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#### NOT MAGICIANS AFTER ALL

It will probably prove surprising, as well as disappointing to a large number of Centre county citizens that the Republican leaders of the State are just plain ordinary mortals after all. It is just beginning to dawn that they are beset by many of the problems that heretofore had been considered Democratic property, exclusively. Unless we're far wrong in our conclusions, the new Administration will lose much of the magic glamor it has been

For instance, one source of rumor goes so far as to say that Republican leaders have just about decided at this point that they're going to have to levy taxes in order to take care of Pennsylvania's needy and carry on Pennsylvania's governmental activities.

Another source pointed out that despite the Republicans' professed admiration for "two-party government" as the only kind worth living under, there has been a marked absence of alarm in Republican circles over the fact that the Republicans apparently will be successful in getting control of the State Senate next year as well as the House.

As a matter of fact, a number of staunch Republicans have admitted already that if Governor-elect James is to carry out his latter-day campaign pledges to uphold so-called social legislation and to give "adequate" assistance to the State's needy, any extensive or even perceptible reduction in taxes will be more or less out of the question for the next two years, at least.

With the election about seven weeks behind him, the new Governor, himself, indicated in his first and only policy pronouncement since the polls closed that there would be scant possibilities of any hand-outs to industry in the way of tax reductions when he said:

This is not going to be an easy task which we are confronting and the preliminary surveys now being made are even less encouraging than we had hoped.

"I cannot and will not promise industry any exemption from proper responsibility to its employes," he told the Pennsylvania Society in New York, "I cannot promise industry immunity from laws stipulating proper methods and proper working conditions. I cannot promise release from reasonable taxation."

## OUR MISSION

President Roosevelt in his Community Christmas Tree celebration in Washington, could not have broadcast to the world in half a dozen different languages a message more neded and more accurate. Envious and suspicious peoples can accept at full value the President's assurance that "we covet neither the lands nor the possessions of any other nation or people" and that "we of the Western World have borne witness by works as well as by words to our devotion to the cause of peace."

One wonders at times, if in the plan of Destiny, the great mission of the United States to keep on preaching and practicing such a doctrine. It has been a good old custom of this Nation to boast about itself in terms superlative. This Nation has the tallest skyscrapers, the greatest automobile population, the mightiest industries, nearly all the world's gold, wealth in natural resources to dazzle half the earth, possession of materials to dazzle King Midas.

Such assets may impress other nations, but likewise make them envious. And it means absolutely nothing to such people, especially in the Orient where things of the mind outweigh matter in all forms. Might not the United States lead the world to higher levels of living, if it emphasizes, as did the President, that in this land there is no covetousness? Could not the peoples of the world be persuaded to follow American leadership more certainly if the accent were put upon freedom of speech and press and religious worship; on the great charitable and philanthropic enterprises, of the unrestricted right to vote at the polls, of the great public school system and those other treasures which can be listed without using the dollar-

There is much more to the survival of nations and civilizations than great armaments and bursting treasuries. In the last stand of a nation, its intangibles of courage, idealism, loyalty to principles and its decencies are the guarantees of survival.

## PLANNING FOR INAUGURATION

Republican State Chairman Torrance is setting up his staff and program for the inauguration of Governor-elect James, January 17. Harrisburg Republicans have been charged with responsibility for providing the music, arranging the parade, building the grand stand, installing the sound devices, draping the decorations and all else which will make the occasion a gala one.

Good sport Democrats, especially those in Harrisburg and nearby, will not begrudge the victors this imposing show of return to power in the State. Inauguration Day will be a Republican day mainly, but a holiday for most regardless of party.

Under the American system of government these changes in administration occur. They have not occurred as often in Pennsylvania as they should and as they probably will, now that more and more persons are convinced that their governmental safety lies in rooting out of power any group which shows signs of petrifying in office.

