HARRISBURG LETTER

That the organization Republicans are progressive and have a harmonious plan for advanced legislation has been apparent from the start, and now some of the details are begin-ning to come to the surface. The Senate will not sit this week, but immediately after it recoavenes March 10th work on a comprehensive reform of the election laws will be started and it may be asserted with confidence that the short ballot and other improvements and safeguards will be put into effect. A public ser-vice commission bill with teeth in it will be adopted and there will be taxation reforms and a mass of legisla-tion cleaning up isolated wrongs and abuses and embodying progressive ideas will be placed upon the statute books. The program will be com-prehensive and progressive enough to commend itself to any member of the legislature who is a sincere reformer before he is a politician and self-seeker.

The enactment of this progressive legislation will proceed with considerable rapidity from now on. Last week the Rockwell local option bill was swept out of the way and the removal of this piece of legislation always results in relief to both sup-porters and opponents. The committees of both Houses have their work well in hand. The general appropriation bill carrying a total of over \$42,000,000 has been introduced. One of the apportionment bills also is in and in many other particulars the work of the body is well in hand, March 18th the introduction of bills will cease and by that time it will be possible to get some idea as to the possible date for adjournment. The ten Democrats who voted for

Begelow argued that after all it is no affair of theirs, inasmuch as the Highway Commissioner would be a Republican in any event. Nevertheless their action has thrown some element of their party back into the habit of viewing with alarm and newspapers have even read the ten out of the party. In the circumstances these Senators might be expected to go about wearing an air of gloom, but as a matter of fact they are quite cheerful. Naturally this attitude gives great pain to Democratic State Chairman Guthrie who is never so happy as when he is sustaining the role of a party boss— and making good. At the opening of the session Guthrie's scheme of caucus rule irked the unterrified to such an extent that they upset some of his cherished schemes and he subsided, but not for long. His meddlesomeness soon reasserted itself, this time in the form of a series of letters in which he assumed to point out to the Democrats the course they should

The House reconvened on Wednesday night at 9 o'clock and the Senate will meet again next Monday at 9 o'clock. House committees met

The State Water Supply Commission has recommended, after a thorough study of the Pymatuning swamp conditions, that the State build a reservoir to impound the wa-ters and drain the land at a cost of \$1,600,000. This would give a great portion of the 10,600 acres area to agriculture and regulate the water supply for the industrial valleys of the Beaver and Shenangoa.

ARIEL.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Harkness have returned home after spending the past week with relatives in Wil-

have returned from New where they have been visiting rela-

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Emery and family spent a few days in New York city during the past week. Mrs. Calvin Samson has returned

after a four months' visit with her parents in Laurel, Montana. Mrs. J. D. Storm entertained the

Sunshine circle on Saturday afternoon Feb. 22.

Mrs. Roy Howe entertained at pinochle on Saturday afternoon.

Homer Sandercock was confined to the house through illness during last

The Book Club was entertained by Mrs. P. T. Howe at the "Maple Ave-

nue" on Tuesday night.
William D. Bell, of Port Jervis,
spent the week end in town.
The Ladies' Aid of Treslarville

held their annual banquet at the home of Santford Bishop. A sump-tuous supper was served. The dining room was artistically decorated in red, white and blue. Supper being over, Charles Treslar, the toastmaster, kept the house in laughter for one-half hour. The following present: Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Swingle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quintin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swingle, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. William Mittan, Mrs. George Corey, Mae Cor-ey, Mrs. Newell Bishop, Mrs. William Treslar, Mrs. Herbert Swingle, Mr. er, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Santford Bishop, Miss Mildred Bishop, Miss Susie Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Florence Glossenger, and Harley Bishop. The following officers

COMPLIMENTS THE CITIZEN.

were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Charles Treslar; vice-

Equinunk, Pa., March 1, 1913. The Honesdale Citizen, Dear Editor:

a general good time.

Kindly allow me to express my appreciation of the editorial in Wed-nesday's edition on a certain class of nesday's edition on a certain class of tuted the real power in the last years advertisements which are exceeding- of Porfirio Diaz. They are not a politidisgusting and immoral. I congratulate you on your position, and it is the moral standard which all reputable newspapers should assume. The whole thing is a fraud and humbug, leaving alone its inclemency, arising from the desire to get rich by appealing to the guilibility of the dis-Thanking you for giving the

people a clean, newsy paper,
Yours truly,
SAMUEL TOLLEY.

