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EDITORIAL

Anybody want a cannon? Congressman Vandant hasn't offered us one, but according to the Altoona newspapers he has one already wrapped up for that city, merely for the asking.

There will be no amendments to be voted for this year. While there were four joint resolutions proposing amendments adopted in the 1939 sessions of the Legislature, they will not be advertised until 1940.

Paris fashion experts predict that women's skirts will still go higher, and that it now is fashionable for women to show rouged knees. It will probably be too much to expect the latter effect to be acquired through scrubbing floors.

It begins to look like another last minute rush of ward, borough and township petitions in Centre county this year. Surprisingly few candidates have filed thus far, and the dead line is only a few days away.

If you are planning a vacation between now and the end of August you'll be interested to know that last Saturday was St. Swithin's Day when, according to the legend, you are supposed to get an inkling of what the weather will be for the next forty days.

Now we learn that "an apple a day" will not only keep the doctor away, but in juice form is recommended as an antidote for the demon rum. Dr. Manville of the University of Oregon Medical School says apple juice has a surprising effect in counteracting the poisonous effects of alcohol.

We'd be glad to shake the hand of Joseph A. Nichols, a hard-working Pittsburgh taxicab driver. Out of his earnings he saved enough money to send two sons to college so that they might be ministers. Last week the first one was installed as pastor of the First Christian church, McKees Rocks.

President Roosevelt condemned the WPA prevailing-wage strikes by announcing "you can't strike against the Government." What'll really stop them though, is the fact that Administrator Harrington is trimming the rolls by thousands to meet appropriation. Many have been dropped and there will be more to follow.

Massachusetts isn't doing so well as an economic laboratory for the Republican party. The Legislature has just presented Governor Balstonall the largest appropriation bill in the history of the Bay State. The taxpayers are up in arms and demanding that he refuse to sign the measure.

Many towns and small communities since the depression and the widespread loss of property, has its problem of "old houses," hard to rent and still harder to sell. A real estate man says it would be easier if owners and real estate dealers would learn from automobile dealers. When a dealer gets hold of a used car, he overhauls it and spends a little money on it.

It might be well for all licensed places holding amusement permits to keep in mind that after August 1st dancing and other amusement must cease at the hour when the sale of liquor and malted brew beverages close.

Here we are in the midst of "Dog Days" and the cool weather has made us forget all about the mid-summer occurrence. Its superstitions will be in season, at any rate. The most widespread is that it is the season when dogs are most likely to contract rabies and go mad and that is the reason for the name.

Picketing, that seems to have become the great outdoor sport, seems to know no limits. Even Governor James' summer home on a lake was the recent object of this industrial siege.

Secretary of Highways I. Lamont Hughes has issued orders to all district engineers and maintenance superintendents to see that the State's right-of-way is cleared of "all illegal signs and posters" by August 15.

It is, of course, part of the Republican creed that the sole purpose of the New Deal measures is to squander the relief funds, and the objective is merely to insure Democratic majorities on election day.

This view is likewise indicated by the attitude of those anti-administration reactionaries who retain their Democratic label—and talk and vote with the minority party. It is a not unfamiliar time. During one period of our political development we had a numerous group who drank Wet and voted Dry.

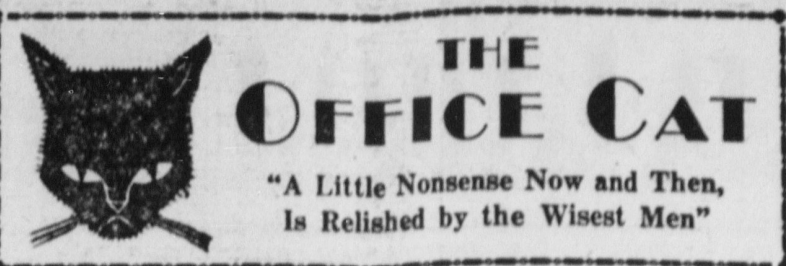
The present theme song of the G. O. P. is that if they should be returned to power, every WPA worker would be a perfect dynamo of energy, every farm would be productive, every project would be done with higher wages, more material and less expense.

