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Hope is a prophet sent from heaven Fear is a false and croaking raven, The dawn that buds all gray and cold Will blossom to a sky of gold.

LICENSE COURT

HE Dauphin County Court with the liquor license problem. It is not a nice duty nor a light one. Despite the unquestioned growth of prohibition sentiment in the country of dispensing strong drink for profit appears about as large as ever. Nevertheless, statistics prove that the use of alcoholics is slowly but surely on the wane. Figures are available to show that in the three banner distilling States-Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Maryland-there is a marked de-918,582 gallons. In Kentucky the production of whisky dropped from gallons in 1915, / In Maryland it dropped from 5,950,827 gallons in 1912 to 506,919 gallons in 1915.

Whisky has had a stranglehold on the Pennsylvania Legislature for many years-regardless of party. Quite as he use his only weapon of protestmany Democrats as Republicans—in proportion of the minority to the majority-have been elected subject to liquor influence, if not by the aid of liquor-ring money. In Democratic districts the liquor crowd is Democratic. In Republican strongholds it throws its efforts toward the election

ing year, totals forty-six less than a Back in 1915 the drop from 1914 was ninety-one applications. In Philadelphia last year there were 1915 saloons form legislation of a reasonable characteristics. operating throughout the entire city, years ago, despite the fact that the city is gradually growing in popula-tion at a rate estimated at about 25,000 a year.

In Harrisburg some idea may be gained of the trend in the same direction by the fact that a few years ago the police spent every Saturday night -pay-day at the mills-gathering in from fifteen to thirty "drunks," and that now the Saturday night harvest is small by comparison, notwithstanding the city is larger and the foreign and Southern labor element has been

augmented greatly. The time is approaching when "li-cense session" will be stricken from the local court calendars.

If this thing keeps up, the restaurant keepers will be serving a steak with represent. each dish of potatoes.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED

and archaic. If it ever had any real long since outlived his usefulness as a excuse for existence in its present leader. form, it has none now.

tices. It is an unnecessary drain upon the taxpayers and it should be re-

MONDAY EVENING,

Dispatches from Austria indicate that Vienna hopes for the best, but fears for the worst.

DON'T BUY POTATOES

POTATOES \$3.60 a bushel in Har-

The figures are preposterous Somebody is clutching greedily for the pennies of the poor. That some-

hibitive prices on the necessities of life it is time for vigorous and effective

Government relief is slow and uncertain. The deeper the federal probe relief must come from the people hemselves. Their weapon is the boy-

DON'T BUY POTATOES.

If everybody in Harrisburg refrains from purchasing for only three days like normal.

Rice is a good potato substitute. about to begin its yearly wrestle properly prepared. If you must have

at large, the number of men desirous from potatoes won't hurt anybody, and

Potatoes are a staple diet in every limited means. They are at once decline in the production of whisky. licious and wholesome. Abnormally and birth of no account, and has un-Figures for the last five years in Pennsylvania are as follows: 1912, 10, 579,126 gallons; 1913, 11,482,359 gallons; 1914, 11,153,227 gallons; high prices for potatoes are almost as 1,073,808 gallons, and 1916, as are high prices for bread and flour. In Kentucky the The present price is outrageous. 43,622,098 gallons in 1912 to 1,980,200 justified neither by short crops not gallons in 1915, / In Maryland it exports. Somebody wants to go exports. Somebody wants to get

Thanks, Mr. Weatherman, for the fin-

THE gathering of borough officials

views upon the people affected. In 1916 there was a shrink- unpopularity of the Clark act and its age on the full list for the year of failure to meet expectations afforded them an example of the folly of such acter, cannot but be helpful in correcting many of the evils that are now recognized as holding back the progress of many of the small towns of

Pennsylvania

OBSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP . THE New York Tribune com-plains of the selection of Mann as Republican floorleader in the House and the Philadelphia Public Ledger expresses the belief that neither Mann, in the lower branch, nor Stone, the Democratic leader in the Senate, is big enough for the job he holds. Failure to display unprejudiced patriotism and unadulterated Americanism is the charge against

Neither Mann nor Stone is progres sive. Both are prompted more by politics and partisanism than is good for the country or the parties they

"Stand-patism" of the old rank is unpopular. The rank and file of Americans are progressive. If the Republican leaders are wise they THE criticism of the County Commissioners with respect to excessive costs of police hearings at the Mayor's office is justified—but it might have been extended.

