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## WASHINGTON WEEKLY CHAT.

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

#### JOHNS AND MARYS.

Among the many odd things that the Bureau of War Risk Insurance is learning, in looking after the finances of some 4,000,000 soldiers and sailors, is that "John J. O'Brien has a strong attachment for Mary." This was disclosed recently, when a former soldier of the foregoing name wrote regarding his insurance. He failed to give his serial number or policy number, but said the papers would be easy to identify as his wife's name was Mary A. O'Brien. A search through the bureau files disclosed the names of 175 John J. O'Briens and each of an even fifty of them had a wife named Mary A.

#### A WIDE-AWAKE CITY.

Washingtonians—and this includes Senators and Congressmen and all government officials—are being much disturbed in their sleep during recent weeks because of the noise that is created by the repairs being made on steel railway tracks. Beginning after midnight, when traffic has subsided, new tracks are being laid. The streets are illuminated by racks of electric lights along the tracks, with great reflectors behind them to magnify their powers. Hundreds of laborers are employed, and the noise and din of replacing old rails with new, the incessant hammering and pounding that is necessary, creates a racket that makes sleep impossible. The heat of the summer days and the sleeplessness of the nights is not to the liking of the nation's lawmakers.

All States are to have their battle flags returned to them, according to recent instructions issued by the War Department. Each national guard and national army organization that has been demobilized will receive its individual colors. The flags will be forwarded to the army recruiting officer nearest the capital of the State in which they are to be deposited for delivery to the State officials.

Washington City is facing a serious water famine, that is receiving the attention of Government experts. During the colder months the supply has been adequate, but with the increased consumption in summer and with the greatly increased population of the city, measures have been taken to restrict the use of water, while at the same time plans are under way to increase the supply some ninety millions of gallons a day, at a cost of \$600,000. The supply is drawn from the Potomac River, 16 miles above the city. The Capital City has never before been in such a plight, due to the lack of water.

#### Meat Thieves Captured After Gun Fight.

A gang of thieves, four in number, who for the past month have been stealing hams and other cured meats by the wholesale in Millin and neighboring counties, were rounded up and captured last Thursday afternoon, near Banner-ville, Snyder county, but not until they had staged a real Jesse James defense and emptied their guns at their captors. Twenty shots were exchanged at close range but no hits were registered.

The arrests were made after a stern chase that had started at Burnham a few minutes before 11 o'clock in the morning and ended two hours later. The four men, who refused to give their names were arrested by Chief of Police H. D. Yeaman, Capt. F. G. Hinkle of the Standard Steel Works, Guard Bowers of the same force, Fred Graham, a Standard employe and Walter Fosnot and Meredith Meyers of the Sentinel force.

The depredations of the thieves began early in June when they stole a Ford automobile, and on June 11th the smokehouse on the farm of C. D. Sheaffer near Middleburg was robbed of eight hams and other articles which have since been identified by the owner. Several nights later 568 pounds of ham was stolen from the smokehouse of Abram Spicker near Belleville and the gang went to Lewistown where they disposed of about 1000 pounds of cured meats at half price.

When captured the men had about \$300 in cash on their persons.

#### Wheat Field Wrecks Airplane.

Pilot Lamborn, of Bellefonte, pilot of United States Mail Plane No. 79, was slightly injured and his plane considerably damaged near New Bloomfield, Perry county, on Wednesday of last week, when he attempted to land in a wheat field. Lamborn is said to have mistaken the wheat field for a grass plot until too late, and when he landed, the wheels caught in the grain and the plane overturned. The propeller was broken and the plane badly damaged. Lamborn, a flier on the air route between New York and Cleveland, was on his way from the latter city to Bellefonte, when he lost his way.

## "STATE" NEEDS MORE FUNDS.

### Friends of State College Aroused at Action of Legislature in Cutting Out Appropriations.

Failure of the state legislature to provide adequate funds for State College has aroused the alumni and friends of the college and efforts are being made to impress upon members of the legislature the necessity for funds at the school and of the feeling of friends of the college over the treatment accorded it. The college is solely dependent upon the state legislature for funds but despite this some very necessary appropriations have not been made.

Some time ago the engineering building and the power and heating plant were burned down but the legislature has made no provisions for rebuilding them, it having cut out an item in the appropriations for \$1,600,000 for buildings. As a result the college is without facilities for teaching its engineering pupils and without a power or heating plant.