******************* MEXICO IS NOW PLUNGED IN STATE OF CHRONIC REVOLT

Whims of Leaders and to Race Weakness.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

HE Mexican crisis has become chronic. Revolt is followed by revolution and that by insurrection, rebellion, insurgency, uprising, disturbance and plain trouble. If Don Enrique Doodlebug's breakfast does not agree with him he goes out, calls about him his faithful followers and starts something. If Colonel Reflipe W. Thenuz gets tired of working for a living he gathers a company of others of the same mind, of whom there are always plenty, and begins holding up estates, mills, railroads or anything else that will stand for it. Insurging has become a habit. The land is filled with Maderistas, Zapatistas, Felicistas, banditistas, assassinistas, pessimistas, jingoistas and other "istas" till you can't rest. One year they elect a president, and the next they take him out in a side street and shoot him. The governor of a state never knows whether his next conference will be with a legislative committee or the firing squad. It takes a brave man to be a public official in Mexico.

Before a Mexican announces that be making direful predictions. Sever- is a candidate for the suffrages of his al of the more vehement Democratic fellow citizens he wants to insure his is a candidate for the suffrages of his life and make his will. If elected he



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AMBASSADOR HENRY LANE WILSON.

surrounds himself with a body guard and has all his enemies executed or jailed. Then if some of his trusted adherents are not traitors he may be allowed to serve out a part of his term. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lonstein provided he is not broken on the wheel of a revolution. The recall is an old established institution in our sister republic, only they don't do the recalling

with ballots. Francisco I. Madero tried to teach his countrymen democracy, but they had been under the Diaz rule so long that they had forgotten what the word The worst accusation made meant. against Madero is that he was a dreamer, but if so he dreamed of liberty for his country, of honest elections, of humane government, of land for the landless and of peace and prosperity for the people. He was also criticised for being only five feet four inches in height. a very serious charge indeed. It was said that he appointed too many of his relatives to office, but it was rejoined that he had to have somebody about him he could trust. Even as it was his

two chief generals turned traitors. Two-thirds of People Illiterate.

Poor Madero! He had become indoctrinated with republicanism as it exists in America and thought he could apply it to Mexico, only to find that the people did not comprehend it or know how to use it. The poorer classes thought liberty meant that they could take what they wanted with none to say them nay. The peons are illiterate. It is estimated by one faand Mrs. Charles Treslar, Mr. and miliar with Mexican affairs that of the Mrs. Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kiz-000,000 can neither read nor write, and half the remaining 5,000,000 have no education to speak of. The same authortiy says that 40 per cent of the people are of pure Indian blood and that 30 per cent more have Indian or negro president, Mrs. George Corey; sec-retary, Mrs. Orpha Swingle; treasur-er, Mrs. Joseph Quintin. All report that nearly all the remaining 30 per the greasers. When it is realized cent are Spaniards it can be seen just what elements Madero had to depend on in working out his dream.

Well, Madero is dead and the old clentificos are in the saddle. To those unacquainted with the cientificos it should be explained that they constical party, but rather an inner circle, a power behind the throne. They dictate appointments and policies. The meaning of the word "cientifico" is scientific business, and it is shrewdly suspected that this wheel within a wheel made a scientific business of government, of the offices, contracts, concessions, honors, franchises and other

Nation's Woe Due Largely to Intervention Would Be Costly. Nation Should Work Out Own Salvation.

> In Tammany Hall this would be called scientific graft, but, of course, nothing | der the Monroe doctrine, there are natof that kind can be imagined in connection with a national government.

Diaz Redivivus.

The brief dream of democracy is over, the counter revolution has apparently won and the old reactionaries are in power. Don Porfirio's pictures are being taken from closets, dusted off and hung about the national palace. Don Portirio's nephew is the head of the successful revolt and the announced candidate for president. Don Portirio himself is immensely pleased with the turn of affairs and says that he may return to his coun-"The old order changeth, giving place to the new," has been strangely reversed to read, "The new order changeth, giving place to the old.' Today Mexico's constitutional president and vice president, the only ones really elected by the people in more than a generation, have been assassinated, and the country is under a military dictatorship. As for the future, who knows? "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church," and it may be that the blood of Madero and Suarez may yet be the seed of democracy in Mexico. The truth is mighty-



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MAJOR GENERAL CARTER. even among peons, greasers, Indians

and Spaniards. At present there are mutterings of revolt all over Mexico. The finger of scorn of all nations is pointed at the the crude and revolting savagery displayed in the killing of the two Maderos and Suarez, at the transparent explanations made of these blundering

Will There Be Intervention?

What will the United States do? Foreign nations are exerting pressure on us in favor of intervention. They point to our responsibility under the Monroe doctrine to keep order in the western hemisphere. Those who have large investments in Mexico are also urging us to intervene.

President Taft steadfastly refused to heed this clamor, and there is every reason to believe that President Wilson will do the same. At the same time, warships are being rushed to Mexican waters and troops are mobilizing at Galveston and other points near the border. These are precautionary measures and are such steps as practically all neutral nations take when there is warfare near their boundaries.

Americans who talk idly of intervention should realize fully just what such a serious step would mean.

