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PRESENT CONGRESS HAS SORRY RECORD.

Has Been in Session Almost One Year Has Accomplished Nothing Constructive.

Less than twenty working days remain of this session of Congress, if the plan of the Republican leaders for a recess or adjournment early in June is followed.

Three or four appropriation bills must yet be considered by both the House and Senate; the House Ways and Means Committee is endeavoring to formulate a program for adjustment of the pay of returned soldiers; the House Committee on Immigration is considering the advisability of adding to the restrictions of the existing immigration law, and the Senate has before it the proposal to create a budget system. This is about all the work it appears Congress will attempt to dispose of.

Granting that budget legislation will be approved and that a bill for adjusted compensation for soldiers will get through, the record for thirteen months of this Congress will be:

Passed annual appropriation measures, which must be enacted yearly for the Government to function and which should not require more than two months of the time of any Congress.

Passed railroad bill, which actually held the attention of Congress as a whole about ten days.

Budget legislation, which should not require more than two weeks.

Soldier adjusted compensation legislation, which should require not more than one week.

MUCH TIME WASTED.

In all, the work done by this Congress should not have required more than five months of real and sincere effort. But thirteen months of Congress divided in two sessions, will have been required to pass this legislation.

Of course, the Congressional Record will be filled with discussions of private bills, etc., but it will be "quantity record," and is really a record of problems avoided and of almost complete success in the plan to do nothing. This was the plan of the Republican leaders when this session was convened, because of the desire, for partisan reasons, to postpone consideration of all important matters until after the November election.

From good Republican authority comes the admission that the Congress has done nothing. In a speech on the floor of the House recently, Representative Fuller, of Massachusetts, expressed the fervent wish that his party might be cured from the attack of "sleeping sickness" which he declared it has suffered from ever since it came into control of both branches of Congress. He declared that it had done nothing constructive, but had devoted the larger part of its time to criticism of the President.

A Story Told in Verse.

[Contributed]
At the cherry blossoms' budding,
While the air still told of spring,
And the birds of early nesting,
In the morn were heard to sing,
Then a "bunch" of fine young people
From the town of Linden Hall—
Howard Callahan, the first one,
Then Hayes Ralston, now so tall;
Then Bud Ralston was among them,
Now I'll tell you—for I can—
Verna Prant was in the party,
Also Ruth Egallahan;
Started for the town of Howard,
For the "Round Hill" in a car,
So with pleasant conversation,
Thus the distance was not far.
Safe arrival! Cordial greeting!
At the George P. Thomas place,
School-mates, friends, and neighbors,
In a visit face to face.
Round Hill farm investigated,
Round Hill food was sampled twice,
Songs and music interspersed,
And some snap-shots taken nice.
Then when sun was near its setting,
All those guests they "took a hunch,"
"Bundling" in their automobile
The most cheerful "happy bunch."
Each back to his occupation,
And the House to its routine,
But each person with advancement
Of the mental can be seen;
For the aims of all were mutual,
And their meeting quickened each,
As the cherry-budding blossoms
Open now within our reach,
And while Howard now feels favored
With this pleasant friendly call,
Proud should be all their neighbors
That they live in Linden Hall.
(End).

SAVE THE BABY CHICKS!

Kerlins' Poultry Farm of this place is giving ABSOLUTELY FREE 2 \$1.00 packages READY RELIEF FOR BABY CHICKS with each order for one \$1.00 package. Mail orders filled. Great for all ailments of chicks.

The unusually backward weather of the present spring will bring the planting of potatoes, corn and oats at approximately the same time, throughout the state.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

PLAY BALL; C. H. WINS.

Easily Defeat Boalsburg Team on Local School Ground—Score 15-3.

The first base ball game of the season was played Friday afternoon on the school ground at Centre Hall, the High school teams of Boalsburg and Centre Hall opening the season. It was a walk-over for the Centre Hall boys, the final score being 15 to 3. The home team took the lead at the start of the game and was never headed. The teams were each made up of purely High school students, with the exception of one player on each side. This arrangement was mutually agreed upon beforehand. For Boalsburg, the principal of the school, Prof. W. A. Thomas, was the exception, and for Centre Hall, Harry Gross was the "outsider". Harry pitched, and did it well, holding the visitors to six hits, and striking out eleven. He started off by fanning the first three batters. His team mates supported him well in the field, both "Honey" Emery and William Sweetwood cutting off runs by good catches in the outfield. Newton Crawford did the best stick-work. Heading the batting order, he caught the first ball pitched and drove it over the left fence for a home run. He duplicated the trick on his second time up, but unfortunately failed to touch second base, and was credited with a two-base hit only. The third time up, he let go a two-bagger and on his next two trips walked and struck out. "Newt" plays like a real ball player and handles the hot shot at the third corner like a veteran.

