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SENATOR OVERMAN HITS REPUBLICAN ECONOMY CLAIMS

Appropriations for Running Expenses of Government \$563,000,000 More Than Under the Wilson Administration in 1915.

Republican claims of economy in federal appropriations and expenditures were denied by Senator Overman of North Carolina, ranking Democrat of the senate appropriations committee, in a statement in the senate comparing present and past appropriations.

"All the big headlines which have been appearing in the newspapers showing the great savings made by the budget system under the Harding administration were nothing but camouflage and pipe dreams," said Senator Overman, referring to recent statements by Chairman Warren and Chairman Madden, of the senate and house appropriations committees, respectively.

Appropriations under the Republican administration for the present year were \$563,000,000 more than those under the Wilson administration in 1915 for actual running expenses of the government, excluding war-time obligations, according to comparisons presented by Senator Overman. He said it was more fair to compare the 1922-23 appropriations with the peace time period of 1915 than to make the comparison with appropriations of last year, as was done by the Republican committee chairman.

"It is true, as stated by Senator Warren," said Senator Overman, "that the appropriations for the fiscal year of 1923 are \$319,000,000 less than 1922, but by analyzing this statement it is found that a greater part of it was on account of a saving by congress in decreasing the army and navy and by charging the good roads item to the postal appropriations—all of which are necessary reforms brought about by peace."

Excluding from the present appropriations all war aftermath major expense, Senator Overman said that for "the legitimate expense" of the government this year's appropriations were \$1,329,000,000 as against \$793,000,000 for 1915.

Lightning Kills Young Cattle.

Farmer Elmer McClellan, of near Tusseyville, suffered the loss of three valuable steers during an electrical storm one day last week. The steers sought shelter under a tree in the pasture field when a bolt of lightning struck the tree and caused the death of the animals.

Mr. McClellan had the animals insured in the Centre Hall fire insurance company.

Thanks for Help at Festival.

The members of Class No. 6 of the Sprucetown Sunday-school wish to express their thanks for the assistance rendered at their festival by the young men; also to Mr. Blauser for the use of his lawn, and to others who helped in any way in the success of the occasion. The proceeds of the festival were about \$125.

SECRETARY.

Shaffer—Diehl.

Ellis B. Shaffer, of Lock Haven, and Miss Lillian I. Diehl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Diehl, of Nittany, were quietly married at Rebersburg, on noon Wednesday of last week, by Rev. W. J. Shultz. They had no attendants and immediately following the ceremony the young couple left by motor car on a brief wedding trip. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Diehl and for some time past has held the position of bookkeeper at the Lock Haven Normal school. The bridegroom is a native Centre county boy and is now one of the leading young business men of Lock Haven, being the proprietor of a clothing store and music store in that city.

Mrs. R. C. Tuten, of Phillipsburg, was on Friday appointed by Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis as the first woman investigator of deaths, for state inheritance tax purposes. She will serve in Centre county and succeeds Toner A. Hugg, of Milesburg, who resigned.

A number of Reporter subscribers, by looking at their label, will discover that they are in arrears. Now, the money is very sorely needed at this office, and we will consider it a great favor if those in arrears will remit an amount sufficient to bring their label to show the figures 22 or 23. Do it now, please.

The very fine weather during nearly all of July has been responsible for many dull days in town. Farmers and laborers have been so busy that they have been giving us the go by except on Saturday nights.

Poultry Culling Demonstrations.

This is the season of the year when every good poultryman should begin to cull out the boarder hens of his flock, and dispose of them while the market is still good.

However, since culling is not the only question which troubles poultrymen, the poultry culling demonstrations scheduled by the Centre County Farm Bureau for next week will be general poultry meetings at which any poultry questions may be asked will be discussed. Such a general meeting should be of interest to all who own poultry even though only as a side line.

The schedule of meetings are:

Monday, Aug. 7, 2:00 p. m., William Clevenshine, near Hecla Park.
Tuesday, Aug. 8, 10 a. m., O. P. Smith, near Fiedler; 1:30 p. m., J. V. Brungart, near Smulton; 4:00 p. m., C. T. Musser, near Penns Cave.
Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 10:00 a. m., M. E. Waite, near Jacksonsville; at 2 p. m., A. F. Showers, near Unionville; Thursday, Aug. 10, at 10:00 a. m., J. O. Peters, near Stormstown; at 2 p. m., Thompson Henry, near Martha Furnace.

