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EDITORIAL

Several good heavy showers would be appreciated by farmers who are short of water.

The firemen's convention beckons and Houtzdale extends a welcome. Let's go next week.

We are told that there is one expert politician in Centre county who can tell you how many handshakes it takes, on an average, to get one vote.

Bellefonte might as well make up its mind to fight its own battles without waiting on some industrial Santa Claus to furnish employment for the people here.

Congratulations to the residents of Yarnell who now enjoy the pleasure and added comfort of electric service. They are to be commended for their efforts in securing the long-needed service.

According to announcement this year's peach crop will be of excellent quality. Regardless of the dry weather, most of the peaches are showing good size, color and particularly fine flavor.

Do you know that the total expenditures in 1936 for public elementary and high schools in the State was \$1,968,898,000, which is \$15.33 per capita of the population and \$74.38 for each pupil enrolled.

If you sell ice cream, here is something to remember: It is unlawful to offer ice cream for sale from any container, compartment, or cabinet which contains any other article.

The attack of John L. Lewis upon Vice-President John N. Garner was undoubtedly personal and intended to be personal. There is little to be gained by such tactics.

In paying tribute to the late George C. Glenn, whose sudden death occurred in Bellefonte last week, local newspapers failed to touch upon his accomplishment as an expert drummer.

During the hot summer months which we seem to be entering, nearly everybody likes to go into the water. In past years the accident toll has been high.

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The best proof that Herbert Hoover's strategy of selecting an uncompromising opponent of the New Deal as the Republican party's presidential candidate in 1940 is a poor one, is the fact that for six years and more his party has been trying to think of a substitute program for recovery and has failed to do so.

The Secretary of Revenue, whose duty it is to enforce the laws connected with the operation of automobiles, announces that there will be enforcement without fear of favor. It is nice to learn this from the new official, but it would be nicer if such an announcement were not necessary.

Don't forget that Saturday is the last day to register. If you know of someone who should be registered and have not done so, it is your duty as a good citizen to remind him of it.

If you haven't already visited the New York World's Fair, get the family together and board the special train that will be run over the Big Eagle Valley from Bellefonte to Lock Haven next Sunday.

Billboard companies, it seems, some years ago adopted a code of ethics containing a number of provisions, among them this one: "Members shall not be permitted to place outdoor advertising structures in locations that interfere with the view of natural scenic spots."

By a strange quirk of fate, two trucks operated by the Monark Motor Freight Co. of Chicago have met with disaster in nearby vicinities within the past several weeks. The first wreck occurred at the Alexandria bridge when that structure collapsed.

The thing that gets us woody is figuring out how a chap who's been knocked from pillar to post for the past several years, with just enough to eat and wear, and owing for rent and many other things, manages to drive a new high-powered car to work, now that he's finally got a regular job.

Republican editors and propagandists, who are confronted with the Roosevelt image by day and dream about it by night, are getting into a lather over the idea of a third term. It must be an unhappy life for those individuals. Instead of devoting their energies to worry on this subject, why don't they work up some sensible—even practical—program for 1940?

As the primary election gets under way many of the candidates are taking the attitude of "may the best man win." This is the right way to look at the contest, for in the case of most of the offices the contenders are equally well qualified. It is to be remembered, however, that the attitude of "may the best man win" will not mean anything if there is not an open primary—that is, if there are slates made up and supported by party leaders.

AN AUTHORITATIVE OPINION

For many years John Fertig, a Harrisburg attorney, was the head of the legislative reference bureau at Harrisburg established by the general assembly. He became a recognized authority on the drafting of bills to be introduced in the legislature and also on statutory interpretation of laws, new and old.

Mr. Fertig has been following the controversy over the local option issue. The wets contend that the law says sixty days must elapse between the primaries and the municipal election to validate a vote on the sale of beer or liquor in any political subdivision of the state.

Mr. Fertig told the newspapers that the local option sections of the liquor control law were "badly drawn." However, the "conclusion should be incapable that the sixty-day interval refers to the minimum time that must elapse between the deadline for petitioning and the time of voting on the wet-dry issues, rather than the period between the primaries and the municipal election."

One of the things the average citizen cannot understand is why legislation affecting important moral issues is always "badly drawn." Since, according to the law of averages, it could not be "badly drawn" all the time, it must be botched on purpose.

Mr. Fertig points out that it is ridiculous to say the interval between the primaries and the municipal election is the key to the situation. In view of the fact that the issue has already been taken into court, a judicial determination is likely before the printing of the primary ballots.