It would certainly bring war. The gringos, as we are called, are not particularly popular across the line. Mexicans may quarrel among themselves, but the moment we made a hostile move they would unite like long lost brothers. All the different "istas" would forget their grievances against each other and rush to support the independence of their land. We should make no mistake on this score. Intervention in Mexico would mean not only war, but a long, hard and costly war. It is true that Mexico has only one-sixth of our population, but they would be fighting on their own ground. defending their own homes. Moreover, it would be harder for us to suppress the roving bandits of the mountains in an allen country than for the Mexican government to control its own outlaws. One United States army offiter who has studied the situation has stated that it would require at least 300,000 troops, ten years time and \$1,000,000 expense a day to conquer Mexico.

Would Massacre Americans,

Intervention would probably defeat the very end sought-the protection of American lives and property in the disfavors that government has to bestow. | turbed republic. | Many Mexicans have | the entire western hemispher

threatened that the moment we cross the boundary every American in the country will be massacred and every American property wrecked. As barbarous and horrible as this sounds, those of our people who have lived south of the Rio Grande believe it would be carried out. Not only so, but other for-eigners would probably suffer, the mobs not distinguishing between gringos and Europeans. By intervening we would become indirectly responsible, not only morally, but financially, for the resultant damages.

Intervention might have another most serious consequence. It would doubtless allenate from us all Latin Amer ica. Despite all we have done for the other American republics, both by our example and by our powerful aid unural jealousy and fear of us. These younger republics dearly prize their independence and regard our very size as a menace. This feeling was intensified by our action in Panama; also our intervention in Cuba, Santo Domingo, Nicaragua and elsewhere. The Latin Americans have doubtless heard some of our rattle-brains chatter about "Panama to the pole" and have attached more importance to such irresponsible talk than it merits. But intervention in Mexico would give real ground for apprehension not only to Central but to South America. would lend color to the charge that we are land hungry and have designs of conquest. This would be most unfortunate to our growing trade in Latin America, which we hope to increase by the construction of the Panama canal, It would end the pan-American dream of James G. Blaine.

We Can Afford to Wait.

As a matter of fact, just what business would we have in Mexico anyway? Have not the people of that country a right to work out their own internal affairs in their own way? Is it not better for them that they should 'do 'so? There is no evidence that American lives or property have suf-



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fered unduly as a result of the revolution. Some damage was inevitable, but this can all be adjusted after peace is restored, if it ever is. The Huerta government has promised to Huerta regime, at the methods by raise an army of 150,000 men and to which Huerta himself gained office, at go after the revolutionists with vigor. General Orozco, the leading insurgent. has come into camp and promised to be good. A few of the other rebel chieftains have also promised allegiance. Whatever we may think of Huerta and of Mexico generally, why not give them a chance? If they can restore peace, well and good. If they cannot, there will be plenty of time

to act after that fact becomes appar

There is natural irritation along the border, but the whole nation cannot be plunged into war merely for the protection of the border. General Steever is already on the ground with one division of regular troops, and General Carter is on his way with another. If these two divisions are not able to keep the Mexicans on their own side of the river the Texas rangers may do the trick. Governor Colquitt of Texas is sending the militia to points along the Rio Grande, and in this connection some unfortunate misunderstandings have arisen. The governor said he could get no satisfaction from Washington and that if it became necessary to protect the lives and property of Texans he would send troops across the border. Thereupon the United States troops were hurried to the Rio Grande, and it was said that the purpose was to watch the militia and see that Governor Colquitt's threat was not carried out.

This recalls a remark I heard the other day from a gentleman recently returned from Mexico. According to his version, the Mexican people are not at all afraid of the United States. They feel perfectly competent to wipe out our whole army. But they don't like the Texas rangers. They have had dealings with these gentlemen before and have a wholesome respect for their hard riding and straight shooting. The Texas rangers look bigger and more formidable to them than all Uncle Sam's army and navy.

Possibly they are right, and if worse romes to worst we might let the Texas rangers go down and clean up the whole Mexican republic. But for the present it is just as well to keep our heads. Taking every necessary precaution, prepare to strike hard and quick if it becomes necessary, and wait. The waiting game costs nothing, while one false step might sacrifice untold treasure in wealth and life and seriously affect the future of

HOLLISTERVILLE.

Hollisterville, March 6. Herbert Reichert has left for Scranton where he opened a barber

Ross Slocum was a Scranton visitor one day last week.

about 16 acres of land to a Mr.

Weiner of Scranton.

The farmers are all getting ready

Rev. A. R. Reichert will begin special services at the East Sterling M. P. church on Monday evening, March 10, to continue for two weeks. Rev. S. F. Sliker of South Canaan, and Rev. S. F. Ackley of Daleville will assist in the services.

NIAGARA FALLS.

HERE IS A BARGAIN

Located in Berlin township about 3 1/2 miles from Honesdale is one of the best farms in that locality. tor one day last week.

The Aipha O. A. B. C. of the M. P. church will have a St. Patrick's social and oyster supper in the M. E. hall on March 14th.

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