INK SLINGS.

-Local option has been lost in the Pennsylvania Assembly. It was defeated on Wednesday by a vote of 128 to 78.

-So far as weather making is concerned we know that last Sunday was God's handiwork, but it was also one of His masterpieces.

-Old Home Week should bring thousands of Centre countains back to their native heath from all parts of the country. It will if the invitation is made insistently enough.

-Chances of being struck by lightning are said to be four times as great in the country as they are in a city. The man for Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER, that chances of surviving the shock are the same in both places.

--- Unless something of a drastic that he wants to make sure, "before he character is invoked in the near future takes himself out of politics," that Pennto check the rising tide of industry and sylvania will be for the renomination of commerce the Republican party will have President WILSON next year. This is

-A camera small enough to be first place it refutes, confutes and conswallowed, to photograph the interior of founds that cynical interpretation of lanthe stomach, has been invented by a guage which declared that "gratitude is Danish surgeon. What next, will suffer. an appreciation of favors expected." Mr. ing humanity have to endure in order to PALMER expects no further favors from accommodate science?

-Begin to get ready now for "Old to a life office of dignity and affluence Home Week." Write your friends, and most of his friends have been prowherever they may be, that your latch string will be hanging out and that there | type. will be plenty doing to make them all have the time of their lives.

-At a base-ball game at Sing Sing prison last week the prisoners won principally through their expertness at stealing bases. When it comes to purloining things we should imagine that inmates of such an institution would have it all over most any class of opponents.

-The ups and downs in Mexico are indeed many. VILLA is apparently on the toboggan now. His army has recently been defeated with a loss of six in his tariff, financial and social problems. thousand men and the inevitable is following: He is threatened with desertions ing his first campaign for election and on all sides. The Mexicans are the boys Democrats ask no more than that who set the example for the rats that flee a sinking ship.

-The more articles our law makers Pennsylvania Democrats are for him find to fasten taxes on the nearer they again. If anybody has informed him are bringing us to the day when a taxe dotherwise he has deceived him. poor public will be clamoring for direct taxation. It is ridiculous, some of the promote President WILSON'S political esthings the State now proposes to tax and tate in Pennsylvania by taking himself unless there is an end made soon to the out of politics at once. There is no opgrowing evil there is certain to be a pub- position to his nomination either here or lic revolt that will revolutionize the tax elsewhere and a united and harmonious

-A German band enlivened the streets | electoral vote of Pennsylvania in the genof Bellefonte on Wednesday and while eral election of next year. But there can there were a great many persons curious be no united and harmonious party in to know why they were not at home Pennsylvania while Mr. PALMER continfighting for the fatherland they didn't ues his policy of reprisals and his camseem to be worrying about the matter at paigns of spite and hate. In 1912 the all and played "It's a Long Way to Tip- electoral vote of Pennsylvania would perary" without any more discord than have gone to WILSON except for the inwas noted in their rendition of "Wacht competency of the Democratic managedem Rhine"

-The real news of the week has been coming out of Syracuse. There Republican Boss Barnes, of New York State, is pressing his suit for libel against THEO. and poll its full strength. DORE ROOSEVELT and what they are telling about one another is plenty. Both the litigants are politicians and both have gone the limit in playing the game. Our sympathies are with BARNES for he, done nothing better than his veto of the at least, is not a hypocrite.

-The mayor, the sheriff, the judges the director of public works and about every other official of any consequence in Terre Haute, Ind., six months ago is now in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, for election frauds. Judged from the standing and number of the culprits it looks as though social functions in Terre Haute will have to be called off until some of the notables get out of

-Governor BRUMBAUGH has lost his fight for local option, but he fulfilled his pre-election promises to do everything in his power to bring about favorable action on the issue. He went further than some of us think a Governor should go in his endeavor to get votes for the measure, but be that as it may the results show that those who favor local option must vote for it when the opportunity presents itself. The time to insure the success of this matter is when we are electing Members of the Assembly, not after they have been chosen.

