

WASHINGTON WEEKLY CHAT.

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

THE TRIAL OF THE KAISER.
 Were the trial of the Kaiser to be held in Washington, instead of in London, as has been announced, it would likely take place at the famous War College located within a mile of the Capitol Building on a point of land which projects into the Potomac River, and where, at one time, the statue of Frederick the Great, which was presented by the Kaiser to the United States during the Roosevelt occupancy of the White House, stood before its removal was ordered by the Government shortly after the United States entered the war. Intense interest is being manifested in Washington as to the ordeal that the Kaiser will soon have to face. Many Senators have announced that they plan to give special attention to this particular part of the peace treaty when it is taken up by the Senate, and they expect that the President will have something to tell them on the subject that has been discussed by him during the conferences of the Big Four during their meetings in France. It is pointed out that if Holland refuses to give up the Kaiser for trial, upon the request of the Allied Powers, largely because the trial would be held in Europe, that the Dutch Government would change its views if the promise was made that the trial would be held in the United States. No official mention has been made that Chief Justice White will sit at the trial court, if it is held abroad, and nothing definite as to justices or accusers can be announced until after the peace treaty is placed before the Senate.

Cabinet members will not have such full sway hereafter in the running of their respective departments, if the Senate and House adopt a bill introduced by Senator McLean. It would require Cabinet officers to sit in the Senate and House for two days a week during sessions of Congress, and at which time they would be questioned from the floor as to the conduct of their departments. It is thought that if a Cabinet member knew he would be called upon to explain his actions before open sessions of the Senate and House, advocates of the proposed plan hold, he would be certain to go slow in approving any activity for which he did not have specific authority, and that Congress would learn from first hands at all times as to the why and wherefore that vast sums are needed and for what purposes they are to be spent, so that the greatest economy could be put in practice in making up the huge appropriation bills that must be voted by many sessions yet to come.

A new member has found its place among the collection of animals in the zoological garden of political parties, according to the prohibition advocates that hold forth at the Nation's Capital. The grand old party has its elephant, the Democrats stand by their famous donkey; the Independent Republicans adopted the bull moose as their emblem, and now comes the camel to enter the fold as representing the Prohibition party. It is an animal that well typifies what the party represents, as the camel originated in desert country where it was always dry. It is believed that if the Soldiers and Sailors party is formed, that it will adopt the American eagle as an emblem, thus adding further to this wonderful zoological collection.

Now that the fruits of gardening are about to be harvested, an increased demand is being made upon the National War Garden Commission in Washington for its publication on the "Home Storage of Vegetables for Winter Use: Storage Helps to Solve the Food Problem." Canning and drying foods are essential to the nation's food supply, but they do not take the place of storage. To keep vegetables in their natural state is the simplest form of preparation for winter needs. Every detail for home storage of vegetables is simply explained in this helpful book, which is obtainable free of cost by sending name and address to the National War Garden Commission, Washington, D. C.

Repeal of the Government wheat guarantee of \$2.26 per bushel is being so insistently demanded by wheat farmers that Congress may be asked to remove the price limitation. The Senate Agricultural Committee is receiving thousands of letters from farmers, who demand that they be allowed to sell their wheat for whatever they can get. They declare that the market price would prove much higher than the \$2.26 allowed them by the Government. Many claim that the millers, whose profits are not limited, are getting at the rate of \$4 per bushel for the wheat.

It was a good deal easier to get the nations of the earth into a league than it will be to obtain agreement among Republicans in the Senate as to how they should oppose it without offending the majority of the American people.

WHEAT CROP OF OVER BILLION BUSHELS LIKELY

Agriculture Department Urges Every Precaution to Insure Its Conservation.

With a wheat crop of over a billion bushels in prospect in the United States this year, the Department of Agriculture is urging that every possible measure be taken to insure the safe storage and handling of this enormous crop. The need for effort by farmers and elevator companies to market and store the grain with the least possible loss and congestion of traffic is being emphasized. Stacking is suggested by the department as a partial solution of the problem, being a means every farmer can apply. It was tried in some parts of the country last year and proved quite successful. Attention is called by the department to the fact that the farmer is likely to be gainer by such a process, for wheat that sweats in the stack, except during an unusually dry season, will be of better quality than if threshed from the shock.

