

Soldiers Approve Democratic Measures.

Publications devoted to the interests of men who fought in the Army and the Navy during the late war are notifying the Republican Congress about to convene in regular session that there can no longer be any doubt as to what these former soldiers and sailors expect in the way of compensatory legislation. The recent convention of the American Legion, which represents a large percentage of these men, made their wishes quite plain.

The Legion, it may be said, approved a program that has been anticipated by Secretary of the Interior Lane and Representative Scott Ferris, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee. Each of these—one an important member of the President's Cabinet and the other an able legislator—had studied the men's needs and offered the fruits of their investigations in the form of bills. The measures they proposed would have financed the purchase of homes for soldiers and sailors either in the country or in the city as the men preferred.

These bills lay for months in pigeonholes during the special session of Congress. The Republican pretext for their inertia was that they wished to hear from the American Legion. That word has come and it is an approval of Democratic proposals which, out of pure partisanship, were denied an opportunity to pass. Even if the bills are enacted in the regular session, six or eight months' time will have been lost. That is the penalty the fighters will have to bear because of political chicanery.

Court Proceedings.

The Carry Safe Company against P. B. Blair & Son resulted in a verdict of \$123.25 in favor of the plaintiffs. The safe company had sold the Blairs a safe, and took an old safe as part pay, the balance to be \$175.00. The Blairs contended the safe cabinets did not conform to the contract.

The case of the Howard township school board against Burdine Butler created considerable interest. Butler rebelled against having a son vaccinated, and the youth was refused enrollment in the school. To enforce the compulsory school law, Butler was brought before the court. He was found guilty. An appeal was taken out at once, the idea being to test the vaccination law.

Col. Sol H. Long, of El Paso, Texas, who practices before the supreme court of several south-western states, as well as the county courts of Pennsylvania, represented Mr. Butler. Other counsel from out of the county in attendance at Court were Judge J. W. Reed, of Jefferson county, now of the Clearfield bar, Harry Bulton, of Clearfield, and A. L. Edwards, of Osceola Mills, both of the Clearfield bar. Judges Klein and Stone, of the Allegheny county bar, sat on the bench as guests of Judge Quigley.

Death Rate Decreasing.

In 1900 the general death rate from all causes in the United States was 17.8; in 1917, the latest figures available, it had been reduced to 14.2. Had the 1900 death rate prevailed in 1917 there would have been in the United States, with an estimated population of 110 million, 396,000 more deaths than actually occurred. The record of other years leaves little room to doubt what may be done in saving life. In 1900 typhoid fever caused a death rate of 33.8 per 100,000 population. In 1917 the rate had been reduced to 13.4. Diphtheria was reduced from 35.4 to 16.5 in the same period. Tuberculosis declined from 190.5 deaths per 100,000 of population in 1900 to 146.4 in 1917. Had the 1900 rate prevailed in typhoid fever, diphtheria and tuberculosis, in 1917 these three diseases alone would have caused 91,740 more deaths than actually occurred.

Purchase Coal Property.

Kelly Brothers, of Snow Shoe, who have developed into coal operators of the extensive type, as evidenced by their big operations in the Centre field, are going into business on a still much larger scale.

Their newest venture is the acquiring of the extensive coal mine interests of J. Fred Kurtz and P. McGinness, of Connelville, and the Bygate estate of Pittsburgh, at Champion on the Monongahela river. The consideration is said to be \$347,000.

The vein is known as the Pittsburgh seam and is six feet thick, with no partings, and of good quality. It is said the mine, when worked to its full capacity, has an output of 600 to 800 tons of coal per day.

Three Fires at State College.

Last week there were three slight fires at State College, the greatest loss being to Alpha Delta Sigma fraternity house, which loss was about \$2000.

An oil stove exploded in the residence of Miss Mary Foster, doing slight damage to furniture and fixtures.

A show window in the Gensel store took fire in an unaccountable way while all employees were in the store. The loss was about \$50.

