

INK SLINGS.

Next week she starts. Are you sure you're ready for it?

The longest day of the year is over. Do you realize that?

Say, you fellows who are running the Old Home week business!

—Leo Frank has been saved from the gallows by the Governor of Georgia.

—Jim McNichol's bill to "jimmy" the Democrats out of their rightful column on the election ballot has been vetoed by the Governor.

—Anent the unusually cold weather of yesterday and the day before Miss Annie Mignot recalled that forty-one years ago yesterday there was a freeze in the vicinity of Frenchville, Clearfield county, that froze all vegetation black.

—War news during the past week indicates that if the Russians are not decisively beaten in the neighborhood of Lemberg they will be so effectually routed that it will be months before they can reorganize their armies and come back at the Germans.

—While the veto of the Full Crew repealer was more or less of a surprise it was only in line with a hint the Governor is said to have given before the bill passed, to the effect that he would veto such a measure should it be passed by the Legislature.

—Of course the mayor and police are going to try to keep all pick-pockets out of Bellefonte during Old Home week, but the one that slips by them might be the one who will "dip" your fat wallet, if you are foolish enough to carry one in such crowds as will be here then.

—So Mr. J. LEVERING JONES, trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, declares that his "is not a public institution" and that its trustees "are answerable only to their own sense of duty and responsibility."

—Only Republicans who have a streak of yellow will condemn Governor BRUMBAUGH for vetoing the bill that was designed to cheat the Democrats out of the place they won on the ballot at the last Presidential election.

—Governor BRUMBAUGH, commander in chief of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has issued a sweeping order prohibiting the use or sale of intoxicating or malt liquors in any encampments of the Guard.

—Governor BRUMBAUGH cut nothing from the appropriation to the University of Pennsylvania; only \$50,000 from that to the University of Pittsburgh and \$112,000.00 from the Pennsylvania State College.

—The preachers and the Old Home week committee have, happily, patched up a truce. There are to be no more paddle wheels on the streets to sell tickets for the automobile until the big week actually arrives.

—Dr. DIXON advises parents to encourage their children to "take an interest in the wonders of God's great outdoors."

—Monday was the longest day in the year and summer was officially ushered in, according to the almanac, on Tuesday, but it is almost impossible to believe it by the weather.

—Don't run around on Bellefonte streets during Old Home week with a wallet full of money in your pocket, and a watch inviting the attention of the "dips" who may be in the crowds.

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Governor Brumbaugh's Wise Vetoes.

Governor BRUMBAUGH has not only made a new veto record in respect to the number of bills stricken off but he has easily outclassed all his recent predecessors in exercising that prerogative wisely and well.

In the veto of the McNichol election legislation, the Governor was especially responsive to the best public sentiment. The sponsor of those bills was Senator McNichol of Philadelphia, a cheap sport who welters whenever he loses.

Full Crew Law Stands.

Under the circumstances the Governor could have done nothing other than that which he did with respect to the bill repealing the Full Crew law of 1911.

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The declaration of the final action of the Governor upon measures in his hands at the adjournment of the Legislature is an event. 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, in which case it shall be a law, unless he shall file the same, with his objections, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and give notice thereof by public proclamation within thirty days after adjournment."

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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.

HARRISBURG, PA., June 23rd, 1915.

Governor BRUMBAUGH's ambition to make a new veto record has been fulfilled. He vetoed 211 bills against 171 vetoed by Governor TENER, two years ago and 120, the high water mark made by Governor STUART during and immediately following the session of 1909.

The veto of the Full Crew law repealer surprised even those who hoped for it. BRUMBAUGH was pledged to that action but few had confidence in his fidelity. He is a politician and ambitious and the railroad magnates make no secrecy of their intention to make reprisals.

The Governor failed to keep his promise to veto appropriation bills only in a constitutional way. The organic law in Section 16 of Article IV, declares that "the Governor shall have power to disapprove of any item or items of any bill, making appropriations of money, embracing distinct items, and the part or parts of the bill approved shall be the law, and the item or items disapproved shall be void."

Not cut in the list of appropriations will cause deeper regret than that for State College. The appropriation for that institution was \$1,107,000 which has been cut down to \$995,000. That is \$74,000 more than was given to the college last time, but the meagerness of the appropriation last time greatly curtailed the usefulness of the institution, retarded its progress and interfered with its prosperity.

That cutting the bills was necessary is beyond question and that it is the result of slovenliness is equally certain. Estimates upon the probable revenue for the two years differed widely. The Auditor General whose business it is to know all about such things declared most emphatically that no more than \$60,000,000 could be expected while the House Committee on Ways and Means with equal confidence asserted that something like \$72,000,000 might be hoped for.

