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He that will lose his friend for a jest, deserves to die a beggar by the bargain.—Fuller.

TOO MANY LAWS

IN his speech at the opening of the Legislature yesterday Lieutenant-Governor McClain again emphasized the demand of the people for a let-up in legislation. Governor Brumbaugh also suggested in his message that the people have had a redundancy of laws of every sort.

These observations are simply indicative of a widespread popular sentiment. Newspapers which have given any consideration to the matter at all realize how much legislation has been overdone in this country. Starting at Washington its ramifications have extended to every corner of the nation.

Political controversy has been largely responsible for increasing laws and the log rolling methods which have too long characterized the work of the Legislature have led to enactment of measures which should never have had serious consideration.

"Partisan bigotry and factional bitterness should have no place in the performance of our duties," declared the Lieutenant-Governor, and he concluded with the suggestion that "we should be Pennsylvanians for Pennsylvanians."

With the conference between the directors of the Harrisburg Hotel Company, this afternoon, and the architects who are collaborating on the plans for the handsome structure which will ornament the corner at Third and Walnut streets, definite action is expected with regard to the second and most important step in this interesting community undertaking.

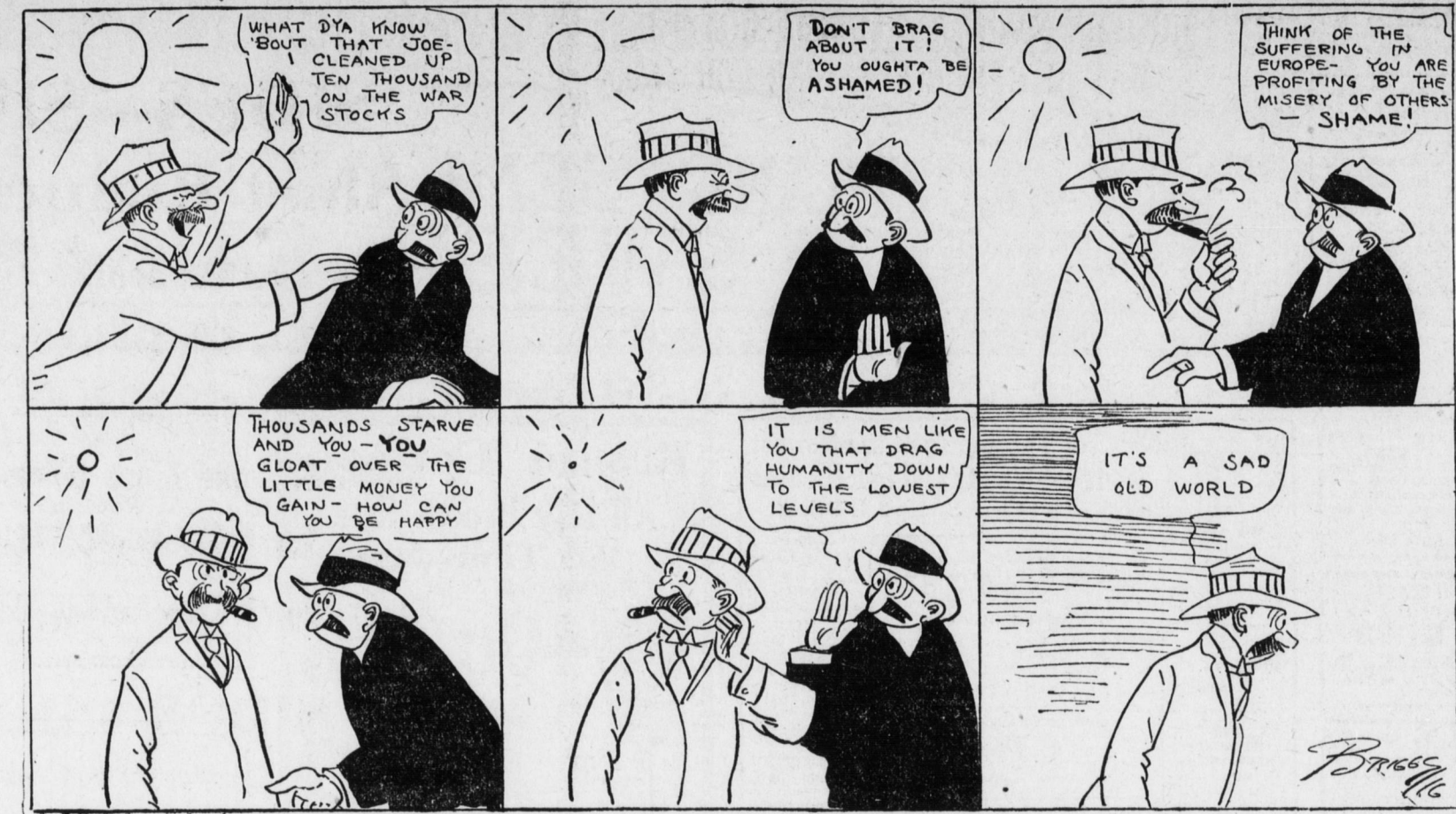
JOHN BARLEYCORN AGAIN

JOHN BARLEYCORN is at his old tricks. Chief of Detectives William L. Windsor, Jr., calling attention to the crime wave that swept Harrisburg last year, explains the very large number of arrests, nearly one thousand more than the year previous, by saying that in nearly every instance the men and women who fell into the hands of the police "were drunk or had been drinking."

We are gravely told by opponents of prohibition that the abolition of the liquor trade, with its high licenses, would mean increased taxation for the people, but it is a safe wager that the 3,857 arrests made by the police of the city last year exceeded in expense to the public far more than is paid yearly by all the liquor license holders of both city and county, court costs, keep of prisoners, witness fees and other incidentals included.

Rum, says the chief of detectives, was the chief cause of crime in Harrisburg last year. Even at a financial profit this would be expensive, but when the taxpayers are obliged to foot the bills for court proceedings and prison-keep, run up by victims of the booze habit, the condition becomes well nigh intolerable.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



By BRIGGS

Ebening What

