Democratic Watchman.

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OUTGUESSING WILD ANIMALS THAT THINK.

Mountain lions, bobcats, grizzlies, wolves, coyotes, and other killers slaughtered between twenty and thir-ty million dollars' worth of live-stock last year on the Western ranges. That

is why the government maintains a band of men, pioneers at heart, who concentrate every effort, night and day, on their extermination. These men belong to the Predatory Animal Division of the Biological Survey, and the stories they tell in monosyllables sound like old medieval tales of werewolves and ghost-tigers. Do animals think? Listen to their experiences with some of these four-legged desperadoes.

Stanley P. Young is the boss trailer of the hunters on Colorado's stock ranges, with the professorial title of Junior Biologist.

"You asked if animals think," said Young in an interview. "Let me tell you how we have to go out after wolves.

"A wolf has a regular run. It is a circle about fifty miles in circumference. He makes the rounds regularly. We study a killer wolf's habits sometimes for months. Then we make a trap set for him on this run at some key point. Can't poison a wolf. He's too wise.

"In setting traps for wolves we make two kinds of sets. Wolves have seent posts just like domestic dogs. We find the ground all scratched up around these. Sometimes we set traps at such points. To stir up the local wolf, get him all excited so he'll lose his head a bit, we often bring in the scent of some foreign wolf we have trapped. That makes the local wolf mad to find an invader in his bailiwick. He starts rarin' around and gets into a trap.

"Some of them are, so cunning they will not get into a trap at a scent post. They just sense there is some-thing wrong and dodge the trap. Then we make what is called a blind set.

"In making a blind set, the hunter waits until it is about time for the wolf to come by a point on his circle trail. These men get this figured out almost to the hour because they may have been studying that particular wolf for weeks. Then they select a place where the trail is narrow. They dig a pit and put the trap in it. They handle the traps with gloves and keep all of the dirt they dig on what is call-ed a setting cloth. Everything in the way of footgear, setting cloth, trap and gloves has had the scent of man 'taken from it."-Everybody's Magazine.

Crop Area Falls Off as Population Gains.

Washington .- For the first time in history there has been a decrease in the crop area of the United States. Despite a marked increase in population, there was a reduction in the last five years of 19,000,000 acres in the area of harvested crops, the Department of Agriculture has disclosed in an analysis of the agricultural cen-sus statistics. Notwithstanding the decrease, the crop area still is suffi-cient, in the opinion of department experts, to maintain a large volume of agricultural exports. The 19,000,000 acres have reverted to pasture or have been allowed to idle, the cause being attributed chiefly to the agricultural depression of the last five years. Largely as a result of the war-time prices, about 40,000,000 acres of pasture land were plowed up and put into crops between 1909 and 1919, and about 5,000,000 acres of forest land cleared for crops. Nearly half of this total, experts believe, was used to meet the increased European demand for foodstuffs. Owing to the extraordinary demands of the war period, the acreage of crop land in 1919 was nearly ten years ahead of what had been the previous rate of expansion relative to increase of population.

Made No Impression A Blackstone farmer, grazing his cows by the roadside and reading a book comfortably against a wall, was Interrupted the other day by a dusty stranger who inquired, not without pride:

One Time Desperado

"Do you know who I am? I'm Remblad."

"That so?" said the farmer, turn-

ing a page. "I've been sleeping in your barn for ten days and I'm getting tired of it."

The agriculturist read on unperturbed. A queer duck, thought the stranger, and he drew a gun from his pocket and announced:

"I think I'll knock that cap off your head."

"I wouldn't," suggested the farmer, glancing up for an instant from his "You might hit low and hurt book. me.'

What was the use? After a fellow has achieved fame by escaping from an insane asylum, robbing a score of houses and stores, stealing a garageful of automobiles and thumbing his nose at the police of two states and a dozen towns for weeks, here was a hick who preferred reading a darned old book to listening to his heroic tale of adventure.

