Democratice Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-Let us clean Bellefonte up right next week and keep her clean.

-We have been having some rains of consequence during the last week.

-The Jitney is now the competitor of the Movie for the spare nickles of the

-As May takes on April temperature it's back to the woolen underwear for the boys who had the B. V. Ds out last

-Not an infectious disease is known in send Dr. Dixon as punishment for giving us a scare every Monday morning.

-Don't nag. It does no good and judge has just ruled that nagging is cruelty and sufficient ground for divorce.

-Right now is the time to begin dropping an occasional coin into a saving's bank so that you will have the mazuma with which to "blow off" your friends when they come back for Old Home week.

-We are still looking for those showers of green-backs, post-office orders or checks that we had been hoping for. There is danger of a drouth in our funds unless a lot of subscribers come across pretty soon.

-Now is the time when the sweet girl graduate begins to worry about how her feet are going to look when she sits on the rostrum at commencement time. There's nothing that shows up feet and hands like a graduation day sitting.

-Between Count Von Bernsdorff and Mr. DERNBURG Germany has two the ships that could be useful in time of mouth-pieces in this country that war are not in commission is not only might have served a better purpose as foot-warmers during the winter

next week.

not, plant a seed in your heart and pray strengthening the equipment. If he had for it to blossom into a flower as there would have been improvement. sweet and pure and sinless as was her love for you when first she beheld you at

things therefor the Old Home week committee is working to get both the Liberty Bell and President WILSON here in July. Rightly they have their hopes pinned to the stars but they have their feet on the BRYAN, ROOSEVELT, BRUMBAUGH and a preyed on the Department during recent lot of lesser lights.

-When the stock market threw a fit for fear war was going to be declared against Germany its manipulators must have thought that ROOSEVELT is still in nounces that he will kill the deer on his the White House. Inasmuch as Congress immense preserves and send them to the is not in session and inasmuch as Congress has the sole right to declare war philanthropic soul would arrange to inand inasmuch as we have a President in crease the supply of terrapin the poor the White House who respects the constitution of the United States we can't see that there was much ground for the bogey that frightened the speculators on Tuesday.

rhyming for the WATCHMAN.

-Under date of May 1st, J. H. KING writes from Tulsa, Oklahoma, the following:

"Enclosed find 5 cts. for copy of WATCHMAN, any date. I am told by a good judge of the "art preservative" that your newspaper in news, and especially typographical make-up, is the BEST AND BRIGHTEST WEEKLY IN THE UNITED STATES."

We haven't an idea who Mr. KING is, nor who gave him the information, but we appreciate the opinion of his unnamed informant. We trust that his expectations will not be disappointed when he looks over the copy we have sent him ity of the youth, it will serve a good and we are inspired to even better work by this unknown admirer.

-There is an old saying that the first thing a Bellefonter asks a stranger when he arrives here is: "When are you going to leave?" While down in Lock Haven they are credited with so much more hospitality as to say: "Let's have a drink!" So far as Bellefonte is concerned personal observation leads us to believe that there is some ground for the charge that is preferred against us. Granting that it is true, in some cases, for goodness sake, cut it out for awhile and get out of the habit before Old Home week time comes. Remember, our guests are expected for a week and we musn't make them feel that their welcome is worn out as soon as they arrive by ask- he just sits. When a woman finds hering them when they are going to leave. self in that position she darns or knits.



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The Present Navy and the Past.

Former Secretary of the Navy GEO. VON L. MEYER, of Boston, continues to Greenland, so there's where we ought to criticise the present administration of that Department and in reply to a recent statement of Secretary Daniels on the subject says "that a program of two batkeeps every one upset; besides a Georgia tleships with no scout cruisers and no battle cruisers will lead nowhere." He admits that "the navy is today recruited to its maximum strength," but complains that "the fleet lacks in its complete equipment about 5000 men and a number of officers," and adds "to put all the ships in commission that could be useful in time of war would require 18,000 additional men and many officers."

