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EDITORIAL

CROP CONTROL LEGALIZED

The decision of the United States Supreme Court, handed down last week, upholds the right of the government to control interstate commerce in farm products through marketing quotas.

This about wipes out the practical effect of the earlier case, decided in 1936, which held that the government could not control agricultural production.

We think the decision will have a beneficial effect upon the welfare of the farmers. Now, at last, they are granted the legal weapon necessary to make effective their decision as to crop control.

TEACHER STRIKE

(From Greensburg Tribune)

The reaction of the public to sit-down strikes is well known, and the teachers of those anthracite communities who reverted to the weapon of strike recently in order to collect their back pay may well be prepared for the same kind of public reaction.

Nearly 200 teachers are involved in the strike, and about 6000 students are affected. The teachers insist that they will not return to their classes until more than \$200,000 in back salaries is paid and their salaries guaranteed for the remainder of the term.

We don't want to see the teachers going hungry, but we find it hard to believe that a teacher would lack initiative and go hungry after having the pay envelope delayed for a few weeks or months.

Those 6000 students are going to suffer in this particular strike. If it continues any length of time, the children will lose something which will be mighty hard to make up, if it can be made up.

that the educational process of these children will be extended beyond the normal period of years.

And there is another thing to consider. Not many years ago this state experienced a wave of petty student strikes directed at actions which they did not like on the part of school authorities, such as firing football coaches and other things.

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

The foreign policy of the United States should be based upon a realistic conception of the interest of the people of this country. No action should be taken, in any circumstances, except when necessary to protect these interests.

Practically every American citizen will agree to the general statement of policy outlined in the above paragraph. There will be many divergent opinions as to what are the interests of the United States.

There are some people in this country who believe that the interests of the United States are limited to the defense of continental United States from invasion. Among other groups, the definition is widened to include the protection of all territory over which the American flag flies.

Even with the extensions made above, the definition would be enlarged by many people to include the protection of this country against economic attacks.

Even if we accept these definitions of American interests and resolve to protect them, there is considerable difference of opinion as to the proper method of accomplishing this object.

Some of our citizens would attempt to insulate the peoples of the Western Hemisphere against the rest of the world. Others insist that the United States, as the world's richest nation and its strongest, cannot live alone and must, therefore, participate in the affairs of the world.

It may be taken for granted that the American leaders and the American people desire, first of all, if possible, to live peacefully with the other nations of the world.

Naturally, the sympathy of the American people is with the democracies. Moreover, our sympathies go to any oppressed and mistreated peoples anywhere.

Just as the United States, in its conduct of foreign affairs, should be guided by the interests of Americans, it is obvious that the policies of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Japan will be guided by the interests of the nations named.

Just now, the rulers of Germany, Italy and Japan seem to think that the interests of their people can be best served by waging aggressive war. They are opposed by nations whose leaders believe that the best interests of their people can be served by peace.

DO YOU KNOW

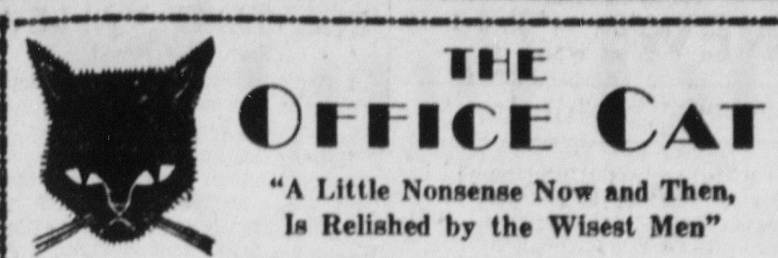
- 1. Who is Grover Cleveland Bergdoll?
2. How efficient is the Russian army?
3. How many people in the U. S. die from cancer every year?
4. Is Congress likely to approve the Townsend old-age pension plan?
5. What is the average earning of U. S. workers?
6. Who is the "White House spokesman"?
7. What will a transatlantic air service cost?
8. What is a legislative "rider"?
9. Is Germany economically stronger today than in 1914?
10. Have Italian troops left Spain?