-The majority of sixty-seven votes game department officials prepared a bill with which the full crew law repealer providing by the increase of salaries for finally passed the House, on Monday, those already in commission and the was a great surprise. While both sides creation of new offices, for the payment to the controversy had made claims of of \$300,000 in salaries every two years. ultimate success, among the railroad The Governor promptly and properly officials themselves there was doubt as vetoed this iniquity, for the reason, as he to what the outcome really would be. stated, that it is not just to levy a special While the WATCHMAN has not entered tax upon the hunters of the State for into a discussion of the merits of this such a purpose. And he was exactly and case it will be glad to see the repealer everlastingly right. pass the Senate and be signed by the Governor, for the reason that we believe objection to contributing to a fund to that there is entirely too much legisla- propagate and protect game and fish. tion, both State and Federal, regulating They get ample recompense in the sport business. The burdens upon business of hunting and fishing. But they do obenterprise that are imposed by the ject most strenuously to a tax for the numerous reports that now have to be purpose of providing fat salaries for made to both the State and Federal gov- officials who may be efficient or otherernments are becoming almost intoler- wise but are generously paid for their able and when added to these is a dis- services under existing law. The imposition to legislate compulsory methods plied rebuke to the Legislature for passfor carrying on business in its every de- ing such a bill ought to have a wholetail the initiative in business is lost and some influence. it is burdened with entirely unwarranted

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the President. He has been appointed

vided for. His gratitude is of a better

But there is no necessity for Mr. PAL-

MER to delay his entrance upon the Fed-

eral bench for the reason stated. Every

Democrat in Pennsylvania favors the

renomination and re-election of Woop-

ROW WILSON in 1916 and the delegation

which represents the State in the next

National Convention will vote for him

regardless of Mr. PALMER'S wishes in the

premises. Pennsylvania Democrats are

a unit in support of his Mexican policy,

unanimous in approval of his foreign

policy and cordial in agreement with him

He has fulfilled every promise made dur-

from any public official. Because he has

made such a record in his first term

As a matter of fact Mr. PALMER would

party in Pennsylvania might give him the

ment of the campaign. In 1916 it will

be lost to him for the same reason unless

Mr. PALMER takes himself out of politics

and permits the party to get together

Good Use of the Veto Power.

In his very frequent exercise of the

veto power Governor BRUMBAUGH has

bill increasing the expenses of adminis-

tering the game department from \$97,-

400 for two years, to upward of \$300,000.

No more mischievous piece of legislation

has been enacted in recent years. It had

no merit in any direction. It simply

legalized the looting of the treasury for

the benefit of a group of hungry political

pensioners, some of whom are burdened

When the resident hunters' license law

was pending in the Legislatures of 1911

and 1913, we predicted that its purpose

was to impose a tax upon hunters for the

benefit of favorites in the employ of the

department. This result was to be

achieved under the false pretense that half

the money acquired should be appropri-

ated to the progagation of game and the

other half to the payment of bounties for

the destruction of noxious animals and

birds. The department officials inter-

preted this to mean \$300,000 for salaries

Under the license law \$600,000 have been

collected during the two years since it

went into operation. Accordingly the

The hunters of Pennsylvania have no

of game protectors and wardens

with shady reputations.

BELLEFONTE, PA. APRIL 23, 1915.

Pennsylvania and the Presidency.

We learn through the medium of our esteemed Republican contemporary, the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which has assumed or usurped the office of spokes-Mr. PALMER will not enter upon his judicial service for the present for the reason no issue for the campaign of next year. gratifying for various reasons. In the tunate in enlisting his service for this work .- ED. HARRISBURG, Pa., April 21, 1915.