The Secretary of the Navy has no right to enlist more men than the law authorizes. While Mr. MEYER was secretary the maximum of enlistment was never reached and the full complement has not been attained under any administration of the Department for nearly fifty years until now. Why, therefore, should a Secretary who was himself notoriously delinquent, censure a successor who has fulfilled every legal and moral obligation? Besides we are not involved in war at this time and a complaint that all absurd but mischievous.

During the four years that GEO. VON campaign of her soldiers in the Carpath- L. MEYER occupied the office of Secretary of the Navy Congress appropriated -If you have an idea that whitewash nearly half a billion dollars for developwon't chase away gloom go down Cherry | ment, equipment and maintenance of the alley and see what WAGNER GEISS has navy yet at the close of his official conmade it do to the inside of his livery nection with the Department the navy barn. It will do the same thing to those was in the lowest stage of efficiency since dingy looking buildings in your back the beginning of CLEVELAND'S first adyard, if you can't afford to paint them ministration in 1885. How did Mr. Mey-ER waste the money of the people? Did -Sunday will be Mother's day. Wear he steal it or distribute it among his faa white carnation in memory of her if vorites as grants? It is certain that he you can. But whether you can or can- didn't use it wisely for the purpose of

Since the administration of Secretary WHITNEY, 1885 to 1889, there has been no such improvement in the naval ser--Bellefonte always was a town of big vice of the country as has been shown during the last two years. In view of that fact the criticisms of GEO. VON L. MEYER are as futile as they are preposterous. The navy is stronger and more efficient now than it has ever been before and if the thieves and grafters who years are kept out it will continue its progress toward perfection.

> -With the purpose of keeping down the cost of living Lord SALISBURY an-London market for sale. Now if some could look into the future with some

The Childs' Labor Law.

After a troubled voyage through the -Talking about the "Adventures of Legislature the Child Labor bill is now KATHLEEN," and "the Perils of PAULINE," in the hands of the Governor for aphave you read any of the poetry of proval and will be a law soon, if it has "PRISCILLA" that is being published in not already been signed. It is essentially the WATCHMAN. Ordin_rily we don't an expression of the views of Governor publish anonymous communications but BRUMBAUGH upon an important element "PRISCILLA'S" contributions are so inter- in social science. His life has been spent, esting and so ultra jingling that we have largely in the development and training made an exception of her for your pleas- of youth and his anxiety to limit the tax ure. What worries us most, however, is upon the mental and physical resources to find out who "PRISCILLA," is and what of children is the fruit of his experience she does for a living besides gratuitous as an educator. But there are two sides to this question and the opponents of the bill are not to be condemned without a hearing.

It is not begging the question to say that to some extent the increased cost of living is attributable to the increasing force of idlers. In our father's days and almost to an equal extent in the days of our own youth, every boy in the family who had attained the age of twelve years, contributed his mite to the family earning capacity. The withdrawal of this feature can hardly help being felt in the household, though if it finds recompense in the greater physical and mental capacrather than an evil purpose. But that remains to be seen.

Aside from the economic aspect of the question there is much to consider. Between the ages of twelve and twenty healthy boys accumulate a good deal of surplus energy which must have vent. It becomes a grave question, therefore, whether it would not be better to direct this surplus energy toward some wholesome productive activity than to allow it to dritt into some less desirable channel. There is an adage to the effect that Satan always finds employment for idle hands and it is also said that he is an exacting taskmaster. Possibly, however, this legislatation is in the right direction.

-When a man has nothing else to do

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., May 5th, 1915. Senator SNYDER's fight against the child labor bill developed nothing more serious than "a tempest in a teapot." The Senator made his speech and admonished the Legislature against the danger of executive encroachment. But the Machine Senators were quite as docile as the Machine Representatives and took the medicine out of the Governor's hand willingly if not with relish. Senator Crow tried to dodge the issue but his vote was recorded for the amendment first and for the bill finally. McNichol and VARE never faltered a minute. Obviously they have made terms with the Governor.

