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## A PRACTICE OF DOUBTFUL WISDOM.

Governor Parnell, of Arkansas, has appointed the widow of the late Thaddeus H. Caraway, to serve her deceased husband's unexpired term in the United States Senate. She will be the second woman in history to sit in that body and the first to function as an actual participant in its proceedings.

Mrs. Rebecca Latimer Felton, of Georgia, was the first woman Senator of the United States. Her appointment was merely a gesture of gallantry on the part of the Governor of her State, for she merely took the oath of office and retired to give her seat to Senator George who was elected to fill the vacancy to which the eighty-seven year old Mrs. Felton was appointed.

While Mrs. Felton served only for twenty-four hours and did not cast a vote Mrs. Caraway will occupy her seat from December 7, when the Senate reconvenes, until some time after January 12, when Arkansas will hold a special election to elect her late husband's successor. She will serve through a part of what will be one of the most crucial tests of our government's ability to legislate constructively in an extreme crisis.

Mrs. Caraway is reputed to be an unusually competent woman. During the eight years her husband was in Congress and the ten he was in the Senate she probably absorbed much of the ways and means by which the men who are sent to Washington to conduct the affairs of government accomplish their purpose, but that is mostly a matter of conjecture, since there is nothing of record to show that in affairs of state she was outstanding among the women who have been active in nation-wide movements.

The tendency, of recent years, toward appointing women to serve the unexpired terms of their deceased husbands is indubitably more of a polite gesture than anything else. It is a sentimental motive and wholly out of keeping with the seriousness with which such steps should be taken. It is so much like the thought that this, that or the other person should be elected to office because he needs it, or has produced so large a family that only the government can provide for it, that the wisdom of the practice is questionable.

Sentiment is a very beautiful attribute. It is an important governing factor in the life of the individual who hasn't the blood of a fish. It has no place, however, in the determination of who is fit for office and who is not.

## INSINCERITY SAPPING PROHIBITION.

Fearing that adherence to Prohibition may prove disastrous to their party's welfare Republican leaders of national prominence are trying to grope their way out of the dilemma they find themselves in. There is unmistakable evidence that Prohibition is losing ground; not so much because of what its sincere advocates support but because of the discovery that its inception as a movement for moral uplift has been diverted to the ulterior purposes of politicians.

It might not be stretching the truth to say that more than half of the persons filling public office in this country today have been elected because they have fooled Prohibition organizations into supporting them. This thing of voting dry and being personally wet has brought about a feeling of contempt for many of our public men and, in consequence, a suspicion as to the sincerity of the whole movement.

No better proof of this situation is needed than the concern of those who are most interested in the re-election of President Hoover. They used the Prohibition party to put him into office and now that they have discovered that the power of the Prohibition movement is waning they are in a huddle to conjure up some method of straddling the issue. In other words the first concern of those who mold the policies of the Republican party is to keep it in power. To accomplish that purpose they are planning retreat from their subterfuge of 1928 and getting ready to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds in 1932.

It is this apparent insincerity that is causing the disintegration in the ranks of the Prohibitionists. Intelligent men and women can be fooled part of the time but not always. Those who saw the virtue of temperance, eye to eye with Francis Murphy and Francis Willard, are beginning to see the folly of having injected a cause that can only be promoted in the homes, the schools and the churches of the land, into the realm of politics where, when the truth is told, expediency is the controlling factor.

Argue as one may, Prohibition is nothing more than an effort to suppress gluttony in liquids of alcoholic content. As a matter of personal right a government should have no more control over how much one drinks than it has over what one eats.

It is temperance, not Prohibition, that all should preach and because temperance commissioned Prohibition to sit in the game of politics where it is being double crossed every day it is losing ground.

## ARE WE OVEREDUCATING?

News from Georgetown University is to the effect that many young women are turning from the over-crowded fields of typing and stenography to the study of dental hygiene. Just how soon the point of saturation in the dental hygienist field will be reached depends entirely upon the number of young women who are turning to it.

Education is a fine thing, but it is a debatable question as to whether it might not be responsible for part of the distressful condition in which the world finds itself today.

