

INK SLINGS.

—Four years of good times ahead. —Well, we all know who the Cabinet is now, and we all know that it is a good one. —My, but news is getting scarce, there isn't even a new case of small pox to report this week. —Anyway the design of the new nickel leaves no doubt as to which side is head and which is tail. —Just the same those Mexican Presidents are setting a bad example to their successors every time they remove a rival by murdering him. —State College is to have a \$75,000.00 public building. Congressional "Pork Bar" bills are all right, so long as Centre county gets some of the pork. —President WILSON surely is a lucky man. It always seems to break well for him. No such inaugural weather as he had has ever been known in Washington. —The artistic temperament of American women—suffragettes—runs to looking pretty when on parade, rather than fantastic like their English co-agitators. —The Democracy of Centre county was not particularly conspicuous at the inauguration. Just why so few went down is probably a purely personal matter. —The blizzard that arrived last evening was not exactly a welcome visitor, but then we must always be thankful that conditions are no worse than they are. —The Government's announcement that "Ketchup" is "Catchup" promises a Catch as Ketch can wrestling bout with the public before it will be persuaded to pronounce it that way. —Just two more weeks and the first day of spring will be here. Then it will be Decoration day, Fourth of July, a five-seventy-five trip to Atlantic City, the Fair and winter will be on again. —President WILSON has announced that he will have no office seekers hanging around the White House, but as we hadn't contemplated asking for anything we don't regard this as notice to keep out. —Did you read the inaugural addresses of the President and Vice President. They are worth the reading, both of them, for they reveal just the character of men who are presiding over our government today. —The North American is authority for the statement that A. MITCHELL PALMER is piqued because he did not get a Cabinet portfolio, but only those who try to put faith in that erratic journal will believe such a story. —Now that WOODROW has gone it will be interesting to follow the course of legislation in New Jersey. If his followers there are the men they assured him they were there will be no gradual settling back to the old order of things. —Philadelphia has an eighty year young man who eloped with his housekeeper to Atlantic City, two weeks ago, and was married. Come to think about it that is just the right age to elope at, for there are no irate parents about to be begged for forgiveness. —President WILSON went into office with the largest crowd cheering that has ever assembled in Washington. We all hope that his administration will be so satisfactory that the regret at his retirement will be as genuine as the enthusiasm at his inauguration. —As to the Mexican situation Vice President MARSHALL made this pertinent remark: "I would spend every dollar I own to avenge the spilling of a drop of good American blood, but I wouldn't spill one drop of good American blood to protect an American dollar. —President WILSON's first appointment was a Republican whom TAFT had previously appointed and the Democrats in the Senate refused to confirm. Thus the new President starts right out to be the President of the United States and not the President of the Democratic party. —The families of the new administration at Washington are coming in for their share of the exploitation and, to tell the truth, their pictures proclaim them good to look upon and their biographies reveal that they are women quite capable of intellectual leadership in the Nation's capital. —The falling of their church steeple surely must have been of fearful portent to our Presbyterian brethren, for they have gotten their minds so thoroughly concentrated on their business since that they are having cottage prayer meetings every evening and a half-hour mid-day prayer in the chapel. If they are perturbed in mind and soul hungry they are taking the only course possible to find peace and satiety. —So Mr. JOHN BLANCHARD proposes to be a live wire as president of the Board of Health. And with an officer paid the munificent sum of five plunks per month he is going to see that the milk men don't water the milk, that dead dogs and cats are not left decaying in the alleys, that that dam splash board is removed and that we all keep clean. More power to you JOHN, but we fear you will have to plead near sightedness many a time.

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The New Cabinet.

