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The Governorship Crop.

The next primary election will be held in May, and it isn't so far off as it may appear.

Its significance rests upon the choice of Pennsylvania's next Governor.

Long before the primary date rolls around we'll be able to get a glimpse of the big pageant of potential candidates for the executive seat.

In fact, it is expected to start soon after the first of the year, and if first guessers in the two major political parties are not mistaken, there may be more than a score of aspirants.

For the most part, those being mentioned remain silent. Some have expressed willingness to run "if the party wants me." Some are sending out "feelers" through trusted lieutenants.

Glancing over the Democratic field we find a number of notables who are heard frequently in state capital speculation. Among these are:

United States Senator Joseph F. Guffey. He was mentioned by close friends as early as June. He said recently he is not thinking of 1938. A secretary added that "a lot can happen between now and the campaign."

Walter Jones, Pittsburgh attorney and chairman of the South Penn All-Weather Highway Commission, mentioned by some as a possibility, particularly if Senator Guffey does not get into the race. Jones is active in the leadership of the Good Neighbors, an organization that campaigned for President Roosevelt in 1936.

David Lawrence, state chairman. In Washington, it is said Guffey favors Lawrence for governor.

Ralph M. Bashore, secretary of Labor and Industry. Bashore-for-Governor clubs already are reported blossoming in the hard coal fields.

Lieut. Gov. Thomas Kennedy. John L. Lewis talked of him for Governor last winter.

Warren VanDyke, secretary of Highways and former state chairman. He withdrew in favor of George H. Earle in 1934 and again is listed high among the possibilities.

Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti. His friends insist he will be an early announcer.

Thomas Buchanan, member of the Public Utility Commission. Some observers see in him a possible "dark horse."

Among Republican, talk is heard of half a dozen or more. These include:

Chief Justice John W. Kephart. He is reticent. Close friends insist he will enter the race.

Oliver Deibler, former Fish Commissioner. Says he will run "if the party wants me."

Former Governor Gifford Pinchot. Silent, but friends assert he is "sounding out" the state.

Samuel S. Lewis, former state treasurer and former Secretary of Highways. His name was heard in comment during the recent convention of Republican women.

Harry E. Trout, member of the House of Representatives. He was mentioned weeks ago, but has said nothing.

U. S. Senator James J. Davis would neither confirm nor deny reports at the recent Altoona state committee convention that he would run.

Senator G. Mason Owlett, national committeeman, has been mentioned for either the governorship or for U. S. senator—but he has "nothing to say about the 1938 campaign."

The Big Drive is On.

Nine o'clock Monday morning ushered in the zero hour for deer hunters—and for the next two weeks we may expect to hear of a record kill being made.

Interest among local nimrods has been keyed to the highest pitch in several years by the game commission's announcement that bucks were abundant. This fact is apparent to anybody who has had access to the woods during the past summer and early fall. Centre county will share largely in the yield.

The promise of an abundance of game always has a tendency to draw many hunters to the woods. The general hope will be that the season will keep pace with the small game season which was unusually free from accidents.

The big game season is generally regarded as far more hazardous, because of the type of ammunition used, and the type of rifles, and also from the fact that a human being moving at a distance is far more likely to be mistaken for a deer than for small game.

To make sure that the season passes safely, sportsmen must remember that an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure.

THE OFFICE CAT. "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

BALLAD OF A TRAVELING MAN.

Who is it that kisses me goodbye With a big wet tear in her dewy eye, And whispers: "Hurry back, dear Si!" My Sadie.

We Know What He Means.

Dear Office Cat: I can't send you anything funny for your column because—well, my chauffeur left last night. With my wife. You can imagine how I feel. Best chauffeur I ever had. And it was a new car. And I'm scared to death he'll wreck the car or bring her back any minute—my wife, I mean.

Just a Stumbling Block.

This woman hired a Swedish maid last month and she proved a jewel so far as house work went. But one day Hulda approached her. "Ay'm quittin' mah job," the maid announced.

Anna's Gonna Get Out From Under.

(Caution notice in the Hartwell, Neb., Journal) NOTICE—My wife Anna B., having refused to live with me and under my bed and board, I hereby notify all persons that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

Two in the Shade.

Lazybones—"Ah heahs you'll went to dat Sunday school picnic; an' rightaway found yo'self a nice, shaded nook."

A Reader's Definition of a Kiss.

A KISS is a peculiar proposition; of no use to ONE, absolute bliss to TWO; the small boy gets it for NOTHING, the young man has to STEAL it, and the old man has to BUY it; it is the boy's right; the lover's privilege and the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl it means FAITH; to a married woman HOPE and to an old maid CHARITY.

Golf Ditties.

No vegetarian is Nora Weens. She keeps her strength on rice, fresh greens. Kate wants one man, and seldom more. But when teed up she hollers, "Fore!"

Squatter's Rights.

