

INK SLINGS.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania has adjourned and be it said to its credit: There have been worse ones.

What has become of JESS WILLARD, the new champion? He seems to have changed from the "white hope" to the white slope.

The way May weather has been eating up the coal piles at the steam heat works is enough to make Col. TAYLOR hot as some of his patrons are—part of the time.

With snow in Wisconsin and West Virginia and frosts right here in Centre county that you could write your name in, this has been some cold week for the middle of May.

Poor VILLA! Poor BARNES! Poor ROOSEVELT! How ephemeral is fame! The little notes that are passing between Washington and Berlin have led us to almost forget that such persons ever were.

Evidence is accumulating to arouse the suspicion that Dr. DERBERG has been "blown up." Whether it was the Kaiser, Ambassador VON BERNSDORFF or a torpedo that did the job remains to be seen.

Let's see, do they have petticoat rule in Italy? Judging from the length of time it has taken her to make up her mind about entering the war the world is almost justified in believing that the ladies are in control over there.

The British cabinet has fallen and a new one is to be formed. Ordinarily such a governmental collapse at such a critical time would be regarded as a very grave matter, but in this case it will probably result in the formation of a cabinet, more cohesive in itself and with more of national spirit supporting it, than the old one had.

Already we have heard of several residents of California by adoption who are coming back to clear Old Centre county for Old Home week. Let us not fail to impress upon them that all of the early day charms that illumine their reminiscent dreams are still to be found among the people and the scenes of their childhood's homes.

If Old Home week should fail to come up to your expectations and you are looking for some one to blame with your disappointment, stand before a mirror and interrogate the party you see in it as to whether he or she has done everything possible to make it a success. Many of the things that we expect most from fail to make good because we have failed to make good the obligations that it is our duty to voluntarily assume.

It is, to say the least, gratifying to see so many of the great Republican journals of the country heaping unstinted praise on the great President the Democratic party has given the United States. There is so little of criticism and so much of praise that we, as Democrats, should feel all the prouder of ourselves for having made such a wise choice. Many have been the speculations as to what our condition would have been now had ROOSEVELT been elected.

Really if PRISCILLA, our pet poetess, and the writer of our weekly Rebersburg letter don't have a set back soon the editor of the WATCHMAN is likely to become so occupied pouring over their interesting productions that he will be neglecting his own work. Listen to this, for instance, from our purveyor of pleasantness from Brush valley: "Miss MARY BRIGHT, who was an invalid in Philadelphia scholastic manna, when she arrived home a few weeks ago, has recuperated marvelously on good old Brush valley farmer's fare."

Just now, when the Legislature is trying to place more taxes on everything in sight, has shunted the cost of printing the primary ballots from the State to the various counties, and has cut the appropriations to State College and the Bellefonte hospital to the point where these worthy institutions will actually suffer; all in order to keep the State's expenditures within its income, we would like to hear from a lot of people. More especially those who fought the good roads bond issue, two years ago, on the theory that the States' income was sufficient to properly provide for all of its charitable institutions and make the desired road improvements, as well. It is quite evident now that someone was being deceived then.

So much complaint has been made concerning the condition of the state road from State College to Lemont that we are surprised that up to this moment no repair work has been done on it. This particular section of highway is subjected to such unusual traffic that something more durable than macadam will have to be used on it if the State hopes to maintain it as a creditable piece of road and it seems to us that it would be a splendid place to try brick. No grading would be necessary and the present roadbed of stone traversing a limestone country would require no foundation other than what is there already. A concrete curb and a sand cushion for the brick would probably be all the new work necessary and a road would be completed that would withstand the wear of years, with a minimum of upkeep cost. Warning signals should be placed in and about Lemont at once. As at no place in the county are there two more dangerous curves.

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Conspiracy to Tear President Wilson to Pieces.

That Colonel ROOSEVELT had made up his mind to sneak back into the Republican party a year ago was revealed in the testimony taken in the libel suit now in progress at Syracuse, New York. In discussing the subject with a friend after his return from the South American jungle, ROOSEVELT declared that he is the only person in the country who can "tear President WILSON to pieces," and added that a scheduled speech in Pittsburgh, Pa., would give him the opportunity to do it. His expected recompense for that service to the Republican party was a welcome back and an opportunity to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1916.

