## SATURDAY EVENING.

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH pervise and manage the municipality on and after next Monday we still

# HARRISBURG

Politics in

Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

on Monday, January 3, with exception

of probably half a dozen county offi-

cers of various grades who have not yet filed their bonds as required by

The commissions of Supreme Court

Justice Emory A. Walling and of

ceed him as president judge of Erie

county, were the last to be sent. The commission for Judge Walling's suc-

cessor on the bench of Erie will be

On Monday three Superior court

judges will begin ten-year terms, two having been re-elected, and there will

judges sworn in throughout the State, two orphans court judges, one municipal court judge in Philadelphia and

Enormous county officers, including sheriffs of most of the counties, over

twenty mayors and many other local officials will also take office on Mon-

also be twenty-eight common

sent Monday.

six associate judges.

Judge Uriah P. Rossiter, who will su

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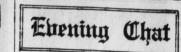
### WINTER SPORT

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



# VISITING THE WAR BRIDES The Chemical Industry By Frederic J. Haskin

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New Year's day has always been more or less formally observed in Harrisburg, although as a matter of

Harrisburg, although as a matter of faci until the last few years there has been no public celebration such as has taken place through the agency of the Mummers' association. The celebra-tions have been more or less confined to watchnight services the night be-fore and a tremendous racket at mid-night and social events the next day. Back in the early days of Harrisburg the leading men of the town kept open house for their neighbors and, if the truth be told, punch bowls and toddies were not unknown. Governor Simon Snyder, the first Governor to be inaug-urated in Harrisburg, always received the citizens at his residence in this city, there being no executive mansion owned by the State until the Civil war days. Governors following General Snyder kept up the custom and in the Curtin and Hariranft administrations there were receptions at the official bome of the Governor smuch on the same lines of those of the last half dozen years. Old newspapers tell in addition of receptions given by promi-ent citizens can note that the friends of this or that resident were his guests at a New Year's party, while it was not uncommon for delegations to wait on the Governor o some prominent official. When General Simon Camer-on was alive and the legislators hap-pened to be here for an opening day on the first of the year they used to make a formal call on him. The late Mayor Eby used to greet his friends when his contal on him. The late Mayor Eby used to greet his friends way to welcome their intimate friends on the first day of the year. The State's new stock transfer tax, which is a stamp tax like that Uncle act until the last few years there has

on the first day of the year. The State's new stock transfer tax, which is a stamp tax like that Uncle Sam requires to be paid on notes and other things, is making the usual amount of trouble for the State au-thorities. About 100 letters a day are being answered on the subject, but the prize went to a man who complained that stamp taxs were becoming too numerous and that he could appre-clate the feelings of the fathers over the stamp tax. Then he wanted to know, inasmuch as Uncle Sam and Father Penn are both engaged in stamp taxes, whether he could not use federal tax stamps for business and thus avoid having to get two sets of stamps. The officials in charge used a postage stamp to tell him not to be so thrifty. The State wants its two cents and the government wants its two cents, and the inquirer must go to separate places and buy stamps. Commission Clerk Gilbert H. Hass-

# day. In addition Coatesville, Bethlehem and South Bethlehem will become third-class cities, having received char-ters from the State following elections on the question whether to enter that form of government. --Ceremonies attending induction of new judges into office will be more or less elaborate in a number of the counties of the State on Monday. In some counties retiring judges will be presented with addresses and the new judges will be given receptions. At Carlisle there will be more or less ceremony when Judge Sadler retires and Judges Wanner and Gillan will be congratulated by the bars of their counties when they assume their duties for the new term. In Phila-delphia there will be quite elaborate ceremonies for the inauguration cere-monies. -From the Chicago Tribune.

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monies. —The attitude of Judge-elect Cor-bet, of Jefferson; Judge-elect Emery, of Lawrence; Judge-elect Bailey, of Huntingdon-Mifflin-Bedford, and of Judge-elect Quigley, of Center, in re-gard to licenses is attracting consider-able attention and it is likely that the license fights will start very promptly next month.

next month next month. —Judge-elect J. N. Langham, of Indiana, who will assume office on Monday, is a former corporation clerk at the Auditor General's Department and his friends here will send con-graduations

gratulations. —Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith yesterday announced his candidacy for national delegate at large and said that he expected Governor Brum-baugh to be a candidate, too. The new mayor said that he had invited Senator Penrose to visit him. —The county controller situation in Allegheny has assumed the fight-ing stage. Controller Cribbs has noti-fied all county officials that he con-siders Controller-elect Moore ineligible and that they should not recognize him. It is probable that the matter will get into the courts very promptly. The contest against Moore is on the ground that he is a senator. —George F. Holmes, county com-missioner-elect was sworn in yester-

day at Philadelphia. He is a news-paper correspondent and well known ere. —Daniel Stout is the new clerk to Montgomery commissioners. He the Mont

the Montgomery commissioners. H succeeds Robert Miller, former mem ber and new register of wills.