The local option bill was defeated in the House of Representatives, this afternoon, by a vote of 128 nays to 78 ayes. Every member of the body was present, a rare circumstance, one declining to vote. The event had been widely advertised and brought a vast crowd to the capitol. It had been arranged that the bill would ers were frequently applauded and some of them were forceful and really elo-

The consideration of this measure has developed new methods, not to say solemnly pledged himself to local option and believes that the people have a right to such legislation as they want. So they have but the expedients invoked by the

popular confidence in Governor BRUMBAUGH. That was a deliberate scheme to loot the treasury for the benefit of a few political favorites. It created a number of snug berths for party henchmen and vastly increased the salaries of a few "nature fakirs" who imagine that they are divinely appointed game protectors. Another bill will be passed, of course, in order to put the money obtained from

read in the Senate last Thursday morning, Senator Crow, Chairman of the Republican State Committee was "Stunned." Nobody could say what it meant but everybody was ready with a conjecture. Anyway it created consternation. As has been indicated in this correspondence, there is a fight between the Governor All very simple. And all a proper sort of 000 was done. Starting from a defective and the machine impending but the machine has not been ready to take the initiative and the Governor doesn't have to. The recall was interpreted, by the machine leaders, as a declaration of war and they immediately took to the trench-

to use the patronage in his local option campaign. Of course nobody imagines that he intended to offer seven fat jobs for a bunch of votes. That would be "corrupt practice" under an interpretation of the courts. But it is believed that he was willing to have the impression current that he had the patronage in hand and votes for local option would incline him to a friendly interest in the welfare and ambitions of those who had votes to dispose of in bulk or otherwise. As a matter of fact hope for the passage of the local option bill jumped perceptibly when information of the recall spread about.

Outside of that there have been no shocks since my last letter and few surprises. The first page of the charity appropriation programe was exposed on Thursday when 238 bills carrying appropriations for hospitals and homes were reported from the House Committee. The Bellefonte hospital will get \$12,500. Like all other things appropriations go by favor. For example the Lock Haven hospital gets \$31,000, the Altoona hospital \$60,000 and the Reading hospital only \$30,000. The population of Altoona, according to the last census was 51,613 and that of Reading 96,071. But the people of Berks county never would vote to suit the Republican machine and State charity in Pennsylvania is measured on a partisan standard.

The search for new subjects of taxation or what amounts to the same thing, opportunities to increase the taxes on things already under levy, still continues. The other day the Governor, the "Joint Legislative Committee of the General Assembly" and the Chairmen of the two appropriation Committees, held a conference on this subject. As a result of this conference it is estimated that a new and increased tax on anthracite coal might yield \$4,500,000; a fifty per cent. increase on automobile licenses \$600,000; a tax on stock transfers, \$500,000 and shifting the expense of primary elections from the State to the county treasuries would save \$800,000, making a net gain of \$6,400,000. There was talk of a real estate tax and it may safely be predicted that unless the Republican machine is

The Legislature has been working industriously, if not assiduously, during the past week and the volume of laws is increasing notwithstanding the liberal use of the veto axe. On Thursday of last week the Governor approved the bill providing for the commitment to a new State institution persons addicted to the use of alcohol and drugs; requiring the posting of primary election returns as returns of general elections are posted; providing for payment of judgments, mortgages and other claims which are leins on property affected by public improvements or taken by the exercise of eminent domain; to quiet title to realty held or formerly held by corporations not authorized to do so and defining powers of

This week has been a "hummer" on the Hill. When the House met on Monday evening every member except one was in his seat and the chamber was charged with an atmosphere of industry. Soon after the session opened Mr. HABGOOD, of McKean, moved to amend the local option bill which was on second reading under agreement, by making the unit townships in the rural districts and wards in the cities and large boroughs. HABGOOD is more or less entranced by the music of his own throat and probably made the motion in order to make a speech. He made his speech and his amendment was voted down by something like 200 to three. After that incident the BALDWIN bill for the repeal of the Full Crew law was taken up as a special order. It was debated at length and with a good

abandon that purpose. "That hosses' eyes is sot," and the vote in the Senate will be more emphatic than that in the House. As a matter of fact the present Legislature is more completely under the domination of corporate and machine influences than any of its predecessors since 1905. The probable change in the personnel of the Public Service Commission, as giving promise of fair treatment in that body, promotes the prospect of prompt passage. In any event it is certain that the matter will be brought up to the Commission and the repeal may

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Walter Williams, of Lock Haven, who was injured in a fall from a motor cycle, died in the Lock Haven hospital, as a result of his injuries. He was 21 years old.