"Give us two weeks more of freezing weather and we will have every ice-house in Central Pennsylvania filled to the roof," said a well known ice man yesterday. The ice is from eight to ten inches thick on most of the cutting ponds, those in the mountain regions being in prime cutting condition and getting heavier instead of thinner. Every effort is being made to harvest the very largest amount possible before a thaw spoils the ice. Many people suppose that ice cutting would be shirked by the average workman," he continued, "but that is not the case. A lot of them look upon a period of ice cutting as a sort of camping-out picnic. To be sure the work is hard and the hours necessarily long, but the ice companies all take the best of care of their cutters. All of them have well equipped bunk-houses where they can get warm when the men assemble in the evening and tell stories and recite experiences on the ice. The best of good, wholesome food is provided for the men have big appetites and must be well nourished to protect them from cold."

Ed. S. Herman, chairman of the City Planning Commission, and a well-known businessman, who last evening entertained the Harrisburg Rotary Club at his wholesale tobacco house in Market Square, is one of the most enthusiastic Rotarians anywhere. "It's a good thing for the men of any community to get together, rub elbows and exchange ideas," said he last evening. "The Rotary club has been a good influence in the community, and one of its greatest services has been that it has introduced many men to each other in a way that would not have been possible in any other way. When I go away the first thing I tuck away on an inside pocket is my Rotary club membership card."

The graduates and former students of State College have just issued a handsomely bound book descriptive of the activities of the institution, which is to be a plea for support in the effort now being made to procure increases in State appropriations to the college. An estimate of the Pennsylvania needs in the way of permanent equipment is given, the total amounting to \$2,552,000. Under present conditions the annual requirement of the college for maintenance alone is approximately \$750,000. To meet this the only guaranteed income the college has is that coming from the National government under "War Reliance" grants, which amounts to \$50,000 and a small income from student fees which approximates \$70,000, or a total income of \$150,000, the balance of \$600,000 being the sum for which the college must look to the State, and the funds for buildings and permanent equipment must come from the same source. The present financial progress and the ever-present uncertainty as to which it operates are due to the fact that there is no definite provision in the Commonwealth for a specific, dependable income for maintenance and development. The alumni are interested in procuring from the State a definite annual income either by levying a special tax or by set appropriation of a fixed sum for maintenance and building development.