By the votes of the people the Republicans have earned the right to a sparking inauguration. If the costs which the taxpayers must provide, are to be kept down, so much the better. There can be an abundance of elation over an

inauguration without tapping the till unduly. Harrisburg's reputation for hospitality and broadmindedness will guarantee the lack of any "sour notes" as the Republicans plan their "going-in" party.

#### POLITICAL JOB SEEKERS

The following few lines are dedicated to that army of job-seekers bent on wrangling one job or another out of the incoming administration at Harrisburg.

An estimated 11,000 names will be selected to take over the host of secondary positions soon to be made vacant as the result of the reversal at the polls. During the campaign many were led to believe 30,000 jobs would be filled. That but one-third that number is nearer the truth will only increase the pressure when the handout begins.

An observation or two may be in order concerning those jobs. There will be many persons filling jobs who have never seen the inside of the State House, much less the inner workings of the machinery that is called the State government. Some undoubtedly envision a "soft berth" in a swivel chair, a nice clean desk across which very little of importance ever passes. There must be some jobs like that, although we believe they are few and far between. And if the much-needed economy program of Governor-elect James materializes we believe the number of "soft" jobs will be reduced still more. Many of the 11,-000 jobs are not in nice clean offices but far from the capitol at Harrisburg.

To the victor belongs the spoils, is an old axiom. Under government as we know it in this country the particular party in power naturally distributes jobs to those of its membership whose efforts brought election success. Impartial observers, if they can be so termed, have decried the growth of an increasingly top-heavy State government.

Whether in the interest of economy our new Governor will find it possible to bring about any reform in this respect remains to be seen. If there is to be any material relief from the tax burden as it now stands it would not seem improbable that he will closely examine the internal workings of the myriad of offices at Harrisburg with an eye to weeding out unnecessary functions.

We do not believe this will discourage many jobseekers from going ahead with their plans. We do believe, however, that there is little satisfaction in knowing that the next election is but four years in the future and that for a person seriously bent on building for the "rainy day" the Harrisburg jobs offer little foundation for such a structure.

#### NO BONFIRE PLANNED

There won't be a bonfire of Earle administration measures when the Republican-controlled legislature meets-not immediately at least. This appears certain now from action by house leaders in deciding to abandon the idea of reviving the committee on repeal bills. Along in the forepart of the campaign Judge James declared most of the Earle administration measures should be taken out and burned. This brought on what was known as "the bonfire issue." This Judge James and other Republican orators later tried to soft-pedal. Since election comparatively little has been heard of the proposal.

At the Hershey caucus of Republican members there was some talk, but the suggestion apparently didn't take with the leaders. Repeal measures, according to the program, will go through regular committees with no particular effort to rush them. Many of the measures denounced during the campaign, in particular the acts pertaining to social welfare and labor, not only had the support of Democrats but many Republicans as well. Some of these Republicans are holdovers. Presumably they have protested against a party action which would place them in an embarrassing position. Then, too, there is the probability that G. O. P. leaders have come to realize that the bulk of the measures have real merit and in their operation can be useful in carrying out the Republican program. So if you go to Harrisburg January 17 don't expect to see the night sky lighted up with a bonfire of Demo-

## THE MEMORIAL TO JEFFERSON

The memorial to Thomas Jefferson, now in course of construction at Washington, may serve to remind the people of this country of a really great American.

The manner of this man is clearly seen in the directions left behind him, on the back of an old letter, for a monument to mark a simple grave. "A plain die or cube of 3 f." he wrote, "without any mouldings, surmounted by an abelisk of 6 f. height, each of a single stone." And then, on the face of the monument, the following inscription and "not a word more . . . because by these as testimonials that I have lived, I wish most to be remembered" that "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson 'author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom and father of the University of Virginia'.

It is interesting to observe that Thomas Jefferson did not make mention of the fact that he had been twice honored by his countrymen in being selected President of the United States. The things that he preferred to be remembered for were his devotion of the cause of human freedom, including freedom of worship to his countrymen and freedom of the mind in the pursuit of knowledge.