In due time ROOSEVELT made his speech in Pittsburgh and tried his best to "tear President WILSON to pieces." The public response was disappointing, however, and the Colonel was obliged to resort to other expedients to accomplish his purpose. But he was equal to the emergency. He prevailed on DRAPER LEWIS to decline the Bull Moose nomination for Governor, got VANCE C. McCORMICK substituted as the candidate and prevailed upon that ambitious gentleman to finance a special train tour of Pennsylvania in order that he might do a little "tearing" in every considerable centre of population in the Commonwealth. It is needless to add that ROOSEVELT did his best to achieve the result he so ardently desired. He traduced President WILSON in every way his fertile mind suggested.

Mr. McCORMICK was the Democratic nominee for Governor, having acquired that title by the lavish use of money at the previous primary. And though he knew, if he has brains enough to know anything, that his bi-partisan deal with ROOSEVELT and BILL FLINN would defeat several Democratic candidates for Congress, State Senate and Representatives in the Legislature last year and jeopardize the re-election of President WILSON next year, he carried out his bargain with his co-conspirators to the letter. He even appeared with ROOSEVELT at one or two meetings, thus signifying his sanction of the vilification of the President whom he falsely pretended to support. Could perfidy go further?

In ten days Memorial day will be here. Then Old Home week, the fair, Granger's picnic, the Thanksgiving football game will hop along in such rapid succession that before we know it we'll be huggin' the stove and telephoning for the plumber to come and thaw out frozen water pipes.

Good Roads Essential to Prosperity.

The resolution introduced by Senator SPOUL, the other day, proposing an amendment to the constitution authorizing the State to borrow \$50,000,000 for use in road construction, will pass as it ought to. The question cannot be determined until 1918 for the organic law of the State forbids voting upon a constitutional amendment on the same subject oftener than once in five years. Meantime the people of the State will lose millions of dollars through bad highways. No funds have been available for road building since 1913 and during that period the highways have been going from bad to worse until now many of them are impassable and all of them in bad condition.

The defeat of the constitutional amendment in 1913 was a crime against the people. It was a result of a conspiracy among demagogues who appealed to ignorance and credulity through false representation of facts. Bogus and incompetent Democratic leaders made opposition to a beneficent proposition a party issue and by the use of plate matter in credulous weekly papers deceived the Democratic voters. No Democratic convention had declared against the amendment and no Democratic authority was bestowed upon any man or group of men to express party opposition to the amendment. The Executive committee of the State committee usurped that right, however, and deceived voters into committing a wrong.

The Democratic party has always been in favor of progress and so long as the party organization is faithful to party principles it will always be for progress. But the demagogues and hypocrites who have been directing the party affairs in recent years imagined that an appeal to popular cupidity would promote their selfish interests and declared that good roads could be built without money. It was false and fraudulent and the farmers are now paying the penalty of putting faith in political charlatans by an impeded market for their products. If we want good roads we must pay for them and bad roads are too expensive. They impair the value of farms and farm products.

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 19th, 1915.

Official life here has dwelt in an atmosphere of uncertainty for more than a week. Half in expectancy and half in despair all eyes have been focused on the Governor's office since he recalled all the TENER appointments last week. The principal interest centred in the Public Service Commission, of course, for that is the richest pool of patronage in the State government. There are seven of them and the \$10,000 a year which goes to each is a juicy morsel. The TENER nominees were S. LA RUE TONE, of Pittsburgh; SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER, of Pennsylvania Mills; EMORY R. JOHNSON, of Philadelphia; MILTON J. BRECHT, of Lancaster; CHARLES G. WRIGHT, of Susquehanna county; FRANK M. WALLACE, of Erie, and WALTER H. GAITHER, of Pittsburgh. These nominees were recalled while the local option bill was pending in the House and it was believed at the time that the incident had direct relation to that measure of legislation.

From the beginning it has been universally believed that Mr. PENNYPACKER would be reappointed. The party owes him a great debt. When QUAY was under indictment Mr. PENNYPACKER published an eulogy of him that exercised a vast influence on the public mind. Then when the capitol building grafters were looting the treasury he as Governor of the State and president of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds, obligingly closed his eyes. Finally during all the time that the looters were on trial he kept protesting their innocence and though he failed to keep them all out of jail he exculpated the party from blame to a great extent. There has probably never been any written agreement to keep him in office all his life, as recompense for these services. But it is safe to say that it assumed the form of a gentlemanly understanding.