Friday, Aug. 11, at 10:00 a. m., H. E. Hennigh, near Spring Mills (Georges Valley); at 2 p. m., P. H. Luse, near Centre Hall.

Saturday, Aug. 12, at 10:00 a. m., Clifford Close, near Meeks Church; at 2 p. m., George Fortney, near Boalsburg.

Overland Car Burned.

About 9:30 o'clock, Friday night, an Overland touring car took fire and burned, the car having reached within 100 feet of the top of Nittany Mountain from the Penns Valley side. The car was occupied by two young men from State College whose names could not be learned. What caused the fire is not known. After the gasoline tank had exploded and the flames were pretty well subdued some young men from town, who happened to be near the scene, assisted in removing three of the tires, the fourth having burned with other inflammable portions of the machine. The "remains" were towed to the Pleasant Gap garage.

Reorganization Millheim School Board.

At a recent meeting of the Millheim school board the following officers were elected: President, L. W. Stover; vice president, W. L. Swann; secretary, J. W. Winkler; treasurer, Farmers National Bank.

The tax rate was fixed at 18 mills; per capita tax, \$3.00. The grade schools will be for a term of eight months; one month was added to the High school, making a total of nine months. Miss Olive Salem, of Selmsgrove, was elected assistant principal at the minimum salary.

Focht's Friday Now P. M.

William E. Housel, a Focht lieutenant, has been appointed acting postmaster at Lewisburg with the expectation of receiving the permanent appointment beginning September 15.

Housel is in the employ of Congressman Focht as secretary and manager of the Focht newspaper. He is a former postmaster and register and recorder, and for some years has been on the government payroll without rendering service.

EDUCATION NOT GREATEST COLLEGE BENEFIT.

Greatest Benefit from College Ranged from Technical Education to "Four Years of Loaf."

Education is not the greatest benefit to be derived from college, according to the class of 1922 of the Pennsylvania State College. It was announced that a poll of 125 members of the graduating class on the question of the greatest good coming from their college training brought forth the answer from about one-third of the students that "association with students and others" is to be given first place.

Forty-four of the men named this as the most valued product of their four years at college. Only five men said that an education was the greatest benefit to be secured, while five others said that a technical education was the chief advantage. Twenty-five students said that a college education was valuable because of the broader view of life that it gave; 12 said that they had been taught to think seriously, 6 said that self confidence was the primary product of their training, and 5 said that worldly experience was the outstanding gain.

Some of the other answers were: Meaning and worth of character, self-control, college atmosphere, how to work, fraternity and social benefits, training for life, extemporization, concentration, and perseverance. One man answered that the greatest benefit derived was a "diploma" and another said a "four years' loaf."

COMMUNITY PICNIC ON GRANGE PARK, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5.

Good Program Announced.—Sigterville Band to Be Here.—Ball Game at 3 P. M.

Centre Hall and vicinity will lay aside work on Saturday and join in the annual community picnic on Grange Park. The committee in charge of the affair has completed all necessary arrangements, assuring a successful and pleasant picnic day, and all that is now needed is a brand of weather that will permit full enjoyment of an out-door gathering.

Music for the day will again be furnished by the Sigterville band, of Mifflin county. This organization is a good one and delighted the large crowd last year.

Folks of the community are urged to get to the park in the morning in time for the band concert and be prepared to spend the entire day with friends.

The following is the program as arranged:

10:00 a. m. Band concert.
11 to 11:45 a. m. Races and contests.
11:45 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. Dinner.
1:00 to 2:00 p. m. Speaking in auditorium.
2:00 to 2:45 p. m. Band concert and Community Sing.
3:00 p. m. Baseball game—Centre Hall vs. Sigterville.

State College, 8; Centre Hall, 4.

The locals lost a hard fought game of baseball on Grange Park, Saturday afternoon, going down to defeat before the fast-going State College team by the score of 8 to 4. The game went ten innings. In the ninth, with the score 4 to 2 against them, the locals made it necessary to play an extra inning when Newton Crawford cracked out a three-base hit with two on base, tying the score at 4-4. State College came back strong in their half of the tenth, scoring four runs off Gross and Smith.