The New Deal Department of Agriculture has been so ignorant, however, that it has gone right ahead with its tree planting on the prairies, with the result that in three or four years it has turned some of the so-called drought section into a national bread-basket.

The farmers estimate a tree strip as worth \$1,000 to a twenty-acre farm. Ah, but the cost? Well, the cost to the Government amounts to about four cents per tree. Every big dust storm they have had in that part of the country caused damage more than the whole cost of the linear forests.

It is so appalling that the farmers all along the line, who were originally taught that trees could not thrive there, are now clamoring for more and more trees. Presently the term Dust Bowl will be as archaic as "The Great American Desert" of the ancient maps of the United States.

Another myth of the objectors to the New Deal way of handling things concerns the incidence of the WPA worker. Here is an excerpt from an article in the North American Review, by Donald Bachart, a writer who by stress of circumstances, became a shoveler on one WPA project. He writes:
Concerning Shovel Writers
"And oh, yes, about our leaning on picks and shovels. . . Our pick-digging requires an excavation exactly nine inches deep. The preliminary digging is done after the manner of constructing a small trench, and the final excavations must be graded evenly by the men with the shovels. Now when your pick wielder is tearing his laborious way through layers of mixed sod, gravel, slag, paving brick, assorted clays and the like, there is nothing more readily available for his partner, the shovel expert, than to stand by and lean on his shovel, which is simpler than balancing the shovel on his cranium or his nose after the manner of a vaudeville juggler."



HER SAD FATE-R
There was a young maid from Decatur,
Who was known as a red-hot potato.
To the jungles she went
On mission work bent,
Where a dozen fat savages atur.

Temperature Test
An anxious mother wants to know how to properly test the temperature of a baby's bath.
You fill the tub with water and put the baby in. If the baby turns red, it's too hot; if the baby turns purple, it's too cold; and if the baby turns white, it needed a bath.

And Soft Shoulders
Eddie Widdowson, the funeral director up on the hill, tells us that a cow on a curve is not half so dangerous as a curve on a calf.

LATE WAR NEWS
Says Russia in sadness, "We dreadoff
Japanovitch hailstorms of leadoff;
Unless the small Japaki
Shall meet a mishapaki
We fear that he'll blow our darned headoff."

Why Worry
"Tommy," said the teacher, "What is one-fifth of three-sevenths?"
"I don't know exactly," replied Tommy, "but it isn't enough to worry about."

Mistaken Identity
Dock—"What caused you to beat that guy up?"
Hock—"He insulted my girl."
Dock—"Why, all he said was that she looked like a zephyr."
Hock—"My mistake. I thought he said 'heifer.'"

Didn't Wear Well
Customer—"Last week I bought a tire cover from you and now I want my money back."
Clerk—"Why?"
Customer—"I put it on one of my tires and hadn't driven ten miles before the blamed thing wore out."

Grill Room Gabble
He was studying the menu as the waitress approached to take his order.
"Have you frogs' legs?" he asked.
"No, sir," she replied. "It's my rheumatism makes me walk this way."

Followed Advice
"Have you been to any doctor before you came to me?" asked the grouchy doctor.
"No, sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a druggist."

Crossed Wires, Perhaps
Wife—"I wish to complain about the service."
Telephone Manager—"What is the trouble, madam?"
Wife—"My husband is in Philadelphia on business, but when he telephoned last night the operator announced the call as being from Lock Haven."

Just a Sideline
Oscar came to the city and got a job as janitor in a girl's boarding school, and was entrusted with a passkey to every room in the building.
The following week the Dean ran across him and asked, "Why didn't you come around Friday for your pay, Oscar?"

Time For Action
Then there was the country girl who while milking a cow saw a boy coming up the road.
She called to her father, "Oh, Dad, there is a boy coming up the road."

Not So Far
Wife—"Don't you think Mary looks ugly in that fearfully low-cut dress?"
Hubby—"Not as far as I can see."

