

INK SLINGS.

-And this is spring.
-The best way out of trouble is not to get into it.
-We are not going to catch VILLA with a salt cellar.
-BRUMBAUGH says harmony is possible. Hardly, as long as BRUMBAUGH wants to boss.
-When Water street is paved there will be an end of Bellefonte's slough of despond.
-The scarcity of women's dress goods isn't really as great as the style of clothes they wear would indicate.
-The fellows who are signing the sale notes these days have yet to find out how soon March, 1917, will be here.
-TOM TAGGART is the new United States Senator from Indiana. TOM has been a great politician but never held anything else than a local office before.
-On the second day of spring last year we had quite a snow storm and a year ago today the snow was from one to two feet deep on the north sides of the mountains.
-With so much snow still on the ground and the opening of trout fishing season only twenty-two days off it is highly probable that the water will be both high and cold.
-A week from tomorrow will be April 1st. We are not expecting many of our delinquent subscribers to pay up on that day, but who can tell? We might be April fooled by a lot of them.
-While all the other countries are beginning to show signs that peace is in sight England avers that she can't see it. Of course England can't get ready for peace until she has done some of the fighting.
-Step out in front, all you fellows who were carping at the Presidents' "watchful waiting" policy with regard to Mexico. Some fighting may have to be done yet and you should be the first to volunteer.
-In Deuteronomy it says that when a man has taken a new wife he ought not to go to war or work for a year. When some fellows take a new wife they give her a wash tub and rubber for a wedding present, then they never go to work.
-The retirement of VON TIRPITZ from supreme command of the German navy may be coincidental with the retirement of the German submarine from pernicious activity. VON TIRPITZ was the man who insisted upon using the under-water boat to murder helpless women and children.
-Brother WARREN WORTH BAILEY is wrought up because the Philadelphia Record and the New York World are attempting to read Mr. BRYAN out of the Democratic party. Brother BAILEY is fully qualified to pass upon the justice or injustice of such proceeding because his Johnstown Democrat is almost the boss reader out in the whole State.
-My, how naughty we thought the women were when they first wore those peek-a-boo waists? And how little we knew of what the world of fashion was leading to. Now they begin to dress nine inches below the chin and stop nine inches from the ground and most of the stuff they drape around themselves is so sheer that in the strong sunlight you could read a newspaper through some of them.
-One hundred years ago last Saturday the borough of Pittsburgh became a city. As a centenarian Pittsburgh points with pride to a great many achievements, probably the greatest of which has been her industrial expansion and her political contraction. Among other things she gave BILLY SUNDAY the biggest contribution he had ever received prior to his visit to Pittsburgh, voted for Woman's Suffrage and developed HONUS WAGNER.
-Quite a bit of street gossip there is about Squire BILLIE CASSIDY and his new Squire job. It appears that BILLIE is sick and tired of being a Squire and is just pining away for the solitude of his little print shop in Crider's stone building, there to dream of fishing, hunting "dough" and being free from holding up the hands of justice. Now BILLIE is a good Squire in every sense of the word and while most people know it there are a few who don't and they get on his nerve. For instance, the other day when he refused to "give the law" to a fellow whose wife had bought a thirty-five cent broom at a local store, and the broom went all to pieces and the merchant wouldn't give the lady her money back, the irate husband looked him square in the eyes and said: "Well, you're one h-- of a Squire!" Then when he fined another fellow ten dollars and the victim went to jail rather than pay the fine, though he had enough money in his pocket to wad a forty-two centimeter gun, Squire BILLIE gave vent to his utter bewilderment by exclaiming "Well, what do you know about that!" All the signs point to the early retirement of Squire BILLIE. He just don't like the job and would rather feed a Gordon press at forty cents an hour than take down a quarter every other minute by swearing the public to sundry papers. He has resigned and G. WASHINGTON REES thinks he would just be the man to fill the unexpired term.

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Brumbaugh's Bogus Candidacy.