For Boalsburg, Prof. Thomas set a pace which his pupils could not keep up with. On his first two trips to the plate Prof. Thomas walked and then by daring base running scored runs each time. He looks to be able to do 100 yards in 10 seconds flat. He pitched from the second to the fifth inning and was touched up for five hits and five runs. Prof. Payne, the Vocational instructor, umpired the game, and showed a knowledge of the rules when several disputes arose.

The following is the box score and shows the individual work of the players:

BOALSBURG H. S.		R H O A E				
Paul Noll, cf	0	1	1	0	1
Shutt, ss, 1b	0	1	2	1	2
Dunbar, 2b	0	0	6	1	1
D. Noll, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas, 1b, p, ss	2	0	2	4	0
Bohn, 3b	1	2	1	0	1
Iserburg, rf	0	2	1	0	0
Stover, c, 1b	0	0	6	0	1
Fisher, p, c	0	1	1	0	1
Totals	3	6	24	6	7

CENTRE HALL H. S.

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N. Crawford, 3b	3	3	1	0	0
H. Keller, 2b	1	1	3	2	0
W. Sweetwood, cf	1	2	2	0	0
E. Frank, c	2	2	1	1	2
W. Reiber, 1b	1	0	8	1	1
H. Emery, lf	2	2	0	0	0
H. Gross, p	3	2	0	1	0
R. Reish, ss	1	0	0	0	1
G. Reiber, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	12	27	5	4

THE SCORE BY INNINGS.

Centre Hall	Boalsburg
5	0
0	1
2	0
3	0
1	0
3	0
1	0
X	15

Summary: Bases on balls, off Gross, 4; off Fisher, 1; Thomas, 1. Hit by pitched ball, by Gross, 2; by Fisher, 1. Struck out, by Gross, 11; by Fisher, 3; by Thomas, 8. Two base hits, Crawford, 2; Keller, Gross, Paul Noll. Home run, Crawford.

Will Give Play at Boalsburg.

The dramatic entertainment which has been given three times by the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs with such good success, will again be given on Saturday evening, May 15th, this time at Boalsburg. The entertainment consists of two plays—"Farmer Larkin's Boarders," a comedy in two acts, and "Twelve Old Maids." Besides, there will be good music.

The proceeds are being used to liquidate the debt incurred in remodeling the Odd Fellows hall, which is now one of the prettiest in the county, and the support of all lodge members and their families, as well as others, will be much appreciated.

The admission price is, children, 20 cents; adults, 35 cents.

State College Census Shows Fine Growth in Population.

A telegram from Congressman Jones to Phil D. Foster, announces that the population of State College is now officially announced as 2405. This is an increase of 980 or 68.8 per cent in the last ten years.

Change in Date.

The meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange, at Pine Hall, has been changed from Saturday, May 15, to Saturday, May 22nd.

Lightning Strikes Millheim Hotel.

Saturday afternoon, while threatening clouds were overhanging the valley, a thunder shower broke forth about four o'clock in the lower end of Pennsylvania Valley and lightning struck the Millheim hotel, of which Dr. J. G. R. Allison is the proprietor. A section of the roof burned off and the property was saved only by the speedy work of the local fire company, which had a hose playing on the roof a short time after the fire was discovered. The greatest damage done was by water, which entered the upper floor and soiled carpets and furniture.

While Millheim was having that hard rain Centre Hall experienced only a wind storm, during which but a few drops of rain fell.

High Schools To Have Day at State College.

Penn State will be the mecca for Pennsylvania's high school students and principals next Saturday, May 15, when hundreds will assemble for the annual Interscholastic Day event. The day's program will present the appearance of a regular three ring circus, for in addition to the athletic events scheduled for the high school contestants on track and field, champion public speakers for thirty-four Central Pennsylvania counties will be crowned in final contests; there will be picnic outings via motor truck for every high school within fifty miles of State College; the student cadet regiment of 800 rifles and its 100-piece military band will parade for the visitors; the students will stage a typical mass meeting with campus singing and special stunts, including boxing and wrestling.