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Japan secures the oil and scrap metal needed for its Chinese campaign and the machinery for its developing industry from the United States. Since they buy more from us than we buy from them, leaving us a dollar profit, the Japs have been confident that the United States would do nothing to impair this profitable trade.

Ordinarily, the need would not be so great but because European nations are employing every energy for the expected war the Japanese will have difficulty in securing supplies elsewhere. This is what makes the notice from the United States so pointed.

Regardless of how the present question is solved, however, the Japanese government is more than ever convinced that a war with the United States is inevitable. The Japanese had hopes that this country would "understand" the new situation in the Far East, that we would gradually give up our "open door" policy and forget our sympathetic friendship for the Chinese. These hopes have dissolved.

While Japan may do many things to prevent trouble with the United States under present conditions the statesmen of the island empire have never lost sight of their national goals. What they cannot afford to do today they may be able to risk tomorrow. Some time, in the future, the United States may be in the position of the British, unable to concentrate on rights in the Far East because of graver peril closer home. When that time comes, the Japanese will move forward, to take advantage of temporary conditions to feather their own nests.

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

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned, intending to commit suicide, will sell at public auction at Bungville, one mile north of the Wart Factory, on the Bullfrog Road, east of Appledis Farm, some day next week, beginning at 1 P. M. sharp, the following prescribed property:

- 18-HEAD OF HORSES-18 1 Spavined Mare, 39 years old; 1 Bay Mare, wt. 413 lbs.; 1 Iron Grey Gelding Mare with false teeth, a good feeder; 1 Man Eating Jackass, shod with giant grip horseshoes, some kicker; 1 Running Horse, runs at the nose; 9 head of Cows, 6 steers and 3 geldings; 1 Pedigreed Holstein Stallion, sired by night and dammed by day.

- 24-HEAD OF CATTLE-24 12 Cows, good kickers, will farrow last of August; 7 Yearling Heifers, coming 4 years old; 2 Brood Cows with cream separators at side; 1 Pooland China Bull, good as new; 2 Calves with pink stockings and high military heels; 7 Condensed Milk Cows, two of which are bulls; also 2 Fell Cows, two of which never fell; 1 Plymouth Rock Calf, will have pups by day of sale, weather permitting.

- SHEEP, GOATS AND POULTRY SHEEP-1 Hampshire Ram with detachable rims; 7 Yous; 10 Lambs, seven Mary and three not.

- 26-HEAD OF HOGS-26 1 Hired Man, coming 37 years old; 3 Old Bores, coming 20; 14 Rhode Island Red Sows with making attachments; 7 Brown Leghorn Pigs with golden hair hanging down their backs; 7 Bowlegged Spring Pigs.

- FARM MACHINERY, ETC. 7 Dung Forks, 8 of which are attached with fly attachments; Narrow-toed Corn Cultivator with mortgage attached; 2 Bull Rakes; 1 Cow Rake; 1 Sulky Rake; 1 Sulky Wagon; DeLaval Hay Loader, with 40 rods of wire; Dear Corn Planter, Crow Corn Separator; Road Drag, never used; International Riding Saw; set Rope Harness, taine condition; 1 pint Gasoline; 1 Old Fashioned Buck Saw with full directions for use; 1 Triple Extension Bicycle; patent level with jewels; 1 Holstein-Freisian Plow, will be fresh by day of sale; 1 Berkshire Wheelbarrow, geared 120, can trot, pace or gallop; 1 Castor Oil Manure Spreader, works while you sleep; 1 Pearl Handle Oliver Chilled Plow with velvet-line flowers; 1 Six Cylinder Stone Boat with automatic cut-off.

- SOME HOUSEHOLD GOODS Talking Machine, bad as new; Sideboard, nothing in it; 6 Kegs, empty; 18 Pint Bottles, empty; 1 Keep-It-Still, large capacity; Twin beds, 1 good as new; 1 Baby Buggy with balloon tires; also other articles too sad to mention.

TERMS OF SALE-Cash, balance in jail. Free Cold Lunch-Snow balls and pickled frost at midnight.

I SELLAM, Aucr. R. U. SNAKY, Prop.

Helpful Hint

Mist will not gather on your windshield if you rub the glass with a piece of sliced onion. Neither will relatives gather on your front seat. Even hitch-hikers will thumb the other way. A sliced onion a day will keep more people away than a peck of apple sauce.

