



WASHINGTON WEEKLY CHAT.

Important Matters at the National Capital.—By a Special Correspondent.

ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD.

Economy must be the watchword of the Congress now in session. The people are demanding of it that the purse-strings of the Nation must be held taut. They realize that with a national debt, due to war expenditures, that runs into many billions; with a tax burden on them which at the lowest estimate must produce \$4,000,000,000 annually, to pay interest on the national debt, to provide a sinking fund to pay off the debt and at the same time pay the running expenses of the government, that Congress must place an extra strong lock on the Treasury vaults or it will be held to a strict accountability, regardless of whatever party may be holding the reins of power. From all sections and from all people is coming the plea for economy and that Congress realize that it must reckon with this plea is shown by the work already done by the Appropriation Committees of both Senate and House. They plan to put in force a national budget system, a financial system for conducting government affairs that has never before been used by the United States, although it has been followed with success by many foreign governments. It is a system by which the government may estimate its annual expenditures, provide for the proper expenditure of the moneys and plan for the raising of the money which is required. A government, the same as a corporation or individual, should reckon its income and obtain an accurate estimate of its expenditures before making its appropriations. The United States Government has never done this. It has always gone along, accepted the amount of appropriations as given by the different government bureaus for their needs, granted the money, and then by emergency appropriation bills made up for deficiencies, without much thought as to how or from whom the revenues were to come when sufficient funds were lacking. The war has lessened in finances and more than ever are the people determined to have a close hold on how their money is spent after it is given by them into Uncle Sam's strong box.

NOTED VISITORS TO COME.

As soon as the Peace Treaty is signed and ratified and real peace has come, the United States will be visited by scores of high dignitaries from all of the allied nations, embracing statesmen, army leaders and naval commanders. The mecca of one and all will be the National Capital. Probably the first to arrive will be General Foch, who has long been anxious to visit this country. Sir Douglas Haig is also expected, and others too numerous to mention. Already the United States Government, through the State Department, is making preparations and plans to house and entertain its famous guests. Large private residences in Washington are to be rented by the Government as homes for the visitors during their stay in the Capital City, and special officials of the State, War and Navy Departments are being designated to welcome the guests and to conduct them personally on the tour of the country that is being planned for them. The Railroad Administration is being called on to provide special trains and to provide every comfort and convenience for the visitors from the time they reach the shores of the United States until they embark for the return to their native land.

The Passenger Pigeon—A New Book.

The Reporter acknowledges the receipt of a copy of "The Passenger Pigeon in Pennsylvania," a volume of 258 pages which we received some time ago from Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, that lover of the great out-doors and writer of no mean ability. The Reporter's acknowledgement was delayed, hoping first to give the book a perusal of its contents. The book was written by John C. French, of Potter county, at the instance of Col. Shoemaker.

Nature lovers and sportsmen in general know that at one time the passenger pigeon—commonly called wild pigeon—was so numerous that their flights would obscure the sun. To day a big reward is offered for the discovery of a single pair of pigeons, so completely have they disappeared. Whether? No one knows. Authorities say their numbers were reduced approximately at the rate of ten millions a year.

A number of chapters in the book are written by Col. Shoemaker and other authors, the whole combining to make a valuable work.

New State School Head.

Governor Sprout last week officially announced that Thomas E. Finnegan, now deputy commissioner of education of the State of New York, had agreed to accept the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He will take up his new duties on June 1.

M., S. S. & K. L. C. E. Convention.

The annual convention of the Ministerial, Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor societies of the United Evangelical church, for the Centre district, was held in the Evangelical church in this place from Tuesday until Thursday of last week. The convention was presided over by Rev. M. I. Jamison, the presiding elder. The music was under the direction of Rev. I. C. Bailey, of Spring Mills.

Despite the fact that it rained during practically the three days of the convention, there was a splendid attendance at all sessions. Fifty-one delegates registered and thirty more were kept away on account of the weather.

The papers were all well prepared and provoked much discussion. One of the special features of the convention was the singing by the male quartette.

It was decided to hold next year's convention at Millheim.

The following program was carried out at the convention:

Tuesday evening.—Song service; devotional service, Rev. C. E. Hewitt; address of welcome by Prof. N. L. Bartges; response by Rev. D. F. Young; convention address by Rev. M. I. Jamison.