Like our method of tax collections, our aldermanic system is expensive and archaic. If it ever had any real lower house of Congress, but who and archaic. If it ever had any real lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but who long since outlived his usefulness as a lower house of congress, but they are wise they gently but firmly will take Mr. Mann merce and Finance, "We have a friend," says Commerce and Finance, "who is fond of tending how his elderly mother took keep two backs and give him a seat by dear old "Uncle Joe" Cannon, whose the marked him always to keep two bears in his home if he would be happy. When he asked-her whome him aside when he was about to be married and advised him always to keep two bears in his home if he would be happy. When he asked-her whome him aside when he was about to be married and advised him always to keep two bears in his home if he would be happy. When he asked-her whome him aside when he was about to be married and advised him always to keep two bears in his home if he would be happy. When he asked-her whome him aside when he was about to be married and advised him always to keep two bears in his home if he would be happy. When he asked-her whome him aside when he was about to be married and advised him always to keep two bears in his home if he would be happy.

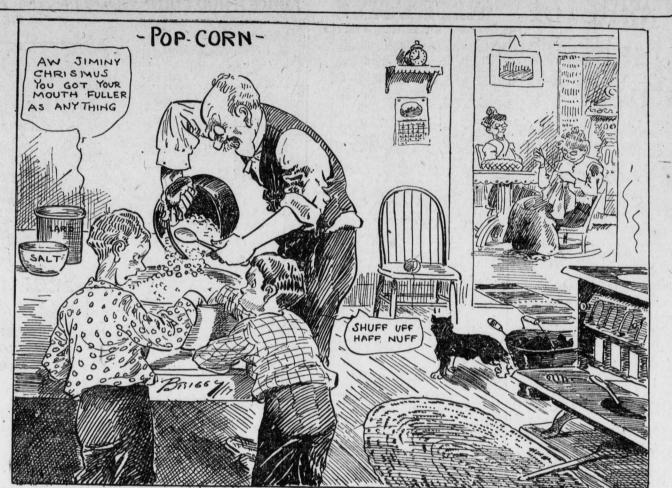
form, it has none now.

Doubtless there is need for something between the court and the people, but the aldermanic office as operated in Harrisburg does not fill the bill. It is excessively costly and is a constant temptation to doubtful pragners in Pennsylvania.

Stops Exports of Sugar

The Democrats may have their Stones, and welcome. What the Reportation of sugar and permitting the importation, free of duty, of certain distributions are constant temptation to doubtful pragners in Pennsylvania.

The Days of Real Sport



throws its efforts toward the election of Republicans with "wet" proclivities. An analysis of any local option vote in the House will show this to be-true.

That Pennsylvania persistently has chosen liquor Legislatures is largely due to two reasons—the very large foreign element in the mills and mines of the Commonwealth and to the immense sums invested here in breweries and distilleries, making possible the raising of large funds for all manner of anti-temperance purposes. As the production of the distilleries declines this financial factor, by the very nature of things, will become less a consideration in elections and in legislator.

It has been said that the big cities of the State would turn in large "wet" majorities if a popular vote were taken now in Pennsylvania on either Statemowing pears to be gaining. According to the Public Ledger of that city, the list of applications for liquor ing year, totals forty-six less than a year ago. In 1946 there was a shrink-"

The great trouble with many of the borbughs themselves a much bigger part than deliberate intent to mismanage, and ignorance measures subject to the approval of the borbughs themselves. Those who have headed the movement have been done in any white man's land."

