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Legal notices, twenty cents per line for three insertions, and ten cents per line for each additional insertion.



**This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war**

**CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.**

Reformed.—Union, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

Lutheran.—Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Tusseyville, evening.

**Mail Order Advertising.**

It is the same old story in a different dress, but impresses some ideas on the public generally and it is hoped that "keeping everlastingly at it" will bring desired results. The following article is written by the versatile North Tier correspondent of the North American, dated at Lawrenceville, and offers food for thoughtful consideration by people of many other towns and communities throughout the state:

"A western mail order house sold during last November goods aggregating in price \$24,178,700. A large share of the orders came through the mails. This amount of goods could never have been sold without liberal advertising. And yet alleged local business men will tell you that "It does not pay to advertise." The name of this house is as well known to the people of Tioga county as an established business firm in it. The same necessity for its advertising exists as does for the local house; no more. These mail order catalogs used as advertising mediums, used to cost 25 cents each to make in large quantities. The increased cost of everything entering into the book making must have largely enhanced the price. That has not apparently diminished the volume of advertising. Tons of these catalogs come into Tioga county every year, and in response to them the money "goes west" and tons of goods are shipped in by reason of the publicity campaign.

When you take into consideration the transportation charges, the convenience of buying on time, where the western house demands cash in advance, person-to-person and local pride of the dealer to make good any deficiency in the article, the privilege of thorough examination before buying, often the rare privilege of trying out the article in your own home before purchasing, the advantage would seem to be all in favor of buying of the home dealer. At times mail order prices can be duplicated by the local dealer. Oft the seemingly higher prices of the local man is sustained in the better quality of goods.

The longer one lives the more he is convinced that you get in this world just about what you pay for; that many so-called "screaming bargains" are mostly camouflage. Nobody is selling gold dollars for 99 cents, gaudy catalogs to the contrary notwithstanding. If you watch local shops you may secure as great bargains, even greater, at home than abroad. Shopping is an art. It takes time and consideration. One must be an opportunist. This is not an advertisement. It is a reason. For the benefit of the local consumer his motto should be "Buy at Home"; for the local dealer, "Advertise."

Pity the poor packers. They have only been able to make profits of six hundred per cent. during the war, which leads an exchange to remark: "Speaking of pork, allow us to mention the resemblance between packer and packed." In the meantime one of the packer firms has been spending a few thousands in advertisements in newspapers pleading not guilty to the charge of profiteering, claims that the meat trust is a great public benefactor in supplying its products at a minimum price above the cost of production. However, a government investigation is under way and facts are being disclosed that are considerably at variance with the claims of the packers. If this investigation is honestly made the public is due to learn a few more things about the barefaced robberies of the trusts outside of the munition, shipping, aeroplanes and other holders of government contracts.

**EDITOR MEEK DEAD.**

Half Century Spent in Newspaper Work—Prominent in Democratic Party and Honored by It.

The last funeral rites over the body of Hon. Peter Gray Meek were performed on Wednesday, when the remains were laid away in the cemetery at Bellefonte. Death occurred at the Meek home Sunday evening, after an illness extending over a long period.

Mr. Meek was a son of Robert Meek, who before the Revolutionary war emigrated from Scotland. George Meek, great-grandfather of Mr. Meek, settled in Ferguson township, and the subject of this sketch was born in Patton township, July 12, 1842. He began life with but a common school education, his first profession being that of teaching school. At the age of nineteen he became the junior editor of the Democratic Watchman. His extremely rabid partisan views expressed editorially in the Watchman forced his employers to ask his resignation to save the newspaper from being denied the use of the mails. This was graciously done by the young editor. A few months later, July, 1861, Mr. Meek purchased a half interest in the Watchman, and it was then he gave free vent to his feelings on political and war subjects, and on three or four occasions was put under arrest on various pretexts.

In 1867 and 1868 and in 1870 and 1871 Mr. Meek was elected by the Democrats a member of the State legislature. He served with distinction. Two well-known laws yet in force—the railroad fence act and lumberman's lien act—became laws through his efforts. During the seventies he was a candidate for several offices, but was unsuccessful. In 1890 he was elected to the State Senate, and later was appointed by President Cleveland Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia and was reappointed by President Cleveland during his second term.