There were some surprises in the new Cabinet though most of the names which compose it were discussed in the public prints as possibilities or probabilities. Mr. GARRISON, Secretary of War; Mr. HOUSTON, Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. McREYNOLDS, Attorney General, have been little in the public eye. But they are gentlemen of character and ability and may be depended upon to measure up to the high standard the new administration aims to attain. The others are widely known and have been freely talked about in connection with the public service to which they have been called. The appointment of Mr. BRYAN to the office of Secretary of State was so uniformly anticipated that if it had failed of fulfillment wide disappointment would have been the result. It may and we sincerely hope will prove a wise solution of a difficult problem. Mr. BRYAN has ability and experience to make him among the greatest Secretaries of State. If he will attend to the duties of that office it may be safely predicted that he will take such rank. But if he undertakes to run the administration, as many fear he may, he will not only fail in his own office but impair the usefulness of his associates in the Cabinet. Mr. McADOO, the new Secretary of the Treasury, is a new man in public life and for so conspicuous an office, a man young in years. But he is a man of splendid ability and excellent capacity and we predict for him a career of great achievement in his new office. It may reasonably be said, moreover, that the new Cabinet will be loyal to its chief, to the Democratic party and to the country and that will guarantee not only efficient but safe work. The administration means to make good and has begun right. That President WILSON purposes seeing that the welfare of the laboring people is properly cared for as well as that of the other great interests of the country, is evidenced by his selection as head of the Department of Labor of the Hon. W. B. WILSON, of this State. His appointment is neither a political nor personal one. It is purely and exclusively a position given to the working men of the country, and to one who is more a labor representative than a Democrat. Possibly in the entire country there is no man better acquainted with the needs of the great mass of laboring people, or has a better idea of how the government can best protect and benefit them without worrying other interests than Mr. WILSON. The appointment is an excellent one, and we congratulate the great mass of working people in having one of their recognized leaders as head of this new Department. —The present Legislature may have begun business with excellent intentions but as a matter of fact it appears to be doing just about as its predecessors of recent years did in the matter of frittering away time and wasting opportunities. New Administration and the Old. The inaugural address of President WOODROW WILSON is characteristic. Calm, carefully thought out and conservative in tone it voices the highest standard of civic philosophy. Above partisanship it breathes the spirit of patriotism and places the President on the high level of citizenship. Not the head of a party as ROOSEVELT assumed to be under similar circumstances but a leader of a great people our new President enters upon his new duties under the most auspicious conditions. His inaugural address is a classic in diction and as happy in thought as it is admirable in tone. In the change of government to which the President refers at the outset there is the promise of improvement not only in policies but in methods of administration. The Democratic party through President WILSON has become the instrument of the people for correcting abuses and introducing reforms which have long been desired but have been delayed through the perfidious betrayal of pledges in the past. President WILSON, not boastfully but emphatically, declares that there shall be no such perfidy in the future and he will set himself at once to the task of carrying out his pledges. The President of the United States is necessarily a party man but officially he should not be a partisan. That is the rock upon which the TAFT administration was wrecked. Following the example of ROOSEVELT TAFT set himself up as the official head of a party rather than the head of the Republic. In the moment of his greatest exaltation WOODROW WILSON said, "this is not a day of triumph; it is a day of dedication." Therein is expressed the sentiment which marks the difference between the new administration and the old. It is a wholesome difference and the people are to be congratulated.

Were the People Buncoed?