The new system of filing records and transcriptions inaugurated by County Recorder James E. Lentz is already meeting with more general approval than he had expected. The Dauphin county bar, Attorney V. H. Musser was one of the lawyers who heartily commended the plan the other day. "The method of searching a title is made much more convenient and means so much in saving of time," he explained. "For instance, under the old system one had to look through the books of indexes, and the name 'Willard,' for example; under the old system one had to look through the whole section of names tabulated under 'W' in order to find the name 'Willard,' the searcher would simply hunt for 'W'—and the rest would be easy."

The death of Fred Vogt last week removes one of the most enthusiastic baseball fans Harrisburg has ever had. Fred was an authority on all sports, but he showed a stronger interest in baseball. During the long winter days, and while the Tri-State was doing good business, Fred Vogt would walk up and down in front of the bleachers, at the stadium, at the time of the game, and he would tell the game in his own mind scientifically. Few acquaintances knew the real history of this citizen. He graduated at institutions in England and Germany with high honors. He spoke several languages. Many a high school student he helped with Latin studies. It was the general opinion among some of his friends that he held a record part of the history of his life. He never explained why he entered the iron-making business.

Skating along the West Shore early this week was not far from the demonstrations of skaters of Harrisburg, but the weather during the winter months. On New Year's day, early in the morning, many flocked to the skating path along the other side of the river. During the day the crowd increased and by the middle of the afternoon at least 500 West Shore persons were enjoying the outdoor sport. Persons from Enola, Camp Hill, New Cumberland and other towns closest to the river were seen skating.

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liquor question is rapidly becoming one of everyday economics or that those who have quite enough to do to meet legitimate expenses are becoming more and more disgruntled over the annual assessment levied upon them for crime committed by rum-crazed irresponsibles. There is just one cure for the condition and that is to outlaw the trade in alcoholics.

Nothing more significant of the general state of mind of the people of the United States has been developed during the last days of the old year and the opening days of the new than the comment of trade leaders and commercial authorities upon the signs of the time here and abroad. It is a common remark of all these experts that there is coming everywhere a better realization of the relations of communities and individuals one to the other throughout the world. Here and there the conviction is forced home that while the peoples of Europe are experiencing the bitterness of death and disaster they are also awaking to the beneficent results of great experiences "demanding and developing courage, endurance, steadfastness, self-denial and high purposes."

STATE AID FOR BOROUGHS

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S recommendation that the Legislature legalize State aid for the construction of improved roads through boroughs on the lines of the State highways is timely and, no doubt, will be favorably received by a majority of the members. Such a law would not only meet an urgent need, but would be in the interests of justice as well. Until lack of funds prompted the late State Highway Commissioner Cunningham to question the legality of granting State money for the improvement of State highways through boroughs, resulting in an adverse opinion by the Attorney General's Department, scores of boroughs had received such assistance. Camp Hill, Penbrook and other nearby towns prepared to pave streets under this provision and their main highways have remained in bad condition ever since State aid was withdrawn, much to the disgust of tourists.

Nobody has ever questioned the right of the State to construct and maintain a highway entirely at its own expense through a township, where the returns from taxes are naturally small. That being accepted, it is difficult to understand why the Commonwealth should not pay at least a part of the expense of improving State highways through boroughs, especially since the road through the borough is just as much a part of the State highway system as that traversing rural localities.

Any attempt at the session of the Legislature this year to increase departmentments will likely have little encouragement from those in control. Some nice little schemes to provide comfortable places for ambitious individuals are said to have been nipped in the bud.

