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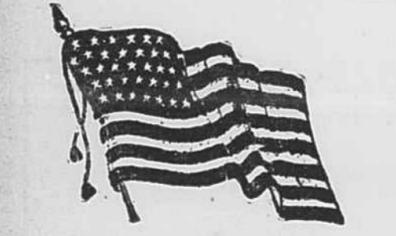
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THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 1917.



## CLEAN THEM OUT.

MAYOR BOWEN'S announcement that he means to take personal charge of a movement to clean out the bootleggers who are operating in Fairmont is the best news that has come out of the City hall in some time. Chief Harr and the members of the force can make this a dry town in 48 hours if they get the word, and are given the proper kind of encouragement and support from the "men higher up." That this has not been done before is not their fault.

As this newspaper during the campaign of last year predicted would be the case, the clean-up which Democratic apologists for the disgraceful conditions that existed said would follow the election did not take place. For a few days some of the blacks who had been plying the trade of bootlegging, virtually under the protection of some of the most prominent Democratic politicians in the county, stopped, but they had learned how easy it was to make money in that way and soon their cupidity overcame their fears, and they were back at it again. What is more, most of them "got away with it." Liquor was to be purchased in almost any quantity throughout the winter and the traffic was carried on almost as openly as it was during the closing days of the presidential campaign.

Spring is at hand. The city will soon begin to fill up with men brought here by the various enterprises that have been started since the beginning of the Greater Fairmont movement. Work in the open will be resumed and employers generally will want to utilize every available minute of each day to the utmost. That means that they will not want their men fuddled with liquor part of the time. It is part of the duty of the city administration to see that temptation is not put in the way of these men. How great this temptation is at times is proved by the incident of the colored bootlegger who solicited a deputy sheriff to buy liquor on the principal street in broad daylight.

Go after them, Mr. Mayor. Lead the raids in person at least at the beginning, so that policemen may know that you mean business. Indicate in every other possible way that it is your intention to make Fairmont an unhealthy place in which to peddle liquor, and thus do your bit toward making the coming one the busiest and most fruitful summer this city has ever experienced.

## CHINA'S POSITION.

PEOPLE who find it difficult to understand what difference it would make to Germany under existing conditions if a state of war were to exist between that country and the United States will be even more puzzled by the problem that is presented by the severing of diplomatic relations with Germany by China.

China in Prussian eyes must appear feeble to the point of being contemptible, yet we venture to say that the announcement that another potential enemy has sprung up was received with anything but pleasant feelings by the gentlemen of the German foreign office.

By this time they know in official circles in Berlin that when the end comes Germany, instead of dictating terms, will be compelled to make the best terms she can. China ranged along side the other Entente nations as an active enemy would mean just one more claimant to satisfy in the adjustment of Germany's foreign interests and one more member of the commercial league which the Central powers will find arrayed against their manufacturers when they start anew to make a place for themselves in the commerce of the world.

Every additional enemy now makes the lot of the Germans harder, even though that enemy is but a small factor in a military way.

## CHILTON'S CHARGES.

WILLIAM EDWIN CHILTON, sometime senator from the State of West Virginia in the Congress of the United States, has finally, through a former colleague, filed a petition with the Senate asking for an investigation into the election of his successor, Howard Sutherland.

The report of the incident written by a Washington correspondent friendly to Chilton indicates that Chilton's action was predicated upon the fact that the Senate expelled Senator Lorimer of Illinois because of fraud and corruption in his election.

Sutherland's offense against the election laws, assuming for the sake of argument that there was a breach of the laws, was technical and unattended by any suggestion of corruption. The Lorimer case was a scandal which aroused the whole nation, but even then it was only with the utmost difficulty that the Senate could be persuaded to deprive the Illinois man of his seat. There have been many fruitless Senatorial investigations of alleged corruption.

In view of all these circumstances it is safe to say that the only thing Chilton will accomplish by the action he took yesterday is to establish a nation-wide reputation of being a poor loser, a weakness he has been suspected of in this state for some time.

