HARRISBURG NEWS LETTER.

Legislature Working Only 4 Hours Per Open Seas for All Nations—Peace Without Week,-Will Get on high Gear About April When Boss Legislation Will Take First Place.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania has now settled down to its tedious and laborious schedule of meeting about four hours per week. A session is held Monday night from nine to ten or ten thirty and another on Tuesday lasting two or three hours. And all the while the 255 employees continue to draw their \$6, \$7 and \$8 per day for every day in the week, Sundays and holidays included. (And this is some "maladministration in public office" that neither Senator Penrose nor Senator Sproul have asked for an investigation upon because it is one small feature of the criminally extravagant syst m of State government which is still in their control). The Legislature will proceed at this four-hour-a week gait until about the latter part of April when it will go in high gear, and there will be such a rush to get the business of the session that all legislation except that which the bosses particularly desire, will be pushed saide, and the stuff sage on January 22nd, 1917. We quote that passes will go over with scarcely time for a glance, much less a criticism.

The Desocratic resolution calling for an honest and impartial investigation of the many charges of bribery, perjury, maladministration, etc., which the two Republican factions have been hurling at each other this winter was shelved in the House. But three Republicans voted the solid Democratic delegation for the passage of the Sarig resolution, the balance, whether wearing the Penrose or Vare collar, stood up to the rack and sent the bill on the table indefinitely. About the time this was done Senator Sproul introduced a resolution in the Senate calling for a joint committee of members of the Senate and House to investigate alleged "maladminis- might not be achieved by either set of tration on the part of public officers European nations now engaged in huby their gross extravagance, by their man butchery, since that would lead misuse of public funds, by their con- to greater future conflict, and, that tinued absence from their respective therefore the more desired condition offices, by their failure to properly to be won would be to have the condischarge duties imposed upon them flict end in a draw. and unnecessary delay in the transaction of public business, by their in- one all-potent, infallable force that can births and deaths was four of the form- as follows: William Brooks, John A. Meyers lived there until the death of John M. Horner, of Bellefonte, while timidation and coercion of employees ever be wholly successful, and the naand business interests, by their misuse tion that will refuse to abide by that township came out "fifty-fifty," there Durst, J. F. Musser, Rev. Piper, J. T. of appointive, administrative and regu- force-an international court mandate being twenty-two births to the same Potter, J. J. Arney, John Grove, J. lative authority, by their alleged brib- against waging war-must be brought number of deaths. It remained for Cloyd Brooks, W. H. Sinkabine, S. ery in bargaining and selling as re- to a full realization of its folly, not by wards for votes of members of the Gen- the stupidity of waging more war, but eral Assembly, offices and position by a much more effective, forceful, being born and only eight deaths occreated by the public and supported drastic punishment, namely : Nationby the public for the transaction of alseverage; utter elimination; compublic business, by perjury on the plete banishment; unqualified ostrapart, of certain officials in accepting cism; commercial expulsion. public offices from which they have knowingly disqualfied themselves by decay and annihilation to all nations violating the corrupt practice act of this commonwealth, by repugnant the edicts of a world tribunal. and flagrant political activity on the part of semijudicial officers by the en- powerful, would ever court such decroachment of the executive upon the structive punishment, hence all would legislative branch of government." be ready and willing to play an hon-Senator Spreul also scathingly states orable part in the establishment of perin his resolution : " Such officers debauch, defame and disgrace the fair name of this State, demoralize the public service by their malfeasance and hold up to ridicule its citizenship. The above-named charges allegations concerning the conduct of public business by its recognized officials and sub- tre county and I still like to hear the ordinates have so aroused public sent |- news from my old home." ment concerning the administration of the affairs of this Commonwealth as to demand a full, free, unobstructed, comp rehensive and impartial investigation of the public business.

the administration of Governor Brumbaugh any unsophisticated citizen of this grand old Commonwealth might reasonably suppose that the lid was off and that the author of this resolution was determined to go right to the bottom and clean up for all time. But to those who know the way Republican politics is played under the Penrose Leadership the resolution has quite a different meaning. In the first place Senator Sproul has been in the Senate since 1896 and is going to be the Penrose-Grundy candidate for Governor. Therefore, if it was intended to press the resolution to the bitter end, Sproul would have to see this country Democratic and been the last man in the Senate to press stay Democratic as long as it took Moit. Again, his resolution calls for a ses to get the Israelites through the joint committee and carries an appropriation of \$25,000 which the Governor (who is chief target of the investigators) must approve before the game can go on. Under no conditions would Governor Brumbaugh approve this appropriation and no sane man would expect him to put his neck in a noose which his political enemies have fixed for him. The purpose of this resolution then is one of two things; either to force the Brumbaugh-Vare faction to sue for peace, or put the mat- city on Monday, January 15th, by of Madisonburg, were married at ter up to Brumbaugh with a view to

WILSON'S WORLD MESSAGE.

