HARRISBURG LETTER.

Only the Members of the House at Work This Week.

TO REFORM INSANE HOSPITALS.

Senator Gobin's Rift to Reorganize Those Institutions -Slow Progress of the House in Pushing Measures to Final Passage. Changes in the Governor's Staff.

(Special Correspondence.)

HARRISBURG, April 1.—The house of representatives will have a monopoly of the lawmaking business next week, the senate having taken a recess for the entire week because of the fact that today, April is "settlement day" in the country Throughout the rnral sections this is the great business day of the year. Leases are drawn, mortgages become payable, notes fall due and must be renewed, and in fact, nearly all the financial and legal business of the average countryman is crowded into "settlement day" and the several days immediately following.

The country lawyers are naturally in great demand at this time, and the general custom has been for both branches of the legislature to take a recess of at least several days. Owing to the great mass of bills on the calendar Speaker Walton and his committee on rules succeeded in defeating all resolutions looking to any recess of the house, but in the senate the proportion of lawyers is so great that there was no opposition to the long recess. The speed with which the senate can dispatch its business will enable it to speedily make up all the time lost during the recess.

To Reform Asylum Management, One of the direct results of the investigation into the management of the Norris town state hospital for the insane is the bill introduced by Senator Gobin during the past week, providing for a uniform system of government for such institutions. The law creating the Norristown asylum placed it under the control of a board of thirteen managers, five of whom are appointed by the governor, two are elected by the Philadelphia city councils and one each by the commissioners of the countles of Delaware, Chester, Montgomery. Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton. This system provides for no concentrated control, and an investigating committee would not know where to go for a remedy should anything detrimental to the management be discovered at any time.

Senator Gobin's bill is intended to meet this trouble by providing that all such institutions shall be under the control of a board of nine trustees, to be appointed by the governor. The bill also provides that the chief male physician shall have charge of the treatment of the male patients, but shall have no duties outside of his professional ones. Under the present law the chief physician is the head official of the institution, and not only looks after all the business of the place, but manages the farm as well. By confining his attention to his professional duties and putting a practical manager at the head of the institution, it is contended, much better results can be obtained.

Legislators at Cake Walks.

Cake walks have become quite a fad with the members of the legislature, and every one of these entertainments so dear to the hearts of the colored brethren and sisters finds a big delegation of lawmakers present. The more prominent members are selected as judges of the affair, and, as a rule most of those selected serve. Among those who have officiated in that capacity are Representatives Fow, Focht, Smiley and Andrews. At a swell cake walk during the past week Speaker Walton was appointed one of the judges, but was ununable to serve, owing to press of official

Many laughable incidents are continually coming to the surface, showing the general order of intelligence of the house. One of the most amusing occurred, however, the other day, when the bill regulating pawnbrokers' fees was under consideration. Representative Stewart, of Philadelphia, offered an amendment providing that no pledges could be received from confirmed inchriates. "What's a 'confirmed inebriate'?" asked

a lawmaker in the rear of the hall of his neighbors. "Is it anything like consumption or paralysis?"

"Oh, yes," chipped in Charlie O'Malley, of Scranton, soberly. "It partakes some-what of both complaints. There is generally a big consumption of beer and the like, followed by frequently getting paralyzed on whisky." And the learned framer of the laws of the commonwealth relapsed into silence, pondering on the character of this new and terrible disease.

A Legislative "Mrs. Partington."

A Philadelphia member has made himself almost equally famous. He was very indignant last Monday night over his treatment on city ice boat No. 3, and to a circle of sympathetic fellow members re-peated his tale of woe. "Why," he declared, "there should have been somebody on the wharf to indemnify us. There wasn't a soul there to indemnify me, and I could hardly get on board. Was there anybody there to indemnify you?"

The prompt action of Speaker Walton on Thursday brought a lot of the fun loving members of the house up with a round turn. Representative Garvin, of Chester, had been placed in the chair, and the house proceeded to have some fun with him. John Fow worked his old trick of stealing the gavel, and when the temporary speaker wanted to rap for at least a semblance of order he found himself powerless. Before the scene could go too far Speaker Walton suddenly resumed the chair, the gavel was returned to him and with a few sharp raps and a decisive "the house must come to order," everything was suddenly restored

to the usual routine quiet. The house had equally as much fun on Friday, when Mr. Fow was in the chair, on first reading bills, but the versatile Philadelphian never lost control. Representative Scalfe imitated the cry of a calf. but Fow promptly stopped it with an order to the sergeant-at-arms to "tie up that

To Give the Juror His Vote.

