

WASHINGTON WEEKLY CHAT.

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

The Department of the Interior is conducting an investigation as to the health of school children. It began in Washington, and the discovery was made that 300 out of 3,696 school children, weighed and measured, were normal, the great majority being under weight. This has opened the eyes of the Bureau of Education, which now announces that through its division of hygiene a campaign will be started to improve health conditions among school children all over the country. It is planned to enroll every teacher and pupil and to insist that as much attention be given to the health of pupils as to their education.

At the beginning of each new Congress some member of the House of Representatives introduces a resolution to abolish the work and expense of providing free seeds for the farmers. But as surely as the suggestion is proposed it is defeated, and so it has been at this extra session. The appropriation for free seeds will thus go through with a rush, and the farmers can now rest assured that the Department of Agriculture will have plenty on hand throughout another year.

More than a ton of incoming mail each day and nearly as much outgoing mail has made it necessary for the War Risk Insurance Bureau to build up a postal system that is larger than any other of its kind in the United States. Eighty thousand pieces of incoming mail each day are the average for the bureau, of these more than 50,000 being letters. There are over 80,000 outgoing letters each day. Mail is received every half hour, day and night, and a force of employees is at work upon it throughout every twenty-four hours, including Sundays. Most of the employees who first read the letters received are women, the majority being college graduates, highly trained for this expert work in quickly sorting the letters, so that they reach the department for which they are intended in the quickest possible time.

It cost nearly thirty million dollars to float the first four Liberty Loans and the amount of bonds sold was close to nineteen billion dollars. The figures for the Victory Loan are not yet available, neither is it known now as to how much the Victory Loan was oversubscribed, but it is believed that it will total close to six billion, although the loan was only for four billion, five hundred million. To stimulate the sale of War Savings Stamps has cost the Government, so far, nearly five million dollars.

The Boy Scout Remedy

William G. McAdoo's statement, made in New York at the Bankers' Club, that making Boy Scouts of a nation's boys is the surest method of guaranteeing the country against the production of bombthrowers and criminals of the future, is one of sound judgment. Carefully hoed corn is a poor field for weeds; just so is a carefully cultivated nation of boys a poor field for the weeds of Bolshevism. And the Boy Scout movement is one of the best weeding implements ever invented; it gives anarchism and lawlessness no chance to spring forth. Mr. McAdoo goes on to say:

This Boy Scout movement is a great big worthy cause. If we take care of the boys of today, we will have no bombthrowers tomorrow. If those poor ignorants who are responsible for these crimes had been Boy Scouts in their younger days there would be none of these criminal acts to deplore. Mr. McAdoo is right. Bolshevism finds poor nourishment on "Do a good deed daily."

Lewistown Auto Plant to Build Cheap Cars.

Lewistown has an automobile factory that will complete in the manufacture that will meet the needs of a pleasure-loving public at a small cost. The machine, said to be the lightest ever placed on the market, will be known as the "Moller," in honor of its makers, William and Holger Moller, under the firm name of Moller Bros., late of Copenhagen, Denmark, where they manufactured a similar car in 1914. The machine will weigh nine hundred lbs. and travel forty to fifty miles on a gallon of gasoline. They expect to turn out two complete cars every hour and refuse to make the price public as they expect to startle the automobile world in the economy of the machine which will be equipped with all modern devices.

Corman Reunion—June 14.

The Corman family reunion will be held on Grange Park, Saturday, June 14th. The Milesburg girls' band will furnish music for the occasion, and a game of ball by Milesburg and Centre Hall teams has also been scheduled.

Lieut. "Ned" Keller on Way Home.

Two postal cards received at this office from 1st Lieut. W. "Ned" Keller indicate that he will be at his home in Linden Hall within a very short time. The text matter on the cards follows:

Metz, May 13, 1919.

Greetings. I walked around this place today. In the distance is a huge fort (marked on picture post card by 'x'). Will start for Luxemburg "toot sweet" and then into Germany.

Trier, Germany, May 14, 1919.

Greetings from Bocheland. Am having a wonderful trip over the whole western front. Will start back through Belgium today. Hope to be on the water in two weeks, and then me for home "toot sweet."

