

WASHINGTON WEEKLY CHAT.

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

All Washington, and this includes congress especially, is wondering and speculating as to what President Wilson will really do, since his return to the White House. Nothing definite is known of his plans, although all sorts of talk and rumors have been spread about. Both Houses of Congress have been so earnestly at work and have accomplished so much in so many ways, in a comparatively short time, and have passed so much legislation to the point where the personal attention of the President is necessary to complete it, that it will be a great disappointment to the leaders of both parties if the President does not remain in Washington for a full thirty days after his return from abroad.

There is no real ground upon which to state that the President will immediately begin a tour of the country to talk upon the League of Nations plan, making the start immediately after he sets foot on U. S. soil, although it seems to be that this is "inside information" held by some who profess to have the real "dope." The general opinion prevails that the President will see and already realizes the urgency for his presence in Washington for a considerable period of time, to care for the affairs that require his attention as they transpire and to unravel, if possible, some of the knotty problems that have kinked themselves into being during his six months stay abroad. Were he to do nothing else for a period of a month after getting back to the White House, that length of time would be required for the talks and interviews that will be sought of him by individual Senators and Representatives to say nothing of the important matters to be personally placed before him by high officials of many government departments. But no matter what the President may have in mind as to his actions and work upon his return, it is a foregone conclusion in Washington that if his health holds up, the work he will have to do covering a considerable period will put far into the shade all of his strenuous efforts and long hours that he applied to his duties abroad.

Bonuses may be paid farmers who delay marketing their \$2.26 wheat, under a program now being developed by the government, in aiding railroads to move the biggest harvest of wheat in the nation's history. The exact terms for payment of the bonuses are scheduled for announcement soon by the U. S. Grain Corporation, unless the program is changed. Payments will probably be scaled at 1 and 2 cents a bushel for each month that the wheat is held after harvest.

The War Department has its "busy day" sign out now. Every available man is at work collecting statistics in readiness for the big Congressional probe of expenditures. Congress wants to know how the department spent every penny of the \$30,000,000. Secretary Baker has issued orders that every branch of his office must be in a position to answer any inquiry that the investigating committee may make, and with this end in view he has prepared what is considered the largest inventory ever made. It fills 40,000 sheets of paper the size of an ordinary letterhead, with the typewriting single spaced. A force of 100 officers and 400 civilian employees was required in Washington and 10,000 additional officers and men in the field to gather the information.

Increase in Salary for Legislators.

Governor Sprout has approved the bill increasing salaries of members of the legislature from \$1,500 to \$2,500 with a statement in which he declared that considering the difference in cost of living between 1885, when the salary was last fixed, and today the increase is justified. "It is my opinion that the increase in the salaries of our legislators as provided in this measure is thoroughly justified and is in accord with public policy and I am glad to approve the bill," said Governor Sprout.

Worried Over Damage Done by Hail to Crops; Killed Himself.

Robert M. Sheep, one of the best known residents in the rural district east of Milton, ended his life Saturday morning about five o'clock, by shooting himself in the left temple with a .22 short target rifle. When found a short time later by a farm hand he was dead. Mr. Sheep was only fifty-one years old. The death of Mr. Sheep is thought to be a direct result of the terrific hail storm which apparently centered on his farm a week or more ago. Sixty acres of wheat, 35 acres of oats, together with the hay and corn crops on the farm, were crushed to the earth. The loss is estimated at \$4,000.

Have Bordeaux mixture materials always on hand to make up at a moment's notice for potato blight and flea beetle attacks. Add Paris green or lead arsenate for beetle control.

\$100,000,000 LEGISLATURE.

Expenditures Authorized for Next Two Years Largest in History of the State.

Pennsylvania has rung down the curtain on its first "hundred-million-dollar Legislature". During the session of the General Assembly, which closed shortly after noon, expenditures were authorized aggregating \$104,077,716.18, largest sum ever voted in the history of the state. Not all the bills are signed but there is little doubt that they will be within the next thirty days.

Two years ago the legislative appropriations and expenses aggregated \$52,203,618.18. Analyses of the funds voted this year follows:

General appropriation bill, \$44,188,103.48; bills, already approved by the Governor, \$17,269,807.01; state institutions, \$7,364,337.98; semi-state institutions, \$1,703,859; hospitals, \$6,323,800; sanitoriums, \$167,700; homes, \$1,209,085.04; education, \$3,894,713.57; miscellaneous propositions, \$21,938,227.00. Total, \$104,077,716.18.