Too Much Expense

Pat-"How much do you charge for a funeral notice in your paper?" Editor-"Fifty cents an inch." Pat-"Good heavens, me brother was six feet high."

Unfortunate Plight

Betty-"Mother, when I grow up, will I have a husband like daddy?" Mother-"Certainly, Betty." Betty-"And if I don't get married, will I be an old maid like Aunt Molly?" Mother-"Yes, I suppose you will, child." Betty-(After a moment's deep thought) "Well, I sure am in a heck of a fix."

Fifty-Fifty

Restaurant Cashier-"This money is no good, sir." Disgusted Customer-"Then we're even-the dinner was 50 good either."

An Important Point

A teacher in a nearby school gave the following problem to her pupils: If a woman gathers five eggs a day, how many eggs would she gather in a week? After studying for a few minutes, Willie, with a puzzled brow inquired: "Teacher, do hens lay on Sundays?"

Such As 'Spongers, Etc.

Miss (before the reception)-"At 7 o'clock, Bridget, I want you to be ready to call all the guests' names as they arrive." New Maid-"Yes, ma. And can I call them anything that comes into me head?"

Decidedly Thin

Dick-"Say, but your mother-in-law is thin." Bob-"I'll say, when she drinks tomato juice, she looks like a thermometer."

Pew

Teacher-"What on earth is that terrible odor in here?" Boy-"It must be Albert, teacher. Everybody says he's spoiled."

Watch Out, There

Sadie-"Oh, my goodness, it's past midnight-you'd better get going." Sam-"O. K.-turn out the light."

Might Have Felt Like It

Betty-"But, daddy, didn't you get, too, when you were young like me?" Daddy-"Of course, but it wasn't so dangerous. The old parlor sofa never took a notion to smash into a tree."

A Penny For His Thought

Madame Ziro (pretty mind reader)-"I can tell what anyone in the audience is thinking." Male Voice (from rear)-"Oh, yeah." Madame-"The answer is no, and you should be very much ashamed of yourself."

How Absurd

"What's that building" asked the stranger. "That's the asylum for the blind," said the native. "Go on, you can't fool me," said the stranger. "What's all them windows for?"

Confused

Lawyer-"Now, you still maintain that the prisoner is the man you saw stealing your cycle?" Plaintiff-"After arguing with you for half an hour I don't believe I ever had a cycle."

That's all folks. Put two people in a room, one with a toothache and the other in love, and the one with the toothache will go to sleep first. -SCAT-

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:- My mother insists on me going to Sunday school and what good I get out of it I cannot see. The teacher is an old fogey who drones on about things none of us are interested in and I feel like I am just wasting my time.

Alabama. "SIXTEEN"

It is a pity that your teacher is not a more interesting person, but why don't you do something to make the class meeting a more interesting occasion yourself? If two or three of you members would ask questions and have some discussions in the class that would probably help. You might also give one person each Sunday, the task of finding some interesting thing of article to bring before the rest of the class.

For example, just recently we have been reading a great deal in the newspapers about the planet, Mars, because it is closer to the earth now than it has been for fifteen years. Any information about it would probably prove interesting. The relation of the planets to God is very obvious and you can find very interesting information in any good encyclopedia.

Going back to the good you get out of Sunday school, however, let me say that if you get nothing out of it but the establishing of a good habit, that is something. A fine lesson or a good sermon is very stimulating, but even the lack of these does not make our attendance on Sunday school and church worthless. We get something out of the atmosphere of the church and from the music that we get nowhere else. And the fact remains that more good people and worthwhile people go to church than stay away.

You will probably have a more interesting teacher next year, so stick it out, please your mother, and you will probably be very glad that you did so later on.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:- I am a busy mother and I decided to take my vacation this summer by taking things easy rather than by going away. However, I must admit that the plan has not worked out so well.

The afternoons that I plan to rest are interrupted by the youngest children sticking nails in their feet or cutting their fingers or falling out of trees. If by any chance the crowd in the back yard becomes peaceful, the older children play the radio as loud as possible. As their tastes run to baseball games and swing and our radio produces equally as much static as it does music, you can imagine the net result of such a rest.

I don't expect you to give me any answer to my problem, but I am just warning other mothers to take their vacation away from the rest of the family.

TIRED MOTHER. North Carolina.

It is a pity that every mother could not have a vacation away from her children each year. She would come home refreshed and with a new outlook on life. It would probably do both the family and the mother good. They would appreciate her more when she returned and she would have more patience and sympathy with them.