The Answers

- 1. A World War draft dodger who escaped from custody in 1920.
2. Nobody knows; it has not been tested in war.
3. About 150,000.
4. Not at this session.
5. A recent study by the Social Security Board indicates a sum between \$890 and \$975 for 1937.
6. The term is employed, usually, to avoid direct quotation of the Chief Executive.
7. Pan American Airways system, seeking a mail subsidy, says \$2 outbound trips a year would cost \$3,130,000.
8. An amendment to an important bill, containing provisions not likely to pass by its own strength but which the President cannot veto without killing the important measure.
9. Options vary, but "no" is the preponderant answer.
10. No; they are expected to leave soon.

Beech Creek Man Fined: Lyle E. McKean, of Beech Creek, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$35 and costs, and placed on probation for a year, at a special session of Clinton County court on Friday, after pleading guilty to the operation of illegal punch boards.

People have peculiar ideas about freedom; it does not include the right to intrude upon others.



THE IRISH JUBILEE

A short time ago, boys, an Irishman named Dougherty was elected to the Senate by a very large majority. He felt so elated that he went to Dennis Cassidy, who owned a saloon of a very large capacity. He said to Cassidy: "Go over to the brewer. For a thousand kegs of lager beer and give them to the poor; then go over to the butcher shop and order up a ton of meat; be sure and see that the boys and girls have all they want to drink and eat. Send out invitations in twenty different languages. And don't forget to tell them all to bring their own sandwiches. They've made me their Senator, and now to show my gratitude. They'll have the finest supper ever given in this latitude. Tell them the music will be furnished by O'Rafferty. Assisted on the bagpipes by Felix McCafferty. Whatever the expenses are, remember I'll put up the tin, and anyone who doesn't come, be sure and do not let them in. Cassidy at once sent out the invitations, and everyone who came was a credit to the nation. Some came on bicycles because they had no fare to pay, and those that didn't come at all made up their minds to stay away. Two by three they marched into the dining hall. Young men and old men, and girls that were not men at all. Blind men and deaf men and men who had their teeth in pawn; single men and double men and men who had their glasses on. Before many minutes nearly every chair was taken. The front room and mushroom were packed to suffocation. When everyone was seated they started to lay out the feast. Cassidy said: "Rise up and give us each a cake of yeast." He then said as manager he would try to fill the chair. We then sat down and looked at the bill of fare. There was pighead and gold fish, mocking birds and ostriches, ice cream and cold cream, vaseline and sandwiches. Bluefish, greenfish, fishhooks and partridges. Baseballs and footballs, cannon balls and cartridges. Then we ate oatmeal until we could hardly stir about; catsup and hurry up, sweet kraut and sauer kraut. Dressed beef, naked beef, and beef with all its tresses on. Corned beef and horned beef, and beef you'd never put carcasses on. Beefsteaks and mistakes were down on the bill of fare. Roast ribs and spare ribs and ribs that we couldn't spare. Reindeer and snow deer, dear me and antelope. And the women ate so much the men said "they cantaloupe." Red herring, smoked herring, herons from old Erin's Isle, Bologna and fruit cake, and sausages a half a mile. There was hot corn and cold corn, corn salve and honeycomb. Reed birds and read books, sea bass and sea foam. Fried liver and baked liver, and Carter's little liver pills. And everyone was wondering who was going to pay the bills. For dessert we had tooth picks, ice picks, and skipping rope. And washed them all down with a big piece of shaving soap. We ate everything that was down on the bill of fare. Then looked on the back of it to see if any more was there. The band played hornpipes, gas stoves and Irish reels. We danced to the music of "The wind that shakes the barley fields." The piper played old tunes, spitoons, so very fine. Then in came Piper Heidsick and handed him a glass of wine. They brought in the neighbors to hold the carpet down. When Gallagher was in the air his feet were never on the ground. A finer lot of dancers you never set eyes upon. And those that could not dance at all were dancing with their slippers on. Some danced jig steps, door steps and highland flings. Murphy took his knife out and tried to cut the pigeon wing. And when the dance was over, Cassidy then told us to jine hands together and sing this good old chorus: "Should old acquaintances be forgot wherever we may be, Think of the good old times we had at the Irish Jubilee."

