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EDITORIAL

The strange noises you hear are New Year's resolutions that are blowing up.

Who can guess what the population of Bellefonte will be when the census report is published.

Russia's bark seems to be worse than her bite, but it will take more than sampathy to save Fin-

Speeding will kill thousands of people in 1940 but the chances are it won't affect you if you do not

German leaders are promising that the war will begin "in earnest" in the Spring. They don't say which Spring.

The meek may inherit the earth, but will not while Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and the Emperor of Japan are around.

Nearly one million Americans will receive old-

age pensions from the government this year and in money, not plans. One-fourth of the farms of this country have

high-line electric service, according to the REA, which is double the number that had such facilities in-1925. The first part of the sixteenth decennial Federal

to collect information relating to business and manufacturing concerns. The second part of the Census, dealing with population, housing and agriculture, will begin on April 2nd.

Foreign affairs are not expected to take up much of the time of Congress now in session, although some unexpected developments of the war in Europe may precipitate action by Congress. The Neutrality Act will probably be left alone although it is possible that some provision will be made to assist Finland. There is every indication that the movement to impose an embargo on the sale of all war materials to Japan will be pushed unless the Japanese hasten to make far-reaching concessions to the interests of the United States in the Far East, Generally however the opinion is that there will be no absolute embargo on exports or boycott on imports from Japan unless something unexpected happens.

It seems almost incredible that 12,762 tons of game were killed in Pennsylvania during 1938, but that is the report of the Game Commission. The amount is about double that killed in 1937. It is interesting to note that hunters during the 1938 season killed 171,662 deer, having a combined weight of 13,-732,960 pounds; 384 bears with a total weight of 67,-200 pounds, and 4,263,759 rabbits with a combined weight of 7,461,576 pounds. Ringneck pheasants came in for a large slaughter, as the report shows 517,280 to have been killed during the season. The birds produced 1.422,520 pounds of meat.

We learn that of the 1,139 students in the School of Agriculture at Pennsylvania State College, only 293 are the sons and daughters of farmers. Evidently the adage that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence is still true. While the sons and daughters of farmers are enrolling in non-agricultural courses in colleges throughout the country, the children of non-farm parents are turning to the open spaces. New fields and new ventures have always exerted a tremendous attraction for young people. That magnetism seems undiminished with the generation now in college.

For the first time, the National Labor Act has been clarified to an extent that both employes and employers know where they are going. Two Federal courts have ruled that a so-called "company union" is legal, if it is organized and directed by employes, without company coercion. Both decisions, the one at Baltimore and the other at Philadelphia, upset rulings of the NLRB, which held that the two socalled company unions had to be dissolved. Both courts also held that employes may organize and continue their organization without joining any state or national union, provided the bargaining is done on a collective base as provided under the Wagner Act. The decision at least clarifies the liberty of the individual to be himself or herself.

Not having made any New Year's resolutions ourselves we feel free to agree with Clare Swisher, a columnist in the Altoona Tribune, who also has resolved to quit resolving at the beginning of each year. We quote: "My resolutions, as far as I could ascertain, never did anything for me except keep me from mischlef while I turned them over in my mind. Never once did I ever obey any of them to the slightest degree and I still smoked, swore, slept late and acted just the same as I always did. Oddly enough, I observed that my friends experienced the same startling lack of results. The only resolution I ever made-and kept-was not a solemn resolve on New Year's eve. It just happened. One day, after having lived a quarter of a century, I discovered I liked to live just for the hell of it; and that to enjoy life to the fullest degree was what I wanted to Since then I have enjoyed life whether I had fifteen cents or fifteen dollars in my pockets . And so, I resolve once again to make no resolutions. Next year I'll still be smoking, swearing and getting up late in the morning."

During the World War the news dispatches told us, on various occasions, of a guardian angel that hovered over the forces of the allied governments. We have wondered what became of the angel, during the past twenty-five years, but a recent dispatch from Helsinki, Finland, reports that Finnish soldiers have seen the angel on the eastern front north of Lake Ladoga. It seems that the angel was facing the Russian soldiers, with arms outspread as if to protect the Finns behind it.