Wednesday morning.—Song service; devotional service conducted by Rev. G. C. Cramer; "The World's Infallible Guide," Rev. D. F. Young; "Reverence for the House of God," Rev. W. H. Lilley; "Second Coming of Christ," Rev. J. H. Fleckenstine; "The Benefit of Organized Sunday-school Classes," Rev. E. Fulcomer.

Wednesday afternoon.—Song service; devotional service; "Evangelism—message, messenger, method," Rev. W. H. Brown; "Holy Spirit and K. L. of C. E.," Rev. L. E. Crumblin; "Wedge of Gold," Rev. E. B. Dunn.

Wednesday evening.—Song service; devotional service by Rev. F. F. Mayer; Dr. Winter, superintendent of the U. E. V. home at Lewisburg, laid forth the program of the church.

Thursday morning.—Song service; devotional service by Rev. W. M. Dayton; report of statistical secretary; "Relative Importance of Pulpit and Pastoral Work," Rev. W. K. Shultz; "Four Steps to the Throne," Rev. J. F. Bingham; "Lessons Learned in the Service," Rev. S. P. Remer.

Thursday afternoon.—Song service; devotional service by Mrs. J. R. Sechrist; "Sabbath Observance," Rev. R. S. Starr; "Our Missionary Interests," Rev. C. B. Snyder.

Thursday evening.—Song service; devotional service by Rev. I. C. Bailey; "The Church in Relation to Present Day Conditions," Rev. N. L. Hummel.

- DELEGATES PRESENT.**
- Altoona—Bertha Kuhn, Aaronsburg—John Krape, Bellwood—Rev. E. Fulcomer, Dolorus Miller, Olive Bice, Bellefonte—Rev. E. B. Dunn, Burnham—Rev. W. H. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Lucy Brown, Egg Hill—Lee Frazier, Hummel's Wharf—Rev. J. H. Fleckenstine, Mrs. J. H. Fleckenstine, Juniata—Rev. S. P. Remer, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Lemont—George Roan, Mrs. Sarah Etters, Linden Hall—Miss Tressler, Lewistown—Rev. D. F. Young, Mrs. Harry Erdley, Dora Hummel, Russell Snook, Rev. L. E. Crumblin, Mrs. Mary Mateer, Marion Evans, Liverpool—Rev. M. W. Dayton, Mexico—Rev. I. K. Baker, Middleburg—Rev. W. H. Lilley, Mrs. S. J. Shamback, Millheim—Rev. C. B. Snyder, Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Rose Smith, Millmont—Rev. J. F. Bingham, Mrs. J. F. Bingham, Mrs. Kleckner, Laura Feaster, Millin—Rev. J. R. Sechrist, Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, Newport—Rev. W. K. Shultz, Port Trevorton—Rev. F. F. Mayer, Mrs. F. F. Mayer, Olive Aucker, Penns Creek—Rev. G. C. Cramer, Paxtonville—Mrs. H. C. Graybill, Rebersburg—Rev. C. E. Hewitt, Martha Douty, Spring Mills—Rev. I. C. Bailey, Ella Sharp, Winfield—Rev. R. S. Starr, Mrs. R. S. Starr, Mrs. M. Dyer, Woodward—Clair Cramer.

EXPRESSION OF AFFECTION.

I want to express my appreciation to the people of Centre Hall who so kindly entertained the delegates to the convention. Some were disappointed because I was unable to send them delegates, but we were unable to control the weather.

I received a great many expressions of appreciation as to our beautiful town and the hospitality of our people. I am sure the benefits of the convention have been mutual, for while the delegates went away feeling that the convention was a spiritual one, I am sure we at home were likewise benefited.—James A. Shultz.

An umbrella was found in the Reporter's vestibule which the owner may have by calling at this office.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Hours of Service and Speakers for Various Points in the Valley.

Memorial Day in Centre Hall will be fittingly observed. The Patriotic Order Sons of America is making all the necessary arrangements for a due observance of the day. It is planned to have the several fraternal organizations of the town, as well as the Red Cross, school children and others, take their place in the parade which will form at the Presbyterian church and start for the cemetery promptly at six o'clock. There the graves of the deceased veterans will be strewn with flowers, patriotic songs will be sung, and Rev. R. R. Jones will follow with the Memorial address. The Woodmen band, of State College, has been engaged for the occasion.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT OTHER POINTS.