Remblad snorted disgustedly, pushed the gun back into his pocket and trudged gloomily off down the road. And the Blackstone farmer just turned another page.-Providence Evening Bulletin.

Elephants Must Be

Allowed to Increase

Elephant hunting in the jungles of andia is becoming more difficult because of the thinning of the herds. There was a time, not many years ago, when the elephant drive always yielded a good harvest, say 100 or more young ones, from which a number of perfect specimens could be selected. But now the hunters are fortunate if they get eight or nine good ones from a hunt.

Some of the young dephants are selected for training and are divided into groups of various numbers, depending upon the circus acts for which they are to be used. Others are taught to carry a howdah and allow children to ride on their backs.

Elephants always are caught in the dry season, says John T. Benson in Popular Mechanics Magazine. At that time their natural food is the poorest and they have to tramp for miles to get a good meal. As a result, they are In poor condition and have to be fed for weeks before they can stand their first sea voyage. Elephants are subject to numerous

ills. They require much nursing, but once they become acclimated they will, with proper care, live to a great age.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PBOPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COM-MONWEALTH, FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL AS-SEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY OBDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITU-TION. TION.

No. 1-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Comonweath of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section four of article nine of the

with the eighteenth article thereof: That section four of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel inva-sions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggre-gate, at any one time, one million dollars; Provided, however, That the General As-sembly, irrespective of any debt, may au-thorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuild-ing the highways of the Commonwealth; Provided further, however, That the Gen-eral Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of thirty-five millions of dol-lars for the payment of compensation to certain persons from this State who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the World War between the sixth day of April, one thous-and nine hundred and seventeen and the eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

the enlargement of existing State build-ings and State Institutions. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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No. 6-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is boroby percent a coverd on a statistic

ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof: That article three be amended by adding thereto the following: Section 35. The General Assembly may by general law make appropriations of money for assistance to aged indigent res-idents of the Commonwealth. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 6-A.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 7-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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have been incurred, and said independences shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges as re-quired by section ten, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of said work. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 7-A.

piers or quays, highways, tunnels or un-derground or overhead streets unless at a public election held therefor a majority of the electors voting thereon shall consent thereto. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 9-A.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 10-A. RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-

Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-tion of Pennsylvania. Be it resolved that the folowing amend-ment to the Constitution of the Common-wealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof. That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following section sixteen: Section 16. The debt of any city of the second class shall never exceed ten per centum upon the assessed value of the tax-able property therein, nor shall any such city of the second class incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such asexceeding two per centum upon such as-sessed valuation of property without the consent of the electors thereof, at a public election, in such manner as shall be pro-vided by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 10-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 1-1926.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1-1926.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth

No. 2-1926. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article fifteen, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section four thereof.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met. That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania he and the same is hereby proposed in acbe and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of:

Section 4. The General Assembly is hereby authorized to provide for the con-solidation of the county, poor distriction solidation of the county, poor districts, cities, boroughs and townships of the coun-ty of Allegheny, and the offices thereof, in-to a consolidated city and county, with the constitutional and legal capacity of a mu-nicipal corporation, to be known as the City of Pittsburgh, and to provide for a charter for its government. The said char-ter shall be submitted to the electors of said county, at a special election to be pro-vided for therein. If the majority of the electors voting thereon, in the county as a whole, and at least two-thirds of all the electors voting thereon in each of a ma-jority of the cities, boroughs and town-ships thereof, vote in the affirmative, the act shall take effect for the whole county. If rejected, the said charter may be resubin the to the selectors in original, new or modified form, at any subsequent election until adopted. It shall be competent, subject to the po-lice power of the State, for the Legisla-ture to provide in said charter: ture to provide in said charter: 1. For the exercise, by the consolidated city, of all the powers and duties vested in the county of Allegheny, and the poor districts thereof, and such other powers appropriate to a municipality as may be specified therein, except such powers as are specifically reserved by this section to the municipal divisions herein provided for. for. For the election by the people of the For the election by the people of the consolidated city, of a board of commissioners, the number to be fixed by the charter, in lieu of present county commissioners, in which board shall be vested all the powers of the consolidated city and county, except as otherwise provided in the charter.
 For the organization of a government for the consolidated city and county. a. For the organization of a government for the consolidated city and county, and for the election or appointment of the constitutional and other necessary officers thereof, and for their powers and duties.
4. For the organization of all courts, other than those of record, in the consolidated city, and for the procedure thereof, and for the appointment of judges and officers thereof, which courts shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers and duties of the magistrates, aldermen and justices of the peace, and such other powers as may be conferred by law.
5. For the transfer to the consolidated city of the property and indebtedness of the county of Allegheny, and the poor districts thereof as relate to the powers' and duties of said consolidated city, and to provide for an equitable adjustment and payment of such indebtedness, and for this purpose, any taxation therein shall be uniform taxation within the meaning and intent of other provisions of this Constitution.
6. For the assessment of property for tion. 6. tion. 6. For the assessment of property for taxation, the levying and collection of tax-es, and the payment of the cost of any public improvement, in whole or in part, by special assessment upon abutting and non-abutting property materially bene-

