

INK SLINGS.

—Isn't the "Governor's Lady" an interesting story?

—Counterfeit happiness is the only kind you can get out of a counterfeit life.

—It's a pity that the fishing season doesn't come in before moving day. Father would then have such a good excuse for keeping out of the way.

—Sunday surely was a perfect spring day. And, for that matter, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were spring days also; insofar as spring is related to water.

—A petition is being circulated to place the name of WM. G. RUNKLE Esq., on the primary ballot for the office of chairman of the Democratic organization in Centre county.

—Spring flowers are pushing up through the ground, the wild geese flies northward in the sky, soon the hurdy-gurdy will be around and then we'll have to swat the fly.

—Stopping the career of one fly now will stop the possibility of its contributing so many millions more to posterity before July 1st that you ought to swat every one you see.

—Are you going to fool us tomorrow by sending along a little of the coin of the realm or, if you are reading the WATCHMAN that some one else subscribes for, by having your own name enrolled as a subscriber.

—We have it from a source that is generally reliable that Commissioner of Labor and Industry JOHN PRICE JACKSON is being groomed to succeed BRUMBAUGH as Governor of Pennsylvania. Surely the pedagogues of the land are coming into their own. More power to them. They are an under paid, generally berated lot anyway and if they can get even by going in for politics, why not?

—It is rather amusing to watch the disorganizer papers of Pennsylvania taking a crack at poor BRYAN every chance they get now. He is no longer in a position to put an "O. K." on a federal appointment and as that is the sum and substance of what they profess Democracy for they hope to curry favor with the powers that be by sticking the knife into the man who put them where they are.

—Berlin is complaining because war's exigencies have made it impossible for a person to buy more than five ounces of butter each week. Right here in Bellefonte we have lots of families who don't have any butter at all for weeks in succession. The difference seems to be that the Germans have the price but butter is scarce, while with the unfortunates here butter is plenty but the price is not at hand.

—On the evening of the last general election, when sufficient returns had been received to indicate the election of HENRY C. QUIGLEY, president judge of Centre county, CLARENCE LONG, of Rebersburg, who had figured rather notoriously in the campaign, called Mr. QUIGLEY on the telephone to congratulate him. After the Judge-elect had concluded his conversation with LONG he turned to the crowd assembled in the room and said: "If anyone in Centre county gets license CLARENCE will." Yesterday Judge QUIGLEY granted a license to LONG. We have no comment to make.

—The latest political dope we have is to the effect that HARRY KELLER Esq. is to be the new dispenser of Republican patronage in Centre county; that is so far as the state administration favors are concerned. The announcement has thrown consternation into several of our local hopefuls for the reason that along with it came the statement that no one who does not come out squarely for BRUMBAUGH, as against PENROSE, need apply. You know, our friend G. WASHINGTON REES is and always has been an ardent supporter of PENROSE and as he would just love to be "Squire to take the place of BILLIE CASSIDY, resigned, he finds himself in a predicament that is going to take some jockeying to get out of. Then there is the "Hon." J. DEACON HARRIS, who would like to have a job with real plum trees in it instead of the barren fruit of the State Forestry Department. He is up against the proposal to sell his PENROSE birth-right for a mess of BRUMBAUGH pottage.

—We can see in a new course to be offered the girls of the Bellefonte High school not only an evidence of splendid judgment on the part of those who have been instrumental in introducing it, but the opening of a new field of usefulness for women. The girl who may never have a home of her own, who becomes proficient in the new courses of cooking, sewing, first aid, sanitation, laundry science, household accounts, marketing, personal hygiene and care of children is always going to be a well paid member in some other woman's home who has not had the advantage of education in these essentials of good and economic housekeeping. You may imagine us to be looking further into the future than we really are when we predict that it will not be long until little captains of the household industry will begin to solve the problem of the high cost of living and check the increasing consumption of food stuffs to a proper ratio with the increased production.

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Colonel Roosevelt's Plans.

