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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NE HUNDRED years ago Harris-burg had the pleasure of welcoming the Pennsylvania Legis lature to meet within its limits and to-morrow the 121st General Assimbly will organize at the Capitol. It will elect its officers without any formal recognition from the municipality

Fortu consideration. things which might be mentioned.

party dominates the Legislature. It has pledged itself to do things and makers and there is necessity for hard work. The caucus meetings tonight are only preliminary to the task of making statutes and it is to be hoped that all legislators will forget disappointments as may grow out of them and bend energies to the enactment of legislation for the good of eight millions of people. For that is the way to serve Pennsylvania.

A MATTER OF INFORMATION

roads in Pennsylvania that very least it sets forth in as clear and con- by means of an emergency bond isthe position of the department with the Government, of themselves conharge that the only good roads in the State are the turnpikes; and that Commonwealth has been singularly neglectful of its duty toward providing proper roadways through-

out the State. It is well known that the present Highway Commissioner has purchased under the act more than 100 ment at the meetings of the organichased under the act more than 100 ment at the meetings of the organimiles of toll roads in the State, and that there are still 2,000 miles of turnpikes that the inhabitants of Pennsylvania are waiting to see set free. One wonders why the Department has not explained long since why it has permitted these highways to remain in the control of companies country and the maintenance of our or individuals. In the language of food supply. These matters will the Ledger it is all very simple and the Ledger it is all very simple and doubtless receive attention from the acceptable. About 880 miles of roads new executive in his inaugural adin the State are under the mainte-nance of the Highway Commission, he will desire to set forth before the and an effort is being made to build assembled men from the country. miles of road a season. While that is considerably more than wise advantage of their blennial meeta mile a day the year round, it does ings here to suggest legislation and not take a mathematician to show this year the practice should be of that at the same rate almost a generation will be required for Pennsylvania
to have good roads throughout its
breadth and length. At least twenty
years of regular effort at the same or
getting anywhere off their own years of regular effort at the same or better rate of speed would be required erty will have some sound ideas on to give the State a reputation for its highways. If the 2,000 miles of turn- farm which has been in use for 100 pike were taken over at once it would years can give a side which is worth be necessary to keep them in good noting. It is the same with men con-condition, and that would mean an nected with other lines. They can all addition to the work already under make known their wants and they way, which either would retard the will have a sympathetic listener in

volved in the transformation of the years.

We only know that there is being done as rapidly as we desire More articles like that quoted would serve well in establishing merited confidence in a department that has been long misunderstood by thousands of Pennsylvanians who have believed what they have been told, in many instances, by designing politicians because nobody told them otherwise.

THE "JOKER" IN THE DECK

of Harrisburg, but the people of the city will extend their good wishes for a carefully worded mouthings of Bryan, will extend their good wishes for a Redfield and others of the administra-

some of them showing the effect of emergency. Nearly all of the corporanately, excellent provision was made pected to produce \$80,000,000 is colthrough commissions for remedial lected in the latter half of the year, and humanitarian legislation which the present Governor will be able to transmit for the action of the Senate for the full six months. It was estiand House and which will form more mated that the Government would pleasant reminders of the trials and receive \$54,000,000 from the operatribulations of 1913 than some other tion of the new taxes in the first seven months, and it is understood that to The people spoke, as the orators date the receipts under this measure say, in November and the Republican have exceeded expectations.

There is some talk in Washington already of a sale of Panama Canal the new Governor has publicly said bonds to meet a deficit, but it is likely that pledges are pledges. There are nothing will be done along this line great problems confronting the law- until the Treasury Department has had an opportunity to test the possibilities of a recovery in the second half year. At the present rate the Government will realize \$50,000,000 between now and June 30 from stamp taxes, which, with the income tax, should wipe out most of the accumu deficit. Expenditures on account of the Panama Canal are running on a much smaller scale now that the new waterway is open to use and a big burden will be taken from the Treasury in this way.