If wheat is stacked at once after harvest, weather permitting, the department says, the farmer may then thresh and market his crop at his convenience, and there is the further advantage that the wheat will not deteriorate should rain come as it would in the shock.

The department urges the farmers to consider the question of providing themselves with storage facilities. The department has specifications for a portable granary, which it will supply on request.

School Board Meets.

The Centre Hall School Board met Wednesday night of last week. The secretary and treasurer closed their books for the year and the borough auditors examined their accounts and found them correct. The cash balance in the hands of the treasurer at the close of the year was \$494.71.

The July meeting called for the election of a new secretary and treasurer. The board re-elected Edward E. Bailey for the ensuing term and also voted to increase the secretary's salary from \$30 to \$50 a year. H. G. Strohmeier was elected treasurer and resigned his office as president of the board. J. G. Dauberman was elected president for the unexpired term of six months.

The board decided that the millage for school purposes should remain the same as last year—twelve mills.

Real Estate Sold.

The Alfred Durst property, near the station, was sold last week to Charles W. Slack. Consideration, \$400. The property is occupied by Harry Miller, and it is believed that Mr. Slack will occupy the place next spring.

The property of the late J. C. Bible, at Centre Hill, and consisting of house, store building and half-acre of ground, was purchased from the heirs by John Hoar, the blacksmith at Potters Mills. The price paid was \$625.00.

Leitzell Reported Dead is Welcomed Home.

Sergt. Glenn V. Leitzell, a Bolshevik prisoner, and who was reported dead by the war department, returned to his home in Millburg last Thursday, a lively looking corpse.

On Friday evening the Millburg Star Club gave a public welcome home to Sergt. Leitzell. Led by the String Band, the Club and many citizens proceeded to Sergt. Leitzell's home where an address of welcome was made by Rev. Dr. Clipman of the Presbyterian church. Sergt. Leitzell also made a short reply.

Sergt. Leitzell was formerly of Millheim.

Installed New Pump.

L. L. Smith, last week, placed a 55-gallon gasoline tank in the ground on his premises near the diamond and installed a pump. The town now has three gas stations to supply the gasoline needs of autoists.

A Free Scholarship.

Any young man or woman who is a bona fide patron of this paper, may secure free instruction in music or elocution.

The Ithaca Conservatory of Music, with the desire to stimulate the study of these arts, offers ten scholarships to applicants from the State of Pennsylvania, valued at \$100 each, and good for the term of seventeen weeks beginning with the opening of the school year, Sept. 25, 1919, in any of the following departments: voice, violin, piano, elocution and public school music. These scholarships are upon competition which is open to anyone desiring a musical or literary education. Anyone wishing to enter the competition or desiring information should write to Mr. Geo. C. Williams, Secretary of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, Ithaca, N. Y., before Sept. 1, 1919.

Republicans are preparing to announce that they will not make the League of Nations a partisan, but a party issue.

NEARBY TOWNSHIPS ELECT TEACHERS FOR 1919-20 TERM.

Potter Township School Teachers Elected.

The Potter township School Board, at a recent meeting, elected the following teachers for the coming term: Potters Mills Grammar, Mary Faust. Potters Mills Primary, Catherine Sinkabine. Pine Stump, Lillian Emery. Colyer, Boyd Jordan. Tussey Sink, Mildred Brown. Manor Hill, Mary Myers. Centre Hill, Ruth Schreckengast. Tusseyville, Edgar Miller. Plum Grove, T. L. Moore. Earlstown, Alfred Crawford. Pine Grove, Floyd Jordan. Dauberman School, Mrs. Rebecca Glossner.

Gregg Township Teachers Elected.

The following teachers have been elected in Gregg township for the school term 1919-20: Spring Mills Intermediate, A. L. Duck. Spring Mills Primary, Mary Bartges. Cross Roads, Alta Sinkabine. Poke Hill, Lola Wolfe. Penn Hall, Mary Zerby. Beaver Dam, C. E. Royer. Decker, Helen Finkle. Pike, Carrie Heckman. Farmers Mills, Helen Rishel. Logan, Russel Gagne. Murry, Renna Wagner. Hoy, Walter Wolfe.

Ferguson Township Teachers.