Regards,
NED.

Native of This County a Suicide.

Miss Frances Rebecca Emery, a native of Julian, Centre county, killed herself in a fit of despondency in New York City, Tuesday evening of last week.

Deceased was born at Julian, on August 21, 1893. She took a course in nurse training, and practiced her profession in New York City. Last winter she spent in Los Angeles, Cal., with a patient, and while there her health became impaired and she suffered a nervous breakdown.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bernice Lucas, of Tyrone, and two brothers, Howard, of Tyrone, just returned from soldier duty in France, and Harry, of Altoona.

Mail Messenger Wanted

The middle of May John M. Luse was appointed mail messenger between Centre Hall post office and the railroad station, and about fifteen days thereafter resigned. The Post Office Department is now advertising for a messenger to take his place. Posters indicate bids will be received up to and including Friday, 20th inst. Read the posters or consult the local postmaster if you have any thought of bidding for the service.

Starting New School House.

The Potter Township school district will have a new school building when the next term of school begins. It will be located in the Egg Hill district, close to the Lucas farm. The ground was staked off last week, preparatory to laying the foundation walls, the contract for which has been given the Garis stonemasons. The building will be erected by carpenter Lawrence Runkle.

Making 90,000,000 Cents Monthly

Every mint in the United States has been put to work by Director Ray Baker turning out one-cent pieces in an effort to keep pace with the enormous demand for the nation's least valuable coin. By instituting a twenty-four-day the output has been pushed to 90,000,000 cents a month.

Free Seeds to Continue

Free seeds for congressional distribution will continue as in past years. The annual attempt to eliminate this item from the agricultural appropriation bill was made by Representative Walsh, of Massachusetts, but was defeated by a large majority. The seed distribution this year will cost \$358,980.

Appeal for W. S. S.

A letter addressed to "All members of the family" is being sent out by W. Harrison Walker, chairman of the W. S. S. for Centre County, containing a circular giving the "high points" of the W. S. S., a new U. S. Government thrift card, and a post card mailable without postage, that should be carefully studied by every one receiving it. We have yet many obligations to meet on account of the war and one of the ways to meet the financial needs of the Government and at the same time help yourself, is to buy War Savings Stamps. The interest is over four and one-half per cent, and that is an interest as good as any safe investment pays.

Dies from Gunshot Wound

George Boyer, the Port Royal man who on May 19 was shot along the Juniata river near his home, died on Friday afternoon at the Lewistown hospital. Boyer's wound was accidentally inflicted by John Turbett, also of Port Royal. Turbett was shooting carp with a rifle and Boyer was a spectator. One of the bullets from Turbett's gun, that had been aimed at a big denizen of the stream, went wide of its mark, hit a stone and was deflected from its course striking Boyer in the groin. As soon as possible the injured man was taken to the Lewistown hospital his condition being greatly weakened by the loss of an enormous amount of blood. At the hospital it was found that the large artery in the man's thigh had been severed.

Cashing in War Savings Stamps is not popular at Centre Hall. The securities are too good to reinvest, and there is no pinch for ready cash.



New W. S. S. Certificate

For the convenience of investors, a new form of War Savings Certificate has been prepared, in denominations of \$100 and \$1,000 (maturity value). Formerly, it was necessary to attach 20 or 200 stamps to certificates in order to carry \$100 or \$1,000 worth of War Savings Stamps. The new form is also the same form of security, but eliminates the necessity of saving a number of stamps in small denominations. Both the \$100 and \$1,000 certificates may be purchased outright by paying the cost of the then current value of 20 or 200 War Savings Stamps respectively. The same rate of interest, the same maturity date and the same redemption privileges, as prevail with the smaller denominations of the stamps, are part of this new form of War Savings Certificate. One thousand dollars (maturity value) in War Savings Stamps, of any one issue, is the LIMIT permitted by law, to be held by any one person. Such investment is equal to the current cost of 200 War Savings Stamps. Every member of a family may carry the maximum holding of stamps—namely, \$1,000.