-Perry county's officials will make their transfer of offices on Monday. James M. McKee succeeds his old rival, W. M. Rice, as district atrival, W. M. Rice, as district at orney. —The Delaware county courts yes

-The Delaware county courts yes-terday refused to grant an injunction restraining Mayor-elect McDowell from taking office, one of the judges calling attention to the lateness of the proceedings and to the conditions which would result from the hold up of the inauguration. --Coatesville's mayoralty contest will go on, although the men elected on the face of the returns plan to take their oaths of office to-day. --Milton Weller, retiring Demo-cratic county commissioner of North-ampton, was elected mercantile ap-praiser much to the surprise of Eas-ton politicians. Representative R. H. Trach was appointed deputy county treasurer.

reasurer

WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY THERE can be no doubt of the success of the William Penn Highway. It is as certain to come as the flowers of Spring. There are back of this proposition most of the linewrines of the commercial and the linewrines of the commercial and the livewires of the commercial and motor organizations between Philadel-

why does everybody persist in blowing on Monday, January 3, with exception phia and Pittsburgh. Harrisburg is it in our face? radiating east and west a strong in-fluence on the side of this proposed Around about 3 o'clock we remember having read that to break away yet from the nicotine habit suddenly is to law It appeals so strongly to the route. opulous towns and districts throughdo violence to the system, with dire out the central part of the State that results to heart and nerves. We grow shaky in our resolution. Perthere can be no doubt of its success. With the Chamber of Commerce of haps, after all, it might be better to smoke moderately for a while, cut-ting down slowly, so as not to injure this city pulling a strong oar it is certain that the new year will not be very old when definite steps shall have the health. But the grinning face of a friend whose cigar we refused a few hours earlier bobs up before the been .taken.

DELEGATED LEGISLATION PRESS announcement informs

the public that Albert Lee Thursman, solicitor of the De-

Thursman, solicitor of the De-partment of Commerce, and brother-in-law to Senator Underwood, of tariff notoriety, has drawn up the shipping bill, which meets with the approval of a number of Democratic legislators, and which will be introduced in Con-

and a smile at least. Finally she learns that we have resolved to stop smoking, and, intuitive soul that she gress. This announcement of the drafting of the legislative measure by is, she knows our need before we do an administrative officeholder brings ourselves. "You're going to do noth-to mind the fact that nearly, if not ing of the kind," says she, "and quite, all the important legislative Johnny is dispatched for his father's program of the last Democratic Concress was initiated outside of that other way," she continues, "and as a man must have one bad habit, I prefer

When that provision of the Federal smoking." Constitution was framed which de-clared against the delegation of legis-Oh, joyful words, how sweet to the soul of us! We protest, mildly, the lation by Congress, it was the idea of the fathers that while legislation while searching our pockets for a match, and soon the home is the dear while legislation

old, sweet place it used to be before should reflect the popular will, it should originate in Congress, and be we quit smoking. And so with most good resolutions. But don't let that deter you from a threshed out in that body. But the

day of the exciting sport of temporary martyrdom. TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

-The Reading Coal and Iron Com-

pany announces a 10 per cent. raise in prices of coal and the abolition of the amount added per ton at the mines for State tax. In other words, the tax law having been declared unconstitutional, the company is preparing to put the tax into its own pockets.

-After making all other New Year' resolutions, make a resolution not to break the others. You might as well go the limit while you are about it.

-The weather man might have con tributed a clear day to the Mummers Association.

-Over in Austria, when you sink a ship and drown a lot of citizens of a friendly country, the emperor punishes

you severely with three light slaps o

-A man at the poorhouse died a the result of excitement over a game of checkers. We wonder how he even managed to get through an oldfashioned Fourth of July.

-Same to you and many of 'em.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Let us hope that when they settle the war and return to New York they will be able to pass the mental tests usually required at Ellis Island. — Bos-ton Transcript.

The San Francisco Fair closed with a surplus, which is more than some of those who visited it had when they got back home. — Philadelphia Even-ing Ledger.

Well, maybe there isn't anything suspicious about a powder factory olowing up, but how about that as-bestos factory that burned down the ther day? — Boston Transcript.