Victory.

[ By Dr. Alfred Beirly, of Chicago, Ill. ]

Our Great Chief has spoken. A new "Prince of peace" has come

among men. He is the greatest in 1900 years.

Heed ye the message he brings! The momentous hour has arrived. The whole world is on the eve of the dawning of lasting peace. The heroic soul that launched the great inspired message is our noble President, Woodrow Wilson. May his divine message

dure for all times. To enforce the great message given to mankind, by our great herald of peace, should become the aim of all

permanently establish a peace to en-

civilization. We desire to direct the attention of your readers to the "Plans for Lasting Peace" article prepared by the writer and printed in several Centre county papers in June, 1916, which embody substantially the ideas promulgated by President Wilson, in his great mes-

our exact words : "When that momentous time arrives due consideration should be given to the several nations that would lead to the permanent establishment of open seaports for all, to the end that the handling of their commerce may not be hampered or

impeded in the future." And further: "That all commercial seaports henceforth be open to every nation

unfettered and unhampered." And "That mandates necessary toward the establishment of said condition shall be created by a world international court."

We have persistently advanced the idea for several years that victory

Such action would result in speedy who dared attempt disobedience to

manent world peace.

What Distant subscribers Say.

Joseph Emmert, who conducts a first-class drug store in Freeport, Illinois, says under date of January 22nd : "It is sixty-one years since I left Cen-

C. David Runkle, who with his good wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary a few years ago, in writing the Reporter at which time he boosted his subscription to April, 1918, says all Pittsburg district ) is booming. Mr. Ice Company in that place.

"Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 23, 1917.

Dear Editor Reporter: "Once more I am privileged to rereally remember some things that I 3,000 people. read in it 'way back in 1869, and could refer to many things that were in it. " The Reporter instilled in me in my

young days Democracy-then, now and always right-and I predicted twenty-five years ago that I would live wilderness, which was forty years; and then only two got into the promised and-Joshua and Caleb. Moses did not; Wilson did.

"MARTIN L. SMITH."

Bowser-Shaffer.

Lawrence Milford Bowser and Miss Ethel Savilla Shaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus J. Shaffer, both of Altoons, were united in marriage at the First Methodist church in that Mifflinburg, and Miss Carrie Weaver, Rev. E. R. Heckman. The bride is a Spring Mills, the ceremony being per- Kennedy in Grange hall next Wedniece of Mrs. Catherine Burris, west of formed by T. B. Jamison, Justice of needay night. She'is an entertainer of Centre Hall, and has often visited here. the Peace.

UATHARINE KENNEDY, ENTERTAINER

The Fourth Number on the Local Lecture Work Uncompleted Will Be taken up at a Course Has Rare Ability.-Will be Here

Wednesday, February 7. Miss Catherine Kennedy, a brilliant the Centre County Pomona Grange reader and entertainer, will appear in was held in Grange Arcadia, Centre Centre Hall Wednesday evening, Feb- Hall, Thursday of last week.

become the scepter to subdue all strife between the nations of the eartn and

"A Newport Romance," and others, plot having on it wagon scales. with a display of genius which is rarely seen in one so young. In the literary part of her program she dwells Mrs. D. L. Bartges, D. K. Keller. on Shakespearean readings and works of American authors.

Dr. Parsons, the noted lecturer. recommended Miss Kennedy most highly and stated that her ability was of many others :

"Catherine Kennedy radiates permotion photograph itself upon her wonderfully expressive face."

"Miss Kennedy carried off the honors of the evening. Tall, graceful and attractive in appearance, she won her more attractive."

Go hear her. In Grange Arcadia, Wednesday evening, February 7th.

Births and Deaths in 1916.

According to a compilation of the figures from the various registrars of vital statistics in Centre county, there population would soon reach imposing Snow Shoe township to boost the fig. K. Emerick. ures in the birth column, 109 babies curring during the year.