The only wealth the world has is in its soil, its rocks, its mines, its forests and its waters. From no other source can the greatest financier or economist conjure a cent.

Education is doing little more than giving seventy-five per cent of the population of the world a shot in the arm that makes them believe that they can hope to be parasites on the twenty five per cent who till the soil, blast its rocks, toil in its mines, live the life of its woodsmen and go down to the sea in ships to net fish. They all want to be lawyers and doctors and merchants and clerks and Great Engineers and draughtsmen, and school teachers and preachers and journalists and typists and stenographers and dental hygienists and not a one of them is being taught to understand that, in reality, they are only leeches on the real producers of wealth.

—Headlines in the metropolitan papers on Tuesday proclaimed that Attorney General Schnader has discovered that Governor Pinchot's relief program is constitutional. It is to be presumed that Mr. Schnader was consulted as to the constitutionality of the Governor's plans before they were promulgated, so that it looks as though, having given an opinion of doubtful value, his subsequent statement is merely an expression of willingness to be an accessory after as well as before the fact.

## Talks with the Editor

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

### Special to "The Democratic Watchman"

Lock Haven, Pa., Nov. 14, 1931.  
To: The Editor, "Democratic Watchman."

I hereby give, bestow, grant, impart, yield, concede, present and furnish my full, complete and entire consent and authorization to the Editor of the "Watchman" to tack, glue, rivet, or otherwise secure in any desired manner the adenoids, appendix, toe-nails or other part or parts of the anatomy of King Carol to any S—e-r, smokehouse door the above mentioned Editor may deem advisable and worthy of such decoration or usage; provided, the said Editor of the "Watchman" can do such a job without pounding, while engaged in this commission, the fingers of Mr. Konrad Bercovici, myself, or those of other innocent bystanders, if any, who read my criticism several weeks ago with sufficient care and analytical acumen to understand that I did not seek to protect or excuse Carol or the other victim of ye Editor's wrath, but instead issued a plea for better sportsmanship and attempted to correct a certain misapprehension the "Watchman" had displayed concerning Mr. Bercovici.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of November, 1931.

OWEN K. ADAMS.

### Even Republicans Cheer the Watchman's Roosters

Warriors Mark, Pa. Nov. 16, 1931

Dear Editor

\* \* \* Hurrah, for the Democratic roosters.

Yours,

F. K. MATTERN

Mr. Mattern is one of the many Republicans who have expressed their happiness over the emancipation of the Watchman's roosters. It is good for the country that there are citizens, men and women alike, who do not take their politics so seriously that they lose sight of the leavening that an occasional injection of humor gives. The greatest surprise that has come to the editor in consequence of the modest crowing the Watchman did on November 6 was the discovery that some new residents of the county and many of the younger generation had no idea of the manner in which victories were celebrated by partisan papers in years gone by.—Editor's Note.

Sam Got a Kick Out of the Roosters, Too.

Johnsonburg, Pa., Nov. 16, 1931.

Dear Watchman:

Well, George, at last your roosters were rescued from oblivion. You should have heard me laugh when I opened the paper last week and saw them.

I was glad that the Democrats carried the county election, and especially glad to know that "Bob" Hunter was elected. He was the only one of the candidates with whom I had a personal acquaintance. He probably has forgotten about me, but I have not forgotten him. Tell him to Stop—Look and Listen the next time he crosses the railroad track or he might not live to serve out his term.

When those ballots are all recounted I hope that Mr. Boob will have a larger majority than he had the first count.

The Watchman is as good as a weekly letter from home to me.

Very truly yours,

S. E. BAISOR

LOCAL BOY SEEKS FAME AS WRITER OF SONG HITS

Toney Jabco, who lives at the Chemical Lime Company's operation, three miles west of Bellefonte, has written a song that he thinks is going to bring him fame and fortune.

He has given it the title: "How Life Goes By" and is so convinced that everybody will be whistling or singing it soon that he urges those who want to be first to familiarize themselves with the air to write him, box 392, Bellefonte.

