Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-Yes, we are of the opinion that spring has arrived for keeps. -Throughout the world only one per-

son in a hundred lives to the age of sixtv-five years. -Take the brandy and soda from him

and about all the English left in the English will be gone.

-BIGELOW has gone. FOSTER has gone, but the thing the highway department most needs to rid itself of is BIGE-Lowism.

-The drouth is becoming serious in the county. The grain and the grass both need warm rains and some farmers are hauling water.

-Centre county farmers were sowing clover seed Tuesday morning, but the expected rain that started many of them at it, failed to materialize.

-Don't forget that we are in need of have always with you and we're them claquers we take pleasure in republishwith the word very hanging on in front.

-The Hon GIF. PINCHOT doesn't seem to have been any more acceptable to the Germans than he was to Pennsylvanians. outsider everywhere.

sights for the sore-eyed calamity howler. Both are booming so loud that we can almost imagine them batteries of fortytwo centimeter guns charged with money.

-LARRY EYRE probably knew that there would be a vacancy on the bench of his county in the near future when he option army.

-Now it appears that about all JESS WILLARD got for lickin' JACK JOHNSON was the glory. He was to have had twenty-five per cent. of the net receipts. after JOHNSON got his thirty thousand, but like the little boy's apple that had no core for the other boy, there was no net.

-Dr. DIXON'S weekly health talk deals courage of them. with headaches and he finds a thousand MORSE



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Dope for Pinheads.

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The pinheads who have no ideas of their own, nor courage to stand long behind those they have absorbed, are invariable noisiest about things they are utterly unable to comprehend. Frequently we hear their shallow condemnation of people and papers with opinions contrary to those of the stars that the pinhead

gets a little light from. Really it is a matter scarcely worth noticing, but since the Johnstown Democrat has evidently found it timely to pass money. Don't forget that the poor ye up a little information to this class of ing our esteemed contemporary's com-

ment on their criticisms. To be fully understood you should know that Col. WARREN WORTH BAILEY, editor of the GIF. is evidently looked upon as a rank Democrat, is the Member of Congress from the Nineteenth Pennsylvania district, is a chief among Reorganizers, ran -State College and Pleasant Gap are Mr. BRYAN'S name "for President' at the head of his editoral page every day for

four long years and is one of the most intelligent supporters of President WIL-SON in Congress. He says:

The Democrat is criticised because it does not agree with President WILSON and Secretary BRYAN on the subject of prohibition and its party faith is questionof his county in the near future when he offered his services to Governor BRUM- not feel itself bound to agree with the BAUGH as Generalissimo of the local President and his premier on everything. It does not regard itself under any moral or other compulsion to accept their views on any question unless those views appeal in themselves to its judgment.

They are clearly entitled to accept the prohibition doctrine if that doctrine satisfies them. But their acceptance of it imposes no obligation on this paper any more than their acceptance of Presbyterianism imposes an obligation on the *Democrat* to accept the doctrines of John Calvin. This paper is in the habit of having opinions of its own and also the

It seems to us that anyone with the and one causes for them. But among brains of a fishing worm should see that them all he never even refers to that if there is to be no honest criticism of popular and widely known variety that the President we would have an absolute BILLY BAXTER once told us was always a monarchy instead of a republican form forerunner of a visit from old Col. R. E. of government. If the loyalty of a Democrat or a Republican or any other party

-Fanatical local optionists are said to man is to be questioned because of an ing trout that will not bite at the bait of party officials, and all are to be mere

Our Weekly Summary of Legislative Activities.

Feeling that the people of Centre county have a personal interest in what is being done by the Legislators at Harrisburg and that laws that may affect the future of every individual more directly than ever before are under consideration now and may be written into the statutes of the Commonwealth, the WATCHMAN has arranged to publish a weekly summary of what has been done at Harrisburg. It is not the purpose to go into detail of the various Acts proposed and furnish you with a burdensome account of them. Merely to set them, and whatever else is deemed of interest to the people of this community, before you in a general, unbiased statement that will keep you informed of the progress that is being made. The contributor of this Summary is one of the most capable and best informed of Harrisburg's newspaper men and the WATCHMAN has been very fortunate in enlisting his service for this work .--- ED.

