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EDITORIAL

ASKS FOR BRAINS AS WELL AS CASH

In the last election we had 17 million votes. Congressman Bruce Barton told a group of Long Island Republican women in his latest attempt to arouse G O P enthusiasm. "Well," he continued, "having 17 million votes in a national election is just like having an almost fresh egg. It is not good enough. Where will we get more votes? In our party are the leaders in the financial and industrial activity of this country. Let them help us to work out a program by which more jobs will be supplied."

Undaunted by snubs of Old Guard Republican leaders since he attempted to warn his party at the Indiana state convention that mere criticism of the New Deal is insufficient, Barton took the green sward after the most modern ultra-conservative manner. He spoke on the lawn of the Nassau County estate of his G O P colleague, Robert L. Bacon. "It is not enough to win a Republican nomination that a man should come to us and say 'I hate Roosevelt,'" he warned. "We can't simply be a home for rejected reactionaries."

By degrees he reached a formula, "provided the big cats" will supply the Republican party with brains as well as cash. "The only way we can win," he declared, "is to follow the lead of the Conservative party in England. It appropriates all of the good ideas of the Labor party and administers them so that they work."

Whereupon Barton's many scoffers and detractors in his own party promptly reminded him that President Roosevelt already has "taken over" most of those British ideas, "only," responded the liberal New York Post, "he hasn't gone as far as the British Conservatives have."

REPUBLICANS MAKE NO CLAIMS

Ordinarily at this season of a campaign year the spokesmen of the two big parties are announcing their claims, and presenting their recital of events that give validity to their claims. We have looked in vain amid the huge junk heap of Republican propaganda, statements by leaders and that sort of thing, for any expression of delight at the auguries of the election. They present cheers at the substitution of one Democrat for another in the majority party primaries, as if those primaries represented Republican victories. That, in itself, is an entertaining feature in an otherwise featureless campaign.

They cannot vaunt the registration figures, for these everywhere show great gains for Democrats and usually recessions for the other fellows.

In short they have adopted the defeatist attitude. They are not striving to elect their own people generally, but are content to play the part usually taken by extra-party groups of striving to be a balance of power in the affairs of the dominant party. The participation of Republicans in Democratic primaries, wherever it was possible for them to jimmy their way in, illustrates the process.

WHO KNOWS "NOTHING"?

In his Labor Day address, Senator James J. Davis referred to Governor Earle as the "know-nothing" candidate. Puddler Jim qualified this statement by explaining that Earle knows absolutely nothing about Washington. To concede that point to Senator Davis should certainly enhance Governor Earle's desirability to the electorate.

The people of Pennsylvania aren't interested in a candidate that knows Washington, but rather in a man who knows Pennsylvania and its needs.

No one knows Pennsylvania, its problems, both nationally and locally, better than Earle. He is probably the best informed candidate, insofar as a knowledge of his own people is concerned, that ever offered his services to the citizenry of Pennsylvania.

From his legislative record, it would appear that Senator Davis knows too much about Washington and far too little about his own State and its complex problems.

Senator Davis has always posed as a friend of labor. He has never gotten beyond the posing stage.

The people of Pennsylvania are aware of Davis' true political creed and will replace him with the man that gave Pennsylvania its greatest administration, on November 8 next.

CAN WE ESCAPE WAR?

With soldiers massing in Europe, the border fortresses manned and battleships taking up strategic stations in the North Sea, it must be apparent, even to a pacifist, that there is danger of war in Europe.

While the people of the United States are more world-minded than they were in 1914, our citizens, as a rule, are strong for peace. Many of them want it at any price, most of them at some inconvenience and relatively few are ready or willing for the United States, as a nation, to take its stand for law and order throughout the world.

When the fighting begins in Europe, there is no way to tell how far it will spread. The Far East, the Near East and Europe itself will be the battle centers immediately. As the struggle continues the faraway stretches of ocean will bear witness to the strife of nations. Eventually, South America and even North America will be affected, if not actually included, by the developments of the struggle.

There are many sensible people in the United States who believe that this country can remain aloof from any world war. They advocate a form of neutrality, with the idea of preventing the spread of strife into this hemisphere and in the hopes that, when peace comes again, civilization will have been protected and preserved in the Western Hemisphere. They want the United States to be unpaired in strength and to be the intellectual, moral and spiritual leader of the world.