It may appear like a man's size job to any one else, but to Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, it's all very simple, this trifling matter of running the Federal Government. He would aid business and agriculture, which is what the New Deal is doing, only Senator Taft, through some sleight of hand, would do it 'without extension of government activities.' One fears greatly that Senator Taft's platform sounds suspiciously like, 'It's a good job and I'd like to get it,' and very little

Republican candidates for presidential nomination next year . . . might be interested in a news story relating to Chicago tax delinquents which appeared in the Chicago Tribune last week. A taxpayer's suit was filed asking relief for persons whose real estate taxes are delinquent for the years 1928 to 1932. The penalty on such delinquents is 12 per cent a year and the complaint asks that it be reduced to 6 per cent. It will be remembered that the years for which this tax relief is asked were those glorious Republican years when Hoover was President . . . Things couldn't have been so good in those halcyon days as they have been under the New Deal, Messrs. Vandenberg, Dewey, Taft, Bridges and Chairman John Hamilton might make a note of

Puerto Rico is fast becoming one of the world's most heavily fortified places, in accordance with plans of the United States Army and Navy to make it impregnable to attack and invaluable in defense. General Edmund L. Daley, commander of the de-partment embracing the Caribbean area, reports that fortifications are ready for emergencies and work is far ahead of schedule on the \$27,000,000 air and military base, projected to protect the Panama Canal and the entire north coast of South America, Eventually, 10,000 soldiers will be stationed on the island. The Navy is constructing a \$9,000,000 air and submarine base at Isla Granda and squadrons of scouting planes are already stationed there. Decision to fortify Puerto Rico resulted from the uncertainties of the world situation last year, before the war began in Europe. It is necessary to assure the safety of the United States in the event that Great Britain and France lose their present struggle. It is intended to prevent unfriendly nations from establishing bases in this hemisphere.

Much has been written about taxation during the last seven years. There has been much talk about "soaking the rich," broadening the tax base, and other methods. All these plans have two specific purposes, if we are to believe everything we read, The first is to get additional revenue with which to balance budgets trailing in the red. The second is to make the public more conscious of the cost of government-an effort to make the public take a more direct interest in its government. The city of Philadelphia has invaded the income tax field by levying 1.5 per cent tax on all individual incomes earned in that city, whether by residents or non-residents. Employers are required to deduct the tax from the wages of their employes. It is asserted that even WPA workers will have to pay, as well as all other earners. The tax, if it stands, will do what the tax theorists urge-reach down into the pockets of the lowliest earners. And for that reason it is being hailed as an educational tax. The idea is what some folks have been striving for these many years. But will it work? How many taxpayers, that is the average person, interest themselves in how their tax is being spent? Right here in Centre county the most active interest shown by taxpayers is that on election day and that for the most part is seldom direct. If the Philadelphia plan works it will have started a worthwhile job in American municipal affairs

FARMERS AND THE PRICE RATIO

Farmers should not lose sight of the ratio that exists between the prices they have to pay for the things they buy and the prices they get for the things they sell.

For example, the price of cotton and wheat might double but if the things that cotton and wheat growers buy triple the plight of the growers would become worse despite the increased price they

get for their crops. This is what has happened in the nation during the past quarter of a century. Prices for the products of the farm have not attained pre-war figures but prices of non-agricultural products are above

The surpluses that have plagued the farmers of the nation are being slowly disposed of under present methods of crop control. Agriculture in the United States is on a limited production basis but prices continue below pre-war figures. Agriculture will only attain its pre-war status when there is available a market, at fair prices, for the production of the nation's farms without crop control.

The reader will note that we said "will only attain its pre-war status" in the above paragraph. It is still questionable whether the pre-war status of agriculture is sufficient, either from the standpoint of the farmers or the welfare of the nation.

