

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 Johnston Democrat is almost the boss reader out in the whole State.

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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.

Wise Action of the President.

President WILSON has hit upon a plan to eliminate the pestiferous office brokers who have been falsely pretending to represent him, in Pennsylvania, since the beginning of his administration. He says that no Federal office holders shall be delegates to the National convention at St. Louis and that means, of course, that the convention shall be made up of unselfish men, influenced by patriotism and inspired by consideration for the public good. Under such circumstances the very best results may be expected. WOODROW WILSON will be unanimously re-nominated and re-elected by an overwhelming majority. The political mercenaries will have no voice in the selection of the candidate.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania were quite as unanimous for the nomination of WOODROW WILSON four years ago as they are now but the President was made to believe that the office brokers who were in control of the party organization then encountered and overcame a formidable and militant opposition to him. They are still trying to keep this false impression in his mind notwithstanding the vast preponderance of evidence to the contrary. But they are not succeeding this time. His order forbidding the meddling of office holders is ample proof that he understands the situation now and doesn't want to be pestered hereafter, by pretenders. It is a four-square case in Pennsylvania this year.

Of course this will be a disappointment to some of the office-holders who imagine that they are the custodians of the party interests and the dictators of party policies and principles. Two years ago they undertook to write alien doctrines into the platform of Pennsylvania without consulting the voters on the subject and now they are assuming that the President relies upon them for the maintenance of the party organization. As a matter of fact most of them represent nothing but their own selfish interests and express nothing but a lust for office and a yearning for power. The President was wise in putting the ban upon their false pretenses. His party will be strengthened by the action.

-Speaking of VILLA "dead or alive," why not add: "preferably dead."

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.

Put No License Tax on Fishing.

Fish Commissioner NATHAN R. BULLER has earned public confidence by efficiency and fidelity to duty. He has developed the industry of fish culture to a high standard and conserved fish life most admirably. But if he persists in the announced purpose to urge legislation imposing a license tax upon fishermen of the State he will forfeit a large part of the friendly public opinion he has acquired. There is no necessity for such legislation, either for the purpose of raising revenue or with the idea of protecting fish. The laws for the protection of fish may be inadequate or inefficient. But taxing citizens of the State for enjoying a natural right is not the remedy.

From the earliest period of the history of Pennsylvania the right to catch fish has been inherent in the boyhood and manhood of the Commonwealth. It is one of the first of the health giving sports or diversions of our doors that appeal to the normal youngster. Barefooted, brown-legged and radiant with hope he has tramped the banks of the streams taking his toll from the "holes" here and there and providing feasts, "fit for a King" for his family, as the just reward of his skill and patience. Is the Pennsylvania boy to be deprived of this privilege because the Fisheries Department wants more money to spend? Perish the thought. No man shall undertake to perpetrate such an outrage.

Of late years fishing clubs have been organized in the cities. The members of these clubs spend their vacations of from one to four weeks in the summer in camps along the streams and as a rule they want more than is coming to them. They have expensive and ornate fishing tackle, comfortable boats and all other paraphernalia. They envy the success of the boy with the birch switch for a rod and he envies their more costly equipment. But they have no right to drive him from the competition because he can't afford to pay a license tax. There are plenty of fish for all if the clubman will play the game as fairly as the boy plays it. Cut out illegal fishing and the problem is solved.

-If the esteemed Philadelphia Public Ledger has not taken out a license for exhibiting lunatics we protest against its public display of REUTERDAHL.

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.

-Don't burn your old newspapers, rags or paper boxes. Put them in an old burlap sack and save them until you get a hundred pounds or more then they can be sold. If you can find no place to sell them yourself the WATCHMAN will find a market for you. Really the paper situation is becoming so serious that some sort of conservation must be put in operation at once and this is one way to do it. You can help keep the price of paper down by saving all your paper scraps and at the same time be paid for the trouble. Don't think that the high price of paper doesn't effect you. It does. Your writing paper costs more. Everything you buy at the store will soon have a fraction of a cent added to its cost because the paper in which it is wrapped costs more. And your newspaper will cost more ere long if the waste is not stopped. Think of it. There are 15,000,000 tons of various kinds of paper made in the United States every day and most of it is destroyed instead of being saved to be reground into pulp.

-Spring is here but the weather of this week would not indicate it. With cold, snow, rain and sloppiness it has been almost like February weather than almost the first of April. Take Wednesday, when several inches of snow and sleet fell while at the same time there was quite a lot of thunder and lightning. The only sure indication of approaching spring is the days, which are now longer than the nights.

-Notwithstanding the bad weather under foot on Tuesday there was a good attendance at the Gust Armor sale east of Bellefonte. As evidence that everything brought good prices is the fact that the sale amounted to over \$4,300.

-The German Crown Prince naturally wants a "place in the sun." All crown princes have ambitions in that direction. But the slaughter at Verdun was too high a price for even a Crown Prince to pay for a "place in the sun."

-Really it is impossible to arouse sympathy for Philadelphia. A city which will make TOM SMITH mayor within half a century of its experience with REYBURN is simply unworthy of consideration.

-Possibly VILLA will seek a hiding place in the mountains but airships ought to be capable of search even in the mountains. We are patiently waiting for news from our aerial operators.

-Search as we may it is impossible to find what the British are doing in the war on the East or West battle fronts.

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 in 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 have to 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.

He 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 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.

SPAWLS 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 quality 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.

-A "rescue" or argument as to which one had lost the most money, Joseph Zitarrelli, of Williamsport, was stabbed three times by Alexander Liva, Sunday night. Zitarrelli, at 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.

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