The Reporter had no representative on the field, hence we are unable to give further particulars or box score. Saturday's game will be with the Sigterville team, on Grange Park.

Milheim, 2; Episcopals, 1.

A snappy game of baseball played on the Milheim grounds on Saturday afternoon between the Episcopal team of Lewisburg and Milheim, resulted in a score of 2-1 in favor of Milheim.

Lutheran Activities.

Several activities of the Penns Valley Lutheran charge involving the contributions of moneys are worthy of mention to the public in general. You will recall the lecture given quite recently by Dr. Fry in the interest of the Lutheran church in South America. To this fund there was paid by the various congregations of the charge \$225; last Sunday \$50 was contributed to the support of the work of the Anti-Saloon League; and Saturday \$115 to the Loysville Orphan Home band.

A Trend Countryward.

Over 60 per cent of the students in the school of agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College come from Pennsylvania cities and towns, according to a study that has just been completed by the college showing that boys reared on the farm constitute but 39 per cent of the enrollment of the school. About 35 per cent of the agricultural students are sons of farmers. Additional figures given out by the college recently show that more than 75 per cent of the graduates of the agricultural school are now engaged in practical agricultural work. From a combination of these two compilations, one might perhaps deduce that a trend back to the country has at last begun. At least, it is an encouraging sign.

Decker—Wolf.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, Thursday evening of last week, at 9:00 o'clock, when Miss Beulah R. Wolf became the wife of Harvey H. Decker. The beautiful ring ceremony was used by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Drumm.

The bride is a teacher in the public schools of Georges Valley and is a composer of songs. She made her home with Robert Finkle. She is a graduate of the Gregg Township Vocational School. The groom is a son of Scott Decker, of Penn Hall, and is a progressive farmer.

The couple were unattended. They left for a short trip, and expect to begin housekeeping in the near future. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

When you imagine that prohibition is a failure, look about you; then sum up in memory the drunkards of old saloon days.

Lutheran Charge Picnic.

The Lutheran charge picnic, on Saturday, in Gentzell's grove, above the Georges Valley Lutheran church, was largely attended by Lutheran families from all the appointments comprising the charge. It was an ideal day for out-door living, and those assembled enjoyed themselves to the fullest measure. The chief attraction, of course, was the Loysville Orphan Home band of forty-one pieces. The youths, ranging in age from nine to sixteen years, were highly trained by their new leader, Mr. Stenger, and rendered the many selections like old veterans. The boys made a fine appearance and impressed the church people. They kept before them the great work the church was doing in taking care of the orphan children and the possibilities that lie in their charges.

This gathering was a basket picnic. There is something distinctive about a basket picnic held in Penns Valley that always shows itself at the noon hour. There was a great abundance of provisions carefully prepared, and spread out on spotless linen laid underneath the mighty oaks that stood sentinel for a century in the grove, and around this were gathered the church people—big and little—to relieve the void within.

After the great feast there was a massing around the band platform, where the pastor, Rev. Drumm, read the letters from former pastors expressing their regret for their inability to be on the scene themselves and wishing the annual picnic participants joy and happiness on this particular occasion and wishing the Lutheran church and those of the charge especially continued success. The letters read were from Rev. B. F. Bieber, of Muncy, and Rev. F. W. Barry, of Baltimore. A former pastor on the ground was Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Elk Lick, Somerset county, who expressed himself in such a manner as to convince those assembled that he was sharing the pleasures of the day. Rev. Rearick is always heartily welcomed here by a large number of his former parishioners. After Rev. Rearick left the platform Rev. Goss, a Reformed minister of West Milton, a brother-in-law of Rev. Drumm, was introduced and spoke appropriately to those about him. Aaron Harter, of Harrisburg, was called to the stand and for a short time entertained his hearers. He is a layman but for many years has been active in church work. T. M. Gramley, chairman of the organization, made an appeal for a liberal offering for the benefit of the band and later by a unanimous vote the officers were re-elected after it was determined to continue holding the gathering from year to year.