The reappointment of Mr. BRECHT was also generally accepted as a forgone conclusion and most people assumed that Mr. WRIGHT was reasonably certain of a renewal of his commission. But the other three places became subjects of active mental speculation. Few people knew them and after TENER left nobody cared much about them. Their successors were equally uncertain. Inside information indicated JOHN S. RILLING, some years ago an efficient chairman of the Democratic State committee, and later a colleague of the Governor on the Board of Education would be one of the three new men and gossip took in a range of a dozen names for the other two. But there was general surprise when the Governor named the following: SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER, Schwenksville, ten years JOHN S. RILLING, Erie, nine years. WILLIAM A. MAGEE, Pittsburgh, eight years. M. J. BRECHT, Lancaster seven years. JOHN MONAGHAN, Philadelphia, six years. EDGAR A. KRISS, Williamsport, five years. WILLIAM D. B. AINEY, Montrose, four years. Their terms to compute from July 1st, 1913.

A considerable number of the minor offices were filled today and as a rule the TENER nominees were renamed. All the old Game commissioners except one, were reappointed and the same ratio of reappointments ran through the various charity boards. This fact indicates that there is not going to be much of a tearing up in the departments or reorganization of the government. During the campaign BRUMBAUGH promised all sorts of things in that direction. But except in the selection of new heads for the State, Highway and Legal departments, there has been little alteration in the personnel of officialdom. The subordinates are undisturbed and a good many of them deserved that consideration.

Obviously Governor BRUMBAUGH divided his time between religious and secular work on Sunday for the records of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on Monday show a large number of bills approved and some vetoed during the week-end recess. Among those approved was the Game Commission bill which appropriates \$303,200 for the maintenance of the Game Department for the two years covered by the measure. This is somewhat of a surprise for the reason that earlier in the session he vetoed a bill appropriating about the same amount for the same purpose. The Game Commission is about the last trench of the PENROSE machine in the State government and the Senator may have had a smoke house argument with his Excellency on the subject that changed his mind.

Other bills signed by the Governor during the interval between the adjournment on Friday and reassembling on Monday included an appropriation of \$125,000 to pay expenses incurred in fighting the foot and mouth disease. Half a million dollars had already been appropriated for that purpose; establishing the State insurance fund; authorizing first class townships to tax dogs; authorizing street railways to construct lines covered by charters and approval of authorities without reapplication for use of highways and right of way; fixing the salary of the chief clerk of the Department of Mines at \$2400 a year; authorizing the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings to buy in the open market such articles as contractors cannot furnish within a reasonable time and relieving the Governor of the necessity of signing settlements when the executive controller shall have approved them.

That measure affords a fine shelter for grafting operations. Whenever a favorite bidder underbids to defeat a rival he can easily find it inconvenient to furnish the article "within reasonable time" and the opportunity is opened for another favorite to supply the goods "in the open market," at his own price. As one of the carpet baggers in the South said to another during the reconstruction period "there are two years of good stealing" in Pennsylvania yet.

Other week-end approvals follow: Providing that the State law library shall be in the custody of the State Librarian; authorizing county commissioners to appropriate money to hospitals; authorizing chiefs of standards to regulate tolerance and variations of milk containers; extending time for engineers commission to report to June 1st, 1915; authorizing the Governor to close any county or part thereof to hunting and fishing when necessary to do so because of low water, disease or the conservation of natural resources; giving supervisors of public records authority over records of counties or municipalities; validating borough ordinances when advertising requirements have not been complied with; amending mattress inspection act so as to include second hand and leased mattresses; providing that bodies must be held forty-eight hours before being sent to medical colleges.

House bills approved require magistrates on preliminary hearing of charges involving certain misdemeanors to hear the accused and witnesses in his behalf; establishing municipal liens in borough; separating Clinton county from the Elk-Cameron judicial district and attaching it to Potter county; fixing the number and increasing the pay of employees of the Adjutant General's office; authorizing the merger of street railways chartered in this State with those incorporated in other States, where continuous line is formed; validating appraisement and titles made to surviving husbands and wives under Acts of 1833 and 1909; defining rights of fraternal organizations of which deceased shall have been a member; appropriating \$10,000 to continue work of codifying laws.

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RIGHT NOW.

[Written for the WATCHMAN.]

Very soon the rent Will be due.

Very soon the taxes Will be too.

Mother wants a coat.

Moses wants a boat.

Daddy is the goat.

Right now.

Very soon the WATCHMAN Must be paid.

Very soon a carpet Must be laid.

Daughter wants a hat.

Sister wants a mat.

Daddy's standing pat.

Right now.

Very soon the baker Wants his bill.

Very soon the butcher Won't keep still.

Mabel wants some clothes.

