

U. S. DEBT, \$24,824,345,000.

Mostly Represented by Liberty Bonds of First Four Issues.

Public debt of the United States Government was reported on Saturday by the Treasury as \$24,824,345,000.

Most of this represents Liberty Bonds of the first, second, third and fourth issues, but the Victory Loan is not included to any great extent.

The Treasury plans to issue other bonds later this year and next year to meet the fast ends of war expenses.

The Treasury now has a working balance of \$1,032,000,000, of which \$657,546,000 is on deposit with banks through out the country on account of bills or certificates of indebtedness and Victory notes.

Lowest Bid for Pleasant Gap Road is \$249,332.22.

The lowest bid made to the State highway department for the construction of the stretch of road from Bellefonte to a point on Nittany Mountain beyond Pleasant Gap, was by the International Engineering and Construction Company, of Scranton.

Wheat Prospects Good in Kansas.

Enclosed please find draft to extend my subscription. Our wheat prospects are very good.

Farmers met in our city last Saturday to discuss the question of help during harvest, and agreed we would need 1600 to 1800 men and expect to pay \$4.50 to \$5.00 for ten-hour day.

Wishing success to "The League of Nations". Yours, J. K. GEISE.

Major Boal Coming Later.

A cablegram from Major Boal brings the news that he will not return with the 28th Division, but that he has been detained in France for thirty days.

"The Magistrate".

The Penn State Thespians will appear in Garman's Opera House on Friday evening, May 9th, when they will produce the popular farce comedy, entitled, "The Magistrate".

Worth Twp. H. S. Commencement.

Commencement exercises of the Worth township high school, of which Prof. H. C. Rothrock is the principal, will be held on Friday evening, May 9th, in the Methodist church at Port Matilda.

Invocation - Rev. B. Monroe Posten. Salutory - Jessie Mae Williams. Oration - Samuel Clair Hoover. Oration - Elizabeth Pearl Beck.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

A capacity house greeted the Rock Springs amateur theatrical performers in the Grange hall on Saturday evening, when they presented their three-act play "Her Honor the Mayor."

The parts were all well taken. Miss Nancy McWilliams, who played the important role, was a forceful character. She was ably assisted by her sister performers.

The piano duets were especially pleasing to the audience, as were the vocal selections by Miss Nancy Williams and Elizabeth Goheen.

Big Musical Company to Come to Centre Hall.

The Liberty Concert Company, composed of the best young talent of Millifinburg, will appear in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, on Saturday evening, May 17th.

\$22,000 Loss in Fire at Tyrone.

Fire, which started about five o'clock Wednesday morning of last week, partially destroyed the G. C. Boecking block on Tenth street, Tyrone.

Penn State to Honor Men Who Died in Service.

The Pennsylvania State College will hold a commemorative service on May 30 in honor of her men who died in the war.

The college authorities have announced that those seniors who died while in military service will be listed as graduates of Penn State in the commencement programs and in the alumni registers.

Through the activities of Government departments, with the cooperation of the States and municipalities, thousands of discharged soldiers, sailors, marines and former war workers are being placed in permanent and profitable jobs.

Eternal vigilance is the price of safety when dealing with animal disease.

HELMETS FOR VICTORY! LOAN SUBSCRIBERS.

Fourteen Captured German Helmets to Be Chanced Off.—Every Subscriber in Centre County Has An Equal Chance for One.

Victory Loan headquarters are in receipt of fourteen captured German helmets, which will be chanced off to Victory Loan subscribers of the Centre county district.

Immediately after the loan closes on May 10th, every bank in Centre county will submit to Mr. Charles C. McCurdy, chairman of the district, a complete list of the names of every person who subscribed for one or more bonds through that particular bank.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Chairman Publicity.

Helmets and Medals for Women Workers.

The Women's Committee has been allotted fourteen helmets. These will be given to the fourteen chairmen, whose committee raises the largest percentage of their district's quota.

Elizabeth Mills Beach, Chairman, Centre county.

Asylum for Big "Cootie".

What a big cootie did for an American soldier, and what an American soldier did for a big louse is related by Rossman Smith, who did service on the French front and police duty in Germany.

"Old louse, I was going to kill you, but since you saved my life my bosom shall be your home".

The Ice Cream Tax.

Carry your ice cream home free of tax, and pay tax if you eat it where it is sold, is the new ruling on this popular dish.

Ice cream cones are taxable where ever sold. Ice cream purchased and carried home is not taxable.

It is expected that this will clarify the complex situation which arises in regard to the new "luxury tax" in a great many cases.

Died While He Fished.

James Dougherty, of Middletown, aged seventy years, was found dead along Jocks Creek, in Millifin county, on Thursday afternoon, by a boy and girl who were passing along the stream.

His white whiskers attracted the attention of the passing boy and girl who made the gruesome discovery.

He was a familiar figure at the county home where he usually spent his winters. He was an itinerant painter and it is stated that his relatives, several brothers and sisters who reside in Dauphin county, are well-to-do.

Last Auction at Meiss' Store.

G. R. Meiss will hold an auction sale, the last for this season, at his store at Colyer, on Saturday evening.

Rats and mice have been found to be carriers of bovine tuberculosis. Clean them out.

Local Lodges Entertain in Honor of Returned Soldier Boys.

All the returned soldier boys, from overseas and those discharged from camps, were guests of honor at a reception tendered by the local I. O. O. F. in their hall on Wednesday night of last week.

Rev. R. R. Jones followed with a delightful short talk, after which all were treated to a luncheon of sandwiches, sweet pickles, ice cream and coffee.