The one direct effect of his action is to do a personal injury to the man who defeated him at the polls, and in view of the size of Sutherland's majority and the almost unanimously conceded rectitude of the Sutherland campaign methods this is little short of contemptible. In justice to Senator Sutherland the Senate should promptly investigate the absurd Chilton charges and publish to the country the vindication which it is bound to find.

According to a story going the rounds the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is encouraging its men to organize debating clubs. This is the first time we ever saw it intimated that railroad men need to be taught to talk.

Mayor Bowen, who never misses an opportunity to prove that he is a genuine patriot, is going to present the Valley Gem with a fine American flag. It's a good idea, but the people of Fairmont should not forget that what they are expected to give the Valley Gem is freight.

Britain is going to close 30,000 saloons. In Europe Britain was the last line of defenses of Old King Alcohol. If he loses out there Europe will come out of the war practically saloonless, except in the Scandinavian countries.

The Times says "Marion's county court is now an efficient one." Meaning that it was not efficient—when? When the road building movement started?

They halted a dance at a Chicago hotel because an actress appeared attired in street clothes. In other words, the lady was not undressed enough to suit the conventions at a full dress party.

Down in Pittsburgh they are clamoring for a morals court. To apply to the slum dwellers and the poor generally, of course, while the other end of society is permitted to do as it pleases.

Dispatches from Paris say that by the end of June France will have spent on the war \$16,600,000,000 in round numbers. Wonder what that string of figures means?

Well, it really looks like spring today. Better get out the old spade and the rest of the garden tools and start a drive on old h. c. of r.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

After all, the axiom of Washington that seems to deserve most attention at this time is, "In time of peace prepare for war."—Parkersburg News.

Many more towns die for want of confidence on the part of the business men and lack of public spirit than from opposition of neighboring towns and adverse surroundings.—Belington Progressive.

It may have taken ten thousand centuries of evolution to change a monkey into a man, but it only takes a few moments and a pint of whiskey to change some men into monkeys.—St. Albans Herald.

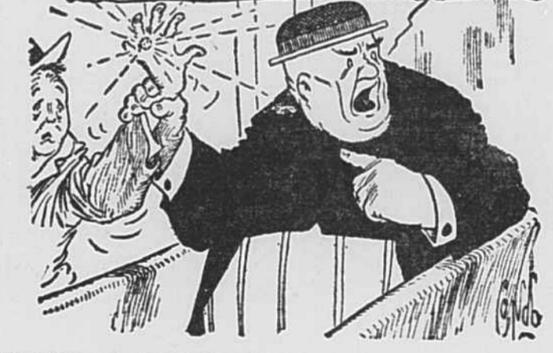
It is impossible to legislate against the March filibustering of the weather man.—Uniontown Evening Genus.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



HEY! EVERYBODY IN THE CAR!! - LOOK! LOOK! THIS FELLOW'S BEEN POSING HIS HAND AROUND HIS FACE IN SIXTEEN DIFFERENT WAYS!! HE'S AFRAID SOMEBODY MIGHT OVERLOOK IT!! ARE YOU ALL DONE?!!



## BITS OF STATE NEWS

Friends of Governor John Cornwell, according to the Charleston Mail, say that the governor has expressed to them that he looks upon that office as belonging to the people of the state, and that so long as he occupies it the office always will be open to visitors.

"Of course the governor has a mountain of work before him and will be extremely busy much of his time, especially at present," it was said, "but he expects to make it a point to give audience to those who may wish to call at the executive offices to be heard in legitimate matters. In other words the governor expects the people of the state to feel perfectly at home in the executive offices or at the capitol, regardless of politics or creed."

The fox was smart enough but had neither quadrant nor calipers with him, says the Pocahontas Times, which continues: Dave Lester tracked the big fox into a den during the snow and then played his boy's box rabbit trap and bored a two-inch auger hole in the rear end of it. He set it so that it took up the whole entrance to the den. The fox could look through the trap and could only guess as to the aperture caused by the auger hole. The fox knew that the trap would fall but he concluded to risk it. He entered the trap and the door fell and there was no escape through the auger hole and his hide is now hanging on the wall. The fox came out the first night. The record in this vicinity for a fox to remain holed up when he has been discovered is 23 days.