It will pay all Americans to know more about the life and thoughts of this great man.

## AN ATROCIOUS CRIME

Public indignation is aroused over the brutal slaying of pretty Margaret Martin of Kingston. The crime will go down as one of the most atrocious in the history of this state.

It illustrates to what depths those who run brothels and houses of ill repute will go. That her death was brought about by a procurer for one of the white slave rings is being generally accepted by police. When the trail got too hot there was only one thing to do and that was to get rid of the girl and the body.

How many more unfortunate girls have met a similar fate and their bodies never discovered. This unfortunate victim was abducted into the life from all reports. How many other girls are there, many from our own city and county, who are enticed into it of their own accord by promises of riches and a life of ease. The glowing pictures which are painted rapidly fade out and grim reality is faced once the step from which there can be no return

It is time a state-wide move was made to wipe out this canker, the heart of which seems to lie in the upper anthracite region.

## SELLING FILTHY CANDY

The other day, in an Eastern State, a small candy manufacturer entered a plea of guilty to a charge of selling candy that contained rat hairs, decomposed vegetable

matter, dirt, filth and particles of mouse. The manufacturer was apprehended by Federal officials and prosecuted after he shipped his candy across state lines. Most of it was in penny goods, designed for children. As long as he sold his product within his state, the manufacturer was immune to Federal prosecution. The incident illustrates the necessity for rigid state laws, providing adequate inspection of the manufacture of candy and other food products. Moreover, the law must have behind it an efficient and capable staff with sufficient energy to make the law effective.



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

#### Some Resolutions To Follow This Year

In case you Office-Catters have back-slid on your 1938 model resolutions, here's a brand-new set you can try on your "resolutor

1-I will not fall off Pike's Peak in 1939. (Persons who contemplate being within forty miles of Pike's Peak in 1939 can make this read "I will not fall under Pike's Peak in 1939,")

2-I will not swim the English channel towing six men in a rowboat. Be positive on this one

3-I will not tell or listen to any WPA jokes. This one will be difficult but you've got the stuff, old feliners. 4-I will not drink to excess-without first sitting down on the floor

with my back to a wall. 5-I will be kind to our feathered friends-especially if the feathers

are ostrich and Sally Rand is behind them. 6-I will control my temper and count up to ten before I kick any

man I have knocked down. 7-I will not put slugs in the slot machine-at least not many.

8-I will be scrupulously honest about counting my change twice, even if the clerk is watching me. 9-I will observe the Golden Rule and sock my neighbor in the eye

Well, there you are. Nothing in those resolutions that a little bit of backbone won't take care of, is there?

### Call To Arma

"Your Monor," said the lawyer, "I submit that my client did not break into the house at all. He found the parlor window open, inserted Abyssinia (Ethiopia) and Arabia more than a thousand years ago. his right arm, and removed a few trifling articles. Now, my client's arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish him for an offense committed by only one of his limbs,

"That argument," said the judge, "is very well put. Following it logically, I sentence the prisoner's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can or coarse salt. Hence it was called "corned beef." accompany it or not, just as he chooses." The prisoner calmly unscrewed his cork arm and walked out.

#### Oh, Dear. Oh, Dear

The following is from a petition in a damage suit by a lady whose bathtub was located in the kitchen:

"That upon emerging from the said tub, plaintiff stepped on a cake of soap and was thus compelled to sit upon the range. That, although she arose therefrom with all diligence, she discovered she had been branded 'Dockash No. 7'.

#### Absence Accounted For

Slow Waiter-"This coffee, sir; it's special from South America." Customer (sarcastically)-"Oh, so that's where you've been."

### Strange Words From a Deacon

A preacher told his congregation that he had a "call" to go to another church. One of the deacons, who was quite adept at the art of poker playing, asked how much money he was offered. "Three hundred dollars," was the reply

"Well, I don't blame yo' nohow for goin'," remarked the deacon, "but you should-all be more exac' in youah languidge, Parson? Dant isn't a "call," dat's a "raise."