How much, if any, benefit the people of this State are to receive as the result of last fall's "reform" victory, with organization of new parties, its "re-organization" of old ones and its noisy pretenses of "progressiveness," is a very doubtful guess at this time. One thing is certain, however, we are not going to get anything like the reforms promised, or a shadow of the political betterment that the public has a right to expect. The Legislature has already been in session over two months, and if anyone knows of any improvement it has been over the many gang-controlled Legislatures that have preceded it, it would be a great satisfaction to the public to be told just wherein, or in what way, that improvement has been shown. To be sure, the speaker of that body, by a change of rules, was deprived of the power of dictating its committees, and a minority party was given a small—pitifully small—fraction of its useless officials who are kept on the payroll only to suck the public teat; the Members of the House assumed the right to make up and control its own committees, and with these so called "reforms" the "reforming" business seems to have stopped. We were promised that "economy" in everything would be practised; that "reforms" in legislation and without limit would be made; that all that was good and was needed for the public good would be given us at once, and that all that was bad or vicious in our present laws would be stricken from them instantly. And here we are after ten weeks—half the time of an ordinary session—of pretentious work and not a "reform" measure of any kind enacted into law; not a vicious measure upon our statute books changed or repealed; not an effort to economize in anything; not a useless office abolished; and not an evidence of "progression," as the people understand that word, to be pointed to or seen in anything that has been done in all these weeks of legislative action. Really its beginning to look as if the people, who cried so lustily for the crucifixion of the old parties and prided so greatly in the fact that they were "progressives," will eventually turn out to be the veriest fakes that ever buncoed a gullible public. —Now let us hope that Mr. BRYAN will play first base to the best of his ability without trying to usurp the functions of field captain and manager. The Money Trust Investigation. The Pujo committee of Congress has not agreed upon a report. The chairman and six Democratic members have signed a statement prepared by Mr. UTENMYER, attorney for the committee, asserting, substantially, that there is a "money trust" and that it is responsible for most of the financial evils from which the country has suffered in recent years. But on the other hand three Republicans of the committee submit a report to the effect that there is no "money trust," though they admit that unfavorable financial conditions prevail, which might result in harm to the country. Another member of the committee, a Mr. MCMORRIN, of Michigan, denies everything alleged by the majority. Of course it was expected that there would be a disagreement in the committee. The Republican party has been fostering the financial system which operates in the nature of a trust from the beginning and no doubt all the members of the committee would have been glad to be able to join with Mr. MCMORRIN in the declaration that the investigation is in the nature of a conspiracy to discredit the Republican machine. But the proposition was too raw for three of the four Republican members. The evidence that MORGAN and his associates in Wall Street had been manipulating the financial affairs, to their own advantage for years, was too clear to be ignored by even rational Republicans. Under the circumstances there is nothing to do except treat the minority reports as if they had never been made, and proceed to enact the legislation recommended by the majority of the committee. This involves government control of the New York and other stock exchanges, but inasmuch as this regulation is largely a matter for State Legislatures, it is as well to leave them to the several States. The Governor of New York has already inaugurated proceedings to take charge of and correct the evils of Wall Street, and he may be safely left to complete the work. Other State Legislatures or Governors may take up the work as the interests of the people require and put the "money trust" out of business. —Even nature favored the great change that was made in governmental affairs on Tuesday.

Postponed for the Present.

The correspondence between the government of the United States and that of Colombia in reference to the Panama canal zone has been submitted to Congress. No settlement of the points in dispute has been made and in its final communication the government of Colombia asked for a reference of the whole subject to the Hague tribunal. This proposition was promptly and emphatically declined by the State Department at Washington. But it will have to be met sooner or later. We were willing to pay a cash indemnity, according to the correspondence, but not to have the subject opened up for review from beginning to end by a tribunal which would play no favorites. The greatest international crime of modern history was the stealing of the Panama canal zone from the government of Colombia by THEODORE ROOSEVELT. A brother-in-law