**Bills in the State Legislature.**

A bill requiring all clothing sold in Pennsylvania to bear labels or brand setting forth in English characters and quality of material was introduced into the House by Mr. Lannis, York. It must also state whether it contains new or second-hand material. The penalty for violation is a fine of \$100 or three months in jail. The Labor and Industry Department is to enforce the act.

Mr. Shaffer, Allegheny, extending soldiers' burial act to men who served in war with Germany and authorizing an appropriation of \$75 for each burial.

Mr. Grocott, Philadelphia, establishing a State tax of 2 per cent. on earnings as compensation for giving of, or participation in, any theatrical exhibition, and forbidding attendance of any one under 16 at any shows unless accompanied by an adult.

A bill to abolish the State Board of Moving Picture Censors and create in its place a State Bureau of Amusements under a commissioner at \$5000 a year was presented by Mr. Bucher, Philadelphia. A whole new department is created.

Mr. Philips, Clearfield, fixing a six-dollar bounty for wildcats, \$2 for foxes and \$1 for weasels and minks.

The theft of an automobile will be punishable by a fine of not over \$5,000 and imprisonment of not over ten years, in a bill introduced at Harrisburg, last week. A person who is an accessory to a theft of a car or who shall receive or purchase a vehicle known to have been stolen is to be considered equally guilty.

Six bills of the series drafted by the Patriotic Order Sons of America legislative committee were introduced by Mr. Nickernell, Lebanon. They include the marriage regulation, "blue sky," child welfare, mothers' pension, "loyalty teaching," and other measures.

Senate bills passed finally by the senate include the following:

Making it lawful for county commissioners to repair or build county bridges without advertising for contracts where the cost of the work will not exceed \$500. The present limit is \$250.

Modifying the scope of the prohibition against levying taxes or incurring of debts for certain purposes while any proceeding for a change of boundary lines affecting any school district is pending.

**Marriage Licenses.**

Robert W. Knisley, Bellefonte  
Myra V. Aikey, Bellefonte  
Harry Confer, Muncy  
Sue V. McCarty, Muncy  
Lester O. Fletcher, Howard  
Ruth M. Poorman, Howard

**1,174,545 Discharged From Army.**

Army discharges in demobilization in the United States had reached a total on Saturday of 1,174,545 officers and men and the total number assigned for demobilization was 1,501,000. Of those discharged 71,235 were officers.

**\$50,000,000 Road Bonds to be Sold.**

A bill authorizing the issue of \$50,000,000 bonds for highway construction, which were authorized in a referendum by the voters at the last election was introduced into the House this week. The legislation has been prepared by Attorney General Shaffer, after consultation with Governor Sprunt.

**A Birthday Surprise.**

Quite a surprise was sprung on Mrs. Harry McClellan, of near Tusseyville, Saturday evening, when she and her husband on returning home from Bellefonte found some sixty relatives and friends gathered to help celebrate her forty-second birthday anniversary. She was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts, among them being a rocking chair presented to her by her husband and children. The evening was spent in a pleasant way, music being a feature of the evening's enjoyment. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, and candy. At a late hour all returned to their homes, wishing Mrs. McClellan many happy returns of the day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. David Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. William Martz, Mr. and Mrs. John Wert, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wert, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flory, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fortney, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, Mrs. Thomas Swartz, Mrs. Jack Weaver, Mrs. George Horner, Mrs. Elmer Dabshem, Mrs. Walker Shutt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foust, Sara Frantz, Orpha Fleisher, Florence Weaver, Willa Weaver, Anna Martz, Britamarte Fortney, Florence McClellan, Isabelle Horner, Winifred Fetterolf, Bruce Horner, Jack Markle, J. Thomas Markle, James Fortney, Wayne Shutt, Harold Horner.

**BOALSBURG.**

A. W. Dale and daughter Ella spent Saturday afternoon at Lemport. Miss Sayner spent the week end at Altoona.

There will be service in the Lutheran church, Sunday morning, February 23. Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, was a visitor with his brother, A. W. Dale, part of last week.

Miss Josephine Reinwald, of Lloyd, Pa., was the guest of her friend, Mrs. J. W. Keller, last week.

Cyrus Wagner, who is employed at Altoona, is suffering from an attack of influenza at his home here.

Mrs. W. E. Gettig, of Altoona, spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Meyer.