Careful analysis of the BRUMBAUGH presidential movement reveals the fine Roman hand of BILL FLINN, of Pittsburgh. At his urging the correspondence between National Committeeman Wasson was begun. At his instance the promise that BRUMBAUGH would withdraw in favor of a candidate from "a sister State," was obtained, and at his solicitation the WASSON letter and BRUMBAUGH reply were made public. The entire farce is the product of the brain of FLINN, the contractor politician of Pittsburgh, and is being put upon the stage by Senator and Congressman VARE, the contractor politicians of Philadelphia. It is a false pretense and BRUMBAUGH'S recompense is to be the bossism of the Republican machine.
Of course the claim that the split in the Republican party in 1912 elected President WILSON is absurd. If there had been no split in the Republican party the result of the ballot would have been the same. With ROOSEVELT as the candidate nine-tenths of the votes cast for TAFT would have gone to WILSON and with TAFT as the candidate as great a ratio of the ROOSEVELT vote would have been cast for the Democratic candidate. The election of WILSON was an expression of popular indignation at the betrayal of the Republican promise of 1908 for the reform of the tariff downward and the failure of the Republican administration to fulfill other pledges made during the campaign for the election of TAFT.
Unless the signs are misleading the campaign of this year, in this State, so far as both factions of the Republican party are able to shape it, will be one of false pretense. BRUMBAUGH has already sold his delegates to the ROOSEVELT purchasing agent and PENROSE is appealing to the better element of the electorate by handing out false promises of reform. If BRUMBAUGH wins ROOSEVELT will be nominated at Chicago and the dogs of war will be turned loose to terrorize the public. On the other hand if PENROSE wins the probabilities are for the restoration of the abuses and outrages of the old political machine. There is comfort, however, in the certainty that in either event WOODROW WILSON will be re-elected.
-It may be only a coincidence but it's worthy of remark, nevertheless, that every Progressive who announces his return to the Republican fold simultaneously announces that he is a candidate for something.

Progress of the Pursuit of Villa.

The punitive expedition sent out from New Mexico in pursuit of the murderous outlaw VILLA, is making progress, according to the limited information attainable, but has not thus far accomplished its purpose. On Monday evening a battle between the VILLA forces and a contingent of regular Mexican troops was reported at Namiquipa, in the State of Chihuahua, with results uncertain at the time of the advices. But a suspicion that the CARRANZA troops are not in sympathy with the pretended purposes of their government and may ultimately fail to perform their part in the plan to capture the outlaw is increasing. In at least one instance a detachment of them withdrew at VILLA'S approach.
There are many perils in the path of this enterprise and the capture of VILLA may require considerable time and some loss of life. Especially if the Mexican troops are faithless the expedition will be hazardous for if he succeeds in getting into the mountains, he will be difficult to locate and delinquency of the CARRANZA troops may enable him to reach that shelter. But in the end and at the smallest cost possible he will be taken and fitly punished. Even mountain fastnesses and caves will be little protection against the operations of aircraft which will soon be in the service of the expedition. Bombs from the clouds will find their way into any sort of retreat.
With this enterprise in progress the end of the Mexican trouble comes into view. The policy of "watchful waiting" will be thus vindicated and the Mexican question, as a campaign issue, will be eliminated. This problem, one of the most perplexing of the many which has confronted the administration, might have involved the country in a prolonged and costly war, and would have had that result if a less wise and conservative President had been in power, will be disposed of in a way that reflects the highest credit upon the country and at a minimum of expense. Such an issue of a vexed situation is one of many reasons why WOODROW WILSON should be re-elected President.
-The esteemed New York World says that "as a politician Senator LODGE must find it difficult at times to recognize HENRY CABOT LODGE the historian." Not at all. HENRY CABOT LODGE the historian was absorbed by Senator LODGE the politician several years ago and the LODGE that is left is of the scurvy type.

Bill Adams Has His Reward.

