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est, and at the same time have been acting precisely as though they believed that every man in business is a thief and a trickster, ready to take advantage of his neighbor at every opportunity. The sooner those in control of our government affairs make their actions square with their expressed opinions the sooner the United States will enjoy a return of that prosperity toward which all of us are looking. Mr. Edison is not a politician, but he is a shrewd business man, honest, upright, and with the good of the country at heart, but for all that he will have little weight at Washington. There appears to be no stopping the heading career of our Democratic friends before next inauguration day.

**FANNY CROSBY DEAD**

FANNY CROSBY, the well-known hymn composer, died yesterday, aged 95 years, at her home in Bridgeport, Conn., thus ending a career unique in the history of religious song writing. Miss Crosby did for religious music in the United States what Foster and those of his period did for southern negro melodies. Hundreds of well-known hymns bear Miss Crosby's signature and to-morrow many of those will be sung in churches as widely scattered as the English-speaking element of the Christian religion.

Her hymns were not great hymns. In a large degree they lack in the essentials of true lyric poetry, but what they do not have in this respect they make up in heart appeal. She sang songs that ring with the hopes and the faith of the common people. Hers was the voice of the period in which she lived. She was an one with the devoted little congregations that sprang up during her long lifetime over the length and breadth of the American continent. And the passing of this pioneer period has left with the evangelistic church of to-day scores of hymns and songs of praise that will have their appeal for American churchgoers so long as the simple, unaffected form of worship now so popular prevails.

**THE FIVE CENT LOAF**

JUST how the law of 1797, providing that all bread shall be sold by the avoirdupois pound, can be made to apply to the present situation is difficult to see. While this statute does require the baker to put sixteen ounces into each loaf of bread, there is no provision enforcing upon them a limit price of five cents a loaf. They may, if they so choose, charge six, seven or ten cents, or even more, just as they see it, and so far as this law is concerned, no steps can be taken to prevent.

Besides, as has been pointed out, the weight of a loaf of bread is so variable that even the most conscientious inspector might be unable to judge fairly as to whether or not it weighed a full pound immediately upon coming out of the oven. There is much moisture in bread and a loaf that weighs sixteen ounces to-day may weigh considerably less to-morrow.

**THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE**

DEMOCRATS in the Senate ought to be able to understand pretty well by this time why Republicans have insisted that the President is merely stubborn rather than wisely determined, as his friends have insisted.

After a long and painful process the Democratic leaders in Congress devised a compromise ship purchase bill which, promised, if approved at the White House, to bring to an end the long struggle over filibuster in the Senate. But the President will have none of this measure. The opinions and conclusions of his colleagues in the House and Senate amount to nothing in his eyes.

Regardless of the fact that all legislation is evolved by compromise, President Wilson will give ear to no voices that do not harmonize absolutely with his own. He is determined to go his own selfish way at any cost. He will put through the ship purchase bill in the form he has dictated, or he will cause an extra session of Congress, so he says.

How long, we wonder, will independent Democrats continue to submit to such absolute and uncalled for bossism. The Democrats have been crying "down with the bosses" for so many years that one might have expected them, once in power, to act every man according to his own personal convictions. Instead, we find the President in control of both branches of Congress to such a degree that he dictates to them from the White House just what they shall do and shall not do. If they are to permit matters to go on indefinitely in this way they might just as well adjourn both branches and deputize the President to act for them.

**WISE MR. EDISON**

THOMAS A. EDISON, who gave to newspaper reporters a little anniversary interview on the occasion of his sixty-eighth birthday, laid stress upon a truth that has been apparent to everybody save men who have the most responsibility in the matter when he said that the past three national administrations have made the mistake of encouraging the passage of too many laws affecting business; "too many laws—and too many visits from the Attorney General's office," to use his own words.

It is a curious fact, and one that will no doubt cause future historians much puzzling thought, that the law-making bodies of the country have continued for years to enact legislation directly in opposition to the views of public opinion. Members of Congress and of State legislatures have been the only persons to believe that more laws for the regulation of business are necessary. Workmen, labor leaders, editors and businessmen almost unanimously have urged that the good of the country and its future progress and prosperity lie not in the making and enforcing of new laws, but in permitting business to move along with as few restrictions as possible.