At the Auditor General's office it was said that at the end of the fiscal year of the present administration, under the various laws providing for the revenues of the Commonwealth, the sum of \$44,165,368.74 was collected, as against the sum of \$31,700,489.35 collected during the last year of the previous administration. A balance of \$9,883,959 was shown in the treasury of the state.

On Trip to the West.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, of Centre Hall, left recently for the western states where they will visit among relatives for about six weeks. The first stop was in Chicago, Illinois, and from there they went to Joliet, Manhattan and Elwood, Illinois. Later they expect to go on to Beloit, Kansas, and visit Jacob Geiss and family.

Sailor and His Bride at W. T. Noll Home.

The home of W. T. Noll, at Linden Hall, has been the scene of much joy, owing to the return, on Sunday, of their son, Reuben, who, when the call to arms came, left his business in New York City and enlisted in the navy, upon Admiral Winslow's ship, the "Alaska". He was afterward transferred to the cruiser "Des Moines", where he won several promotions, becoming a warrant officer. He lately received his release and discharge, and was accompanied to his parents' home by his bride of a week, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Smith, of New York City, a highly accomplished and beautiful young lady, who will be a true comrade to her sailor husband, and help him fight life's battles to victory.

A few nights ago a pleasant surprise was given to the young couple when about forty or fifty of the young people of the neighborhood gathered and treated them to an old-fashioned serenading and j'y ride in a buggy, drawn by the boys instead of by horses. Cigars and candy were furnished to the serenaders afterwards. They were entertained with music and song, the music being furnished by a new gramophone which was delivered that evening, it being a birthday present to Mr. Noll, commemorating his fifty-fifth birthday, and coming as a surprise to him from his wife, mother-in-law and children. Mrs. Noll, Jr., furnished some extra fine vocal music, as she is a splendid singer and an accomplished musician. The young couple returned to New York last week where they will make their future home. Mr. Noll having secured a good position with the Federal Ship Building Company of that place.

Appointments by Governor.

Governor Sprout made a number of appointments, some of them of local and general interest. Gifford Pinchot, of Millford, of national reputation, was appointed a member of the State Forestry Reservation Commission. Others on the commission are J. T. Rothrock, of West Chester, and Hon. Henry W. Shoemaker, of McElhattan.

Samuel S. Woods, of Lewistown, was named as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Pennsylvania State Hospital, at Harrisburg. Other trustees are Wm. M. Donaldson, of Harrisburg, James Radisill, of York, and Lewis S. Sadler, of Carlisle.

Kansas Wheat Crop 229,217,000 Bushels.

The Kansas winter wheat crop, now being harvested, was estimated at 229,217,000 bushels in the monthly report issued by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture. This is an increase of more than 11,000,000 bushels over Mohler's May report and it is approximately 33,000,000 bushels greater than the last federal monthly report.

BOALSBURG WOMAN A SUICIDE AT HER HOME.

Wife of Rev. S. C. Stover, Rapidly Failing in Health, Commits Rash Act Saturday at Noon.—Hanged Herself in Clothes Closet.

Her health shattered and her mind temporarily deranged through her protracted illness, Mrs. Sarah Stover, beloved wife of Rev. S. C. Stover, Reformed pastor at Boalsburg, committed suicide on Saturday noon, last, by hanging.

Mrs. Stover had hinted at self destruction for some time and a close watch was being kept upon her. On the day which she had planned for her death she had called her son Elwood, aged sixteen years, to her side and told him that on that day she would die. She was lying on a bed upstairs the greater part of the morning and Rev. Stover had gone to her side frequently and inquired as to her condition. She failed to complain of feeling unusually ill, and, in fact, on her husband's last visit stated that she was feeling very well. This however proved to have been said in order that the family might not become suspicious. Leaving her at this time and going to his work downstairs, Mrs. Stover quietly removed the shoes from off her feet and slipping to the bathroom, entered a clothes closet and by means of a scarf which she had been wearing about her neck all morning, hanged herself to a hook on the wall, finally strangling to death. That she must have done this immediately upon Rev. Stover's leaving her is proven by the fact that her husband found her only a few minutes after having seen her for the last time. His vigilance that day was never relaxed. When the body was taken down all life was already gone.