BILL ADAMS has come into his own, in part. That is to say the Representative in the Legislature for the First District of Luzerne county has been appointed to a twelve hundred dollar a year clerkship in one of the departments at Harrisburg. He was promised something better than that but politicians don't always get what they are promised and sometimes don't deserve as much as they get. Anyway BILL appears to be satisfied and nobody else has any right to complain. He never did much for the State and he disappointed those who bestowed favors upon him as the court records of Luzerne county show.
Those who read the letters of our Harrisburg correspondent during the last session of the Legislature will recall an agreement made between the Governor and Mr. ADAMS. BILL had been elected to the House by the liquor interests under written pledge that he would vote against the local option measure. As his name was first on the roster it was desirable to the optionists that he vote with them and the Governor asked him to do so. He replied that he was under obligation to the other side and that as he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of his county, the betrayal of faith would be fatal to him. The Governor assured him that if he would vote as he desired he would use the gubernatorial influence to have him nominated and failing in that would give him a state office equally lucrative. BILL accepted and voted for local option, thus throwing the other side into a panic.
At the subsequent primary BILL was defeated for the nomination he sought by an overwhelming majority and at once went to Harrisburg to demand the gubernatorial promise. The Governor gave him an order on one of the Philadelphia hospitals, for the free treatment of a friend. But that didn't satisfy BILL. He insisted in the full measure of the promise and persisted. Finally he has got the twelve hundred dollar clerkship, as we learn from the daily newspapers. Whether or not he will accept it as a full discharge of the obligation remains to be seen. But probably it doesn't matter.

Rule to Revoke Bush House License Refused and Costs Divided.

Judge Henry C. Quigley yesterday handed down his decision on the rule taken out by James R. Hughes, headmaster of the Bellefonte Academy, against W. L. Daggett, of the Bush house, to show cause why his license should not be revoked in which he discharged the rule and divided the costs between the petitioner and respondent.
The hearing in the case was held last Saturday morning. District attorney James C. Furst and J. Thomas Mitchell Esq., represented the petitioner and W. Harrison Walker Esq., looked after Mr. Daggett's interests.
George Horner, janitor at the Bellefonte Academy, and Prof. G. F. Reiter both testified to seeing Clyde Faucett and LeDois Craig return to the Academy about 9.15 o'clock on the evening of February 18th and both were intoxicated. Prof. E. L. Harstine testified to having seen the young men between 10 and 10.30 and they were then intoxicated. Clyde Faucett testified that he was only eighteen years of age and that on the evening of February 18th he went into the Bush house bar and purchased a half pint of whiskey. He identified John Justice as the man who sold it to him and declared that he did not ask his age. He stated that there were no others in the bar room. It was between 7.30 and 7.45 when he was in the bar.
LeDois Craig testified that he was eighteen years old and on the evening of February 18th, between 8.30 and 9 o'clock he went into the front bar and purchased a half pint of whiskey. He also testified that he saw no one in the room. This ended the testimony for the petitioner.
For Mr. Daggett John Justice, bartender, testified positively that neither of the boys were in the bar that evening. That it was unusually quiet and if they had been there he would know it.
George Lose testified that he was in the front bar from seven o'clock until the train came in at 8.30 and neither of the boys had been in during that time.
Samuel Foster testified that he was in the front bar from seven o'clock until it closed and neither of the boys were there during the evening.
William Bathurst testified that he knew the students by sight, that he was in the bar from 7.15 until 9.30 and that neither of them were in during that time. He also testified to having seen a man give the boys a half pint about 5.30 o'clock in the evening in Medes' pool room.
In rebuttal both students swore that they were not down town before supper on the evening in question.
Both sides made a brief argument at the conclusion of which Judge Quigley stated that the court would not tolerate any willful or persistent violation of the law on the part of any landlord. On the other hand the court was not going to regulate the morals of the community, and young men who came to Bellefonte or State College as students would be looked after by the heads of the educational institutions. Judge Quigley's decision as filed yesterday is as follows:
The hearing on the petition to revoke the Bush House license was held in the Grand Jury room last Saturday morning before Judge Quigley, the outcome of which was the conclusion by the court that the testimony was not sufficiently convincing to warrant a revocation.
I herewith quote the Opinion filed Wednesday which gives the facts more expeditiously than we could possibly state them:
"On the 25th day of February, 1916, a rule was granted on W. L. Daggett, Proprietor of the Bush House of Bellefonte, to show why his license should not be revoked, based on a petition of James Hughes, Head Master of the Bellefonte Academy, in which it was alleged that intoxicating liquor was furnished to two of his students, both minors, on the evening of February 18, 1916, between the hours of seven and ten o'clock, to which answer was not only denying said sales but also denying that the young men in question were in the bar-room of the respondent during the time specified.
"Upon the petition and answer testimony was taken on Saturday, the 18th instant. The two young men in question positively swore that they each had purchased one half pint of whiskey from the bartender at the Bush House during the evening of February 18, 1916, one of them, Clyde Faucett, between the hours of seven-thirty and a quarter of eight o'clock, and the other, LeDois Craig, sometime after nine o'clock; that no questions were asked concerning their age.
"That these young men did have whiskey and were under the influence of liquor on this particular evening there can be no question, because two very responsible instructors of the Academy saw them either upon or soon after their return to the Academy and have testified to this effect.
"The testimony on behalf of the respondent is emphatic in denial that the boys purchased this liquor at the time specified. The bartender on duty that evening swears positively that neither Faucett nor Craig was in the bar-room that evening; that having heard on Saturday evening or Sunday following of the alleged occurrence he charged his memory with the happenings of Friday evening and remembered that the only whiskey he had sold in bottle on that evening was