Careful, There, Sarah
Sarah—"What color dress are you going to wear to the ball?"
Mary—"We're supposed to wear something to match our boy friend's hair. So I'll wear black. What will you wear?"
Sarah—"I don't think I'll go. My boy friend's bald."

We'll Probably Do the Same
Have you heard about the guy out in Coleville who threw away his socks because they weren't worth a darn?

Useful Knowledge
Nine skunks, three cats and a few muskrats carefully sewed together make one sealskin.

Blown In From the West
It is said that a western farmer had so many loans from the government he had to use political pull to milk a cow.

Probably Discard Them
Three men were playing poker and a visitor to the club came to look on.
After watching for some time, the visitor looked over the shoulder of one of the players and said good-humoredly:
"I'm interested in this game and I want to play it. Now, would you mind telling me what you are going to do with those four aces in your hand?"

Our Weekly Question
What is it that has eight legs and slings over the radio?
Give up? A quartette.

That's all, folks. There are millions of reasons why girls wear silk stockings—and they are ALL men. —SCAT.

PENNSYLVANIA POULTRYMEN TO TAKE TOUR JULY 26-27
Pennsylvania poultrymen will make their annual tour of the state July 26 and 27, according to John Vandervort, in charge of poultry extension at the Pennsylvania State College.

At the Wilmer Clear Turkey Farm, Queen, the tourists will find 400 White Holland breeding hens and facilities for rearing 7000 turkeys in a single season.

Americanism—Change: "Being a Red," Defense: "Liar."
Not all the fish in Centre County live in the water.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:
I always read your letters in the paper and I think many readers like them just as I do.

Will you please answer the following questions without publishing them as I have written them.
Here the writer asked if I thought she was too young to go to dances. She is sixteen and says that most of the girls her age and a year younger go to the dances in her community.

Whether or not you should go to dances at your age depends on what kind of a girl you are and the kind of dances you go to. If the boys and girls of your age get together and have dances if they behave themselves and go home at a reasonable hour of night, I see no reason why you should not be allowed to enjoy such nice pleasant occasions.

Another reader wants to know if having her appendix removed will interfere with her having a family if she ever gets married. Certainly not, such an operation has no effect on a person's ability to have children.

I am a girl fifteen years old. The boy I have been going with is eight years older than I am. When he goes with me he is very nice but other times he goes to places and does things that I do not agree with.

My mother thinks I am too young to get with him. She said I have time enough to go with them later. But I don't like younger boys. I am wondering what I should do.

I agree with your mother. I think that as a usual thing it is dangerous business for a fifteen-year-old girl to go with a man so much older than she. And yet every young girl feels terribly flattered when an older man shows her with attention.

Another thing, you say he is nice when with you but misbehaves at other times. Well, my advice is to pass him up for a fellow who goes with a nice girl and misbehaves as soon as she gets out of her sight is not worth wasting time on. Remember, too, that people judge you by the company you keep.

YOUNGSTERS WILL LIKE CHOCOLATE CUSTARD DRINK

A summer drink for the children that is both cool, nourishing and flavorful is Chocolate Custard Drink. The recipe offered by the Sealest Laboratory Kitchen of Rockefeller Center requires two and one-half squares of chocolate, two eggs, six cups of milk, a few grains of salt, one-half cup of sugar, and three-quarters of a teaspoon of vanilla.

Accepts Call to Pastorate.
The Rev. M. S. Rogers, of Bloomsburg, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Blanchard and Howard Churches of Christ, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. David Neilson.

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LUEBERT'S KA-NO-MOR CAPSULES

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—You may say this one is paradoxical. Not at all. What or who is it that is older than its mother? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

T. G.—How did the term "China's sorrow" originate?
Ans.—This is the name often applied to China's Yellow River, which is one of its principal rivers. It is so-called because of its frequent devastating floods.

B. D.—Is it lawful to re-print Confederate money from the original or new plates for the purpose of selling the "money" as souvenirs?
Ans.—No. It is unlawful to print Confederate money from old, new or bogus plates.