Three hundred school boy athletes will contest for the state track and field honors, and as many rooters will accompany them. More than forty high school principals have accepted invitations to the annual conference which will start on Friday evening. They will discuss many educational problems, especially the relation between high school and college instructors.

Writes of Horrible Murder in North Dakota.

William Zerby, a Potter township native, writes the Reporter from Lisbon, North Dakota, concerning the greatest crime in the history of the state, as follows: Turtle Lake, N. D., April 24th.—Eight persons were found dead at the farm home of Jacob Wolf—Mr. Wolf, his wife and five daughters, and the hired man, Jacob Hoffer. The daughters were aged 13, 10, 8, and 4 years, there being a set of twins in the family. An eight month old baby alone survives of the family. The body of Mrs. Wolf, three daughters and the hired man were found thrown in the cellar, on a pile, while two daughters and Mr. Wolf were found in the cowshed. Hogs had eaten off one side of Mr. Wolf's face, also right arm. Mystery surrounds the killing. Suspects have been arrested.

WILLIAM ZERBY.

My opinion is that hell is too good a place for the fiend or fiends who committed the act.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS GET A \$20 INCREASE.

Is Effective from May 4, the Day the President Signed the New Pension Bill.

On July 4th next when the Civil war veterans receive their quarterly pay check from the government they will find the amount considerably increased. Beginning with May 4, the date when President Wilson signed the bill recently passed by congress, raising veterans' pensions from \$30 per month to \$50, the difference will be added.

According to the new law, it takes effect immediately and is automatic, it not being necessary to file claims for the increase, the amount simply being added to the claim already proven. The veterans are not alone, widows of veterans now getting pensions or whose claims will be granted in the future, will receive an increase of \$5 per month, making their allowance \$30 per month. The roll of veterans and widows is gradually diminishing and the cost of living soaring so that the increase will be very welcome to these men and women who are practically all past earning a livelihood by work.

Fair-minded Republicans admit, as all of them know, that the cost-plus contract basis employed by the War Department during the war was the only way in which army camps could be constructed in time to meet the needs of the fast-growing army in the fall of 1917. As declared by Senator Sterling, Republican, in the Senate recently, it was the only way in which results could be produced quickly. Under the stress of war, the American people wanted quick results, and cared nothing about cost, so long as it meant the saving of the lives of American youths.

A Delightful Social.

The dues social held by the local W. C. T. U., in Grange hall, Saturday evening, proved a delightful function. A literary program by members of the Centre Hall schools was much enjoyed by the audience. A very appropriate debate was staged, first and second cash prizes being offered by the temperance organization. The subject was, "Resolved, that intemperance is more destructive than warfare." The affirmative was taken by Esther Wagner and Ethel Frank, while Helen Tressler and Marion Bible defended the negative side. Much care and preparation was shown in the presentation of the subject by the various debaters, and while all did remarkably well, special commendation is due Helen Tressler, who spoke without the aid of her manuscript, and did it so convincingly as to compel the judges to arrive at a unanimous decision in favor of the negative side, however much they may have personally felt that intemperance is the more destructive.

Recitations by Misses Pearl and Gertrude Rubie were very good, and first and second cash prizes were awarded in the order named.

At the close of the literary program the members and their invited guests enjoyed refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake, ice cream and coffee, and during this social period many paid up their dues, thus adding a tidy sum to the local treasury.

Protecting Forest Land in Centre.

Seven patrolmen are protecting the forest lands of northern Centre county from fire this spring, according to a report to the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry by Forester W. H. Horning, of Snow Shoe. He has informed Gifford Pinchot, the State's chief forester, that the Centre Forest Protective Association of Centre county is detecting and extinguishing fires on the 100,000 acres comprising the lands of the association. Under the direction of Forester Horning, the following patrolmen and look-out men are constantly on the job:

Ralph A. Smith, Sandy Ridge; C. F. McCord, on the Black Moshannon; Port Bilger, Philipsburg; Robert D. Tonkin, Peale; R. F. Watson, Snow Shoe; Edward Reese, Runville; George McCarty, Clarence and James Sankey, Pine Glenn.

According to Forester Horning, many fires in Centre and Clearfield counties have been caused by sparks thrown from locomotives. He looks for fewer fires from that cause, however, as the railroads have agreed to burn safety strips along their rights of way.

Work has been resumed on the foundation walls of Centre Hall's silk mill.

To Save for Lean Years.

The prosperity the country is now enjoying should not be dissipated in extravagant living, but conserved for solid future benefits, and to enable us to "continue to play the Good Samaritan to the suffering people in Europe."

