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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 sympathy to save Finland.

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

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 1935.

The first part of the sixteenth decennial Federal Census got underway last week when agents began to collect information relating to business and manufacturing concerns.

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.

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.

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.

For the first time, the National Labor Act has been clarified to an extent that both employers and employees know where they are going.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Much has been written about taxation during the last seven years. There has been much talk about "soaking the rich."

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.

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.

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 them.

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.

BEANS, SENATOR (From Pittsburgh Press) "At least one important American commodity has been spared from the executioner.

The Senator from Michigan is one of the few senators—there are only four of the 44—who voted for the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, and he is still presuming to advise the country on tariffs and trade.

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

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 \$171 per farm, or \$151 per capita of farm population.

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.

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

Grandpa And The Girls When Grammer 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.

How to Skin a Banana Some folks never learn how to peel a banana gracefully. Here are several suggested methods: Get a banana unburned. Banana will soon begin peeling. Scare banana. Grab skin when it jumps out of it.

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.

Up-to-Date Nursery Rhyme Mary had a little goat, The goat had halibuts, 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.

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?"

It Was Unanimous An old darkey preacher's term had expired and he was anxious to stay on. "Brethren," he said, "the time has come for you all to elect a pastah fo' another year. All dese favoring me will please say aye."

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 stand?"

Probably Wooden Nickels, at That We are informed that starting last Sunday Edgar Bergen's salary will be \$6,000 for each broadcast.

Maybe He's Right Closer to the truth than he meant to be was the schoolboy who wrote on the examination paper: "The Armistice was signed on the 11th of November in 1918, and since then every year there has been Two Minutes' Peace."

Senses Coming Back 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: "If you see what you want, ask for it."

We're Telling You About the only man you have to take your hat off to nowadays is a barber.

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

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa: I am a woman of 41 and have been married 27 years. I had no pleasure when I was young, I have two daughters and a son who I like to visit them but when I come back my husband scolds me and told me several times to leave.

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 woman feels.

Dear Louisa: I am a girl of sixteen, I would just as soon like to have a boy friend, but everywhere I go my mother follows me: I work hard all day without pay and never get to go anywhere.

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- DO YOU KNOW 1. How long has Finland been an independent nation? 2. For what mineral is Sweden important? 3. Did Great Britain seize German exports in the last war? 4. What part of Rumania was formerly Russia? 5. What is the official name of the Dies committee? 6. What is an S-boat? 7. What is the statutory debt limit of the Federal government? 8. When does the Trade Agreement 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 war. 4. Bessarabia. 5. The House Committee on Un-American Activities. 6. An American submarine. 7. \$45,000,000. 8. June 12, 1940. 9. In 1215. 10. Estimate: From 5,000 to 10,000.

WHY suffer from Colds? FOR QUICK RELIEF FROM COLD SYMPTOMS TAKE 666

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 son." 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 unperturbed 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 came 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 government? Ans.—Stalin's exact title is "President of the Council of People's Commissars." This council consists of 10 members, elected by the Workers, 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 compulsory 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.

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 morning.

E. T. R.—What are green ducks? Ans.—They are young ducks from eight to twelve weeks old that are grown rapidly and fattened for the market.

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