



THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Breaks All Records for Appropriations.—Number of Important Measures Passed By Senate and House.

The 24th session of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, which closed its sittings last Thursday, is the first since 1909 to finish business in April. The session began on January 4 and has been marked by presentation of hundreds of bills—almost as many as last session—and by probably as many hearings as ever known in any session, while the state administration submitted many important measures in its program.

While controversies over legislation have been frequent, the most remarkable episode known in legislative history of a generation and an event unprecedented occurred on Tuesday when the house, dissatisfied over the manner in which bills were being kept in committee and adjournment of the house with important measures at a critical stage, deposed its speaker. At midnight the house was adjourned by Speaker Robert S. Spangler on a call for the orders of the day, but a majority of the members organized in early morning hours with Capt. Samuel A. Whitaker as speaker pro tem, and a second session in the middle of the morning deposed Mr. Spangler, who had been the unanimous choice of the house for re-election in January, and chose Captain Whitaker, who had been his rival for the honor until just before the assembling.

Pressure of business and the fact that many bills were on the calendar constrained members to accept the situation and the house proceeded to rush through business, the bills favored by the state administration and others—and the cause of the events of Tuesday morning—being passed through in rapid order after being taken from committee.

RECORD-BREAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

The record of the legislature in passing appropriations probably exceeded any ever known. It is estimated about \$125,000,000 is represented in bills sent to the governor. Unless expectations on increased revenue are realized it will mean a \$10,000,000 cut by the governor. The administration is in control of the legislature at the finish and the measures passed for revenue and departmental matters represent its views. The general appropriation bill carries approximately \$58,000,000, which breaks all records. Last session it carried \$43,500,000. Important public works and continuance of highway construction were provided in the appropriations and the policy of aid to charities was maintained. An additional million was voted for care of indigent insane, making the appropriation well over \$5,000,000, while money was granted for developing two new state hospitals and improving others. A bill to provide for payment of appropriations for such institutions at the start instead of end of a quarter was passed.

Revenue bills taxing anthracite coal one and a half per cent. ad valorem, prepared for market; making direct inheritance taxes three per cent. on the clear value and collateral eight per cent., and gasoline one cent a gallon were passed, estimated to raise \$14,000,000 additional. The appropriations of 1919 were approved for about \$102,000,000.

DRY ENFORCEMENT CODE.

The administration prohibition enforcement code was passed in a bill sponsored by Representative George I. Woner, Butler. It amends the Brooks high license law and provides control for non-intoxicating alcoholic liquors. The Anti-Saloon league bill sponsored by W. H. Martin, Allegheny, was defeated and a third enforcer, presented by Senator P. W. Snyder, Blair, was held in the senate.

Efforts to repeal and charge the Sunday fishing bill not getting out of committee. Educational bills passed include the Pineson salary schedule for teachers, the lengthening of terms of school, a new system of distribution of aid for districts; tenure of office for teachers and centralization of authority of the state superintendent of public instruction over normal schools, while educational supervisory work, including that of higher education, was vested in a new body to be known as the state council of education.

Numerous important laws relative to health and control of diseases were enacted, including amendments to the quarantine code of 1919.

Authority of the state highway department was enlarged for the construction directly, by state aid and township assistance, and in addition to specific appropriations of automobile revenue and other moneys to highways, the state appropriated more than \$12,000,000 for roads, enabling carrying out of the greatest road program in Pennsylvania history.

CHANGES TO GAME AND FISH CODES. Three insurance codes, work of a

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Honors for C. H. H. S. at Bellefonte.

Centre Hall High school led all others "Class B" High schools of Centre county in the tract and field meet at Bellefonte, last Saturday, scoring 61 points, which was 32 points higher than Millheim, which school scored second. Aaronsburg finished third and Howard fourth.

Edward Foust, of Centre Hall High, won individual high honors, coming through with four gold and one silver medals, first and second awards, respectively. Centre Hall won first in the following events: 100 yard dash, half-mile run, shot put, running high jump, baseball throw, 440-yard walk and baseball throw, the latter two being won by the girls.

"Class A" High schools, comprising Bellefonte, Philipsburg, State College and Spring Mills Vocational School, stood at the finish: Bellefonte, 50 points; State College, 45; Spring Mills, 26; Philipsburg, 9.

Following is the result of the various events. Where no school is mentioned, the contestant belongs to Centre Hall High:

100-yard dash:
1. Newton Crawford,
2. Stanley Brooks.
Time, 11.4 seconds.

220-yard dash:
1. Norman Braucht, Millheim,
2. James Royer,
3. Edwin Ulrich, Millheim.
Time, 27.6 second.

