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EDITORIAL

NEXT WEEK'S ELECTION

With next Tuesday's election but a few days off, we can consider Pennsylvania's strenuous political campaign about at an end. It will go down in history as either a victory or defeat for the policies of the State and National Administrations in promoting the welfare of the common people.

When we review the campaign now drawing to a close, the trivial nature of the Republican party's arguments is its most conspicuous feature.

They bumbled generalities about the wickedness of New Deal policies and processes, but gave no hint of what they would substitute for them.

They made a great fuss over the charges against State officials which they have failed to prove, and at the same time forgetting the bold steal made at Harrisburg a few years ago that sent GOP perpetrators to jail.

They became excited because a Democratic candidate in California announced himself in favor of a pension plan, disregarding the circumstance that their own Congressional candidates in Maine and elsewhere indorsed the Townsend plan. The difference between these two ideas, is that one promises a mythical \$30 a week pension and the other offers an equally fantastic \$200 a month to those who have the wisdom to live to a moderate old age.

They displayed a tabulation of imports of farm products a year ago, when the drought made it necessary to import feed and food, as showing how the farmer is being gyped out of his foreign market, while they ignored the figures for the current year, which tell of negligible imports of wheat and corn, and huge exports of our own produce.

They have attacked the records of Congressman Ginery, Senator Thompson and Assemblyman Decker as being without results, in the face of the fact that the three candidates have been liberally endorsed by labor unions and civic groups for re-election.

It is hard to believe that all this raving and ranting will convince the people that the GOP Old Guard will be a better friend than the New Deal. The intelligent voter knows that the Old Guard had their chance over a long period of years, and they muffed the opportunity.

The Republican party is full of promises. If given time "they would stop deficit financing, would begin to liquidate the public debt, as it did after the World War, would decentralize relief, would put a stop to government dictation to agriculture and business, would take the government out of competition with business."

In other words, they'd get us back in exactly the same shape we were in the day Hoover went out of office.

The voter must make a choice next Tuesday, and heaven help all of us if the New Deal is defeated.

PROTEST SUNDAY DANCE MUSIC

Two weeks ago the British Broadcasting Corporation included twenty minutes of dance music on a Sunday morning's program.

Immediately the Lord's Day Observance Society protested "with every nerve and fiber of our religious convictions." The Secretary called the music an "indefensible and deplorable desecration of the Sabbath."

In the United States, it is not uncommon for broadcasting stations to send out dance music on Sunday. So far as we have been able to observe, the protests have been very few. The music may not be exactly what some people prefer on Sunday, but so long as it can be discontinued by the turn of a dial, it will not desecrate the Sabbath for anybody who does not wish to hear it.

NO OXYGEN MEANS DEATH

It might be worth calling attention to the fate of a man and his wife and their three daughters, recently found dead in their home in New Jersey, asphyxiated from lack of oxygen.

With the coming of cold weather their fate may serve as a warning to everyone to be careful. Oxygen is necessary to life and if gas or electric heaters are burned in closely confined rooms, care should be taken to see that fresh air is available.

ISOLATION REQUIRES ARMAMENTS

The United States, which this year is spending about one billion dollars on its Army and Navy, will probably spend much more than this amount next year.

National defense becomes the new problem for the nation, looking to the future with some concern after the striking victory of Hitler at Munich. With an official policy of isolation, the United States leaves other nations to handle their own affairs and, believe it or not, must prepare to handle her own affairs without looking anywhere for help.

This means, if it means anything, that this country must be prepared to police the entire Western Hemisphere. It means that the United States must have sufficient strength to prevent Germany, Italy and Japan, either acting individually or collectively, from invading any territory in the Americas. Our policy of isolation towards European affairs naturally carries with it the idea of European isolation toward American affairs.

Facing an uncertain future and not knowing what strength may be necessary to forestall alien designs in this hemisphere, the United States, isolated and standing alone by choice, must prepare to make good her position in the world. It will take a larger Army, a much larger Navy and a tremendous air force. Besides, it will require a far-flung industrial organization for the manufacture of necessary materials. The expense will be heavy but perhaps not exorbitant for a "splendid isolation."

The events of the past few years have demonstrated very plainly that Japan, Germany and Italy are working together to put pressure upon Great Britain. The Japanese have encroached against British interests in the Far East, the Italians have twisted the lion's tail in the Mediterranean and Germany has made progress in European affairs.