The mysterious Congressman who failed to induce Colonel ROOSEVELT to submit his name to the Pennsylvania Republicans as a candidate for the Presidential nomination the other day, nevertheless performed an important public service. He extracted from the reluctant warrior and bird fancier a somewhat comprehensive statement of his political plans and purposes in the near future. Reading the lines and "between the lines" of this statement it may be learned that the paramount desire of the ROOSEVELT heart is to defeat the Democratic party. Probably he had the same object in mind in 1914 when, with the aid of BILL FLINN, he inveigled stupid or venal managers of the Pennsylvania Democracy to enter into a corrupt deal to finance a tour of the State in order that he might "tear WILSON to pieces."

The ROOSEVELT scheme, as disclosed by the mysterious Pennsylvania Congressman who recently visited Oyster Bay, is, first, "to remain in the Progressive party and become its nominee at Chicago." Second, "to be in position to become the compromise candidate of the Republican party if there is a dead lock in the convention after he has been nominated by the Progressives." But the action of the Republican convention is not to be left to chance. The mysterious Pennsylvania Congressman adds that "efforts will be made by Progressive Republicans to force the nomination of ROOSEVELT by the Republican convention." The delegates will be compelled to adopt an "heroic mood," for the Colonel declared to his visitor that "the country must be redeemed from the Democratic party" because "we are losing standing before the nations of the world and our own self-respect."

This is certainly an ambitious, though it must be added, a trifle selfish program. But "the best laid plans o' mice and men gang aft a-gley." It may be safely said that the Colonel will have no trouble in remaining in the Progressive party. No other party will kidnap him unless conditions change vastly within the next couple of months. Other Progressives are welcomed back because as a rule they are innocuous but ROOSEVELT's return means trouble. Getting into position to become the compromise candidate of the Republican party is altogether different, however, and for the Colonel immensely difficult. And "to force the nomination of ROOSEVELT by the Republican convention" would be nothing less than an herculean task, far beyond the capacity of PERKINS and FLINN or any other "angels" at present in view.

Justice to Secretary Daniels.

We have never been an ardent admirer of JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Secretary of the Navy, but he is entitled to just treatment at the hands of the press and public. It might have been possible for the President to have chosen a fitter man for the office that Mr. DANIELS occupies but that fact doesn't justify the detraction that has been heaped upon him by some of the Republican papers in this State. He probably had no experience in marine affairs before his appointment to the Secretaryship of the Navy, but he is not the first "land-lubber" who has been called to that service nor the least capable. As a matter of fact Mr. DANIELS has proved an efficient Secretary and a faithful public servant.

One of the principal causes of complaint against Secretary DANIELS is the allegation that he curtails the freedom of speech of naval officers. He has forbidden, it is said, the bureaucrats connected with the naval department service from criticising the administration of the department and the policy of the President with respect to naval affairs. It may be that Secretary DANIELS has followed the example of his predecessors in office in this respect, but he did not originate the practice. It has been the rule of the navy for a hundred years and is a wise rule. If the Secretary of War would adopt it for that department the country would be the better for it.

The truth is, however, that there is no muzzle on the mouth of any officer of the navy. For weeks and weeks naval experts have been testifying before Congressional committees as freely as if they had been private citizens and thus any good that can be accomplished by the free use of their tongues is fully achieved. Nothing can be gained by permitting a disappointed naval crank to bellow maudlin opinions upon subjects of which he has no knowledge. That is about all that Secretary DANIELS has done and he is to be commended rather than condemned for it. In fact Mr. DANIELS is winning public approbation by his service in the department and deserves praise rather than censure.

—Have your Job Work done here.

Commissioner Johnson May Resign.

Whether the factional fight among the Republican leaders of this State goes on to a finish or not, it has developed some surprises which will linger in the minds of thoughtful men for many years. Conspicuous among these are the coarse methods that Governor BRUMBAUGH has adopted and is pursuing. Politicians of Pennsylvania have become accustomed to sharp practice and "for ways that are dark" they have long been peculiar. But hitherto there has been regard for niceties, more or less, in the political submarine operations and the coarseness of BRUMBAUGH's methods is amazing. When he wanted votes in the Legislature last year he simply bought them in the open market and now that he wants support for office he dragoons the State officials into service.