Since December of last year Mrs. Stover had been in ill health. Her condition preyed upon her mind, causing her to become melancholy and affecting her mind. The report of her self destruction brought deep sorrow to her many friends in Boalsburg and sincere sympathy is expressed for the bereft family. The deceased was Sarah Kuhn and was born at New Berlin, Union county, about fifty-two years ago. When in full health and strength she was a most pleasant woman and won true, warm friends. She is survived by her husband and two sons—John, a seaman in the United States Navy and who was only located after the greatest effort, and arrived at his home on Tuesday morning, and Elwood, at home.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock and burial made at Boalsburg.

Miss Anna Stover Home from France.

Tuesday of last week, Mrs. William McClenahan and mother, Mrs. Sarah Stover, in this place, received a telegram telling of the safe arrival in America of the latter's daughter, Miss Anna Stover, after seven months service as a nurse in Base Hospital No. 101, St. Nazaire, France. She landed at Newport News.

J. Roy Smith Arrived from Overseas.

J. Roy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith, of Potters Mills, has arrived from France, according to word received by the parents recently. He was at once taken to a New York hospital. The parents are not aware of the nature of his illness.

No Lutheran Picnic.

After consultation and inquiry, it has been decided not to hold the annual picnic by the Centre Hall Lutheran charge, scheduled for August 6th, this year.

T. M. Gramley, President, S. W. Smith, Secretary.

Did You Receive Credit?

The PINK label appears on your paper this week. The pink label is on every copy, but it is of special importance to those who have made payment on subscription since the last one appeared. The date to which your paper is paid is indicated by the figures on the label. If you do not have a "19" or "20", you are not up to date with your payment on your home paper. We know you want to be, so kindly attend to the matter at once; that is, provided you are one of that number to whom this applies. If, however, you made a recent payment, and credit is not given, report the error at once.

Meet After Fifty-five Years.

On Monday, Geo. A. Guetilus, of Mifflinburg, Pa., happened to be in Orangeville and while there learned that his boyhood friend, Geo. A. Bolender, was a resident of the village. He hunted him up and in Mr. Bolender's home the two came together for the first time in fifty-five years. When boys they both attended the Mifflinburg academy in 1858. Both are now well along the allotted three score years and ten. They talked over their school days and then through life's pathway to this time. The two parted wishing each other through the balance of their years peace, pleasure and happiness.—Orangeville (Illinois) Courier.

JUNE WEDDINGS.

Dutrow—Spayd.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spayd, in Centre Hall, on Saturday evening, 28th ult., a simple wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. R. R. Jones in which were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss J. Madaline Spayd and LeRoy Dutrow. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow, of near Centre Hall. He was one of the selected men to leave Centre county last summer for a southern training camp, and received his honorable discharge following the close of the war. He is a young man of excellent character while his bride is a young lady of intellectual attainments, having attended the Pennsylvania State College for several terms.

Following the wedding the couple left for Altoona to visit relatives for several days, and are now at their homes. They expect to begin farming next spring. The best wishes of their many friends go with them.

Arney—Williams.

On Saturday morning, 21st ult., J. Bruce Arney, of Centre Hall, and Miss Helen F. Williams, of Beech Creek, were united in marriage at the Trinity M. E. parsonage in Lock Haven, by Rev. Oliver S. Metzler. The acquaintance of the young couple, which culminated in their marriage, was formed several years ago when the then Miss Williams was a school teacher in the Centre Hall borough schools. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Mervin Arney, is an industrious young man and looks after the interests of the Arney farm.

The couple are now at the home of the groom's parents where they will reside for the present.

Their many friends join in wishing them much happiness.

Weber—Solt.

John W. Weber, of Boalsburg, and Miss Edna Solt, of Bellefonte, were married in the M. E. church, at Bellefonte, on Sunday evening, June 29th, by the pastor, Rev. Alex. Scott. The bride is one of the popular young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Solt and was employed by the Titan Metal Company as stenographer in their Bellefonte office. The groom is a son of Fred Weber and one of Boalsburg's finest young men. He is a graduate of the Boalsburg High school and of the State Normal School at Lock Haven and at present is holding a good position at Shamokin, to which city he journeyed on Monday afternoon.

Shaffer—Cummings.

Before the altar in St. John's M. E. church in Sunbury Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Albert Clay Shaffer and Miss Ella Steeley Cummings, both of Sunbury, were united in marriage by Rev. John H. Daugherty. They were attended by Bertram E. Raker and Miss LeVerne Conser, both of Sunbury. The bride was handsomely gowned in a becoming traveling suit and wore a bouquet of bridal roses. She is a former Spring Mills lady.