#### HOLD YOUR BREATH

I met her in the garden, The night was still as death; I knew she knew her onions

I could smell them on her breath. I left her in the garden. She breathed a fragrant sigh-Her best friends wouldn't tell her,

So why the beck should 1?

## How About a Little Scotch?

A Scotchman had returned to his native land after a 30-year-abhim at the station. When he arrived he was surprised to find both brothers wearing long beards.

"And why are ye wearing whiskers?" he asked. "Dinna ye remember, Donald?" they replied. "When ye left ye took the razor with ye."

## Isn't It the Truth?

A certain old lady, who was rather plain-spoken in her speech, sent or passing signal. for her lawyer to make her will. "I wish to explain about the disposition of my property," she be-

The lawyer was sympathetic. "There, there," he replied, "don't you worry about it. Just leave it to me." With resignation the old lady said: "I suppose I might as well-

We Did It-Here 'Tis An Office Cat reader challenges us to write a verse, making the word

"Chrysanthemum" rhyme. And this is what we got: We have a new maid named Chrysanthemum, She said: "My last place was at Grantham, mum. But my mistress took fright When I snored in the night To the tune of the national anthem, mum.

When a girl plays with fire it generally ends up with the neighborhood raking her over the coals.

That's all, folks. The girl who slaps her sweetheart may not want to hurt his feelings as much as she wants to stop them.

# Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:-I am engaged to a tion, that is perfectly silly. If he fine young man but he has not had a doesn't keep himself clean and his college education. Most of my family manners are such that they embar-

you'll set it anyway."

a high school education does not you tie up with that for life. But as vorry me now but do you suppose it for the other-I think from your will after I am married? He is very letter that you are the lucky one of intelligent and keeps up with the pair. news and is interested in everything. He also has a good job.

Do you think I will ever be asham- Dear Louisa: ed of him? PERPLEXED -- Mo.

If the young man is as fine as you describe him, I advise you to hold onto him before he gets away. He seems to be a much more intelligent

person than you are.

Don't you know that a person can be educated without going to college? It is easier to study when one is at college but there is nothing in books at school that one cannot get outside the college walls if he has the

to do so.

Half of the boys who go to college fail to take advantage of their opportunities anyway, and there is many a nitwit at large who has spent four years within the walls of learn-

college. A person who has the means intimate friends. and intelligence to receive a college education is wise to take it. It gives him an advantage over the one who hasn't had such opportunity. There are men who have had so much ex-

because he hasn't a college educa- rests, . ....

re college people. rass you when you are out with The fact that my fiance has only friends, you may well hesitate before

I am to be married soon and we have a very small house. It will be impossible to have all of our friends at the ceremony, but do you think is would be all right for my brothers to give a dance at the club house the night before? BRIDE-TO-BE-Lowa.

ANSWER:

A dance after the rehearsal on the night before your wedding is a very good answer to your problem, I think. You could have a receiving line and ask your older friends as perserverance and the intelligence well as those ow your own age. The older ones could come for a while and sit or dance as they choose. Let your friends know that your brothers are having the dance because you home is too small to ac those you would like to have for the ceremony and then limit your wedding guests to those people in your However, I am not disparaging two immediate families and very

LOUISA

## Hard to Please.

Spurred into action by citizen's perience along other lines and who criticism of their enforcement of have read so widely that they can traffic regulations in Hampshire, Ill., overcome such handicaps and somether village board hired C. W. Everts times forge ahead of the brother who as a special policeman to remedy the should by all rights have the inside situation. Before long, however, the citizens complained again—this time But as for being ashamed of a man because there were too many ar-

# Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM-A man desired to change his name. Therefore he adopted the prefix "Mac," thus making his name "MacHines." Can you pronounce his name correctly? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

ERROR-G. H. H., Lock Haven, corrects us on the date of President Wilson's birth date. It should have been December 28, 1856, instead of September 28, 1865, as appeared in this column

F. H .- If there isn't a man in the moon why is it that there is a human face seen in it. And furthermore, all almanacs picture the moon with a human face?