Rebekah Officers.

The Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., installed the officers for the first half of 1920, in Grange Arcadia. The installing officer was Mrs. Thomas Hazel, of Bellefonte, District Deputy, assisted by Mrs. Smith, also of Bellefonte. After the installation ceremonies refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Cole, of Bellefonte, accompanied the officiating officers and attended the sessions. The officers installed are as follows:

Noble Grand, Mrs. T. L. Smith. Vice Grand, Mrs. W. M. Luse. Secretary, Miss Elsie Moore. Treasurer, Miss Lena Emerick. Warden, Mrs. T. L. Moore. Conductor, Mrs. J. A. Shultz. Chaplain, Mrs. J. H. Puff. Right Supporters, Mrs. E. S. Ripka and Mrs. J. M. Luse.

Left Supporters, Mrs. J. H. Knarr and Mrs. L. L. Smith. Right Altar Bearer, Miss Gladys Jones.

Left Altar Bearer, Mrs. William H. Brubaker. Inside Guardian, Mrs. F. M. Fisher. Outside Guardian, Mrs. J. F. Lutz.

Boy Scout Activities.

The preventative work of the Boy Scouts of America cannot be tabulated in statistical form but beyond the question it is the largest achievement. You can sum up the whole plan of reaching and holding boys for all that is noble and right in one word—pre-occupation. The fathers and mothers do not fear for their boys when they are busy in school, at the factory or in the office. The time to be alarmed in their behalf is in connection with the unaccounted-for evenings, the half holidays, the time between the closing of school and supper. To these hours we may trace the formation of most of the life habits which mean the undoing of the best of our boys. The Boy Scouts of America, in providing helpful and character building occupation for these hours, is therefore rendering a service of inestimable importance.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Assessor D. A. Boozer is out with his books making the assessments of personal property and occupation.

One more issue of the Reporter and then 1919 is done for so far as printing the Reporter is concerned.

It's news we want. Send your items to the Reporter. Its columns are always open for personals and news items of all character.

The State-Centre Electric company, the company that lights the south side of Centre county, increased its capital stock by \$100,000.

Mrs. J. H. Boon, of Hartford, Connecticut, after visiting her father, B. D. Brisbin, for several weeks, returned to her home Thursday of last week.

The pink label will be along the first issue in 1920. Between now and then we will be pleased to put your credit on the book so your 1920 issues will show you have paid in advance.

Members of the National Guard, who attend drill each month, will receive pay at the rate of \$7.50 per month. This is twenty-five per cent of the initial pay allowed enlisted men in the Regular Army.

"Mail your Christmas packages early and avoid disappointment," has been adopted as the slogan of the post office department this year. The mailing of packages in large quantities has already started, showing an inclination on the part of the people to heed the advice.

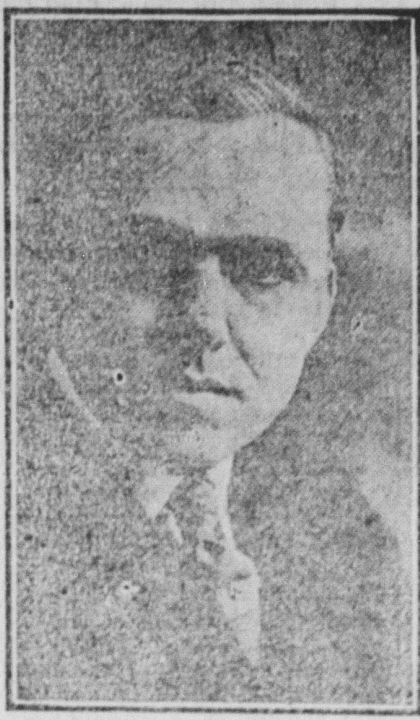
D. C. Rossman, of near Centre Hill, who some time ago sold his farm to John W. Horner, advertises his sale for next spring in this issue of the Reporter. Mr. Rossman will locate in Millifield but has not fully decided what line of work he will take up.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mitterling returned from Baltimore, Md., the latter part of last week. Mrs. Mitterling has almost entirely recovered from her operation and is in the best of spirits. Before returning home her condition was such that she was able to do shopping.