The manufacturers have not accepted the situation complacently, however. GRUNDY, the grouch, emitted a howl yesterday, which shows that he is hard hit by the ingratitude of the Governor and the perfidy of the Machine. "The Governor's Child Labor bill having been forced through both branches of the Legislature with all its lamentable blunders uncorrected," he declares, "the management of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' association feels that it should make a final statement regarding its attitude toward the measure in order that the blame for the hardships, the suffering and the serious curtailment of industrial opportunities which it will produce-indeed is already producing-may be placed upon the shoulders of those who are responsible for it and not upon the shoulders of the employers of Pennsylvania."

Then he proceeds to accuse the Governor, not only of usurping authority but of corruptly influencing votes in the Legislature and false pretense generally. He declares it is not a 51-hour bill, but a 371-hour bill and adds that while it will benefit nobody it "will seriously harm those it was designed to help." But Mr. GRUN-DY won't be taken seriously by those who know him. He is "as mad as a marsh hare" now because things didn't go his way. That is his habit. But when the cry of distress comes from the G. O. P, as it will in the near future, GRUNDY will come to the rescue with his purse and his energy. He may say that BRUMBAUGH is a thief and a scoundrel, that he is a moral leper and a human monster. But he will be certain to add in a subdued voice "but otherwise he is all right."

That our statesmen are running at a high rate of speed may be inferred from the fact that appropriations were made the other day at the rate of a million dollars a minute. Of course there is no deliberation in such proceedings and it is equally certain that half the members didn't know what they were voting on and probably didn't care. As a matter of fact half of them didn't vote at all but were "marked up" by the clerks. Such proceedings are disgraceful and every official in each branch of the Assembly perjures himself every time such a thing is done. But these gentlemen actually take pride in their performance and point to the achievement as evidence of what is called efficiency. If there were no other reason for it a new constitution ought to be adopted to correct this great and growing evil.

At a conference with the leading Senators and Representatives in the Legislature, yesterday, the Governor gave assurance that in the event of good behavior during the remainder of this session, he will not call an extra session. This exemplifies "the ruling passion strong in death." The employer promises a holiday or increase of pay in consideration of satisfactory service and the schoolmaster rewards merit in the same way. But the conditions must be met. The compensation measures he has underwritten must be passed "or else." The date of final adjournment has been practically fixed for May 20 and there is plenty of time to enact that and all other needed legislation meantime if "Barkis is willin'."

Another conference was held on revenue legislation yesterday and it was agreed that the anthracite coal tax bill will be pressed and the House immediately passed it by a vote of 174 to 4. A bill compelling relatives to refund State money expended for indigent insane in State institutions; the bill to tax stock transfers; the bill to increase the automobile license tax and that to shift the expense of primary elections to the counties were also chalked for passage. The shift bill has already been defeated in the House but its passage in the Senate gave it new life. Bills to levy a four mill tax on corporation bonds and to place a tax on manufactures were not approved by the conference. The proposed increase on motor vehicles, as scheduled by Representative Wilson who has the measure in charge is \$1 on motorcycles; \$1 on pleasure cars under 20-hcrse power; \$2 on cars between 20 and 35-horse power; \$5 on cars between 35 and 50-horse power and \$10 on cars of over 50-horse power. It is estimated that these increases and the passage of the bills named will add nearly \$7,000,000 to the revenues of the State and be ample to meet all proper appropriations.

The chairmen of the Appropriation committees have been on the anxious bench for some time. Every Senator and Representative wants liberal appropriations for institutions within their districts but have not been willing to enact legislation to increase revenues. At the beginning of the session the Governor served notice that the appropriations should be kept within the revenues for the reason that he doesn't intend to continue the unlawful and mischievous system of "cutting," inaugurated by Governor STONE some fifteen years ago. Accordingly the committee Chairmen undertook to prune the bills to a point that would bring them within the limit. In other words they determined "to cut the coat according to the cloth."