Major Muir at State College

General Charles H. Muir, late commander of the 28th Division of the American Expeditionary Force, was the central figure on the Pennsylvania State College commencement program on Saturday. He reviewed the cadet regiment of 1500 uniformed and equipped students on Beaver Field and inspected the student-soldiers at their bayonet and manual exercises. The exhibition drill was witnessed by a throng of commencement visitors and college officials.

The Millifinburg home talent play, which was given in Centre Hall on Friday evening, was deserving of much better patronage. The play—a melodrama—was given by a strong cast.

A reception for new members was given in the local Reformed church on Wednesday evening of last week. Choice refreshments were served.

Broke Arm Cranking Car.

Harold Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Keller, had the misfortune to have his right foreman broken on Tuesday morning while attempting to crank the Ford car of Dr. H. H. Longwell. The doctor at once gave the young man the necessary attention by reducing the fracture.

Will Give Home for Little Girl

James C. Reed, of Boalsburg, was a caller at this office on Monday, and related that he and Mrs. Reed were in quest of a little girl, aged between six and ten years. The Reporter agrees with him that his home will be a desirable one for a child. Any one interested in receiving a home for a child of this age should communicate with him.

New Postmaster for Rebersburg.

W. F. Miller has been appointed postmaster at Rebersburg, succeeding C. M. Bierly. The new postmaster takes the office this week.

Summer Activities at Penn State

The following calendar of summer activities at Penn State has been arranged, which shows that the summer months will not be ones of idleness at the institution:

- Farmers' Week, June 17 to 20.
- County Agents' Conference, June 17 to 21.
- Vocational Teachers' Conference, June 17 to 25.
- County Church Conference, June 17 to 27.
- Summer Session of the College, June 30 to August 8.
- State Library School, June 30 to August 8.
- Practical courses in agriculture for women, June 30 to August 8.
- Boy Scouts of America Encampment, July 2 to 9; 10 to 16; 17 to 24.
- Conference of County and City Superintendents, July 17 to 18.
- Summer Course in Industrial Management, August 8 to 23.

Little Girl Ground to Pieces Under Train

Ruth the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Neff, of Coalport, Clearfield county, was ground to pieces last Thursday, when she toddled in front of a train on the Cambria and Clearfield division. Engineer W. A. Callan, of Cresson, who was in charge of the train was unable to see the child until a few feet away owing to just having rounded a curve. The train was not traveling at a high rate of speed and Callan made every effort to bring the engine to a halt. Witnesses to the accident exonerate the engineer, who is greatly broken up over the accident.

PINES OF PENNS VALLEY.

A POET STIRRED BY DESTRUCTION OF GIANT TREES.

When the venerable poet of Central Pennsylvania, John H. Chatham, was in Penns Valley, Centre county, recently at the outing of the Pennsylvania Alpine club, he was much affected, as were his companions by the inroads made by lumbermen among the groves of original white pine trees which have been the crowning glory of the Valley of the Karoondinhs. As a result he improvised a beautifully impressive poem, the text of which follows:

Where the Tussey Mountains in grandeur rise,
Penns Valley at their base in beauty lies,
Where once the virgin pines unnumbered grew,
Unmatched in grandeur, quality and size.

They stood sentinels at the valley's gate
As trusted pickets on the ramparts wait
To repel a foe or meet their doom.
They fell —but was it the decree of fate?

Some fell by the winds and lightning's rend
And some to life's limit had reached their end.
But the axe and saw of commercial greed
Have severed a tie that we cannot mend.

If viewed from a point of commercial gain,
The profit lies in the trees that remain,
So if in the end a winner you'd be,
Spare your trees and be one of the sane.

Let us hope these verses you'll not deride,
And conserve those pines in beauty and pride
For they are 'the remnant of giant race
That should be saved, whatever else betide.

The passing of the pines—has fate decreed?
Or is it only man's insatiate greed,
That the children of future years should know them
Only by a name and the tales they read?

Oh! stately towering pines of every grove,
In years long since gone by you neatly wove
Your slender branches in your neighbor's boughs
On every hill and vale and glen and cove.

