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NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION Member EDITORIAL

Nobody in Centre county is saying, these days, that our winters are getting warmer.

Confucius is probably turning over in his grave every day as a result of the alleged witticisms attributed to him.

It will strike many citizens as strange that Pennsylvania will not be able to exhibit at the New York World's Fair this year unless private subscriptions are forthcoming.

Suicide by revolver of a prisoner in a Danville jail just a few hours before he was taken to the electric chair is the subject of investigation by public authority. It ought to be somewhere along the line there has been neglect or weakness in prison administration.

One of the severest snow storms on record hit the city of New York this month and almost before the flakes had stopped falling, nearly 30,000 men were working to clear the streets.

England's seizure of a German prison ship within a Norwegian base and the rescue of 400 Britishers will become another tradition in the navy and likewise a thistle in international law.

Eleven of the largest western railroads will begin a new travel service in May when they will make available to passengers on their trains a combination automobile service which will permit long train trips to be broken by day-trip travel in automobiles.

HELP FINLAND'S PEOPLE: The people of Centre county along with other citizens of the United States, express sympathy for the Finnish Republic in its fight against overwhelming odds.

By this time, they should know that the Finnish Relief Fund, Incorporated, headed by Herbert Hoover, former President and organizer of National Chairman of the Fund is actively soliciting contributions for the relief of civilian distress caused by the Soviet invasion.

All money contributed will be available for relief to the Finnish population. All expenses in connection with the campaign in this country are borne by special funds provided by certain persons for that purpose.

The Finnish Relief Fund attempts to help Finland in all emergencies that are included under the head of public charity. Mr. Hoover says that the immediate emergency is destitution and the care of refugees arising from the evacuation of several hundred thousand civilians, mostly women and children, from the towns and fighting areas.

Certainly, we should recognize that sympathy for Finland is important but without effect against the vast armies of Soviet Russia. Sympathy may comfort the destitute civilians but it does not feed

them nor provide treatment for their wounds. There are numbers of people ready to denounce the "Communists" as the perils of civilization.

THE ELEPHANT LABORS; RESULT—A SCRAWNY MOUSE

The G. O. P. elephant labored for two full years and the result is a mouse and a mighty scrawny mouse at that.

For two full years the Republican Party, through several hundred of its best brains, led by Dr. Glenn Frank, worked and toiled and labored, after taking soundings, to prepare a report that would be emblematic of what the Republicans are going to support, and what a report; 28,000 words, most of which echoes back—nothing—only that and no more.

The committee's report calls for a reduction of twenty per cent in federal expenditures out of 138 per cent which it is claimed the Democrats raised the budget. If the Republicans, upon promise, cannot reach a higher total than twenty per cent by promise, what will they actually be—nothing; only that and no more.

Then goes on the report; keep out of war. Who is not keeping out of the war in Europe? Powerful defenses? We are reaching that goal as rapidly as it can be done. Expand foreign trade. The Hull trade treaties are doing that, war or no war.

Wants higher surtax on individual incomes reduced; wants abolished capital stock taxes, excess profits and normal dividend taxes, and all bond issues of federal and state taxed. We are for that; especially the first because we are opposed to taxes generally. Why not abolish all taxes, except school tax, and operate every public unit on the fee system?

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PRACTICAL TRAINING URGED

An accusation was made a few days ago by a Philadelphia woman, who charged that practical training is needed in the schools to replace the "frills."

The woman who made this criticism did not specify just what she meant by "frills." Her point was that more of the students should be given practical training which will help them get and hold jobs after they graduate—training after some effort to learn what their special aptitudes are so that they can be given help before being thrown out on their own.

Of course something along this line is being done in a great many schools, but not in the majority, perhaps. Business courses are provided. Manual training is furnished to a limited degree. Home economics is practical training for many girls.

Another handicap, of course, for a great many youngsters is that the apprentice system is practically gone, for several reasons.