\$5.00 Less on Auto License Fee.

A letter received this week from F. for their license that by securing the 192. In order to make the policies of their five dollars returned.

Scottish Rite Masons,

Last week the Scottish bodies of Williamsport began a three-day ac-Judging from all this tirade against are well and that Knoxville (in the tivity in connection with their seventeenth anniversary. The class of can-Runkle is connected with the Hill Top didates for degrees was next to the largest in the history of the Williamsport bodies. Numerous visitors, including some of the most prominent Masons in the state, were present. A big feature was the annual reception I have read for over fifty years. I ladies, attended by between 2,500 and flin County, five bucks of the variety

Confer-Bressler,

Sunday evening, January 21, Miss Lena Bressler, daughter of Mr. and Mre. William H. Bressler, of spring Mille, and Arch H. Confer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Confer, of the same place, were united in marriage at the tained their marriage license in Lewistown the day preceding the wedding. The bride is well known in Centre Hall where she has numerous friends. The best wishes for a happy wedded life go with them.

Saturday evening Alva C. Duck, of

POMONA GRANGE MEETS.

Special Session to be Held February 22. A highly enthusiastic meeting of

ruary 7th, as the fourth attraction on The attendance was very fair, the Centre Hall Lecture Course. Miss there having been representatives pres- destroyed by fire early Saturday morn-Kennedy is an artist of uncommon ent from the various Granges on the ing. The origin of the fire is considertype, bringing an art which is genu- south side of Centre county as well as ed a complete mystery, since it was caring for Mrs. Samuel Gingerich, ine, a conception broadened by a well- from the extreme western portion. supposed that all the stove pipes and west of Centre Hall. developed mind and character. She The first question brought before the flues were in good condition. It was has a personality that is direct and body was one disposed of by the ap- 4:30 o'clock when Mrs. Krumrine, sincere. Her readings are character- pointment of a committee composed of with true womanly instinct, detected ized by spontaneity, grace and sim- Mesers. Jacob Sharer, D. A. Grove, something wrong about the place, alplicity. Her work is wholesome, ap- and John S. Dale, to investigate the though there appeared no visible signs. pealing and purposeful. She possess- matter and report at a later meeting. Wakening her husband she advised es an attractive personality and dram- The question involved was whether or him to take a look about the place and atic instinct which permits her to ren- not the County Grange should offer together with his two boys they startder such plays as "Within the Law," for sale a portion of the creamery plot ed down stairs where the fire was dis-"War Brides," "The Case of Becky," at Centre Hall railroad station, the covered, apparently in an incipient

The credential committee

control.

The decision of the superior court else was prey for the elements. setting aside the act of 1915, permit- Mr. Krumrine carrried a light inting counties to reimburse agricultural surance on the property. fairs for premiums paid, as unconstiaudience at the start, and as the play tutional, led to the introduction of a J. T. McCormick, of State College, and progressed, her work became more and measure favoring the passing of a de- with her husband and five children ficiency bill, under the 1907 act, by the are now staying at the home of Mr. present legislature. To encourage the Krumrine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. passage of such an act the body au- W. Krumrine, at State College. The thorized the Master and Secretary to other three children are with other convey the wish of the Grange in the relatives. matter.

The question of organizing a farm bureau in Centre county was presented occurred 1077 births in the county last by John S. Dale, who has personally year as against 600 deaths. The Stork interested himself in the movement. has a handsome lead over the Grim A motion prevailed authorizing the Reaper and were this ratio to continue appointment of a committee who for a number of years Centre county's should participate in a meeting called for February 1, in the Court House, a national or international, there is only figures. In Centre Hall the record of 10 a.m. The committee named was er to three of the latter, while Potter Heckman, Joseph K. Bitner, Ray

One of the leading questions brought before the body was presented by D. K. Keller, secretary of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the report of the auditors of the company having been just filed with B. Black, State Highway Commission- the secretary. The speaker declared er, by Domer S. Ishler, of Centre Hall, the Grange company, organized forty agent for Essenkay, the tire filler, says years ago, was the most economically that Ford cars equipped with this ma- conducted, the fairest to its insured, No nation, large or small, puny or terial may be registered at one-half the and generally the most stable of any license fee-five dollars instead of ten. of the local companies competing in Mr. Ishler takes this means to inform this field. There was insurance in all owners of cars equipped with Es- force December 30, 1916, to the amount senkay and who have not yet applied of \$1,282,746, and premium notes, \$66.proper application papers from a jus- the company yet more attractive. Mr. tice of the peace and having their car Keller argued that there should be a entered in the solid-tire class means a few minor changes in the by-laws of saving of five collars; and to those the company so that the agents of the who have already paid their license company might have greater freedom. G. G. Good, State College, Pa., the a sample of three varieties of apples see and paid the full price, having had With this in view the Master appointno knowledge of the rebate, he would ed Mesers. D. K. Keller, John Grove, suggest that they have the change and S. W. Smith a committee to draft made in classification of cars and have needed legislation and report at the special meeting provided for.