The college asked \$1,250,000 for maintenance and this was granted, but, as stated, \$1,600,000 for buildings was cut out. The college requested \$370,482 for the extension work and this was cut to \$200,000.

With its present facilities only 800 freshmen can be admitted. One half of this number has already been enrolled and it is estimated that 300 or 400 freshmen in full standing will be refused admittance. It is also estimated that 200 freshmen girls will apply but that only 65 can be admitted, with more than half this number already enrolled.

The college is asking for the following buildings: Botany building, agricultural machinery building, beef cattle barn, poultry building, power plant, science building, mining building, dormitories for women in home economics.

The appropriation bills have been re-committed for amendment and efforts are being made to have some of the important appropriations returned to the bill.

#### P. O. S. of A. Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of the local camp P. O. S. of A., last Thursday evening, the following members were elected to serve as officers of the camp for the ensuing six months:

President, George H. Emerick. Vice President, J. Elmer Noll. Master of Forms, Ralph Luse. Outside Guard, Harold Keller. Inspector, Harold Alexander. Conductor, Ralph Henney. Trustee, R. D. Foreman.

Installation of the above will take place on Thursday evening, July 17th, and will be performed by District President E. S. Ripka.

#### W. C. T. U. Reception.

The local W. C. T. U. gave a reception to the some sixty new members, received in the recent drive, on Grange Park, Friday. A supper was served. The attendance was quite large although a heavy rain fell at the time set for going to the park.

The organization now is very strong in membership, nearly all of the ladies of good standing in the community having allied themselves with the organization that is largely credited with having brought about the prohibition soon to become effective. It was only a few years ago that many good people feared to give honest expression on the booze question, but to-day there are few leading citizens who are not in open opposition to the thing regarded almost sacred at that time by a certain class.

#### Big-Crop Prospects Not Good in North Dakota.

Maxbass, North Dakota, June 16, 1919.

Editor Reporter: Enclosed find check for \$1.50 to pay for the Centre Hall Reporter for another year, as I can't do without the news from my old home and to get the paper keeps me in touch with a great many people and other news that otherwise I would not get; and since I have been sick the home paper has been such a comfort to me. I have been sick for over six months with gallstone trouble and heart failure, but at present am a great deal better.

We have had a very dry spring and summer so far, but on the 10th of this month we had a good rain but also so much high wind that the ground is very dry now again, and we could make use of another good rain. Grain is not looking very promising, and so far the gardens are a failure, as it was so dry nothing could come up and lots of the seeds were blown out by the sandstorms and the high wind. It is too late to put any more seeds out as we always have such early fall frosts so we will not feast on vegetables very much this year. Last year we had fine vegetables and lots of them; also a fine potato crop. If it rains soon again the potatoes may do fairly well, yet they have suffered the least of any of the crops.

Wish for you and the Reporter every prosperity.

Sincerely yours,  
MRS. MARY H. PRICK.

## To Welcome the Boys Home.

Preliminary arrangements have been made to welcome the boys home on Grange Park, Saturday, August 2nd, at which place and time will be held the community picnic. This conclusion was arrived at on Monday evening by representatives from various organizations throughout Potter township and Centre Hall, Robert M. Smith having been in the chair. The various phases of the proposition were discussed and the conclusions arrived at were unanimous or almost so. Many of the details of the affair have not yet been worked out. A large number of committees have been appointed, their selection having been well distributed throughout the district. The names of the committeemen will appear later.

No attempt will be made to commercialize the affair, the finance committee having been instructed to obtain its support almost exclusively from individuals.

Centre Hall and Potter township furnished a goodly number of young men for army service and has representatives in almost every branch of the service. We are extremely proud of them. They performed a noble service; they were brave and true. By the time set for this welcoming home it is thought all of our boys will be back home and it is fitting that every citizen give a small portion of his time to do them honor and a small part of his means to meet the necessary expenses.

## Shooting and Robbery at Yeagertown.

The Charles Bottorf home, in Yeagertown, was the scene of a shooting and robbery on Sunday afternoon. There appears to be much mystery attached to the affair and county authorities are looking into it.

