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EDITORIAL

STATE BARRIERS TO TRADE

We are glad to see that the delegates to the conference of State Governments recently gave some attention to the multiplication of trade barriers between states.

For many years, the forty-eight states of the United States were considered a great free-trade area. Commerce between the citizens of the various states was unrestricted and generally protected by the Interstate Commerce Clause. In recent years, however, many states have passed laws which are plainly aimed at preventing citizens in other states from doing business in their domains.

Governor Stark, of Missouri, points out that much of this legislation creates special privileges for local interests, constituting a subsidy. Various excuses for the legislation are advanced, such as protecting the public health, encouraging industrial development and, occasionally, the open protection of domestic industries. As Governor Stark very aptly says, "Experience has shown that while a few minority groups reap the benefit of trade-barriers, the great consuming public pays the bill once these barriers have been erected."

Despite conflicts with Federal law, the taxing power of states has been used quite freely for punitive effects on non-resident concerns. Moreover, state laws have been passed to hamper and prevent the use of products produced in other states, which compete with products locally produced.

It ought to be apparent to the citizens of every state that if they pass restrictive laws, adversely affecting the commercial interests of other states, every state will eventually follow their example and this country will be honey-combed by regulations, restrictions, and barriers that will all but destroy interstate commerce.

In other words, a single state might obtain a selfish advantage if it could pass restrictive laws against the citizens of all other states, but, once similar laws are passed by the states affected, the advantage vanishes. The only net result is that the consumer, as Governor Stark points out, "pays the bill."

BOY SCOUT WORK INCREASES

Boy Scout Week will be observed not only by the Scouts of the United States but by the people of the country as well. The special week, which begins February 8, marks the 29th anniversary of Scouting in this country.

We are advised by Scout authorities that there are 39,750 Boy Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Sea Scout Ships, with 1,233,950 boys and men and that since the beginning of Scouting in America 8,400,000 boys and men have been identified with the movement.

The Centre Democrat is glad to congratulate the Boy Scouts upon their progress and to express the hope that the movement will grow in numbers throughout the nation. Scouting depends upon the volunteer work of responsible adults who serve as Scoutmasters and troop officials and, in our commendation, they deserve special recognition.

The Boy Scout movement can be no stronger than the leaders of the boys in any given community. Unless there are unselfish adults, ready to serve as leaders, the Scout work will inevitably falter. Considering the great appeal that scouting has to the average young American it seems reasonable to believe that there will be men everywhere to help the boys of America to be trained in the ways of Scoutcraft.

A WOEFUL SITUATION

Reports of growing discontent among the rank and file of the Republican party because of the slowness with which State patronage is being handed out by the new Administration were heard over the week-end.

Approximately 1000 vacancies are in the process of being created in the various Republican-controlled departments, but according to the present plan, only a smattering of these are to be refilled, and the Republican job-seekers are coming to the painful realization that it may be some time before they will be getting on the payroll.

Inasmuch as there will not be enough jobs to go around, anyhow, many of the would-be job holders are being haunted by the even more painful thought that they may not get on the payroll at all.

FEWER FATALITIES

It is gratifying to be able to report that fatalities at grade crossing accidents in 1932 showed a reduction from the figures for 1931. The same trend, we believe, has been recorded in the death toll from highway accidents not connected with collisions with trains.

Undoubtedly, one of the reasons for this improved safety record is the extensive safety educational program that has been launched in many ways in all sections of the nation.

Let us keep the subject constantly in mind and continue the good work that is reflected in lower death rates.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IMPORTANT

School officials should not overlook the importance of adequate physical education in their school programs.

It is a fine thing to train a mind and make a child mentally alert but it is just as important to teach the pupil how to take proper care of the body and to maintain good health.

There can be no divorcement of the mental and physical development of the individual. "A sound mind in a sound body" is a sensible goal for educational efforts.