We feel very sorry for Mrs. Mary Benson of Denver, Colorado. Poor Mrs. Benson squatted in her bathtub recently and got wedged under the faucet. Despite her struggles to release herself she couldn't budge an inch and had to remain in the tub for four days when a neighbor, Mrs. F. A. Jones, discovered her plight and called the police. That call for help should have been the end of the mishap, but, unfortunately, Mrs. Jones in her excitement gave the wrong address and the police failed to arrive. Putting in a second call, the telephone operator said it was a funny story and not to bother her any more. After a third call, police arrived to question Mrs. Jones as a suspicious character. The lady finally induced the coppers to visit the entubed Mrs. Benson. When they arrived they were met by a squad of firemen. All helped in covering the faucet-managed lady and, after feeding her, pried her loose.

Dark Secret.

When a Georgia lady sought a new maid recently, a likely-looking Mammy of the old South applied. "I suppose you're more or less acquainted with the old folk songs, having lived so long in the South?" the lady asked.

And They Ask Questions.

A Sunday school superintendent at the close of an address on the Creation, which he felt sure he had kept within the comprehension of the smallest scholars, smilingly invited questions. A small boy at once headed up his hand.

The Big Drive is On.

COUPLE HONORED ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

A surprise party was held Tuesday, November 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Stoner in Centre Hall, in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent in a social way and refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, ice cream and cake were served. The couple received many useful gifts.

Finding of "Babes in Woods" A Tragedy of 3 Years Ago

Last Wednesday was the third anniversary of a Pennsylvania tragedy that touched the hearts of many readers of The Centre Democrat when they learned through the newspaper headlines of the finding of three gold-haired babes, dead, in the mountainside near Carlisle.

The man was identified as Elmo J. Noakes, of Roseville, Calif., and the woman as his 19-year-old niece, Winifred Pierce, also of Roseville. The children were two daughters of Noakes, Dewilla, 10, and Cordelia, 8, and a cousin of the tots, Norman, 12.

The bodies of the three victims were viewed by thousands of persons and pictures were sent to all sections of the country—but their identity remained a mystery.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa: I read your column each week and as you give such good advice I am bringing you my problem. I am a girl seventeen years old and I am very much in love with a boy 21 years old and this boy is very much in love with me but my parents will not permit me to go with him because they do not like him.

ANSWER: It all depends on why your parents object to the boy you go with. If it is just a case of personal dislike, for no good reason, I think your parents are wrong in forbidding you to go with a nice young man, but if they know that his character is bad or that he lives a bad life they are justified in trying to keep you from making a mistake.

Concrete Floors: By sponging brass lighting fixtures with hot vinegar and salt, staining with soap suds, and then polishing with a lightly oiled cloth, they may be made to look like new.

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Egg Yolks: The yolks of eggs will not break when they are put into a pan, if one teaspoonful of flour is added to the grease before breaking the eggs into it.

Mending Gloves: It will be much easier and quicker to mend the finger tip of a glove if a thimble is pushed up into the finger.

The Finger Nails: An effective manicure acid can be made by putting one teaspoon of lemon juice into a cup of hot water. This will remove stains from the fingernails and loosen the cuticle beautifully.

Laces: Fine laces will not tear if they are washed in soap suds in a bottle. If they are to be starched, use a solution of sugar and water. To whiten the laces, wash in acid milk.

Smoky Kettles: A good method to use for cleaning smoky kettles is to wipe first with old newspaper, then with kerosene and wash in as in the usual manner.

Gold Fish: If the gold fish become ill, the probability is that they have been overfed, or their bowl has not been kept clean. Overfeeding, or lack of fresh water, will soon kill them.

Query and Answer Column

E. F.—How tall is KIDKA's new radio tower? Ans.—The tower, which is located at Saxenburg, Pa., is 718 feet high. It is surmounted by a brilliant aviation beacon above which projects a lightning rod.

L. W. M.—Did more colored people vote the Democratic ticket in 1936 than in 1928? Ans.—Only an estimate is possible. In the election of 1928 about 30 per cent of the votes were cast for the Democratic ticket; in 1932 about 60 per cent, and in 1936 about 85 per cent.

V. W.—In what year was Sarah Bernhardt's leg amputated? Ans.—The actress' leg was amputated in 1915. During the World War although she could no longer stand or walk unaided, she played at the front, toured London in 1922 where she played a young man's part in Verdi's Daniel.

J. W.—What is meant by marbling in meat? Ans.—Marbling is the name given to the white lines of fat which run all through fine quality beef. Tender beef is usually well marbled.

W. L.—Has any woman ever received the Nobel Prize more than once? Ans.—In 1903 Madame Curie received the Nobel award in physics jointly with her husband. In 1911 she was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

E. P.—Is an employer obliged to pay the Social Security tax? Ans.—The employer is liable for the Social Security tax. There is nothing in the Social Security Act which permits either the employer or the employee included in its provisions voluntarily to waive benefits or refuse to pay the tax imposed in the Act.

J. J. S.—If a deer were to jump across a channel or high cliff and he happened to die midway between the two points, would he, by some known force, finish the leap or would he fall? Ans.—If the deer started his leap with sufficient force to complete it, he would complete the leap, live or dead, that is, unless some force, such as a bullet striking him, decreased his speed, or he changed his position in such a way as to strike the far side in landing.

R. W.—When was the Duchess of Windsor presented at court? Ans.—She was presented as Mrs. Ernest Simpson on June 10, 1931. King George and Queen Mary were holding the fourth and final court of the season.