This is the opinion of Cardinal James Gibbons, of Baltimore, given in a letter to the Savings Division of the Treasury Department, commending the continuation of the Treasury Savings Movement during 1920. In a similar letter, Cardinal William O'Connell, of Boston, says:

"I shall be very glad to co-operate, in so far as lies within my power, with the Savings Division of the Treasury Department in checking the tendency toward extravagance and financial carelessness and in encouraging consistent saving."

Cardinal Gibbons' letter follows: "Every American citizen should realize that the problems arising from the war are individual problems, and can best be solved by careful, frugal living and a curbing of unnecessary expense. The prosperity that has come to us is not ours to be spent lavishly and without regard to consequences, but is to be increased by consistent saving, thoughtful investment and wise use. In no other way can we seize the opportunity that is presented us, and thus while increasing our own resources, continue to play the Good Samaritan to the suffering people in Europe."

In commenting on the fine spirit of co-operation of the American prelates, William Mather Lewis, National Savings Director, stated that it should not require another Joseph to point out to us that the savings for the lean years should be piled up during the years of plenty which we are now experiencing.

The government in continuing the sale of Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates has made a safe and easy way of increasing savings, available to every school child, to every man and woman who is a patron of a postoffice or a bank.

THE DEATH RECORD.

STIVER.—Death removed a respected citizen of Centre Hall in the person of Mrs. Anna Rebecca Stiver, widow of the late William Stiver, on Friday night at eleven o'clock. While not in the best of health for several years, Mrs. Stiver was nevertheless able to be about and attend to her household duties, being alone in the home. On Thursday she felt unusually bad and called her neighbor, Miss Gertrude Spangler, who responded, and with her characteristic Christian spirit, did all in her power to comfort her in her dying hours. Pneumonia had taken a fatal hold and the end came quickly the following day.

Deceased was Miss Anna Rebecca Carner and was born in Centre county, January 15, 1851, making her age sixty-eight years, ten months and twenty-two days. She and Mr. Stiver were residents of Centre Hall for many years. Mr. Stiver having died about two years ago. A faithful member of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Stiver lived a consistent Christian life and gave liberally of her means to every worthy appeal. Her funeral was held at her late home on Monday morning and burial made at Centre Hall, beside her husband. Rev. R. R. Jones officiated. She was the last surviving member of the Carner family. No children were born to the Stiver union.

FRANKENBERGER.—Benjamin Frankenberg died at the home of his son, George W., near Millheim, on Saturday evening, of tuberculosis, aged seventy-three years, three months and twelve days. He was a native of Pennsylvania and a retired farmer; a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran church ever since its erection, and a man of sterling character and worth in the community. His wife, nee Minnie Duck, preceded him to the grave, but there remain two sons, George W., and Harry, the latter of Gregg township. Also one brother, Charles, of Penn township, and two sisters, Mrs. Hartman, of State College, and Mrs. Barges, of Penn Hall. Burial was made on Wednesday at Millheim, Rev. J. J. Weaver officiating.

STOVER.—Aaronsburg lost one of its oldest citizens in the passing away of George M. Stover, whose death occurred on Saturday at 12:30 p. m., as the result of a complication of diseases. He was a native of Harris township, where he was born eighty-two years, two months and twenty-eight days ago. His wife was Phoebe Musser, and died eighteen years ago. Of a family of five children, four survive: W. M., E. L., Clyde, and Miss Tammie, all of Aaronsburg. He was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and his funeral was held at his late home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, burial being made in the Reformed cemetery at Aaronsburg, Rev. J. J. Weaver officiating.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Mary G. Cronemiller, at Bellefonte, aged fifty-two years.

S. S. Miles, at Port Matilda, aged seventy-four years.

John M. Thomas, a well known resident of this county, died on Wednesday, May 5th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Gillman, Washington, Pa., aged 73 years. Several sons and daughters survive. The body was taken to Milesburg on Friday for burial.

Mrs. Sarah Wells, wife of Joseph Wells, died at her home in Philipsburg on Monday morning of last week, following a protracted illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wance and was born at Aaronsburg on May 15th, 1850, and was almost fifty years old. She was twice married, her first husband being Robert Stevens, by whom she leaves two children, Robert and Edward Stevens. She is also survived by her second husband and the following children by her second marriage: Joseph, William, Ruth, Verna and James. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Herbert Merryman, lives at Aaronsburg. Burial was made at Philipsburg on Thursday.