HARRISBURG, PA., April 7, 1915.

Public interest has, of course, centered on the local option question, this week, and little else has been talked about in the corridors of the capitol. The Governor's methods have been denounced and commended with equal vigor and enthusiasm but the Governor has had "the right of way" thus far. "It's a new method of legislation," remarked one of the most distinguished lawyers of the State this morning, "but in accord with the trend of events. Every modern attack is by storm." Just the same conservative men are made anxious by such incidents as the Governor's campaign. The substitution of force for reason involves grave danger. The proper process of legislation is deliberative rather than emotional.

During the past week everything has been leading up to the Governor's local option demonstration, which was held yesterday. Whether it was a success or not depends upon the point of view. The local option committee estimated that there would be 70,000 or 80,000 participants. As a matter of fact there were about 10,000 in attendance. But it was easily the greatest demonstration of the kind ever pulled off in this city. The street parade was imposing and the meetings were large and enthusiastic. At the hearing before the Committee in the afternoon, the advocates of the measure practically monopolized the proceedings. That is to say they occupied all the space and were hardly courteous to their opponents, though the committee was absolutely fair.

But the fight is not over. The committee will report the bill with a favorable recommendation and the action will be transferred from the committee room to the floor of the House. And it won't be a sham battle at that. The opponents of the measure are as confident this morning as they have been at any time. Representative KITTS, of Erie, said this morning "to win a law suit you must have evidence. To pass a bill in the Legislature it is necessary to have votes. Well the Governor hasn't the votes and can't get them." The Governor's friends view the situation from a different angle, however, and are equally confident that the bill will pass. It is an involved problem for future solution.

The Governor narrowly escaped a severe bump yesterday and was saved by Senator McNICHOL, of Philadelphia. The child labor bill was under consideration be demanding that Fish Commissioner honest difference of opinion with that of on second reading. BALDWIN, of Delaware county, who has been nursing a grouch BULLER turn his attention to propogat. some one or the other of his respective since BRUMBAUGH intervened against him in the Speakership contest, offered an amendment increasing the number of hours of employment for a week from fiftyone to fifty-four and eliminating or altering other vital points in the bill. BALD-WIN is the acknowledged vehicle of the PENROSE machine in the House. He is keen, industrious and experienced in legislation and had actually framed up a victory over the Governor. But McNICHOL interfered and the Governor won. It may be safely said that the Philadelphia contractor boss Senator was not influenced to this course by love for the Governor. On the contrary I have the best authority for saying that there is an enmity between them that is irreconcilable. Not only that but MCNICHOL intends, before the session is over, to hand BRUMBAUGH one that will make the blow JESS WILLARD delivered to JACK JOHN-SON in the twenty-sixth round, the other day, look like a "love tap." But the party is pledged to child labor legislation and PENROSE has determined that party pledges shall be fulfilled. BRUMBAUGH has undertaken to interpret the purposes on this subject. It is a dangerous and delicate question and the more experienced politicians are willing to shift the responsibility. Of course this doesn't mean that the bill will become a law in the exact form that the Governor has given it. A month ago it was impossible to find a Legislator opposed to the bill. Two weeks ago the indications pointed to a feeble opposition. Last week there was a rumble of dissatisfaction with the provisions of the measure and yesterday BALDWIN's attempt to crucify it would have succeeded if MCNICHOL had not intervened in its behalf. Even with MCNICHOL's support it failed of a constitutional majority, which will be necessary on final passage, and there were ninety-three negative votes cast. When the firing lines are laid in the Senate the opposition may prove sufficient to emasculate it or defeat it entirely. It is an interesting situation. Representative HABGOOD, of McKean county, created a sensation in the House on Monday evening when he attacked the Governor for vetoing the bill appropriating funds to pay certain country newspapers for advertising the constitutional amendments during 1912, 1913 and 1914. The bill appropriated \$46,040.80, upon the estimate of the Auditor General. Since the passage of the measure the Auditor General informed the Governor that the amount is inadequate. For that reason the Governor vetoed it. Mr. HABGOOD declared that in numerous other cases His Excellency had recalled bills, under similar circumstances, and that his failure to do so in this case was discourteous to the Legislature and unjust to the newspapers. The vote to override the veto was 103, but insufficient. The bill for the repeal of the Full Crew law was reported out of the Committee of the House vesterday with a favorable recommendation but the representatives of the railroad trainmen who are here looking after their interests express confidence in the defeat of it in the House. It might have been defeated in committee, they say, but that was deemed inexpedient for the reason that Mr. BALD-WIN. sponser for the measure would have got it on the calendar anyhow and they preferred the open fight. Meantime the railroad lobby has already renewed its campaign in the newspapers and will exhaust every resource to compass the passage of the bill. No body can speak with certainty upon the subject, of course, but at present the signs are that it will be defeated. The legislative mill has been grinding some during the last two weeks and the grist is beginning to show. Thus far during the session seventy-eight bills have passed both Houses and gone to the Governor. Of this number twenty-five have been signed, eleven vetoed and eleven recalled for alteration or correction. Of the bills signed two are appropriations in one of which which there is little public interest. Of the measures vetoed, it may be remarked, that none of them is important to the party machine except the newspaper advertising bill. In other words the Governor is not entirely unmindful of the favor of the machine and while he enjoys being called a courageous independent he takes good care that his independence is not too offensive to the bosses. But whisper! There is going to be a break. The signs are everywhere. It is in the atmosphere and is felt in committee rooms and on the floors of the legislative chambers. The Governor meant to smash the machine in the hope that the action would advance him in his ambition for the Presidency. He intended to do the WOODROW WILSON act and hasn't entirely abandoned the plan yet. But he isn't of the WOODROW WILSON calibre and his bluff has been called. Besides that there is a difference between BOIES PENROSE and IIM SMITH. The Governor has "hauled in his horns" to some extent, but the BRUMBAUGH ambition is still work- State BRYAN to send him one of those