Public meetings will be arranged for at the following places: Rebersburg, Madisonburg, Spring Milis, Centre Hall, Pleasant Gap, Oak Hall, will be made to induce State Master McSparran to be present at each of these gatherings.

Deer Imported Into Mifflin County.

The first of a large consignment of deer for propagating purposes was remit for the dear old Reporter which for members, their guests and their ceived last week at McVeytown, Mifknown as Pennsylvania reds, arriving by express. Another shipment comprising ten are to follow shortly.

The deer were reared on the Trexler estate near Allentown and for the present will be established in the game preserve in the Licking Creek region. Loosed in strange surroundings in the dead of winter it will be necessary to feed the creatures until spring thaws bride's home by Rev. A. L. Miller, the Evangelical minister. The couple obles of snow and ice and reviving buds

again spring forth. The Licking Creek preserve is intended to be a medium for keeping Mifflin county wilds well stocked with game of all species suitable to this region. The preserve is fenced with wire and neither huntsman nor dogs are permitted to set foot upon it except at the risk of consequences most dire.

Don't fall to hear Miss Catherine extraordinary ability.

FARM HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Home on the Frank Krumrine Farm, Nea-State College, Totally Destroyed,-Mother and Two Sets of Twins Have

The dwelling house on the farm of

Frank Krumrine, one and one-half miles west of State College, was totally stage. Having to depend on a cistern was for the water supply, they nevertheless named as follows: William Brooks, soon had the flames under control, but The report of the forty-third En- who apprised them of the fact that the next Wednesday evening. campment and Fair Association was whole west end of the building was presented by the chairman of the com- afire. It took prompt action on the when in Centre Hall two weeks ago, mittee, Hon. Leonard Rhone. The part of all to save the lives of the small menta for Wednesday, March 28th, in total expenditures, including improve- children. There are eight in the the Reporter's sale column. ments of a general character, and the Krumrine family, two sets of twins, entitled to a capacity house. The fol- installation of electric light over the one pair being of school age while the signed an agreement to close their buslowing two press comments are typical entire grounds and in various build-others are only six months old. The ings, were \$3115.37. The receipts for family was unable to save any clothing week, except Saturday, at six o'clock. the year were less than usual, owing other than which they had on, while sonality. Her work is clear-cut and to conditions of a temporary character a few of the neighbors who had gathshe understands how to make each and over which the committee had no ered on the scene succeeded in saving trip to Centre Hall on Thursday and a few household effects. Everything

Mrs. Krumrine is a daughter of Hop.

AN OLD FARM HOUSE.

The destroyed farm house had a stone kitchen attached. The farm was purchased by George Meyer in 1854. Mr. Meyer and family moved there from Milheim in the spring of that year, and started at once to bring the farm up to a high state of cultivation, a good apple orchard being also started. A good barn was later built. The Mr. Meyer, twenty-sight years ago, when the place was purchased by F. W. Krumrine who moved there and young women. continued farming until a few years best in the county.

Centre county Y. W. C. A. Notes.

Everybody in the county should sic by both the girls and the boys. have a share in making the Young conferences. If you want a share in ter's pet days. this work send your pledge to Mrs. chairman of the county finance com-

etc. Colored slides showing many of Shoe, and Boalsburg last week.

membership entered in the Physical fore is proving a money maker. Contest. Howard has twenty-two entries, and State College has its gymnasium class plus individuals.

Boost the Y. W. C. A. finance campaign !

Helping the Young Women's gaged in farming. After a few days Christian Association means "cutting spent here they visited their uncle, windows for the souls of girls." Give the other girls a chance-Help

the Y. W. C. A. Can the Y. W. C. A. do anything for you?