Toney read an advertisement somewhere that urged everyone to join the ranks of song writers. He is eighteen years old and ended his schooling in the eighth grade. After he had completed his hit he took it to New York and there paid a fellow named Andino \$24.00 to compose the music for it. Andino assured him that he would then be paid \$3485.00 for the completed work.

We haven't heard whether Toney has received his little fortune for his first song, but we do know that Mr. Andino has Toney's \$24.00.

—The world Sunday School Association will hold its next annual convention in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 25 to 31, next year. Pennsylvania has always had more delegates at these conventions than any State or Province. If you are thinking of going write H. C. Heckerman, Bedford, Pa., for particulars as to the cost of the trip.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of November 25, 1881.

—Mr. Ed Garman is again clerking at Valentines.

—The new boiler at the water works is giving good service.

—Mrs. Packer, widow of the late Governor William F. Packer, is now in Howard visiting her daughter, Mrs. John A. Woodward.

—William V. Emery, of Williamsport, one of the proprietors of the new nail works, will close up his business in that city in about two weeks for the purpose of becoming a resident of Bellefonte.

—The Morning News states that Mr. Cyrus Weaver, of this place, is now in Harrisburg and was to have been married, yesterday, to Miss Sue C. Wolfe, of that city. Miss Wolfe will be remembered as having visited Miss Ada Weaver here several years ago.

—William Snyder, of Crider's box factory, had the end of one of his thumbs and forefinger. He got while at work recently. He got them too close to the teeth of one of those machines that, as the girl said about the fan, goes "thus and so."

—The rumors that were flying last week that the Bellefonte car works were about to shut down were not correct. There was a jam in the erecting shop due to the lack of wheels to move the cars out. The company has received an order for three hundred gondolas for the New York and Erie R. R. and that, alone, will keep the works going until next April or May.

—In 1825 William Mann, eldest son of Robert Mann, of Montgomery county, N. Y., came to Bellefonte and with his brother Harvey established the first Mann axe factory in Pennsylvania. In 1829 the entire family came to this State. William Jr., went to Lewistown and established the plant there. Willis and Robert established the Mill Hall factory in 1848. Harvey Mann continued the business at Boiling Springs until his death in 1870 and after that his nephew, J. Fearon Mann, conducted it until it was swallowed up by the trust. It was during Fearon Mann's operations that a post-office was located there and Boiling Springs was changed to Axe Mann.

—It is said that the Presbyterian wigwam, that unsightly building at the corner of Spring and Lamb streets is to be abandoned because it has become too rickety for safe occupation. The Sabbath school will hereafter be held in the church until a new building can be erected for it.

—The "Modoc" hunters of Boalsburg last week captured seven fine deer on the headwaters of Stone creek.

—A match game of football was played between a team of eleven from State College and eleven from Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, one day last week and our College boys returned home victors.

—George Smith, an employee of Ardell's planing mill, had his hand so badly lacerated by a saw last Wednesday that it had to be amputated so that he has nothing left but the thumb and part of the palm of the injured member. He is a son of Squire Smith, of Unionville.

## SANTA CLAUS PARADE IN ALTOONA NOV. 27TH

Santa has sent word that he expects to arrive in Altoona on Friday, November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving and has asked us to extend an invitation to all boys and girls, together with their fathers and mothers, to go and greet him on his arrival.

He is coming in response to an invitation extended by the Altoona booster association, which has arranged for a magnificent parade as an escort to accompany him to booster stores.

Santa Claus has informed the Altoona booster merchants that he will bring his own band with him to lead the parade, which will start promptly at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 27, proceeding through the business district.

The pageant that will accompany Santa Claus will include such well known fairy tale characters as Humpty-Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Ding Dong Bell, Mary and Her Little Lamb and other equally popular favorites with the young folks. All of these characters and attendants will be dressed in gorgeous costumes, just as they are described in the story books.

Santa Claus, himself, will lead the parade and he not only wants the boys and girls to see him, but also to take their Santa Claus letters with them and he will arrange to have his couriers gather them up along the route of the parade.

The little folks will be interested in this announcement as they will thus be sure that their letters will go direct to Santa Claus for his personal attention.