BACK AT THE BEGINNING

PRESIDENT WILSON finds himself to-day back precisely where he started with the Mexican situation following Villa's raid on Columbus. Carranza has won in the long drawn out negotiations and the United States army is to be withdrawn from Mexico without having attained the object of its entry, which was to have been "Villa, dead or alive."

Carranza has played fast and loose with the United States government. He has blocked every effort of General Pershing to capture Villa and has enforced his demands limiting American troop movements South of the border by massacring a whole detachment of United States soldiers. The border is more in danger of bandit attack than it was before the troops were sent into Mexico and the power of Carranza as a national dictator is gradually on the wane.

The United States neither has assisted Mexico out of its troubles nor put anybody else in the way of performing that task. We have accomplished nothing but the completion of our own national discredit in Mexico,

the loss of many American lives and the prolongation of anarchy in the neighboring republic.

The next step in the administration's disastrous Mexican policy will be watched with interest, bordering on dismay.

Ireland, a leader of one of the revolutionary societies, says, in the verge of another outbreak, thereby proving that an Irishman would sooner be in a hopeless fight than at peace.

There are indications that the legislators will have a chance to hear how sweetly the bluebirds sing in Harrisburg in springtime.

Just about the time a fellow gets used to writing it 1916, they go and change it.

We hope that special session talk at Washington isn't contagious.

The Mother-Manager

In the clamor and confusion over the high prices we pause to pay honor where honor is due. We refer to the little woman, with a family of four or five, who keeps her family together and the wolf away from the door on \$15 a week.

Efficiency engineers and high salaried financial experts should take off their hats to the business manager of the \$15 a week home. She buys the groceries and prepares the meals, clothes the children and sends them to school, keeps herself and her husband looking respectable, pays the doctor bills and guards the family against debt.

No elaborately planned budget shows where each penny should go, nor what to buy and what not to buy. Mother has it all in her head and she can tell, barring accidents, just where the family will be financially a year from date.

The country is not oversupplied with this type of woman. The homes which claim one are getting scarcer. Pity should be given to the family that lacks a manager, where a home has no staple, but only passes as a certain means to an indefinite end.

The mother-manager is the heroine of the modern home.—From the Des Moines Capital.

House That Is Different

The carpenters and masons were at work and under their quick, skillful hands lumber and stone became a mansion by law in the straggling, only a dwelling place, an attractive little bungalow, to be sure, but no different from the houses of the other workers of their kind. Then one day an old woman, her fine cloak contrasting strangely with her faded face and her toil worn hands, came to note the progress of the artisans.

With her was a young woman, and everyone who saw her said that her face was so familiar. "Who was she? Hadn't her picture often appeared in newspapers and magazines? Finally someone remembered and told someone else about it. The girl was one of a number of children. Her parents were poor. She went to work for a pittance while she could help during the next four years. "I would ask you to pray for him for a few moments," that he may have the divine guidance in all that he may do.

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In Need of Prayer

In the Temple Church (near the law court) in London, on the Sunday after our election, the Master of the Temple, when he had finished his sermon, paused and said to his astonished congregation that since it appeared to be quite certain that Doctor Wilson had been elected President of the United States and so seemed certain to be called to take part in the peace negotiations which would be held during the next four years, "I would ask you to pray for him for a few moments," that he may have the divine guidance in all that he may do.

Surely that showed a wise spirit in the Master of the Temple, of now is Lloyd-George, chosen to cure the shortcomings of England, to strengthen her and extend her reach and help her to win a great peace that will bring new hope to a battered world. It is a kind of Atlas that rests on the little Welshman's shoulders. Are any of the brethren hereabouts privately inclined? There is their man!—From Life.

