn Margaret Sinkabine, Catherine Lydia Zeigler; Messrs. Harry Harter Flinkie, George Dewey Hennigh, Edwin Messer.

The program will appear in next week's issue of this paper.

Will be Better Lighted.

Since the State-Centre Electric Company has extended its services into Centre Hall, a large number of residents have become dissatisfied with the old system of lighting and have adopted the better, or rather the best—electricity. Among those who most recently contracted for the new light are merchant W. O. Odenkirk, J. T. Potter, J. L. Tressler, F. P. Geary and J. H. Puff.

Probated Bounty Claims.

Game Protector Charles Batchelor, of Philipsburg, last week in three days, probated bounty claims aggregating \$193 in Bellefonte, Howard, State College and Millheim. The sum being paid out as follows: 49 foxes at \$2.00; 63 weasels at \$1.00; 5 wild cats at \$6.00; and 2 minks \$1.00. This is the last spring trip in Centre county for probating.

DAVID L. KERR DEAD.

Veteran of the Civil War Passes Away at His Home in Centre Hall, Aged Eighty Years.—Other Deaths.

David L. Kerr, one of the oldest residents of Centre Hall, passed away at his home last Friday near the noon hour, after an illness covering a period of two years, with cancer. For the past two weeks he had been confined to bed and being unable to take nourishment of any kind other than liquid he gradually weakened until death overtook him.

The deceased was a son of Alexander and Mary Ann (Love) Kerr, and was born at the Kerr homestead, now owned by J. H. McCool, near Centre Hill, on May 23rd, 1836, hence was aged eighty years, ten months and thirteen days. He followed farming all his life, the only period of interruption being during the days of the war between the States when he enlisted as a member of Co. D, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on August 28, 1862. He was appointed corporal of his company at the time of his enlistment and fought valiantly. At the battle of Chancellorsville he was severely wounded when he was shot through the neck, missing death by a close margin. He was taken to the Alexandria hospital and upon his recovery was given an honorable discharge from active service.

About ten years ago he became a resident of Centre Hall and lived a quiet life. Mr. Kerr was married three times, his first wife being Miss Estelle Spangler, his second wife Miss Susan Neff, and his third wife Mrs. Aaron Spangler, the former two having preceded him to the grave. Besides the widow, there survives one sister—Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk, of Centre Hall. No children were born to any of the three unions.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at his late home by Rev. J. C. Still, assisted by Rev. W. H. Williams. The funeral cortege then proceeded to the Zion hill cemetery, near Tusseyville, where burial was made beside the body of his first wife.

Mrs. Samuel Long died at the Bellefonte hospital on Sunday morning, following an operation for gall stones. The body was sent to her home in Spring Mills and funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning, burial to be made in the Union cemetery at Farmers Mills, Rev. Miller, of the United Evangelical church, of which the deceased was a consistent member, will officiate. Mrs. Long before marriage was Miss Ellen Corman, and was born sixty-four years and eight months ago. Besides the husband a family of five children survive, namely, Mrs. Ammon Decker, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Allen Burrell, of Millheim; George Long, of Madisonburg; Morris Long, of Pottery Mills, and Gardner Long, of Spring Mills. Also one brother and two sisters—Andrew Corman, Mrs. John Horner, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. George Garbrick, of Boalsburg. Her kind neighborly acts and helping hand will be sadly missed in the community in which she lived.

Charles Wolfe died at the home of his father-in-law, George Kiester, in Aaronsburg, on Saturday morning at eight o'clock. Dropsy, from which he had been a sufferer for the past year, was the cause of his death. He was aged forty-two years and was a farmer by occupation. His wife, who was Miss Lottie Kiester, and one son—Hile Wolfe—survive.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, and burial made in Aaronsburg, Rev. M. D. Geesey, of the Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a member, officiating.

Mrs. Sarah J. Snyder, widow of Solomon G. Snyder, died at her home in Gregg township last Friday a week ago, aged seventy-four years, two months and fourteen days. The husband and one son preceded her to the grave. Two sons living in Gregg township, and one daughter, Mrs. J. T. Eisenhuth, of Renovo, survive. Funeral services were conducted Monday.