A classic essay and a poem grand
You are, writ on earth by the Master's hand,
And we for lust of gold, should not destroy
The shining page of light His wisdom planned.

AEolian tuned to every breath of air,
Yours, seraphic music everywhere,
And we would fain build our tabernacles
Beneath your boughs and worship only there.

Uncovered we stand while the tolling bell
Is filling the springs of the heart's deep well.
And the soul's mute fountain that can only
Quaff to you their galling cup—A LAST FAREWELL.

—JOHN H. CHATHAM.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Former Bellefonte Merchant Dead

Aaron Katz, aged seventy five years, died on Sunday morning at his home in Bellefonte, from a complication of diseases. Although his health had been failing, he did not become dangerously ill until last Friday. His wife preceded him to the grave seven years ago and he leaves two sons, Joseph Katz, of Lewistown, and William Katz, of Bellefonte. Only last May 31 he passed his 75th birthday anniversary. The interment was made in Philadelphia Tuesday afternoon.

SHAEFFER.—Emma, wife of Washington D. Shaeffer, died at the home of her son, Charles Shaeffer, on the old homestead near Madisonburg, on Tuesday morning. She had been in failing health for several years and for the past six months was unable to attend to her household duties. She was before marriage Emma Hosterman and was born at Wolf's Store, Feb. 3, 1858, hence was past sixty-one years of age. Besides her husband two children survive—Charles, of near Madisonburg, and Mrs. Homer Krebs, of Selinsgrove. There also remain two brothers and three sisters; namely, Dr. G. W. Hosterman, of Centre Hall; Dr. Thomas Hosterman, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mrs. Uriah Spangler, of Horton, Kansas; Mrs. W. J. Kryder, of Rebersburg, and Mrs. C. D. Weaver, of Wolf's Store. Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. Burial will be made at Madisonburg.

O'HARA.—Thomas O'Hara died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Marion Sullivan, at Lemont, on Friday after several years of illness. He was the son of Daniel and Mary O'Hara and was born in Lewistown where he spent his boyhood days. He was aged 53 years. He is survived by one son, Robert O'Hara, a member of the A. E. F., and one sister, Mrs. Marion Sullivan, of Lemont, and one brother, Melich O'Hara, of Lewistown. Funeral services were held on Monday and interment was made at Lemont. Six nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers, they being James and Wilbert O'Hara of Pittsburg, William Sullivan of Uniontown; Sergeant Thomas Sullivan (just back from France), Daniel Sullivan and Robert Sullivan, all of Lemont.

Mrs. Mary A. Bechtol, wife of Harry E. Bechtol, died at her home at Pennsylvania Furnace on May 22, aged thirty-three years and twelve days. Deceased was born in Union County, and besides her husband is survived by her mother, Mrs. Hannah Smith, of Laurelton, and three brothers and one sister—Charles Smith, at home; Wm. Smith, of Spring Mills; George Calvin Smith, of Elgin, Ia., and Mrs. Maude Zettle, of Farmers Mills. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. K. O. Spessard, of Millifinburg. Interment was made at Grace Chapel, Union county.

Rev. Harry Daniels, of Sinnamahoning, State Chaplain of the State Camp P. O. S. of A., will deliver the memorial address at Woodward, Sunday evening, June 15th, on the occasion of their memorial exercises. The local camp has been invited to attend. One hundred and ninety-two students, members of the senior class at The Pennsylvania State College, were awarded their degrees at the graduation exercises in the Auditorium yesterday (Wednesday) morning. The class was smaller than that of last year.

Sunday was another big day for autoing. It was "Commencement Sunday" for Penn State, consequently the Penns Cave formed the objective point for many from the college town.

The Reformed Sunday-school of Centre Hall will observe Children's Day with appropriate exercises on Sunday evening, next.

State Agricultural Notes. Many successful and progressive sheep breeders trace their start on the road to success to the purchase of a good ram.

The most effective method of dealing with the sheep killing dogs is public sentiment for the enforcement of the Dog Law of 1917.

Exclusive grain farming reduces the fertility of the soil and livestock farming increases the fertility of the soil.