The parade that is being arranged by the Altoona Booster Association with which to welcome Santa Claus will be just as elaborate and interesting as those of former years and will be of interest to mothers and fathers as well as to the boys and girls. All who can possibly do so should arrange to visit Altoona to see the colorful pageant and help welcome Santa Claus.

The Altoona booster stores have arranged to inaugurate the opening of the Christmas shopping season on Friday, November 27, the day that Santa Claus will arrive in Altoona.

## A HEDGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

Capt. E. H. Lederer, Burgess of State College, whose reputation for disposing of petty misdemeanors in the college town without enlisting the aid of the high courts of Centre county has spread to the four quarters of the continent, is up against a proposition now that is baffling His Honor's ingenuity to the utmost. For some time past itinerant dealers (peddlers) would probably be more exact) have swarmed into State College selling various kinds of merchandise and the local business men put up a kick. One peddler was arrested and on being taken before the Burgess he was fined \$100 and costs because he could not produce a retailer's license. The man appealed his case to court and when given a hearing he presented a wholesaler's license and the case against him was dismissed. If they were local or Centre county people who were invading the sacred precincts of State College, peddling their wares to the detriment of local merchants, the Burgess wouldn't care so much, but they are not. There is the man they are not. There is the man from Persia who makes regular trips selling Persian rugs, probably made in the slums of New York city. The man who retailed neckties to students at a nominal price per dozen, was traced as a resident of New York city. A man with a truck load of "home cured hams" who proved to be from Baltimore and the only home the hams ever saw was the farm on which they were grown, and a number of peddlers of other things at prices to catch the eye and ear of the unwary. Just what to do about it the Burgess does not know as yet, but he is giving the subject most careful consideration in the hope of stumbling onto some solution through which he will be able to curb the pernicious practice.

The Watchman two weeks ago commented on the fact that the November term of quarter sessions court was the smallest in a number of years. This was borne out by the fact that only 23 presentments were made to the grand jury by the district attorney, and only 17 of them resulted in the finding of true bills of indictment. All told 66 entries were made on the docket for the November sessions and in 21 cases the bills were ignored, cases not pressed or defendant discharged by the justice for insufficient evidence and the costs, aggregating \$522.74, put upon the county.

His honor, Judge Fleming, some time ago, adopted a rule in imposing sentences that is adding shelds to the county treasury. Under various acts of the Legislature fines imposed for certain misdemeanors revert to the State so the Judge very rarely imposes a "fine." He specifies that the defendant must pay the sum of \$50, \$100 or \$300, whatever it may be, "for the use of Centre county," and thus the money goes through regular channels right into the treasury. It is one way of helping to pay the high cost of the courts of Centre county but it doesn't make it any easier on the pocketbook of the man who has to pay it.

Last week we called attention to the large list of applicants for the various appointments the Democratic officers-elect will have at their command, and now we want to call attention to the fact that the man who is selected by Sheriff-elect John M. Boob as his deputy must not think the job a sinecure, by any means. In the almost four years that Sinie H. Hoy has been deputy under Sheriff Harry E. Dunlap he has traveled about three times around the world, and his work was principally with the civil business of the office. Of course we do not mean that deputy Hoy made three world tours, because he didn't. But his travel by automobile, principally in Centre county and entirely within the State, aggregated between 18,000 and 20,000 miles a year or for the four years between 75,000 and 80,000 miles. As the circumference of the earth at the equator is 25,000 miles it can be seen that Mr. Hoy's duties as deputy necessitated traveling a distance equal to three trips around the world. There were days when he traveled as high as 400 miles while from 200 to 300 was nothing unusual. During the four years he has used up three cars, not counting what Sheriff Dunlap used in the work he did. So it will be seen that in these days a deputy sheriff must be a man with plenty of stamina.

While we were writing this column a spider with legs an inch long and roly-poly as a print of butter walked sedately across our manuscript. Spiders should be holed up this time of year and where this time of year we know not, but one came from we know not, but we take it as an indication of continued mild weather. In a walk on Sunday afternoon two Bellefonte ladies saw dandelions in bloom. Joe Messmer, who lives in the foothills of the Alleghenies, found a bunch of blossoms on one of his cherry trees last Friday. Honey bees are still to be seen flying around near their hives and next week will be Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving in reality by

## PINE GROVE MILLS

Miss Ella F. Goss, of Pittsburgh, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. W. C. Frank is visiting friends down Nittany valley.