Slips That Pass In The News

(From a Kentucky Paper) The Republican caucus which was held at Ripley Saturday for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices was well attended from this part of town. A few of the candidates chosen were from the hills, but the majority were from the lower regions. (Los Angeles Examiner) "It was for Everett that I made the swim, and today I am the hippest (happiest) woman in the world." (Alhambra, Calif., Times) "The new president of the Optimists' Club is prominent in all civil affairs, and has been one of the greatest roosters (boosters) for the newly completed Women's Club." (Ad in Berkeley, Calif., Herald) Wanted—Situation; college girl, secretary, typist; day, go home tight (night). (From a North Carolina Paper) "Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while riding from Washington on an envelope." (Philadelphia Bulletin) "Chauffeur—Colored, wanted to drive traveling salesman out of town." (Ad in Pittsburgh Gazette) "Musical instruments for sale. Radio, victrola and bed springs." (Ad in Salt Lake City News) "For Sale—A folding bed, by a lady that shuts up and looks like a piano." That's all, folks. Many auto wrecks are due to tight nuts. —"SCAT."

OUR OBSERVATION

Men who fix autos, Keep cleanly and neat By wiping their hands On the wheels or the seat. I'll Take Urging, Too: In a nearby town recently a baby gave the alarm for fire and roused the occupants. We urge that a campaign be started to have every householder install one of these useful little gadgets. Ask The Missus: The teacher was talking about the dolphin and its habits. "And just think, children," she said impressively, "a single dolphin will have two thousand baby dolphins." "Goodness!" exclaimed the little girl at the foot of the class, "and how many do the married ones have?" We Go Round And Round: Living is getting a heap complicated these days, remarks "Froth" in the Harrisburg Patriot, and these modern drug stores—so called—are doing nothing to simplify it. And according to this item we haven't seen the end yet. "Lock Haven grocers who are turning florists should be ashamed of themselves for lack of enterprise. A DuBois drug store has a correct department." If they ever start that around here we are going to be afraid to go into one of the places for a pack of cigarettes. But at that we can think of nothing queerer than this Lock Haven Express classified ad—"Complete line of fishing tackle and accessories. Osborne's Restaurant, Bellefonte Avenue." Hey waiter, a cup of coffee, half a dozen fish hooks, and a tandem spinner on rye—and make it snappy!