BEANS, SENATOR

(From Pittsburgh Press) "At least one important American commodity

has been spared from the executioner. Agriculture would welcome a similar reprieve for beans."-Statement of Senator Vandenberg (R. Mich), commenting on the announcement that in the pending reciprocal trade agreement with Chile the U.S. tariff on copper will not be reduced.

Hogwash, Senator! Or should be say, babassu nuts? Or just plain beans?

The Senator from Michigan is one of the few senators-there are only four of the 44 left-who voted for the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, and he is still presuming to advise the country on tariffs and trade. To be sure the Senator has a great many virtues, and his record is illuminated by a great many accomplishments that mark him as a valuable public servant. But anyone who voted for the Smoot-Hawley Act and still doesn't repent his folly is surely as blind as a bat in the sunlight. And the country is justified in paying no heed whatever to his advice on this subject.

For the country traveled the Smoot-Hawley "road to prosperity." traveled it rapidly, precipitously and disastrously, to the bottom.

Since the Senator professes to speak for agriculture, it is fair to observe that up to 1930 American farmers still had some foreign markets. But they didn't keep them long. In retaliation other countries passed Smoot-Hawley acts of their own. And with what tragic results!

In 1932-we take that year because it was the end and bottom of the Smoot-Hawley trail-American farmers dug from the soil a cash income of \$4,-682,000,000, an average of \$717 per farm, or \$151 per capita of farm population

This year, it is estimated that the farmers' cash income will be \$7,625,000,000, an average of \$1102 per farm, or \$238 per capita of farm population. (And that's not counting the Government's benefit

Secretary Hull's trade-agreements program may not be responsible for all this improvement, but it has contributed mightily by blasting open some of the farm markets abroad which the Smoot-Hawley Act closed. There's a lot more blasting to be done before American farmers—bean growers included get back all the markets they need to prosper. But the Senator from Michigan has demonstrated that he is not one who knows how.

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

Grandpa And The Girls

When Gramper was youthful, The ladies were truthful,

So pure and demure and appealingly sweet, All shackled and bustled.

They crackled and rustled, And screamed when they dreamed of revealing their feet.

With sashes unfurling, And lashes upcurling. They fluttered and stuttered when asked for a dance,

They twittered and bridled, They tittered and sidled And chilled at the thrill of a masculine glance.

No high-balled cavortings,

No ribald retortings, No parking and larking with petters diverse, No skin-showing poses,

No gin glowing noses-When Ladies were Ladies, for better or worse.

No shocking complexes,

No talking of sexes,

Those peerless young dears would have yipped at the thought, No shingling of tresses.

No mingling caresses. I'll say, in a way, they were gypped quite a lot.

No rude little vamper Intruded on Gramper.

For Sheiking was sneaking, and Necking a crime, Prevailing conditions Curtailed his ambitions-

Yet I've heard the old bird had a Heck of a time

How to Skin a Banana Some folks never learn how to peel a banana gracefully. Here are everal suggested methods:

Get a banana sunburned. Banana will soon begin peeling. Scare banana. Grab skin when it jumps out of it.

Tell banana it has the skin you love to touch. Banana will tremble like a leaf. Skin will shake loose and drop off.

Turn banana over to gold-digger. Banana will soon be stripped. Hypnotize banana. Tell banana it is a snake. Banana will shed skin. Call banana yellow, Banana will want to fight. Will remove jacket. Advise banana that too many clothes are unhealthy. Banana will want to grow strong and robust. Will undress completely.

Feed banana cod liver oil. Banana will slip right out of its skin.

So That's Why, Eh?

Little Jack Horner Sat in a corner-B. O.

Move Over

The movie house was crowded and a devoted couple had been forced to accept single seats. The young lady didn't care at all for the arrangement and tried to remedy matters. It had occurred to her that the man sitting next to her might be willing to exchange seats with her fiance. Accordingly, she leaned over and whispered: "Pardon me. Are you

The meek little man gave no sign of having heard, so she repeated her question a little louder. Still no answer, and she tried again. At that, the little man turned slightly toward her, keeping his eyes upon the screen. "Cut it out," he whispered savagely. "My whole darned

Up-to-Date Nursery Rime

Mary had a little goat, The goat had halitosis, And every place that Mary went The people held their noses.