Mrs. Edith E. Van Roskirk, a sister of Clark Yeater, of Spring Mills, died at the home of her father-in-law, at Selingsgrove, on Sunday evening after a lingering illness, aged forty-two years. She was buried at Painter-ville, Mifflin county, on Wednesday.

Extending Electric Light Line.

The section about Oak Hall station is to be served by the State-Centre Electric Company for both lighting and power purposes, a spur having been built to that point from the main line at Lemon. The new light will be used by about a dozen residents in that section, the wiring now being in progress.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Miss May V. Rhone, of Harrisburg, was home over Easter.

Druggist H. L. Kline spent Easter at his home in State College.

The personal property of the late Miss Catherine Flisher was sold at public sale Saturday.

There was enough snow on the ground on Sunday to warrant calling it a "white Easter."

Robert Meyer, of Altoona, is spending a short time with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. P. H. Meyer.

Mrs. Emma Young, of Boalsburg, and daughter, Miss Beanie Young, of State College, were in Centre Hall on Saturday to visit the milliner, Mrs. Lucy Henney.

D. Griss Wagner, who recently became a citizen of Centre Hall borough, became an auto owner last week, having purchased a Ford from the Booser & Smith firm.

A handsome Victrola was placed on trial in the local Masonic fraternity's club room a short time ago, and it is altogether likely that the instrument will remain a permanent fixture.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smeltzer, of Pleasant Gap, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Tuesday a week ago. Mrs. Smeltzer was formerly Miss Anna Kaup, of Haines township.

Misses Ruth Smith and Ida Sweetwood, students at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and Henry Mitterling, a "Penn State" student, are enjoying the Easter vacation period at home.

Hon. Leonard Rhone, who had been confined to the house for several months, has regained his old-time vigor, and on Sunday was a communitant at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, held in the Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Baird formerly of near Centre Hall, now residents of State College, are visiting their son, Prof. Lester E. Baird, at Buckingham, in the eastern part of the state, where he is principal of the public schools at that place.

Postmaster Jacob Meyer, of Boalsburg, spent Saturday in Centre Hall with his brother, Prof. P. H. Meyer, whose condition is showing improvement. While in town Mr. Meyer did not fail to give the Reporter a call and before he left had boosted his subscription close to the year 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer left on Saturday for Altoona where they spent several days with their son, John D. Meyer. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyer, of Reedville, and other relatives, the gathering partaking of the nature of a reunion.

F. V. Goodhart was called to Bellefonte on Sunday to convey the body of Mrs. Samuel Long, who died in the Bellefonte hospital that morning, to her late home in Spring Mills. The first-class auto service which Mr. Goodhart has instituted to care for deaths and funerals is being appreciated by persons outside of Mr. Goodhart's own territory.

Isaac Shawver and his wife were both removed Thursday evening from their old home on North street to their new residence on main street, on a rolling chair, says the Millheim Journal. Mr. Shawver was rendered helpless several years ago through paralysis, and Mrs. Shawver is nursing a broken ankle, sustained through a fall on the rear step of her residence.

Cyrus Johnson, who lives about a mile north of State College, was very seriously injured on Wednesday of last week. He and Charles Strans were engaged in pulling stumps when a chain broke and Mr. Johnson was hit on the head with an iron bar. The whole side of his head was laid open from his eye backward, fracturing the skull and seriously injuring an eye. Dr. W. S. Glenn was summoned. He found Mr. Johnson conscious but had him taken at once to the hospital at Bellefonte.

The only way to break up thieving is to cripple the thief. This came nearly being done by William Stoner who the other night stood gun in hand ready for a thief to emerge from a particular door in his barn, but fortunately for the thieves they left by another route after they had bagged some corn. Mr. Stoner fell asleep in the kitchen and did not awaken until midnight, and while preparing to retire heard noise at the barn. He investigated and found two thieves at his corn. He returned to the house for his gun and was accompanied by his wife to a point of vantage to fire, but his calculations miscarried as stated above. It is given out that Mr. Stoner is pretty certain who his visitors were, having identified them from the conversation heard.