Half-mile run:
1. Ed. Foust,
2. Stanley Brooks.
Time, 2 min. 46 sec.

440-yard dash:
1. Norman Braucht, Millheim,
2. Heyl Wolf, Aaronsburg,
3. James Royer.
Time, 1.02 minutes.

Shot-put:
1. William Sweetwood,
2. Ed. Foust.
Distance, 40 feet.

Running high jump:
1. Ed. Foust,
2. Franklin Stover, Millheim.
Height, 4 feet, 8 inches.

Baseball throw:
1. Ed. Foust,
2. Wendell Goodhart, Millheim,
3. William Sweetwood.
Distance, 246 feet.

One mile relay: Centre Hall finished second.

50-yard dash, for girls:
1. Evelyn Snyder, Millheim,
2. Sarah Snyder,
3. Mabelle Sharer.
Time, 7.2 seconds.

440-yard walk, for girls:
1. Gladys Garbrick,
2. Mabelle Sharer,
3. Ellen Meeker.
Time, 2 min. 42 sec.

Baseball throw, for girls:
1. Hazel Ripka,
2. Sarah Snyder,
3. Marion Myers, Millheim.
Distance, 121 feet.

Centre Hall High school captured in all twenty-two medals, winning 8 firsts, 8 seconds and 6 thirds.

C. H. H. S. Commencement Exercises.

The program for the graduating exercises of the Centre Hall High school will be found in an adjoining column. The exercises will be held in the Grange hall to-morrow (Friday) evening. The class—fifteen in number—is the largest in the history of the High school, and is composed of ten girls and five boys.

Children's Day Service.

The Centre Hall United Evangelical Sunday School will hold a Children's Day service on Sunday evening, June 13th.

Sunday evening, June 13th, the local Reformed Sunday School will render a children's day program.

High School Entrance Examination.

All pupils desiring to enter the Centre Hall High school next term are requested to report for examination on Saturday, May 21st, in the High school room, Centre Hall, all day, beginning at 9 a. m.

Boalsburg Sunday Schools Unite.

On Sunday morning the Lutheran and Reformed Sunday Schools at Boalsburg united in a service in keeping with the plan laid at the Sunday School convention held there a few weeks ago, to give the week to the interest of the children. The service consisted of songs and recitations by the children, given in bright and cheerful spirit. In spite of the rainy day a goodly number of the children were out. Rev. Babcock, of State College, made an address, setting forth the bright prospects of the child, and urging the parents to teach them from the Bible.

Let the little children come to Sunday School.

One breeding place for the fly destroyed this week will mean millions of less flies in June and July.

PROGRAMME CENTRE HALL HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1921

Music by
Bellefonte High School Orchestra

MUSIC

Invocation REV. R. R. JONES

MUSIC

Salutatory HAROLD KELLER

Oration—"The Home and Its Queen" HAZEL RIPKA

Class Motto ESTHER WAGNER

MUSIC

Class Colors EMILY JORDAN

Class Flower PEARL RUBLE

Oration—"Does Education Pay?" THOMAS GROVE

MUSIC

Oration—"Some Places of Interest in Centre County" RUTH RIPKA

Class Pessimist GERTRUDE RUBLE

Class Song ANNABEL SMITH

MUSIC

Class Poem GRACE FYE

Class Yell KRYDER MILLER

Class History BEATRICE KRAMER

MUSIC

Class Prophecy WILLIAM SWEETWOOD

Class Will RUSSEL REISH

Valedictory ELIZABETH ROYER

MUSIC

Presentation of Diplomas PROF. N. L. BARTGES

Benediction REV. J. F. BINGMAN

MUSIC

CLASS MOTTO: "THE NIGHT BRINGS OUT THE STARS"

CLASS COLORS: GREEN AND BROWN

CLASS FLOWER: RED ROSE

Invited Ones Only Admitted to Graduating Exercises.

The Centre Hall school board, at a regular meeting on Monday evening, passed a motion to admit only such persons to the graduating exercises in the Grange hall to-morrow (Friday) evening who received an invitation from a member of the class. Of course, the invitations were in the majority of cases issued to heads of families, and in such cases the entire family is included in the privilege of attending. Because of this action, it will be necessary for all persons to show their invitation at the door. Hereafter tickets will be issued for admittance.

It was with the thought of eliminating the confusion and disorder usually incident to these exercises, as well as giving first choice of seats to those who the class especially desire to be present, that the above action was taken.

Will Build Furniture Store.

Frank V. Goodhart, the local undertaker and furniture dealer, has decided to erect a two-story building on the lot where his home is situated, and will break ground within a very short time. The lumber will be sawed by R. M. Smith and Mr. Goodhart plans to be ready to occupy his new quarters some time the coming fall.