How to Mix a Love Cocktail

Select a girl of your own size, either blonde or brunette, whichever is cheapest. Carefully test the skin by gently touching it. If she doesn't object, she'll do. Next, thoroughly remove her small brother. Now, work in plenty of honeyed words and a great deal of hot air with which to puff up her beauty. Sprinkle lightly with caresses, adding a little more punch from time to time, until she bubbles with excitement. Mix well, and pile into a large chair-an arm chair naturally-which will hold you both comfortably. Heat slowly, smother with kisses and sit in the dark for several hours without stirring.

Not That Kind

A tourist going through the northwest, suffered a slight accident. Unable to find his monkey wrench he went to a farm house and inquired of the Swede owner:

"Have you a monkey wrench here?"

family's here."

"Naw," replied the Swede. "My brother bane got a cattle rench over there; my cousin got a sheep rench down there; but too cold for monkey reach here!

It Was Unanimous

An old darkey preacher's term had expired and he was anxious to

"Brethren," he said, "the time has come for you-all to elect a pastah

fo' another yeah. All dose favoring me will please say aye." He waited a moment and then he said: "Silence gives consent, I'se yo'

pastah fo' another yeah.' The Best Policy

"Mose," said the judge, doubting whether the witness knew the nature of an oath, "do you know what will happen if you lie on the witness

"Yessuh, judge. Ah 'spects you'll send me to jail." "You're right. And what if you tell the truth?" "We'll lose dis trial, sho, judge."

Probably Wooden Nickels, at That We are informed that starting last Sunday Edgar Bergen's salary

will be \$6,000 for each broadcast. However this is not all profit. Remember, he has to pay Charlie Mc-

Carthy seventy-five cents a week.

on the examination paper: "The Armistice was signed on the 11th of November in 1918, and since then every year there has been Two Min- Dies committee? Senses Coming Back

Maybe He's Right

Nurse- "I think that drunk case is regaining consciousness, doctor. He just tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

Go To It, Girls It is understood that the girls have adopted the following as their motto for leap year:

We're Telling You

About the only man you have to take your hat off to nowadays is a

"If you see what you want, ask for it."

That's all, folks. No business man should be without a letter opener -preferably a blonde.

Weak and Run Down

Men and Women

Take Luebert's Iron Tonic Tablets, Containing Cod Liver Oil Extract There is no tonic equal to these tablets for those who are weak and run down or recovering from the effects of severe sickness. They assist nature by replacing what has been worn out in the blood and nerves. They are composed of iron, extract of cod liver oil and blood building, tonic medicines, which restore the system to its proper tonic and make life worth living.

A. G. Luchat, P.D., Contenyalle, A. a.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:

I am a woman of 41 and have been married 27 years. I had no pleasures when I was young. I have two daughters and a son married. I like to visit them but when I come back my husband scolds me and told me several times to leave. As I didn't have any other boy friends but him he thinks I should stay home and not go to movies and dances. I am fond of another fellow about my age who thinks a lot of me. What do you advise me to do?

ANSWER:

This letter is a good answer to those girls who want to get married before they are ready for the responsibilities of a home and family. I understand how this wo-

man feels. She missed all the fun and good times that girls are entitled to when she was young, and when she should have been going to parties and having dates, she was tending babies and cleaning house Now that the bables are out of the way, she is trying to recapture some of her lost youth,

I think her husband is wrong when he scolds her for visiting her called shears. children-this is, unless she spends too much of her time with themand certainly every grown woman should be able to go to the movies If she likes. But on the subject of dancing. I personally would not go to dances without my husband.

As to the boy friend-any married woman who has a boy friend is playing with fire. Look out that you don't lose your husband if you keep up such a friendship, Reader. gium' And when a husband leaves, boy friends have a way of going also. Any man or woman who is playing around while they are still married is cheating, and that is no way of getting around that.