If these three nations make common cause against Great Britain, which is at least as well armed as the United States, there is no reason to suppose that they will fail to follow the same tactics toward the United States. The probability is that this nation will, in some future year, find a "crisis" in the Pacific, engineered by Japan, and another "crisis" in the Atlantic engineered by Germany and Italy.

The reader should understand that these aggressive nations stand together because it is to their interest to do so. Each one of them takes advantage of conditions to increase pressure upon the common adversary. Thus it happens when Great Britain and France surrender to Hitler at Munich, the Japanese make an attack upon Canton, near Hongkong, in China. While the dictator group is working together, the democratic nations are standing apart, with the United States boasting of isolation. France and England are unable to face the combination against them.

Consequently, we find France and England engaged in a feverish race to rearm. Likewise, the United States, if it expects to assert any rights whatever in the world, must maintain the military, naval and aerial strength that may be required to serve notice on the dictator group that our rights must be respected.

ONE APPROACH TO THE FARM PROBLEM

Perhaps the Farm Problem is not nearly so complicated and difficult as some imagine. This week's Time by an engraving narrative of one farmer's achievement throws a lot of light on the farm problem. Quoting from that sparkling magazine:

Hunter Roy Greenlaw farms 385 acres of George Washington's boyhood home on the banks of the Rappahannock River near Falmouth, Va. When Hunter took over the farm after his father's death nearly five years ago, it didn't amount to much. A gangling stalk of a lad, Hunter stayed in high school and managed the farm on the principles he learned there. He used plenty of fertilizer, rotated his corn, beans, grass crops, grew seed corn under contract for a wholesale firm, bought a \$1075 tractor on the installment plan to help his two mules and five horses. By the time he was graduated from high school last year, with a four-year average of 92 1/2 per cent, Hunter Roy and the prospering Greenlaw farm were models for miles around.

Last week the Future Farmers of America, of which Hunter is one of 173,000 members, convened in Kansas City, Mo., under the auspices of the Kansas City Star to confer their coveted honor of Star Farmer, which carries a \$500 prize. "I sure would like to win that," said Hunter, who did not think he would because last year's Star Farmer, Robert Lee Bristow, now assistant manager of a farmer's co-operative, hailed from a nearby Virginia county. Ignoring that circumstance, the judges decided on Hunter Roy in record time. After figuring that the \$500 would finish the payments on his tractor, Star Farmer Greenlaw hurried back to work. His proud mother fretted: "That boy sure will work himself to death."

This type of solution of the farm problem may be sacrilege or succotash to the theorists at Washington who have been wrestling with agriculture through the media of limited production, fixed prices, bounties, bonuses, the Hoover adventures and the various other remedies on the shelf.

What Hunter Roy Greenlaw's story means to most persons is that brain power plus "elbow grease" may go farther than most suggested prescriptions to cure the agricultural problem. Surely Farmer Greenlaw is exemplifying that great old American tradition where men depended on themselves rather than on the Government and where industry and thrift took the place of subsidy and supplication before a government bureau.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK

- Paint Smell**
If two or three handfuls of juniper berries are thrown on a lighted charcoal fire, placed in the room with doors and windows closed for twenty-four hours, it will entirely expel all odor of fresh paint.
- Half a Lemon**
When you need only half a lemon for a recipe, don't throw the other half away. Place it on a dish, cut side down, and put in the refrigerator for future use. A cut grapefruit may be treated in the same manner.
- Different Creases**
Napkins which are folded every week in the same folds tend to wear out in the creases. Try folding them quarterwise one week, and the next week in three folds, and see if they do not wear much longer.
- Drink Milk**
A glass of sweet milk or buttermilk between meals often does much to banish that tired feeling. Drinking milk just before one goes to bed has a soothing effect on the nerves and helps induce sleep.
- Woolen Toys**
The child's woolen toys can be cleaned by making a paste of white starch and cold water, and rubbing this well into the soiled toy. Then brush off the dry starch with a clean brush.
- Pears in Salad**
If you are going to use pears in the salad, place them in some water to which a little lemon juice has been added, and this will insure their retaining their freshness.
- Reknitting Sweater**
When reknitting a sweater, the job can be made much easier if the knits are first taken out of the yarn. Wind the yarn in a skein, tie together firmly, and wash it in lukewarm water. Then fold in a towel and put in a warm place to dry. The knits will be gone when the yarn has dried.
- Celery Curis**
Celery curls can be made by first cutting inner stalks into three or four inch lengths. With a sharp knife, cut each piece down into thin strips, stopping when within an inch of the end. Drop into ice water. The strips will curl as they become chilled.
- Suede Shoes**
Suede shoes may be cleaned by brushing and sandpapering them lightly. Then go over them with a cloth moistened with vinegar.