-At the recent special election in Clearfield the voters decided by a majority of 123 that the school directors of the town shall have authority to issue bonds for the erection of a new High

-An option has been secured on the John Neal farm, a short distance south of Indiana, for the encampment of the Second brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania, which is likely to be held there August 7-14.

-John Jones, 99 years old, the oldest resident of Oliver township, Jefferson county, died the other day. He was born within a few miles of the farm on which he died and lived in that immediate vicinity all his life

NO. 17.

PASS A LAW.

Are your neighbors very bad?
Pass a law!

Pass a law!

Are your wages awful low?

Are the prices much to high?

'Cause the turkeys all roost high?

When M. D. finds new diseases,

Got the mumps and enfermesis,

Measles, croup or "expertisis?

Lest we all should fly to pieces,

Close up all them places tight!

My! Our town is such a sight!

No matter what the trouble is

My! What are we going to do?

Almost anything ain't lawful,

And the judge is human, too!

Pass a law!

From the Johnstown Democrat.

Goodness sakes, but ain't it awful!

Why Not Tax Baby Carriages?

Why has the genius who is devising a

tax program for the present state administration overlooked the baby carriage,

the rolling pin, the knitting needle and

the garden rake? People must have such

such articles would follow out the policy

the common people, it is the common people who run most to baby carriages,

rakes. And, after all, what is the differ-

carriage and on a life insurance policy

or a savings bank account? If there is a

policy and the savings bank account are

the beauties of a tax on baby carriages!

It could be ordered that each one have

in taxing stoves as there is in taxing coal. The man who uses the stove or

who burns the coal would pay the tax.

If it is proper to soak the coal user, it is

tax on autos is a way of boosting the tax

There are more autos used in industries

and in business than there are autos

used simply for pleasure. Goods are de-

livered by automoblie. There are auto

trucks by the thousand. It must be ap-

and that a wheel tax carried to its logic-

al conclusion would bring back the day

The Brumbaugh administration would

of the pack horse and the flat boat

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent

There are certain persons in England,

and no doubt in the other belligerent

countries, too, if the facts were known,

in splendid khaki uniforms, but after

ing they are garbed in tatters. The con-

tractors, it is said, are making the uni-

forms of the cheapest material obtain-

of the best quality. Not only uniforms,

but also boots have been found to be

that the contractors have been so dis-

dictates

right to soak the stove owner.

coal and automobiles.

contemplates taxii

iewed by the parents from the angle of

Do the wife and babies cry

Pass a law!

Pass a law!

Pass a law!

Pass a law! Paint 'em green or paint 'em white!

Pass a law!

Pass a law!

Are the lights aburning red?

Pass a law!

Do they smoke? Do they chew?

Are they always bothering you?

Don't they do as you would do?

-Daniel Thomas, a well known resident of Jefferson county, was thrown against a circular saw in a saw mill near his home. His left leg was cut off at the knee and he died soon after from the shock. He was 52 years old.

-Johnstown has a ten-year-old girl who succeeded in knocking out a masculine brute who attacked her, inflicting such serious injuries that a surgeon had to be called to attend the fellow after he had been locked up.

-When Mrs. J. W. Eicher, of Indiana, returned home from church last Sunday morning she found her husband dead in the cellar. He had put a bullet in his head killing himself almost instantly. He was 50 years old and in ill health.