There are others, equally sincere and intelligent, who do not see how this country can keep out of a prolonged war in Europe. Knowing the cost in men and materials of participation in a gigantic struggle, these citizens lean to the idea that the power of the United States should be used to prevent war from beginning. This course, they admit, involves the danger of immediate participation, but this peril, they contend, is less than the chances of becoming involved if the world witnesses another struggle like that which began in 1914. Consequently, they argue, we should take the lesser risk immediately rather than assume greater peril later on.

HAIL SECOND NEW DEAL RECOVERY

The outlook for expanding economic activity in this country, writes Ward Gates, nationally known economist, in the August 27 issue of the Magazine of Wall Street, "is the brightest in many years. There is now strong evidence that private spending and investment is likely to supplement Government pump-priming to an extent which will bring about economic recovery superior to that of 1933-1937 in speed, and staying power."

Declaring that the "severe slump in industrial production . . . was out of all proportion to the relatively moderate shrinking in public purchasing power," Mr. Gates declares in the magazine's leading article, entitled "Strong Business Uptrend:"

"Whether from competitive necessity or resignation to a more or less permanent New Deal government, corporate managements are resuming capital investment much more promptly and largely than they did in the early phases of the inadequate 1933-1937 recovery. Liquidation of inventories and the minor deflation of bank credit have run their course and both trends are now upward. The second New Deal Recovery is starting from a much higher base than did the first one."

The Wall Street Journal—also not a New Deal newspaper—in commenting upon reports from the Department of Labor that permits for home building in June was 12 per cent greater than in May and that July was 79.1 per cent above June and 128.8 per cent greater than in July, 1937, says editorially:

"There is no question that the activities of the Federal Housing Administration have contributed materially to the improvement in residential building, a most encouraging sign of recovery."

"\$30 EVERY THURSDAY"

More than 800,000 persons in California have signed petitions backing a proposal to pay \$30 every Thursday to every person over fifty who is not employed or an employer.

It is to be expected that advocates of the proposal, especially since the triumph of Mr. Downey in the Democratic Primary held in California, will enlarge the idea to cover the entire United States. This, of course, is logical. What is good political bait in California ought to be good bait anywhere. Besides, if the scheme is sound in California, it is sound elsewhere.

Let's see how the scheme works. In the United States there are approximately 25,000,000 persons fifty years of age or over. Our guess is that 20,000,000 of them would be eligible for the \$30 a week. This would require \$600,000,000 in script, every Thursday, and at the end of one year, the total script in circulation would be \$31,200,000,000. This figure does not include anything for expenses of administration and supervision.

The reader should understand that the California proposal provides a two-cents stamp each week on each \$1 in circulation. At the end of one year, this two per cent per week would amount to more than \$600,000,000 a week in stamps, which would have to be purchased with "real money," or a total of \$31,200,000,000 per year, plus an extra \$1,200,000,000 for expenses.

For purposes of comparison, it may be stated that the national income for the year 1938 is estimated to be around \$70,000,000,000. It would require about forty-four per cent of the nation's income to pay the stamp cost of the script in circulation each year.

AMEND THE INCOME TAX LAWS

Every American, we think, should support the effort to amend the tax laws of the Federal Government and the State Governments in order to permit each to tax the salaries and employes and officials of the other.

According to the statistical division of the National Industrial Conference Board, in June of this year the whole number of persons employed in this country was 42,955,000. Theoretically, all of these people are subject to some taxes. However, 2,590,000 individuals work for the Federal Government and thus escape the State income tax laws. At the same time, 1,395,000 work for State or local governments and, through the same exemption, escape the Federal income tax laws.

In other words, approximately 4,000,000 persons avoid some or all of the income taxes applicable to persons who earn the amounts that they receive as salaries. While all of the 4,000,000 would not be liable to income taxes, on account of the fact that some of them do not receive enough to be liable for it, the number that escape is big enough to invite the attention of those seeking money for the operation of Government.

NOT FOOLING ANYONE

The yells about 'independent judgment' and 'threatened Roosevelt dictatorship' are simply campaign stuff which should fool no voter. The real fight is between those who want old-style capitalism intact and those who want to bring capitalism up to date, so that more of us can live under it more comfortably. That is Roosevelt's determination.