At a meeting of the Ferguson Township School Board, held Monday evening, teachers were chosen for the ensuing year, as follows: Pine Grove Grammar, Grace Elder. Pine Grove Primary, A. L. Bowersox. Krumrin, Mary Conoe. Oak Grove, J. B. Heningler. Keplar, Edna Ward. Maringo, Helen Ward. Center, Mary Burwell. Glades, Annie McWilliams. Gatesburg, Prof. Barr. Tadpole, George Burwell. Pine Hall, A. L. Burwell. White Hall, Nora Powell. Branch, Lucy Krebs.

The Daylight Saving Law Will Continue Through Wilson's Veto of Bill.

President Wilson, on Saturday, vetoed the Agricultural Bill because of the clause it contained for the repeal of the Daylight Saving Law.

Amends School Code.

A bill signed by the Governor Monday amends the school code so that all fourth-class districts shall include the examination of the teeth of the pupils as well as sight, hearing and other possible defects.

Change in Fall Primary Election.

The fall primary election has been changed from Wednesday, September 17th, to Tuesday, September 16th—one day earlier. The county commissioners at Bellefonte received a telegram last Thursday announcing the fact that the Governor had signed the bill which changes the date.

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.

Killed by Fall From Load of Grain.

Samuel Ravert, Jr., residing on a farm one mile north of White Deer, was killed almost instantly in falling from a load of wheat which he was taking to the barn on Wednesday morning. He was thrown off the top of the load when the wagon passed over a ditch, his head striking a rock, breaking his neck and causing death in a few minutes. He was thirty-eight years of age and is survived by a wife and four children.

Altoona Booster Association Putting on Big Advertising Campaign.

Altoona as a business center, according to plans that have been completed, will be shown to the people of the community of which the city is the center, through a campaign of advertising which will be carried on under the auspices of the Altoona Booster Association by the Richard S. Rauh Co., one of the leading advertising concerns of the country.

The Richard S. Rauh Co. has headquarters in Pittsburgh, with branch offices in a number of cities in different parts of the country. The concern is headed by Richard Rauh, a man who has made community work a life study and who sees natural advantages and is quick to grasp the significance of the community spirit.

The columns of the Reporter are being used as a medium in the big advertising campaign.

TWO BIG TRACTOR DEMONSTRATIONS THIS SUMMER.

Splendid Opportunity for Farmers to Study the Various Makes and Types of Tractors.—Thirty Tractors in Big Demonstration.

Two large tractor demonstrations, approved by manufacturers, distributors, and other interests, will be held in Pennsylvania this summer—one in the eastern part and one in the western part of the state. There may be other small demonstrations but they will be of a private nature entirely and given by local dealers here and there to show the particular make of tractor they are handling.

To see all prominent makes of tractors working side by side farmers and other interested must plan to be at Harrisburg August 12-13; or at Butler August 21-22. There will be no other tractor demonstrations in the state this year where two or more makes of tractors may be seen.

All arrangements and plans for these demonstrations are being made by distributors, the State College and county agents, and the manufacturers working together to make the two big shows a success. The operating committee has three members: E. K. Hibshman and R. U. Blasingame of Penn State College, and T. D. Hammen Jr., of the National Stockman and Farmer, Pittsburg.

At Harrisburg the allotment for plowing and other tractor work comprises 165 acres in one farm, the Bonney Meade, four miles north of Harrisburg. At Butler 125 acres has been made available for the demonstration. This land is located right at Nixon Stop on the Butler Short-Line (trolley) six miles from Butler and a little over twenty miles north of Pittsburg. In both places land is rolling and in various crops, so that all the normal farm conditions in those respects will be met by the tractors in operation.

At both places plowing and fitting will be done on each of the two days, from 10 to 12 A. M. and from 2 to 4 P. M. with lectures by experts from 12 to 2 P. M. each day on tractors and their operations. The remainder of the time each day will be given over to private demonstrations.

It is expected that at least thirty tractors of different sizes and makes will be shown. They will not compete with each other in drawbar, fuel, speed or other tests, but simply show as good a job of plowing and fitting as they can do with far more having the opportunity to study them in detail as to their construction and workmanship.—R. H. OLMSTEAD, County Agent.

Auto Mishaps.

The State College Times records the following auto mishaps in which State College people figured recently:

Last Friday night as Lee Krebs was returning home from Howard in his Ford car, he ran up along a bank and the car upset, throwing the young man out and pinning one of his arms under it. Hot gasoline ran out, burning and blistering his arm and about one third of his body before relief arrived. His condition is rapidly improving and he will soon be as well as ever again.