WALKING STICK OF MARBLES AND AGATES

[London Chronicle.]

[London Chronicle.] Many of the French walking sticks introduced into England in the early years of the eighteenth century were made of fine marbles and agates. From their semiopaque appearance they were known as "clouded" canes, and are referred to by Pope in his "Rape of the Lock": Sir Plume of amber snuffbox justly vain, And the nice conduct of a clouded cane,

the diverse are weak. He gives the very gifts believers seek. But often faith must learn a deeper rest, He does He supineness of the majority of the And trust God's silence when He does not speak; For He whose name is Love will send some came is Love will send some came is how will send some came is how will send some one, ambitious of pocketbook or popularity; it is referred to the ap-

the best. -Myra G. Plantz. propriate committee where it is scanned carefully to see what its political MUNICIPAL CHANGES

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SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 1-

God answers prayer; sometimes, when

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effect will be. If it passes the political ANIFESTLY City Commissioners censorship of the committee, it is re-Bowman and Lynch are preported to the House, where it passes pared to wish the employes of through a stuffed club gauntlet of de-

their departments a happy new year bate, gces to the Senate, and if politiwith no string to the greeting. They cally advisable it is ultimately pitchhave announced that no changes will forked on to the public. Many familiar with the present legbe made in their present forces and islative mazes in Washington believe this means a much happier day for the men who are serving in the imthat the Underwood tariff law was portant departments of Public Works framed by a number of importers of foreign products. The free wool pro-

and Public Safety. As for City Commissioner vision was Mr. Bryan's handiwork. gas, who was also re-elected, he is likewise in the same happy situation, but with City Comand the free sugar idea, on which the Democrats are now backing down, was attributable in the main, to the missioner-elect Gross and Mayor-elect Meals the case is somewhat dif-President. When the currency bill came up,

ferent. They are going through the worries and frets which accompany Dr. H. Parker Willis, college professor and financial theorist, was called on to frame the measure. Dr. Willis played the reorganization of any public department. With Mr. Gross it is a se-lection of heads of the fire departdouble salary roll, drawing salary from the Ways and Means Committee, ments and his assistants in the Defor his free trade advice, and from the Banking and Currency Committee partment of Parks. With the Mayor elect it is the changing somewhat of at the same time. Republican amend the personnel of the police depart-ment. Both these officials are having ments to the bill, which made it work able were forced into it in the Senate the assistance of a considerable part Willis was rewarded for his efforts by being appointed secretary to the of the population in the way of suggestion and advice-some of it invited, Federal Reserve Board. The Clayton antitrust law is laid at the door of most of it volunteered.

Fortunately for Mr. Gross, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor. A predecessor, Mr. Taylor, has made his pathway comparatively easy by stand-ing like a stone wall in favor of a lawyer. George Rublee, is said to have been responsible for many of the feabudget appropriation which will give been responsible for many of the fea-the new head of the Department of tures of the Federal Trade Commission

the new head of the Department of tures of the Federal Hade commended by Parks the same funds as were granted his appointment as member of that Mr. Taylor. It is to the credit of his appointment as member of that the retiring Superintendent of Parks commission. The coal and oil leasing the returning superintendent of Parks commission. The coal and on leasing that his interest in this important de-partment did not cease with his defeat for re-election. He has shown a most with California oil men. Not a line commendable public spirit and his at- was changed in the House. Criticisms is one which merits emulation of the bill were referred to an emby all members of the City Council ploye of the Interior Department, ashereafter.

Mayor-elect Meals has been fussing capacity to the Committee on Public more or less over some changes in the Lands, which reported the bill. What police department, but the situation he said, went. The authorship of the is about as much mixed now as was Ship Purchase bill, which went on the the case immediately following the rocks last year, but which has been election. Some fear has been ex- salvaged and repaired for the consid-

pleasure to whiff for many a wish them a happy new year and a At noon comes the first real test, clear vision of the future Harrisburg and if it were not that we had figured out along about 10 o'clock that in three years we could save the price whose destinies will be largely in their of an automobile by giving up the weed for good and all, we might have

best smelling Havanas it has been our

mind's eye, and we set our face sternly

toward duty, resolved to do or die. We go home to dinner in the even-

ing grouchy and ready to fight the world. The good wife looks at us in

Some fear has been ex- salvaged and repaired for the considpressed that unless care is exercised eration of this Congress, has police department will look like credited to Bernard Baker, of Baltithe milk-white flag regiment which. more, President of the Atlantic and it will be recalled, consisted of a num-ber of officers and one private. There Mr. Baker made public an announcecane, The "nice conduct" is graphically described in No. 103 of the "Tatler," where a beau declares that his cane has "become as indispensable as any other of his limbs, and the knocking of it upon his shoe, leaning one leg upon it, or whistling upon it with his mouth, are such great relief to him in conversation that he does not know how he should be good com-pany without it." is such a thing as too many generals ment that the intention of the sponsors and with a small force at best it would of that bill had been to purchase the seem to be the part of wisdom to ships of the International Mercantile hesitate in reducing the active patrol-Marine Company, in case the bill bemen in the creation of detectives and came a law. color bearers.