In some of the counties of the state the judges hold court on election days and jurors have frequently been prevented from voting. At the February election a man up in Bradford county was a candidate for office, but he was also a juror, and as the county scat was at a considerable distance from his home, he not only could not look after his campaign, but was prevented from voting. To remedy this condition of affairs Representative Kinner, of Bradford, has introduced a bill which will compel a court to excuse a juror long enough to allow him to go and vote. Some of the lawyers in the house have suggested that a better plan would be to pass a law providing that no courts other than election

courts should sit on any election day.

The action of Philadelphia garbage collectors in handing their slop across the line into Delaware county has induced Senator Baker to introduce a bill making it unlawful for anyone to collect garbage in cities where other provision has been made for its disposal and feed it to domes tic animals which are used for food. A penalty of \$25 fine for each violation i

The House Making Slow Progress, There now remain over 1,100 bills on the senate and house calendar and no less than 200 in committee 1 will be brought out. The average number of hill passing the house finally last week was only three a day. Usually about 375 b.11

are passed each session. The appropriation, revenue and apportionment bills are still in committee, except the judicial apportionment bill. This measure has gone through the house, and will be read the first time in the senate next Monday. During the past week the governor signed five bills. He has not yet acted on John Fow's bill to abolish the kissing of the Bible in administering oaths. This is the only bill before the governor awaiting his action. The friends of the measure believe it will be approved. The resolutions calling for clerical correction in the bills creating a separate orphans' court in Schuylkill and providing for a license for private detectives are still un-signed. Up to date the governor has approved fifteen bills, vetoed five and signed twenty-two resolutions.

The boomers of a "greater Pittsburg" will make an effort this evening to secure a special order for the annexation bills. These measures have passed the senate and are on the house calendar for second reading. The anti-Quay county people are opposing the bills, and the chances are the Pittsburgers will not be allowed this privflege. The Baker "sweat shop" bill, which provides for eight additional factory in pectors, will come up on a special order for second reading tomorrow and third reading on Wednesday. The pure food bill comes up on Thursday for second reading. It is almost identical with that in-troduced in the 1833 session by the late Ben Hewitt, of Altoona, and vetoed by Governor Pattison. The bill has been amended to meet the objections which were then made against it. The chance are that I will go through with practically no opposi-tion. The bill regulating the charges of sleeping car companies is near the head o the second reading calendar, and will comup during the week. The Douthett measure, providing for the purchase of school books at publishers' prices and the Riter judges' retirement bill are also on the calendar for second reading and will be taker

up this week. Appointed on the Governor's Staff. Governor Hastings will strengthen his military family this week. Those who profess to speak by authority say he will appoint Major Everett Warren, of Scran-ton, judge advocate general, and Colonel Thomas Potter, of Philadelphia, assistant commissary general. Colonel Potter held this position on the staff of Governor Beaver. A successor will also be named to Louis W. Read, of Norristown, surgeon general. Colonel Read has occupied this position for twenty years, having been originally appointed by Governor Hartranft. The governor's personal friends have a man for this place and it has been decided by the executive to drop Read.

There were a few changes in the departments today. Guy H. Davies, of Bradford a son of ex-Lieutenant Governor Davies, goes into the governor's office as executive clerk. Mr. Davies succeeds Captain Will iam F. Reber, of Bellefonte. W. Scott Hammond, of York, becomes a clerk in the adjutant general's department. Horace Blue, of Danville, a clerk in the state department, retired on Saturday, and A. L. Crist, of Williamsport, a clerk in the adjutant general's department, was given notice to quit. A most important change is the retirement today of Deputy Commissioner Awl, of this city, ceeded by ex-State Treasurer Morrison, of Allegheny.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