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

JUST A POME
Love is like a pack of cards,
And each man learns to play
With hearts and diamonds as his trumps
For a brief and fleeting day.
And then the Queen becomes a deuce,
And the King is just a dud,
Unless he has a lot of Jack,
For the trump card is a Club.
And then the Joker, death, takes all
The dreams of man and maid,
And hearts and diamonds, Jacks and clubs
Are buried by a Spade.

The Truth At Last
No, Sah, said the elderly colored man to the visitor who asked if he had ever seen President Lincoln. "Ah used to 'member seein' Massa Lincoln; but since I jined de church, Ah doan 'member seein' him no mo."

Marriage Mix-up
Until a number of years ago women were not allowed in the gambling rooms at Deauville, and they tell a story about a very unlucky player who refused to leave the room when his wife sent for him. Note after note was passed to him, but he ignored them all. Finally, in desperation, she changed her tactics and—
"Sir: If you wish to know where your wife is at this moment, go to the Royal Hotel to the room of the Count de Sapp—A Friend."
The husband reads the note, frowns blackly, half rose from his chair, then settled back again. "Lucky in love, unlucky at cards." He had been unlucky at cards all night. Perhaps now—
He redoubled his betting and won a million. Next morning he said nothing of the incident to his wife, who was inwardly seething. And that afternoon the Count de Sapp, who had never even met the wife, received a huge bouquet of flowers from an anonymous admirer. The Count found a card attached to the roses. It said simply: "Thanks."

A cynic is a guy who thinks the hen doesn't run as fast as she can when the rooster is pursuing her.

She was a fireman's daughter, so she never turned in an alarm when he tried to uncouple the hose.

ORDER IN COURT
'I've nothing to conceal.'
The pretty witness said;
She surely told the truth
The Judge's face turned red.
She'd nothing to conceal
From all the world of men,
And for proof she crossed her knees
When she sat down again.

Just Egging Him On
Hard-boiled Diner—"What's wrong with these eggs, sister?"
Waitress—"Don't ask me; I only laid the table."

A headache and a wife would seem a good deal worse if there wasn't any fun acquiring them.

Her Kisses Came High
Sophisticated Sadie had applied for and obtained a job as a cloak model.
"And what will my salary be?" she asked.
"I will gift twenty-five dollars a week mit pleasure," her polite prospective employer replied.
"Not a chance, mister," said Sadie. "Mitt that it's thirty-five."

Day and Night
"I know, dearie, that you buried your husband recently, but why do you wear black night gowns?"
"Because I miss him as much at night as I do in the daytime."

CATS TO THE RESCUE
When they drag in odd, mishapen things
Don't blame the family cat—
They may be trying to suggest
New styles for Nellie's hats.

Just His Lux
Mrs. Nothing—"Your husband must have a terrible temper. He was frothing at the mouth this morning."
Mrs. Newlywed—"Oh, it wasn't that at all. I made a mistake and served him soap-flakes instead of corn-flakes."

Why Shouldn't He
The doctor of a country village had two children who were acknowledged as being the prettiest little girls in the district.
While the two children were out walking one day, they happened to pass two small boys; one lived in the village and the other was a visitor.
"I say," said the latter, "who are those little girls?"
"They are the doctor's children," replied the village boy. "He always keeps the best for himself."

Harlem Highlight
The census taker pushed his way through a crowd of little colored children and accosted the burly mammy who stood in the doorway.
"Whar's your husband's occupation, madam?" he asked.
"He ain't got no occupation. He's dead. He passed away fo'teen years ago, suh."
"Then who do all these little children belong to?" asked the census taker.
"De's mine, suh."
"But I thought you said your husband was dead."
"He is, suh," said the mother proudly, "but I ain't."