Naomi Bottorf, eighteen year-old daughter of Charles Bottorf, states that she was resting in her room Sunday afternoon and was aroused from a doze by being roughly grabbed by her by a stranger who she describes as being an American, short and heavy. She says this man demanded money and that when she screamed for help he shot her through the right forearm. The man escaped. The Bottorf state that three \$50 Liberty Bonds along with \$23 in new dimes and quarters were taken by the man that shot Miss Bottorf.

## Fishermen's License Bill Goes to Defeat in Senate.

The bill to license fishermen in the state of Pennsylvania was killed in the fish and game committee of the senate last week, largely through the efforts of Senator Charles W. Sones, of Williamsport. The measure was once defeated in the house, but upon reconsideration passed that body. When it came up in the senate committee Senator Sones led the opposition to the measure which had aroused much opposition throughout the state.

## "Y" WORK IS UPHELD BY ARMY OFFICERS.

Praise of the Young Men's Christian Association, rather than condemnation, is contained in the first official report of army authorities directed by Secretary Baker to investigate the record of welfare organization in France, especially the Y. M. C. A. This report which has been received at the national war work headquarters of the Y. M. C. A., deals with the organizations' activities in the area around Gondrecourt, where was stationed the Eighty-eighth Division, comprising troops from Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. The report submitted by Major L. R. Row, division inspector; Captain John Pirie, assistant division inspector, Sergeant Oliver B. Hanvill, division headquarters detachment, and several inspectors appointed from all units, is based on hundreds of sworn statements. It deals with canteen charges and management, personnel, adequacy of supplies for free distribution and of workers and canteen supplies at the front; educational and recreational facilities furnished, transmission of funds for soldiers and the attitude and performance of the duties of individual welfare workers.

"The greatest source of criticism was the taking over of general canteen work, said the report. "By this the 'Y' assumed responsibility of gigantic proportions. Every organization of the American expeditionary forces then expected of the 'Y' a service which would be difficult to maintain in the most excellently functioning department of the army.

"Transportation was inadequate, military necessity did not permit transportation of necessary supplies and the fighting man in the front lines did not receive the supplies which had been advertised and, in a manner, promised, and which he expected would be delivered. No such service was expected of other organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and these organizations have avoided this general source of criticism.

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## JUNE WEDDINGS.

### Smith-Brown.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of D. W. Bradford, in Centre Hall, on Thursday evening, when Mr. Bradford's niece, Miss Bertha Brown, and Charles Smith, recently returned from France, where he served with the A. E. F., were joined in wedlock by Rev. R. R. Jones. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of Linden Hall, and has been attending to the household duties at the home of her uncle since shortly after the death of Mrs. Bradford. The bridegroom is a son of Robert Smith, of Centre Hall, and both have many friends who join in wishing them every happiness in life's journey.

Following their marriage, the couple left for North Lima, Ohio, where they spent several days with the groom's sister, Mrs. John H. Bitner. They expect to return home to day.

### Harrison-Grove.

John Thomas Harrison, formerly of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Anna Grove, of near Centre Hall, were united in marriage on Friday afternoon by the Rev. Ambrose Schmidt, at the Reformed parsonage in Bellefonte. The groom has been employed by the railroad company at Cape Charles, Virginia, for some time. His mother resides in Pleasant Gap. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grove and for a number of years has been a successful teacher in the public schools of Potter township.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison returned to the home of the bride's parents and on Tuesday morning left for Virginia, to be gone for a week or ten days. Owing to the failing health of Mrs. Harrison's aged father, the couple have made no arrangements for the immediate future.

### Lewisburg Man a Suicide.

Despondent over ill health, William B. Irvin, of West Lewisburg, committed suicide at his home there some time Thursday afternoon. His lifeless body was found hanging in the stairway leading to the attic about half past six o'clock. Mr. Irvin had been in ill health for the past six months and his physical condition preyed upon his mind. He was one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of the county.

### Festival at Linden Hall.

A big festival will be held at Linden Hall on Saturday evening, June 28th, by the members of the United Evangelical church. All choice refreshments; cake walks and guess cakes will be features. Give your support.

## IMPATIENTLY AWAIT GREAT NEW CIRCUS.

### Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows Arouse Keen Interest Here.

"Circus Day," the big holiday for which young and old impatiently wait at this particular season promises to eclipse all other events of the calendar year at Altoona, Monday, July 7th.