of ROOSEVELT and a brother of TAFT had acquired, through negotiations conducted by a friend of both, the franchise of the canal which had been previously owned by a French corporation. ROOSEVELT procured the purchase of this franchise by the government of the United States, at a fabulous profit to the brother-in-law and brother. To make the transaction available, however, it was necessary to obtain certain concessions from Colombia. That Republic refused to comply with the conditions and ROOSEVELT organized a rebellion and established a rump government styled the Republic of Panama. With this bogus government the government of the United States treated and procured the concessions which the rightful owners had refused. The proposition to refer the questions in dispute to the Hague would open up for review every part of this conspiracy and reveal to the world the atrocious peridy of the ROOSEVELT administration. It would expose to popular indignation throughout the entire civilized world the dishonesty and dishonor of THEODORE ROOSEVELT and properly force the government of the United States to make such reparation as a just tribunal would assess. We have escaped this consequence for a time, because TAFT's brother was as deep in the mire as ROOSEVELT's relative was in the mud. But we will not be able to suppress the truth for ever. It will ultimately demand its toll. —Only nine days more of the groundhog's reign and then he will be relegated to the rear until 1914. Easter is but a little over two weeks away and spring will be here before we realize it. Sunday's weather was very lion-like for the second day of March and if there is anything in the old-time adage lamb-like weather should prevail the latter part of the month. At least it is to be hoped that "winter will not linger in the lap of spring." Fortunately the weather all winter has been of a kind that the alarmists cannot spring their old stories about the peach crop, the strawberry crop and other fruit crops being ruined by the cold weather. —The Bellefonte fish hatchery is still sending out yearling trout but the stock is pretty well reduced and will be cleared up entirely before long. All told about two hundred thousand yearlings will be put out of the Bellefonte hatchery this year. While very few of them are of a size large enough to catch the most of them will be next year and the result should be very apparent during the trout fishing season. —Summer will soon be here, with its season of low water, and so far that splash board serenely reposes in its accustomed place on the breast of the Spring creek dam. Will the people of this section of the town be again compelled to endure the stench of accumulated drainage during the hot summer weather, all because of prolonged dilly dallying between borough council and the owners of the dam? —General SICKLES may be an interesting figure as a war veteran but in his love and legal mix-ups he is a good deal of a nuisance and very tiresome. Let us hope that the last sacrifice of his wife will be the final one. —The Philadelphia Democratic organization which marched in the inaugural parade to the music of bag-pipes must have received a wrong tip as to the nationality of the new President. —In speaking of demagogues who "inculcate disrespect and even contempt for the constitution," President TAFT may not have been thinking of ROOSEVELT but we have suspicions. —President TAFT admits that his besetting sin is disinclination to work. But it is hard to imagine that a man so ready and willing to travel on the slightest provocation is lazy.

The Colonel or the Tiger?

From the Johnstown Democrat. Theodore Roosevelt is to start out after the hide of Tammany. That is a great and good work. The Colonel has hunted Tammany a whole lot, but he never really got its hide. He seldom even got its goat. Tammany and the Colonel have gone along, not in accord, it is true, but at least contemporaneously. They are products of the same great city. If the logic of events made it necessary that one or the other disappear from the political map most people outside of New York would miss the tiger the least. The Colonel's scheme for beating Tammany is a non-partisan municipal ticket, running on the Progressive party principles that are of local application. He favors "thoroughly efficient, upright and independent men as candidates." Again he is right. That is just the sort of candidate to favor in any sort of a campaign. However, there is little new in the idea of a non-partisan ticket for a New York election. There are always just two factions that take a hand in a Gotham election. There is Tammany and the other people. Heretofore Tammany has generally been able to run a Republican Tammany ticket and a Democratic Tammany ticket whenever it wanted to. There were a whole lot of good people who never understood the game and really thought they were lining up in a party fight. Of course, strictly speaking, Tammany is not a party. Tammany is the organization through which the big interests work out their devious designs in New York city. These interests are non-partisan. Murphy, the head of Tammany hall, is neither a Republican nor a Democrat. If Colonel Roosevelt can organize a movement to whip Tammany he will be able to crown his career of achievements with some real service. In fact, if the Colonel can whip