Rev. Elmer Brown, of Selinsgrove, has accepted the call given by the Lutheran church and will move here the first of April.

Russell Ishler, Riley Stover and friend Mr. Breman, of State College, were over Sunday visitors at their homes here.

Among the Bellefonte visitors from here on Saturday were; Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Fisher and three children; Mrs. Chas. Segner, Mrs. Robert Bailey, Miss Maude Houtz and Paul Coxey.

**LINDEN HALL.**

Harry Keller returned to his old position at Rock View on Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Ross returned Monday from a three weeks' stay with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Swartz, in Braddock. Mildred Wieland and Mary Glenn came down from State College for the week-end at the former's home here.

On Monday morning Dr. Kidder and Charles Faxon accompanied Harry Hess to Philadelphia where he entered a home for the incurables.

About fifty friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Alfred Lee, on Monday evening, to celebrate Mrs. Lee's birthday. Choice refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent by those fortunate enough to be there.

**GEORGES VALLEY.**

Rev. Miller dined at the C. W. Lingle home on Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Lingle returned last week from Lock Haven where she had been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. C. F. Auman spent last week at Spring Mills with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dunlap.

Mrs. W. F. McClellan and daughter Ruth returned home on Tuesday from Union county, where they spent a week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Barger, of Tusseyville, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barger, of State College, spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barger.

**AARONSBURG.**

Harry Crouse, of Selinsgrove, is the guest of his father for a few days.

Frank Miller, of Lewisburg, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hull.

Harry Boob and family, of Loganton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hol. Crouse for a day.

The ladies of the Reformed Missionary society rendered a splendid program on Sunday evening. The small children did especially well in taking their parts.

Miss Meda Bower, who is teaching a successful term of school at Dix Run, accompanied by five of her friends, autoed to the home of her parents to partake of a good dinner.

The sad news of the death of Charles Rupp was received by his brother, Walter Rupp, in this place, a few days ago. The deceased, at the time of his death, lived in Milwaukee, Wis. He had many friends in this place.

Thomas Miller and nephew, Sterrel Bressler, of Spring Mills, spent Sunday in this part of the valley, the latter as the guest of Master Paul Krape, in this place, while the former found greater interest at Woodward.

**THESE TWO MEN DID NOT HEDGE**

Carried Out Contract to Limit, Disdaining Offers to Escape.

"The war is over; I'm not going to buy any more Liberty Bonds."

This is a remark you may have heard. Many persons are making it thoughtlessly every day. Maybe you have said it yourself. If you have, surely it is because you forgot that, contract you made with those partners of yours, James Yaeger and I. Berry, less than two years ago.

What? You never had those men as partners? First, refresh your memory a bit in regard to Yaeger. Let's see, it was in April, 1917, that you made that agreement with him. The terms were very favorable to you. Yaeger was to go in training, brave submarines, bullets, shells and gas for an unlimited period, for \$30 a month, to protect you and your family. You were to remain in comparative comfort, only guaranteeing that Yaeger's salary and all expenses incident to his perilous mission should be paid promptly. At that, you were not asked to give this money outright—only to lend it at a good rate of interest.

Now, your other partner, Berry. Perhaps you have forgotten him, too. He was a lieutenant in the Fifth Machine Gun Battalion. His agreement with you was the same as Yaeger's—he was to give his service, even to the death if required, while you were to do your part in footing the bills.

How did these two partners of yours carry out their part of the contract? The War Department's records are eloquent on this point.

Yaeger was near Verdun on October 12, 1918, performing his duties in your behalf. With a few companions he was cut off in an exposed position under heavy gun and artillery fire. While standing off the foe with his automatic rifle, he fell severely wounded. Several hours later the stretcher bearers found him. "Take Smith first," he begged, pointing to his companion. They did, and returned as quickly as they could. Yaeger, your partner, was dead. He had been released from his part in the contract. But, by the eternal law of Right and Decency, his death did not release you!

You have yet to—but wait, let us see what became of your other partner, Lieutenant Berry.

The first week in October, the records tell us, he was in action near Montblanc, France, faithfully pursuing his contract to keep you and your family safe, no matter at what cost to himself. His commander fell dead. Berry went to the front line and "carried on."