One of them is the attitude of labor unions, but the principal one is the demand of youth for a job which will provide them with bigger pay at the start and enable them to satisfy the desire to own and run an automobile and engage in pleasures which earlier youth had to pass up until they were trained to do useful work which commanded better pay.

WHY DO THE JAPANESE HALT?

Recent news dispatches indicate that military observers believe that the Japanese invasion of China has become so extended that it taxes the power of the Japanese army to maintain positions now held, precluding any serious undertaking to conquer the balance of China.

This implies that the effort of Japan has exhausted the resources of the nation and that China, if she continues the struggle, will eventually oust the invaders. Of course, the Japanese, by retrenchment, can take advantage of time to rebuild the reserves that have been depleted and it is possible that the empire will remain strong enough to withstand any effort of the Chinese to reclaim captured territory.

The viewpoint of the military men may not be entirely correct. It is possible that the Japanese, foreseeing new difficulties ahead, such as complications with the United States, realize that a halt must be made, temporarily at least, in China while the empire waits for developments. The Chinese venture must be stabilized in order that the full energy of the nation may be directed toward new perils.

THE "ONE-TWO PLAN"

If you haven't heard of the "One-Two Plan," you are not aware of the latest proposal that is being promoted in the three Pacific Coast States.

Briefly, the plan proposes: One vote for all eligible citizens; two votes for all citizens eligible to vote who can show a real estate or income tax receipt in their name.

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

Lines To A Shadow (Revised) There's a man in our office, And he is wondrous wise, He wears two l' eyebrows Above his l' eyes— And finding them so handy, He grew a little south And grew another eyebrow Above his little mouth!

Touching Reminder Daughter—"Father, the cook asked for more money today." Widower—"Heavens. That woman acts as though I were her husband."

Sweet Simplicity Young Bride (telephoning grocer)—"That pumpkin you sent me isn't any good. It's all hollow inside. Please send me a solid one."

Practical Illustration A Bellefonte boy asked his father the other day how wars began. "Well," said Dad, "suppose America quarreled with England and—"

Completely Unwrapped "I like to see a man completely wrapped up in his work," declared a lady visitor in our office last week.

Mary Went Out Mary had a little lamp, She filled it with benzine, She went to light her little lamp And hasn't since benzine.

Usually Comes High One night a lawyer caught a burglar in his house. "I advise you to get out of here, my man," he said.

Fair and Warmer First Gal—"You won't be excited when you pose as Eve for that handsome artist, will you?"

Why Make a Change? Poor Businessman (looking at a big check that represented a big sale he had closed)—"At last, my dear, Now that we have money, you'll be able to buy yourself some decent clothes."

Come Right In, Sister A colored church was organizing a Society of Virgins. One applicant came carrying a baby in her arms.

Good For What Ails You Salesman—"Sir, I have something here which will make you popular, make your life happier, and bring you a host of new friends."

Higher Voltage, Probably The dimmest lights have the most scandal power, says the sophisticated operator.

She Needed Help Garageman—"What's the trouble, lady?" Mrs. Newdriver—"They say that I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait, please?"

Another 'Quake Coming "The earth shook," said the lecturer, describing his experiences in a New Zealand earthquake, "cups and saucers flew all over the place."

Sometimes Leaves a Scar Many a girl has thought herself bitten by the love bug only to find out later that the guy was a louse.

"X" Marks the Spot A pat on the back develops character, remarked a minister the other day.

Line Forms at Right A multi-millionaire, advanced in years, invited his sons, daughters and in-laws to his home for Christmas dinner.

Bright 'Chinee' Boy A woman resident in China was scolding her houseboy for taking her linen into her bedroom without knocking.

GOOD GROOMING TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER DAYS Exposure to cold windy weather tempts one to neglect or slight those good grooming habits which are the basis of smartness.

less or tinted pomades, or if you use lipstick, put on colorless pomade first, then lipstick. Of course, you do not have that childish habit of licking your lips—this is certain to result in chapped lips.