Led by the President, Congress has been declaring repeatedly that the large majority of the businessmen of the country are high-minded and hon-

## EVENING CHAT

Governor Brumbaugh's announced intention to visit the various departments at the Capitol recalls the "surprise" visit to Samuel W. Pennypacker used to pay about the "Hill." The governor never announced that he was going visiting, but would drop into departmental office at the most unexpected times and get a lot of fun out of it. He is known as a governor who had ever gone about the building to see how things were run before and his first visits, which were made to departments far away from his own suite, caused consternation. No one knew what the visits were for and all sorts of nonsensical stories spread. But the governor was only going about to get the lay of the land and he enjoyed the time he went to one department and found five clerks sitting about a desk which was decorated with feet. Everyone sought his own place with marvelous rapidity. The joke, however, was that the visit was after 4 o'clock, which is quitting time.

When John K. Tener was governor he used to make some visits, but he picked working hours and on two occasions found departments where work was very slack. In one he discovered what he called "the squirrel" and the man was fussed; he sat down and asked all kinds of questions. The other department was visited in the middle of the morning and it happened that the force was standing around the head of the branch of government in charge and "getting fits" for some reason. The governor who has just retired, dropped in on the attorney general one time and as that official was busy engaged in reading up a case he did not look up, but told his visitor to wait a minute. The governor did not wait a minute, but was so surprised man on the Hill a few minutes later.

"There is a fireman squirrel on Capitol Hill," said a man who takes his delight in the animal pets of the State. "I have been in the park a couple of times when alarms have rung and when the firemen are out and the squirrel shoots for home. Yesterday afternoon when the Citizen bell rang the alarm I saw the squirrel scamper down a tree and make a bee line for the tree stump where the squirrel was perched on. Another thing, have you ever noticed how the pigeons rise and fly around when an alarm is rung. Just watch them some day."

During the last few days the waters of the Susquehanna have receded to such an extent as to practically expose the whole depth of the "front steps of Harrisburg" as the river front wall is frequently called, and the falling of the stream affords a good chance to determine whether or not the engineering theory of keeping the steps clean is practicable or not. During the recent high water the river covered the walk on top of the wall to the depth of several feet. Tons of ice and drift-wood were piled up against the wall. "My, oh my, observed a man who has been observing the great piles of rubbish, "the city will have to go down into its pockets some to clean these steps." J. D. Justin, principal engineer of the board of public works, held a different view. "The steps are sloped backward from the edge to the base of an incline. During the high water will roll off readily and so always keep the steps washed clear of debris. Harrisburg never need trouble itself much about keeping those steps clean." How the theory is being demonstrated can readily be seen by a day now. The falling waters have left the entire stretch of three-mile wall front steps as clean as a new pin.

Attaches of the State Treasury Department have placed a picture of Anna on the walls of the big department. Anna is a crippled child whom the men connected with Mr. Young's efforts are keeping in a sanatorium. The child is but five and thanks to the kindness of the men in the department is being given scientific treatment and the best of care.

Harrisburg hotels are unusually crowded at the present time on account of the great demand for accommodations by members of the legislature and others here on Capitol Hill business; and many complaints are lodged with clerks by transients who are unable to secure comfortable quarters. Last night a man who says he was an extensive traveler applied at a Market street hotel and was shown a 75 cent room. He looked at it but refused it saying it was too cheap, and went off to look for a cheaper room elsewhere.

## WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

H. A. Bierwind, the coal man, has been elected director of one of the Philadelphia trust companies.

Governor Frank H. Willis, of Ohio, is ill at Columbus, Ohio.

W. H. Peck, the Scranton banker and member of the Reserve board, has been making addresses to the bankers of the various groups of the State association.

Governor Brumbaugh is to speak at the Interchurch Federation meeting to commemorate a century of peace between America and England.

Josiah E. Williams, of Philadelphia, has gone to Florida to catch tarpon.

Theodore Voorhees has returned from a trip to Union Stone Quarry, York county, the other day. A stone, weighing nearly 100 pounds, was hurled through the air by the blast in the quarry, and when it fell it broke the steak plate on the Ely supper table. The steak was ruined.

Ye olden time housewife is not passing by a good hit. At South Hill, Brownsville, Pa., there lives a Mrs. C. S. Riskey, who has passed her 121st birthday. She takes care of from twelve to eighteen boards, packs their lunch boxes, and yet found time last summer to preserve more than 350 jars of jellies, 250 pints and quarts of catsup, 10 gallons of mustard pickles, 4 jars of cauliflower pickles, 18 quarts of chow-chow, 10 gallons of pickles, 18 quarts of peaches, 10 quarts of watermelon preserves, 400 stuffed peppers, 10 gallons of sauerkraut and 40 quarts of plums. In addition to this trifling work she regularly sews and knits a week. And she's a suffragist!

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## DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg silk is shipped all over the eastern States?

NO TELEPHONE, THOUGH  
[Detroit Free Press.]  
A young woman's idea of perfect happiness is to get a letter in every mail.