Of course this sort of thing is bound to provoke resentments. In fact there are mutterings heard all along the line already and it is reported that Insurance Commissioner JOHNSON is threatening to resign. Mr. JOHNSON has long been a close friend of PENROSE and his re-appointment a few months ago caused considerable surprise. When Speaker AMBLER announced his candidacy for Auditor General, JOHNSON, who lives in the same county, promptly announced his friendship, and support of him. But when BRUMBAUGH and the VARES scheduled the AMBLER candidacy as a movement to humiliate PENROSE JOHNSON's ardor abated and his support weakened. It has since been whispered that he will withdraw his support altogether and give his influence to Senator SNYDER.

A very large proportion of the officials in the BRUMBAUGH administration are personal friends of PENROSE and obtained their positions in the public service through him. It is popularly believed in Harrisburg, according to newspaper gossip, that in the event of JOHNSON's resignation, a number of others will follow his example. If such a condition should arise a battle royal will ensue. The BRUMBAUGH forces are managed by amateurs whose blunderings, like his own coarse work, is freely ridiculed by the more experienced and smoother followers of the Senior Senator. But patronage is a great force in politics and with the National, State and Philadelphia municipal administrations against PENROSE, he is greatly handicapped, which may account for his timidity.

—VILLA is eluding the army but the army aviators have not got a line on him yet as they will in a short time. When the clouds get eyes ravines are small protection.

Literacy Test an Evil.

The vote in the House of Representatives on Monday indicates the passage of an immigration bill with the literacy test as a feature. This is surprising in view of the fact that three immigration bills have been vetoed because of this provision and in every case the vetoes were sustained in Congress and approved by public sentiment. But Congress seems determined to force such legislation into the statute book. Those Senators and Representatives who favor such restriction confidently hope that sooner or later the executive objection will be overcome or that public opinion will reverse itself upon the subject. Probably they are right. The vote in the House on Monday indicates that the time is here.

What is hoped to be gained by such legislation is beyond conjecture. Every man of alert mind favors such restrictions in immigration as will exclude from our shores criminals, defectives and paupers. But the literacy test in no respect makes for this result. Men and boys of the highest natural intelligence may be unable to read and write because the opportunities to acquire such accomplishments were entirely absent from them in the countries from which they have come. One person should not be punished for the faults of others and no fair minded man will say that it is the fault of the immigrant that the authorities from whom he has gladly escaped have maintained conditions that have forced him to be unable to read and write.

The most dangerous immigrants who have come to this country are men of literary attainments. Most of the anarchists and nihilists who preach the doctrine of murder and arson are graduates of foreign universities or colleges who see opportunities for criminal operations here that are not present in Europe. The literacy test will not exclude them or circumscribe their activities. But it will keep out healthy, honest and industrious young men and women who come to the United States in order to better their own conditions and secure their children from the evils of illiteracy and the lack of opportunity which impaired their lives in their native lands.

Brumbaugh and Penrose.

There are indications that the threatened fight between BRUMBAUGH and PENROSE may be averted for the present. A week ago the signs pointed to an immediate and destructive battle. BRUMBAUGH had practically denounced PENROSE as a malefactor and PENROSE had declared that within a few days he would reply in like of condemnation. But the battle has not been begun. PENROSE refuses to move. He believes in peace at any price. BRUMBAUGH is of the same mind. Both live in glass houses and hesitate to throw stones. There are opportunities for plunder for some years if the machine can be kept together. A fight would dissipate all chances for future spoilation.

As the conditions appear at present PENROSE has no objections to giving BRUMBAUGH a complimentary vote for the Presidential nomination at Chicago in June but he is unalterably opposed to giving Speaker AMBLER the Republican nomination for Auditor General of Pennsylvania. Why this attitude has not been revealed, AMBLER is a corporation man, body and soul. His nomination and election to the office of Auditor General will not cause trouble to any corporate interest. It might give the VARE contracting firm some advantage over competitors in performing State work but that is hardly important enough to cause a party fight. There must be some reason, however, for that is the bone of contention.