Two verses from "Each In His Own Tongue," by Wm. Herbert Carruth. A Fire-Mist and a planet,-

A crystal and a cell,-A Jellyfish and a saurian, And caves where the cave-men

dwell; Then a sense of law and beauty, And a face turned from the clod,-Some call it Evolution. And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon, The infinite, tender sky, The ripe rich tint of the cornfields, And the wild geese sailing high,-And all over upland and lowland The charm of the goldenrod,-Some of us call it autum n, And others call it God.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS,

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Yoder horse sale-FRIDAY, February 2nd-in Centre Hall.

A full line of stationery at the Reporter office-just received.

Mrs. Mahalia Nevil, of Colyer, is

A hot air heating plant is being installed in the Presbyterian manse this

week by T. L. Smith. This is February-the shortest month in the year but nevertheless

usually an eventful one. To-morrow (Friday) the ground hog will appear, simply to remind us that there are six weeks of winter still

ahead. Miss Catherine Kennedy, a delightful entertainer and attractive in apsoon a neighbor appeared on the scene pearance, will be in the Grange hall

W. E. Tate, west of Centre Hall, announces sale of farm stock and imple-

The merchants of State College have iness places every evening during the Messre. Charles H. Kuhn and John Potter, of Boalsburg, made a sledding

while in town visited the Reporter in order to advance their subscriptions. The evangelistic campaign conducted by Gypsy Smith, at State College, came to a close Sunday night of last week. 246 persons "hit the trail" and the evangelist's pay for the work was \$636, that sum being given on the last

night as a free will offering. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stover, who moved from Philadelphia to Yeagertown a few months ago, have decided to again reside in the City of Brotherly Love and will be located at 1610 Green street. Mrs. Stover has been visiting relatives in Penns Valley for the past few weeks.

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are doing some interesting and help-The young men's work is in charge of Miss Margaret Hiller, of State College, is looking after the interests of the

A girls' orchestra in the Tressler ago when he retired and his only child, Orphans' Home at Loysville has been Frank, assumed charge of the place, made possible through the gift of \$500 later buying the farm, which under worth of orchestral instruments by his ownership has become one of the M. H. Buehler, Esq., of Baltimore, Md., who contributed the instruments as a memorial to his wife. The institution will now be able to furnish mu-

If the old rule of the last Friday in Women's Christian Association an the month ruling the next month efficient agency for complete develop | holds good, then look out for Februment of the young women of the coun- ary, for last Friday was one of the ty. February 11th to 18th is the week | worst days of the winter season-cold, of the Finance Campaign. The bud- blizzardy and generally bad. Roads get for 1917 has been estimated at \$1500. were filled with the flying snow, mak-This includes office and telephone, ing traveling a hardship, especially for salary of secretary, printing, postage, the rural mail carrier who was delayed traveling expanses, supervisory work, several hours in reaching the end of extension, (lectures, speakers, etc.), his route. It was one of King Win-

which were grown in the young orchard on the productive Huyett farm, The Y. W. C. A. conducts several west of town, and tenanted by P. H. county camps, summer recreation ac- Luse. The varieties were the Belltivities, out-of door clubs and classes, flower, Wolf River and Ben Davis. The soundness and quality of the fruit these activites all over the United was all that was to be desired, and the States were shown at Oak Hall, Snow orchard, no doubt, will in a few years yield handsomely, in keeping with the The True Biue Commonweal Club other products of a farm that is oper-(Dale Summit) has 100 per cent of its ated along scientific lines and there-

Messrs. Daniel and William E. Wagner arrived at the home of their cousin, Jasper Wagner, in this place, on Thursday, having come from Burro Oak, Michigan, where they are en-George Michael, at Lemont, and then departed for Philadelphia on a sightseeing trip, intending to visit Buffalo. Niagara Falls, points in Canada, and other cities on the way home. The Wagners are originally from Milroy.

An interesting addition to the Col. Henry W. Shoemaker works is "Early Potters of Clinton County," a thirtyeight page booklet which has just come to our desk. The author, in delving into the works of the early potters of Clinton county, finds that special reference is due the work done in Sugar Valley by the pioneer Pennsylvania potters-John Gerstung, Joseph Kemmerer, Joseph Eilert and Reuben McKee. Many of the first mentioned potter's pots, jugs and crocks are in use in almost every farm house in Sugar Valley. The author has in his possession a collection of thirteen pieces of pottery, the most of which was made about the middle of the nineteenth century.

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