Sally wants some hose.

Daddy's almost froze.

Right now.

Very soon the grocery Bill will come.

Very soon the preacher Will want some.

Brother wants some shoes.

Charley wants the news.

Daddy has the blues.

Right now.

Very soon the milk man Will be 'round.

Very soon the light man Door will pound.

Baby wants a bunk.

Bertha wants a trunk.

Daddy's on a drunk.

Right now.

Very soon the ice man Will get cool.

Very soon the coal man You can't fool.

Olive wants a bed.

Twenty-some want fed.

Daddy wants a sled.

Right now.

Very soon the doctor Will mail dun.

Very soon the lawyer Quick will run.

Grand-ma wants to come.

Things are out of dumb.

Daddy's deaf and dumb.

Right now.

Very soon the banker Will raise Cain.

Very soon the dentist Will have pain.

There will be a clash.

Things are going to smash.

Daddy's short on cash.

Right now.

Very soon the telephone Will ring in.

Very soon the mail man Will get thin.

Now in honor bright.

We must say good-night.

Daddy's out of sight.

Right now.

—Priscilla.

The German Note.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

President Wilson has spoken for the country. He has not spoken, it is true, as the Roosevelt would have him speak. He has not threatened and he has not blustered. There will be those who will term the note to Germany too weak, just as there are those who will hold that it is too strong. It does stand, however, as the official expression of this country's attitude concerning the treatments that should be accorded neutral ships and neutral passengers who are traversing the war zone in merchant vessels. The President has been careful about all else not to close the door against friendly intercourse. The way is open for continued friendly intercourse. There is no reason to suppose that Germany will not receive the American note in the spirit in which it was intended. No affront has been given to her pride.

While the issue is pending, while not only this nation but the nations of the world await Germany's reply, those who seek to embitter public sentiment, to create discord, to inflame the public mind themselves, the enemies of humanity, throughout this country this must be the thought and prayer: There must be no war.

Nothing short of the necessity that measures be taken to protect our country from the dangers of actual attack should be allowed to weigh in the balance when the issue is peace.

However, President Wilson has spoken for the nation and the nation must trust him and support him. He has for the time ceased to be Woodrow Wilson the President elected by a party, but is Woodrow Wilson, the chief executive of a good, as there appears to be no prospect for an early close of the war. It's an ill-wind that brings this news from Europe, but nevertheless it brings good to the Kansas farmer. We don't want the war to continue, but we have a right to rejoice in the good it brings to our State.

Kansas in Good Spirits.

From the Leavenworth Times.

The Kansas farmers really appear to be in for another great crop year with top prices for all they can produce. County Commissioner Sam Ward, who owns a large portion of the west end of the State, was out there last week and told a Times editor recently that everything looks the best in the world. He says he never saw the country looking better and is satisfied that it will produce this year the biggest crop of wheat ever produced. Owing to the war in Europe the price of wheat is very high and the prospects for its keeping good, as there appears to be no prospect for an early close of the war. It's an ill-wind that brings this news from Europe, but nevertheless it brings good to the Kansas farmer. We don't want the war to continue, but we have a right to rejoice in the good it brings to our State.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Mrs. Rebecca Smith, who sued the borough of Clearfield for injuries sustained in a fall, has been awarded the sum of \$777.14. In the fall her hip was badly fractured.

—An automobile driven by two girls ran down and killed the latest Johnstown lad to fall beneath the wheels of the modern Jugernaut. His name was Sampson Fisher and he was 8 years old.

—George Sencer and Raymond White, of Morrisdale, have been lodged in the Clearfield county jail to await trial on the charge of highway robbery and assault and battery with intent to kill.

—The Rev. Dr. E. C. Reeve, of Clearfield, is the owner of a valuable collection of ancient coins, including some Roman coins dating from the time of Caesar to the fall of the Roman empire.

—The Hon. Albert G. Heck, the new president judge of Clinton county, is a son of the Rev. L. G. Heck, of Watsontown, a retired member of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference.

—William Hower, son of Francis Hower, the Juniata county man who recently blew off the top of his head while getting ready to shoot a fox, has killed the animal that caused his father's death.

—Lewis town will have no tabernacle and no high-priced evangelist, a majority of the town's churches being opposed to the scheme. It is a very sensible conclusion they have reached concerning this matter.

—The Red Men of DuBois are making extensive preparations for the state meeting of their order which will be held in that town June 8, 9 and 10. Seven hundred delegates are expected to be present.