fited thereby, and, for this purpose, real estate so charged shall be classified as ur-ban, suburban and rural, and assessments made in accordance with such classifica-tions.

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estate so charged shall be classified as ur-ban, suburban and rural, and assessments made in accordance with such classifica-tions. 7. For the creation, by the board of commissioners, of districts for the purpose of regulating the location, height, area, bulk and use of buildings and premises. 8. For the creation, by the board of commissioners; of special districts for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, main-taining, operating or contracting for, any puble property, work, improvement, utili-ty or service, not for the exclusive benefit of any one municipal division, and for the payment of the costs and maintenance of such property, work, improvement, utility or service, there may be special districts re-spectively, separate and apart from the general city tax. Provided, however, that it is the intent of this section that substantial powers be reserved to the cities, boroughs and town-ships situated in Allegheny County. To oughs and townships, as municipal divis-ions of the consolidated city, under their present names and forms of government, subject to the laws provided for govern-ment of municipalities of their respective forms and classes, except as provided in the charter, and with their present bound-aries, provided that the city of Pittsburgh may be designated by a term other than city and may be divided into two or more municipal divisons, and that any two or more municipal divisons of the consolidat-election, be united to form a single munic-ipal division. The said municipal divisions shall have and continue to possess the following pow-

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Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Dairymen Use Unique System to Buy Cows.

Northumberland county dairymen held a unique sale of cattle at Milton recently. Twenty-one cows, four heifers and one bull, purchased in Susquehanna county, were sold at an auction similar to the one held in

Union county last spring. As each animal was led into the ring the sale price, which was the actual price plus expenses, was announced. The breeding of the animal was also given. All who wished the animal at the indicated price put their names into a box from which a drawing then was made.

The animals submitted at the sale were selected by R. R. Welch, dairy extension specialist of the Pennsylvania State College; F. W. Myer, agricultural extension representative Northumberland county and W. H. Fairchild, banker-farmer, of Milton. The Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company financed the undertaking.

Invention Relieves Telephone Operators.

Weary telephone operators in Paris have obtained relief through the phonograph. When a person calls a number that has been changed the phonograph automatically spiels: 'This number has been changed consult the new directory."

Occasionally callers are given wrong numbers by the girl operators, and complaints have been made by persons who find that the phonograph with its one answer, gives them the wrong information.—Exchange.

-Bermuda has no automobiles but it is proposed there that motor buses be placed on rails. It will be called a railway.

"Miss" Not Old Title

Denmark's decision to abolish the equivalent of "Miss" and address all women, married or single, as "Mrs." recalls the comparatively recent origin of the distinction in feminine titles in England. Until the Seventeenth century "Mistress" was the correct form for all women, and the diminutive "Miss" dates only from the time of Charles II. Contemporary evidence goes to show that the term was not intended to flatter, but rather to denote the inferior status of the person who lacked a husband to provide her with the more dignified title. But it evidently supplied a want, and quickly passed into general use-except among the purists. Lady Mary Wortlev Montague records that in her childhood dignified old ladies refused to use the vulgar new term, and addressed even little girls as "Mistress."