It would seem as though everybody in this locality were planning to attend. The very name of the great new circus—Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Combined—has been sufficient to arouse far more interest than has ever before been shown in the coming of any amusement enterprise. And word from the Ringling Brothers, who are the directors of this gigantic super-circus, is to the effect that those who attend the performances will witness the greatest program ever presented in America. This is likewise true of the mammoth street parade, which will positively take place showday morning, the mammoth menagerie and all else connected with this biggest of all amusement institutions. The famous showmen have made a complete survey of the great circuses and merged the finest and best of each into one. Hundreds upon hundreds of performers will appear in the gigantic main tent. There will be scores upon scores of the cleverest dumbactors. A gorgeously costumed pageant, of stupendous size, will open the program. Great companies of characters, representing the best-loved stories of fable and nursery lore will appear. There will be splendid and many groups of beautiful horses in jeweled trappings. The army of clowns exceed all past records for fun and numbers. All contribute to the biggest circus in history.

An American citizen, after looking with pride and an enthusiasm that thrilled, upon the Iron Division as it passed thru the streets of the City of Brotherly Love, consulted military authorities, facts and figures, to calculate that if the 2,000,000 men who crossed the ocean to fight with our European allies were to pass in grand review over the same route, together with their cannon, wagon trains and entire equipment, it would take them forty days, marching steadily twelve hours a day. And, then, to think our Uncle Samuel sent them across the great Atlantic in about five months,

## THE DEATH RECORD.

IRVIN.—William P. Irvin, for almost fifty years a resident of Pleasant Gap, dropped dead on the road in front of Noll's store about 8:15 o'clock last Thursday morning. He had been complaining about not feeling very well the past few days but was out and around the town. Wednesday evening his youngest son returned home after a year's service in France and some are of the belief that the father's joy in his son's home-coming may have proven disastrous. Mr. Irvin was 68 years old and located at Pleasant Gap over forty-five years ago. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Knoffsigner who survives with the following children: Mrs. Mary Peters, of Niagra Falls; Mrs. Margaret Lender and Miss Violet, Punxsutawney; Mrs. Mabel Campbell, of Bellefonte; Frank, of Pleasant Gap; Archibald, of Bellefonte, and Corp. Samuel Irvin, who served in France as a gunner in the heavy artillery of the Sixth division. He also leaves several brothers and sisters. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Monday morning, burial made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

MILLWARD.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Millward, at Pleasant Gap, has been saddened by the death of their bright little daughter, Jean Aileen, which occurred on Thursday after a two weeks' illness with meningitis of the brain. She was aged three years, four months and twenty-six days. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon and burial made at Pleasant Gap, Rev. Piper, of the M. E. church officiating.

## Centre Countian Dies in West.

John H. Federhoof, born in Centre county seventy-five years ago, and who for the past thirty years has been a resident of Nebraska, died in North Platt, Neb., last week, of paralysis. He formerly lived in Williamsport where he has relatives.

## No Paper Next Week.

Next week is the week of the Glorious Fourth, and the Reporter will observe its time-honored custom of giving its employes a vacation at this season of the year. You will find the office open every day, however, to receive payment or subscription and orders for job printing.

## Centre County to get \$15,000 Cash Tax Bonus for Township Roads.

On Monday, the State Highway department announced the amounts to be received by the various counties of Pennsylvania from the appropriations by the present legislature covering the cash tax bonus due townships for the years 1913 and 1914. The total amount for distribution is \$1,142,049.38. The amount due Centre county is approximately \$15,000. By Act of July 22, 1913, known as the "Jones Dirt Road Act" it is provided that the general supervision of road affairs in each township of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be vested in three township supervisors. It is further provided that the road tax in townships shall be collected in cash and no taxes shall be payable in labor or worked out. It is also provided that each township shall furnish an annual report to the State Highway department sworn to before a notary public, showing all receipts and expenditures during the past year; and also file a signed agreement setting forth the proposed method of expending funds received from the commonwealth. This, together with a copy of the treasurer's bond, is sufficient to entitle the township to receive its share of the annual bonus, which is intended to cover an annual reimbursement from the State of fifty per cent of the total amount of road tax collected by the township as shown in the sworn statement, but it is provided that no township shall receive in any one year more than \$20 per mile of township road in said township.