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The legality of the Johnstown poletax ordiance is to be tested in the courts in the near future. A rule has been returned and answers filed. -DuBois had two bad fires within an hour on Saturday night. A large barn was completely

destroyed with all the contents and a home valued at \$1,000 was burned to the ground.

-Farnk Logan, of Shepherdstown, Pa., rolled into a lime kiln near Lemoyne Saturday night and was burned to death I ogan had been visit. ing friends and is supposed to have lain down for a nap.

-Bertha Anderson, aged 19, a resident of Grampian, Clearfield county, committed suicide by drinking a quantity of lye. She was mentally unsound and made an effort to kill herself some time ago by swallowing poison.

-John Bowser, a farmer near Scottdale, Westmoreland county, is said to be the owner of a chicken which has elongated ears-ears which stick up from the side of the fowl's head, like the cropped or pointed ears of a dog.

-An aged married couple, both of whom are fortresses. Petrograd announces that foreigners, have been making their home at a coke oven plant in Westmoreland county for Ossowetz. This is the first news that some days. They sleep in an empty coke oven that Russian stronghold in northern Po- at night and seem to be perfectly happy.

land had been besieged, although there -In making rules for the government of the have been frequent reports of the per-sistent attack upon it from the north. In new high school in Lock Haven the directors have decided that the pupils may have one dance each school month under direction of the principal. The dancing must cease at 11 o'clock.

-Professor W. G. Thom, principal of a large ousiness college in DuBois, is dead after an ill ness of less than a week, at the age of 45. An automobile accident in which he was injured last summer, is believed to have caused his death.

Advices by way of Italy represent the Austrians as entirely confident that their -Daughtery Bros. drug store at Indiana, into great naval base at Pola, on the Adriatic, which two Pennsylvania railroad engines and an auto truck had bumped, was the scene a few The Germans are said to be reassuring evenings ago of an attempted burglary. Late the Turks above the Dardanelles and the passersby gave chase, but the man proved too Bosphorus and other defences of Conmuch of a sprinter to be caught.