C. Y.—Where is the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States held for safe keeping as the original copies?
Ans.—Those two documents, the original Declaration of Independence and the original Constitution rest in a vault especially built for them in the main lobby of the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.

A. C.—Why do people use the word "Dear" in writing to people they don't even know, such as "Dear Sir," "Dear Madam," etc.?
Ans.—In olden times the people were more formal and effusive in their manifestations of their feelings. Consequently they used the word "dear" as a mark of high respect or esteem. The long-established custom is still in good usage.

P. R.—Why were the United States marines called "Devil Dogs" in the World War?
Ans.—This was the name given to the United States marines by the Germans during the World War. The Germans called them "Teufel Hunde," which in English is "Devil Dog."

O. D.—What is meant by collective bargaining?
Ans.—Collective bargaining means acting or bargaining in groups. If a labor union makes an agreement with an association of employers through their representatives, that is collective bargaining as opposed to individual bargaining in which each person acts for himself.

G. S.—When was "In God We Trust" first put on the United States coins?
Ans.—In 1864 the United States Congress authorized the motto be placed on the two-cent piece. Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, suggested the wording of this motto, but he did not originate the idea of putting such a motto on our coins.

J. M.—When a person "turns State evidence" does he do so because of a promise of some kind from the prosecution?
Ans.—Only in rare cases when stronger evidence is needed by the prosecution to convict.

D. B.—Will a given solid object weigh the same at the North Pole as it does at the Equator?
Ans.—Not exactly. Although the difference is very slight, an object weighing 190 pounds at the Equator will weigh 191 pounds at the North Pole. This is due to the fact that the North Pole is a little nearer the center of gravitation than the Equator, and thus has stronger drawing power.

J. J. R.—To what denomination did Beethoven belong?
Ans.—Apparently, the great musician had no formal religion. He was, however, deeply religious. Just before his death he received the Sacraments of the Church.

T. R. B.—Which has the longer digestive tract, an animal which eats only vegetable material, or a meat-eater?
Ans.—The herbivorous animals have a much longer digestive tract. The goat's digestive tract is twenty-six times its body length, while a cat's is only four times its body length.

J. J. R.—How large is Central Park in New York City?
Ans.—The park includes 840.91 acres.

M. E. F.—How many Presidents of the United States died in office?
Ans.—Presidents who died during their terms of office were: William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, and Warren G. Harding.

E. J. D.—On what date will Easter fall in 1940?
Ans.—March 24.

S. H. J.—How large are the eggs of a hummingbird?
Ans.—A hummingbird lays two eggs which are about the size of small peas.

M. G. W.—Is flaked coffee on the market?
Ans.—Flaked coffee has been available for three years in packages. A late development is a counter flaking mill for the retail food market which enables any purchaser to have coffee flaked to order.

T. R. H.—What percentage of a white potato is water?
Ans.—It consists of from 75 to 79 per cent water.

T. G.—How does the number of radio sets in use in the United States compare with the number of pianos?
Ans.—There are 30,500,000 radio sets and 10,983,000 pianos in use.

F. McB.—How long has Alcatraz been a Federal penitentiary?
Ans.—In October, 1933, the department of Justice took over the control of Alcatraz and it became a Federal penitentiary. Prior to that it was a military prison.

T. S.—Please give the creed of the late King George V of England.
Ans.—It was as follows: 1. Teach me to obey the rules of the game. 2. Teach me never to cry for the moon; never to cry over spilled milk. 3. Teach me to win if I can; if I can not win, teach me to be a good loser. 4. Teach me to distinguish between sentiment and sentimentality; to esteem the first and despise the second. 5. Teach me never to accept and never to offer false praise. 6. Finally, if I must suffer, may it be like a thoroughbred that goes away by himself in order to suffer in silence.

C. J. R.—Has anyone invented a hot dog with a zipper?
Ans.—Hot dogs are now on the market with a zipper casing made of vegetable parchment.

Answer to problem: Vinegar existed before its "mother" came into existence.

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