SAVING THE UNION IN A FASHION

Well, it seems that the country is safe in the State of New York, where the Court of Appeals has ruled that school children can be compelled to salute the American flag.

The case involved a girl of thirteen, who refused to salute the flag because of her belief that the Bible forbade her to bow down to "images." However mistaken the little girl may be in her religious ideas, we doubt if the United States, as a nation, gains very much by compelling her to violate her conscience and salute the American flag.

The same question has come up in other states, where legislators anxious to demonstrate their patriotism, have passed laws requiring school children to salute the flag. Occasionally, school authorities discover pupils whose professed religious beliefs teach them that they should not salute the flag.

In such cases, it seems, the security and safety of the United States requires that the force of the law be invoked and that the little child, hardly old enough to understand the implications of a refusal to render the salute of loyalty, is compelled to violate his or her conscience or suffer punishment.

The chances are that these children, if left alone, would be anxious to salute the American flag in later years, as they understand the significance of our Government. Consequently, it seems to us, that, regardless of law, school officials and public prosecutors might just as well forget any incidents affecting a pupil who declines to salute the flag.

ONE MAN LICKS 13 TANKS

They are brave men, those Spaniards. The story of Celestino Garcia Moreno, a Loyalist infantryman fighting in the defense of Barcelona, seems to rival the feat of Alvin York, of Tennessee, called the greatest single exploit in the World War. York alone captured a whole company of armed Germans.

Moreno was attached to an anti-tank unit. With other anti-tank men he had blown up three Italian tanks near Barcelona, returning with two machine guns taken from the tanks he had destroyed. That would have been, ordinarily, glory enough for one day. But Moreno was rarin' for conquest.

He grabbed an armful of dynamite bombs, stuck a lighted cigaret between his teeth to light the fuses of his bombs and then advanced alone against 13 Fascist tanks. They opened upon him with their machine guns and, dodging from one shelter to another, he replied by hurling his bombs. He blew up two of the tanks, put two or three more out of commission and drove the rest off the field.

He had been wounded five times, but went ahead and finished the job. Finding a pick-axe, he began forcing open the doors of the disabled tanks. He hauled the defenders out one after another, a captain, a lieutenant, a sergeant and several privates, all Italians. Then, filling both hands again with bombs to keep the prisoners in subjection, he drove them back to the republican lines and sauntered off to get his wounds dressed.

What a man! What a race!

A MIRACLE RADIO

Wonderful developments are promised in the realm of radio. Major Edwin H. Armstrong, professor of electrical engineering in Columbia University, according to an announcement from that institution, has found how to do away with static, tube noises and other interferences, permitting practically perfect transmission and reception.

The nature of the changes he makes in method, principle and instruments will be a mystery to most people, but perhaps this much can be said without scientific inaccuracy. Prof. Armstrong uses a revolutionary principle known as "frequency modulation," instead of the "amplitude modulating system" now in use. It will operate on very short waves, perhaps from ten meters down to one meter, thus opening up 1,000 to 1,500 new wave lengths and greatly extending the possible number of broadcasting stations.

The receiving sets, he thinks, when produced in quantity, need cost no more than good sets now in use. And the new sets can be made to receive from both the present broadcasting outfits and those built for the new type or transmission.

It sounds good; bring 'em along.

ENDORGING THE HEALTH PROGRAM

While we are not prepared to give any whole-hearted endorsement to the details of the proposed national health program, especially since the details are not known to us, we feel that the people of this country are united in a determination that the great mass of the population, including the unfortunate of every description, should have better medical care.

To say this is not with any intention of criticizing the medical profession, which has its problems. However, the advanced treatment of modern scientific research is not available to men, women and children in this land for one reason or another and, as a consequence, there are deaths every day that could be prevented.

So far as the general purpose of the health program is concerned it has the support of most Americans. There may be details that must be tried out and corrected upon the basis of experience but, in the long run, the nation will greatly benefit from the expenditure of any reasonable sums, however large, upon preventing illness and curing the diseased.