Making the Horse Drink  
"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink."  
Manufacturers might rewrite their adjectives in their own words: "Set up a retailer but you can't make him sell goods his customers do not want."  
They may also add that they will have difficulty in repeating the stocking up process.  
Retailers depend for their profit on goods that sell. The kind they push — their stores are not museums.  
They are moving with the wishes of their customers when they push newspaper advertised goods.

## CODES NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF WORK

Over 1,000 Acts Are Repealed by the Three Bills Just Sent to the House

Over 1,900 acts are repealed by the three bills and the general repealer of obsolete laws introduced into the House of Representatives this week. Of this number about 900 are included in the general repealer of laws which have been found to be in conflict with the constitution, which have been declared invalid on various points and which have been superseded by the State Legislature.

The proposed code on taxation repeals 396 acts, the corporation code repeals 354 and the borough code 263. These three codes are the largest acts drawn by the State Legislative Reference Bureau and were made under authority conferred by the last legislature. Except for the school code and a bituminous mine code they are the largest pieces of legislation submitted in years. The corporation code alone comprises 120,000 words and includes all of the "live" laws on the subject now matter being adopted; the taxation code includes 96,000 words and the borough code 62,000.

The codes were drafted by James McKelvey, the assistant chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and have been much commended all over the State.

Governor Brumbaugh is receiving the largest mail of any governor since the days of Daniel H. Hastings, who took office on the close of the last Democratic administration, and additional stenographers have been working for two weeks to keep up with the tremendous number of letters that have been pouring into the executive department. Very few of these letters are of a personal character, practically all being on State business. A large proportion are requests for appointments, scholarships and favors of various kinds, but many contain suggestions for changing with workmen's compensation and the highway problem. Most of these refer to the invitation for ideas made by the governor through the newspapers, but the principal mail by no means limited to advice on these two subjects, the finances of the commonwealth and every kind of legislation being topics on which his correspondents are writing more or less fluently. It is the governor's policy to have all letters answered and this task has kept his office force at work until late at night.

The governor's visitors' bureau also rather larger than has been the rule in the early days of the last three administrations and as nine-tenths of them come to discuss legislation the bureau has been very busy. It is limited to advice on these two subjects, the finances of the commonwealth and every kind of legislation being topics on which his correspondents are writing more or less fluently. It is the governor's policy to have all letters answered and this task has kept his office force at work until late at night.

Members of the House appropriations committee plan to complete all of their work by the end of the week receiving State aid before April 1 and the committee will be divided into subcommittees to make tours of State institutions and as many of the hospital bills will be reported by the committee next week. Thus far 203 bills calling for \$18,507,323.54 have been introduced in the House. The framing of the general appropriation bill will be started within a short time. The governor will dispose of the general deficiency bill next week. It will likely be the first bill to be signed. It carries over \$640,000.

A Reading dispatch says: "Reading businessmen are dissatisfied with existing conditions in the matter of State provisions for third-class cities and boroughs, and at to-day's meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce initiative steps were taken toward the formulation of a given campaign by commercial organizations to bring about the passage of a law at this session of the Legislature creating a State Bureau of Municipal Affairs. The functions of the bureau would be to investigate and to be purely advisory and could cover a wide area of subjects, including the following: clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding boroughs and third-class cities; furnish communities with intelligent interpretation of existing legislation; to prevent a multiplicity of laws and ordinances enacted by municipalities; to obtain uniform methods of tax assessments and tax exemptions; uniform practice in regard to accounting and budget making; providing information for municipal bond issues and indebtedness; to represent the municipalities in cases pending before the State boards or commissions."

## ROUND ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA

How would you like to have your supper interrupted rudely some evening by a man coming through the roof of the kitchen table? That's what happened at the home of Frank and Mrs. M. H. Smith, of York county, the other day. A stone, weighing nearly 100 pounds, was hurled through the air by the blast in the quarry, and when it fell it broke the steak plate on the Ely supper table. The steak was ruined.

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VERY NATURAL  
"Jones borrowed a shilling from me yesterday and paid me back to-day."  
"Well, what about it?"  
"He paid me back with the same shilling he lent him."  
"That's strange."  
"Not very. He couldn't change it."  
ANSWERS.

**HARRISBURG**  
**SHIRTS**  
\$1.50 to \$10.00  
THIRD NEAR WALNUT STS.

## OPTOMETRY BOBS UP IN LEGISLATURE

Big Fight Is Ahead Over Supervision of That Branch of State Service

The controversy which began early last year in the courts of Philadelphia as to whether or not the State Bureau of Medical Education and Licensure should have supervision over the practice of optometry has been transferred to the Legislature and will be fought out during the present session.