—The big store of H. A. Brumet, at Summerhill, was recently destroyed by fire. One of the combustible contents of the store was a big tank containing over 100 gallons of kerosene. The store and the entire stock were consumed.

—David Bennett and his son Thomas have been arrested and lodged in the Clearfield county jail charged with robbing several summer cottages at Sabula. Some of the stolen articles were recovered and the younger man confessed.

—Arson J. Perrott, of Frenchville, Clearfield county, is asked to pay damages to the amount of \$5,000 to Augustine Pluebel and her husband, Oliver Pluebel, the charge being that he wrongfully and wilfully defamed the character of Mrs. Pluebel.

—Mrs. Anna Heisey, the Clearfield county woman who celebrated the 99th anniversary of her birth some ten days ago, received 325 post cards and a number of beautiful plants. The Lutheran church, of which she is a member, sent her ninety-nine carnations.

—Charles B. Heiges, a well-known painter whose home was in DuBois, was the victim of a fatal accident when the ladder on which he was standing broke, precipitating him to the ground, a distance of thirty feet. He received a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and died twelve hours later.

—Mrs. Martha Burnett, colored, shot three times by her husband, Charles Burnett, and wounded so badly that her recovery was pronounced impossible, was discharged from the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, in which city the shooting occurred, last Saturday. Burnett, it will be recalled, killed himself.

—At the Philadelphia hospital Edwin Shultz, of Houtdale, aged 14 months, had a grain of corn taken from his windpipe. Efforts to dislodge the intruder through natural channels having failed, the windpipe was cut open and the corn taken out. For the present the child must breathe through a silver tube in the opening.

—William H. Sunshine, prominent politician and an officer of the Union National bank of Johnstown, in which town he resides, has filed a suit in Somerset county against P. J. McGrath, former saloon keeper in Johnstown and Somerset county, for libel and perjury. McGrath made various charges against Sunshine in an affidavit executed in Somerset county.

—The axle plant of the Cambria Steel company is at work on an order for 20,000 car axles placed by the Russian government, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$750,000. It is also officially announced from the headquarters of the company in Philadelphia that the corporation expects to close another contract for an additional \$1,250,000 worth of axles for foreign shipment in the near future.

—It will be necessary to survey a portion of the dividing line between Clearfield and Cambria counties before Levi Oshells, his wife and four daughters can be tried on charges growing out of the battle at Coalport when Sheriff F. E. Mullen, of Cambria county, tried to arrest Oshells' son Wayne, and thereby stirred up a lot of shooting. Surveyors will be employed to determine the mooted question.

—Burglars entered the office of the station of the N. Y. C. Railroad at Castanea some time during Monday night by forcing open the rear window with a crow bar. As far as can be ascertained the only plunder secured was about 100 revenue stamps valued at one cent each. The ticket case was pruned open, but none of the tickets were taken and the money drawer was pulled out, but no cash was kept in the drawer so that the burglars secured very little loot for their trouble.

—The Smith, Hayes & Miller Co. is the name of a new corporation organized to develop a coal tract near Drane, in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where a fine body of coal has been leased. The members of the firm, J. E. Smith, president, and R. H. Hayes, secretary, both of Philadelphia, and Jacob Miller, Esq., of Drane, were there on Saturday and arranged to begin to develop the property without delay. With the land already in their possession and some they are arranging to lease, they will have a valuable property, amounting in all to about 500 acres.

—After being out only a short time, the jury in the case of Adam Snyder of Rosedale, charged with the murder of Mrs. Rebecca Port at her home in Huntingdon county last February, returned a verdict of first degree murder. The promptness with which the verdict was returned indicated that the jurors did not place any reliance upon the testimony introduced in an effort to prove the irresponsibility of the young murderer. A motion for arrest of judgment and a new trial was made and arguments will be heard in support of this motion within the next 10 days or two weeks. It is said that Snyder did not change his composure in the least when the verdict was rendered that will send him to the electric chair in the event the decision of the jury is permitted to stand.

—Among properties advertised for Sheriff's sale on Monday, June 4, are the grounds and buildings of historic Blairsville Seminary, more familiarly known in later years as Blairsville College for Women. The school was organized more than 65 years ago, and hundreds of women throughout Western Pennsylvania obtained their education there. The institution opened in a raised and the present site was bought and three-story brick building erected. The school was conducted at a loss for several years and eventually closed in June, 1913. The property has been in the hands of a trustee since then. A probable purchaser of the old college is the Blairsville School Board, who would use the grounds for the site of a new borough school.