Whether or not his excellency cut wisely remains to be seen. It is certain that he hit the educational institutions hard. Being a school man everybody imagined that he would take care of the schools. But as a matter of fact in addition to the considerable cut on the State College bill, he slashed the academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, the vocational education branch of the Department of Public Instruction, the bill for liquidation of mortgages in the State Board of Education, and the University of Pittsburgh and considerably reduced the bills for other institutions of learning.

Naturally every decent citizen read with pleasure the announcement of the veto of the McNichol political bills. As the Philadelphia Ledger put it those vetoes "loosen the machine grip." There were five of these vicious measures, the most important being that which was designed to prevent the fusion of voters opposed to the machine. As the Governor indicates, this bill was suggested by the "unholy alliance" of last fall.

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The word "proclamation" is variously interpreted and presumably the publication in newspapers or the filing of the statement in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth would serve the purpose expressed in this constitutional requirement. But from the beginning the custom has been for an official of the Executive Department to appear in the corridor of the Capitol and read it aloud. On this occasion, precisely at midnight, the Executive Clerk, JAMES C. DININGER, a fine fellow physically and mentally, took his place in the rotunda, and with no

OLD HOME WEEK.

To the Tune of "A Long, Long Way to Tipperary." SARAH P. BAYARD.

Dear old town of Bellefonte with its hills and valleys green We are coming back to waken our happy childhood's dreams

For it's a long way to Centre county It's a long way to go Bellefonte will be the station

When you hear the whistle blow Good-bye toil and worry, Good-bye pain and care It's a long, long way to Centre county But our hearts' right there.

We're longing to visit all the old familiar scenes To renew our youth and vigor at our clear and crystal spring.

Death or Imprisonment.

From the Philadelphia Press. Governor Brumbaugh has very properly vetoed the bill empowering juries to fix the penalty either of death or life imprisonment in cases of conviction for murder in the first degree.

The device of leaving the choice of death or life imprisonment to the jury and the similar provision which in some States leaves this alternative to the discretion of the trial judge is a half-way concession to the demand for the abolition of capital punishment.

Capital punishment, which still obtains in forty-one States, may be wiped out hereafter, but while it lasts the doomsman should be the law itself and not a jury of the murderer's peers.

Stand Pats Set Back.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. Those "stand-pat" newspapers which profess to see in the retirement of Mr. Bryan from the Cabinet an impassable chasm between the President and him and the first step in a Democratic rupture were given a setback by the very personal and social call paid Mr. Bryan by the President on the eve of the former's departure for his summer home.

This striking evidence of good-will between the two men confirms the convictions of friends of both when Mr. Bryan retired that his action was taken as was then stated by both men wholly as a result of honest differences of opinion not even as to the end sought in the international complications but merely as to methods.

The resignation was in no sense due to personal or political differences. As Mr. Bryan himself said on the day of the President's visit there had been no differences of official relations between the two men into a political feud of bitter hostility, for which there is not the slightest evidence.

An Era of Good Feeling.

From the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

The co-operation of Latin-American Republics with the United States in any further drastic measures for the restoration of orderly government in Mexico would be additional proof of confidence in the good intentions of this country. The reported intimation by the A. B. C. Republics and others of a desire to be represented in such a demonstration of Pan-Americanism is in itself a welcome assurance of good feeling full of promise for the future.

A Delectable Discovery.

From the Detroit Free Press. A New York chef has discovered the way to remove the bones of a shad before cooking it, thus conferring a greater blessing on mankind than all the inventors of all the implements of warfare ever did.

Lansing's Diplomacy.

From the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. Lansing's entente with newspaper correspondents shows that our State Department now sees that diplomacy must be like a watch—its works concealed, but its face open to every observer.

For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Mrs. Amelia Fisher, who died at her home in Sunbury a week ago in the 102nd year of her age, is believed to have been the oldest resident of the State.

—The city of Johnstown has appropriated \$500 to be expended in salaries for two nurses to be employed under the direction of the Associated Charities of the city.

—An enterprising Williamsport gardener has offered to supply the school children of that city with cabbage plants for their school gardens free of charge, up to 2,000.

—Andrew Carnegie has expressed a willingness to help the Lutherans of Phillipsburg by making a liberal contribution toward the purchase of their new pipe organ.

—William Walker, of DuBois, who is now an inmate of the County Home at Clearfield, is 102 years old and hale and hearty enough to go to the table regularly and enjoy his meals.

—While working in the woods near his home, Henry From of near Armagh, Indiana county, was struck and pinned to the ground by a falling tree. Death followed soon after the accident.

—Mrs. Margaret Worrel, aged 81, died on Tuesday morning as the result of a mosquito bite on her lip. Previous to the bite of the insect on Monday she had been in good health.

—William Moyer, of Freeburg, visited Lewis-town last Saturday and gets his name in the newspapers because on that day he walked a distance of six miles, although he is over 80 years of age.

—A large barn belonging to George Edwards, of Morrisdale, Clearfield county, was destroyed by an early morning fire last Monday. The disaster is placed to the score of tramps who were seen in the vicinity.