After the speaking was over Dr. W. E. Fischer, of Shamokin, appeared on the ground and was the center of a host of friends. In the evening the band gave a second concert at Spring Mills. There was a large gathering there from all parts of the valley and the band did itself great credit in the rendering of music—instrumental and vocal. Dr. Fischer spoke briefly, recalling his former pastorate here and gave credit to these people for the forbearance and patience with him, which was a large factor in his development. The total offering for the Loysville Home on account of the concert was \$1150.00.

Over Million Trees for Reforesting.

Water companies, owners of mining properties, and clubs of sportsmen in Pennsylvania planted more than 1,200,000 young forest trees on their holdings during the spring of 1922, according to an announcement made by Major R. Y. Stuart, the State's chief forester. During the last eight years the same groups have set out about 5,217,000 seedlings. Last spring, the mining companies' plantings exceeded those of the water companies by a wide margin. The former planted 840,000 young trees to provide a future timber supply for the operation of their mines. The water companies set out 320,000, and the clubs, 86,470.

The largest individual planting in the spring of 1922 by a water company was made by the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company, of Holtwood, which set out 70,000 trees. Ten thousand less were planted by the Williamsport Water Company. Four other companies set out more than 25,000 each.

Of the mining corporations, the Clearfield Bituminous Corp. led with 130,000. Nine other companies planted over 50,000 trees each.

And Looking for What They Don't See

Good folks needn't worry about the safety of the girls in short dresses—everybody is looking after them.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

JUDGE REFUSES TO DISSOLVE PEGGY UDELL'S MARRIAGE

Dismisses Her Husband's Suit and Falls to Find Any Sufficient Ground to Sever the Tie.

Judge Wickes, in Efton, Md., on Friday, filed an order dismissing the suit of John W. Montgomery, of Bellefonte and New York, for an annulment of his marriage to Miss Peggy Udell, of Milwaukee, a chorus girl, and ordering Montgomery to pay all costs. The Judge said that the heedless escapade of the people from Philadelphia on that wild night in January was fraught with serious results that, though contracted lightly and hastily, cannot be dissolved except for all sufficient causes.

"It is too solemn a state and too essential to the morals and well-being of society to be otherwise regarded," said Judge Wickes. "The witnesses were numerous and the record voluminous and the testimony conflicting, as is usual in vigorously fought cases." He added that there was no doubt that Montgomery had been drinking and that he was to an extent under the influence of liquor, but to what extent was not so certain. Taking all the testimony into consideration, he said, it failed to show by clear, distinct and satisfactory proof that he was so intoxicated at the time the marriage ceremony was performed that he was deprived of all reasonable comprehension of what he was doing.

Montgomery denied the consummation of the marriage with his wife, but admitted he was sober after they arrived in Philadelphia, and on the evening of January 28, on each of which dates he was admitted to her room in a Philadelphia hotel, after the hotel attendants were satisfied they were married. No hostility had developed between them and they met with affectionate embraces, the Judge said.

Back from 600-Mile Trip.

A party of autoists, composed of Mr. and Mrs. D. Sparr Wert and children, of Aaronburg, and Miss Orpha Fleisher, of Colyer, sister of Mrs. Wert, returned last Friday from a ten-day pleasure trip by automobile, having carried with them a complete camp outfit, "roughing" it in regular camp fashion, stopping wherever night overtook them. They left home, going by way of Lock Haven, and camped the first night in the mountains between Lock Haven and Coudersport at a state camping ground. From there they continued on by way of Port Allegheny, Smethport, Bradford, and stopped at Buffalo, N. Y., with Mr. and Mrs. William Fleisher. They accompanied the party to Niagara Falls, taking in all the principal sights, including Crystal Beach and Toronto, on the Canadian side. On the return they came by way of Jamestown to Youngsville where they visited relatives; then by way of Oil City, Clarion, Brookville, DuBois, Clearfield, Phillipsburg, Bellefonte and home. The trip was made in Mr. Wert's Overland car. The distance covered was over 600 miles, and no trouble was experienced on the journey.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. William Decker, of Montgomery, entertained at a delightful luncheon in honor of her daughter, Bernice, it being her birthday anniversary. On this occasion the engagement of Miss Bernice to the Rev. William M. Taylor, of Lewisburg, was announced. Mr. Taylor has recently returned from abroad and assumed his first pastorate at the Beaver Memorial church, Lewisburg. The house was beautifully decorated in a profusion of pink roses and smilax.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Madison, So. Dakota.
July 22, 1922.