Ans.—There is no man in the moon. It is simply a coincidence that the moon's mountains and valleys reflect the image of the human face. This is carried in the almanacs so that the reader will clearly understand that the drawing means "a moon"-just as though you drew a picture of a house and wrote beneath it "This is a house."

R. H .- I wrote a story and wish to get it copyrighted. How should

Ans,-Full information as well as application blanks will be supplied to all by the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

L. E.-Were there any survivors of the Custer Massacre in Montana? If so, who were they, and where do they live? Ans .- At the Custer Massacre there was just one lone survivor -- Shu-

ing as a scout in the U. S. Army. He died April 22, 1923, at the Crow Indian Agency in Montana D. V .- Ex-President Coolidge has always been known as "Calvin Coolidge." Will you please answer what his middle name was?

shee-ahsh. He was an Indian Scout (nicknamed Curiey.) He was zerv-

Ans,-"Calvin" was his middle name. He was christened "John Cal-

vin Coolidge"—the same as his father. During his youth he wrote his name "J. Calvin Coolidge," but, when he entered college to study for the practice of law he dropped the "J."

N. F .- What country was first to use coffee as a beverage? Ans.-The origin of coffee as a beverage is obscure. It was used in

W. P .- Why is salted beef called "corned beef"? Ans.—The verb "to corn" means to season, cure or sprinkle with salt. The salt generally used was coarse-grained. The verb comes from

an old noun "corn," which meant any hard particle, such as grain, seed

M. H .- In some new buildings under construction have big white crosses marked on the windows. What is that for? Ans.—It simply means they are calling attention to the fact that glass has been put into the window sash. These panes have to be put

in before the plasterers start their work in order to stop rain, snow, etc., from spoiling the plaster. S. K .- What is meant by the "elastic clause" in the United States

Ans.-The "elastic clause" is paragraph 18, section 8, Article 1, of the U.S. Constitution. It gives Congress a choice or means of carrying out powers already granted. Thus it was nicknamed the "elastic clause." H. S. B .- Can you tell me why the peel of an apple is the best part

of it?

C as is the flesh near the core. The skin also furnishes desirable bulk B. K.—When and how long is the Victory Bell rung at Annapolis? Ans.—The Victory Bell at Annapolis is rung only when the Navy beats the Army in football games. The number of times it is rung depends on

Ans.—The peel of apples is more than six times as rich in vitamin

the score of the game. J. S. N .- In what type of disease is the fever treatment used? Ans.-Pever treatment has been used in a number of diseases due to the coccus type of infection. It is being largely replaced by the use of sulfanilimide. It is available in many large hospitals and the cost va-

M. G.—How can I prevent logs from decaying?

Ans.—Logs may be kept free of decay for years if they are completely impregnated with water, thus driving out the air which is es-

sential to the development of fungi M. C .- How many bridges are there across the Mississippi River?

Ans.-There are more than 150. L. F. S.—What is meant by the Ming Dynasty in China? Ans.—The Ming Dynasty was the governing family of China be-tween 1368 and 1644. This dynasty is notable for ceramics and lacquer

E. M .- What are the highest prices paid for best registered breeds of Ans,-The Office of Swine Husbandry says that in a sale in Kansas sence Before leaving America he wrote and asked his brothers to meet city about 1921 or 1922 a Poland China boar sold for \$5000, and a sow for him at the station. When he arrived he was surprised to find both \$2000. Prices as high as \$10,000 have been reported for boars, but it is impossible to say whether the amount reported was actually paid. Good boar pigs at six months usually sell at \$50 to \$100, and sow pigs at \$25 to \$55, the prices depending on the blood lines represented by the pig

and the price the breeder is willing to pay, J. N. T.-Why does a steamship give three long blasts of the whistie? Ans.-Three long blasts of steamship whistles are a courtesy signal generally used by two ships of the same company as a salute, farewell

M. H.—In what distance can a car stop when it is traveling at a speed of forty-five miles an hour? Ans.-A car traveling at forty-five miles per hour under most orable conditions with the best brakes can stop in about ninety feet.