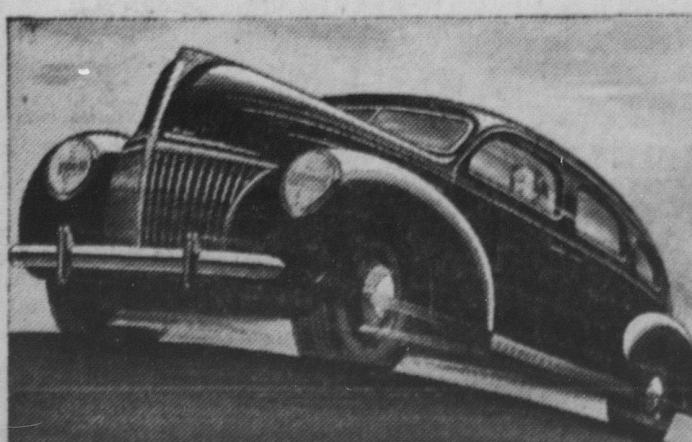
AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPH DEVICE PERFECTED: Automatic telegraph, the latest advance in modern telegraphy, will soon be ready for commercial use by Western Union in Rockefeller Center office buildings. Each customer will be supplied with an automatic telegraph cabinet and key, which will permit him to send his own telegrams. Telegrams for transmission by the automatic telegraph need only be typed or written in black ink or black pencil on a special sending form and dropped into a slot in the cabinet. An exact facsimile of the message is automatically received in the local telegraph office. Telegraph officials foresee the day when similar devices, with coin slots, will appear in many public locations such as drug stores, transit terminals and building lobbies.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: What animal is it that has the characteristics of a cow, looks like a cow, but does not give milk? (Answer elsewhere in this department.) N. G.—Why are Italians called "dago"? And what is the origin of the term? Ans.—This term applies to the Spanish and Portuguese as well as to the Italians. The word is a corruption of the Spanish proper name "Diego," corresponding to the English "James." It is a slang word used in derision loosely to most dark-skinned people of the white race. American sailors first called the West Indians "Diegos" because so many of them had that name "James," as we have said. G. R.—Was Jefferson Davis hanged for treason? If so, when and where was the execution? Ans.—Jefferson Davis was not executed for treason. While he was indicted on that charge by the District of Columbia grand jury, he was not brought to trial after two years of bickering on the part of government and court. He was released on bail, and was included in the General Amnesty Act of Congress passed in 1868. S. J.—What is the correct way to pronounce "depot"? American, English and French dictionaries differ. And I see the American dictionary gives first and second choice in the pronunciation. Ans.—We Americans consider Webster's International Dictionary as authority. "Dee-po," with accent on the first syllable is first choice, which means that it is preferred. Highbrows and others who want to be affected will say "day-po." A. V.—Is it true that doves are known as the symbol of peace because they have no gall? Ans.—No. That is an old tradition that really has no foundation. Doves have galls the same as any other fowl. F. T.—What is the meaning of "dall eireann"? Ans.—"Dall Eireann" is the Irish name of the lower house of the Irish Free State. L. Y.—To what country is the ant-eater a native of? Did it get its name because it eats only ants? Ans.—The ant-eater is a native of the tropical zone of South America. It is an animal that has no teeth whatsoever and is harmless to man. It lives chiefly on insects of all kinds, but goes after ants mostly because of numerous colonies it can find. M. H.—Who was Susan B. Anthony? And what was her middle name? Ans.—Susan Brownwell Anthony was a school teacher, author and lecturer. She espoused the cause of female suffrage about 1867, for which she fought hard and long to make it an amendment to the United States Constitution. She died in 1906 without seeing her life's labor come true. W. R.—At the Boston "tea party" prior to the Revolution, how much tea was there dumped into the ocean, and what did England do about it? Ans.—On the night of December 16, 1773, sixty men who attended a meeting in protest against taxation of imports from Great Britain, disguised themselves as Indians, boarded a ship and dumped 342 chests of tea into the ocean. Great Britain did nothing about it except close the port at Boston. C. J. S.—Is Edison's original phonograph in existence? Ans.—Edison's original phonograph is in possession of Princeton University and is on exhibition in the conference rooms of the Engineering Building. F. C.—Can you inform me when the first slaves were brought to this country? Ans.—The first colony of slaves to be landed on the shores of America came to Jamestown, Va., in June, 1619. They were brought by a Dutch ship of war. M. M.—Please tell me through your columns how many classes of post offices there are. Ans.—The post offices of the United States are divided into four classes, according to their annual receipts. In the first class are those with receipts of \$40,000 or more a year; the second class includes post offices whose annual business amounts to from \$5,000 to \$40,000; third class offices have receipts from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Postmasters of these three classes, appointed by the President except during the Wilson Administration when they were under the merit system, were placed in the Civil Service in 1936 by executive order of President Roosevelt. The fourth class of post offices consists of those with receipts below \$1,500 a year. A. C.—How many counties are there in Pennsylvania? Ans.—There are sixty-seven counties in the State of Pennsylvania. N. R.—Who was responsible for the amendment in which bank deposits were guaranteed? Ans.—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan introduced the amendment to the Glass-Steagall Banking Act for the immediate application of Federal Deposit Insurance. He had advocated the insurance of bank deposits before the Roosevelt administration. L. H. W.—How much money is spent in advertising? Ans.—In 1938 approximately \$1,530,000,000 was spent for advertising in the United States. A. E.—What physical examination is given before one can enter West Point? Can one wearing glasses pass the examination? Ans.—He must undergo a complete physical examination while stripped of all artificial means or appliances. A cadet may wear glasses, but the examination must be made without them for stigmatism, color-blindness and condition of sight. Reader—How old is an oak tree when it bears acorns? Ans.—There are many different kinds of oak that bear acorns which do not appear until the tree matures. They vary somewhat in maturing. The white oak (most common) begins to bear acorns in about twenty years. D. C.—An American couple who are citizens of the United States are expecting a child to be born soon. Before the birth takes place they sail to Europe where after they are there but a few days the child is born—a boy. Can that boy return to the United States before he is 21 and then when he reaches the age of 35 run for President? Ans.—Yes. The parents and the child are U. S. citizens unless the parents swear allegiance to a foreign country. In that case the child would have to become naturalized after he became 21 years of age, but would never be eligible for the Presidency. Curious—I have some snakes "pickled" in alcohol to preserve them, but the alcohol seems to be evaporating. Can I put more alcohol in the jar, or will the exposure to air harm the snakes? Ans.—You may add alcohol at any time you like, but before the jar is closed be sure that the snakes are completely covered with the liquid. Answer to problem: A calf.

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