On the other hand, if your husband is too disagreeable to live wi.h, you can always leave and cer- rent? tainly you are young enough to put up with abuse. But for good- rection only ne sake, don't settle down on your children, for you are likely to break up their homes as well as your own. LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl of sixteen, I would very much like to have a boy friend, out pay and never get to go any-

see other girls going out and not dam me. Lots of boys want to go with me but my mother is always with me and I never have a chance to have a boy friend only when I speak out.

What do you advise me to do? "SIXTEEN"-Md.

people will treat the ones they love the Christian religion. best so harshly. Your mother is evidently trying to protect you man's family, his horses, dogs, etc.? from the pitfalls of the world, but she is going about it in the wrong field, Kentucky. Henry G. Woolridge, an eccentric trader, had statues of way. A girl should be taught what Nobody can protect you all the time and you, yourself, are the only person who can see that you

behave yourself. Now, I can see why your mother would not let you go with boys who are wild or who drink, but why she should stick around when you are with some nice boys is another mat- tem, situated in the abdomen, behind the stomach and in front of the

Talk to her, tell her that you let you stay out a while after the ensue. show and that you will be home at a certain time-and then keep word. Be particular about your friends and don't go abo. with people who have bad reputa-

tions But don't speak out, for even the boys you go to meet have less regard for a girl who acts that way and they feel less responsibility about the way they act towards her. After all, you are young, and it won't be long before you will be old enough to do as you please.

DO YOU KNOW 1. How long has Finland been an

LOUISA

independent nation? 2. For what mineral is Sweden important? 3. Did Great Britain seize Ger-

man exports in the last war? 4. What part of Rumania was Closer to the truth than he meant to be was the schoolboy who wrote formerly Russia? 5. What is the official name of the

> 6. What is an S-boat? 7. What is the statutory debt limit of the Federal government? 8. When does the Trade Agree-

ment Act expire? 9. When did King George agree to The Magna Charta? 10. How many soldiers have been

killed on the Western Front? The Answers

1. Since 1917. 2. Iron 3. Yes; in the latter part of the

4. Bessarabia 5. The House Committee on Un-American Activities.

6. An American submarine. \$45,000,000,000 8 June 12 1940

9. In 1215. 10. Estimate: From 5,000 to 10.

suffer from Colds? FOR QUICK RELIEF FROM COLD SYMPTOMS Liquid - Tablets - Salve - Nose Drops

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: A man and a lady were standing together on a street engaged in conversation when a third party walked up, looking inquiringly at the lady. "Well," said her escort, "if you don't know her I'll let you guess: I have no brother or sister, but this lady's father is my mother's Who was she? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

N. G .- I am told that Shakespeare's father was an ignorant man Is that true?

Ans,-John Shakespeare, father of the famous author, was not an ignorant man, although he could neither read nor write. He held important local offices in his community and discharged his duties with unerring precision. However, when he signed documents of any kind he was

obliged to mark in the presence of witnesses. E. D .- Was Miles Standish related in any way to Rose Standish who me to America with the Pilgrims? What became of Rose?

Ans .- Miles Standish was the husband of Rose. She was a victim of the famine and fever at Plymouth in 1621.

S. P .- What is the exact title of Stalin, the head of the Russian gov-Ans,-Stalin's exact title is "President of the Council of People's Commisars." This council consists of 10 members, elected by the Work-

men's, Soldiers' and Peasants. The council gives to its head sweeping powers over governmental affairs. D. J .- Are there any States in the Union which do not have con

pulsory school laws? Ans .- Every State in the Union has some kind of compulsory education law, but some of them are inadequately enforced. A big majority of them require full-time attendance up to the age of 16. The lowest age

requirement in any State is 14 V. R .- What is the difference between scissors and shears? Can you

Ans.—We'll try. These terms are used more or less interchangeably in most sections of the country. As a rule, however, the term "shears" is employed when the implement is large, and "scissors" when it is small. In the hardware trade all such implements having a total length of six inches or less are called scissors, and those exceeding that length are