AARONSBURG.

Rev. W. D. Donat and son Nevin, were called to Wanamaker, Lehigh county, to attend the funeral of the former's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, of New York City, are paying a short visit to their mother, Mrs. Caroline Maize, and sister Mrs. W. A. Guisewitz.

G. M. Stover, who has been ailing for some time, passed away at his home Saturday noon.

Mrs. Amos Koch is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. John Neese and family, of Penn Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Coll, of Bellefonte, spent a day at the home of their grandfather, Allen Keener.

The tenant house on the J. C. Smith farm at Smithtown, has been razed by carpenters, and the lumber will be conveyed to State College, where a house will be erected for R. J. Smith.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

To-day (Thursday) is Ascension Day. Pomona Grange meets at Pine Hall on Saturday, May 22.

Next Tuesday the Primary Election will be held.

H. J. Lambert caught eighteen trout in the mountain stream near Colyer, last Thursday.

Miss Mary Delinda Potter has returned to her home from Osceola, where she completed a term of school teaching.

Max Herr, the junk man, has been unloading truck loads of broken and damaged parts of airplanes, taken from the Bellefonte aviation field.

Philipsburg's population, 1920 census, is 3,900, an increase of 315 over 1910. Most Philipsburgers were expecting the new census figures to reveal a large increase.

Mrs. Sarah Gfreder, widow of the late Franklin Gfreder, desires by this method to sincerely thank all kind friends who extended aid and sympathy during her recent bereavement.

Four different makes of milking machines are to be installed in the dairy barn at the Pennsylvania State College, marking the first use of this labor saving device at the college.

Edward Durst helped Thomas Delaney, at Old Fort, with his plowing for several days, using the Durst I. H. C. tractor. Ed. turned nine acres of ground in two days, using a two-bottom plow.

A large number of applicants for final naturalization papers have been notified to appear before Judge Quigley, at Bellefonte, on June 21st, when a regular session of naturalization court will be held.

A Pittsburgh chemist says he can make sugar out of sawdust for 2-2 cents a pound by hand and for much less by machinery. But how long would it take the speculators to get a corner on the saw dust?

W. W. Smith and little son Kenneth, of near Axe Mann, were among the Reporter's callers during the latter part of last week. Mr. Smith conducts the farms owned by the Spring township overseers of the poor.

W. W. McCormick, of near Potters Mills, suffered an attack at the heart while attending Odd Fellows' lodge at Centre Hall, Saturday evening, which gave his lodge brothers much concern for a time. He later revived.

While picking coal in the slate cut about a mile south of the Osceola Mills station, on the Pennsylvania railroad, Monday evening of last week, Miss Sadie Gardner, sometimes known as Sadie Miller, aged about 29 years, was instantly killed when struck by an engine in charge of Engineer H. B. Smith and Fireman Satusky, running north.

Salvation Army officers may join in the "Overall Club" movement if prices on uniforms do not tumble soon, according to officers of the Salvation Army headquarters. Salvation Army uniforms that used to bring \$18 are now being sold for \$60. Salvationists must buy their uniforms out of their meager earnings, therefore the likelihood of blue denim.

Saturday is High School Day at State College, when a large number of students from over the county will participate in various games. The college grounds will be at the disposal of the visitors and the day should prove one of great benefit to the youths. The Centre Hall High school students, as well as Prof. Bartges, expect to be there and will play a game of baseball with the Howard boys. The Gregg Township Vocational School students will play the Boalsburg boys.

The strongest man in the world was in Lewistown one night last week. With a rope gripped by his teeth Sandos pulled two touring cars, occupied by ten hefty men, and at the same time logged a thousand pound dead weight across his shoulders. Hundreds were actual eye-witnesses of this mighty feat of strength and afterwards there were few in the crowd but that would have wagered with the same sang froid that they usually match pennies that Sandos was in a class with such noted strong men characters as Atlas, Hercules and Samson.

Messrs. Arthur J. Mackie, '20, of Renovo, and Joseph W. Sterrett, '23, of Erie, Penn State students, spent their second successive Saturday and Sunday in town. On their first trip they were accompanied by A. Ward France, '20, of Philadelphia, and were hiking it to Penns Cave, but found Centre Hall and surrounding country so attractive that they returned here to remain until Sunday evening. The last visit it is presumed was prearranged, and was apparently carried out as scheduled. The young men proved worthy of the respect shown them in the homes thrown open to them and are welcome again and again to their old lodge.