D. F. Kapp and C. G. Aikens are off on a motor trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Shearer were recent visitors at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Frank Martin is seriously ill as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Margaret Quinn visited friends in Lewistown over the weekend.

John Quinn and Earl Porter are doing jury duty in Bellefonte this week.

Miss Minnie Tate has gone to Pittsburgh to enter training as a nurse.

Most of the fall butchering has been done in this section of the county.

F. R. Fry spent the latter end of the week with friends in the Mountain city.

Clayton Witmer, of Bellefonte, was a caller with friends here on Saturday evening.

Paul Tate and wife, of Pittsburgh, spent the early part of the week with relatives here.

S. H. Tate and wife, of Lewistown, were callers at the Mrs. Mary Meyers home, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dale motored to Millburg and spent Sunday with their son Henry and family.

Paul Goss, of Northumberland, spent Armistice day here, hunting for rabbits, and got his full share.

Harry Reed and wife came over from Huntingdon, Sunday, to see father Reed, and found him improving.

Fred B. Goss and son Budd, of Pittsburgh, are here visiting Mrs. A. F. Goss and hunting for small game.

J. H. Bailey and wife and Mrs. Bailey Sr. motored to Milton, Sunday, and spent the day with Dr. Frank Bailey.

Samuel Everhart, of the Branch, will sell one hundred head of stock at public sale on the afternoon of November 27th.

The ladies mission band will hold their annual festival and bazaar in the Graysville church on the evening of November 27th.

Mrs. John Hess served a turkey dinner at her home at Shingletown, last Sunday, to which a number of friends were bidden.

Edward and Glenn Fry motored to Lock Haven, Sunday, to visit their brother Hugh, at the Lock Haven teachers' college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McGirk, W. R. Dale and Willard McGirk were dinner guests at the C. M. Dale home, on the Branch, on Armistice day.

Mrs. Mahlon Shank and two sons, Michael and Harmon, were dinner guests, Sunday, at the J. L. Shank home.

Charles Witmer passed through town, Monday, with a truck load of hogs for the Altoona market, for which he paid \$5.20 per hundred pounds.

Among the hunters who bagged turkeys on the last day of the season were Claude Aikens, Sam Hess, Harry Porter, Edward, John and Harold Albright.

The venerable John T. Markie, of Altoona, is visiting friends in town and noting the changes that have taken place in the seventy years since he was a boy here.

Motoring up from Mill Hall, Friday night, for the purpose of a days hunt, on Saturday, Warren Bailey collided with another car. He sustained slight injuries on his face and side and both cars were badly wrecked.

At a chicken supper served by the Ladies Aid in the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday evening, Miss Sadie Dannelly held the lucky number which drew the beautiful bed spread. The supper was well attended and a nice sum realized.

G. C. Corl and D. S. Peterson spent Monday on a business trip to Bellefonte. They were making arrangements for a special election to be held in Ferguson township on December 19th, on the question of increasing the indebtedness \$3,500 for the purpose of erecting a new school building.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting, last Thursday evening, the Patrick McArdle court, No. 448, Catholic Daughters of America, installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Grand regent, Miss Agnes Beezer; vice regent, Miss Mary Cooney; prophetess, Mrs. W. W. Bickett; lecturer, Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy; monitor, Mrs. Rose Pearl; historian, Mrs. H. E. Dunlap; financial secretary, Miss Adaline Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. G. Oscar Gray; sentinel, Mrs. John Garis; organist, Mrs. J. Robinson; trustees, Mrs. George Carpeneto and Mrs. A. G. Waite.

Mrs. James Breth, of Altoona, was the installing officer and following the installation refreshments were served.

—The barn on the Clyde Mower farm, near Unionville, was burned to the ground about seven o'clock last Thursday evening. The stock was saved but all the season's crops, and most of the farm machinery were destroyed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

many who are out of work for the warm weather which means a big saving on the slender coal pile in the cellar.