Memorial Day Speaker.

Hon. F. C. Bowersox, of Lewistown, has been engaged as speaker for Memorial Day exercises at Centre Hall, on May 30th, at six o'clock p. m.

Dewart Milk Products Co. Sued for Big Sum.

A dispatch from Sunbury, to the city dailies, last week, says: The Franklin Sugar Refining Company, of Philadelphia, has brought suit in the Northumberland county courts seeking to recover \$36,291.34 from the Dewart Milk Products Company, of Dewart, for alleged breach of contract.

According to the Plaintiff's statement, the milk concern ordered 241,500 pounds of sugar last June at 22 1-2 cents a pound, on a basis of an allotment of 115 barrels monthly to a total value of \$54,627.25. It is asserted the contract was repudiated and deliveries refused on March 7 last, causing the refining company the loss it seeks to recover.

Bazaar Sale & Exchange Day.

Bazaar and Exchange sale will be held at the livery barn of D. Wagner Geiss, at Bellefonte, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month until further notice. Persons having articles for sale, including live stock, potatoes, produce, furniture, anything, bring it to the sale barn any time. Persons desiring such articles may buy on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Newspaper editors of Pennsylvania are gathering at State College this week for two days' enjoyment as guests of the college.

Look at your Reporter label.

HALF OF TITAN METAL WORKS IS IN RUINS.

Plant Near Bellefonte Has Disastrous Fire on Friday.—Loss of \$150,000.—Will Rebuild.

A disastrous fire occurred at the big plant of the Titan Metal company, a half mile south of Bellefonte, early last Friday morning, causing a loss of \$150,000. The fire was one of the worst which has visited that community in years and local firemen, seeing that they would have difficulty in combatting it, sent a hurry call to Lock Haven for assistance. Lock Haven firemen, with one of their motor driven trucks, made the twenty-eight mile run in fifty-two minutes and aided in extinguishing the flames, although the local volunteers had the situation under control when they arrived.

The fire started about 1 o'clock. It was discovered in the die room, which adjoins the melting room. Its origin is unknown. The flames had a good start and spread rapidly. Before they were controlled they had swept through the die room, part of the melting room, the machine shop, blacksmith shop, the boiler room and part of the electrical shop. Half of the plant is in ruins.

The machine shop contained some very valuable machinery which was practically destroyed. Tools belonging to individual employes, representing a value of \$3,000, were lost.

A considerable proportion of the loss is covered by insurance and officials of the company have announced that they will at once make plans to replace the destroyed structures.

The Titan Metal company is one of the leading industries about Bellefonte, manufactures a brass alloy, which is much in demand in modern industry and even during the current business depression has been so busy that it has given employment to men laid off elsewhere. It is one of Bellefonte's mainstays and the temporary suspension of eighty men as a result of the fire will be seriously felt by the community.

The company is owned by local and out of town capital. It was started some few years ago on the site of the old Bellefonte furnace and its buildings were all frame and in good condition.

Milroy Actors "Make Good."

Milroy young folks, to the number of thirty, made good, and more, in the presentation of their home-talent production, "Savageland," in Grange Arcadia, on Saturday evening. It is with no thought of discrediting any former home-talent entertainment when we say that the Milroy people's production was the best thing of its kind ever given in the Grange hall. A perfect fitting of parts, beautiful costumes (worn by beautiful girls, too), and lots of especially good music, combined to make "Savageland" a musical comedy the equal of many companies showing before the footlights in high class theatres.

Comedy was dispensed in large quantities by "Jake Heinz" the part taken by Charles W. Reed. He was a strong character throughout. "Sherlock Combs," a "defective detective," was ably carried by Rev. A. K. Magner, whose high-brow ability fitted him for so heavy a part. His solving of several great mysteries, with the "valuable" aid of "Jake," were worthy the genius of the great Sherlock Holmes, master detective. Marigold Lee, the Quaker maid, was a central figure, and Miss Irene McCormick did full justice to the part. She is a beautiful singer, with an easy stage manner, and altogether pleasing in her every act. Daffodil Doty, poetess of passion, figured largely in the play, and this part was taken by Miss Henrietta Crissman. She had no superior in the cast, and her charming manner, pretty face, sweet voice, stamped her as one of no mean ability. Miss Adaleene Houser was "Birdie Magoggin," the Irish Cinderella, who was successfully "run down" by the clever detective. Like the Cinderella of old, a lost "slipper" was the only means of identifying the one much sought for, but in this case a No. 10 slipper had the effect of driving away many of the fair sex who would like to have won the prize the wearer of the shoe was entitled to. The part of Cinderella could not have been better performed. Irish wit appeared to be a natural trait with the one impersonating the part, consequently she was a "screaming" success. Others in the cast who are entitled to mention are John H. Spangler, as "Buckskin Buddy"; Walter G. Reed, as "Big Chief Heap Much Scalp"; Kline McCormick, as "Gilroy Clay"; Sarah Kohler, as "Wee-nah, the marble lady"; and Kathryn McCormick, as "Ysobel," Indian costumes, worn by the greater part of the company in the second act, produced a pleasing effect.