The dother day we heard two elder-tionic less the toticic to the oppartment of civic betterment among the boroushs of the borbushs themselves that exist of the state has an onstructive and manner in the problems of the State, especially manner of anti-temperance purposes. As the production of the bureau of municipal statistics several years ago.

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This all went to show how easily a man can deceive himself. We had been that couldnot be. Horse-traders were thought, we would have known that that could not be. Horse-traders were the man either.

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pects for action on anything in the Blade.

The Unforgivable Affront
Now she hates one of her oldest friends. Yesterday she was downtown with this friend, and just before noon she said to the other lady: "Well, I am going over here and catch my car." Then the other said to he: "Well, I am going over here and catch my car." Then the other said to he: "Well, I am going over here and catch my car." Then the other said to he: "Well, I am going a content of the coveration of the operation of the work of the same to you will glad I reft across you, and I away which indicates that it has been one of the operation of the two parted, A few minutes later Martha when into a place to get a bits of something to eat, and what do you think? Yes, there she was—eating lunch. "I didn't want her to ask me to go to lunch with her." Martha explained to us after she returned from town," but I don't see why she wanted to silp away. I don't see why she wanted to pretend that she was going again."—Claude Callan, in the Fort Worth Start-Telegraph.

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The opinion seems to prevail generally that there will be little doing in the Legislature until the middle of March. The resolution and its final disposition and the plan of campaign to follow it up will occupy much attention and the proposition to take a recess until March 12 are having their effect. Legislators are not showing any great degree of interest and are getting ready to stay here a long time when they re-assemble in March.

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March.

The chief point of interest just now, aside from the "probe," is what the Senate will do with the Governor's appointments and when the Governor will send in the ad interim nominations.

With Senator McNichol in Florida and Senator Vare in Virginia, the pros-pects for action on anything in the Senate are not very bright. Senator Vare is said to be somewhat disgusted with the way things have been going

weeks ago.

—George D. Thorn, chief clerk of the State Department, has suggested a bill to amend the laws governing file ing of nominating petitions so that there shall be twenty days added to the period for certifying, which is now thirty days. The twenty days added to the period for certifying, which is now thirty days. The twenty days would be taken off the period in which to file and it would not matter as eighty per cent. of the papers are held back until the last forty-eight hours anyway.

—Pittsburgh papers say the proposed "pure tree" bill would give the Secretary of Agriculture powers beyond those of the Commissioner of Health.

—The Philadelphia Press to-day says: "Nominally the Legislature has been in session for nearly two monty. Actually it has sat on thirteen legislative days and on one no business" the firm of the workers, which has been promoted by the Minister of Munitions, has been held in Glasgow, Scotland.

The governors of the North of Marchael Training in agriculture and horticulture of discharged soldiers and sailors.

The number of British women recruited to industrial occupations between July, 1914, and July, 1916, was syond those of the Commissioner of Health.

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The Philadelphia North American, which has been more or less friendly to State and city administrations, to-day declares that fifty-seven per cent. of the bonding business of the city of Philadelphia is done by Mayor Smith's firm and that in its opinion there is reason to believe Smith means what he says when he threatens to resign if the Legislature tries to interfere with the business of his firm.

—There are thirteen less applicants for licenses in Berks county than last year.

Provides For Citizens First

The progressive little republic of Uruguay has taken a decidedly advanced step to provide for the needs of its people and has prohibited the exportation of all wheat or flour until after the next crop has been harvested.

An exhibition of the work done by the female munition workers, which has been promoted by the Minister of Munitions, has been held in Glasgow

telegraph centers of the State?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG In days gone by the State used to test the cannon it bought on grounds near First Mountain.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

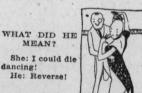


"Saw one once upon a time, but it must have been a fierce one, as I got the idea it was against the

SERIOUS. Why aren't you eating, old top?
I'm on a diet.
What's the trouble? Beenill? Had an opera-tion on my allow-



SOMETHING GAINED. Oh, gardening is sport indeed ough you may only raise a The same





Frank: Is that a leap year pre-posal?