May Sue City For Lost Cat

Unless the city of Des Moines can produce one gray kitten which escaped from the city jail, the municipality will be defendant in a damage suit. Such was the statement of John Nordquist when his man and his wife were arrested recently for disturbing the peace they took their three kittens with them. One was missing when the Nordquists were released the day following their arrest. The missing kitten was a free chair in a parlor car to Philadelphia. In spite of their political

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The disposition is to mark time in legislative matters just now and the leaders of all parties and factions are resting after the strenuous contest for the speakership which was decided yesterday in favor of Senator Boies Penrose and his friends. Notwithstanding a very manifest desire on the part of many people throughout the state to fix a date for early adjournment, there is slim prospect of any time being set for three months at least, and it is possible that not only will the Legislature pass the appropriation bills earlier than usual and take a recess while the Governor is acting upon them, but that there will be numerous investigations started and the lawmakers called back in the fall to hear reports. The men who vanquished the Governor and his allies seem determined not to give the administration element any more recognition than they would have gotten themselves in the event of defeat and to follow the example of John R. K. Scott in the session of 1913 when he heckled the Tener administration for weeks.

If the Vore-Brumbaugh-Magee forces had won the Penrose people say, they would have had short shrift, and as the senior senator got a victory in the face of the state and Philadelphia city administrations, organized themselves, if they can elect a majority of the commissioners, they will see to it a city manager is elected by the commissioners who can be depended upon to reopen the political contest.

One day this week a reporter for The Star was in Mr. Waite's office when one of the Dayton politicians came in. "Know my friend Mr. —?" he asked, referring to one of the Kansas City "bosses."

—The Democrats very kindly took the job of "investigating" out of the hands of the Penrose people yesterday and some were wondering to-day why they had so blithely undertaken the task. It was largely a piece of Democratic strategy and a scheme to beat someone to it, but the Democrats are out on a limb and there is no boat to get them.

—Senator Penrose said just before leaving for Washington that he would be glad to help in an investigation and Attorney General Ewins said he would help too, and so will other officials.

—Governor Brumbaugh will not be in a rush about sending his appointments to the Senate for confirmation and he may wait until the very last day, although such a course would irritate many senators. Indications are that there will be rough sledding for Cox in his whole congressional district; Chief of Mines James E. Rorick, who has not satisfied either side; Compensation Commissioners Harry A. Macey and James S. Leach and some others, including men who may be named to succeed Messrs. Penrose, Rambo, Bretlinger and Smith. If there is a disposition to hold up appointments before he gets out of the Senate, Auditor General-elect Charles A. Snyder, he will be heard from.

—When he stepped on the train for Washington last night Senator Penrose said: "I think we have had enough of verbal bombardments for the present. Last night's Republican caucus and to-day's developments in the Legislature speak for themselves. We are prepared, however," he said, "when occasion calls for it, to bring forward our heavy guns upon very short notice."

—Speaker Baldwin being leaving the city declares that he was in favor of more money for schools and for good roads, together with other legislation, remarking that he was favorable to humane legislation notwithstanding all that had been said about him, but he was not accustomed to dealing in generalities. The Speaker has received many requests for compromise assignments already and some of the men who were noisier in opposition to him have not shown modesty in asking for good places. The Speaker asked that all members send him their preferences and they are doing it, those who fought Baldwin being among the men who wish nice berths. —James F. Woodward, of Allegheny, will be chairman of the House appropriations committee and some of the men who were talked of for chairmanships before the ballot on Speaker occurred in the Monday caucus will not get what they thought. Eleven-hour switching from Baldwin will mark some legislative hopes. —The long recess arranged, which will bring the legislators back to Harrisburg on January 22, will enable the whole situation to be gone over carefully, and it is even possible that some semblance of harmony may be reached. The organization of the House was remarkably serene after the bitter contest and there are some hopes based on it. —Senator J. P. McNichol, backer of Baldwin, reelected Senator E. H. Vore, leader of the Cox campaign, to a free chair in a parlor car to Philadelphia. In spite of their political

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HENRY M. WAITE, city manager of Dayton, Ohio, writes the correspondent of the Kansas City Star from Dayton, is not the kind of business man who decorates his office walls with mottoes: "Do it now," or "This is my busy day."

