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MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ONE HUNDRED years ago Harrisburg had the pleasure of welcoming the Pennsylvania Legislature to meet within its limits and to-morrow the 121st General Assembly will organize at the Capitol. It will elect its officers without any formal recognition from the municipality of Harrisburg, but the people of the city 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 their hasty consideration.

A MATTER OF INFORMATION

THE PUBLIC LEDGER of Philadelphia publishes an interesting article on the passing of toll roads in Pennsylvania that very well might serve as a text book for the State Highway Department.

It is well known that the present Highway Commissioner has purchased under the act more than 100 miles 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 or individuals.

highways of Pennsylvania now in process. We only know that there is great work to be done, that it is not being done as rapidly as we desire.

THE "JOKER" IN THE DECK

THE military critics and the public at large may be wrong in concluding that the European war is to be a long-drawn-out contest in which "wearing down" will be the principal factor. It would not be surprising to find an entire change of tactics on the western front with the coming of Spring.

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.

The question that naturally arises is the attitude President Wilson will take in what is really a very grave emergency. Nearly all of the corporation and income tax which was expected to produce \$80,000,000 is collected in the latter half of the year.

There is some talk in Washington already of a sale of Panama Canal bonds to meet a deficit, but it is likely nothing will be done along this line until the Treasury Department has had an opportunity to test the possibilities of a recovery in the second half year.

THE FARMERS' CHANCE

GOVERNOR-ELECT MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH will find many hearty supporters for his program of agricultural advancement at the meetings of the organization of the farmers, the dairymen, the breeders, the poultrymen and others to be held here late this month.

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 a thousands of readers of the Telegraph.

An Authentic Test of Advertising

In a large city a test was recently made between street car and newspaper advertising. A certain article, attractively priced was advertised in the street cars for one month. Seventy-nine sales were made.

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 another 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.

Dr. Ellis Paxson Oberholzer, of Philadelphia, contributes to the January number of the Review of Reviews the leader, for such it is, of an article on the galaxy of governors elected some weeks ago.

Representative Charles A. Ambler has broken a precedent. From the days when Hartman was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, and possibly here, the nomination of a candidate have been white with big black letters.

The brilliant moonlight that prevailed on some of the evening 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 sleighing expeditions.

A big gun on a special car passed through the city yesterday and attracted much attention from the curious and fears for "volcanic" eruptions.

Joseph F. Shouler, director of public safety of Wilkes-Barre, well known here, has arranged to give the anthracite city a complete paid fire department in place of a part paid system.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

John F. Hennessey, of Reading, has been re-elected head of the Berks County Agricultural Society. Harvey J. Wiesand, connected with the Lehigh prison for forty-five years, has been retired as warden.

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SPROUL AND FLYNN ARE PATRIARCHS

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 Bible

Senator William C. Sproul, of Delaware, and Representative John M. Flynn, Elk, have the honors for members oldest in point of service in the Legislature which meets to-morrow.

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.

Ernie Leonard, member from Erie county, was member of Corry and resigned to become a member of the House.

Edwin R. Cox, one of the Philadelphia longest in service, is being mentioned for chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

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.

Some one called the anti-Ambler people the allies last night and insurance Commissioner Charles Johnston, of the field marshal heard of it.

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

"Squire" Walton, of Lawrence county, one of the Republican standbys of the House, is back again. He will sit on the "Bloody Angle" and keep an eye on third class city legislation.

Senators-elect Tompkins, of Cambria, and Lynch, of Lackawanna, attracted some attention in the crowds.

James N. Hunter, former member from Fortville, is around to keep an eye on railroad men's legislation.

Dr. J. Norman White, appointed coroner of Lackawanna county, was former deputy to Senator W. M. Lynch.

William Atkinson, of Philadelphia, says the state should at once free all toll roads.

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.

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

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Calls Attention To Mrs. Pester. You're getting awfully bald, why don't you wear a wig? Mr. Pester - If I wore a wig everybody would notice that I'm bald.



In the Fashion Miss Williams: Will you be mine? Never. Will you let me be yours? Tell Me Why By Wing Dinger

There is something I can't figure. Matters not how hard I try. And I'm wondering if you can tell me the reason why?

Or, we'll take it vice versa. When for work he leaves his home in the rain, without protection To the office he must roam.

And the same is true of rubbers; I own two or three good pairs, But if it rains or gets slushy On the busy thoroughfares If at home, I'll find that they are At the office they are needed Then they're at the other place.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

Thomas on the March General Thomas has given orders to his army to march. The sick and wounded have been sent to Nashville.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

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

AMUSEMENTS

Photoplay To-day Maurice Costello and daughter, Helen in 2-act drama, "By the Governor's Order"

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UNITED MANUFACTURERS CO. 9 N. MARKET SQUARE. 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 reasons: 1st. We give more merchandise, better merchandise for less money. 2nd. In addition to our already ridiculous low prices we have again reduced every garment in our store by 17%.

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

SUITS Consisting of Velvets, Serges, Broadcloths, Fur-trimmed; sold for \$24.50. Tomorrow only \$12.87

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

WAISTS Lingerie Waists; 2 for \$1.00. Crepe de Chine fancy embroidered and various kinds of Silk Waists; sold as high as \$5.00. Tomorrow only \$1.87

SKIRTS Values up to \$5.00. Jersey Top, all silk. The kind you pay \$3.00 and \$5.00 for. Tomorrow only \$1.47

Petticoats All wool, hand made, all colors & sizes. \$1.37. Tomorrow only \$1.37

SWEATERS Children's Coats All wool 47c

COME AND CONVINCE YOURSELF. 9 NORTH MARKET SQUARE.

AMUSEMENTS

Majestic Theater WILMER, VINCENT & APPELL, MGRS. 3 DAYS, COMMENCING TONIGHT—MATS. TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY BELGIAN BATTLEFIELD MOTION PICTURES

Saturday, Matinee and Night, January 9 SELWYN & CO., PRESENTS THE BIG LAUGH FESTIVAL

TWIN BEDS This is The Life! SEATS THURSDAY. PRICES: Mat., 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00; Night, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Orpheum Colonial Fix it so as you will be able to see "VETERANS" GEORGE THE FIXER

VICTORIA TOMORROW IN FOUR PARTS A Love Drama of Intense Interest