Tammany, he'll be a big enough man to take a dip or two in national politics. Roosevelt needs a reputation. He never really licked anybody much except Parker and Taft; and there was not a good fight in the two of them. If Roosevelt skins Tammany we will have to begin taking the young man seriously. Pay Salaries Only. From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The Irwin anti-fee bill, which was introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Thursday, ought to be a law. It directs that all fees collected by county officials be turned into the treasury for the use of the county and that all officials, whether elected or appointed, and their subordinates be paid fixed and specific salaries. The bill directs what salaries shall be paid according to the population of counties of less than 150,000. Under the present system there are county officials whose compensation is out of all proportion to the services rendered and the comparative importance of their offices. There are some who receive more than is paid to important State officials. That is an unjustifiable burden upon the taxpayers and helps to maintain an excessively high rate of taxation. There was a time when compensation by fees was justifiable—when the county business was much smaller than it is now, and county funds were proportionately smaller than they are now. That time has passed away and the fee system should pass away with it. The Irwin bill provides for the passing. A Martyr to Democracy. From the Springfield Republican. Francisco I. Madero passes away after a brief career both idealistic and romantic, striving for the uplifting of his countrymen. His Democratic aspirations were unquestionably far in advance of the possibilities of the masses of the Mexican people. It was a weakness of the old Diaz regime that it made enemies of such men. Madero's death is impressive in its tragedy and poignant in the distress it causes among all people of humanitarian sentiments. It is very possible that some death of his countrymen will see in him a martyr to Democratic freedom, while recognizing also the fatal limitations of his ability to give to Mexico the stability and peace that are her most primary need. A Generous Offer to Mexico. From Life. But one kindness it would be delightful to do Mexico, if it were practicable. She needs a wise and competent military despot, and here's our Col. Roosevelt, the wisest, kindest, most honest, most versatile and most experienced despot in the world, out of office and in the pink of training? Dear Mexico, do you want dear Theodore? Will you have him to be yours, to love, honor and obey, cherish and keep, till death do you part? Take him, dear friend; he is a corker! "Bless you my children!" "Well, that's done, and a good job." Celebrations. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. It looks very much like an epidemic of celebrations. We are in a period of a century removed from the war of 1812 and a half-century from the civil war. Hundred-year and 50-year anniversaries will be copiously sprinkled over 1913, 1914 and 1915, and then there are the various enterprises that will make use of the opening of the Panama canal. However, the Gettysburg affair will be so big that the others will have to do very unusual things to keep up the pace. —For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The Presbytery of Huntingdon will hold its next regular meeting in the church at Huntingdon, opening at 7.30 o'clock Monday evening, April 7. —Huntingdon spent \$519.38 for the health works during 1912. Three hundred and twenty-five quarantines were placed, of which 291 were for measles. —Daniel Gore, of Latrobe, sleeping in the furnace room of the Hotel Royal at that place fell against the heater and was so badly burned that he died in the hospital. —Schools at Frostburg and Walston, near Punxsutawney are closed on account of a scarlet fever epidemic. There have been two deaths and seventeen new cases within a few days. —Mrs. Rebecca Croyle, of Johnstown, over 92 years of age, took her first dose of medicine a few days ago. She had a slight cold. Her health is remarkable and she is possessed of all her faculties, having a keen enjoyment. —The mountains of Schuylkill county are being scoured by Troop C, of the State Police, in search of two murderers and it is believed they are hidden in mine breaches and are being fed by friends. Both are Italians. —Residents of DuBoistown and South Williamsport had a draught of fishes a few days ago. Silver carp were so plenty they were taken from the Susquehanna by hand, by garden rakes or in nets. Suckers and eels were also included in the catch. —Mrs. Katherine Murray, of Dushore, laid her purse on a step in Williamsport to the package. A little later she missed it. It is thought she didn't pick it up. It had \$75, two gold watches, a gold chain rosary and a note book with her name on it. —The home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Smith, of Whipps Cove, Fulton county, was robbed a fortnight ago, of \$1,465 while the aged couple were at church. A marked \$5 gold piece led to the arrest of the thieves at Hancock, Md. Most of the money is in a hotel safe at Hancock. —Rev. Father J. M. Ratz, pastor of the Roman Catholic Magyar church in Johnstown, bought the property at a sheriff's sale, held at the instance of the Construction