Guy Turner, of Homewood, has a record-making flock of hens. There are 43 of them—a cross of White Leghorn and White Plymouth Rock. They are mostly pullets. In January these hens laid a total of 507 eggs, or an average of nearly 12 eggs to the hen. In February, the average increased by one, there being a total of 557. This is the season of the year when the merry lay of the hen is a charming sound, and every bird is expected to do her best. If anybody has a pen of birds equal to Turner's the Free Press wants to have the figures.

Philippi, says the Republican of that town has one standing monument of which any town, or state might be proud and that is the old covered bridge constructed in 1852 which has stood for over a half century and is still one of the best in the county. With the proper care it should round out a full century of years before being replaced. It stands as a monument to its builder and a relic of war times. However one condition is to be regretted and that is the fact that the roof is leaking in several places and is allowed to go without repairing. If it were perfectly new it wouldn't take many months for the water to rot it and cause it to tumble down. Much less allowing water to run over it now. This matter should be looked after immediately.

It became known recently says the Huntington Advertiser, that Charles M. Schwab, the Pennsylvania steel and munitions king, talked with officials of the Basic Products company, Kenova's "war baby" plant, Tuesday, for nearly an hour, to seek a contract for the delivery of large quantities of magnesia, the Kenova company's chief product.

What the result of Mr. Schwab's proposal will be was not divulged by stockholders of the Basic company. Five years ago the Kenova plant was in the hands of a receiver. Gradually it emerged from a state of lethargy into which it had sunk shortly after it was built, and today it is said to be paying huge dividends. The product is vital to the production of open hearth furnaces and has a great resistance to heat.

from \$15 to \$35 a ton, according to grade.

Sheriff W. E. Long, according to the Tyler County Star, has sued the county for the value of alleged water and gas bills paid by him in his former term of sheriff and which he claims were over-looked by him in his annual settlement and for which he had never received credit. They amount to \$945.51. It is presumed that the sums of \$830.85 and \$994.13 claimed by the county from him as former sheriff and assessor respectively will be included in this suit and all settled once for all.

## GARDEN MOVEMENT IN MINE TOWNS

An enthusiastic and well attended meeting was held Wednesday night at Ida May for the purpose of organizing gardening clubs and making plans for the growing of food stuffs by the miners. The meeting was a part of the work being done by Miss Jordan, head of the Welfare department of the Consolidation Coal company, in conjunction with H. L. Smith, county agricultural agent.

The coal company is seeking to meet the "high cost of living" problem for its employees by educating them in practical agriculture and encouraging the growth of such food stuffs as may be raised on small garden plots, and the employees are responding enthusiastically. This work is very extensive and is being carried on in all of the mining communities owned by the company throughout the state. Other educational programs will be given from time to time in nearby towns.

In former years it has been the custom of the company to give prizes for the best flower and vegetable gardens, fifty points being counted for the best gardens of each type. This year prizes will be given, but the vegetable gardens will count seventy-five points and the flower gardens only twenty-five. This change has been made because it is felt that with present prices of food stuffs more attention should be given this phase of the work.

A meeting similar to the one Wednesday night will be held at Watson Friday night.

Cleaning Jewelry.  
 Make a paste of common soda and gasoline. Rub with a soft brush or cloth, after which rinse in warm water and polish.

## REAL HAIR GROWER

Found at Last. Parisian Sage Shows Results in Three Days

If you are rapidly losing your hair and fear baldness, the Mountain City Drug company wants you to try Parisian Sage at their risk. It will surely stop the excessive loss of hair and make your hair and scalp look and feel 100 per cent. better, or your money refunded.