Credit for the features of these bills It doesn't follow because there is (and that credit is of a decidedly shady to be a change in the mayoralty that character) should go to the special inthere should also be a change in the police department every four years. terests which the Democrats nounced on the stump. It is apparent By the same token it does not follow that the Democratic Congress has wholly abrogated the legislative functhat once a policeman always a policeman. If there are good reasons for tions of that body. It is a confession changes in the force, they should be made and made promptly; but if the of legislative ineptitude.

changes proposed are simply to pro-OUR most popular indoor sport to-day, aside from vide jobs for those not now on the force it would be well to remember that a police force is first of all or friends "the same to you, and many more of 'em," is the making of ganized for the conservation of the public peace and the protection of life and property.

good resolutions for the New Year. We can think of no more harmless has also been a good deal amusement nor one more calculated said within the last few weeks about to give us a good opinion of ourselve the choice of an assessor. It ought to be apparent that no more imporor a brighter outlook upon the world tant place in the entire city govern-ment is now under consideration by month period. the City Council. It is true that a

treasurer of municipal funds should be chosen with discretion and good judgment, but it is equally true that the man who shall have charge of the ssessment of the real estate of Harrisburg must be qualified for that im work. It may be too late for portant. the coming year to consider a change in the organization of the office of as but we believe the time is at hand to give serious thought to this

equitable and reasonable valuation of

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Treasurer. —Director W. H. Wilson is said to be planning a general shake-up of all police lieutenants in Philadelphia when he takes hold next week. It is said that numerous changes will be made in Vare wards. —Judge-elect Rogers, of Phila-delphia, has resigned from his Re-publican ward committee. —Lieutenant Colonel M. L. Case has declined the profier of appoint-ment as chief of police of Lebanon, but the new mayor says he will send d in his name anyway. —G. J. Parker was appointed the of for Juniata county. —Beatty, Martin and Magee have been appointed county solicitors of this has ucceed Hay and

-Frank Malloy of Freeland, promi-nent in police work in Luzerne coun-ty, has been appointed county detec-tive at \$1600.

tive at \$1600. —According to dispatches from the western part of the State Representa-tive H. R. Myers, of Washington, who was mixed up in the Thompson af-fairs, has become insane through his troubles. He served his first term as

scretary Daniels crecting himself in-to a final judge of what the country shall know described a shall not know dis-closes in himself the guile of the job hunter and the airregance of the bureau-crat. He can achieve only one welcome suppression, and the object of that is too dear to his heart to encourage the hope that he will be called upon to sub-mit to it. troubles. He served his first term as a legislator last session. —Mayor-elect Rhoads, of Àltoona, will retain the members of the police force according to an announcement yesterday.

'em.

In the great wave of prosperity that is sweeping over Parkesburg a new newspaper, the Parkesburg Journal, rears its head and sweeps in upon the crest. We extend to it our best wishes for the New Year, with the added hope and confidence that the wave be strong enough to carry it to safety be-fore breaking.

"Skeleton is Seller's Cellar" was the alliterative way in which the news of the discovery of a number of human bones in the cellar of J. P. Seller's store in Reading a day or so ago was made. Rumors of a murder, thoughts of Edgar Allan Poe and other theories were advanced when it was learned that the bones, pieced together, made an almost perfect skeleton. It now comes out that a doctor had left it there some years ago and the janitor had thrown it away as debris. OUR DAILY LAUGH

Pneumonia-grip, that delightful com-panion that has called upon so many in the last few weeks, has claimed twenty-three lives in Pittsburgh in three days. The mortality out there last week totaled fifty-three persons.

The Berks County Conservation As-sociation has applied to the State For-estry Department for 778,000 trees, which will be given to schools, or-phans' homes, associations and indi-viduals, to be planted throughout Reading and the county during the next year. ext year. . . .

It costs a million dollars to run the city of Reading for one year, but a recent report states that one million a day is required to keep New York city, the largest in the world, going.

DINING HALL OF FAME

The Gary dinner where the Colonel ad Big Business feasted together is bink to put all previous meals into the shade. It will stand by itself in the shade boll of fame.