Immediately following the ceremony, the young couple left on a honeymoon trip, after which they will reside in Sunbury.

Mr. Shaffer is the son of Bert Shaffer,

Sealed Proposals for Conveying School Children.

Sealed proposals for conveying school children, on two routes through Georges Valley, to Potters Mills public schools, will be received prior to August 29, 1919. For particulars apply to the undersigned to whom sealed bids should be mailed.

F. P. FLOYD, Sec'y, Potter Twp. School Board, 31

Political Calendar.

Fall Primary Election, Wellesley, September 17, 1919.

General Election, Tuesday, November 4.

The first day to secure signatures on Petitions to be filed with the County Commissioners is Friday, July 11.

The last day for filing Petitions with the County Commissioners is Wednesday, August 20.

The last days to be assessed in boroughs and townships for the November Election are: Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2 and 3. Assessors sit at polling places on these days.

The last day to pay tax to qualify for the November Election is Saturday, October 4.

No voter can receive and vote a party ticket at the Primary unless he is enrolled as a member of the Party whose ballot he asks for. Voters living in townships and boroughs can be assessed and enrolled at the same time by applying to the Assessor at the polling place on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2 and 3.

It is estimated that the farmers of the State were still holding 337,300 tons of hay on June 1 as against 390,400 tons one year ago.

THE DEATH RECORD.

HOSTERMAN.—Mrs. Susan Agnes Hosterman, wife of Warren E. Hosterman, died Monday morning at her home, near Woodward, aged fifty-five years, seven months and twenty-five days. She suffered a nervous breakdown about eight weeks ago, since which time she spent three weeks at the Geisinger hospital, Danville, returning home two weeks before her death.

The deceased was a daughter of John Orndorf, deceased, and Sarah Orndorf. Besides her mother and husband she is survived by ten children—Mrs. Maude Bressler, of near Coburn; John, of near Woodward; Mrs. Sarah Stover, of Woodward; Blaine and Moran (both recently returned from overseas service) Miss Velma, Ellsworth, Morris, Earl and Glenn, all at home—and the following brothers and sisters; Mrs. John A. Hosterman, of Menno, S. D., who came east on Tuesday evening too late to see her sister before death claimed her; Mrs. D. J. Benner, Lewis and Charles Orndorf, all of Woodward.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home, conducted by Rev. C. B. Snyder. Interment was made in the Woodward cemetery.

Duck.—Henry E. Duck, an aged resident of Millheim, died on Tuesday evening, 24th ult., aged eighty-one years, seven months and twenty-five days. Death was due to heart trouble and dropsy, from which he had been a patient sufferer for nearly a year.

The deceased was born in Gregg township, and in his early manhood he was a successful school teacher, and later started farming. He bought the farm in Penn township, now occupied by his grandson, William N. Duck, and farmed there a number of years and in 1887 he moved to Millheim into the home which he built and where he died. His wife preceded him to the beyond April 19, 1913.

The deceased served as a justice of the peace in Penn township and was well versed in law. At the time of his death he was a director of the Farmers National bank of Millheim. In the early spring of this year he resigned as president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Centre county on account of failing health. He was a member and regular attendant of the Lutheran church and Sunday school for many years.

He was the father of two children—Clayton and Mrs. Benj. F. Frankenberg, both of whom preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the house on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. J. Weaver. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

Centre Countians in Philadelphia Enjoy Annual Outing.

The annual outing of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia at Belmont on Saturday, June 28, took the form of a peace jubilee picnic. There were about 300 members present with their families, and it was a real jolly affair. It was shortly after noon when the first of them appeared at Belmont Mansion, and by three o'clock the whole party had arrived. As special guests of the occasion the soldiers and sailors of Centre county were invited to be present and about 50 accepted the invitation.

A feature of the annual picnic is always the banquet, which is served by special arrangement on the lawn adjoining the mansion. And it was a first-class feast, too, for the menu was arranged by the wives of the members. Some of them presided at the banquet, which included products from the farms of Centre county.

Addresses were made by a number of the prominent members, Ira D. Garman, president of the association, spoke of the representation which Centre county had in the prosecution of the war. Dr. John C. Beale referred to the splendid spirit of the organization and the alertness with which the members kept in touch with each other for their mutual benefit.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Select Councilman Ira D. Garman; vice president, William S. Furst; secretary and treasurer, Dr. John C. Beale. Charles R. Kurtz was toastmaster and master of ceremonies.