The largest yield of wheat ever recorded was 117.3 bushels per acre. It was produced in 1895 in Island county, Washington, on an 18 acre field.

The knowledge of production has advanced faster with the farmer than that of marketing his crops. Production can be done by the individual. Cooperation in buying and selling is a necessity.

Report comes from Northumberland county that the farmers there are getting started again to raise sheep with good results.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Phillipsburg has a new physician in Dr. Austin Lynn, a returned overseas service man.

The business men in Bellefonte have decided to close their stores every Tuesday afternoon during the summer.

Farmers report wheat heads to be large and having the appearance of trying to produce big yields.

Miss Viola Harter, a teacher in the public schools at State College for several terms, has gone to Columbus, Warren county.

That section of country about Tusseyville had a fine thunder shower on Friday evening while Centre Hall remained in the dry zone.

If you have a small or large amount of cash to invest, buy War Savings Stamps. There is now no better investment to be found anywhere.

If you do not like your home town, do something to make it more likeable. The chances are that you have had little or no part in building up the commendable things in your home community.

Miss Lena Breen, one of the local Bell telephone operators, was in Spring Mills for a week, helping out on the Bell switchboard while Miss Cora McCormick took her vacation. This week she is in Altoona on vacation with pay.

Mrs. J. W. Keller, postmistress at Linden Hall, is a patient at the Bellefonte hospital, which institution she entered a week ago. Her condition is very favorable and she expects to be returned to her home within the next week.

David Kessler, who enlisted over two years ago and was in the quartermaster department at a camp at Des Moines, Ia., during most of the time of his enlistment, has been mustered out of the service and arrived at his home in Millheim last week.

Information has been received by relatives of the recent landing from overseas of the following Millheim boys: Stuart M. Breen, John Wilber, M. O. Yearick, Roy Held, William Lauver and William Stonebraker. These boys are expected to arrive home at an early date.

"Pines of Penns Valley" is a beautiful poem sent us by Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, for publication, and it will be found in this issue. Charles H. Chatham is the author. Col. Shoemaker thinks the poem "may serve to create a sentiment tending to save the remaining trees—which are the finest in the State, and in all the Eastern States."

In any ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, there are seven wrong positions that a letter may be put in, there are 70,000 chances to make errors, and millions of chances for transpositions. In the short sentence, "To be or not to be," by transpositions alone it is possible to make 2,750,022 errors. So you can see the perils that beset a printer.

There is every indication that a fine hay crop will be harvested during this and next month. With hay above \$40.00 a ton, wheat \$2.40 per bushel, corn threatening to soar to \$2.00, oats between 60 and 70 cents, hogs \$21.00 per cwt., cows—any cow you are not ashamed to call attention to—\$100.00 and over, a real thrifty farmer will be able to pay his local taxes and income tax, and have a bit left over with which to buy War Savings Stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rehm, after a two weeks' visit with the Jordan families, in Tusseyville, returned to their home in Buchanan, Michigan, this week. Mrs. Rehm is a cousin of the Jordans, and her mother was a Young, a native of Potter township. They made the trip here to attend the commencement exercises, two Jordan boys having been members of the graduating class. It was Mr. Rehm's first trip East and he also got his first sight of mountains while on the way here. He is in the mercantile business in Buchanan.

Norman Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dale, of State College, has been appointed farm agent for Lawrence county, this state. Mr. Dale is a graduate of the department of animal husbandry of the 1918 class, served in the U. S. army and secured his discharge on February 1st, 1919. Since that time he has been superintendent of the Oak Springs farms, near Pulaski, Pa. His appointment was approved by the Lawrence County Farm Bureau early in May, and he will take charge of the work about the tenth of this month.

The annual summer session for school teachers at Penn State will this year open on Tuesday July first and will end on Friday, August eighth. With the return of the country to normal conditions and the subsequent increased interest in educational affairs, it is believed that over one thousand public school teachers will attend the summer session this year; at the present time, the advance enrollment is far larger than it was this time last spring. Registration will be held on Monday, June thirtieth, but classes will not begin until Tuesday, July first.