FROM "BREAKER BOY" TO "ORDER BOY"

(The Philadelphia Record)

Judge James may have been a "breaker boy" when he was in rompers.

But the record shows that he's been an "order boy" ever since he's been in long pants—

An "order boy" for one political boss after another. An "order boy" in this very campaign.

For years James was "order boy" for William S. Vare.

When Vare said "hop," Judge James hopped. When Vare said "jump," Judge James jumped.

Back in 1930, James was Lieutenant Governor, and wanted a job on the Supreme Court. Judge Maxey wanted the same job. There were reports James would quit the race. Here is the text of an interview Judge James had with reporters in 1930:

"Will you stay in the race unless Vare asks you to get out?"

A reporter put the question. James replied:

"Certainly. I am waiting on him."

Then the reporter asked:

"Will you get out if Vare asks you to withdraw?"

James replied:

"If he asks me to get out I feel I should withdraw."

In other words, James said he'd take Vare's orders, no matter what they were. And he took the orders. On April 7, 1930, James quit the race for the Supreme Court post, and issued this statement:

"After several conferences with William S. Vare I have decided not to run for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court."

The breaker boy was the "order boy"! To the finish.

You may wonder how James came to Vare's attention. There were excellent reasons.

For six years—from 1920 to 1926—Arthur H. James was district Attorney of populous Luzerne county, of which Wilkes-Barre is the center.

During James' six years in that post his office handled 756 cases of liquor law violation.

In only two cases did any bootlegger serve his full sentence or pay his full fine.

Only two cases out of 756!

No wonder McClure, boss of the old Delaware county rum ring, thinks Judge James is a honey.

On gambling, however, James had an even more impressive record.

Of 174 actions brought against gamblers and gambling racketeers during James' term in office—

Not one gambler, not one gambling racketeer served as much as a single day in jail.

One lone bookie, apparently by mistake, paid a fine of \$100.

But the rest not only failed to pay their fines, but among all of the defendants involved in all 174 cases—

not one went to prison.

No wonder Annenberg thinks Judge James would make a swell Governor.

No wonder the "order boy" is the favorite of the underdog in the gubernatorial race.

If James would be that lenient to bootleggers and gamblers and touts as District Attorney, what grand hospitality could he give them as Governor!

So, today, Arthur H. James is "order boy" for the Annenberg-McClure-Pew-Louchheim foursome which has taken virtual control of the Republican party from its former business leaders.

They expect him to serve them as he served in Luzerne county, as he later served Vare.

Does anybody believe the Annenbergs would have poured thousands and thousands of dollars into James' primary campaign if James was not ready to take orders?

Does anybody believe Pew and Louchheim would have thrown still more thousands into the James pot—if they didn't expect a big return on their investment?

Does anybody believe John H. McClure would have had Judge James sitting at his right hand at dinner in Chester, that he would have swung his whole machine behind James—if McClure didn't expect a cut of the profits if James becomes Governor?

These men, whose chances for fatter profits depend upon a complaisant Governor at Harrisburg, didn't merely support James; they picked him because they knew he could be counted upon to do what he was told to do.

He had done it for Vare. He would do it for them.

He had done it in Luzerne county. He would do it in Harrisburg.

That's the history of the breaker boy who became an "order boy."

It tells the voters of Pennsylvania one thing:

That James will obey his new masters as he did his old—

That a vote for James is a vote to let McClure, Annenberg, Pew and Louchheim run Pennsylvania.