Possibly the reason for postponing an inevitable fight lies in the lack of courage of PENROSE. He has shown the white feather frequently by running away from contests in which he might easily have come out winner if he had had the nerve to assert his strength. But this is an inauspicious time to employ such tactics. This year compromise is as bad as defeat and if the Senator yields his followers will desert him finally. Probably he doesn't know this but if he will appeal to a "medium" and call up the spirit of QUAY he will get the information at first hand and in unmistakable terms. The "old man" never ran away from a fight and rarely lost one.

—If State Fish Commissioner BULLER wants to convert his present popularity into most deserved unpopularity let him go through with his proposal to put a tax on everyone who wants to go fishing. This license business is going entirely too far. The public is getting irritated about it, for already we are paying personal and property taxes and licenses enough, without having another tag pinned on us before we have a right to go out to spend a half day composing our nerves on the banks of our favorite fishing hole.

—Sunday was an ideal spring day, in fact so warm and balmy that overcoats and wraps were laid aside and spring suits and dresses were much in evidence. Naturally the warm weather made a big dent in the snow that covered the fields and mountains and the rain which followed on Monday and Tuesday resulted in the highest water in Spring creek we have had in two years. Fortunately, however, it did not reach a point where any great damage resulted. Buffalo Run and Bald Eagle creek were also quite high.

—Nobody will complain much if the tax on whiskey and beer is increased and adding a trifle to the tax on incomes ought not to cause much public worry. The country must have increased revenues and levying taxes upon those able to bear it looks like wisdom.

—"Uncle" JOE CANNON is always for Philadelphia when he isn't in his seat in the House of Representatives in Washington. In fact he may be for Philadelphia even while in his seat if the question under consideration doesn't concern Philadelphia.

—Of course Justice HUGHES can control the Republican National convention but what's the use. He can't control the votes of the people and a nomination under such circumstances is less substantial than an "iridescent dream."

—Now that the American Federation of Labor has tackled the peace problem there ought to be something doing. Old SAM GOMPERS is a mighty force.

—As was once said of another distinguished pugilist after his fight, FRANK MORAN knows more than he did before, but he isn't as handsome.

—Still the British troops manage to keep out of the danger zone while the French are performing heroic feats at Verdun.

—Nothing has developed thus far in the pursuit of VILLA that is discreditable to CARRANZA who has a hard job on his hands.

Getting Out.

From the Johnstown Democrat. If the American army gets out of Mexico without a series of serious encounters and if it gets out within the next year the United States will have reason to congratulate itself and President Wilson can feel that he has handled a difficult situation with transcending skill. The further the army gets into Mexico the more problems arise. There is already an influential group of men who are counselling the government that Uncle Sam should buy the northern Mexican States. These imperialists point out that northern Mexico is far more advanced politically than the southern portion of the Republic. They call attention to the fact that American business interests are largely represented in the various border States. They say that American business interests should be protected by the flag. Buy the northern Mexican States and end the trouble, is their plea. Fortunately this is not being taken seriously as yet. It, however, shows the drift of sentiment in some quarters.

While the United States will hardly seek to increase its possessions at the expense of Mexico it will be comparatively easy to create the suspicion among the Mexicans that such is our purpose. There are papers like the New York Herald, that contend Villa was financed by Yankee interests that have long desired intervention. If such is the case those same interests can be relied upon to stir up trouble for Uncle Sam's soldiers. The more trouble there is the more vigorous the repressive measures must be. The harder it will be to let loose. And there is a real danger—that it will be so difficult to let loose. We can expect when it comes time to withdraw our soldiers that the press will be flooded by the lamentations of those who declare that "the mountain tops" William Randolph Hearst, Senator Guggenheim and the Standard Oil crowd will feel that they need protection. They can be relied upon to oppose any effort to withdraw our army.

The jingo element must be considered. There are those in this country who believe "the United States should own every foot of ground between the Rio Grande and the Panama canal." The public is familiar with that plea. The jingoes are likely to feel in fine fettle if their big army and navy plans go through. So, taken all in all, Uncle Sam is likely to find that it will be harder to get out of Mexico than it was to get in.

Who is Back of Villa?

From the New York World. According to the dispatches from Mexico City, the Carranza government believes that Villa has been financed by American interests seeking intervention in Mexico, and that the plot was wrecked by President Wilson's deft handling of the diplomatic situation.

