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THE LEGISLATURE

The sidi out to the credit of that pody. One-fourth of the length of the term has gone and without anything to show in results. Not a bill yet enact- sion may come now should come from the other side. ed into a law, not one of the hundreds of laws that need repealing yet taken from the statute books. It, so far has resolved itself into two factions, one faction favoring an investisation and the other faction determined to prevent an investigation of the way money has been spent.

According to the statements, Governor Brumbaugh, well-meaning old tended session. The public business man that he is, has been led into an error of judgement in using money ap propriated for he contingent expenses as a slush fund for extravagant expenses. The Auditor General also seems to have traveled with a retinue ery idle; its passage through the of servants, in pomp like an eastern House should be little more than a monarch, in fact, according to the reports, about the only ones who have had any sense of decency about the matter of expense were Hon. Frank Black and Henry Houck.

A friend suggested a few days since that the scandal connected with the state administration was the funeral of the Republican party. If such be true let the obsequies proceed, and the people will follow the leadership of such men as the two just mentioned in constructing a party in which the Keystone of the arch shall be Honesty

Local option, which was bombastically promised us by the Governor, is a dead issue. The statement of the Attorney Gen

eral that the contingent expense fund of the Governor was a fund which he controlled and that, "He could burn it if he wished" is not a point well tak en. All laws are interpreted by the intention of the law-makers when the

law was framed. The intention was not to create a fund of state moneys for the Governor to burn. If there was no illegal expenditures

then an investigation will so deter mine, hence why should it be opposed? The Republican party will be strength ened by an investigation. Only those who are guilty should fear the expos-

### HOW CANADA CELEBRATED

Canada celebrated the Democratic victory in 1916 election by sending us \$27,000,000 worth of her goods during November. That made a total of our imports from our northern neign bor for the first 11 months of that year \$213,500,000, an increase of \$53 000,000 over the 1915 period. nine months of which was under the Republican protective tariff law. It

looks as if the Wilson-Underwood law has been good pickings for the Canucks, but their gratitude will never reach the point where they will permit the products to enter their mark et at anything lower than protective rates. It is a one sided affair, particu larly hurtful to our farmers, who, in their excitement over war profits, are apparently unconscious of the shin-skinning which Canada is giving them. The war cannot last indefinitely, but Canada's sales to us after the war will, under the present tariff policy, be limited only by her own desires and ability to produce. Are we going to prepare for competition with Canada and other countries before this war jag is over, or postpone tariff revi-sion until a war-post depression has

The anti-alien land bills in the legislatures of Idaho and Oregon will not be passed. The determination of this country, in every state of the Union, is to do nothing which will add to the gravity of our industrial relations. That these bills are within our rights \$1.50 and that they are no more than the existing statutes of Japan, against whose subjects they are chief. v aimed, is not to be questioned. Bit here are times when to do all the things which are a nation's of right leads to consequences which are un-thinkable. This is one of those times Whatever of irritation and of aggres

ONE CONTROVERSY AT A TIME

STOP THE DILLY-DALLYING

Intimations from Harrisburg are that the Legislature will be kept in session until July. If it soon does not get down to business it is hardly to be expected it will complete its "labors" by that time. But there is not the slightest reason for any such ex demanding attention can be trans acted in much less time than the al most five months between now and July. The Senate has disposed of the investigation resolution, which has been holding the legislative machinformality since the subject has bee sufficiently threshed over. But, what-ever its fate, the action should be tak-The people are impaen promptly. The people are impa-tient of the delay; the growing bill of costs for services that are not rende ed cannot be excused. There is a big hopperful of bills already introduced but the committees have not got down to work on them, possibly because the vast majority of them are worthy of very little consideration. The few bills of importance that have been in troduced, like the local option bill and that to repeal the non-parisan law as it applies to the election of judges, should be disposed of as promptly as possible. Under ordinary circum-

stances the public interest would de-mand there would be no dilly-dally-ing at Harrisburg; now that the couny is confronted by the possibility or war it is more than ever important that purly domestic concerns be han-dled without delay that every resouce of the nation may be put at the dis posal of the National Adminstration without interference of any kind.

#### EQUALITY WILL RE-MAIN AN ISSUE

If the corrupt practices act is not to be voted upon at this session of Coagress the Gallinger amendment to that measure will likewise fail of action. But both the bill and the amend-ment will be in evidence when the new Congress convenes; and it is possible that the Gtllinger amendment will have a life of its own apart from any bill. The subject of Southern representation in Congress and in the electorial college is the most important question of political interest in this country today. It has been made acute by the results of the recent election, wherein t swolln and illegitimate electoral vote has been so cured for the Democratic party in deflance of the Constitution. ditions cannot endure or be indured. The Gallinger amendment points the way to cure them.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY

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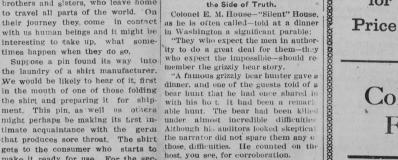
### "the 'an With The Clock With The Million"

THE COMMON EVERY-DAY PIN (By Sam'l. G: Dixon M. D.) The pin is born with millions of brothers and sisters, who leave home the Side of Truth. to travel all parts of the world. On their journey they come in contact with us human beings and it might be in Washington a significant parable:

the laundry of a shirt manufacturer. "A famous grizzly bear sources We would be likely to hear of it, first in the mouth of one of those folding the shirt and preparing it for ship-with lis hot. It had been a remark able hunt. The bear had been killed

the shirt and preparing it for ship-ment. This pin, as well us others might perhaps be making its first in-timate acquaintance with the germ that produces sore throat. The shirt gets to the consumer who starts to make it ready for use. For the sec-ond time, the poor pin finds that hu-man mouth again, its abiding place. Possibly this time, it gets into an ul-cerated mouth, thence it gets into the pin cushion or some other receptacie. The persons who handle these, can-not recognize disease germs by the naked eye, and therefore the pin with its cargo of germs is ready for new service. This time, perhaps, by a dressmaker, if she has the bad habit already alluded to, she fills her mouth with these pins while ahe cuts with her paterns and fits various pieces to gether. This time for variation, the pin may have found lodgment in a healthy mouth. Nevertheless it is not a pleasant fault, when you know the pin's history thus far, to think of anyone making such use of them. Many a Mother who uses pins in fastening a child's dress together,

Many a Mother who uses pins in fastening a child's dress together, does the same thing. By this time, in the pin's life history, it is quite well armed with spores of germs and real-ly is accountable for much harm along its path of travel. And now as it is getting old and about ready to close its life, a little child may be stricken with tonsilitis or diptheria or even scarlet fever, because some of these diseases are easily communica-ble from throats so recently affected by the disease that the danger is n recognized. The presence of the germs that have been deferred to on the pin, is a real danger, as the phy-sician or the laboratory worker knows he can plant them in food stuffs that does the same thing. By this time, in he can plant them in food stuffs that spirits. will make them grow and multiply in great numbers, colonies can be seen by

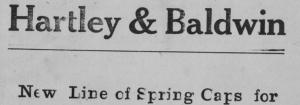


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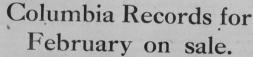
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