-The country home of Mrs. David Gingery, stantinople, declaring that the Turkish capital is impregnable. They are also quoted as affirming the absolute security an incendiary fire, with all its contents. The of other German fortresses, not excepting large barn was also cosumed, with last year's those which they took so easily from the Belgians and the French. crops. The house was unoccupied during the winter, the family being in Pittsburgh. But the one thing in sight that really

-A twelve year-old son of W. H. Weaver, of Lock Haven, built a bonfire in the yard at his home recently and threw a cartridge into it. It exploded and hit him in the face, causing a laceration which required six stitches to close. This lad will probably not fool with cartridges again.

-The school directors of Falls Creek, Clearfield county, have dismissed Miss Orvetta Pifer, one of the teachers of the schools, because she fed soap to several of her pupils by way of punishment. Perhaps she merely washed their mouths, as some of the old-fashioned mothers used to do.

-A \$74,000 verdict against the Pennsylvania railroad, won by the Puritan, Coal Co., of Cambria county, for discrimination in supplying cars, was affirmed by the United States supreme court sitting at Washington Monday. The railroad contended complaints had been made to the interstate commerce commission.

-Five people who went over a bank at the Loyalsock creek bridge near Montoursville, were increase rates. A sufficient answer would spilled from their auto into the icy waters and escaped without fatal injuries, cannot understand how it happened thus. The auto turned to embarrass the government, it would be contrary to public policy to increase no other damage but a broken wind shield.

> -The Consolidated Coal company, reported to have received a large order for coal from the Italian government recently, is opening a new mine at the Shaw Mines settlement in Somerset county, which will tap one of the richest deposits of coal to be found in the State. A number of

Republicans who bore the heat and houses will be erected in that vicinity in the near

How Some Railroad Income is Used.

cussedness of Mexico.

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"Impregnable."

The war news suggests the "calm be-fore the storm." It deals mainly with

the Germans had raised the siege of

fact the Russians have never admitted

that Ossowetz was surrounded or regu-

larly besieged and have made light of

the long range artillery bombardment to which it has been subjected.

The French are bragging about im-

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

pregnable Verdun.

is impregnable.

From the Chicago Public.

That the railroads worked against a change in railway mail pay legislation during the recent session of Congress is the charge made by Postmaster General Burleson. Mr. Burleson undoubtedly has good authority for the statement. The railroads succeeded not only in preventing any change in the present unscientific method of fixing compensation for carry-ing the mails, but defeated the entire postoffice appropriation. Work of that kind is expensive. Now the railroads are putting up a poverty plea before the interstate commerce commission and some of the State publicity utility commissions, claiming big expenses and in-sufficient income, and asking power to be that since they are using their present incomes to defeat necessary reforms and their income that they may have more to spend for such purposes.

A Chastened Bull Moose.

3 month From the Springfield Republican. of saving ne kej from the Progressive assault in 1912 have been aware for some time that Colonel Roosevelt is in chastened mood and disterms. Senator Lodge, who has been most careful to keep on good terms with his friend, recently conferred with the Colonel in New York. Mr. Lodge describes the ex-President as ready to support almost any candidate nominated by the Republicans against Mr. Wilson in 1916. Mr. Lodge is firmly convinced that Mr. Roosevelt will not be a candidate for any nomination.

a fisherman who has a bottle in his pock- marionettes, puppets on a string, we et. Shades of the days when a little "snake bite" was as essential as an angle ernment on the face of the earth. worm rise up to encourage us if we have to resort to grape juice to "change our luck."

strides in percentage of school attend- at their hands. ance, home ownership, church membership and literacy. All of which are very creditable achievements for the black people.

it quick.

-Of course we were all glad to see Many a white champion has seen his title wrested from him with far less grace and with all the other faults that the nelast championship fight honorably, displayed amazing courage and accepted his defeat in a mighty manly manner. Really, L'il ARTHUR was more of a hero in defeat than he was in victory.

pondent at Rebersburg is some alliteraknowledge our very worthy purveyor of the local gossip says. "He knows more about fruit trees than all the pedigreed, pomological peregrinators in the world." There's some class to "pedigreed, pomological peregrinators" and we fancy that the WATCHMAN has uncovered a phrase coiner who will be well worth watching.