On the way of his outer office, the room in the city hall to which the people of Dayton have learned to bring their troubles in the three years they have lived under the commission-manager style of city rule, hangs a blackboard. Now and then, suggestions which Mr. Waite would bring to the attention of city hall employees are chalked upon this board. To-day's suggestion reads: Abraham Lincoln said: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man so wise that the place will be proud of him."

Serve City, Not Politicians

Right there, one may get a glimpse into the municipal program of Dayton, at least so far as it can be written by Mr. Waite and the five city commissioners under whom he serves. They are trying to make Dayton proud of them, proud of its entire corps of city employees, by giving the town the very best in efficient service, in public comforts and public safety. The only man they are not attempting to serve is the politician. For him they give not a thought.

And the politicians? They are lining up "to put Waite out of office." Next fall Dayton elects three of its five commissioners. The "boys" who once controlled Dayton are promising themselves, if they can elect a majority of the commissioners, they will see to it a city manager is elected by the commissioners who can be depended upon to reopen the political contest.

—The Philadelphia Public Ledger has turned from its denunciation of the Republican contest to making attacks upon the Governor because of the Oliver check. —Senator T. L. Eyre, of Chester, was given a big floral horseshoe yesterday by members of Republican clubs of West Chester.

—Congressman Beales, of Gettysburg, represents his constituency of dual capacity. Until March 4 he will continue to be their representative at Washington. After that date he will qualify as the senator elect from the Adams district.

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—Snider county commissioners have selected P. S. Ritte, for sealer of weights and measures and fixed his salary at \$1,000 a year. This was one of the few counties in the state which had not acted in appointment of a sealer and there were numerous applicants. —Lowry Humes, former member and United States district attorney for Western Pennsylvania, said last night that he expected to spend quite a little time in Harrisburg and that as soon as he got the brewers' cases out of the way he would get into action on Democratic legislation. —Reuben Lauer has been elected York county's sealer of weights and measures. —Judge Bouton, of McKean county, who was here for the organization of the Legislature, is said to have been

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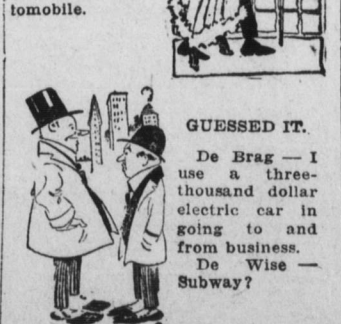
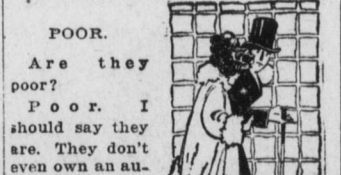
When he went into a tirade against the city manager plan. It was no good, he said. It was undemocratic, and so on. Mr. Waite laughed. "Go to it," he said to the politician, and to the reporter: "There, I told you I wanted you to hear both sides of our story here." The commissioners' door is never closed, as doors have a way of closing in some city halls. Even on Monday afternoons when the city manager and the commissioners hold their informal weekly conferences at which all kinds of matters of policy and administration are discussed, there are no executive sessions.

"The only difficulty I have is to get the newspaper men to attend these meetings," said Mr. Waite's secretary. "If I do not prove to you in a year's time I am worth \$12,000 a year you will not have to ask me to resign, I'll step down and out of my accord, but I am going to make good," Mr. Waite told Dayton when he accepted the management of their city. That was three years ago. He has not had to resign. There has never been a real suggestion to resign, although the people possess the recall.

Mr. Waite believes the city manager form of government is the nearest approach yet attempted to the ideal city government. But he does not say it is ideal. Readers of the Star will remember he said if a boss got hold of the commission form of government he would have a "beautiful time," but would not last long because he could not shift the responsibility. Under the aldermanic system the mayor can put the responsibility on the council and the council can shift it back to the mayor, or as in Kansas City, to one of the city boards.

Mr. Waite has said, "will be governed precisely as well as the citizens deserve and desire."

OUR DAILY LAUGH



WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

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