CARBONDALE, Pa., March 29.-Joseph Kafa, a miner in the Glenwood mines, re ceived injuries on Wednesday from a premature blast from which he died yesterday. William Fisher, a fellow workman, was also seriously injured.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 27.-Several railroad workmen found the remains of s newly born infant hidden in the ice and snow near this place. It is thought that the babe was strangled. Coroner Shindle is now making an investigation.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 30 .- Joseph Hendler, of this city, has been awarded the contract for furnishing the stone to be used in the construction of the big bridge across the Hudson river from New York to Jersey City. Mr. Hendler's quarries are located on Wilkesbarre mountain, and the supply is practically inexhaustible.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 29.-Five burglars broke into the Bellwood postoffice during the night, blow open the safe and secured \$100 worth of postage stamps, some pennies and two registered letters. A citizen named Homer, who was aroused by the explosion, fired at the burglars and the fire was returned. None of the shots was effective, and the burglars escaped with out leaving a clew as to their identity.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 30 .- The heirs of Solomon Diehl, an aged bachelor of miserly habits, searched his late residence yesterday and found over \$4,000 in gold, silver and copper coins. The money was tied up in old stockings and hidden away under floors and in crevices and cracks about the building. Diehl lived in the Mahantonga valley, and died a week ago. The money is now in bank, awaiting division among the heirs.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30. - John A. Talcott, of 108 and 110 Franklin street. New York city, shot his wife, Mrs. E. B. Brown, aged 24 years, yesterday afternoon, and then committed suicide. Mrs. Brown will recover. Brown, who has not been living with his wife for some time past, called at her father's home at 500 South Forty-second street, in an aristocratic portion of West Philadelphia, where the young wife has been living. When the servant answered the bell Brown asked to see his wife. Mrs. Brown was upstairs at the time, and being informed that her husband wished to see her she started to come down the front stairs. When about half way down her husband, who had remained standing in the hallway, suddenly drew a revolver and commenced firing at his wife. The frightened woman turned and ran upstairs, one shot striking her in the back as she fled. Brown then coolly walked into the parlor, placed the revolve behind his right ear and fired a bullet into his brain, dying almost instantly. The murderer fired five shots at his wife, only

one of which took effect.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent, WASHINGTON, March 29th., 1895.

President Cleveland and the other members of the administration are entirely satisfied with the present state of the various diplomatic complications. The new ministry of Spain has sent a communication explaining the delay in replying to Secretary Gresham's demand in the Allianca case, and it is probable that the demanded apology will speedily follow; there has been a decided let down in the attitude of the British government as to its dealings with Nicaragua and Venezuela since President Cleveland instructed embassador Bayard to inform the British foreign office that if it violated the Monroe doctrine in its dealings with those countries the United States would forcibly interfere, and all of the other complications are being pushed to a satisfactory settlement. According to the latest advices

from Germany, President Cleveland's determination not to appoint delegates to the expected monetary conference, because of the difference between the avowed purposes for which it was proposed to ho'd the conference and those of a conference which the Wolcott amendment to the Sundry Civil appropriation bill authorized the United States to take part in, was unnecessary. It seems that the government of Germany has been engaged in a little game of buncombe, for the purpose of placating the bi metallists over there who have been making themselves troublesome, and that it has no real intention of inviting the powers to attend a monetary conference.

If there were the same number of changes in the diplomatic corps every week that have been announced during the week just ended it would only take a few weeks to change the whole corps. One ambassador and four ministers represent the week's changes, not to mention the small fry.

At the last cabinet meeting a local photographer succeeded in getting a splendid group picture of President Cleveland and his entire Cabinet, which will make a fitting companion picture for that of President Cleveland's first cabinet, taken just previous to the retirement of Secretary Manning from the cabinet, just as this one was taken just before the retirement of Postmaster General Bissell. Mr. Bissell will retire on Saturday and on Monday Hon, W. L. Wilson will assume the duties of Postmaster Gen-

Ex-Gov. Campbell, of Ohio, who is the idol of the democrats of his own state and almost as popular in all the other states, is in Washington. He says he is devoting his time exclusively to the practice of law just now, but inasmuch as Senator Brice and other prominent democrats have been conferring with him it is safe to assume that a little of his time is being given to a discussion of plans likely to bring about future democratic success, which he is so anxious for.

Attorney General Olney's speech against the granting of a habeas corpus by the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of Debs, the leader of the Chicago railroad strike, has been very highly complimented. In the following quotation therefrom the whole case is stated in a nutshell: "By legislation Congress has made steam railroads interstate commerce carriers for both governmental and private purposes. In July, 1894, interstate railroad transportation was being interfered with in the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago. The interference was on an immense scale and was accompanied with the burning of cars, with the derailment of trains, with assaults upon passengers and employes by which many were killed and many more wounded, with howling and excited mobs in full occupation of entire districts and terrorizing entire communities. It was an interference for which, with all its consequences and incidents, the present petitioners (Debs and his associates) are to the fullest extent responsible, unless it be true that men can want only touch the match to powder and yet be blameless because not rightly realizing the ensuing devastation; unless it be true that men can make vehement appeals for something to be done and yet plead not guilty when their tools and dupes resort to the only means by which that something can be done; unless it be true that those who seek to execute a plot by the only means possible, in the open, Brown, aged 30 years, employed by James | and taking the legal consequences upon their heads, are to be branded as criminals, while those who sit in an office and hatch the plot and urge on its consummation are to go unwhipped of justice because of loud mouthed professions of virtue in general and respect for law and order in particular."

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