HE PUBLIC LEDGER of Phila-delphia publishes an interesting tain, if not actually dark, and Conarticle on the passing of toll gress ought at least to be curbed in its expenditures. well might serve as a text book for stamp act and the possibility of being the State Highway Department. At compelled to raise still other revenues sue to meet the running expenses of respect to the abolition of the toll stitute a condition, the gravity of road, and constitutes a logical and which ought to give even the most convincing reply to the oft-repeated reckless and inexperienced statesman

> THE FARMERS' CHANCE OVERNOR-ELECT MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH will find many hearty supporters for his program of agricultural advance

> These organizations have

completion of the good roads scheme or would require an addition to the forces already at work.

the new executive.

This year the new Holstein-Freisian Cattle Association will be welcomed If the public understood these facts to the series of meetings, but it is a fully there would be fewer complaints matter of regret that those dominatagainst the State Highway Departing the State Horticultural Society ment. The trouble is that we do not will not have the annual meeting here realize the tremendous problems in- at the same time, as was the case fo

EVENING CHAT

Henry W. Shoemaker, to whom lovers of Pennsylvania owe a great debt for gathering and publishing the legends of the Susquehanna Valley and the Seven Mountains, has issued an other volume of folk lore of the Keystone State, preserving stories of the great woodland that formerly covered the northern tier and extended beside the West Branch into the Alleghenies The volume is entitled "Black Forest Souvenirs," the great belt of spruce, lic at large may be wrong in hemlock and other woods which covconcluding that the European
war is to be a long-drawn-out other counties "up the State" having
the principal factor. It was a second of the counties to the c contest in which "wearing down" will been called by that name many, many be the principal factor. It would not be surprising to find an entire change Shoemaker has narrated the tales of of tactics on the western front with the coming of Spring. General Joffre's so far effective plan of "nibbling at them" may give way to a gigantic of fensive movement on the part of the allies. The "joker" in the war deck at the present moment is the force of \$00,000 men now in training in British camps. When warm weather comes, Kitchener will throw them across the channel and with what forces France may be able to bring up will hurl them at the enemy. Much depends, of course, on the make-up of this new English army and it is likely to prove the very flower of British manhood. On the other hand, Germany must rely now on her older men. She has already put her best in the field.

These are straws in the wind. The war may not be one of utter exhaustion after all. For the sake of all concerned, it is to be hoped that it will not be.

A GRAVE SITUATION

THE Underwood tariff law and the European war have united their more or less harmonious influences to produce a deficit of over \$80,000,000 in the national treasury. This, regardless of all the carefully worded mouthings of Bryan, a Redfield and others of the administration who have been preaching good of tactics on the western front with the mountains and the woods, of the the coming of Spring. General Joffre's pioneers and of the Indians, of the

city will extend their good wishes for a will extend their good wishes for a progressive session and an enjoyable stay on the banks of the Susquehanna.

This Legislature meets in less troublesome times than its immediate predecessor. When the lawmakers of 1913 gathered they were confronted with all sorts of schemes, ideas, theories and demands growing out of a period of political unrest and taking the form, in some cases, of legislation run wild. This condition caused presentation of more bills than ever known before, tremendously expensive printing and an output of laws which cumber the statute books, some of them showing the effect of the purpose of the preparation for the 1916 campaign. And while the revenues have been the close of the year \$11,000,000 and the year \$10

Representative Charles A. Ambler has broken a precedent. For years and years, from the days when Hartranft was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, and possibly before, the placards announcing candidacy have been white with big black letters. The letters were impressive and the card brilliantly white, if there is such a thing. But Saturday night Mr. Ambler came to town with his boom and his placards. And when they were put up people saw that they were green, a light green, like green pea soup. It was not a Capitol Park grass green or a spinach green or a Spring wheat green, but a light green. Later on he sort of made up for the shock given by putting out smaller cards bearing his name and picture. They were white. Representative Charles A. Aas broken a precedent. For

The brilliant moonlight that prevailed on some of the evenings last week and which will prevail part of this week has been hailed by lovers of winter sports who have been enabled to go on long skating trips or on sleighrides. In fact, there has seldom been a finer combination of moonlight and winter weather for lovers of ice and snow. It has caused a boom in the waffle market at country hotels.