-The barn on the farm of Perry Wertman, near Allenwood, Lycoming county, together with the hog pen and other buildings, was destroyed by fire the other evening. Six horses, 14 head of cattle and 26 hogs were burned to death in the

-M. E. Dunn, a Williamsport plumber, had the end of his nose bitten off by a small dog. Dunn had been called to a home to inspect the plumbing and as he leaned over the gate to unlatch it the dog attacked him, inflicting the in-

-A deal has been closed by which Mahlon W. Keim, of Johnstown, sold a coal tract in Paint township, Somerset county, to the Scalp Level Coal company, the consideration being \$140,000. Mr. Keim obtained control of the tract by option some months ago. -According to officials of the Johnstown Water

company the Flood city every twenty-four hours consumes 9,500,000 gallons of water. Anticipating a larger consumption in the future the company has made plans for the construction of a billion gallon reservoir on Laurel Run. -About 300 chickens have been separated from their owners in DuBois during the last few weeks

and chicken owners in that town are profoundly implements. Taxes would not cause them to go into hiding. Moreover, taxing interested in the consequences following the arrest of Joe Bailey and Leonard Mortar, two lads who are believed to have been the chief thieves. outlined. It would bear heaviest upon -Two young men from Hastings went into Clearfield county the other day on a fishing trip.

using dynamite to kill the fish. Their operations rolling pins, knitting needles and garden were observed by a constable, who placed them under arrest and at a hearing each was fined ence between putting a tax on a baby \$105 and the costs. The thirty fish they secured cost them \$7 apiece. -Ropert Dunlap, a well known resident of Anbaby in the household the life insurance sonville, Clearfield county, committed suicide by

shooting himself through the neck with a shotthe child's future needs. And think of gun. Dunlap, who was addicted to the use of morphine found it extremely difficult to get the drug since the passage of the Harrison law, and tacked to it somewhere a license tag. An this is given as his reason for killing himself. unlicensed baby carriage could be carted -The town of Maysville, seven miles north of to the police station. Father would pay Altoona, was almost wiped out by fire late Mon-

day afternoon. Damage to the amount of \$30,the home of George Goodrich it spread and partsavings accounts, life insurance, hard ly destroyed Spigelmyer's hotel and nine other dwellings and a Polish club house. Cresson and The proposition to tax hard coal sug-Gallitzin fire companies saved the town by makgests the thought that stoves and fur- ing overland runs with their apparatus. naces should be added to the list of

things included in the list of the tax driven to Huntingdon last Sunday in his automo -William G. Kenaga, of Alexandria, who had bile, with three other persons, on the return trip was crowded into the guard rail at the top of the furnace would pay the tax. The man

The rail broke but the car fortunately caught on Charlie's Hill by a car said to hail from Altoona. a post and was thus prevented from falling a distance of 150 feet over the precipice and into the Juniata river at Vuille's. It was a narrow escape. Kenaga is quite well known in Bellefonte.

And there is the proposed increase in the auto tax. The Brumbaugh tax -The celebrated Clark's Ferry bridge, spanexperts may imagine that boosting that ning the Susquehanna river about a mile north of Duncannon, has been sold at public sale, the on the leisure class. Nothing to that. purchaser being Christian W. Lynch, of Harrisburg. The consideration was \$4,500. It is one of the longest wooden covered bridges in the world, being 2,000 feet in length. For many years during canal days it contained a towing path along parent that an auto tax is a wheel tax its west side for the use of the teams that drew the boats across Clark's Ferry dam in the passage between the Susquehanna and Juniata divisions of the canal.

-A. Grant Richwine, former president of the seem to be going out of its way in order defunct Jersey Shore Water company; W. Dale to devise new taxes by means of which to soak Mr. Common People. Every idea tors of the company, waived a hearing at Wilproposed is an attack upon industry and liamsport Monday afternoon on a charge of conupon thrift. The consumer in every in- spiracy to defraud the Jersey Shore Water comstance foots the bill. And all the while pany out of \$30,000 by means of a bond issue for the great reservoir of natural resources, worthless land in the mountains. All the men the natural storehouse of the State, re- reside at Harrisburg and gave bail before a Harmains in the hands of private individuals risburg alderman for their appearance at the to be tapped when private convenience next term of court. They will probably be tried at the June term.