Under good ordinary condition it can stop in about 150 feet. This later figure corresponds to the requirement of thirty feet stopping distance at twenty miles per hour as contained in many local regulations. H. B. M .- How many convictions did Thomas E. Dewey have while prosecuting racketeers?

Ans.-Thomas Dewey had one acquittal and seventy-two convictions in his two years as special prosecutor of rackets and racketeers. D. B .- Please give the order in which the Jalna series by Mazo de la Roche, should be read.

Ans.—They should be read in the following sequence: Young Penny, Jalna, White Oaks of Jalna, Finch's Fortune, Master of Jalna, White Oak Harvest.

N. B. S .- Can you tell me the estimated percentage of the world's population that can neither read nor write? Ans.-In a survey made by the United States Office of Education it was found that 50 per cent, of the people of the world are unable to read and write. This situation ranges all the way from practically no illiteracy in Iceland and Denmark, to 85.3 per cent. in Brazil, 91.2 per cent. in Egypt, and 92.1 per cent. in India.

M. C .- If an American seaman deserts from an American merchant ship in a French port, has he committed a crime?

Ans.—By provision of the Seamen's Act of 1915 desertion ceased to be a crime. If a seaman at the present time deserts from an American vessel he forfelts all wages he may have earned and all effects left on

H. C .- Can an Indian become President of the United States? Ans.-Pull citizenship rights have been bestowed on the American Indians. There is no legal restriction which would prevent an Indian

born in the United States, from becoming President J. R. B .- To whom should I write concerning a pension for a Spanish-American War veteran's widow? Ans.—An application for a pension for the widow of a Spanish-American War veteran should be made to the Widows and Dependents

Claim Division, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. K. C .- Please give the number of naval vessels that are being built in the United States. What types are for the proposed Atlantic Squad-

Ans.—There are seventy-six naval vessels, under construction. The Atlantic Squadron will consist of cruisers, destroyers, and two battleships. the New York and the Texas.

M. A. S .- What is the difference in the process of making brown su-Ans.-There are various grades of brown sugar. After the cane is crushed, the syrup is boiled and evaporated into a soft, sticky mass. This is raw sugar. It contains a large amount of molasses. Through further refining the molasses is removed and finally white sugar results.

T. M .- How many hoboes are there on the road today? Where do they usually end up? Ans.-According to Jeff Davis, a prominent hobo, there are 40,000 girl hoboes and 1,000,000 men boboes on the road. Where these hoboes end up is a matter of conjecture. It is likely that some of them become disgusted with the life and go into some form of business or take up a trade. Others continue the life until they die a natural death or are

killed in an accidental manner. F. N. S .- Please tell me if United States currency can be displayed in

Ans.—The Bureau of Engraving and Printing says that there is no law or regulation prohibiting United States currency being displayed in

M. G .- Please give some facts about the origin of the Christmas card. Ans.-For many years it had been thought but it was not until 1846 that the first Christmas card was produced. In that year such a card was designed by J. C. Horsley, an artist of sufficient note to be a member of the Royal Academy. The commercial distributor was Sir Henry Cole. But only a few years ago, in the course of a cataloguing of a collection of old prints in the British Museum, Egley's card of 1842 was dis Obviously his card did not meet with commercial success nor, for that matter, did Horsley's. It was some two decades later before anything like widespread use of Christmas cards was made. The pioneer, the 1842 Egley card, was 3% by 5% inches in dimension.

Answer to problem: "Machines."