As one after another of the revenue bills was defeated the demand for liberal appropriations increased in vociferousness and importunity. The Chairmen "walked the floor" to no purpose. Finally, the other day Chairman WOODWARD of the House committee ran up a danger signal and declared the situation grave. "It is making it particularlyy hard to keep the expenditures within the revenues, but" he added, "I will do all in my power to accomplish the result." The hopelessness of the task, however, was revealed in the tone of his voice.

The Governor has broken all records in the matter of vetoes. Up until Monday of this week he had vetoed thirty-six and approved 135 bills. The sponsors of one of the vetoed bills propose to go into court to test the validity of the act and upon the face of the matter it looks as if they might score. The bill in question is the Optometry measure. It passed finally on April 20 and was vetoed May 1st. The constitution declares that "if any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within ten days after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly, by their adjournment, prevent its return." The time limit for the veto, it is contended, expired on April 30, whereas the veto message is dated May 1st. It is proposed therefore, to compel the Secretary of the Commonwealth to record the bill as a law by mandamus proceedings. It is a rather interesting situation.

Among the bills signed by the Governor within the week are that establishing the size of fruit and vegetable containers. It creates four standards, the "pony" jumbo baskets and standard tray. When vegetables and fruits are sold by the quart the cubical contents shall be 76 1-5 cubic inches. The violation of [Continued on page 4, Col. 2.]

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VICE AND ADVICE.

Billy Bump can hop and jump And preach Salvation from the stump He saw a Sinner-"on the dump" And hit him with a dreadful thump, Oh Billy Bump you naughty lad You make us feel so very sad By doing things so awful bad.

Billy Bump can deal out trump And race the Devil 'round a stump He saw a Preacher-"on the slump And branded him a worthless chump. Oh Billy Bump you have the sand The whole ca-boodle you have canned You know exactly where they stand.

Billy Gay is making hay And working hard both night and day He saw a Serpent—"made of clay" His Royal Highness he did slay. Oh Billy Gay you have the sting You're not afraid of anything Your hat is always in the ring

Billy Gay can watch and pray While lots of money comes his way He's always ready—"for the fray" If people have the nerve to pay. Oh Billy Gay do not delay But salt it down where it will stay And save it for a rainy day.

The Bosses and the Colonel.

From the Washington Star. No politician in the country can be otherwise than amused by Mr. Roosevelt's deliverances against bosses. In the language of the drawing room, they

are just too funny for anything. It was Satan who introduced the droll fashion of rebuking sin in quarters where it seems a familiar if not a welcome guest. Some of the deliverances, however, are funnier than others. Take the one relating to Mr. Penrose. That, in the

lingo of the theatre, is a "scream. According to Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Penrose was recommended to him for national campaign manager in 1904. Mr. Penrose says he was not an aspirant for the place, and has heard now for the first time of the recommendation. But Mr. Roosevelt declares the recommendation was made, and that he turned it down because Mr. Penrose was a boss of the kind he disapproved. He would not permit his campaign to be managed by such

But did that rule Mr. Penrose out of the game entirely that year? Bless you, He took charge of the campaign in Pennsylvania, where he belonged and could hope to be of service, and was of iority approaching half a million for the convinced that he is going into the b Republican ticket. Did this anger Mr. Did he show hesitation Roosevelt? about accepting the fruits of Mr. Penrose's activity? Bless you, no! He not only accepted them, but in the heartiest terms thanked Mr. Penrose for what he had done. He was dee-lighted with the

Pennsylvania returns. Had Mr. Penrose managed the national campaign, would his methods have differed materially from those he employ ed to carry his own State? Probably not. He would simply have studied the different States, as would have been his duty, for pointers as how best to advance the fortunes of his party. As a boss he would simply have spread out, becoming a National instead of a State quantity that year. And would that have been as acceptable to Mr. Roosevelt as was the Penrose achievement in Pennsylvania? The question answers itself. In the lan-

guage of the "boys," it sure would.