It was planned to have the road to Bellefonte opened to travel this fall, but it appears now that the public will be obliged to make the detour during the whole of the winter. Owing to the shortage of fuel, a shipping embargo has been placed on some of the material needed.

The windstorm during the early morning hours blew in the big plate glass window in the new Hagerty Baking Company's plant on North Front street, Philipsburg. It was broken to pieces. The glass measured to feet and 7 inches by 6 feet 6 inches and was worth \$125.

While splitting kindling, last week, B. D. Brisbin had the misfortune to cut off the end of the second finger on the left hand just above the first joint. He is not particularly proud of the shortened digit, but it is proving to him that the more you cut off of a finger the longer it is or at least it is more in the way.



GEORGE E. LLOYD, New Director Recently Appointed by Governor Passmore, of the Third Federal Reserve District.

NEW DIRECTOR OF SAVINGS ISSUES APPEAL TO CO-WORKERS

Asks For Best Effort to Make the Movement a Success.

To Associates and Workers: It gives me genuine pleasure to convey a word of appreciation and encouragement to you, who have been so helpful in the movement of thrift and economy in this district. I have received warm wishes and fraternal greetings from my predecessors and co-workers of this division. I am therefore greatly encouraged by such human touches of cheer, of inspiration and of willingness to lend their services to this much needed movement.

This is more than fine. The work is a hard one. I believe there is enough real love for our land and our institutions for us to stand by them and to safeguard them against an external and internal foe. And remember, our internal enemy at the present time is extravagance, waste, idleness and under production. It is already sapping the vitals of our economic life. If our dutiful men and women do not rally to the occasion, I fear it will materially undermine and check the advancement of our commerce and industry, which has been the basis of our national independence and happiness. I therefore invite you, fellow-workers, to give your active co-operation in stemming this reckless spendthriftism that is as menacing to our country as the prevailing "red" plague.

The present economic situation in the United States is one which challenges the best thought of every individual whose influence and leadership count. The adverse possibilities in the situation are serious. High prices, general mental restlessness, the diminished purchasing power of the dollar, the need for increased production and decreased consumption—all these command our thoughtful consideration.

The necessity for concerted action on the part of mindful men and women, leaders of social and industrial life, was never more vital—needed, perhaps, even more now than during the war when questions were less complex. We must find some means whereby we can grapple with this sort of condition. It is my sincere belief that the practical remedy is national thrift practiced by everybody and under all circumstances. To this end I earnestly solicit the assistance of influential persons, like yourself, as leaders to promote the practice of thrift which is to be evidenced by purchase of Savings and Thrift Stamps, and also Treasury Savings Certificates.

Let us teach the habit of thrift and push the sales of Savings and Treasury Savings Certificates with renewed zeal and vigor so as to encourage people to invest their savings in these splendid government securities, instead of in some wild cat and sky-rocket stock.

This office is at your disposal. Do not hesitate to call for aid and advice. Meanwhile may I count on you for common council and joint efforts upon which the success of this movement depends?

GEORGE E. LLOYD, Director.

More Eggs.

Reefer's "More Eggs" is the most scientific tonic on the market today. It makes layers out of loafers. Reefer's "More Eggs" stimulates your hens and makes a champion layer out of an ordinary back-yard hen.

This great egg producer is being used successfully on the Kerlin's Grand View Poultry Farm, of this place, and the Kerlins are offering a \$1.00 package on a money-back guarantee, for seventy-five (75) cents.

Billions for Pensions.