A big gun on a special car passed A big gun on a special car passed through the city yesterday and at-tracted much attention from the curi-ous and fears for violation of neu-trality. The gun happened to be one that was being shipped from Washing-ton

Joseph F. Shouler, director of public safety of Wilkes-Barre, well known here, has arranged to give the anthractic city a complete paid fire department in place of a part pald system. He will also equip the city with motor apparatus. The change will be watched with interest by Reading and apparatus. The change will be watched with interest by Reading and other cities.

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—John F. Hennessey, of Reading, has been re-elected head of the Berks County Agricultural Society.
—Harvey J. Wieand, connected with the Lehigh prison for forty-five years, has been retired as warden.
—J. D. Callery, president of the Pittsburgh Railways Company, is planning further Improvements to the company's lines.
—Major S. D. Butler, of the marines, has donated two cannon given to him in Nicaragua to his native town.
—Dr. J. Norman White, appointed coroner of Lackawanna, county, was former deputy to Senator W. M. Lynch.
—Wilmer Atkinson. of Philadelphia, says the state should at once free all toil roads.

—DO YOU KNOW—

That Harrisburg is on the direct road of hard and soft coal to the seaboard?

NOBODY KNOWS

Where you can sell a long unneeded piece of furniture, unless it is the thousands of readers of the Telegraph.

of Advertising

In a large city a test was recently made between street car and newspaper advertisits.

A certain article attractively priced was advertised in the street cars for one month.

Seventy-nine sales were made.
The same article was then advertised once in one newspaper.

Two hundred sales were made the next day.

If this little straw shows the direction of the profit making wind it is a pretty good test of newspaper advertising. The great merchants prefer the ewspapers to any other medium ecause returns are better—and osts less.

Chester Republican and Elk Democrat Have Records For the Longest Service Here

PROMINENT MEN IN TOWN

Former Mayor of Corry Is Man Who Will Sit in House; Garvin and the Bibles

Senator William C. Sproul, of Delaware, and Representative John M. Flynn, Elk, have the honors for mem-Legislature which meets to-morrow. Senator E. M. Herbst, Berks, and Representative Fred C. Ehrhardt, Lackawanna, come next.

Senator Sproul's honors as "Father of the Senate" are due to the fact that he will round out twenty years as a Senator next year. He was elected Senator next year. He was elected for the first time in 1896 and has served continuously ever since. He has been president pro tem. and may He be Governor some day. Mr. Flynn is the Democratic leader of the House and was elected in 1902 and regular ly ever since. Senator Herbst was elected for the first time in 1902 and Mr. Ehrhardt in 1904. Mr. Ehrhardt will preside over the Republican caucus, it being the first time in years that any one except the late John H. Riebel, of Philadelphia, has had the honor. Mr. Riebel died during the last session after long service.

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—Chief Clerk Tom Garvin, of the House, was busy to-day buying Bibles. He was getting them for the "swearing in" of the members of the House. A clothes basketful is purchased and Tom says that in all his experience only one ever came back. The members generally keep them or give them away. This one Bible was kept for three days by a member who had received it. Then he showed up with and said he would like to have it. "Keep it." said the chief clerk. "I was sworn in with it and I'd like to have it given to me," said the member.

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"Well, you've got it. Keep it."

"But was it given to me?"

"Yes. I gave it."

"But I want to get it right."

"Sir, you are formally presented with the Bible," said Thomas, rising, and the interview and presentation ended.

-Cassius Alexander, member from —Cassius Alexander, hierarchical Eric county, was Mayor of Corry an resigned to become a member of th House. R. J. Hoffman, one of th Habgood heavy guns, was Mayor of Bradford.

—Bill Adams, of Luzerne, who is the control of Reading.

Bradford.