F. K.—What is meant by a brain child? Ans.—It is an original product of thought, such as a book, play, invention, or plan.

H. H.—At what age do Army officers retire? Ans.—Regular Army officers are compelled to retire at the age of 64.

F. H. S.—Are the Niagara Falls moving steadily upstream? Ans.—The brink of Niagara Falls is receding or moving back at the average rate of two and one-half feet a year.

Scotty—Please give me some information about Sir Harry Lauder. Ans.—The Scotch variety actor was born at Portobello on August 4, 1870. After working as a mill-boy and coal miner, he went on the variety or vaudeville stage where he became a great favorite on account of the Scottish folk songs which he wrote and composed. During the World War he assisted recruiting, and the death in action of his only son aroused widespread sympathy. He was knighted in 1919.

E. P.—Why does traffic in England drive to the left? Ans.—The custom of driving to the left in England originated in the days when lone horsemen rode on the highways "armed to the teeth" and every stranger was a potential enemy. The horseman rode to the left in order to keep his sword arm next to a stranger. Later when coaches were used, drivers drove to the left in order to keep the right arm free to wield the whip.

G. M.—How many feathers has a turkey? Ans.—It has about 3690 feathers.

T. W. M.—Why does the brain become fatigued? Ans.—Fatigue is due to poisons which accumulate in the body. The blood supply is not able to remove the poisons during activity, and the brain becomes dulled due to lack of oxygen and too much of the fatigue toxins.

G. A.—What is the difference between a gourmet and a gourmand? Ans.—The word, gourmet, means a person who is selective in his choice of articles of food. A gourmand is one who over-eats.

G. C.—Who was the last survivor of the American Revolution? Ans.—Daniel F. Dakeman was the last pensioner of the Revolutionary War. He died eighty-six years after the close of the war at the age of 109 years, eight months and eight days, on April 5, 1899, at Freedom, New York.

Reader.—Can you tell me how much money was collected by the American Red Cross in the nation last year? Ans.—The fiscal year of the Red Cross runs from July 1, 1936, to July 1, 1937. According to the report recently published, it received \$29,167,185. Two million, two hundred sixty-four thousand, one hundred sixty-seven dollars of this came from dues of the annual roll call. The rest came from contributions and interest on invested funds.

E. M.—Please give Walt Whitman's tribute to the Bible? Ans.—It is as follows: "How many ages and generations have brooded and wept and agonized over this book! What untellable joys and ecstasies, what support to martyrs at the stake from it! To what myriads has it been the shore and rock of safety—the refuge from driving tempest and wreck! Translated in all languages, how it has united this diverse world! Of its thousands there is not a verse, not a word, but is thick-studded with human emotion."

S. N.—What is the cause of the foot going to sleep, and what is the correct name for this sort of thing? Ans.—The medical term for this trouble is paresthesia, an abnormal or disordered sensation due to some interference with the nerve supply, such as unusual pressure. This could be caused by sitting in a cramped position.

C. W.—Is Queen Elizabeth of England of royal birth? Ans.—She is not. She is of noble birth, the daughter of the Earl of Strathmore.

R. M.—Why are Hebrews called Jews? Ans.—On the death of King Solomon (about 975 B. C.) ten of the twelve Hebrew tribes revolted against Solomon's son and successor, Rehoboam, and formed a separate kingdom of Israel. In 519 B. C., the ten tribes disappeared from history, except such of them that returned to their land and united themselves with the tribe of Judah. Henceforth the Hebrews were called Jews and their country Judah.

G. N.—Was Jack the Giant Killer a real character? Ans.—No. This was the name of a famous hero in the literature of the nursery, the subject of one of the Teutonic or Indo-European legends.

P. J.—What do spiders make their webs out of? Can the webs be imitated by man? Ans.—The hinder half of the spider's body, the abdomen, is without appendages, except for two or three pairs of very small projections, called the spinnerets. Each of these has numbers of openings at the tip, through which a fluid is forced at will. This fluid hardens immediately when it comes in contact with the air and furnishes the silk which the spider uses to spin the web. The various species of spiders make their own type of web.

T. G.—Can you tell me what a kippered herring is? Ans.—A kippered herring is so called because it is split, salted and smoked.

DO YOU KNOW

- 1. Are the Haitians mostly Negroes or Mulattoes, speak French or a patois; the Dominicans, white or mestizo, speak Spanish. 2. Austen Chamberlain. 3. He promulgated a new constitution, dissolved all legislative bodies and assumed complete power. 4. \$10,000 a year plus a travel allowance of twenty cents for each mile between their homes and Washington. 5. The A. F. of L. reports 3,200,000 members and the C. I. O. 3,800,000. 6. Some estimates place it as high as thirty-five per cent. 7. Seventy-three per cent. 8. Japanese naval plans are cloaked in complete secrecy and there is no certainty as to the size of her navy. 9. In a recent speech, he called the New Deal a peril. 10. In 1932, cotton sold at five cents a pound but early this month it touched 7.53 cents, an equivalent of 4.45 cents on the old gold dollar basis.

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