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LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I am a young girl, the age of twenty and I am in love with a boy a little older than I am.

My parents are against him and don't want us to marry because we are a little kin, but we are very little. Will you please advise me what to do? VIRGINIA

ANSWER: If the only objection your parents have to this boy is that he is slightly related to you, I see no reason why your marriage should be called off. The objection to closely related people marrying each other is that if there is some defect in a family it becomes intensified by inter-marriage.

A letter came from a reader who wanted a personal reply, but who failed to enclose a self addressed envelope, so while I will not publish the letter, as she requested me not to do so, I shall try to answer her as well as I may, in this column.

It seems that H. . . is very much in love. She is sure that the young man she is going with is the most wonderful man in the world. They went with each other to the exclusion of other boys and girls until just recently when he has started going with other girls, as well as with H. She is very jealous and cries about it a great deal.

Your letter sounded as though you were still going to school, so if you are wise, you will not think quite so much about love or your school work is likely to suffer.

Perhaps the boy you are going with is such a fine fellow that he realized that you were both becoming too intimate for safety and he is doing this other dating as much for your sake as for his.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE SO DEPERATELY IN LOVE RIGHT NOW, try to remember that it is very easy to make a mistake that might ruin your life, under the circumstances, and that it is well not to be so free with your kisses and caresses, or the time may come when you will regret it. LOUISA.

BUY CHICKS WITH RIGHT PARENTAL BACKGROUND

Sturdy chicks are the foundation stones for success in the poultry business, maintains County Agent R. C. Blaney. Chicks having a desirable parental background which enables them to live and perform accordingly will be most likely to convert good management and care in rearing into profits for the poultryman.

The poultryman interested in making his flock return the most impressive profits, in addition to avoiding losses from pullorum, when purchasing baby chicks, look for such qualities as rapid feathering, high annual egg production, good egg size, shape and color, and the ability to stand up under sustained production.

The danger of losses from pullorum can be reduced to a minimum if chicks are obtained from a pullorum free source or from a flock where the percentage of reaction among the breeders is low.

Many poultrymen have found it advantageous to purchase their chicks each year from a source well known and reliable. This arrangement gives the buyer of baby chicks an opportunity to profit by any improvement the breeder or hatcheryman is able to make in his breeding flocks.

Japanese militarists, if facing defeat in China, might attempt to hide their discomfiture by picking a quarrel with the United States.

graceless lotion. For unusually dry skin rub a heavy face cream instead of lotion on your hands, working it into the skin thoroughly. Lanolin is good for this. Lanolin is the oil of wool and is readily absorbed by the skin. There are oil-treated lotions which protect and soften the hands while doing some household tasks.

Electric Range DEALERS

Query and Answer Column

A. F.—Where is the nation of Phenicia located? Ans.—Phenicia is one of the extinct nations. It was a narrow strip of country on the southeastern coast of the great inland sea of Anziquity.

L. A.—When was the Constitution of the United States adopted? Ans.—The Constitution of the United States was adopted September 17, 1787.

F. J.—Was George Washington a Democrat or a Republican? Ans.—George Washington was a Federalist. There was no Democratic or Republican parties in his time. The Democratic party was organized by Thomas Jefferson, and the Republican party was organized in 1854.

B. W.—What nationality was Charles Reade, the eminent novelist? Ans.—Charles Reade was an Englishman, although he was outspoken against the prison system of England, the mismanagement of its hospitals, and the oppression practiced by trade unions.

V. T.—Are raccoons and muskrats good to eat? Ans.—Yes. The flesh of both animals is a favorite article of food. However, they are chiefly caught for their furs.

T. F.—What was the date when the American Civil War began? Ans.—The American Civil War began on April 12, 1861, when Fort Sumter was bombarded by the Confederates.

P. Y.—Where is Lapland? I can't find it on the map. Ans.—There is no such country as Lapland. It is a region of indefinite boundaries extending into four countries—Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. It got its origin by some of the Lapps applying the word contemptuously to those of their countrymen who they think are less civilized than themselves.