Last Friday Mr. C. E. Shuey and family motored to Snow Shoe to take in the celebration of the Fourth at that place. While there Mr. Shuey noticed his car was not working smoothly and that it back-fired several times. On one occasion the machine caught fire but was quickly extinguished. While on the way home, and when near the penitentiary, the engine again back-fired thru the carburetor and it caught fire, exploding the vacuum tank. The car was saved although badly damaged and had to be towed to State College. Although badly frightened, no one in the car was injured.

Definition of "Farm."

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture furnishes the following information, which is of particular interest to the farmers, as the time of taking the fourteenth census approaches. A farm for census purposes is all the land which is directly farmed by the person managing and conducting agricultural operations, either by his own labor alone or with the assistance of members of his household or hired employees.

A "farm" as thus defined may consist of a single tract of land, or of a number of separate and distinct tracts, and these several tracts may be held under different tenures, as when one tract is owned by the farmer and another tract is hired by him.

If the Republicans in the house of Representatives are practicing economy when they cut millions from appropriations for the army and navy, what are Republicans in the Senate doing when they help Democrats to restore these millions? Perhaps the answer is that Republican Representatives are doing what their party wants, while the Republicans in the Senate are doing what the people demand.

New Automobile Laws.

Governor Sproul recently signed a bill of importance to automobile owners. The bill is now a law and some of its provisions are:

The speed limit on open highways for pleasure vehicles is increased to thirty miles an hour but local authorities may limit the speed in built up sections to fifteen miles an hour. The use of muffler cut-outs in cities, boroughs and incorporated townships is absolutely prohibited.

Another provision of the law is that sworn statements must be filed with the application for licenses to show that the applicant is mentally and physically qualified to operate a motor vehicle. Persons with less than twenty per cent of normal vision and less than two per cent of normal hearing are not considered physically qualified to run a car. Special licenses for persons who have lost one hand will be granted if the applicant proves his qualifications.

Registration fees are increased starting January 1, 1920, but otherwise the law is effective now. The fees are forty cents a horse-power with a minimum of \$10 for pleasure cars and \$20 for trucks with chassis weighing 2,000 to 3,000 pounds up to \$150 for trucks with chassis weighing more than 10,000 pounds.

Penalties are provided for the destruction of identifying marks of any sort on cars and garage keepers are compelled to keep record of cars left for storage or repairs. The use of lights is regulated and trucks registered in other states are limited to one round trip a week into Pennsylvania.

Persons acquiring a second hand car must obtain such statements and make out similar statements in duplicate and within ten days, file one copy with the State Highway Commissioner, with a fee of \$1, and one copy with the chief of police or the clerk of the Quarter Sessions Court, if the purchaser does not live in a city.

The State Highway Department will refuse to register any used car until the description and statement are on file. An annual license for dealers in second hand cars, at \$100 will be collected and application for such registration must be accompanied with affidavits from two reputable persons regarding the moral character of the applicant.

Under this law also garage keepers must keep an accurate record of cars left for storage and the law also prohibits the possession of any car on which the number or distinguishing mark has been altered or obliterated. Fines for violation of the provisions of the act range from \$100 to \$1000.

Aviator Strews Flowers at State College Wedding.

To have flowers strewn by an aviator flying over the home during the performance of a wedding ceremony was the unique experience of a young couple married at State College last Thursday evening.

The wedding took place at the home of H. A. Leitzell, on E. Beaver avenue, Evans Gladstone Valens being united in marriage to Miss Mabel Grazier. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Long, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, only a few of the friends of the family being present.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. Leitzell and well known at State College, while the groom was an aviator in the U. S. Army, and lives in New York.

Lieut. Anglin, a friend of the groom, flew over the home where the ceremony was performed and dropped flowers from his machine as they were married, leaving later for New York.

Little Boy Poisoned Gathering Tea Leaves, Dies.

Elwood Franklin Kern, little son of J. B. Kern, died at his home west of Coburn on Tuesday of last week, at four o'clock in the morning, from poisoning.

The lad was not quite five years of age and had been gathering what he supposed to be tea leaves and ate a good many of them. It is believed that he gathered laurel leaves instead. The attending physician did all in his power to relieve the lad's distress and to counteract the effects of the poisonous leaves but his efforts were in vain. His parents and a number of brothers and sisters mourn his passing away. Funeral services were conducted Friday and burial made in Paradise cemetery.