The people of Boalsburg and vicinity intend to have a patriotic program on Memorial Day. Dr. W. K. McKinney, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Bellefonte, will be the principal speaker of the day. The other speaker will be Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor of the Reformed church at that place. The exercises will be held under the auspices of the P. O. S. of A. The boys band of Milesburg will furnish the music for the occasion.

Farmers Mills.—9:30 a. m.; speaker, Rev. C. F. Catherman.

Tusseyville.—Meet at Zion church and decorate graves in Evangelical church cemeteries, then proceed to Tusseyville cemetery. Hour, 10 a. m.; speaker, Rev. James A. Shultz.

Spring Mills.—6:30 p. m.; speaker, Rev. D. S. Kurtz.

Millheim.—6:30 p. m.; speaker not yet selected.

Madisonburg.—1:30 p. m.

Rebersburg.—2:00 p. m.; speaker, Rev. Lester Shannon.

Children to Bring Flowers.

The children of Centre Hall are asked to contribute flowers for decorating purposes on Memorial day, and to take them to the P. O. S. of A. hall early in the afternoon, as has been the custom for several years past. The Reporter will again publish the names of the children who contribute flowers.

Flags for Revolutionary Heroes.

Mrs. H. C. Valentine, of Bellefonte, a member of the D. A. R., is again looking after the placing of flags on the graves of Revolutionary soldiers buried in the various cemeteries in Centre county.

Through considerable hard work Mrs. Valentine has located the graves of several Revolutionary soldiers within the past year whose graves have been neglected for many years, and the red, white and blue will be found on the mounds on Memorial Day.

If ancestors of Revolutionary heroes know of any unmarked graves in Centre county cemeteries, the D. A. R. would be glad to know of them and honor the deceased warriors from year to year. A letter to Mrs. Valentine at Bellefonte will receive the proper attention.

Cost \$35 to Send a Soldier to Europe.

It cost \$35 to carry each American soldier to France and \$60 for each ton of supplies according to an official estimate given out at Washington last week. The United States sent two million men to Europe at a total cost of \$70,000,000. British ships carried 51 per cent. of these men. A total of six million tons of food and equipment was sent to France for the soldiers at a cost of \$360,000,000.

The grand jury, at the close of May court, recommended that the commissioners of Centre county donate \$1000 toward the expenses of the homecoming celebration to be held in Bellefonte June 26 and 27. The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, the burden of raising the necessary funds for a proper and fitting demonstration will be difficult and as usual, will fall on only a portion of the population who are the more public spirited, therefore we do hereby in a resolution adopted, unanimously recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a donation to the committee in charge of said demonstration, a substantial amount from the county funds for the purpose of carrying out the plans above mentioned; this sum in our judgement should be one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, which we learn will be approximately one-fifth of the sum contemplated for expenditure on that occasion."

"Fads and Follies."

"Fads and Follies" is one of the famous Broadway successes which comes to the Garman's opera house for three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 29, 30 and 31. It is a musical comedy of high tone, with pretty girls and costly costumes. The many musical numbers in "Henpecked Henry," the opening bill, are given additional color by the beauty of the girls in timely action. Popular prices—25c, 35c and 50 cents.

"COME ACROSS," SAY BOYS ALONG THE RIVER RHINE.

Many Branches Still Open for Enlistment in Army of Occupation.—Want Army of 50,000.

"The Watch on the Rhine" is the American soldiers' paper published at Andernach, Germany. To stimulate the recruiting of 50,000 in America for service in the American Army of Occupation, the American boys' paper has the following article, under the caption, "Come Across," New Slogan of Men on Rhine.

"Press dispatches state that President Wilson will issue a call for 50,000 volunteers to serve in the Army of Occupation in Germany. They will replace a similar number of men now serving on the Rhine who wish to return home.

"Now is your chance, to replace your silver chevron with a gold stripe.

"We of the Third division who have served thru the campaign from the Marne to the Argonne and are now reveling on the Rhine will welcome you.

"We would regret deeply leaving this land of boche and snow.

"Nevertheless we do not wish to appear selfish.

"We know there are thousands of young men in the states who are rearing to come across.

"We know, because we read the papers. We have wept salty tears when the armistice was signed, because they were deprived of doing their bit over here.

"We are willing to give them a chance to win that gold stripe.

"Of course, things are a bit slow now. No longer do the G. I. cans bloozy around us. Heine no longer comes across in his bombing machine with the tail-gate wide open. Those little surprise attacks at dawn are no more.