-If country newspapers published all the stuff that the various Allied this and for local news whatever. Then every will edit no longer.

would soon have the most corrupt gov-

-The New Jersev Public Service Commission forbids the increase of fare

to commuters. Those fellows haven't -The negro population in the United been trained. The Pennsylvania Public States increased at the rate of 11.2 per Service Commission would eat off the cent. during the last decade, while the cowcatcher of a limited train in motion whites increased at the rate of 22.3 per if the president of the Pennsylvania railcent. The negroes made very rapid road required such a hazardous service

> A Fight that Would be Enjoyed. Mr. JOSEPH R. GRUNDY, president of

the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' associa--What we need more than anything tion, and Republican boss in Bucks counelse right now is money. In fact we ty is " 'lectioneerin' fer a lickin'", manineed it so badly that we unblushingly festly. In an address before the House make this public appeal to our readers committee on Manufactures, at Harristo send us some. Won't those of you burg, the other day, he cast reflections who are in arrears organize a regular upon the sincerity of Governor BRUM-April shower for the benefit of the BAUGH in relation to pending child labor WATCHMAN. If it doesn't suit to send legislation. Since that he has addressall you owe send what you can and send ed an open letter to the chairmen of the

Senate and House committees in which he openly asperses the Governor. Obvihim licked, but the spirit of the true ously his purpose is to provoke the Govsportsman was stirred in admiration of ernor into a personal controversy and if the way JACK JOHNSON went to defeat. he succeeds it is not hard to guess the result. The Governor will paralyze him. Mr. GRUNDY is one of those "scurvy politicians" who believe that political gro may be charged with he fought his platforms are made to deceive the people. He was a member of the Republican State committee that made the platform upon which BRUMBAUGH was elected and pledged the party to effective child labor legislation. Dr. BRUMBAUGH

had previously indicated the kind of -Certainly the WATCHMAN's corres- child labor legislation he would demand and the platform inferentially accepted tor. In speaking of a very well known his draft. But since the election GRUNgentleman of that community who is DY wants to treat the matter as a joke credited with having some horticultural and because BRUMBAUGH doesn't quietly drop into line with his views. he has declared war. If the issue is carried to its logical conclusion GRUNDY will know more in the end, but he won't look as well.

Still we hope the nagging of this machine politician will provoke BRUMBAUGH to a retort in kind. It would be a pleas-

ant thing for the public to contemplate GRUNDY after a scrimmage with BRUM-Allied thats are requesting them to pub- BAUGH. He might retain his self-conceit lish nowadays they would have no room but even that would be badly battered and it is certain that his power to fool Department of the State government the people would be ended forever. The sends us a weekly flood of information Governor is a mental athlete and his for citizens that is really an exploitation greater experience in educational affairs of the head of the respective department. and literary achievements would give him The State seems to want everything for an immense advantage. And those who nothing and is on record as having told know GRUNDY would so like to see him us that it was wrong to give the rail done up completely. For years he has roads publicity in exchange for transpor- not only been a nuisance but a menace to tation. Verily, after while, the editor political morals and such an encounter would finish him.

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The Figures Speak.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Those six iron and steel companies in the Pittsburgh district that are planning to expend \$10,000,000 in the enlargement and improvement of their plants must have greater faith in the future of their industry under a Democratic tariff than Penrose has. Likewise it may Senator he said that they also know a great deal more about their line of business than the Senator does. His stronghold is platifirm grip on details. That \$10,000,000 embezzlement brought by the Prudential Insurspeaks louder than a million speeches of tariff buncombe.

High Prices in Mexico.

From the Mexican Herald. Since the shortage of flour has been so

acute in the city there has been a run on keepers formerly paid 60 cents, and felt the Pennsylvania Railroad company discontin \$10 to \$20 a box.

Not Worth a Post-Mortem. From the Springfield Republica

Senator Poindexter, of Washington, is as a regular Republican. What is it that is killing the Progressive party?