The belief that outside interests are back of Villa is not confined to Mexico City or the Carranza government. It is as strong here as it is there but no conclusive evidence has thus far been presented.

That the Columbus raid was only a casual manifestation of Villa lawlessness is more than probable, and before the affair is fully cleared up we shall probably know who was behind this massacre and what was behind it. If American financial interests are responsible, if the blood spilled at Columbus is on their hands, that fact is capable of proof if proof is sought in the right way.

The charge has been flatly made in certain quarters that German influence inspired Villa's attack on Columbus. There is nothing to support it beyond the general satisfaction expressed in German circles that the United States is now too occupied to bother about submarine warfare, and the known activities of Sintelien, the German agent who is now under arrest in England.

There has been plenty of German intrigue in Mexico for years. German influence was back of Huerta, and Captain Boy-Ed, who was the German naval attaché to the United States and actively concerned in Mexican affairs, protested as long ago as May 25, 1914, against the judgment of Admiral von Hintze, who tried to wash his hands of Huerta as "a drunken ruffian." To Boy-Ed, Huerta was "the only strong man in Mexico," and Capt. von Papen's arguments in behalf of Huerta "made a great impression not only on Count von Bernstorff but also on the Austrian Ambassador."

Von Jagow as a Cartoonist.

From the Cartoons Magazine. Like his distinguished superior Emperor Wilhelm Herr Gottlieb von Jagow, German secretary for foreign affairs, is a cartoonist and designer. When not engaged in writing notes to Secretary Lansing he is busy with his pencil. As you enter his office you will observe a large clean blotter on his desk, and this, as he talks, he gradually covers with sketches. His servant brings him a new blotter for every visitor.

Will There Be Another?

From the Columbus, Ohio, State Journal. It takes all kinds of people to make a world and we suppose there are some who think that Mr. Owen Wister still has news value and would get mad at the newspapers if they didn't print his next sonnet in full.

—The Colonel has discovered a new bird. But the Colonel is himself an "old bird."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Twenty-four deer were seen within three miles of Williamsport, Sunday. It is thought the late snows drove them out of the mountains.

—The Elk-Shanley Gas & Oil Co., of Ridgway, has just been incorporated for \$25,000. The company proposes to bore for petroleum and gas in the vicinity of Ridgway.

—Mrs. Charles Meck, of Carlisle, was probably fatally injured Saturday, when a balcony at the front of her residence gave way, causing her to fall twenty feet to the pavement.

—The blowing up of a cookstove killed Mrs. Charles E. Gibson, at Scranton, Friday. It is thought that a piece of dynamite had found its way into the coal while at the mine.

—Henry Heickenheiser, of Meyerstown, fell in a bank of snow and becoming entangled in a barbed wire fence, died of exhaustion before assistance arrived, Sunday, near his home.

—Oscar Wister, a paroled prisoner who was rearrested Sunday, attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself with a penknife while in the receiving ward of the eastern penitentiary.

—An outbreak of hog cholera in a couple of townships in eastern counties will be closely investigated by agents of the state live stock sanitary board with a view of stamping out the disease.

—While Isadore Bender was driving his team through the streets of Cresser Friday afternoon, the horses came in contact with a live wire, which had been blown down, and were instantly killed.

—A move is about to be made to test the eligibility of Jonas Fischer to the office of mayor of Williamsport, to which he was elected. It is alleged that he is not a citizen of the United States.

—Governor Brumbaugh on Monday issued a proclamation fixing Friday, April 14, and Friday, April 28, as the spring Arbor days in Pennsylvania. He urged a general observance of one of the two days.

—On second trial, Martin Wislocki was awarded \$8,092.90 from the Eastern Steel company for the loss of a thumb and two fingers, while employed at one of their iron mills at Fishback, Schuylkill county.

—Mrs. Joseph Neely, of Cannonsburg, had her eye seriously injured Saturday by a toothpick, which she was holding in her mouth, but which her sleeve caught while she was cleaning furniture, throwing the splint into her eye.