But as a vacation away from the family is impossible for many mothers they can take things easier during the summer. I read an article by a mother, recently, in which she said that for her vacation she made each of the children, boys and girls, keep their own rooms; she used paper napkins and simplified the meals.

"Tired Mother" might engage some one to watch over the back yard crowd during her rest period and she could also have a "silent" period for the radio. After all, mothers, as well as children, are due some consideration.

LOUISA.

DO YOU KNOW

- 1. By what vote did the House pass the Hatch bill? 2. What variation in WPA wages actually existed? 3. Is the U. S. aiding Panama in connection with Canal defense? 4. In what state was Rep. Sol Bloom born? 5. What is the annual business of the Post Office? 6. Are all WPA workers required to work 130 hours a month? 7. Has automobile production ever exceeded 5,000,000 units a year? 8. How many persons in this country are over 65 years old? 9. Is the New York World's Fair a financial success? 10. Is residential building ahead of last year?

The Answers

- 1. 242 to 133. 2. From \$26 a month in the South to \$4 in the North. 3. Yes, by providing \$1,500,000 for a "defense" highway. 4. Illinois. 5. Last year, \$745,098,350. 6. Yes. 7. Yes, in 1929 and 1937. 8. About 8,000,000. 9. No; attendance is about one-third below estimated requirements. 10. Yes, about 60 per cent better.

Blue Ball Motorist Injured Ardel Borda, residing at Blue Ball in the Phillipsburg section, became a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital Monday following an accident at Troy, Sunday, where his car struck a telephone pole. Borda is reported to be suffering from a brain concussion.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM-If I lost \$10 on a horse race, paid \$2 to get into the race track grounds, and a race track tout asked me for \$5, how much was I out? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

Patron-Where is Finland? What breed of cows has the greatest percent of butterfat in their milk?

Ans.-Finland lies parallel with Sweden in the extreme north of Europe and separated from this country mostly by the Sea of Bothnia; bounded on the east by Russia. With all other conditions equal the Jersey is the best butterfat producer.

Mrs. W. B.-What was Solomon's age when anointed King of Israel, and his age at death?

Ans.-Dates in the history of Solomon's life are very obscure-mostly traditional or mythological. It is known that he was the son of David, by Bathsheba, the wife of Urish, and therefore was not the true heir to the throne to which he acceded. (Full account of his accession to the throne is given in 1 Kings XXII, 41 seq., and 2 Kings XV, 1.) He was born 1,000 years B. C., and Old Testament historians generally recognize the date when his reign ended is not known, despite the narratives that represent the views of Deuteronomic writers.

F. H.-Are they stamping any commemorative coins for either World's Fairs? If so, where can they be obtained?

Ans.-No coins to our knowledge have been minted-only postage stamps being engraved.

B. R.-What is a sombrero?

Ans.-"Sombrero" is Spanish for a kind of broad-brimmed hat, usually of felt, and very common in Mexico. It is worn extensively in the southwestern part of the United States by ranchers and cowboys.

P. J.-In what year did Halley's Comet appear to the earth. And will it ever appear again?

Ans.-Halley's Comet, the greatest of all comets known, made its appearance to the earth in May, 1910. It shot away into infinite space at the rate of 5,000 miles a second, traveling in a regular orbit which happens to encircle the earth. It will be visible here again in May, 1986. Its appearance here before 1910 was in May, 1834.

G. F.-When and where did civilization on earth begin?

Ans.-This is not known definitely. It is well founded that it reaches back far into remote antiquity-probably millions if not billions of years. As late as 5000 B. C., extensive excavations were made by the Greeks in Crete that revealed that at that time of a prehistoric civilization existed before the Bronze Age-more than fifty million years ago. There are no records extant ante-dating 5000 B. C., except for excavations and discoveries.

M. E.-What was the Boer War in South Africa all about?

Ans.-The Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State declared war on Great Britain in 1900, the aim being the destruction of the British paramountcy in South Africa. The war was of short duration and resulted in the British annexing the two States above mentioned.

K. C.-In point of age, who is the oldest member of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball club? We wish to settle an argument.

Ans.-Paul Waner is the oldest member of the Pirates. He will be 37 years old next April.

H. W.-Is there any animal called a "tench"?

Ans.-No. "Tench" is the name of a fresh-water fish found in European waters.

F. S.-Will you kindly answer just what a "paradox" means?

Ans.-A "paradox" is a statement or sentiment opposed to common sense, or seemingly self-contradictory, but which may be true in fact.