Penn State Football Card Announced for Next Season.

Penn State's football schedule for the 1919 season contains eight games, four at home and four on foreign fields. There is one less contest than has been the practice in former years.

Dartmouth is again booked for a contest at Hanover, N. H., on October 18. A two-year agreement brings the Green to State College for the Pennsylvania Day game in 1920.

Penn Hall Native Dies in West.

Mrs. George Bolender, nee Sara Jane Krumrine, died at her home in Orangeville, Illinois, Wednesday of last week, and was buried on Friday.

All surplus TNT and other explosives that can be used in clearing land, building roads or in general construction or other work is being turned over to the Department of the Interior by the War Department.

Will Receive Bids for Building School House.

The Potter township school directors will receive bids for the construction of a school building, at a point near the Dauberman farm, along Sinking Creek.

Teachers' Salary Bill Passed by the House.

The Woodruff teachers' salary increase bill was passed finally by the house at Harrisburg, last Tuesday night, by a vote of 199 to 1.

"Bill" Bailey Arrives in U. S.

Private William Bailey set foot on American soil last Wednesday when the steamship Finland docked at New York, carrying principally the 103rd engineers, the Philadelphia men who threw the first bridge over the Marne at Chateau-Thierry under terrific German fire.

Spring Mills Grange to Give Play.

On Saturday evening, May 17th, the Spring Mills Grange will render two plays in the Grange hall at that place.

THE DEATH RECORD.

HEIMS.—Mrs. Lizzie Virginia Heims, widow of the late Thomas C. Heims, died at the family residence, Osceola Mills, on last Thursday morning.

McWILLIAMS.—James McWilliams, one of the best known men in the western part of the county, died in the Bellefonte hospital on Sunday evening.

McWilliams was born near Graysville seventy years ago. His life was spent on the home farm, retiring ten years ago.

McWilliams was a member of the Presbyterian church at Graysville.

Burial was made in the Graysville cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Campbell officiating.

DIPPERY.—Julia Catherine Dippery, wife of Miles Dippery, died at her home, in Reedsville, Monday forenoon of last week, aged forty-three years.

On Thursday evening the Centre Hall camp of the P. O. S. of A., at a regular business meeting, served elegant refreshments in honor of three of their members—D. Ross Bushman, the secretary; Alfred Crawford, and W. W. Kerlin, the president.

Several new members were taken into the order at this meeting, bringing the membership up to the one hundred mark.

Philipsburg had a visit from G. G. Budwig, a pilot of a mail aeroplane, who was forced to land owing to motor trouble, on Wednesday night.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, in its Saturday business section, makes the statement that Sears, Roebuck & Co., during April had an increase of over thirty-three per cent. over its sales for the same month in 1918.

Those from this place who did not see the war train at Bellefonte, last Wednesday, at least had the pleasure of seeing the airplane which was to have been a part of the day's doings.

A dozen or more wild ducks were found dead or maimed in Millheim, one morning last week. Several flocks of geese and ducks were heard flying overhead the night before, during a storm.

Compulsory attendance of children between the ages of 8 and 16 in school has become a Pennsylvania law.

The signing by Governor Sproul of the bill introduced in the House on February 3, by Representative Frank B. Mallory, of Venango county. This bill met with opposition in both houses but was finally carried by an overwhelming majority.

The skunk was ordered protected by law as a friend of the farmer and of the public generally because of pelt and oil in a bill passed by the House of Representatives at the night session Tuesday of last week.

The muskrat was also ordered on the protected list from November 15 to March 1. The bill forbids taking the skunk except by "dead falls" and smoking out is prohibited.

500,000 books are needed for the boys who are still overseas. Books maintain army morale, and nothing appeals to the men more than clean, fresh books, principally works of fiction.

If you care to contribute a good book or two, give them to Mrs. John H. Weber, Centre Hall, and when a fair sized collection is gathered, the books will be shipped, destined to reach our boys "over there".

The Millheim Journal says the following with regard to an outbreak of diphtheria in that town: On last Thursday evening H. R. Auman's home was quarantined, his son, Mahlon, having developed diphtheria.

On Saturday the home of Harry Keen, North street, was also placarded, a case of the same disease having been discovered there when Dr. C. S. Musser was called to dress several fingers for Mr. Keen which he had gotten in contact with a saw on the Fetterolf mill, near Smulton, that day.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Sunday is Mother's Day, and the symbol is a white carnation.

The wheat fields show how the frost of ten days ago nipped the ends of the plants.

Wallace Weaver, of Birdsboro, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weaver, near Tusseyville, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home in Centre Hall, quite recently. It is the first-born in the family.

John A. Heckman and H. E. Schreckengast, both Potter township farmers, purchased new autos last week, the former a Dodge touring car and the latter a Ford touring car.

If you enjoy good music, don't fail to hear the State College ladies in their musical concert in the Grange hall, on Saturday evening of this week. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoner, of State College, are planning to make a trip to the west next Monday morning. They will be gone until some time in August, and expect to reach the Dakotas.

B. Wollner, of Lewistown, manager of the Millifin county rendering company, was a business caller at this office last week. See their ad. in this issue for the removal of dead stock free of charge.

At the annual business session of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Association, held in Williamsport Tuesday of last week, Milton was the unanimous choice for the 1920 meeting of the Association.

Among the Reporter's callers during last week was Harvey D. Hagan, of Farmers Mills, who at present is engaged in doing carpenter work at State College for the state's greatest educational institution.

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