—The borough of Reynoldsville has asked the Public Service Commission to approve the purchase, set a price, and issue certificate of Public Convenience or Conveyance for the purchase of plant and equipment of the Reynoldsville Water company.

—A bridge estimated to cost \$200,000 is to be constructed over the Conemaugh river near Johnstown. The cost will be paid jointly by the Johnstown Traction company, the City of Johnstown, the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the Cambria Steel company and Franklin borough.

—Butler and Kittanning are waging a hot fight to land appropriations for an armory building. One building is to be built and both towns believe they should have it. The Butler county has voted \$2500 toward landing it for that town and Kittanning is coming back with a better offer.

—Suit for \$40,300 was brought last week by Mrs. Margaret M. McCormick, widow of Dennis J. McCormick, of Mt. Carmel, against the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel Transit company, for the loss of her husband, who was killed by a street car of the defendant company at Chestnut street, Kulpmont, on December 19, 1915.

—Fully 150 wells will be drilled in Greene county for gas and oil this year. This will mean an outlay of approximately \$1,000,000. New locations are being laid out daily by the large gas and oil companies. The Philadelphia company has leased seven large farms and will begin operations as soon as the condition of the roads permits the shipment of material. The field to be opened up, will virtually a new one, gives great promise.

—Failure to meet the physical requirements for enlistment in the army caused Earl C. Flegal, aged 17, of Clearfield, Pa., to commit suicide Friday afternoon by shooting himself through the heart in the Rittenhouse hotel, Philadelphia. Flegal registered at the hotel Wednesday. According to Deputy Coroner Waldin the young man went to Philadelphia, solely to join the army. Papers of consent from his parents were found in his clothing.

—The Northumberland county commissioners are advertising for sale, cheap, one gallova. This antedated instrument of capital punishment was secured from Schuylkill county four years ago, when Joseph Polichinus was hanged, and after electrocution became the lawful mode of killing murderers, it was placed in the jail. Now Warden Wallace W. Barr has donated Cleveland and given the gruesome instrument of death around any longer and it is being offered for sale.

—Stock certificates, bonds, bank books and jewelry were found last Friday by searchers in the house which for a number of years had been occupied by Miss K. Anna Rumsey, seventy years old, who died ten days ago at Bristol, Bucks county. Miss Rumsey at one time was governess in the home of Grover Cleveland and for twenty-five years was a teacher in the Bristol public schools. For the last eleven years she had lived on the charity of her friends, although the valuables found in her home show that she was worth between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

—Edward A. Starkloff, Alias Shirley, who was arrested in Altoona, Pa., last December after he had evaded the Federal authorities in a chase over two continents for more than five years was on Friday sentenced in the United States district court at Philadelphia to two years and six months in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Starkloff and George W. Post were arrested in Philadelphia in 1910 on charges of using the mails to defraud. They furnished \$12,000 bail each and then disappeared. Post was arrested two years later in New York and sentenced to three years and six months.

—Fire of an unknown origin which broke out at 5 o'clock Friday morning, destroyed the three main buildings at the plant of the Union Furnace Manufacturing company, located at Union Furnace, along the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, six miles east of Tyrone, entailing a loss of about \$75,000, partially covered by insurance. The plant was owned by a stock company, the president of which is J. King McLanahan, Jr., of Hollidaysburg, and J. S. Sillman, of Altoona, vice president. H. H. Himmelsbaugh, of Tyrone, is the secretary and manager. Shovels and hardware specialties were manufactured.

—When Judge Harry A. Hall, of Elk county, early in 1915, sentenced 11 members of the Wilcox bounty combine to serve one year in the penitentiary it was thought that when their term expired the men would be given their freedom, but such is not the case. Next May, when their time is up, several of them are to be rearrested and taken to other counties to face trial, which will undoubtedly result in some of them being sent back to the penitentiary. Since the members of the combine were placed in the penitentiary the State authorities have secured evidence which shows that some of the members of the combine swindled other counties in the State out of large sums of money. It will be remembered that the Wilcox combine purchased several pelts from fur houses in New York State and Canada for 10 cents each, and then returned them over to a justice of the peace from whom they would receive a bounty of \$2. A number of these men are now completing their term at the new penitentiary at Rockview.