LETTERS to the Editor

Facts About the Historical Society
Bellefonte, Pa.
February 1, 1933.

Editor The Centre Democrat:

The name of Linn, associated with old Bellefonte, is derived from Rev. James Linn, D. D. 58 years pastor of the Presbyterian church. His first wife was a daughter of James Harris, founder of the town. His son, Judge Samuel Linn, built the first house on Linn street which Col. Reynolds removed to make his driveway. Judge Linn's portrait, painted when he was a boy in Bellefonte, now hangs in the library and historical corporation building in Bellefonte.

John B. Linn came to Bellefonte after his marriage, wrote Linn's History of Centre and Clinton counties and it is sufficient monument to him in its usefulness. The historical society has lately been revived under its old charter name of John Blair Linn Historical Society of Centre county. He has been dead 40 years. His name should have been, simply, Centre County Historical Society, which would conform in the federation with Dauphin, Northumberland county, Bucks county, etc. and place alphabetically in group three.

I am proud of my county's name being made prominent and think every native born citizen of the county and every patriotic society in it ought to be ashamed that State College can not have a sign on its streets pointing to the grave of General Patton, a short distance away where he had requested to be buried 134 years ago.

I have offered to pay the expense of a new charter under the name of Centre County Historical Society.


HENRY S. LINN.

13 PASSENGERS ESCAPE INJURY IN BUS MISHAP

A Greyhound bus enroute, from Sunbury to Pittsburgh with 13 passengers, was damaged to the extent of about \$125 at 1:10 o'clock Monday morning when it skidded against a boulder while descending the north side of the Centre Hall mountain near Pleasant Gap. No one was injured.

According to State Motor Police who investigated the accident the bus pulled to the extreme right of the road when the driver noticed a car skidding toward him. The rear wheels of the bus, which was driven by H. S. Gordon, of Wheeling, W. Va., skidded on wet ice and swung broadside against a large boulder at the right of the road.

Parents who work hard and save money leave it to children who spend money and then work hard.

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

SHE WENT CROOKED

There was a young lady from Ghent,
Whose nose was most awfully bent,
She followed her nose
One day, I suppose—
And no one knows which way she went.

They Owe Him, Too

A Colored girl working in a private family had difficulty in getting her wages. They kept putting her off until one day she got an idea. She went upstairs to her mistress's bedroom and got into bed. The lady of the house, thinking the girl was sick, sent for the doctor. Upon his arrival he inquired of the patient, "What's the matter with you, Lize?"

"Ain't nuffin the mattah wid me," explained the girl, "dese folks owes me sixteen dollahs, an' I 'se goin' to stay right here until I gets it."

The doctor looked at her a moment and said: "Roll over to the other side of the bed. They owe me forty dollahs."

BAD BEHAVIOR

There was a brave lass of Connecticut,
Who signaled the train with her peecticut,
Which the papers defined
As presence of mind—
But deplorable absence of eeticut.

Good News For Mammy

The conductor on the car and the little boy's mother were arguing about the age of the boy. The conductor said, "Why look at him, he has even got on long pants."

An old colored woman sitting in a nearby seat burst forth: "Bless de Lord, I won't have to pay full fare neither."

It Should Be Helpful

A young lady who wanted to be popular in society and make a hit socially, wrote to the editor of a magazine and asked, "How can I make an impression?"

The editor replied: "Go into your bedroom, lock the door and pull down the blinds. Remove all your clothing and sit down in a pan of soft dough. Remain in that position for five minutes, and if that does not prove a complete success, then all hope is lost."

HOW'S BUSINESS?

What you do, that's your business;
What I do, that's my business;
What she does, that's her business;
What she and I do, that's nobody's business.

Pillow Case Size

A young man was doing his own shopping. He said to the pretty girl behind the drapery counter: "I want a pillow case, please."