The Centre County Association of Philadelphia was founded fifteen years ago by Dr. Roland Curtin.

School Teacher Kills Herself.

Miss Mary R. F. Miller, a talented school teacher, was found dead in bed at her home in Selinsgrove Friday afternoon, and an empty bottle that had contained carbolic acid gave mute evidence as to how she had met her death.

Miss Miller was thirty years of age and was a graduate of Susquehanna University of the class of 1906. She had been teaching in Iowa, but for the last school term she had been engaged in the English Department of the Central High School of Harrisburg. She also taught a few terms of school in Lewistown a few years ago.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

August 2. The PINK label appears 'his week. Keep in mind Saturday, August 2nd. Twin calves were born to a cow owned by John H. Horner, at Tusseyville, last week.

The cherry crop has never been known to be so near a complete failure as it was this year.

R. D. Foreman built a new porch to his residence, which adds greatly to the attractiveness of the property.

Mrs. Huldah Meyer spent several days over the "Fourth" with her daughter, Mrs. Verna Musser, in Mifflinburg.

Potter township is advertising for some one to convey the school children in Georges Valley to the Potters Mills graded schools.

New pennies are to be seen everywhere. Mint officials say that in the last month more pennies have been coined than for many years past.

Miss Bertha Miller returned to her work in Washington, D. C., beginning of the week, after enjoying a two weeks' vacation at her home in Tusseyville.

Miss Mildred Brown, who spent the past six weeks at the Lock Haven Normal School, has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Brown, at Potters Mills.

A real welcoming home will not leave a bad taste in our mouths after August 2nd. We want our welcoming home to be one that we can all always be proud of having participated in.

A ten-pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington, at Bellefonte, Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington were residents of Centre Hall a few years ago.

S. Edwin Brown and two sons, Malcolm and Harry, and little daughter, Waunda, motored to Lock Haven last Saturday and spent the day with Mr. Brown's sister, Mrs. H. B. Wagner.

Dr. J. P. Shultz, wife and little daughter, of Charleston, West Virginia, Rev. W. M. Shultz, wife and son Jennings, of Oakland, Maryland, visited at the U. Ev. parsonage, in Centre Hall, last week.

Many Centre Hall people spent the "Fourth" in Lock Haven and Altoona, where Welcome Home demonstrations brought big crowds. Some others enjoyed the day away from the sizzling heat in the mountains picnicking.

Misses May and Marion Royer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bitner to Franklin county when they visited among relatives for two weeks. The Bitners came to the Royer home in a car, and took the young ladies home with them.

George Searson, of Linden Hall, was a caller at this office one day recently, and remarked that he will be ready with his threshing machine when the season opens up. He would like to hear from all his old customers as well as from new ones this year.

Monday night, June 30th, the State College post office was removed from the Nittany Inn block to the Foster building, on the corner of Allen street and Beaver avenue, where, the postmaster announces, he will be enabled to expand and give improved service.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Geary in this place, were the following: Mrs. Rachel Reeder, Miss Sue Reeder, Harry Reeder, all of Newbury, Charles Reeder, of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Gertie Woodruff, of Newbury; also Mrs. Geary's brother, Rev. H. W. Buck, and wife, of Wellston, Ohio.

Miss Ida Sweetwood graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal at the close of the present term and returned to her home in Centre Hall. Her sister, Miss Carrie Sweetwood, of Philadelphia, was present at the commencement exercises. James Sweetwood—a brother—also a student at the same institution, was home for a few days and then returned to school to take the summer course.

It was a very creditable team of ball tossers that our J. Frank Smith gathered together to meet the Phillipsburg team at Bellefonte, on Friday of the Welcome Home week, but they went down in defeat by the score 5 to 1. Smith's team was the cream of the several Bellefonte wards' teams, while Phillipsburg was really the Altoona shops team, a bunch of semi-professionals who have not yet tasted defeat this season. J. Frank had lots to do in the first half of the game in congratulating his boys for their fine work; Thomas had struck out the first four Phillipsburg batters in the game; his son, Swengel Smith, was catching a fine game and pegging beautifully to second base, catching one base runner after another; the game was a tie—1 to 1—up to the seventh inning when Thomas weakened and the visitors began hitting, while the Phillipsburg pitcher kept his spit ball from being hit with any effectiveness.

We'll miss the cherry pie next winter.