K. L. G.—What was the first unit of American soldiers to go into battle during the World War? Ans.—The War Department says that the first unit of the United States Army to engage in a major action during the World War was the 28th Infantry, First Division, under the command of Colonel Hanson E. Ely, at Cantigny, on May 18, 1918.

D. M. H.—Of what nationality was Scarlett O'Hara? Ans.—Her mother was of French descent and her father was Irish.

E. E.—Please give the origin of the use of buttons on men's coat sleeves. Ans.—One theory is that the practice of having long cuffs of lace was partly responsible. The lace cuffs interfered considerably with action and tailors put buttons on to fasten them back. Another theory is that a certain English king having equipped his soldiers uniforms with lace cuffs, found the men were using the latter for handkerchiefs and ordered buttons to be put on the sleeves so that the soldiers would scratch their noses if they attempted to make this improper use of the lace.

W. B. D.—What was the largest attendance record at the Olympic games? Ans.—The largest attendance was in Berlin in 1936 where approximately 4,500,000 tickets of admission were sold for the various spectacles at a cash return of about \$2,800,000.

M. S. S.—What was William Jennings Bryan's reply to Admiral Togo's toast? Ans.—In "The Biography of Bryan," by J. C. Long, the following toast is given to Admiral Togo after Bryan's health had been drunk in wine: "You won your victory in water and I drink to your health in water. Whenever you win any victories in champagne, I shall drink to your health in champagne."

E. T. R.—Does an animal lose much weight when it hibernates? Ans.—When an animal awakens from a long hibernation, it may have lost thirty or forty per cent of its weight for it has used its stored up fat during the long winter sleep, and is weak and inactive. After it begins to eat, it quickly regains both strength and weight.

J. B.—At what distance can a bombing plane take off? Ans.—The Army Air Corps says that the newest type of Army bombing planes require a space of 2000 feet in order to take off.

W. N. G.—Is there any estimate of the amount of money collected for European war relief? Ans.—According to figures released by the State Department, \$1,756,698 was collected in the last four months of 1939 by agencies soliciting funds for this purpose.

T. D. P.—How old is the Bank of England? Ans.—The Bank of England was projected by William Paterson, a Scotsman, and received its Charter of Incorporation in the year 1694.

J. D. B.—What is the record for the coldest winter weather in the United States? Ans.—The lowest winter temperature recorded in the United States is minus 66 degrees F. at Riverside Ranger Station, Yellowstone Park, on February 9, 1933.

L. S. C.—Please give the name of the new book that describes the services rendered by the United States Government. Ans.—"The Government at Your Service," by Archie Robertson, is a handbook of Federal help for the citizen. It is published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

W. J. M.—What bird lays the smallest egg? Ans.—The hummingbird lays an egg about the size of a pea.

G. F. G.—What caused Lon Chaney's death? Ans.—Lon Chaney entered a hospital on August 15, 1930, for treatment of an anemic condition resulting from a severe attack of pneumonia. Chaney had a throat affliction which further weakened him. A hemorrhage was the immediate cause of his death on August 28, 1930.

H. P. S.—Please give the names of New York City's "billion-dollar" banks. Ans.—They are as follows: Chase National, National City, Guaranty Trust, Bankers Trust, and Central Hanover.

L. P. B.—What famous lawyer said that there had never been an impartial judge? Ans.—Clarence Darrow is quoted as saying, "There never was an impartial judge, except one who's dead."

A. F.—How far apart do the bullets travel which come out of a machine gun at the rate of 750 a minute? Ans.—Assuming a muzzle velocity of 2700 feet per second the bullets would be 216 feet apart when fired at the rate of 750 per minute.

C. K.—How many children of Civil War veterans receive pensions? Ans.—At the present time 2406 children of Civil War veterans are receiving pensions from the Federal Government.

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