—Over in the town of Indiana one chauffeur who, with two passengers came near going to kingdom come, plead guilty to driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$100 and costs.

—A man named Harvey Hemminger, residing in a little log hut, half hidden by a mountain thicket, has been arrested by officers of Boswell, Somerset county, charged with being a member of a gang of counterfeiter.

—The Middletown Car Works, which is connected with companies operating plants in Pittsburgh and Butler, has received orders for 5,000 cars, most of them for South America. It will mean employment of 250 more men.

—When G. F. Miller, of Williamsport, went down stairs to the kitchen last Wednesday morning, expecting to get his breakfast, he was shocked to discover the body of his wife hanging there. She had been in ill health for weeks.

—Miss Margaret Ward, of Johnstown, aged 30 years, died suddenly last Monday morning of ptomaine poisoning. She has been employed as a clerk by the Johnstown Sanitary Dairy company for the last six years and was at work on Saturday.

—Milton Walker, of Jenner, Somerset county, has been arrested charged with the attempted murder of Lizzie Walker, a relative who kept house for him. The girl is said to be in a critical condition. Walker also stabbed two deputies who aided in his arrest.

—During the last week of this month the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Johnstown, are going to make a concerted effort to secure 1,000 additions and \$4,000 in money, the latter being needed to carry on the work along various lines of activity.

—Ezra Buskirk created something of a sensation in DuBois the other day when he appeared at the Hotel DuBois, where his wife was engaged working in the kitchen, and fired two shots at her inflicting two slight wounds. He fled but was arrested and lodged in jail at Clearfield.

—Early last Monday morning, following a protracted celebration of a Slavish wedding at Bitumen, Clinton county, and during a drunken quarrel, Fred Fant, a native of Finland, shot and killed Adolph Campenine, a Swede. The murderer was made a citizen of the United States on June 9.

—The Pennsylvania society of the Sons of the American Revolution will unveil on Saturday next at Ligonier a huge granite shaft marking the site of old Fort Ligonier, which was erected in 1758. Governor Brumbaugh and several other distinguished Pennsylvanians are expected to deliver addresses.

—Judgment of the Pennsylvania Supreme court for \$124,000 as treble damages under a State law in favor of the Clark Brothers Coal Mining company against the Pennsylvania railroad for discrimination in car distribution, before the passage of the Hepburn rate law, was set aside on Monday by the United States Supreme court.

—Mrs. Mary Orner, of Shaver's Creek valley, was last Thursday awarded \$2450 damages by the Blair county court, in a suit brought by her against Huntingdon county, for the death of her husband who was fatally injured May 30, 1910, when the traction engine he was driving fell through the bridge into Globe Run, about one mile from Cottage.

—The Hawk Run gunman, generally known as "Dare Devil Dave" Smith, was called before Judge Bell at Clearfield on Monday, and failing to make a satisfactory answer as to why he failed to keep his promise to leave the county was soaked to the tune of \$100 fine, cost of prosecution and not less than two years nor more than five years in the western penitentiary.

—William Seldon, aged 45 years, left his home in Turbett township, Juniata county, more than a week ago for the supposed purpose of visiting a doctor in Millifintown. When last seen he was standing at the south end of Mexico bridge looking at the river. For some time he was complaining that things were not going right about the farm. His friends fear that he may have taken his own life or wandered away in a state of bewilderment.

—Her jaws locked as the result of fright, following a sharp flash of lightning during a storm last Tuesday afternoon, Jennie McCloskey, 7-year-old daughter of Edward McCloskey, of Hokenauqua, Berks county, died on Saturday. The case is unusual, doctors say. The girl was by her mother's side in the kitchen when there was a sharp flash of lightning, the child falling unconscious on the floor. A doctor found the girl's jaws locked, and she remained in that condition until death.

—Nearly five thousand pigeons were burned to death and buildings valued at \$1,700 were destroyed Saturday morning when fire, supposed to have been caused by a spark from a passing D. L. & W. freight train burned the pigeon pens of Ralph Sharrets at Esby. In the pens were Heathers, Carneau and crossed pigeons, to the number of about 3,500, while there were also about 1,500 squabs in the pens. Mr. Sharrets stated that not more than a hundred of the entire lot were saved, many of these being so badly burned that they will die.

—Joseph Buck, 48 years old, a wealthy contractor of Chester Springs, Cambria county, committed suicide by grasping a wire carrying 60,000 volts of electricity. His health is given as the cause of his act. Buck, who had only recently returned from a Pittsburgh hospital, where he was told it would be useless to attempt to cure him of cancer, took his eight children on a fishing trip near his home. Leaving the children, he climbed a pole of the Penn Central Light and Power company and caught one of the high-tension wires. His hands were burned off and his body fell to the ground, his neck being broken when he struck the earth.