Shortly afterwards a bullet hit him in the head. The surgeon ordered him to the hospital. An "evacuation tag" was placed on his uniform, which meant that he was out of the fight and for the time released from his responsibility to you, his partner. What did he do? Tore off the tag, destroyed it, and dashed into the front line! For twenty-four hours he commanded the defense, guided his men back to safety—and died.

Yaeger scorned the chance of relief that the stretcher bearers offered him.

Berry disdained an "evacuation tag." You are the partner of these men. They kept faith with you to the bitter end. Their spirits cry to you from the Great Beyond to fulfill your promise to them. Their millions of comrades—also your partners—whose lives were saved, ask you: "Do you seek an easy way out of the battle? Do you covet an 'evacuation tag'? What is your word worth?"

In April you will be asked to carry out the final part of your stipulation by subscribing to the Victory Liberty Loan.

Of course, you will meet your obligation!

**"MISSING IN ACTION"**

All through those days of the growing casualty lists one feature of the reports was the number "missing in action."

Many of these victims were found to be in German prisons. Some had been wounded. Some, overcome by weight of numbers, had been taken prisoners outright. Many were more dead than alive.

A lot of folks here at home have been "missing in action" without having done anything at all.

Simply laid down their arms and surrendered without firing a shot.

None of us can afford to be in that list.

Every one of us can be on the list of "those present" instead of "missing in action," if we do our share in the Victory Liberty Loan.

**Liberty Loan Levy**

Bill lived for one thing—just to spend. Couldn't even spare money to lend. Save? Bill couldn't do it. And he—Well, you know it. He died poor and early.—The End.

**BUYING LIVES, LOAN PURPOSE**

Your Liberty Loan Subscriptions Will Help Pay For Saving 500,000 Yanks.

The coming Liberty Victory Loan will pay the cost of saving the lives of more than 500,000 Yanks and thousands of our allies, according to Lewis B. Franklin, Director of the U. S. War Loan Organization.

"The speed and bravery of the American 'doughboy' affected the Germans on the front line more than it did the men at German general headquarters," states Mr. Franklin, "but the fact that America had ten tons of mustard gas ready for shipment in 1919, to every ton that Germany had, the fact that we were going to have a tank on the front line for every 75 feet of the line in 1919, the fact that we would have thousands of batteries of guns where we did not have a single one in 1918—those facts had an influence on the German general staff.

"And those millions and billions of dollars were far from being wasted in an unnecessary preparation. I feel that the fact that money was spent and that that enormous output of munitions was ready, was the controlling factor in the weakening of the German general staff, and that it caused their message to the Kaiser that they were beaten, and that he must sue for peace. And the way I see it is that this money, instead of being wasted, can be written down as having saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of American men who would have been sacrificed had the war continued another year.

"That is the money we are going to ask the American people for in the Fifth Liberty Loan. We are going to ask them for the money that brought our boys home safe and sound, instead of leaving them buried in France. And when the people of America realize what this money did, we are not going to find that they are lacking in patriotism to 'come across'."

**A Reporter ad. brings results.**

OVERLAND CAR FOR SALE.—1912 model five passenger car; has good engine and in good running order; would make a good truck.—D. J. IVONADA, Centre Hall, R. 2, Belle phone 78-9.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Letters of administration on the estate of Geo. B. Slack, late of Potter township, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated without delay for settlement.

T. W. SLACK, Administrator  
HARRY KELLEK, Attorney.

DESIRABLE HOME FOR SALE, situated in George's Valley, containing twenty acres; thereon erected a two-story house, barn and out buildings; good never-failing water and plenty of fruit. For particulars and terms see W. HARRISON WALKER, Bellefonte, Pa., or address M. J. BARBER, 310 Florida Ave., Lorain, Ohio.

FOR SALE—House and lot on Hoffer street, Frame house, seven rooms; outbuildings; well located. Sale will be made on reasonable terms. Possession first of April. For further information inquire of MRS. BEILA WHITEMAN, Centre Hall, Pa. 41 pd.

FOR SALE—Three brood sows and 19 pigs; some bull calves, bred from Registered Holstein bull and seven of his grade Hereford cows; also a few sheep.—M. A. SANKKY, Centre Hall, Pa. Bell phone 5012.

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**H. F. Rossman**  
General Merchandise  
Spring Mills

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Why buy a tractor that burns twice as much fuel?

Why not buy from a reliable firm where you have some protection? A firm that sells 35 different kinds of farm machinery.

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