—Bill Adams, of Luzerne, who is next to Mahlon Shaaber, of Reading, as the tallest man of the House, is being called by his friends the Colonel of the Coldstream Guards in honor of the Avplotts.

his exploits.

—Edwin R. Cox, one of the Philadelphians longest in service, is being mentioned for chairman of the House appropriations committee, on which he served for a long time. James F. Woodward, of Allegheny, is also out for it

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—Mayor Jermyn, of Scranton, is here for the start of things. He was a caller at the Ambler headquarters last night.

—Harry Mullen, who preceded Josiah Howard as member from Cameron, serving also years ago, was one of the throng to see the start of things.

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—George W. Williams was sponsor for the civil service and conservation bills last session. He is one of the best liked men in the House and has many warm friends even among the

Ambler forces

Some one called the anti-Amble

—Some one called the anti-Ambler people the allies last night and Insurance Commissioner Charles Johnson, the Ambler field marshal, head of it. "Well," said he, "I think I hear some one beating a retreat."

—Bill Fairman, the Democratic warhorse of Punsutawney, came to town last night with a somberer, a fur coat with the hair outside and a pair of arctics. The Colonel came to "look around a wee bit," he said. He is a fammar figures at all gatherings, but especially when a Democratic war is on. He wanted to be minister to Panama, but started to Washington to get it on a day when the mercury was at zero and he wore a fur coat. The combination did not gowell for Panama.

—Frank Harris, county treasurer of Allegheny county, was an interested spectator of the doings about the headquarters co-day.

—William D. Grimes, of Pittsburgh prominent attorney and candidate for Senator, was here to see the opening moves.

man last night.

—The organization of the Legislature has brought many newspaper correspondents here. Walter J. Christy, the Allegheny county chairman, is here for the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times and is dean of the correspondents from elsewhere, the local honors resting with Colonel Thomas M. Jones. Others here are Messrs. Reitinger, The Associated Press: Brennan, Philadelphia Inquirer: Knight, Philadelphia Bulletin; Darlington and Holmes, North American; Walker, Public Ledger; Taylor, Evening Ledger; Ellmaker, Philadelphia Press; Solomon, Philadelphia Record; Mackrell, Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph; Balt, Tittsburgh Post and Sun; Goshorn, Pittsburgh Dispatch; Hart, Scranton Times; Rowenow, Scranton Tribune-Republican; Phillips, Scranton News, W. P. Gallagher is locking after Republican news and K. L. M. Pray for the Democrats, Colonel Sam Hudson expects to write some interesting pieces about the passing show.

—Mr. Ambler has a perennial smile. He says it is worth while.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Mrs. Pester — You're getting adfully bald. Why don't you wear a re a wig ody would that I'm



TELL ME WHY

Matters not how hard I try, And I'm wondering if you can Tell to me the reason why When about to leave the office It starts raining, and a fellow Finds that he has left at his home Every bloomin' umbrella.

To the office he must roam Just because all his umbrellas,
Two or three, or maybe more,
Are still standing in the office,
Where they went some days before.

I own two or three good pairs, If at home, I'll find that they are
At the office, or in case
At the office they are needed
Then they're at the other place.

Hood Cut Off

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 31. — General
Steadman transferred his men to the
south bunk, cutting off another chance
of Hood's retreat.

IN MARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Firemen to Visit Here
The Good Will Fire Company, of
Philadelphia, will visit this city and
Washington when President Lincoln is
inaugurated.

Governor Tener's appointment of his secretary, Waiter H. Gaither, to fill the vacancy on the State Pubblic Service Commission created by the death of the late chairman of the commission, Judge Ewing, puts Mr. Gaither in one of the most important and responsible public offices in the Commonwealth. The Public Service Commission deals with corporate interests of enormous extent and value, and the manner in which it deals with them directly affects, moreover, not only these vast property interests but public interests of ilke importance. Mr. Gaither, who is a graduate

Photoplay To-day

"By the Governor's Order"

COMING WEDNESDAY — Feature PRODUCTION EVELYN THAW and her son RUSSELL THAW, in a 5-act Lubin

"Threads of Destiny"

333 Market St. TO-DAY

"The Foundling of Father Time."