SO SUDDEN.

Ebening Chat

Propositions to improve the Susque hanpa, Schuylkil and other streams running from the anthracite region to the large cities and tidewater so that cheaper coal may be obtained, which have been given attention by State Commissions, the public service board and legislators lately, have been discussed in Harrisburg for the last century and more Without desiring in any way to talk about the difficulties tury and more Without desiring in any way to talk about the difficulties of the plan to make the Sauquehanna navigable, which excited the risibilities of a Harrisburg editor some eighty-five years ago and grave doubte among the first citizens of Harrisburg 100 years since, it may be stated that William Penn once journeyed as fast as Middletown, the confluence of the Susquehanna and the Swatara, to study possibilities of waterways. One of the prime motives that led John Harris to select this site was the chance that it would be a great transportation center because of the waterway and the valleys opening here. The founder's foresight was correct although the iron horse and not the river barge furnishes the means of transportation. Propositions to make the Susquehanna navigable in a channel are going to be much heard of in the next few years. It may be that something may be started in the way of tests of channel possibilities before the anthracite and bituminous coal, the vegetables and grain and other products of the Susquehanna, Juniata and other valleys, now being whizzed through Harrisburg get down to reasonable figures. Just what could be brought to Harrisburg's front door from up-river farms or those along the Conodoguinet or other streams by motor boats, barges or flats pushed by the same kind of steamers that propel the coal fleet can be easily imagined.

Away back in 1793 and 1794 the citizens of the counties in Pennsylvania

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a house of worship by means of money to be derived from a game of chance.

This particular Susquehanna river improvement bill carried \$20,000. That much has been asked to straighten up a creek in Cräwford county in project as "improving the navigation of the Susquehanna" would call for a bond issue of at least \$1,00,000 or maybe \$5,000,000. And moreover Edwin Stuart and M. Hampton Todd had nothing on lawmakers of that day in the way of specific appropriations. The legislators were not hampered by any constitutional inhibition of special legislation, either. They specified everything. They named the commissioners, which is interesting in view of the Democratic demand that the proposed investigation of government nowadays be made by a commission of men outside of the Legislature. In those days Lieutenant Governor McClain would not have had to rule that the Legislature could not delegate its powers to "outsideers" because this old-time commission was to investigate and to go ahead. The whole bill appears to have been with the idea that the commission should become active. However, the legislators were specific as to the itemization of the appropriation, big for those days. The way it divided up that \$20,000 did not leave very much for expenses of the commission. It was apparently desired that the work should be handled expeditiously. The funds were to be allotted for removal of obstructions and improving the navigation, both objects, mind you, as follows:

From the borough of Columbia to the mouth of the Swatara, (which was between Middletown and Portsmouth, later Royalton), \$5,500.

From the Juniata to Northumberland, \$3,000.

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From the Juniata to Northumberland, \$3,000.

From Northumberland to Nanticke Rapids, \$1,000.

For Anderson's creek improvement, \$1,000.

For improvement of the Juniata to Frankstown, \$4,000./
For improvement of the Raystown branch of the Juniata, \$1.000.
For improvement of Bald Eagle creek, \$1,000.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Ernest T. Trigg, the new president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Comof the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, has gone on a southern trip.

Judge W. B. Broomall, of the Delaware county courts, is in Florida on a vacation trip.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, the authoress, is at the seashore for a vacation.

—J. D. Breidinger, prominent Wilkes-Barre educator, is opposed to some of the proposed training ideas and is having quite a time with some of his people.

—Captain S. M. Evans, well-known Civil War veteran, has been made custodian of the Pittsburgh memorial hall.

—Colonel J. Howell Cummings, one

hall.

—Colonel J. Howell Cummings, one of the new trustees of the South Mountain State Hospital, has a summer home near that place.