\$222,129,292.79 was paid to 624,427 persons during 1919 as compared with \$179,855,339.75 to 645,895 pensioners the year before. Total pensions paid to date on account of the Civil War was \$5,299,859,509.39 and the total on account of all wars \$5,617,520,402.30 including \$65,211,665.51 on account of the Spanish-American war.

Big Sales of W. S. S.

A day's sale of W. S. S. hard to match anywhere was made recently by W. Harrison Walker, chairman of Group No. 3, when twenty-six \$100 Treasury Savings Certificates were sold by him, making a total of \$2,600.

REWARD FOR INDUSTRIOUS CHILDREN

Secretary Glass Issues Certificates of Achievement.

The Secretary of the United States Treasury has authorized the issue of "Certificates of Achievement" to be awarded to those children who through industry and thrift have laid foundation for future success by investing their pennies in Government Savings Stamps.

They are to take the place of the once proposed hand grenade banks which were later cancelled by the decision of the Treasury and War Departments. They are also to serve as high recognition for those children who have enlisted on and after November 11th, 1919, the first Armistice Day anniversary, in the ranks of the Army of Savers.

Part one of the rules governing the award of these Certificates entitles to a "Certificate of Achievement" every child under ten years of age who purchased one Savings Stamp before November 11. A child above ten, but not over sixteen, must have purchased two Savings Stamps before Armistice Anniversary Day. These conditions are the same as would have governed the award of hand grenade banks.

Part two of the provision entitles every school pupil to one Certificate, if he has purchased on and after November 11th, the first Armistice Day, one or more Savings Stamps, and who has joined a Savings Society of his school and thereby has become a regular and systematic saver.

As set forth by the Savings Division of the Third Federal Reserve District, these rules are as follows:

Rules Governing the Awards of Certificates of Achievement.

1. Covers Conditions Prior to November 11, 1919.

In pursuance of previous announcements made by the Savings Division of the Third Federal Reserve District, to the effect: First, that by the joint decision of the Treasury and War Departments, the distribution of the hand grenade banks among children who purchase one W. S. S. Stamp when below ten years of age and two W. S. S. Stamps when above that age, not extending, however, sixteen years of age, has been annulled; and, second, that in lieu of said banks, the Secretary of the Treasury has issued "Certificates of Achievement" to be awarded to children who through industry and thrift have laid a foundation for future success by investing in Government Savings Stamps, the said Savings Division shall make such awards of said Certificates in place of the hand grenade banks as above stated, to wit: One Certificate to every child below ten years of age who invested in at least one Government Savings Stamp and to every child above ten years of age, but not exceeding sixteen years of age, who saved money and invested it in at least two Government Savings Stamps—said purchase to have been made prior to November 11, 1919.

A claimant for said Certificate shall file his application with a teacher who shall recommend the award in accordance with the foregoing rules.

2. Covers Conditions Subsequent to November 11, 1919.

A "Certificate of Achievement" signed by Carter Glass, Secretary of the United States Treasury Department, shall be presented to each pupil enrolled in the public, parochial, normal or private schools, and to students in colleges and academies, of the Third Federal Reserve District, who have purchased on and after November 11, 1919, (the first anniversary of Armistice Day) one or more Savings Stamps, and who shall pledge to save systematically during the remaining months of the present school year, provided, however, that such pupil or student shall have become a member prior to said purchase, of a regularly organized Government Savings Society which said society shall have been duly organized in pursuance of and in conformity with the requirements of the Savings Division of the said Third Federal Reserve District. The application for said Certificate shall be filed with a teacher who shall exercise her best judgment as to the merits upon which a child claims his reward.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mail out your Christmas package now. Don't wait; it is time to do it now.

Union church, Farmers Mills, will hold their Christmas service, Friday evening, December 26.

Time to mail your Christmas packages. Be sure you wrap your package well and address it properly.

William Harding, of Lewistown, a member of the Indian trail hunting party, fell while jumping over a salt stream with such force as to break a knee cap.