Mr. Roosevelt has known all, and at one time or another worked with all, the Republican bosses, big or little, of his day. He was always for them while they were for him. He has been served at one time or another by all. But at ast, "the sad hour of parting" came for many of them: and since then Mr. Roosevelt has gone over the list and is administering excoriation now where once he administered only honey and praise.

Penrose and Mexico.

From the Milwaukee Journal. Senator Penrose says that conditions in Mexico are worse than in Cuba when the United States intervened. Of course, they have been worse in a score of years, mean that we should make war on Mexico? That is the only thing that would Penrose doesn't say so. Of course, if he did, there would then come the question of what general we should choose for our attack: for there is not here a question of an oppressing foreign nation. But first let's have it settled whether Penrose and the others like him who are trying to make politics of this thing want this nation to raise an army and go down to Mexico. If not, just what are they talking about?

Americans are not afraid to undertake a proper and right solution of the Mexican situation, even should that mean going to war. But the American people do not want war. It will take a very clear proof of our right to intervene to ade this people that American lives and treasure must be poured out freely. Until such proof is forthcoming, President Wilson's policy will be very much more in favor than the cry for intervention, part jingo, part capitalistic, but chiefly politics. Does Mr. Penrose want war? If not, what does he propose? And just what is the purpose of his talk? Condemning the policy of the Administration is easy. Suggesting a better policy is the only reason any man has a

-It is estimated that 2600 cities and towns are conducting their own campaign against dirt and unsightly surroundings this spring-let us be one of length of time and suffered great pain and in-

But that politicians like Penrose seem

very slow to do.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Two Lock Haven women who gave their names as Ruth Confer and Minnie Thomas, have b en sent to jail charged with having robbed a woodsman, out for a "good time," of about \$180.

-By a recently enacted law the trustees of the proposed State Industrial home for women, at Muncy, have been authorized to purchase an additional 500 acres of land, so as to control the water supply.

-The grand council of the Royal Arcanum of Pennsylvania will hold its next annual session in Williamsport on Wednesday and Thursday, May 12th and 13th. It is believed nearly 500 members and their wives will attend the meetings.

-The State convention of the Order of United American Mechanics will be held in Punxsutawnsey this week, beginning Monday and lasting three days. About 250 delegates from yar ious sections of the Commonwealth will attend.

-Fire following a stroke of lightning destroyed the barn and all the outbuildings on the William Anderson farm, two miles from Cassville, Huntingdon county. Four horses and two mules were cremated and all the farm machinery destroyed. -The Rev. Dorsey N. Miller, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lewistown, recently paid a fine of \$3 that had been assess against a man for drunkenness. The preacher paid the fine in order that the man might go to

-The State Bureau of Agricultural Statistics at Harrisburg has completed the first inquiry made into the maple sugar industry in this State and it shows that people in thirty-five counties or over half the State, are engaged in it. The production runs over a million pounds of sugar

-With his wife dead, one daughter in the poor nouse, another daughter ready to appear in court, this week, against him in a case involving charges of cruelty and inhuman treatment Obadiah Benjamin, 45 years old, of Wyalusing township, Bradford county, committed suicide Saturday morning

-According to the Indiana Evening Gazette, Mr. Albert Dick, of Indiana, has a farm of 10 acres seven miles from Indiana which he will divide among a certain number of applicants. presumably residents of Indiana, if they will manifest a bonafide desire to cultivate the ground and live upon it.

-Pleading guilty to defaulting in the payment of \$1,000 of the funds of the Catholic Beneficial Society of Mount Carmel while he was its treasurer, Joseph Perembo was on Monday sentenced to serve two years in the Northumberland county jail. He offered to pay back \$50 a month, but the society rejected his offer.

-- Frank Winters, aged 20, an epileptic living in Northumberland county, while on a fishing trip with his father was missed by the latter, who after a short search found that the youth had fallen into the stream where it was about a foot deep. His head and shoulders were immersed and while powerless to aid himself he drowned.