Hundreds of men and women have written telling of the wonderful results obtained by using Parisian Sage. People who were getting bald say they now glory in their beautiful hair. Others who have had dandruff for years and the head itched like mad say they had a clean, healthy scalp after just a few applications of this splendid treatment.

No matter whether you are bothered with falling hair, gray hair, stringy, dull brittle, oily hair dandruff or itching scalp try Parisian Sage today on this money back offer. A large bottle is in expensive at drug stores everywhere, and if your hair is worth saving Parisian Sage is surely worth trying.

## COPS CALLED FROM BED BY WILD GEESE

With the Able Assistance of An Imaginative Constable.

"Chief, for God's sake come quick, there is murder being committed on Water street, several shots have been fired, women and men are screaming and groaning and the police down there are blowing their whistles for help!"

Thus was Chief of Police Fred Harr awakened at 2:30 Wednesday morning by a breathless messenger boy who had been sent to the chief's home for aid. The boy stated that Dent Nuzum, a constable of Marion county, had sent him.

The chief hurried into his clothes, called all the other cops and in a few moments was on Water street. Never was Water street more ghostly, if one can call quiet and peaceful "ghostly." The constables and police looked at each other, a few citizens hearing the Paul Revere disturbance on the precincts of quiet Palatine hopped into their clothes and when they reached the street also looked in bewilderment at each other.

Nuzum, being longest on the job was the first one able to catch his breath and in a hoarse voice asked a citizen close by "Did you hear any shots fired?" The citizen stated that he had been awake and that he had heard a Monongahela railway train run over two torpedoes.

Aha! thought the cops, so it was all a mistake; it was not revolver shots at all, but how could Nuzum account for the police whistles and screams? Policeman Holt then drawing his whistle from his pocket asked Nuzum "Did it sound like this?" and blew lustily on the "assistance music." Just as he blew a wild goose overhead answered "honk" and Nuzum shouted "That's the sound I thought was police whistles and groans."

It was a flock of wild geese passing over the city.  
 Commenting on the incident one city policeman said:  
 "Well, I'll be—" (deleted by the censor.)

BIG MUNITION ORDER  
 NEW CUMBERLAND, W. Va. March 15.—The National Steel Castings company, which recently started operations here, has received an order for 1,600 tons of steel projectiles for use on the French front. The order was awarded the company by another large American munition manufacturing concern, which received the original order for shells. These projectiles are nine inches in diameter and 18 inches in length. It is understood the company has been offered an order for 5,000 tons of the same size.

## TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR HAIR

It tells your character

The first impression of a person's character is often made by the hair and its dress. Does your hair allow you to comb it to suit you best? Possibly it looks dead and straggly and hurts your appearance. How much a little care on your part would bring back to your hair that healthy glow, admired by everybody.

Dandruff kills the hair roots. To stop it use Pompeian HAIR Massage. It is a clear amber fluid, not oily, not sticky, and has a very pleasant disappearing odor. Simply massage it into the scalp two or three times a week. Your Dandruff will soon disappear, your hair will become soft and brilliant, easy to dress, and you will point to it with pride.

Pompeian HAIR Massage is sold at the stores in 25¢, 50¢ and \$1 bottles.  
 Made by the reliable makers of Pompeian MASSAGE Cream. Adv up

## Nearly Every Home

in Fairmont and vicinity has been built and paid for by saving. Somewhere, some time, some one began to save and laid the foundation of fortune and took the first step in home-making.

Why not begin your home by starting a savings account with this strong bank.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT ON SAVINGS  
 THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK  
 On the Corner Near the Postoffice.  
 CAPITAL \$200,000.00

## Announcement

I beg to announce on March fifteenth the removal of the Anderson restaurant from the present location to the rooms formerly occupied by the Hub Clothing company.

The new dining rooms will be larger than the present quarters, seating 125 people nicely. The kitchen will be so located as to permit us to care for our trade easier and better, and at the same time the dining room will be cool and comfortable, no matter how warm the summer day.



AIN'T NATURE WONDERFUL?  
 Being funny ain't quite so funny as it sounds. Not pinning any roses or pushing wind in our own horn or anything like that you know but we come under the heading of Humorists whether we are or not it's up to you.