Centre Hall Reporter:

If you will report to us the amount due for our subscription we will remit at once. D. J. is looking fine and is well and happy over a prosperous business. The tuner and he are out on business today. Weather fine; crops great in South Dakota. I am sending a dally with their own writeup. Mitterling likes to get his Centre Hall Reporter. Kindly yours,

MRS. D. J. MITTERLING.

The following appeared in the Madison (South Dakota) Daily Ledger and supports the expression given above:

"At least one line of business in this city seems to be improving. If late sales are any indication of such a welcome condition, D. J. Mitterling, of the Mitterling piano house, Center St. E., is quite jubilant over the fact that within the past three weeks he has placed in various homes, churches, etc., nine of his standard pianos. Pianos are in demand, especially where there are growing children to educate through school courses and training in music."

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Rev. M. C. Drumm began a month's vacation on Monday.

John Wert, of near Tusseyville, has been seriously ill for the past week.

Bellefonte's Chautauqua is on this week, with an especially fine program. Season tickets cost \$3.00.

Benjamin H. Emerick is learning to operate a new Chevrolet touring car which he recently purchased.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Homan, east of Centre Hall, Thursday morning of last week.

Have you thought about it? The Grange Encampment and Fair opens in four weeks from the coming Saturday.

Mrs. F. P. Geary and daughter, Miss Agnes, are enjoying a few weeks at Central Oak Heights, the Evangelical grounds, near West Milton.

Charles H. Campbell, a Phillipsburg business man, sold his store and store building to Harry W. Mattern, and with his family will locate at State College.

Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Elk Lick, was the guest of Squire and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart for a few days last week. He came to attend the Lutheran reunion in Georges Valley.

Threshermen in Mifflin county are charging four cents for threshing wheat and oats. Yields of wheat are running from sixteen to twenty-five bushels per acre.

Miss Mary Evans, of Muncy, visited at the homes of Mrs. Ellen Miller and W. W. McCormick, at Potters Mills. She also visited relatives at State College and Bellefonte.

Misses Edna and Eva Bailey, daughters of autoists, composed of Mrs. W. Vernon Godshall, who are summering with their parents in Centre Hall, will spend the month of August in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. John Stuart, of State College, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Stuart, of Texas, and the latter's son, last week visited Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, in Centre Hall.

The permit book for the Lewis-town fair, quite elaborate in its announcements and advertisements, is out. The fair dates are August 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, day and night.

C. H. Bressler, of Penn township, purchased the D. L. Zerby home in Millheim, from Thomas R. Buck, the administrator of the estate. The consideration has not been divulged.

The county commissioners are offering a reward of \$500 for information that will lead to the arrest of the murderer of George M. Marks, of Taylor township. The murder occurred June 14 of last year.

The Glenn Sanatorium, at State College, was recently sold to a fraternity and will be used for a fraternity home. The price paid was \$25,000, without the equipment, which is just two and one-half times that paid to David F. Kapp.

The early sown oats throughout Penns Valley is being cut this week. The crop, generally speaking, is an unusually fine one. The stalks stand up well and there is much talk among farmers how heavy the individual stalks are loaded with grain.

C. H. Breon purchased three bulldozers in Gramley's addition, in Millheim, next to S. M. Breon's new home, from S. W. Gramley. Workmen have already started to excavate for a cellar for a new house which Mr. Breon expects to occupy in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillett and little daughter, of Saint Louis, Missouri, arrived in Centre Hall Wednesday afternoon of last week, from a southern summer resort where they spent a week or more. About twenty years ago Mr. Dillett was a boy in Centre Hall, living with his father, W. W. Dillett, opposite the school house. He is now connected with the Telegraph and Signal Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and is located as above indicated. Mrs. Dillett and little daughter will remain in Centre Hall for several weeks.

A rather remarkable herd of Holsteins is being bred from a single cow owned by Charles S. Smith, on the south side of Potter township. Five years ago he purchased a Holstein cow, almost white in color, at the Luther Royer sale. This cow since then dropped five calves, four of which are heifers. The heifers dropped four calves, all of them heifers. This makes a total of nine calves, all heifers except one, daughters and granddaughters of the original dam. They are almost pure white and are now all in the possession of Mr. Smith.