That's all, folks. A well-built girl is like a three-ring circus—a fellow doesn't know where to look first. —SCAT"

Louisa's Letter
Dear Louisa:
I am a girl of fourteen. I live in a modern home and have two sisters. My mother keeps me dressed well and is eager to provide entertainment for me that does not inconvenience her. Outside of that I appreciate the way my parents dress me, but I am looking for love from them. Whenever plans are made for trips or Sunday's ride I am always let out of their plans. My father is constantly unsatisfied. I am a bright student at school but the unhappy life I lead at home upsets me and I become very miserable and I no longer have so many friends because I dislike bringing them to my house to see how my parents act towards me. At home I read most of the time because I dare not talk because I might say something to disagree with my parents. I would appreciate you advising me how these things can be changed. Thank you. PENNY. ANSWER
You write a nice hand, Penny, and a very neat letter, so I can well imagine that you are a good student. Now, since you are a person with a good mind, let's tackle your problem in a sensible way. Perhaps you are too sensitive and take things as slight when none are meant but supposing that your parents really are nagging and unloving towards you, will it help any to brood about your wrongs and try to live to yourself? It certainly will not, for such a course will only tend to make matters worse. Happiness lies within ourselves and to receive love we must give love. Are you considerate of your parents? When you go on a trip with them, do you try to be a pleasant, agreeable companion so that they will enjoy having you along or do you criticize everything and get disgruntled because you are not allowed to have your way? Are you argumentative and determined to have the last word? It sometimes pays to lose a fight you know, and the one who has the last word doesn't always win. Are you thoughtful of your parents and do you try to do little things that you know will please them? Do you "talk back" to father when he nags, or do you say, "I am sorry, father, but I am very forgetful," or "I shall try not to do that again." Truly, my dear, you will find that a "soft answer turneth away wrath" and that people who have courteous manners can get away with much more than the "talk-backers." You are just getting to a very trying age. You are changing from a child to a young woman and the change is hard for you physically, as well as in other ways. Try to get plenty of rest and good nourishing food and stay as happy as possible and one of these days you will

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—As paradoxical as it may seem, there was a room full of women, and still there wasn't a single person in the room. How come? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)
E. G.—What are the names of the Evening Star and the Morning Star?
Ans.—The Evening and the Morning Star are the same, and the name of this star is "Venus." If it is seen in the morning before sunrise it is known as the Morning Star, and if seen in the evening after sunset it is called the Evening Star.

D. C.—In playing Bridge, if I have a hand that looks good for an opening bid of 1 trump, and still hold a fair 5-card suit, should I bid one no-trump or bid one in the suit?
Ans.—Make an opening bid of one in the suit, while you really wish to play the hand at no trump. The purpose is to get legitimate signal bids from your partner if he has a helping hand. By this information you might get assurance that you could go to 1, 2 or 3 no trump—or even higher. The idea is to play the combined hands at its fullest strength, whether it be in a suit or in no trump.

O. J.—Will you please answer what the word "epidemic" means?
Ans.—"Epidemic" means the prevalence of a particular disease in a particular community at a given time, or it may be spread over a vast area.
F. B.—Recently I read in a newspaper where an outlaw was caught in a cul de sac. Can you tell me what kind of a sack that was?
Ans.—"Cul de sac" is the French term for a blind alley. We presume the writer was trying to be high-brow.

S. T.—Is the octopus classed as a fish? And are they good to eat?
Ans.—The octopus is a mollusk, and they are not eaten by the white race. The octopus is eaten extensively in the Mediterranean countries.
G. L.—How did the Amazon River get its name?
Ans.—In mythology "Amazon" was a member of a warlike band of women living near the river Thermodon. When South America was discovered, a warlike band of Indian women was found along its largest river, and which bore a close connection to the mythical Amazons near Thermodon. They were called Amazons, and hence the name of the river.

M. R.—What was the Land of Promise as spoken of in the Bible?
Ans.—The Land of Promise was Canaan, which was promised to Abraham, according to the Bible.
J. Y.—I would like to ask you who wrote "The Tales of a Wayside Inn"?
Ans.—The poems of the "Tales of a Wayside Inn" in various meters were written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The series include seven tales, chief among which is "Paul Revere's Ride."

T. K. L.—How many children has John Coolidge?
Ans.—Mr. Coolidge and his wife, the former Florence Trumbull, have one daughter, Cynthia, who is five years old.
H. K. L.—Has the new Zeppelin been completed?
Ans.—The LZ-130 is nearing completion and will make her first trial cruise about the middle of September.
H. M. B.—Does corn or rice contain more starch?
Ans.—Rice is about 75 per cent starch and corn is 50 per cent starch.