AND DESCRIPTION OF PARTY OF SECTION STRUCTURE A NEW VANILLA PLANT

The Searchlight

A NEW VANILLA FLANT The Philippine Islands promise to supply a new source of vanilla in a plant which has lately been found avail-able for that purpose, named vanilla able for that purpose, named vanilla planifolia. It grows most plentifully upon the Island of Mindaro in deep forests and once revines

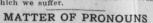
forests and open ravines. The Board of Education of the Phil.

The Board of Education of the Phil-ippine Islands, which is responsible for discovering its value, is now consider-ing plans for propagating it and is ex-perimenting with it in a number of school gardens. The roots of the plant have already been utilized in making the fancy bas-kets which are a recognized native product. These roots are white and fexible and have been combined with other dark-colored fibers with good ef-fect.

fect. Its utilization as a source of vanilla extract is regarded as of greater com-mercial value than the basket making. If the supply is increased by cultivation both uses can be continued.

WE NEED PURPOSE

WE NEED PURPOSE IFrom the New Republic.] Nothing is so bad for the soul as feeling that is dispensed on nothing. We recognize this well enough in the esthete who takes in impressions and styres forth estheticism, in the school-birl who weeps over impossible ro-mittees, in the old gentleman afficted in the outer of the school-trisome, and to no end. We American have been witnessing supreme dramble to fasten any reaction to realities. Fer-ment without issue, restation without birt, is making us sullen and self-con-scious and as hamed. The source of our trouble may be traced directly to the President's first mew were not told to be neutral in feeling. We were not told to be neutral in feeling. We were not told to be neutral in feeling. We were not told to feel about anything peritor was bound to fail negative lulunc-tion of America has and the welling-ment wither the state propose which more serious. What President's first mesems not to understand is that if the seems not to understand is that if the seems not to understand is that if the ment we suffer.



[From the Louisville Courier-Journai. Elsie Ferguson, actress, objects to th expression "isn' it lovely." Of course Any actress might, but how'd "isn' sh lovely" ring across the footlights?"

-H. J. Cornman, retiring head of

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

the Altoona city water department, was presented with a loving cup by employes of his department. —John D. Graham, the new re-corder of Allegheny county, took the oath of office before the judges in open court. —Alderman James Moir, of Scran-ton has just celebrated his fiftieth aloath

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ton, has just celebrated his indefined and respective power of the Lehigh Valley. —H. C. May is the new head of mo-tive power of the Lehigh Valley. —W. R. Kranzley, chief of the Al-lentown fire department, is urging that it be motorized. —T. J. Donnell, postmaster of Jen-kintown, is seriously ill.

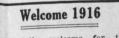
DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg-made tin is used in many foreign countries?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG Residents of this city built a canal over part of the way of the later Pennsylvania canal in 1825.

BROWN'S COMPASS

BROWN'S COMPASS [From the Kansas City Journal.] A compass, once the property of John Brown, which played a part in early history, has just been received at citad museum of the Kansas State Hitter museum of the Kansas State Hitter the instrument when are between 1855 Gawatomie, in the ears between 1855 border warfare in those days, the story border warfare in those days, the story goes, the aboiltion the ears of surveying land, when in reality he was locating and mapping the camps of pro-slavery ompass in a pretense of s and, when in reality he was nd mapping the camps of pro



general than this method of celebrating the advent of another twelve

Take smoking, for instance. We arise early, look about for some new resolution to adopt. Ah, a glance at the pipe we left regretfully half-finished on the dresser when sleep

day, aside from wishing our

birds with one stone; make a resolu-tion and abolish a bad habit at one

fell swoop. To think is to act. No The clock this morning by my bed hand to give serious thought to this more smoke-nope, not for us; and with loud alarm did rouse subject to the end that there may be we start down town refusing cigars of the from my sleep, reminding me Of all my solemn vows.

DANIELS AGAIN

[From the New York Sun.]

PLAYING IT SAFE

[New York Sun.]

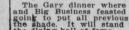
I made some resolutions, good. With which to start the year.

the pipe we left regretfully half-finished on the dresser when sleep overcame our desire to smoke last grown into being. We'll kill two birds with one stone; make a resolu-tion and abalish a had helit at cost



em. AN IMPORTANT POINT. Dobbs (shop-ping for his wife) Seems to me these st ock ing s are rather finmsy. Will they stand much sirain? Clerk (dublous-

Clerk (dubious-ly): Well, I don't know; will they - er - be extra Number well filled?



[From the Boston Transcript.]