W. F.-Does eight bells on shipboard mean that it's eight o'clock? Ans.-Not necessarily; it depends upon which watch the time has reference to. There are six watches of four hours each for the 24 hours. Eight o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock in the evening always take eight bells. And likewise 12 o'clock midnight and four o'clock in the

E. T. B .- What are green ducks?

Ans.-They are young ducks from eight to twelve weeks old that are grown rapidly and fattened for the market. W. S. T .- How old was Edith Cavell when she was executed in Bel-

Ans.—The English nurse was 43 years old when she was executed as spy by the Germans in 1915. W. E .- What are the most beautiful words in the English language?

Ans .- Some years ago Wilfred J. Punk made the following selection Dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous, chimes, gol den and melody. J. P. B .- What is the difference between alternating and direct cur-

Ans.-Alternating current is one which reverses its direction of flow work for your living rather than periodically and rapidly. A direct current is one which flows in one di-D. T. R .- What is the average height of American men and women?

Ans.-The average height of men is five feet eight inches and that women is five feet four inches. M. D.-What is the motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police? Ans.—It is "Maintiens le droit" (maintain the right).

M. W .- Does the Government furnish markers for the graves of Ans.-Applications for markers for the graves of World War veterbut everywhere I go my mother fol- ans may be made to the Memorial Branch, Office of the Quartermaster lows me: I work hard all day win- General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

A. J. R .- Is there any country which does not use world time? Ans.-Holland is the only important country which does not observe Sometimes I cry at night when I world time, but uses that of the steeple of the West Church in Amster-

E. W. M .- Is it correct to pronounce the letter "x" in the word lux-

Ans .- The word is pronounced lukshury. G. L. V .- What is the origin of the Maltese Cross? Ans.—The Maltese Cross originated with the Knights of Malta, are exceedingly ancient order of chivalry, formerly known as the Knights

Sepulchre at Jerusalem and the war on infidels. After the tenth century the order experienced much trouble and was later dispersed, taking ref-Well, Sixteen, it is always a uge on the Island of Malta, in 1530. The insignia of the knights was a source of amazement to me why black cloak emblazoned with a white cross. The cross is much older than L. T. H.-Where in Kentucky is the cemetery with memorials to a

Hospitallers of St. John. Their activities were in connection with the Holy

himself, his relatives, his dogs, horse, a deer and a fox made. The standis right and what is wrong and ing figure of himself is of marble, while the others are cut from stone and then trusted to do the right thing, are mostly the work of Will Lydon, a Paducah stonecutter. A. V. M .- Please give the titles of the theme songs of the American

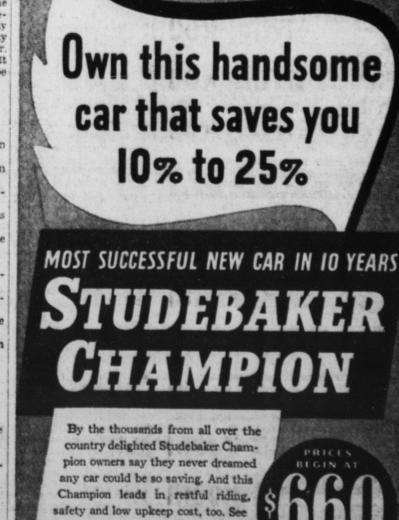
Ans .- The Woolridge monuments are in Maplewood Cemetery, May-

Album of Familiar Music and Cities Service programs. Ans,-"Dream Serenade" by Gustave Haenschen is the American Album of Familiar Music's theme selection and that of the Cities Service Concert is the "Cities Service March" by Rosario Bourdon. F. C. R.-Where is the solar plexus?

Ans,-This is an important center of the sympathetic nervous sys-

aorta. It contains several ganglia which distribute nerve fibers to the stomach, liver, kidneys, and intestines. If this nerve center is severely know how to behave. Ask her to shocked temporary suspension of the vital functions or even death, may

Answer to problem: The lady was the speaker's daughter.



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