"Yes," said the girl. "What size?"

"Why-er—I'm not sure, but I take a six and seven-eighths hat."

Pedestrians Poor Risks

The man went to the insurance office to have his life insured.
"Do you drive?" the insurance agent asked.

"No."

"Sorry, sir," snapped the agent curtly, "but we no longer insure pedestrians."

Old Age Pension Needed

A teacher in one of the rural schools was giving a lesson on the Netherlands. One of the principal cities to be discussed was Rotterdam. The teacher then gave an oral quiz about the principal cities, and asked little Willie for a statement about Rotterdam. Willie arose and said: "If my aunt don't soon change her stockings, she'll Rotterdam feet."

(Aside and very confidential to O. S. and a recent unknown contributor: Please send us another supply of cat food.)

A Good Start

A fellow was telling his friends that he had quit worrying. That he had hired a fellow to do his worrying and was going to pay him ten dollars a day to do the worrying for him. One of his friends asked him where he was going to get the money to pay him. He replied: "That's the first thing I am going to give him to worry about."

A Particular Cuss

A man with a slight hitch in his breath walked into a restaurant but didn't seem to find anything that appealed to his appetite. The young lady waitress, thinking she might be helpful to him, suggested: "We have some very nice pickled tongue." "Nope," he replied, "I couldn't eat anything that comes out of an animal's mouth. Bring me a couple of soft-boiled eggs."

Objection Sustained

The doctor was sent for and after he came he took one look at the patient and said: "I think you had better send for another doctor."

The patient gasped and said: "Am I really that sick, doctor?"

"I don't really know how sick you are," replied the doctor, "but I do know you are the attorney who cross-examined me when I was testifying in court. My conscience will not let me kill you, and damned if I'm going to cure you. Good-bye."

That's all, folks. Ever hear the story about the zippers? It's full of catches. —SCAT—

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:
I was raised in the mountains by poor parents with a large family. Our school house was three miles away and we could not walk that far while we were small. When we got older, we had to work on the farm most of the time but I have even cried to go to school and learn more.

I was allowed to run around with grown-up girls and at the age of fourteen I was married. At fifteen I was a mother and another child came the next year.

My husband and I had a childish quarrel and he left the county, leaving me to do the best I could with two little children. I left the child with my mother and got a job in an adjoining state in a factory. I supported myself and the kids until a young widower came along whom I had never seen before. But I believed all the things he told me and we were married when I was eighteen.

Well, he did make a good living and a father to my two small children for a good while. Eleven years ago we moved to Texas, around his folks whom I had never seen before. His parents, sisters and brothers all disliked me and made fun of my poor education and took advantage of me, knowing that I was a thousand miles from my home and no way to get back. I had to do their washing and scrubbing and be a servant to them. My husband started drinking and spending all his wages while me and the two kids were going pretty hungry in a little shack in the country. I quit working for them for nothing and started working for our food and clothes. My mother-in-law and sister-in-law would come around and eat dinner with me and in a little while my husband and I were separated. My husband later begged me to come back and afterwards I found that his mother and sister had told him a lie on me to make him leave me. They did this while they were making out my wages, eating at my table. The letter I found from the sister to the mother turned me against my husband for believing such tales on me, even though I am still living with him. His folks have said to me in front of him "Your kids are as ignorant as you."

But this made me work harder to give them at least a high school education which they have both got and now they are taking a business course and I am left here watching them climb and seeing my husband still working for his parents living in sight of us. I see him coming out of their house each day, knowing that four years ago they told me to leave their house while he was drinking. I have never been there since and they don't speak to me.

Don't you believe that if a man cared for a woman he would have got a job away from them a long time ago? I can't trust him, even though he has straightened up and changed his ways on account of his letting his folks abuse me because I didn't have a chance to get an education and calling my kids ignorant.

I'm sick here one more year until my kids get a job and can help themselves, but when we leave this state, I can't make up my mind to let him go with us. I am 34 years old and still able to work.