An increased tax on anthracite coal -"I have fourteen children and I need work." leans an increase in the price of coal. said Frank Czapski, of Pittsburgh, to Director A tax on idle anthracite coal lands Robert Swan, of the Department of Public means a decreased price of coal. Works, on Monday morning, "and what's more, The Brumbaugh adminstration seems I must have it." "Any man who is brave enough bent upon taxing as many things as posto have fourteen children in this twentieth censible out of use, while studiously sidetury," replied the director, "should certainly be stepping every plan to tax anything into rewarded with a job." Czapski was given a job in the city asphalt-making plant. His youngest child is three months old and his oldest is twenty-Men Grafting Fortunes Through War. one years. Czapski has been out of work all winter, so were his oldest children. He owns the house in which he resides, and until the mills closed down he always made good wages.

-Dr. C. T. S. Shaffer, aged about 38 years, who are making fortunes out of the war. druggist and surgeon for the Berwind-White They are war grafters,-contractors for Coal company of Windber, Somerset county, was army supplies who are providing inferior almost instantly killed in an automobile accident goods and reaping large profits. For them, the longer the war lasts the better. physician, in company with his profiler in law. physician, in company with his brother-in-law Soldiers are leaving London these days and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McMurray, of Al. toona; his brother, W. E. Shaffer, and a Mr. some slight wear and tear on their cloth- Hill, of Windber, were driving towards Tyrone from a visit to Philipsburg. When near Vail station Dr. Shaffer, who was driving the car, seem ed to lose control of it. He made an effort to able, while basing their charges on goods skirt another car on the narrow road, and in doing so drove his machine into a deep ditch, the car overturned three times and was completely lemolished. Dr. Shaffer was picked up in an It is revolting, not so much to think unconscious condition and died within a few minutes.

honest in furnishing army supplies, as -Up in Blair county is a man named Hoover that they have been so heartless as to who has regained his faith in banks. Several endanger the lives of the soldiers and months ago he sold a cow to a drover, receiving even the cause of their country by pro-\$65 in cash for the animal. Having no immedi viding the men at the front with faulty wearing apparel. Not only are the solate use for the money, and his faith in banks having been shattered by recent newspaper reports diers subjected to injurious exposure of absconding cashiers, he placed the coin of the when their uniforms wear out, but also realm in a sack containg a quantity of beans in to rheumatism when their cheaply made realm in a sack containg a quantity of beans in the attic. When his wife began the house cleaning process a few days ago she saw that the beans had become wormy and unfit for food, whereupon she poured them, money and all, into an iron kettle, and boiled the entire mess into a huge soup for the hogs. Mr. Hoover, opened a bank account on Tuesday. "I've had enough experience with bean bag banks," he declared. "Feeding hogs \$65 banquets I fear would have a tendency on boosting the price of park." boots are filled with water while they are on the march or living in the trenches. There could, perhaps, be no better example of an unpatriotic citizen than a contractor who would deliberately weaken his country's fighting forces for his

## 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 for-

be taken up as a special order at 11 o'clock this morning and after two hours' debate, divided equally between those favoring the bill and those opposed, put to a vote. But you can't stop a flood tide of talk in such a brief period of time and the talk continued until 4 o'clock p. m., when the vote was ordered. The speak-

startling innovations, in legislation in Pennsylvania. Of course the Governor felt keenly on the subject and equally certain his purpose was righteous. He had Governor to achieve the result may be questioned. Legislation that is the fruit of frenzy, however commendable its purpose, may be more harmful than helpful. During his campaign to fulfill his local option pledge Governor BRUMBAUGH has infringed upon the prerogatives of a co-ordinate branch of the State government and invoked a mob spirit to strangle deliberation. Possibly "the end justifies the means," but that is questionable and the means are hazardous.

The veto of the game bill has done as much as anything thus far to inspire gunners' licenses into use, and additional wardens will be provided for.

When the Governor's message recalling TENER's Public Service nominees was es. That is to say they adjourned the session without acting upon the message.

The generally accepted solution of the problem is that the Governor wanted

voted out such a tax will be voted in before long.

boards of health in boroughs and first class townships.

deal of earnestness and passed by a vote of 135 ayes to 68 nays.

The trainmen talk of continuing the fight in the Senate but they may as well turn out to be a Trainmen's "blessing in disguise."

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