When the bureau undertook to regulate the optometrists by setting up rules for examining and licensing them a number of Philadelphia optometrists took the matter into the common pleas court and the latter decided that the act creating the bureau did not give it authority over the practice of optometry.

It was announced that the bureau would appeal the case to the Supreme Court, but meantime an effort has been made to avoid the necessity of such appeal by the introduction of a bill in the House by Representative McNicol, of Philadelphia, providing that no one shall practice optometry in Pennsylvania without a license from the Bureau of Medical Education and Licensure. The optometrists have promptly retorted by introducing, through Senator Daix, of Philadelphia, a bill placing the regulation of their practice under a board of optometric examiners, entirely separate from the medical and surgical examining and licensing body. In other words, they object to coming in under the "one board" examining plan, but wish to have distinct State regulation, such as the osteopaths, dentists and druggists enjoy.

The optometrists in their bill define optometry as "the employment of any means other than the use of drugs for the measurement of the powers of vision and the adaptation of lenses for the correction of aid thereof, and also the employment of any means except the use of drugs, medicines or surgery for the purpose of detecting diseased conditions in the human eye."

## OUR DAILY LAUGH

NOT SO GOOD.  
Is your wife a good manager?  
She managed to land me for a husband.

SOMEWHERE.  
Grace: Have you kept all your New Year's resolutions, Harry?  
Harry: Yes, I have a copy locked up in a drawer somewhere.

JUST AS WE EXPECTED.  
Uncle George: I suppose you're expecting a lot Christmas?  
Freddy: Yes, but I don't expect I'll get it.

YOUR VALENTINE  
By Wing Dingler  
To-morrow is Valentine Day. To hubbies I'll explain the way To get themselves right. And I get downtown to-night— Give heed, and I'm sure it will pay.

AN EVENING THOUGHT  
The noblest mind the best contentment has.—Spencer.  
Dandruff Surely Destroys the Hair  
Girls—if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff, for it will carry your hair and ruin it if you don't.

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H. M. ELDRIDGE, Manager

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**Dauphin Deposit Trust Co.**  
by Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery, certified public accountants, at the request of the Directors without previous notice to officers and clerks.  
On request a complete copy of the statement of the bank's assets and liabilities together with a list of the bonds and stocks will be given.  
Attention is called to the following principal items verified by the accountants:

Deposits—\$2,764,761.14  
The volume of deposits shows to what extent a bank enjoys the confidence of the community. An adequate reserve is a factor, of course, but the known reputation of the officers and directors goes a long way toward winning the good will of the depositors.

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits—\$613,806.67  
This amount shows the interest the stockholders have in the bank, which constitutes a bulwark of protection to the depositors, for these capital items would have to be entirely wiped out before the depositors, whose rights have precedence, could lose a dollar.

Reserve Funds—\$548,321.92  
Of this amount there is, instantly available, in cash \$136,000—three times the amount required by the banking laws. The balance of \$412,321.92 is subject to check in New York and Philadelphia banks. This is also twice the required amount.

Loans—\$1,303,392.89  
Money loaned by the bank in various channels of trade, every dollar of which is absolutely guaranteed by the highest character of collateral and commercial paper of the soundest rating.

Bonds and Stocks—\$1,155,638.83  
The actual market value of these holdings is \$1,199,325.  
LIST ON REQUEST  
Mortgages and Judgments—\$289,668.80  
Bank Building—\$50,000  
Cost more than \$100,000.  
Resources—\$3,378,567.81

**Dauphin Deposit Trust Co.**  
213 MARKET STREET  
Capital, \$300,000 Surplus, \$300,000  
Open for deposits Saturday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

**NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
From the Telegraph of Feb. 13, 1865. Southern News  
Henry S. Foote, rebel Senator, left last Saturday for Europe.  
Ship Burns  
Astoria, L. I., Feb. 12. — The U. S. S. Laboratory was burned off the coast this morning.  
Sherman Progressing  
Washington, Feb. 12. — Sherman has cut off all communications from Branchville. The place is almost surrounded with troops.

**IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY**  
From the Telegraph of Feb. 13, 1865. Y. M. C. A. to Meet  
The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock.  
Ward to Lecture  
Artemus Ward will lecture Monday and Tuesday evening in the Court-house.  
Blind Pupils Here  
Pupils of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind will give a concert Wednesday evening in the Court-house.

**3% PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**  
**CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$600,000.00**  
**Security For Your Funds**  
When you deposit your funds with this institution in a savings account or Certificate of Deposit you are assured of unquestioned safety as well as the substantial interest return of 3%.  
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