Should Try Big Stick Diplomacy.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Secretary Bryan should begin feeding Carranza stronger medicine. The whis-kered head of the Carranzistas is now complaining that too much of his time is occupied in American diplomatic correspondence.

No Extra Session in His'n.

From the New York Tribune. Senator Hoke Smith's embargo outbreak ought to increase President Wil-son's satisfaction that he no longer has Congress on his hands.

-If King GEORGE is really in earnest total abstinence pledges to sign.

-While Miss Blanche Wilson, aged 22, was

cleaning and pressing a dress Monday, fumes from the gasoline were ignited by a gas jet, causposed to come back to the old fold. Nor ing an explosion which blew the windows out is he any longer talking about dictating of the house and set fire to her clothing. Her father, B. F. Wilson, rushed up from the cellar and in trying to save her was badly injured. Miss Wilson died the same night.

-Judge Bell, of Clearfield county, has decided. in accordance with a mandate of the supreme court in a similar case, that Dr. Kalbfus cannot be made pay the costs in a recent case against an alleged deer killer, said costs having been imposed on him by the jury. But the court inti mates that Clearfield county may put up a defense and the chances are that the costs, amounting to about \$800, will never be paid.

-The house of Rev. I. V. Kudirka, pastor of Lituanian church at Kingston, was dynamited shortly after 9 o'clock Monday night. The charge tore away the front of the building, but failed to injure the priest, who sat in his study but ten feet away. Seven letters demanding money have been received by the priest during the past month, but he has ignored them. The state constabulary are searching for the dynamit ers.

-M. Huff was held for court by a local justice tudes and partisan appeals rather than a at Lewistown on Tuesday to answer a charge of ance company. Huff was the company agent a Reedsville and is charged with absconding with \$500, one year ago. He was later located near Jacksonville, Fla., where he had invested in an orange grove. Jesse Port of Huntingdon, returned the prisoner, the Insurance company paving all travelling expenses.

-The Pennsylvania Railroad company has every kind of crackers, both of local and sold to Blair Seeds and Bernard Gross of Cresimported brands. Soda crackers are to son about 30 acres of land that was formerly a be found in very few stores today, and portion of its Mountain house property there, the sell at \$10 for a square tin box, even for consideration being in the neighborhood of \$12,the local product. The 10-cent boxes of 000. Years ago this was one of the favorite resea foam or saltines, for which house- creation spots in the Allegheny mountains, but very much abused, now are held at \$2.50 the hotel after the opening of the Bedford Springs in a few stores where they still have a resort. It is the intention of the new owners to few boxes in stock. English sweet and cut the plot into building lots and to make an fancy crackers and biscuit sell for from effort to have the entire section annexed to Cresson borough

-With the arrest of Clyde Meese, of Kane, by Game Warden Hilton, eleven men have been apprehended for alleged complicity in bounty swindling. Two prisoners were released on \$500 bail. It is expected that ten more arrests will be the only Progressive in the United States made. The prisoners, it is alleged, engaged in a Senate, and even he admits that he is combine to swindle McKean, Warren, lefferson contemplating a candidacy for re-election and Forest counties out of bounties for pelts by procuring them from outside the State. The loss to the counties through the machinations of the combine is estimated at \$10,000 or about 80 per cent, of the amount paid out by the county comoners in bounties in the past year. It is alleged the pelts were purchased outside Pennsylvania and sold for the bounty to commissioners. Game Wardens Hilton and Kelly uncovered the alleged combine.

-Charles Norwell, a miner at Oneida, on Monday received \$100 in new United States Treasury notes in return for currency of that amount almost entirely destroyed in a bonfire at Sheppton while his boarding mistress, Mrs. Mary Dade, was burning rubbish after cleaning house. Norwell had the money tied up in a newspaper in his room, where it lay on a chair. Mrs. Dade swept out the little package with some other things and deposited them on a fire in the yard, where the bills were so badly burned before the discovery was made that only the numbers were distinguishable. Norwell took the partly in the matter he will ask Secretary of charred bills to the office of United States Commissoner Williard Hill who sent them to Wash ington, where the charred paper was redeemed at its full value.