Even when we were young we showed signs of a sense of humor. First we wanted to be an alderman, then later on we wanted to be a plumber; so you see that's enough to entitle a fella to a membership in the funny guys' union ain't it?

About being funny-funks, that's some hard job or better yet that's employment.

Have to make funny stuff every day in order to massage the pay envelopes every pay day even if we have a grouch.

Now, unfortunate readers of this just put yourself in our brogans. Imagine trying to hash up something funny when you've not a grouch on a cold in the head, the baby is sick, bills coming in ten to one going out, or any other extractor of joy that's enough to make a fella go around with a face longer than a New Yorker's nerve.

Yep! We get toothache, and everything and all the time have to think of some think funny that will maybe squeeze a smile out of you when you're feeling kind of grouchy.

We all have our off days when it's just the other way than being funny. So, when things aren't side splitting, don't say "Gee! how does that guy get away with it?"

Just remember, maybe he's got an off day and things aren't breaking right.

Thanking you for your kind attention. Member of 41144. Funny Union

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## NEW POWER GIVEN TO WALK AND TO SLEEP SHE SAID

Mrs. C. G. Loudon Awards All Credit to Nerv-Worth.

This is one of those local Nerv-Worth endorsements which are too valuable to withhold:

"Before taking your Nerv-Worth tonic was so nervous I could not rest or sleep. Took one bottle and a half and feel much better and can lie down and sleep THE WHOLE NIGHT THROUGH and not wake once."

"And I have been able to walk further than I have for one year. Feeling wonderful improvements. Can highly recommend your tonic."

"MRS. C. G. LOUDON,  
 724 State St., Fairmont, W. Va."  
 Your dollar back at Crane's Drug Store if Nerv-Worth does not overcome YOUR nervous ills.

Ask at Crane's for the new Nerv-Worth Laxative Tablets. 25 cts a box. Wonderfully good for liver and bowels. Especially valuable in connection with Nerv-Worth the tonic.

## RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

"Gerard brings back interesting documents."  
 Might be interesting to any one who wants to fight.

So they had to call the Brooklyn cops to protect the Fort Hamilton soldiers from a mob.  
 Can you imagine this?  
 Chilton still thinks he was elected.

It is a whole lot more patriotic to stay silent than to sing some of this Uncle Sammy ragtime slush that people think takes the place of active service in the army.

With 43,000 soldiers the United States ought to declare war on the world, whip it and then rest easily for the next 1,000 years under the leadership of a Chinese prince.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OR when you attend evening blow-outs.  
 If you were a German sub commander and knew only a little English, what would you do if you saw a boat coming named Algonquin?

You couldn't say it was Chinese or Swiss, therefore you would have to sink it.

The British must realize that they are going to lose the war for they have closed 30,000 saloons which will be as effective toward killing Germans should they invade Albion as any guns known.

"Honk, honk," said the geese.  
 Bloey-bloey murder yelled the Palatiners.  
 And immediately started swearing at the brand of cheese sandwiches they ate before retiring.

## WANT THEIR VICTROLA BACK.

NORMAL DORMITORY, Fairmont, March 15.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—As the spokesman of a committee of girls residing in the dormitory of the Fairmont State Normal school, I would like to express publicly through your paper, the dissatisfaction felt in the action of the school authorities which caused the Victrola to be taken from the dormitory and placed in the auditorium of the school.

The Victrola has been practically the only means of amusement to the nearly a hundred girls in the "Dorm," and since it has been removed the place seems dead. It had been used for dancing but now with no music available even that pleasure has waned.

A vigorous protest was made at the time of the removal of the instrument, but without success. In the auditorium of the school it is used only occasionally for concerts, while when it was in the dormitory it was in constant use. The Victrola has been here for more than five years and has been used three or four hours every day, and now since it is gone we miss it terribly.

Thanking you very much for your valuable space, I am,  
 "SIGNANT."