Others taking part in the choruses were: Misses Laura Knepp, Alda Lauer, Catherine Decker, Helen Reed, Olive Rothrock, Pearl Hunt, Helen Treaster, Helen Stumpf, Margretta Rothrock, Margaret Penypacker, Thelma Mowery; Messrs. Lester Stumpf, Harry Hunt, Omer Hunt, Earl Swartzell, William Herto, Clay Fultz.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

School days are coming to a close. Miss Anna Garis has returned from a visit to her brother's home in Altoona.

Sunday is Mother's Day, and special sermons appropriate to the occasion will be preached in the churches here.

Swat the breeding place of the fly during the next several days, and you'll not have to swat the fly next July.

Grass and wheat fields are several weeks in advance of the season, and give promise of early haying and harvest, together with good crops of each.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher are contemplating a trip some time this month to China Grove, North Carolina, the home of Mrs. Fisher's brother, Rev. John H. Keller.

To-morrow evening commencement exercises will be held in the Grange hall by the class of 1921. Admission will be granted only those who have received invitations.

Messrs. M. LaBarr and P. H. McClellan, of Syracuse, New York, stock salesmen for the Franklin Automobile Company, were business visitors in town last Thursday.

Messrs. George and Ralph Sweeney, of Spring Mills, were among the Reporter's callers on last Friday. The young men are employed on the State road job at Pleasant Gap.

Arrangements have been made for a band concert by the Sigerville band, to be given in the Grange hall on Saturday evening, May 21st, under the auspices of the local Odd Fellows.

County Commissioner Geo. Yarnell is busy getting the popular Hecla Park in shape for the picnic season. Those visiting the park this season will find a number of improvements and the ground in fine condition.

More than 100,413 young forest trees were planted on private lands in Centre county this spring, according to a report issued this week by Gifford Pinchot, the State's Chief Forester. Trees were supplied without cost to 56 planters in this county by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry.

We wish more subscribers would respond to our appeal for funds. When several hundred withhold a year or two subscription that is due us, it works a hardship on the publishers, who must meet bills monthly. Your labels show you the month and year to which you are paid. If in arrears, kindly forward the amount due.

The Department of Labor and Industry brought action against the Bush house, of Bellefonte, for alleged violation of the female labor laws in that it worked girls more hours per day and week than the law allows. The hearing was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock before Justice of the Peace S. Kline Woodring, of Bellefonte.

H. E. Gregory, of Washington, D. C., has been selected as manager of Hotel Phillips, the magnificent new hotel which is nearing completion in Philipsburg, this county. Another recent announcement is that 100 Bell telephones will be placed in the hotel, in as many guest rooms, and that by July 1st the hotel will be ready to open.

Horace Sheaffer, a school teacher of Liverport township, Perry county, was seriously injured while attempting to crank his automobile. Thinking it was out of gear he turned the crank. The engine started and the machine plunged forward, pinning him against the end of the garage, severely injuring both legs. A physician was summoned and found the muscles of both legs badly crushed. It will be several weeks before Sheaffer will be able to walk.

Messrs. James E. Solt and Frank M. Derisbaugh, of Frederick, Maryland, were fishing along the Seven Mountain trout streams for several days last week, meeting with good success, and as a consequence several families, among them those connected with the Reporter, enjoyed a breakfast of trout. Mr. Solt was making his annual tour to this section during the fishing season, and brought his companion, who is an accountant for the Ox Fibre Brush Company, with him to show him his stamping grounds of boyhood days. Mr. Solt is proprietor of a large auto garage, where everything in the auto line is done except to build new machines.

John Burris, of Bellefonte, was frustrated in his plans to steal the Ford car of D. Wagner Geiss, one night recently, because Mr. Geiss had taken care to remove the coils from the box, as is his custom when putting away his car. Burris planned to take two students to State College, and passed off the Geiss stable as his garage, and when the car refused to start by cranking, told the boys that they should give it a push down the hill until it would start. But the car stopped at the bottom of the hill, and the college boys decided to walk. Sheriff Dukeman was notified and captured Burris who plead guilty before Judge Quigley, who sentenced the chap to a year in jail.