Outcasts of Paris

Although Paris has a municipal reg alation which expressly forbids persons from sleeping under arches of the Seine bridges, there are 4,000 per-sons making use of these shelters as lodging houses. Many are old and inlodging houses. Many are old and incapacitated, some are alcoholics and some plain tramps. The Salvation Army tries to look out for these unfortunates. Every night of the year a pair of "comrades" makes a tour about the bridges, one carrying a lantern and the other a kettle of soup. This is handed out to persons found under the bridges, and where it is possible efforts made to reclaim them.

Cobblers Famous in 1316

As long ago as 1316 there were cobblers who grew rich in their trade and gave credence to the old saying that "the cobbler should stick to his last." One cobbler of that time was found to have 18,000,000 gold florins. Nathaniel Ward, an Englishman born in 1570, was a scholar of high rank and in his later years a cobbler of note. He graduated at Cambridge. traveled the Continent, became a theologian and as a Puritan came to Massachusetts and formed the first code

of laws in New England. He was the author of the satiric work "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam."

No Night Letters 'Then

Means of communication has been a problem among men from the beginning of time when one group set out to conquer or explore the world. Fire arrows were one of the earliest forms of communication telling one group the location of the other, but mirror signaling as practiced in Persia by the Persians, Babylonians and Egyptians, is probably as old a form of signaling as is known. The burnished

shields of the warriors acted as mirrors when flashed against the sun.

authorize the City of Pittsburgh to levy special assessments against both abutting and non-abutting property, peculiarly benefited, for the payment of any public improvement whatsoever; to lay out and build as additional public improvements, for the payment of which properties pe-culiarly benefited shall be liable to spe-cial assessments, rapid transit railway sys-tems, drainage and sewerage systems, flood protective works, wharves, piers and quays, highway tunnels and bridges, and underground and overhead streets, supple-menting original streets or street systems; to levy general and special taxes and spe-cial assessments therefor either before or after the laying out and construction thereof; and to provide that all special taxes and special assessments so levied or in installments over a period of years shall be credits or offsets to indebtedness incurred for such purposes in calculating the debt of such city; to provide for the use and operation of any rapid transit sys-tem by private corporations organized for that purpose. No law passed in pursuance hereof shall authorize the construction of any rapid transit railway system, flood protective works, wharves, piers or quays. highway tunnels or underground or over-head streets, unless at a public election held therefor a majority of the electors

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 4-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto a

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-

That article nine be amended by adding thereto the following section:

thereto the following section: Section 19. In addition to the purposes stated in article nine, section four, of this Constitution, the State may be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of fifty mil-lions of dollars (\$50,000,000) for the ac-quisition of lands and buildings and the construction and improvement of state-owned buildings and the equipment there-of for the care and maintenance of penal offenders, delinquents, mental defectives, epileptics, and persons mentally diseased. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4-A. CLYDE L. KING.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth

No. 8-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto section One B.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of the Common-wealth of Pennsylvania be and the same s hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by ad-ding thereto section 1 B, which reads as

follows: Section 1 B. Taxation laws may grant exemptions or rebates to residents, or es-tates of residents, of other States which grant similar exemptions or rebates to residents, or estates of residents, of Pennsylvania.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 8-A CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 9-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto an additional section.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate

and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

epileptics, and persons mentally diseased. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth. No. 5-A.
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Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto a sec-tion.
Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of:
That article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of:
That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by adding thereto the fol-lowing section:
Section 1. That the State may be au-thorized by law to create debt and to is-sue bonds not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred millions of dollars, for the construction of office buildings in and ad memoded by adding thereto to the for the construction in the construction of falands and the construction is there on of State buildings and State Institutions; and for

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