company. The price paid was \$8,725. The title, which has been under a cloud for some time is now cleared. —Mrs. Harry Crow, of Brookville, shot and killed George Brooke, also of that place, when he entered her home at night. Her husband was working and she was alone in the house with three children. When she heard the intruder she picked up her revolver and when he opened the door she fired. —The city of Williamsport received a magnificent gift Monday night when Councils received a communication from Mr. and Mrs. J. Roman Way transferring to the city two properties containing two and a half acres, at the corner of Fourth and Maynard streets, for a public park, to be known as "Way Garden." —The Millintown hosiery mill, the leading industry of Millintown, was destroyed by fire which started Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. The fire also destroyed the home of John Dunn which stood near the mill. The mill was owned by a man named Schutt and about 90 persons, mostly boys and girls, were employed there. —Robert Watt, for nine weeks a patient at the DuBois hospital, after breaking his back in the Coal Glen mine, has been taken to his home without any hope of improvement. He is paralyzed from his waist down but is likely to live until something else causes death. Mr. Watt has a large family of his own, besides six step-children. —Andy Mickla, a former employee of the Greensburg-Connelville Coal and Coke company at the Fort Palmer plant, has sued the company for \$25,000. He alleges that the company knew that the mule he was driving was unsafe and that its tantrum was responsible for his being kicked, then run over by the wagon and crippled for life. —Agents said to represent the Manor Real Estate & Trust company of Johnstown, are negotiating with Johnstown and Conemaugh owners of a 10,000-acre tract of coal land near Garway. It is not yet known whether the prospective buyers wish to take the land over as a speculation or are purchasing for the Pennsylvania Railroad interests. —The Pennsylvania Railroad company has placed orders with its Juniata shops for the construction of 170 new locomotives of various types and eighty new passenger cars. The size of the order when it was made known last week from the Philadelphia offices of the company came rather as a surprise for it was not thought that the order would be so large. —The fourth death from scarlet fever at Rosecrans, Sugar valley, occurred on Monday evening and the victim was Miss Lucille Harmon, aged 16 years, daughter of Mrs. Leah Harmon. This is the third death in that family within five days, and another child is ill from the dread malady. Of the 25 or more cases now in that village, none are yet regarded as critical. —Mrs. Lucretia Lingafelt, widow of James Lingafelt, former postmaster of Holidayburg, and mother of Guy R. Lingafelt, prothonotary of the Blair county court, in a fit of despondency, caused by extended illness, cast herself from the upper window of the Roaring Spring hospital at 4 o'clock last Thursday morning. Death was instantaneous. She was a social leader of the town and county. —Six gun trucks for the use of the United States government in one of the navy yards were turned out of the Altoona Pennsylvania railroad car shops last Saturday. They are possibly the strongest trucks for their size ever erected in Altoona. Each has a wheel base of only six feet but is able to carry 100,000 pounds or 80 tons. They are the only cars of their kind ever erected in Altoona for the government. —The Lock Haven Fire Brick company is making a special order of fire brick for the English government, which are to be used in new battleships now under construction. This shipment consists of about 25 to 35 different shapes and will fill a freight car of 100,000 pounds capacity. During the past year at least six cars of special shape fire brick have been shipped to the English government for use in war vessels. —State Veterinarian C. J. Marshall has directed prosecution of H. N. Shaffer, a cattle dealer of Palmyra, Lebanon county, on the charge that he violated the interstate cattle law by driving cattle over the Ohio State line into Pennsylvania. It is alleged that the cattle were bought in Ohio and driven into Mercer then were shipped into Lebanon county by rail. The live stock sanitary board officers have been at work on the case for some time. —An explosion of dynamite that shattered \$2,000 worth of windows occurred at Reynoldsville a few days ago. One thousand pounds of the stuff, intended for use in blowing off the top of a hill where the brick company gets its clay had been stored in a shanty. The foreman went to the shanty, saw the stove upset and the building afire just in time to call the workmen to escape. They were about seventy-five yards away when the explosion occurred. —Three men entered the store of Ralph A. Blice, near Rossiter, a few nights ago, and after gagging and binding and beating into insensibility the proprietor, took all the cash in the store, \$150, and three new revolvers. They bought and paid for the rope with which they bound him, then asked for quilts. He took a lamp and escorted them upstairs to show them the quilts. The door was broken when he was knocked down, but the quilt smothered the flames. When Mr. Blice recovered he managed to release himself, but the men had escaped.