Going over the top to dash in front of the boche machine gun nest is but a memory.

"Besides, the chow has changed. Corn Willie and hardtack are passe. Goldfish is almost unknown.

"But if you can carry on under these hardships and disadvantages why—" "Come across, boys—come across!" "Still Rhineland has its advantages.

"Even after July 1, Germany has no prospect of going dry—not so long as the Rhine flows.

"And you can smoke a cigarette here without hiding behind the barn as you were committing some deadly sin.

"Also the underground system of fraternizing with the German man'selles is well worked out.

"Thanks to us.

"When you come here you will find the system in perfect working order.

"German madchens dote on boys in O. D.

"Also on chocolate and soap. Bring liberal quantities with you.

"And think of this!

"One dollar good U.S. is worth five francs.

Five francs is worth ten marks.

"So a truck private, instead of getting 33 dollars per month, receives 330 marks.

"Some money!

"330 marks will buy anything in Germany.

"So come across, boys! Come across! It's a great life if you don't weaken. And win that gold chevron!"

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.

Abram V. Miller Dead at Age of 81 Years.—Distinguished Himself in the War of the Rebellion.

Abram V. Miller, Civil war veteran and one of the highest type of Centre county's citizenship, passed away at the home of his brother, Robert Miller, at Bellefonte, on Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock. He took ill with pneumonia and after a few weeks' sickness passed away.

Deceased was born in Spring township April 24, 1838, hence was past eighty-one years of age. He engaged in teaming until the outbreak of the Civil war, in the participation of which he made an enviable record.

On April 15, 1861, he became the second to enlist in the Bellefonte Fencibles, and took part in the first battle of the war, that of Falling Waters, July 2, 1861. On the 26th of July he was honorably discharged and returned home, where he recruited for the 45th P. V. I., the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry and the 57th P. V. I.

In the winter of 1861 Mr. Miller again enlisted, becoming a member of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry, and participated in the battles of Falmouth, Strasburg, Mt. Jackson, Cross Keys and Fort Republic. While on picket duty in 1862 he had an arm and several ribs broken, which caused his confinement in the hospital at Washington, D. C., for some time. Rejoining his regiment, he took part in the engagements of Frederickburg and Gettysburg, and was discharged December 28, 1863. On the 29th of the following February, however, he again enlisted, this time in the 18th P. V. I., and with that command was in the battles of Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. In the first attack on the Weldon Railroad he received a shot in the shoulder, one in the leg, one in the head, and a piece of shell took off a part of his lower jaw, together with eleven teeth. For twenty-four hours he lay on the battle field in this condition, when he was finally found and taken to City Point, Va., and thence to Campbell Hospital, Washington, D. C. On May 12, 1864, he had been commissioned first lieutenant of Company E, 18th P. V. I., and with that rank was mustered out. He was ever found at his post of duty and in the thickest of the fight.

He was married to Miss Jane Potter, in 1865, and she died in 1901. Four children were born in their union, two surviving—Mrs. Elizabeth Blythe, of Philadelphia, and George P. Miller, of Pottsville. There also remain two brothers—Robert C. of Bellefonte, and Isaac, residing at the toll gate, near Bellefonte.

Politically Mr. Miller was a staunch Republican and served as county commissioner a number of years ago. Religiously he was of the Quaker faith.

The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the home of Isaac Miller, near Bellefonte, and burial was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

17 Township Pupils Take High School Examination.

A class of seventeen Potter township public school pupils took the examination for entrance to Centre Hall High school, given by Prof. N. L. Bartges, in this place, on Monday. If all were to make the passing mark, it would mean a large freshman class for the next term.

Those who took the examination are: Laura Whitman, Luella Bloom, Bertha Callahan, Ruth Royer, Harrison Grove, John L. Reich, Edith Floray, William Hanna, Dorothy Hanna, Ellen Burkholder, Mabel Sharer, Helen Tressler, Leora Mowery, Gladys Garbrick, Stanley Brooks, Alvan Floray, Harold Durst.

Dr. Beirly and Chicago's New Boulevard.

Dr. Alfred Beirly, the music publisher of Chicago, Ill., well known in Penn and Irish valleys, is giving Chicago something to think about as regards the naming of one of the greatest and most central streets of that great metropolis, which now is being widened and rebuilt some miles. Some persons favor naming the new boulevard "Roosevelt road," but Dr. Beirly in an article which appeared recently in the three big Chicago newspapers, wants Thomas Jefferson remembered, and says, "If a change of name for that street is really desired by the mass of Chicago citizens, which seems doubtful, why not select the name of one of our earlier, greater statesmen? Such an act would seem in harmony with similar former events pertaining to our national affairs.