Henry Pathe Lehrman, Billie Ritchie and Gertrude Selby in an L-Ko Comedy, "The Rural Demons." "The Wayward Son."

Admission, 10c. Children, 5c



That picture is one painted to keep the wolf om the door. Indeed why don't you hang it on the knob where the wolf can see it?



a dub.
For why?
I told him I bossed my wife and he went and told her.

There is something I can't figure,

Or, we'll take it vice versa,
When for work he leaves his home
In the rain, without protection

But if it rains or gets slushy

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Jan. 4, 1865.]

Thomas On the March
Columbia, Tenn., Jan. 4, — General
Thomas has given orders to his army
to march. The sick and wounded have
been sent to Nashville.

Sight Steamers
Fortress Monroe, Jan. 3. — Sesteamers have been sighted near
Nationality is not known.

[From the Telegraph of Jan. 4, 1865.]

Legislature in Session

Legislature is now in session. The
Governor has sent his annual message
to House and Senate.

GAITHER ON PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AMUSEMENTS

Palace Theater

Murdock MacQuarrie and "Mother" Henson in a 2-rect 101" Bison drama,

anley Walpole, Will Sheerer Irma Earle in Eclair's Moun-Drama, "The Mountain Trail."

Victor's latest drama, Hepworth Comedy,
"The Kleptomanic."

BETTER MERCHANDISE FOR LESS MONEY

Opportunity Day

Tuesday, January 5

This is the day that every woman in Harrisburg and suburbs should make an effort to visit our store for two

1st. We give more merchandise, better merchandise for 2nd. In addition to our already ridiculous low prices we have again reduced every garment in our store by 17%.

Visit our store and convince yourself of the genuineness

of our advertising. In our offering to-morrow you will find:

COATS

Consisting of all fabrics, such as Plushes, Zibelines, Ural and Arabian Lamb, Fur-trimmed Mixtures, that \$9.87 And have sold as high as \$19.50. Tomorrow only...

SUITS

Consisting of Velvets, Serges, Broadcloths, Fur-trimmed; sold for \$24.50.

SUITS

Serges, Gabardines, Broadcloths and many other materials. Skinner's satin lining; sold for \$15.00 and \$20.00. \$6.97 Tomorrow only

WAISTS

Waists; sold as high as \$5.00. Tomorrow only

SKIRTS

Petticoats

Jersey Top, all silk. The kind you 'pay \$3.00 and \$5.00 for. \$5.00 for. Tomorrow only \$1.47

Values up to

\$5.00

SWEATERS All wool, hand made, all colors & sizes. \$1.37

Children's Coats All wool COME AND CONVINCE YOURSELF.

9 NORTH MARKET SQUARE

from the reportorial staff of Pitts-burgh newspapers, dates his knowledge of public affairs from the time when, a few years ago, he assumed the duties of secretary of Mr. Tener while the latter was yet a Congressman. On going from Washington to Harrisburg the Governor took Mr. Gaither with him. It is naturally to

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Majestic Theater

3 DAYS, COMMENCING TONIGHT-MATS, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY BELGIAN BATTLEFIELD MOTION PICTURES

50 per cent. of the sale of the pictures is given to the Belgian Red Cross PRICES. Mats. 25c; Nights, 35c, 25c, 15c. Saturday, Matinee and Night, January 9



SEATS THURSDAY

PRICES: Mat., 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00; Night, 25c, 50c. 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Orphrum

"VETERANS" "School Playgrounds"

Cheebert's Manchurlans and a Big Show that will please everybody and maybe break another record.

GEORGE THE FIXER the early half of this week and

at the Colonial's Wednesday Evening Country Store

SHOP EARLY

TORIA 225 MARKETST WHAT A WOMAN WILL DO" IN FOUR PARTS TOMORROW

A Love Drama of Intense Interest