## Two Electrocuted While at Work.

William Hess, recently returned from France as a member of Company F, was electrocuted Wednesday afternoon while at work repairing live wires opposite the County Court House in Huntingdon. He was an employe of the Penn Central Light and Power Company. A wire came in contact with his arm and burned a deep gash in it. His body hung on the wires until the current was cut off and then linemen had to climb the pole and bring it down. Shortly before his death he remarked to an acquaintance that he was starting to work at the same place where he had stopped before enlisting.

Samuel Kyper, of Williamsburg, was electrocuted at that place while repairing the private telephone line of the Rayston Water Power Company. He did not stop work on the line at the approach of a thunder storm and it is thought that either a live wire or the storm on the telephone line by the storm or a lightning bolt charged the wire.

No paper next week.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week. Mark August 2 on your calendar, for that's the day.

Are you going to the Welcome Home Celebration to-day?

It was very cool for several days beginning of the week. On Sunday night mercury dropped to 42 degrees.

Watsontown is planning a monster Welcome Home Celebration, in honor of her soldiers and sailors, on July 4th and 5th.

We'll continue to "save" the hour of daylight until October 26, then the daylight saving law will be thrown in the discard.

The hour for holding public sale at Old Fort, by J. M. Moyer, on Saturday of this week, has been changed from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock.

A number of young men from Lewisburg have left for Kansas to work in the wheat fields. That state anticipates a record crop of wheat.

The local crew of state road workers, in their trips across the Seven Mountains, last week, saw a large buck deer and at another time a beautiful fawn crossing the road ahead of them.

The Spring Mills Dealers' association sold a carload of registered Holsteins at their barn one day last week. The cows sold from \$300 to \$350 a head, while the heifers brought nearly as much.

At a recent meeting of the Executive committee of the Union county Historical Society, at Lewisburg, July 29 was selected as the date for the dedication of the marker to be placed at the site of the LeRoy Massacre in Limestone township.

Recent arrivals of volunteer boys from overseas service to their homes in Millheim and vicinity include William Lauer, Roy Held and Lewis Brown, of Millheim, and Manrice Yearick, of Woodward. They all look well, and their many friends are glad to greet them.

Bellefonte is going to try out the borough manager plan, and at a regular meeting, held last week, passed an ordinance creating the position of Borough Manager at an annual salary of \$1800.

At the same meeting of Council James D. Seibert resigned as a member from the South Ward. His step was accepted as foreshadowing his selection by Council to the newly established position. Mr. Seibert has been a member of Council for a number of years.

Drs. Grover and William Glenn have completed plans for the erection of a private sanatorium at State College which will likely be known as the Glenn sanatorium. The doctors are brothers and have for some time past considered such an undertaking but their plans were delayed because both of them entered the service. Now that they have been discharged and returned to the College they have decided to go to work at once and erect the necessary buildings for their institution.

Samuel Barr, who resides at Gum Springs, in Rush township, saw an immense black bear while driving to Phillipsburg Thursday morning. Mr. Barr had driven from his home down to Gardner, and was on his way to town over the Tyrone pike when, on reaching the point where the old Copelin Inn was formerly located, the bear came out of the brush and leisurely crossed the road in front of him. The horse, thoroughly frightened, broke part of the harness when it lunged suddenly in an attempt to get away, and Mr. Barr was nearly thrown from the buggy. After pacifying the horse Mr. Barr patched up the broken harness with the halter rope and proceeded on his way to Phillipsburg.

The first hatch of 1200 eggs in the new mammoth incubator recently installed by Kerlins' Grand View Poultry Farm, in this place, is soon to "come off". The new incubator entirely revolutionizes the baby-chick hatching industry. A great amount of labor is required under the old system, to turn the eggs, it being necessary to handle each egg separately. Under the new system the 1200 eggs are turned in a few seconds by a simple mechanical operation. Pea coal is used for fuel and a hot water system is used to furnish the necessary heat for hatching the eggs. A self-regulating feature maintains an even temperature and the various compartments for the eggs are automatically ventilated by a simple, yet very sensitive, arrangement. The big machine is but a unit of a much larger machine, there being no limit to the size incubator which might be built up by these separate units. Considering the steady growth of the Kerlins' plant, it is only natural to presume that a number of these units will be added from time to time, eventually building up an incubator that will be "some bird".