A. Fan.-In a baseball game the home team comes to bat in their half with the score tied-needing one run to win. The batter drives one over the wall with the bases loaded. Does he get credit for a home run, or just a single for scoring the runner on third?

Ans.-The batter gets credit for a home run, and the four runs count in the score, but all bases must be legally touched.

P. N.-In what year were Admiral Dewey's remains moved from Arlington to the Cathedral at Washington, D. C.?

Ans.-Admiral Dewey's body was placed in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in 1927.

D. D.-Does the United States Constitution contain any provisions for the creation of new states?

Ans.-Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution says: "New states may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new state shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other state, nor any state be formed by the junction of two or more states, or parts of states, without the consent of the legislatures of the states concerned as well as of the Congress."

G. W. B.-Please give the biography of Tom Thumb.

Ans.-Tom Thumb (Charles Sherwood Stratton) was born at Bridgeport, Conn., on January 4, 1838. His parents were of normal size and he showed no peculiarity until he reached the age of seven months, when he ceased to grow. In 1842 his mother took him to P. T. Barnum. At that time he was twenty-eight inches in height and weighed a little more than fifteen pounds, though he later increased in size. He was perfectly proportioned, active, and intelligent. His exhibitions proved a success and in 1854 he was taken to England by Barnum and presented to the Queen and Royal Family. In 1863 Tom Thumb married Lavinia Warren, a dwarf, and together they traveled widely and gave exhibitions. He died at Middleborough, Mass., on July 15, 1883.

H. S.-Who said "God reigns, and the Government at Washington lives"?

Ans.-James A. Garfield. The occasion was an address on April 15, 1865, when he was speaking from the balcony of the New York Custom House to a crowd excited by the news of President Lincoln's assassination.

J. V. S.-How high is Pike's Peak in Colorado?

Ans.-Pike's Peak is 14,110 feet above sea level.

G. F. E.-What is the largest country in the world?

Ans.-The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Russian) with an area of 8,144,228 square miles.

E. M.-What is the meaning of hyperbation?

Ans.-It is a transposition of words out of a normal order as in Browning's title "Wasting Is-What?" or in the line from Shakespeare "The whiter skin of hers than snow."

R. M.-Was Tony Galento ever knocked out before he fought Joe Louis?

Ans.-Tony Galento was knocked out by Nell Ciliby on December 20, 1929 in seven rounds. Marty Gallagher won a technical knock-out from Galento on September 4, 1934, and Al Gainer won from Galento by a technical knockout on June 19, 1936.

J. S. K.-Was President Theodore Roosevelt awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

Ans.-The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to him in 1906 for his services in bringing peace to Russia and Japan.

K. F.-Do fish drink water?

Ans.-Fish and other aquatic animals do not drink water. Enough moisture is taken into their systems in their food and through their skins.

J. H. G.-Do Jews control most of the large corporations in the United States?

Ans.-Of the 80,000 directors of America's leading corporations only 4.8 per cent are Jewish.

B. H. L.-Do bees drink water?

Ans.-Honey bees do drink water. They swallow only a limited quantity for use in their own bodies-most of the water they acquire is carried back in their honey sacs to the hive for the young bees.

E. E.-What is the range of the most powerful gun used by the United States in any defense?

Ans.-The sixteen-inch gun is the largest and has a range of approximately 30 miles using a projectile weighing about 2340 pounds.

O. E.-How are ping-pong balls made?

Ans.-They are made out of sheets of celluloid, then stamped out in halves in a large mold under heat and pressure. The two halves are then cemented together.

R. B.-During the recent conclave at the Vatican at which Cardinal Pacelli was elected Pope, how many dishes and pieces of glassware were provided for the meals of the Cardinals?

Ans.-Two hundred coffee and tea services; 5000 bottles, glasses and decanters; 8000 dishes and plates.

W. C. K.-Please give the origin of the word shavetail as used in the Army.

Ans.-The word "shavetail" is soldier's slang for a recently appointed second lieutenant-humorously so called with allusion to the young unbroken Army mules.

L. H.-What is Jack Oakie's real name?

Ans.-The motion picture actor's name is Lewis D. Offield.

W. H. T.-How salty is the water of the Atlantic Ocean?

Ans.-The standard salinity of the water in the Atlantic Ocean is thirty-five parts per thousand.

Answer to problem: Just \$12-the tout's request was not needed.