JUST A READER.
Texas.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—No doubt you know the names of all the Presidents of the United States. Now then, can you tell what the name of our President in 1917? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

H. A.—Why does a person say he wrote a letter "under" his signature when in reality the letter is written "over" his signature?
Ans.—The expression is elliptical and has no reference whatever to either the paper or signature. Hence, "written under my own name," meaning that it was written under his own character, without disguise, or anything else to that effect.

M. H.—Why did Russia ally herself with England and the other Allies against Germany and the other Central Powers?
Ans.—In 1914 when Austria declared war on Serbia, Russia immediately announced her intention to support Serbia and joined Great Britain and France in the conflict that followed and which developed into the great World War.

G. H.—What is the nickname of Pittsburgh, Pa.?
Ans.—Pittsburgh, Pa., is ironically dubbed "Smoky City" and "Pirate City," but the correct nickname is "Iron City."

S. C.—What college did Abraham Lincoln graduate from?
Ans.—None. He did not even get a common-school education; he was self-taught by candle light.

N. V.—What is the Aurora Borealis of the North Pole? Why don't we have one at the South Pole?
Ans.—The Aurora Borealis, or commonly known as the Northern Lights, is a phenomenon of great beauty occurring in the northern hemisphere. While the Auroras appear in great numbers and various colors, the most frequent appearance is a flame of fire in the form of an arch, from which great streamers flash toward the zenith. Auroras are caused by the passage of electricity through the rarified air of the upper regions of the atmosphere. The South Pole has the same thing, only it is called by another name—the Aurora Australis. Its lights, however, are not visible north of the South Temperate Zone.

X. Y. Z.—To settle an argument please answer in your Q and A. If there is a license tax on cats, and if so when was this act passed in Pennsylvania?
Ans.—No Pennsylvania Legislature has ever passed an act requiring the licensing of cats.

E. L.—When Agumaldo, the Filipino leader, was captured by the United States army in the Philippines in 1898, was he executed as a traitor?
Ans.—No. While he aided the United States against a common enemy, he had not taken the oath of allegiance and therefore could not be executed as a traitor. Shortly after he was taken prisoner by Gen. Frederick Funston he took the oath of allegiance to the United States and was freed.

S. R.—Is it colder at the North or the South Pole?
Ans.—The region of the South Pole is colder than that of the North Pole because it lies in the midst of a large land mass and at a greater elevation.

H. W. A.—Who was the famous Kentucky gambler who was given a spectacular funeral in a small Nevada town?
Ans.—Riley Grannan was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and began his colorful career as a gambler on the races. In 1894 he opened a cafe on the Main street in Lexington but was forced to close the establishment to creditors. At various times he won large sums of money, but his generosity to his many friends and constant gambling finally impoverished him. In an effort to recover his losses he went to a mining camp at Rawlids, Nevada, where he died. His funeral was conducted in back of a saloon. The sermon that was preached eulogized him for his sportsmanship, his capacity for friendship, and his many deeds of charity.

E. E. S.—Where is the exact center of North America?
Ans.—The Geological Survey says that the geographical center of North America is located in Pierce county, a few miles west of Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

G. K.—What is the average life of an incandescent lamp?
Ans.—The life of lamps depends upon many factors, but there is an agreed upon standard of 1000 hours for general lighting-service lamps. Projection lamps have shorter lives, 50, 100 and 200 hours, as the service required determines. Very high efficiency is only possible with short life. Decreased voltage increases the life of lamps. A lamp designed to operate for 1000 hours on a 220-volt, if operated on a 115-volt circuit will have a life of years, instead of 1000 hours.

J. W. H.—When was the Liberty Bell taken to Allentown, Pa.?
Ans.—In 1777 when the American forces were about to leave Philadelphia, it was taken to Allentown to prevent its falling into the hands of the British who were then at the city's gates.