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-State Senator William B. Dunlap, of Bridge-water, has been fined \$20 for failure to attend a meeting of town council, he being a member of the body.
-Joseph H. Reilly, of Philadelphia, has purchased 140 acres of coal land in Barr township, Cambria county, where he already owned more than 500 acres.
-The eleven men who were sent to the penitentiary from Elk county for bounty frauds will be released in May and some of them will be re-arrested and tried on other charges.
-The State department of health has decided that Sayre must stop emptying its sewage into the Susquehanna river and must prepare to erect a sewage disposal plant before the end of 1916.
-The explosion of a bomb under the old skating rink at Windber is believed by the police of that place to have been an attempt on the lives of some Italians that were sleeping in the old structure.
-William J. Curry, of Punxsutawney, has been appointed to fill the vacancy from the Twenty-seventh district at the Annapolis Naval Academy, with John D. Corrigan, Jr., of Clymer, as alternate.
-The Western Pennsylvania State hospital for the insane will be erected near Lioniger, according to State Senator C. D. Sensesch. The institution is to cost \$50,000 and have a site of 500 acres of land.
-More than 70 per cent. of all the buckwheat raised in the United States is raised in Pennsylvania and New York, with the Keystone State leading by a margin of about 1,000,000 bushels over New York.
-The "Gussie" mine at Spangler, Cambria county, has been purchased by James A. McClain and the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company. The tract to be operated contains more than 2,000 acres of coal.
-The State Game Commission has made arrangements with the farmers of Indiana county to have the eggs of quail and pheasants hatched under hens, after which they will be kept for a time and then released.
-Dr. A. L. Yoder, of Johnstown, was sentenced Monday, by Judge Stephens to serve six months in jail because of having one too many wives in Pennsylvania. The sentence was afterward suspended and the doctor was released on parole.
-Dr. L. F. Stewart, the well known Clearfield surgeon, will sail for France on Sunday, March 26th, to join the American Ambulance Corps, a suburb of Paris, a hospital having at no time less than 2,000 patients wounded on the battlefield.
-For the first time in nearly a hundred years the East ward of Ebensburg is without license, the applicant, M. J. Stoltz, having been refused by Judge Stephens. There are now only three licenses in Ebensburg. Eight years ago there were five.
-According to the weekly bulletin of the United States public health service, the case of John Kirschner, suffering with cerebro-spinal meningitis at the Municipal hospital, Johnstown, is the only one in the State, there being only 31 in the entire country.
-The famous semi-colon case, the decision in which will determine whether the salaries of most county commissioners in Pennsylvania are to be increased to \$1,800, is still under consideration by Judge Hancock at Warren. The use of the semi-colon was one factor that figured in the case.
-Mrs. Emily Munson Lee, widow of Dr. John K. Lee, and sister to the late George T. Swank and the late James M. Swank, died at her home in Wilkingsburg, leaving according to her will which was probated Saturday, \$200,000 for the purpose of establishing a Homeopathic hospital in Johnstown.