Query and Answer Column

- PROBLEM**—A teacher in one of our rural schools asked one of her brightest pupils to go to the blackboard, and, using the figure "9," write four of them down and arranged so that the sum total will represent exactly 100. He did it, but how did he do it? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)
- T. Y.**—To settle an argument will you kindly answer in this department the age of Gabby Hartnett, the catcher and manager of the Chicago Cubs baseball club? Thank you.
- Ans.**—Charles Leo (Gabby) Hartnett will be 38 years old on December 20, 1938.
- G. F.**—Where are the Aleutian Islands? And who owns them?
- Ans.**—The Aleutian Islands form an arc extending from Alaska about one thousand miles westward in the Pacific ocean. They are owned by the United States, and were acquired in the purchase of Alaska from Russia.
- M. B.**—To what family of birds do the meadowlarks belong? Also I would like to know if they are destructive to wheat or other small grain?
- Ans.**—The Meadowlark belongs to the Oriole family. They are not destructive to small grain, but very valuable as destroyers of insects, on which they live exclusively.
- F. S.**—Is it true that the commander of the Union forces at the battle of Gettysburg was a Spaniard or half Spaniard?
- Ans.**—No. When Gen. George G. Meade, the Union commander at the battle of Gettysburg, was born his parents were living in Cadiz, Spain. At that time his father was a naval agent for the United States.
- J. T.**—Will you explain what the famous Missouri Compromise is?
- Ans.**—The Missouri Compromise was an act of Congress passed in 1820 to effect a settlement regarding the extension of slavery in the regions beyond the Mississippi except that Missouri should be admitted into the Union as a slave-holding State.
- L. P.**—Who were the Moabitites?
- Ans.**—The Moabitites were a race of people that inhabited the region of the Dead Sea and the Jordan River, where they pursued a pastoral life. The Israelites came in contact with them after immigrating into Canaan. Later the Moabitites formed an alliance with the Chaldeans, in which they were unsuccessful, against the Jews, and have long since been lost among the Arabs—about 300 B. C.
- Answer to problem:** He wrote them 99 8-8 (ninety-nine and nine ninths) which equals 100.

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

NONSENSE VERSE
 If the hitch-hiker hikes
 Much more than he hitches,
 He'll wear out his shoes
 Ere he wears out his britches.

A jaywalker is as old as he looks—up and down the street.

Perhaps you've noticed that some pedestrians walk along as if they owned the street. And again, some motorists drive along as if they owned the car.

We know an absent-minded motorist who changes his oil every day and his shirt every five thousand miles.

The Latest Style
 He—Pretty smooth gearshift you have on this car.
 She—"That's no gearshift. That's my knee."

All men are born free and equal, but some of them get married.

A bachelor is one who looks before he leaps and then stays where he is.

It Sure Would
 Diner—"I know of nothing more exasperating than to find a hair in my soup."
 Waiter—"And you, sir?"
 Diner—"The same as my friend, but with potatoes."

It's pretty tough to pay so much for meat these days, but if you pay less it's tougher.

Certainly Not
 Diner—"Hey, waiter. I ordered chicken pie, but I don't see any chicken in it."
 Waiter—"Yes, and if you ordered cabinet pudding you wouldn't find Jim Farley in it."

We hear of a Scotchman who once bought an Airdale for a pet because he thought it lived on air.

No Hurry
 Girl—"Officer, stop that man. He tried to kiss me."
 Cop—"That's all right, Miss. There'll be another one along in a minute."

You may have found out by this time that marriage is a good deal like a telephone. You don't always get the party you want.

The Coward
 He—"Did you hear about the robbery last night?"
 She—"No."
 He—"A garter attempted to hold up a stocking, but the stocking ran."

We just heard of a slick crook being caught. He went into a shoe store to buy a pair of shoes, and they pinched him.

And So On And On
 Judge—"Where do you live?"
 Prisoner—"I live with my brother."
 Judge—"Where does your brother live?"
 Prisoner—"He lives with me."
 Judge—"Well, where do you both live?"
 Prisoner—"We live together."

A bold racketeer in a small town, finding that someone had stolen his gun, advertised that if the thief would return it he would give him the contents, and no questions asked.

The guy who has his ups and downs is the one who gets the aisle seat in the movies.

Women's dress nowadays shows her good taste—and that isn't all.

One-Man Army
 Father—"And there, son, you have the story of your dad and the great war."
 Boy—"Yes, dad, but why did they need all the other soldiers?"

Some bartenders now serve a whisk broom with their drinks. The whisk broom is to brush yourself off when you get up from the floor.

The best way to cure snake bite with whisky is to let the snake drink the whisky before he bites you.

That's all, folks. The musician who invented swing ought to. Swing music is driving some of us jitterbughouse.

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