-The historic Alleman property at Selinsgrove, known as the home of Simon Snyder, one of the State's early Governors, is to be sold and an effort will be made to buy it for historical purposes. It was built and occupied by Governor Snyder in 1816, and it is the same as the day it was built, as to architecture, although modern improvements have been put in.

-Walter Douty, aged 15 years, was kicked in the side by a colt the other evening about six o'clock and was so badly hurt that he died nine hours later. The lad struck the colt, which was supposed to be very gentle, with a whip and it responded with the fatal kick. The accident happened near Loganton, Clinton county, on the farm where the young fellow resided.

-Some folks who have been viewing Charles so much service that he rolled up a ma- M. Schwab's chicken ranch, near Loretto, are raising chickens on an extensive scale. Perhap a mile of iron fence is being erected around the enclosure, in which are a score or more of modern hen-coops. This fence is ten feet high

-Verna Wagner, aged 15, a domestic employed at the home of George W. Sheary, of Lewistown succumbed to terrible burns at the Lewistown hospital on Sunday, after suffering great agony. On Saturday while working about a gas stove, the girl's apron ignited, and, realizing her danger, she ran outdoors, where a stiff breeze fanned the flames. Two-thirds of her body was seriously burned before John Eisenhauer and Milton Ruble extinguished the flames by rolling the girl in a carpet.

-Fenton N Niehart and Milton Bitting two young residents of Trevorton, were committed to the Northumberland county prison on Mon day charged with having held up a car on the Shamokin and Edgewood electric road last Saturday and stealing \$2,500 which was being taken to that place to pay silk milk employees. The money has not been recovered. It was the most daring robbery ever committed in Northumberland county, the men holding up a car that carried a number of passengers.

-After carrying the dead body of H. G. White upon their shoulders for four miles down the mountain, the fishing party composed of John M. Whelan, of Philadelphia, Associate Judge C. H. Bressler, Clyde M. Flack and son, William, of Lock Haven, arrived in Lock Haven on the 11.20 train Saturday morning. The body was prepared for burial by undertaker E. B. Waters and the remains were sent to Philadelphia on the 10.05 train Saturday evening, accompanied by John M. Whelan. Mr. White died very suddenly of acute indigestion.

-William F. Balsbach, formerly postmaster of Bellwood, Blair county, pleaded nol contendre to but let that pass. What is the object of Senator Penrose's remarks? Does he the charge of detaining, destroying and delaying United States mail in the United States district court at Pittsburgh on April 29th. Federal Judge give any point to his mouthings. But Charles P. Orr sentenced him to serve five days in the Allegheny county jail. Balsbach, while postmaster at Bellwood, is alleged to have seized several hundred postcards sent out by former President Theodore Roosevelt, asking for the support of Gifford Pinchot, Progressive candidate for United States Senator in the November election. Most of the postcards were burned.

-The Club house at Gardner on the Tyrone & Clearfield railroad, the property of the Tyrone Rod and Gun club, was destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The building was a two-story frame structure valued at \$2,000. The individual loss to the members of the club will total several hundred dollars, as all the lockers and chests in which were kept hunting togs, guns, fishing tackle, etc., were completely destroyed. In surance to the amount of \$1,300 was carried on the building. The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin. A meeting of the board of managers will likely be called at an early date to consider plans for rebuilding.

-Dr. Arthur D. Cowdrick, of Clearfield, through his attorney, A. R. Chase, has entered suit against the New York Central railroad company for \$10,000 damages for illness occasioned through being delayed at the railroad crossing at the lower end of the Clearfield yards, near W B tower on the morning of March 10th last. The ght to offer for such condemnation. plaintiff's statement alleges that a train of the defendant company blocked the crossing from 1 o'clock a. m. 'till almost 2; that he was returning from a professional call at Shawville and being kept at the crossing for almost an hour in very inclement weather and as a result of this wrongly enforced exposure he contracted articular rhe atism and was incapacitated for considerable