-As a result of an argument as to which one had lost the most money, Joseph Zitarrelli, of Williamsport, was stabbed three times by Alexander Liva, Sunday night. Zitarrelli, of the Williamsport hospital suffering from wounds in the hand, the left thigh and a body wound just above the stomach.
-John H. Hilker, a prominent resident of Stitz, York county, died from infirmities of age in his 75th year. He was twice married. His second widow and twenty-two children survive. There are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he had the largest family in that section of the State.
-The extensive holdings of the Arrow Coal Mining company, of Somerset county, controlled by William Gahagen, of Windber, have been optioned to an eastern syndicate for nearly \$500,000. The mines on these properties have been in operation less than three years, with an output of 750 tons daily.
-Raymond Fowler, of Houtzdale, only about 17 years of age, was arrested on Thursday afternoon, the 16th, and held in the sum of \$500 for stealing wire from the Bell and H. & C. Telephone companies. Mose George, a Houtzdale junk dealer, was arrested and held in the same sum for buying the wire from young Fowler.
-Dr. A. Yoder, of Johnstown, was found guilty of adultery on Wednesday at Ebensburg, and recommended to the mercy of the court. Dr. Yoder had obtained a divorce in Indiana from his wife, Rachel, whom he had married in Pennsylvania, and then married another woman, returning to Johnstown to live, when complaint was made by his first wife. He has applied for a new trial.
-Charles Caskey, of Coudersport, has had remarkable success in hunting and trapping this season. He has bagged 17 foxes for which he received a bounty of \$24, and sold eight of the skins for \$48. Besides the nine fox skins he has the pelts of 20 muskrat which he values at \$75; two weasels skins, 47 muskrat skins and five mink skins. Besides the animals he has killed for their fur he killed a number of deer and bear.
-James Reynolds, an aged man claiming Bridgeport, Conn., as his home, and until two weeks ago an inmate of the Blair county almshouse, was shot and fatally injured at Chalybeate Springs hotel, near Bedford, early Saturday morning, by Walter Dauter, proprietor of the hotel. Reynolds, who was 82 years old, was engaged in robbing the house when he met his death. He was shot at 2 o'clock in the morning, and died a few hours later in the Bedford jail.
-Because John Slavok, of West Berwick, got the naturalization laws slightly mixed with the marriage laws, he courted Mary Spogaski, of the same borough for two years more than was absolutely necessary before he married her. John has been deeply in love for more than two years. He confessed as much recently. It was, as a matter of fact, just about two years ago that he took Mary down to the county seat and secured his marriage license and then went home to await, as he thought, the two years required before he could be joined in the bonds of holy matrimony.
-A "cure" she used for frozen feet came near being fatal for Miss Elizabeth Gessner, 18 years old and pretty of Sunbury. When her pink toes were bitten by Jack Frost earlier in the winter she suffered much pain and tried many remedies. Finally, it was suggested that by burning gun powder in a bucket and holding her feet, bare, over the fumes she would get relief. It was a treatment used by our great-grandmothers, she was told, and determined to risk it. When her father, Jacob Gessner, lighted the match there was an explosion and a scream, and Miss Gessner fell from her chair, rolling about the floor in agony. She was scorched and blistered from feet to knees, and a doctor had to be called.

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