Mrs. Rodger T. Bayard, of Tyrone, was one of the many Grangers to attend the sessions of the State Grange which met in Pittsburgh. She was formerly an officer in that body and for some years has attended the annual sessions.

Under the proper heading will be found the announcement of the sale of live stock and implements by John W. Horner, tenant on the Kidder farm near Linden Hall. Mr. Horner, some time ago, purchased the Daniel C. Rossman farm, just west of Centre Hill, and will move onto it in the spring. He is a hustling farmer, and is "making hay" while the sun shines.

THE DEATH RECORD.

HOLT.—William H. Holt, a well known farmer of Howard township, died suddenly, after returning from Bellefonte on the afternoon train, on Tuesday of last week.

RAY.—Mrs. Lucy Ellen Ray died at the home of her brother, Thomas E. Houtz, of Selingsgrove. Before marriage she was Lucy Ellen Houtz, daughter of Christian Houtz, and was born near Lemont. She was aged fifty-nine years, five months. Interment was made at Houserville. Besides the brother named above there survives another brother, Cornelius D. Houtz, of Lemont.

HETTINGER.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hettinger, widow of the late James Hettinger, died at her home near the Lutheran church, in Georges Valley. Tuesday of last week, at the age of seventy-five years, six months and one day, of heart disease. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery on Friday, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Weaver, pastor of the Aaronsburg Lutheran charge. Her maiden name was Sarah Elizabeth Ludwig. There survives her one daughter, Miss Annie, at home.

Big Boost for Lewistown.

Lewistown got its biggest boost in a long time when the Viscose company, manufacturers of artificial silk, decided to locate there, and purchased 168 acres of land lying between the river and Lewistown Junction. The plant will employ about 1500 persons, and be about one-half the size of their plant at Marcus Hook, where 3500 persons are employed.

At about the same time the Lewistown Housing and Development company lifted the options on the O'Meara and Fleming farms, adjoining the lands purchased by the Viscose company, upon which a large number of modest but modern dwelling houses will be erected.

Lecturer Gray.

Congressman Finley H. Gray, of Indiana, gave a two hour lecture, in Grange Arcadia, on "Lessons from the Great War" and during the whole of the time had the undivided attention of every one in the audience. He said many of the wars are brought about by conditions imposed by previous wars, and it was necessary therefore to lesson frequency of wars to impose a just peace. The speaker barely touched on the league of nations, by stating that nothing constructive could come out of continuously opposing and that until something better could be presented the League of Nations should be accepted.

Reckless Hunters.

There are hunters and hunters. Some hunters should be confined in cells until they are willing to use horse sense when in the woods with a gun. About the most recklessness on the part of hunters was displayed by a set of men on Four Mile Run above Philipsburg. In that vicinity six Philipsburg teamsters and four teams were getting out sand, and not less than a dozen shots were fired at them. One bullet hit one of the horses in the tail, another passed through the iron frame, the collar and penetrated the shoulder of the other horse to a depth of an inch and a half.

Transfers of Real Estate.

James Wilson, et ux, to Philip Correll, et ux, tract in Spring Twp.; \$500.

Conemagh B. & L. Association to William Wright, Jr., tract in Union twp. \$390.53.

George W. Elder's exrs. to Laura M. Peters, tract in Halfmoon Twp.; \$11,000.

Notice to Borrower.

If the person who borrowed a set of chain trace harness from me will return it immediately, it will be highly appreciated.—S. W. Smith.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Next Sunday, 21st inst., will be the shortest day in the year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bradford, of Centre Hall, for a week or more were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shadle, of Charleston, West Virginia.

About three inches of snow fell on Saturday night. Sunday night and Monday were decidedly cold, the thermometer registering about nine degrees above zero.

Mrs. Sarah Kerlin, mother of A. E. Kerlin, of Centre Hall, and who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Morrill, at Amesbury, Massachusetts, some time ago became totally blind, and is now in a Baltimore hospital where she will undergo an operation which it is thought will restore her sight. It appears there is an undue pressure on a nerve, and unless the nerve is affected from a too long pressure upon it, the operation no doubt will be entirely successful.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Between now and the 25th inst., every little boy will at least try to be good.