E. D.—When was the big blizzard in New York?
Ans.—The New York blizzard began about midnight on March 11, 1888, and continued to the 14th.

W. J. R.—In what year was John Wanamaker made Postmaster General of the United States?
Ans.—Mr. Wanamaker was appointed to that office in 1889.

E. B.—Can you tell me in your good paper who was the author of "Poor Relations" and "Honore de Balzac" was the author of "Poor Relations." He was a Frenchman born in Tours, France, May 16, 1799, and died in Paris August 20, 1850.

W. M. H.—How large is Fairmount Park in Philadelphia?
Ans.—This beautiful park covers 3845 acres.

S. P. G.—Can you give me the well-known saying about the pleasures of the table being innocent? Who is the author?
Ans.—Brillat-Savarin was the author of the epigram to which you refer. It reads as follows: "The pleasures of the table are the most delightful and the most innocent that man can enjoy."

S. J. H.—What is the difference between a thermal and a hot spring?
Ans.—Springs are called thermal when their waters show a temperature exceeding 70 degrees F. Those whose temperatures are above 98 degrees are called hot.

C. S. G.—What flowers lead in commercial production in the United States?
Ans.—The rose leads, with the carnation second, and the violet third.

W. M. C.—Please give directions for keeping a Christmas tree fresh.
Ans.—If a Christmas tree is set in water when it first comes into the house and is kept in water while it is part of the Christmas decoration, it will remain fresh and green for at least a week longer. Water should be replaced as it evaporates. If the base of a Christmas tree is trimmed with a sharp knife just before it is mounted, the pores will be left open, allowing water to rise in the stem to the living cells which are still trying to provide the tree with food and moisture. Spruce and fir retain their needles longer than most other Christmas trees.

J. H. G.—How many of the kidnapping cases in recent years have been solved by the Department of Justice?
Ans.—Of the 139 kidnapping cases which have occurred since the passage of the Federal Kidnaping Statute in 1932, 137 have been successfully and completely solved by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of local law enforcement officers.

W. H. G.—What section of the country consumes the most milk?
Ans.—Per capita consumption of milk is highest in New England with an average of 180 quarts of milk annually.

R. S. W.—Which country has the largest army in the world in proportion to its population?
Ans.—While Russia reports an army of nineteen million, it is reported that actually Switzerland, with a population of 4,800,000, can report 500,000 active soldiers in twenty-four hours.

F. R. S.—Can a veteran who has never applied for the bonus secure it by applying now? What is the maximum payment allowed to any one veteran?
Ans.—A veteran who has not applied for the bonus may do so now. The maximum bonus paid to any veteran was \$1595.

Answer to problem: Our President's name in 1917 was the same then as it is now—Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Rather tricky, eh?

heartaches "Just a Reader" suffered, I admire her very much for being brave enough to see that her children were given the education that she was unable to have. It must be a great joy to her to see her two boys so much better prepared to make a living than she was.

You in-laws were very cruel to make fun of your poor education.

People who are so critical usually have very little that they can be proud of and try to show off what little they have. I admit that your husband was not very loyal to you at the very time you needed him the most. He should have taken your part and stood by you, for a husband and wife should always come first with each other.

However, let us see if we can not find the good as well as the bad in his behavior. He did make you a good husband for five years before he got under the influence of his

family, didn't he? Perhaps he is weak and easily influenced and his fault lay in a weakness of will rather than being deliberately mean.

Of course, you are the only one who can decide whether you want to go on living with him or not. It might help clear your mind about him to go away for a while and send him to follow you if you feel later that you have forgiven and forgotten.

You are young yet, and as you say, you are still able to work! You and the two boys should be able to get along very nicely if you have to. And it is not too late to improve your education. One of your boys can get you some books to read or some teacher can give you a list of interesting things. There are many magazines with short subjects which will help you ever so much.

Good luck and best wishes from

LOUISA.