The widening of this street is part of the great plan Dr. Beirly proposed some years ago, to concentrate the steam passenger traffic railway lines, numbering thirty-two, that enter Chicago, into one system operating from one mammoth depot, which is now in the course of preparation.

Dr. Beirly has long taken an active part in the commercial development of Chicago, and his opinions on matters of importance are given proper consideration.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Festival in Centre Hall, Friday and Saturday nights of this week, by the P. O. S. of A.

State College commencement begins Friday of next week and continues until Wednesday, June 11.

Twins—a boy and a girl—were born to Mr. and Mrs. Braid Stover, Pine Creek, on Thursday night.

John M. Luse, the new mail carrier, last week purchased the auto bus formerly used by L. L. Smith.

Rev. A. H. Spangler, of Yeagertown, is pursuing a two weeks' theological course at Springfield, Ohio.

Hail fell a few miles below Centre Hall during Thursday afternoon's rain. There was a decided fall in the temperature as a result.

The Salvation Army drive has been extended until to-day (Thursday). If you have not yet given to this worthy cause, do it to-day.

If you want to dispose of any article about the premises, put a small ad. in the Reporter and see how soon there will be a buyer for it.

A number of valuable farm horses have died in Penn township within the past few weeks. Azoturia was the cause of the death in most instances.

Only one month more of three cent letter postage—then back to the red stamp. Post cards, too, will be reduced in postage from two cents to one cent.

While spraying fruit trees is not generally practical in this local section, the little that was done was seriously interfered with by the frequent heavy rains during the spraying season.

Conner's bus line, from Lewistown to Bellefonte via Centre Hall, did not run for several days following the torrential rains which washed out bridges in the Seven Mountains.

Vacation days for the school boy and girl are here at last, although a month behind time. The baseball ground and the old swimmin' hole will be the boys' paradise for a few months.

Rev. C. F. Catherman preached a decidedly fine baccalaureate sermon to the coming graduates of the local High school, in the Methodist church, on Sunday evening. The church was filled to its capacity.

Sugar Valley farmers suffered a heavy loss from a severe hail storm Thursday evening. The hail lasted about ten minutes and the ground was covered with hail. Growing crops were beaten to the earth and slashed to pieces by the force of the ice pellets.

Mr. and Mrs. Erdman West and son Erdman, of New Burnsville, New Jersey, were arrivals in Centre Hall Thursday morning for a short vacation at the home of Mrs. West's mother, Mrs. H. J. Lambert. Mr. West is the plant pathologist for the state of New Jersey.

George Boyer, of Port Royal, is in a serious condition at the Lewistown hospital as a result of being struck by a bullet from a rifle in the hands of a young man who was shooting carp in the Juniata river. The bullet struck a stone and deflected, striking the older man in the groin.

Miss Rose McCormick will be in charge of the Millheim High school next term, she having been recently elected to succeed Prof. D. P. Stapleton, who has been principal for the past five years. Miss McCormick is a graduate of Susquehanna university and was assistant principal of the Boalsburg High school for several years.

John Garis gave a very interesting talk on the war in the Centre Hall High school room one morning last week, much to the delight and benefit of the scholars and teacher. John had his gas mask, first-aid kit, trench hat, and other paraphernalia with him and demonstrated their various uses. John doesn't lack in nerve up at the front—whether a battle front or the front of an audience.

Quite an excitement was created in Millroy one day last week when little Wanda McPerson fell down an abandoned well on the McClay property. The well has a depth of about 25 feet but the little girl was not seriously injured. Clay Fults, a returned soldier, bravely descended into the well by means of a rope and brought the tot to the surface much to the relief of the parents and friends.

The residents of Montandon are jubilant over the prospects of retaining the local post office instead of receiving rural delivery as has been feared. For a time it was thought there would be no applicant for the position made vacant by the resignation of Postmaster Fred B. Garber, as there seemed to be no place that was available for the office. However Mrs. J. C. Shortess, cousin of the present incumbent, finally made application and her appointment is now expected at any time. Arrangements have been made to conduct the post-office in the general store of Kleckner and Frederick.