There will be some good harness sold at the S. W. Smith sale on December 27.

Please put us wise to the news you will say ought to be in the Reporter if you don't find it there.

During most of last week it was pretty cold, followed by heavy thundering, Saturday morning, and rain.

R. M. Foster, postmaster at State College, during the month of November sold forty-six \$100 War Saving Certificates.

Mrs. G. L. Goodhart closed her home in Centre Hall and has gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss, in Bellefonte, for the winter.

Hon. Harry B. Scott, of Philipsburg, and A. H. Gaffney, of Kane, want to represent this congressional district in the Republican National convention to meet in Chicago, June 8th.

Maybe we have sworn at the dim lights, but if State-Centre happens to run short of fuel and closes down, a ten watt, in our memory, will shine like the sun.

Cyrus Brungart, Esq., was confined to bed the greater part of last week, suffering from a severe cold that affected one of his lungs. Since Friday he has been able to be up and around.

Miss Gladys Hassen, ninety-five years old, of Philipsburg, suffered a light stroke of paralysis. Up to this present misfortune she had been a remarkably well preserved lady.

Harry Bartley, of Burnham, killed a bear in the Seven Mountains that weighed 225 lbs. When shot, the bear continued on his way, but next day was trailed by the blood left along the route and found dead.

Charles Kuhn, who succeeded his father, the late John Kuhn, as tenant on the Sparr homestead, south of Boalsburg, now owned by Dr. Kidder, will make sale of his large farm stock and implements in March and quit the farm.

It is not too early to send out your Christmas packages. You are privileged to mark it "Do not open until Christmas" or a similar expression. It is better to have Christmas packages delivered a few days before time than to be late with your gift.

Mrs. Maynard Meeker is reported as having bought the C. H. Rimmer property, on Hoffer street, and will occupy it in the spring, at which time she will turn over the farming operations on her farm, near Potters Mills, to her son-in-law, Paul Bradford.

Miss Mary Krepps, of Huntingdon, who so successfully nursed E. E. Bailey and little son, "Dick," back to the road leading to complete recovery, returned to her home on Saturday. She is a graduate of the Huntingdon hospital and does good conscientious work.

The Bellefonte Central railroad station house at the terminus of the road at Pine Grove Mills, was removed. The rails and ties are also being taken up. This leaves the coal sheds as the only evidence of a railroad ever having been operated in Pine Grove Mills.

Mrs. Bell Kerstetter, who makes her home with her nephew, E. W. Crawford, had the misfortune to fall and dislocate her hip bone and also fractured it. The lady is eighty-one years of age but is getting along very well. Dr. H. H. Longwell was the attending physician.

C. Al. Weaver, who lives below Aaronsburg, is gradually moving his farm machinery to the Stoner farm south of Earlytown, and will occupy the place himself next spring. J. Hubert Barger, the present tenant, will move to Spring Mills onto the Allison farm, near the Allison mill.

The Bald Eagle Telephone company and the Nittany Telephone company, local companies doing business in Centre county, indirectly connected with the Commercial Telephone company, have filed schedules with the state department asking increases in telephone rentals.

Paul Smith, son of Merchant and Mrs. C. M. Smith, one night last week, entertained the members of his Sunday-school class of which Mrs. W. W. Kerlin is the teacher. The class is made up of both boys and girls and is regularly organized. Splendid refreshments were served, and Paul was remembered by his companions by presenting him with picture.

Hunters familiar with the Seven Mountain deer, gave a particularly large buck the name of "Bismark." He has been seen many times, but was able to elude the gunners until last week, when a twelve pronged buck, believed to be "Bismark," was killed by Bruce Close, of Lewistown. The foolish buck was browsing in an open field when Hunter Close got a bead on him.