Changes in Game Laws.

A new season for blackbirds is created by Governor Sproul's approval of amendments to the game code. It is made lawful to kill these birds from August 1 to November 30 instead of September 1. The protection is taken off red squirrels entirely; the woodcock season made from October 1 to November 30; bear season from October 15 to December 15; the gambel quail is given the same protection as the Virginia partridge; penalty for bear killed out of season made \$50; woodcock limit made six; rabbit limit forty and bear one.

Authority is given to declare open season in any county on bears on petition of 200 residents that bears are becoming a nuisance.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Bellefonte's Chautauqua opens on Thursday of next week.

Ground has been broken for the new \$75,000 addition to the Odd Fellows Orphanage near Sunbury.

State College is alive with students attending the summer session, the enrollment being close to 1000.

Mrs. Laura Harper, of Bellefonte, has been the guest of the G. H. Emerick family for the past week.

James E. Harter, of Coburn, Democratic candidate for the nomination of treasurer for Centre county, was in Centre Hall on Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Barr, of Alton, New York, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Lee, of Sayre, for some time, and has now returned home.

The Bellefonte Gun Troop, connected with the State Militia, about forty-five in number, passed through Centre Hall on Friday, in army trucks, on their way to Mt. Gettysburg.

S. V. Hosterman, Esq., wife and children, of Lancaster, are enjoying a short vacation in Centre Hall, making their headquarters with the former's father, Dr. G. W. Hosterman.

In lower Penn's Valley a number of farmers had more hay than they had room to store and some left from fifteen to twenty acres of grass stand and turned their cattle in.

The State College lodge of Odd Fellows, at its last meeting, presented sixteen veteran jewels to brothers who had been members of the order for twenty-five years or more.

Miss Nellie Smith spent a few days with friends in Centre Hall, last week. She is a student nurse in the University of Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, and is enjoying a month's vacation.

The financial statements of both Centre Hall borough and Potter township school districts appear in this issue. Both districts show a nice cash balance with which to begin the new school year.

D. C. Callahan, of Linden Hall, was a business caller at this office on Saturday. He reported having cut a fine crop of wheat, wholly free from any damage by fly, which cannot be said of all fields this year.

Lightning struck the chimney on the Mrs. O. P. Funk home in Centre Hall, during Thursday evening's storm and caused the bricks to rattle on the roof. The plaster and paper on the wall was also loosened. The stroke was of the "cold" variety.

Huckleberries are ripe and large quantities are daily gathered on the mountains south of Coburn and sold to J. H. Crouse, who ships them to the city market. Huckleberry picking is a profitable business for a number of families in the vicinity of Coburn.

A new candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket appears in this issue, under the proper head. He is George H. Richards, prominent citizen of Philipsburg and among the leading Democrats in the western part of the county.

Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, left last week for California to settle a controversy between capital and labor in the Baker oil fields, in that state. Mr. Spangler is a member of a commission appointed by the Federal Government during the days of the war, whose duty it is to settle labor disputes. Mr. Spangler was accompanied to the west by Mrs. Spangler.

Considerable damage was done during the rain storm which swept over the valley on Thursday evening, evidence of its severity being most noticeable in the upper end of the valley where silos were blown down, parts of barn roofs uncovered, a great number of trees blown over and the newly cut grain scattered over the field. Lightning struck in a great number of trees.

Last Saturday Clyde Shuey, Jr., the eleven-year-old son of Mr. Clyde E. Shuey, was run down by a car in front of the bank building, says the State College Times. The car was driven by Miss Catherine Dale, of Boalsburg. The child was badly cut and bruised, but no bones were broken. The wounds were taken care of by Dr. G. C. Glenn and at present he is recovering nicely.

It is not known just whose fault it was that the accident occurred, but speculators exonerate Miss Dale of the blame.

The contract for carrying the mail between Rebersburg and Coburn has been awarded by the postoffice department to Robert C. Brungart, of Rebersburg, for the sum of \$874.50 per year from July 16 to June 30, 1921. Harry Confer, who had the contract, demanded more pay from the government because of a change of route and the department asked for a relaying with the result that Confer was under-bid. The contract calls for automobile service when the weather permits. Mr. Brungart has purchased the car used by Mr. Confer.