W. L. H.—How does duralumin compare with steel in weight and strength?
Ans.—It is as strong as steel and only weighs about one-third as much.
H. R. L.—Did Clarence Darrow's father study for the ministry?
Ans.—Clarence Darrow in The Story of My Life says: When my father's time had come to take a theological course he went to the Unitarian school in Meadville, Pa., on the other hill, from the Methodist college (Allegheny College), where he took his first degree. In due time he completed his theological course, but when he had finished his studies he found that he had lost his faith. Even the mild tenets of Unitarianism he could not accept.
H. T. K.—What proportion of the students who enter college fail?
Ans.—Approximately one-fourth.

H. T. L.—What caused Bach's blindness?
Ans.—His elder brother was jealous of his talent and forbade him access to a manuscript volume of works by Froberger, Buxtehude, and other great organists. Every night for six months Bach got up late and stealing the volume from the bookcase, cooped by moonlight to the permanent damage of his eyesight and his subsequent blindness.
F. L. M.—Is there a special name for a male and female lobster?
Ans.—The male lobster is called a cock lobster and the female a hen. When the female is carrying eggs she is called a berry lobster.
J. C. B.—What is bee bread?
Ans.—It is a bitter brown substance consisting of the pollen of flowers which is collected and stored by bees as food for their young.
S. C. R.—What is the oldest commercial program on the radio?
Ans.—Printers' Ink says: Almost as old as radio advertising itself, the Cities Service hour has been on the air continuously since February 18, 1927. Before that the program was presented spasmodically, having started some time in 1925. It is the oldest continuous commercial show on the networks, and on August 19, was heard from the six hundred and twenty-ninth time on its customary Friday evening spot from 8 to 9.
E. F. R.—Where is the Depression House?
Ans.—The Palace Depression is in Vineland, New Jersey. It was built by George Daynon who, arriving in that town with no funds, settled in an automobile junkyard. Without plans or tools he began construction of the house from discarded materials such as automobiles, rocks, logs, and clay. He cleared the swampy, mosquito-infested land and beautified it with plantings of flowers and shrubbery. After three years' work the house was opened to the public on December 25, 1932. Thousands of visitors come to see the place which is a monument to the ingenuity of men.

H. T.—Does an electric fan lower the temperature?
Ans.—A fan does not lower the temperature of a room. When a fan is turned on, the air feels cooler even though the temperature remains the same. This is because the fan increases the cooling power of the air by circulating it and therefore increases evaporation from the skin.
C. S.—Please give the origin of the word southpaw?
Ans.—Baseball diamonds are so constructed that the pitcher's left side is in a southerly direction; hence the nickname southpaw for a left-handed pitcher.
H. C. W.—When was the big wind in Ireland?
Ans.—The big wind occurred in Ireland on the night of January 6, 1839. In Limerick, Galway, and Athlone, hundreds of houses were blown down and hundreds more were burned by the spreading of fires.

L. H. W.—What are the most popular songs of all time?
Ans.—The following compositions have been the best sellers in music: "Till We Meet Again," "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "Rose of No Man's Land," "Whispering," "Missouri Waltz," "Marcheta," "After the Ball," "Three O'clock in the Morning," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and "My Blue Heaven."
W. J. R.—How do farm prices now compare with those of a year ago?
Ans.—All farm products except chickens and eggs were decidedly cheaper on July 1, 1938 than a year ago.
W. J. B.—Please give some facts about the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.
Ans.—Designed by Brigham Young, the Tabernacle was begun in 1863 and completed in 1887. Henry Crow was the engineer and William Folsom the architect. It is 150 feet wide, 250 feet long, and approximately 70 feet to the ceiling and 80 feet to the roof. Resting on forty-four stone buttresses, it has a seating capacity of 8000. The roof consists of over one million feet of lumber held together by wooden pins. There are twenty-seven exits all opening outward.
Answer to problem: All of the women in the room were married.
look back and wonder why you worried over the things you did.
And remember this—The easiest way to be happy is to think about other people and stop brooding over yourself.
LOUISA.
Parked Car Damaged
A rain drenched highway near Lemont was the cause of an accident Sunday afternoon in which damage to two cars was estimated at \$85, although no one was injured. According to police a machine owned by Francis Handwerk, of Germania, Potter County, skidded into a machine owned by Mary Lockhart, of Lemont, which was parked at the side of the road.
According to statistics compiled by the National Association of Chlorophyll, Mrs. Average Housewife walks about eight miles a day in doing her daily chores, a distance that is about equal to the distance she would walk if she were to visit every house in the world.